

Freezing Ross loses to cold Trojans 31-27

BOWLING GREEN — Findlay won a battle of the cold shots with Ross Monday in a first round Class AAA Girls Sectional Basketball Tournament game.

The Trojans, hitting 27 percent from the field, stopped the Little Giants for the third time this season 31-27. Ross canned just nine of 69 field goal attempts, just 13 percent shooting.

Sherry Shingler tossed in 10 points, eight in the first half to pace the Trojans. Her first half scoring helped Findlay to a 19-14 lead at the intermission.

Lori Lawrence scored seven points for Ross and Judy Shetzer, playing with a mask protecting a broken nose, added six for the Little Giants. Debbie Link contributed five for Ross.

The Little Giants took the lead 12-10 early in the second period on a bucket by Lawrence but a free throw by Cindy Stubbins and a bucket by Carolyn Barnhill gave the Trojans a 13-12 lead. Ross never recaptured the lead after that point.

The Little Giants managed just nine of 22 from the free throw line

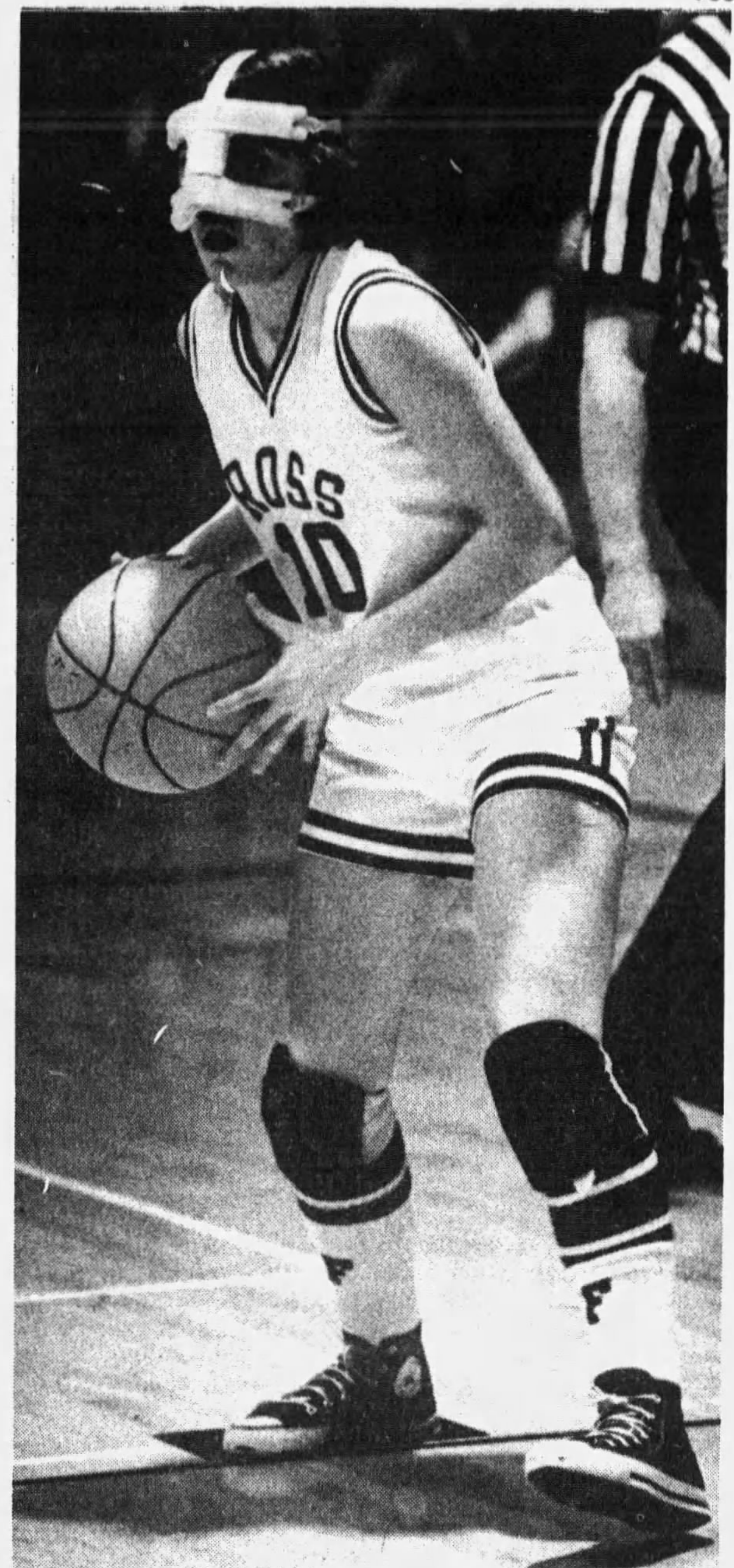
for 41 percent while Findlay was just three of 14 at the charity stripe and 14 of 51 from the field.

Findlay will play Wapakoneta Wednesday at 8:30 p.m. in the Bowling Green High School gym.

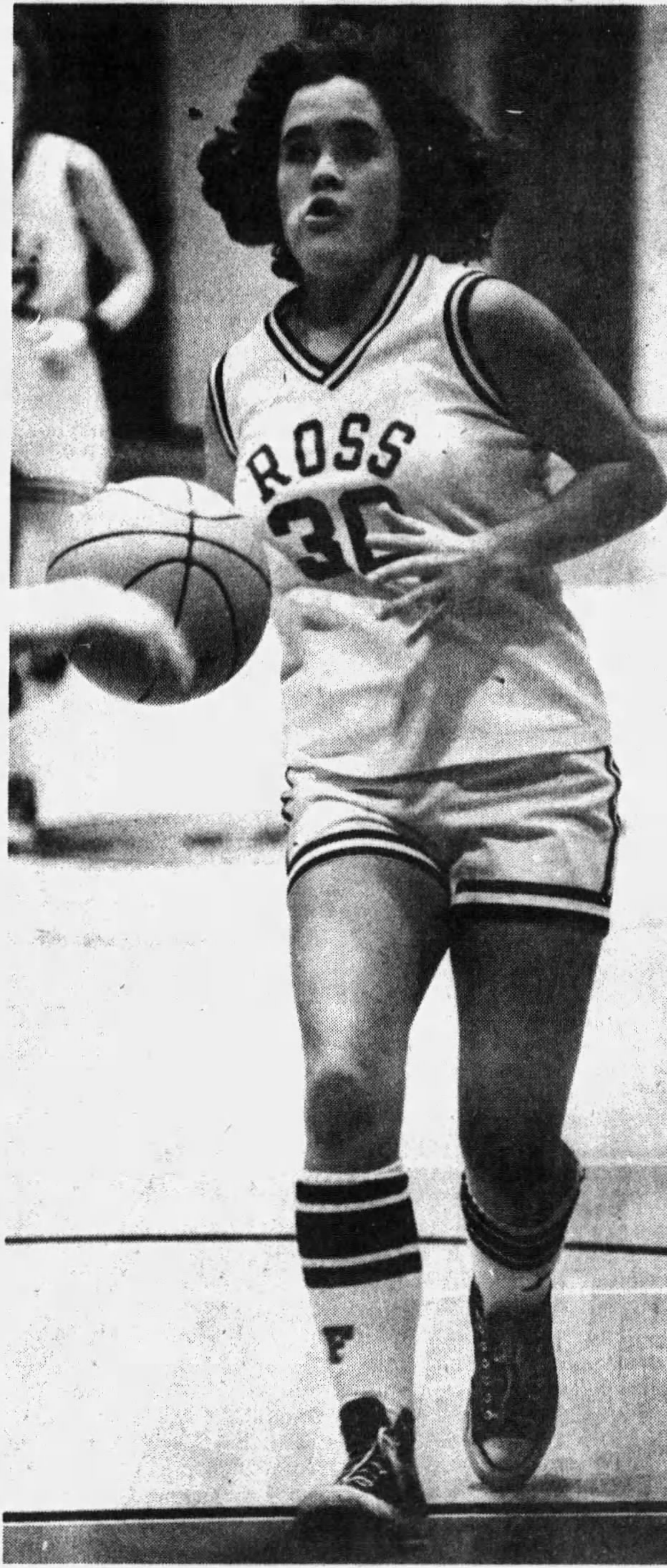
SCORE BY QUARTERS

Findlay	10	9	6	6	31
Ross	7	7	8	5	27

SCORING
 FINDLAY: Peterman 1-0-2, Barnhill 2-2-6, Duncan 1-0-2, Shingler 5-0-10, McDowell 2-0-4, Stubbins 3-1-7; totals 14-3-31;
 ROSS: Lawrence 2-3-7, Shetzer 2-2-6, Zimmerman 1-1-3, VanGilder 2-0-4, Swedersky 1-0-2, Link 1-3-5; totals 9-9-27.



A NOSE GUARD rides the face of Ross junior Judy Shetzer. The device protects a broken nose that she received during a regular season game.



LORI LAWRENCE of Ross eyes the bucket as she dribbles across the foul line during the game against Findlay at Bowling Green High School Monday. Lawrence pulled up on the play and canned a jump shot giving Ross its only lead of the game in the second period.

No extras for MAC next year

ANN ARBOR, Mich. (AP) — At the beginning of this college basketball season, Central Michigan Coach Dick Parfitt wanted to see the 10 Mid-American Conference teams play the other league teams twice.

If Parfitt had succeeded in convincing the rest of the league, he and his team might not be in tonight's playoff against Toledo. The Rockets and the Chipewas met only once this year.

Toledo and Central Michigan ended the season with 13-3 conference records. The two face each other tonight to decide the league's representative to the prestigious National Collegiate Athletic Association post-season tournament.

The game will be held at 8 p.m. in the University of Michigan's Crisler Arena.

"We would have liked to have avoided the playoff," said Parfitt. "At least next year, this won't happen."

Next season, MAC officials have decided to try a post-season tournament of their own. Seven teams will compete, with the winner being named the league's representative to the NCAA competition. That system will be tried for two years, Parfitt said.

The winner of tonight's contest faces Iowa on Saturday at Bloomington, Ind., in the NCAA Midwest Regional. The 20-7 Hawkeyes ended the season tied with Purdue and Michigan State for the Big Ten crown.

The playoff loser plays Thursday against Purdue in the opening round of the National Invitational Tournament. That game will be on the Boilermakers' home court, something that concerns Parfitt.

"Whatever team loses the playoff will have a rough time ahead," Parfitt said. "Not only do you have to play on somebody else's home floor, but you only have a day to get ready."

It's been seven years since the MAC title was decided in a playoff. In 1972, Ohio University beat Toledo in overtime.

"We're just really happy to have a shot at the NCAA," said Toledo assistant coach Jim McDonald. "Kent State did us a favor by beating Central Saturday night." The 7-9 Golden Flashes upset Central, 79-68, while the Rockets were rolling over Eastern Michigan, 79-43.

Actually, it was more like Kent State repaying Toledo a favor. Less than flashy this year, Kent defeated Toledo, 69-68, last month at Kent.

Parfitt said he'd rather play in the NCAA, for two reasons. "I'd much rather be playing on a neutral court."

First of three parts

Tarkanian and

LAS VEGAS, Nev. (AP) — The Strip. Neon lights and high expectations 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. The jingle-jangle of slot machines and the glitter and glamour of the city in the desert.

But there's another side to Las Vegas, one the tourists never see. Surprisingly, Vegas is a very religious, family-oriented town with more churches per capita than any city in America.

And like his adopted city, Jerry Tarkanian also has a double image.

Everyone agrees on one thing — he's a winner. As a matter of fact he's got the best winning percentage of any active major college basketball coach in the country.

Most of his fellow coaches and most of his players at the University of Nevada-Las Vegas are crazy about the man. They say he's 100 percent basketball, an excellent technical coach and a warm, friendly guy fiercely dedicated to his players and to winning.

They also say he'll give his players the shirt off his back — illegal as that might be — but that he's more honest than many coaches. They say it's blatantly unfair that Tarkanian has felt more heat from NCAA investigators than anybody else.

The National Collegiate Athletic Association and much of the media portray a different Jerry Tarkanian. To them, he is "Tark the Shark," the