



The Many Moods Of New Ross Basketball Coach Ken Miller As He Answered Questions From The Press

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Miller Accepts Little Giant Challenge

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It's over!
The search for a Ross High School basketball coach that began with the resignation of Alex Clark on March 6 ended last night when Ken Miller, coach at Sidney High School for the last six years, accepted the challenge of taking over the Little Giant program.
Fremont Board of Education unanimously approved Miller's appointment and also hired his Sidney assistant, Don Burgess, as varsity assistant basketball coach.
"We're exceptionally pleased," superintendent of Fremont schools John Evanoff said in reviewing the appointments of Miller and Burgess.
"I feel we have men of maturity and experience. Naturally I'm impressed with their experiences and training.
"The coaching record of coach Miller gives every indication that there was a building up of the program in the

two previous schools where he coached. I feel very strongly that he can develop this attitude for Fremont.
"I'm glad we have a man of his caliber. I feel we've analyzed applicants very carefully and worked at the selection very diligently. There were certain teaching areas we had to fill. I believe with the employment of these two men we have done well for our situation."
Miller, who resigned at Sidney earlier this spring, had planned to step out of coaching for at least a year until he learned of the Ross opportunity.
"There are many personal reasons why I resigned at Sidney," Miller said. "After quitting I decided to look around, but I wasn't going to take anything unless it really appealed to me.

"I had three opportunities to go elsewhere but none of them were what I wanted.
"Then when this job came along, I sized it up and decided it was what I wanted. I feel it is a good opportunity and quite a challenge—I've always been a person who liked challenges."
The 37-year-old University of Dayton graduate comes to Ross with a glossy 183-89 record at the varsity level. He coached for seven years at Class A Coldwater before moving to Class AAA Sidney in 1966-67.
Miller's first year at Sidney has been the only campaign where his teams have failed to win more than half their games. The Yellow Jackets went 4-15 that season but since then they have never had less than 11 victories.

The best Sidney campaign under Miller was the one just completed. The Yellow Jackets went 18-3 and won the Miami Valley League championship for the first time since 1935 and only the second time in the history of the school. Sidney was also a sectional champion last winter.
Overall, Miller's Sidney squads compiled a 77-44 record.
At Coldwater, Miller's teams went 106-45. They were district champions in 1961-62 and 1962-63. The Cavaliers best season under Miller was 1961-62 when he led them to a 19-5 report card and runner-up slot in the regional tournament.
"We had many good times and good years at Sidney," Miller said. "But I've got no regrets about coming here—I believe I will be bettering myself professionally.
"I think it's going to be a tremendous opportunity. I regard the Buckeye Conference as the best in the state of Ohio.
"Football has really made a name for itself at Ross. Now I would like to see basketball head in the same direction."
Miller, who has been married 15 years and is the father of six children, was selected as the Miami Valley League's basketball coach of the year in 1971-72. He is a graduate of Springfield Central Catholic High School (1953). After earning his BS degree in education at Dayton, he went on to do graduate work at Indiana and Miami Universities in 1965-66. He earned his masters degree in education from Xavier in 1969-70.
Miller will head the physical education department at Ross. His teaching salary will include \$11,530 for teaching plus an additional \$200 as head of the department. His coaching salary is listed by the board of education as \$1,386.

Loss String Ends For Post 121, 9-8

MAUMEE — Fremont American Legion Post 121 snapped a four-game losing skein with a 9-8 victory over Maumee at Lucas County Recreation

Pitching Feats Make Stange Laugh

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Lee Stange, who spent four American League seasons pitching for the Boston Red Sox in cozy Fenway Park with the friendliest left field wall in all of baseball, laughed out loud.
Stange, now the Red Sox' pitching coach, was watching newsmen and club officials squint through record books
0. Texas at Cleveland was postponed by rain.
In the National League, Los Angeles rapped Montreal 7-3, Pittsburgh dropped Houston 6-4 and Chicago split a double-header with Atlanta, winning 4-1 before losing 3-2. San Diego at New York and San Francisco at Philadelphia were both postponed by rain.

The Royals bunched hits by Fred Patek, Amos Otis, Richie Scheinblum and John Mayberry plus an error by Paul Jata to take a quick lead. Then they kayoed Lolich, 13-6, with three more runs in the sixth. The Tiger ace allowed 10 hits and was disgusted with his performance.
"This was probably the poorest game I've pitched all year," he said. "Yeah, it was the worst. I was wild inside the strike zone."
Paul Spilttorff pitched a three-hitter for the KC victory.
The Yankees got a six-hitter from Steve Kline, 7-3, to beat Oakland and Ken Holtzman.
Felipe Alou and Thurman Munson tagged home runs for New York.

third to jump into a big lead.
A two-run single by Tom Jurski highlighted the third. Singles by Jerry Yeager, Ladd Beck and Tom Hiser, plus John