

# Ross Spanks S

## Little Giants Battle Ashland in Finals at Sandusky on Saturday

Fremont Ross and Ashland advanced to the finals of the district Class A tournament at Sandusky Friday night, by defeating Sandusky and Tiffin Columbian, respectively. Ross triumphed, 27 to 25, and Ashland won, 33 to 20.

The Little Giants and Ashland will clash at 8 p. m. with the winner getting the right to represent the district in the state tournament at Columbus.

Fremont Ross defeated its old foe, Sandusky, by staging a spirited comeback in the second half, the Blue Streaks failing to score a point in the third quarter. Ashland won out by a strong fourth period attack which netted 13 points.

### Ross Tramples Sandusky Five

Rising to unbelievable heights in a great last half rally which overcame a ten point handicap, Fremont Ross high's scrappy band of basketeers completely outplayed a Sandusky Blue Streak quintet, to gain an often sought 27 to 25 victory which eliminated the cocksure Sanduskians from further tournament play.

The Little Giants turned into a team of virtual ball hawks in the last two periods, and with a defense that baffled the Blue Streaks, limited Sandusky to four lone points in the last half.

In the meanwhile, Coach Bob Oldfather's team collected 16 very valuable points for itself, and climaxed the breath taking recovery with a field goal in the last minute and a half of play that broke a 25-25 tie and allowed a Little Giant triumph.

#### Tighten Defense

The Ross cagers apparently were reluctant in the first half to try to break up the Sandusky offense under the basket, but after an intermission instruction, came back with a defense that was impenetrable.

The only points Sandusky could muster in the last half came in the fourth quarter, a fielder by Lamar Krueger and two fouls by the same gentleman. The Streaks suffered a blow which seemed to completely demoralize them when Charley Maag was ushered from the contest on four personal fouls in the third quarter.

The Streaks almost swept the Little Giants from their feet in the first and second periods, taking command 7 to 4 in the opening canto and leading at the half, 21 to 11. But the Ross team had not yet struck its stride, and scored eight points in the third period while holding Sandusky scoreless to crawl within two points of the Streaks, 21 to 19, as the fourth period started.

#### Continue Fast Race

The Fremonters kept up their terrific pace in the fourth period to add eight more points to their total, while Sandusky just managed to keep in the game by Krue-

ger's four points.

The contest provided sweet revenge for Coach Bob Oldfather's team, who three weeks ago at Sandusky built up to an apparently safe first half lead only to see the Streaks come back in the last quarter to tie the score and win out in an overtime thriller.

There was nothing fluke about the Little Giant triumph Friday night, the victory being achieved before one of the largest crowds ever to pack the Junior high gymnasium at the Erie county seat.

The Ross cagers outscored Sandusky from the field by a 10 to 8 margin in goals, while Sandusky tallied on nine out of 15 foul attempts while the Little Giants were cashing in on seven out of 12.

#### Reach Heights

Play of lanky George McCord, at center for Fremont, was one of the high spots of the fracas, with the redhead proving the key man in ball handling and in defensive play. To top his performance, McCord flipped in two fielders and two fouls for six points.

Glenn Bliss and Wade Campbell were the high scorers, with seven and eight points. Pete Fox dropped in the goal which broke the 25 to 25 tie. The entire Little Giant team played possibly the best game it has shown this season, even surpassing its great display in the Buckeye league championship game three weeks ago.

The lineup and summary:

Sandusky (25)	fg	ft	tp
Corder, rf	1	1	3
Beilstein, lf	1	0	2
Maag, c	1	1	3
Don Whittaker, rg	2	3	7
Krueger, lg	2	4	8
Grass	1	0	2
Totals	8	9	25

Fremont Ross (27)	fg	ft	tp
Bliss, rf	3	1	7
Fox, lf	1	0	2
McCord, c	2	2	6
Hetrick, rg	0	0	0
Campbell, lg	3	2	8
Klinck	1	2	4
Rice	0	0	0
Driftmyer	0	0	0
Totals	10	7	27

Scores by quarters:

Sandusky	7	14	0	4-25
Fremont Ross	4	7	8	8-27