

FREMONT COMES UP SHORT, 61-43:

DeVilbiss Ends Ross Dream

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The end of a long and surprisingly successful basketball trail came to a jarring halt for Fremont Ross Saturday night in Toledo as a tall and slick-shooting DeVilbiss Tiger fivesome handed the Little Giants a 61-43 setback in the finals of the Toledo district cage tournament.

DeVilbiss, which had tied for second place with three other teams in the Toledo City League, earned the right to represent this area in Friday's opening round of the northwest regional tournament in Bowling Green. DeVilbiss carries a 17-6 record while Ross closed with a 15-7 log.

It was no disgrace to lose to the likes of the hot-shooting Orangemen who hit 58 per cent of their first half shots and finished the contest with 23 of 53 for 43.4 per cent.

Ross canned only 16 of 51 shots and totaled 31.4 per cent from the field, the lowest average for Fremont since early in the campaign.

Moreover, Ross was generally getting only the one shot before the rangy Tigers cleaned the boards and hustled down court to set up their offense which featured the inside work of clever Center Dave McClellan, 6-5, and the corner shooting of 6-4 Mike Eastop and 6-1 Geof Zahn.

McClellan led a balanced DeVilbiss attack with 17 points, followed by Eastop's 14, Zahn's 12 and Clyde Lykins' 10.

Ross did not have a player in double figures, all starters sitting out portions of the game. Russ Hagerty and Kurt Hasselbach canned eight points each and Don Binkley came off the bench to get six.

After the opening tip-off, DeVilbiss fell into a zone defense and those tall lads from Toledo further hindered the Little Giants by keeping their arms raised high. Ross, a deliberate team most of the season, really slowed down the works and took its time shooting during the early going. Fremont had hoped to pull DeVilbiss out of its planned defense.

"We passed up some good shots in the first half," judged Coach Dick Norman.

Still, Ross got off one more field try in the first period than DeVilbiss—8-7. However, the Tigers made five of theirs and Ross only three.

After one and one-half minutes of the quarter, Hasselbach worked clear of the zone defense to pot the first basket on Fremont's first try. Zahn clicked for the Tigers but Dave George came right back to regain the lead for the locals.

McClellan's basket and a free throw by Eastop pushed the Tigers ahead 5-4 but Hagerty canned a rebound shot and Ross was on top again at 6-5.

Fremont was never to lead again as DeVilbiss scored eight of the game's following

nine points to grab a 13-7 quarter lead.

DeVilbiss was getting good position on Fremont and hogging most of the rebounds.

Fremont opened up slightly in the second quarter, taking 14 shots but making only four for

a halftime total of 32 per cent. DeVilbiss connected on seven of 14 second stanza fielders, giving the tigers a torrid 12 for 21 the first half.

Eastop was the big noise for the hungry Tigers as he meshed five long shots from

the side and the Tigers moved to their biggest lead of the game at that point, 24-13, with 2:13 remaining.

Coach Norman shuffled his line-up the entire second half, pulling his regulars from time to time as he sought a winning combination. Wally Smallets had to leave the game for a brief spell in the third quarter when he picked up his third personal foul. He later added a fourth.

When Smallets took his seat on the bench, McClellan started to hit from close range and Ross dropped back by 21 points, 45-24, in the late stages of the third period.

Ross went the final six and one-half minutes of the third quarter without scoring a basket, living strictly on five free throws during that span.

DeVilbiss went into a one-and-one foul shooting situation with 4:07 left in the quarter.

Ross spurred at the start of the fourth period and made a bid to overhaul DeVilbiss' big lead. Binkley scored on a rebound shot and the husky senior came back to tally after stealing the ball, Hagerty hit from the corner and Ross was down by 13 points, 45-32. Zahn, Eastop and McClellan scored in rapid fashion to thwart any Ross dream of an upset.

Ross shot 31 times in the second half as compared to 22 field tries in the first two quarters.



DIDN'T LAND — The ball did not strike Ross' Russ Hagerty in the face as it might appear in this photo. The Fremont lad clutched it in his hands in the dying moments of the first half. Wally Smallets, No. 45, jumps with an unidentified DeVilbiss player. Dave George at far left and Don Weisz, No. 33, watch action. Tigers' Dave McClellan, No. 52, looks on.

Records Mean Nothing In Regional Cage Play

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COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — Ohio's high school basketballers toss away season records this week and go into regional tournaments on even terms in the race for state finals berths.

Paul Walker, who has piloted Middletown to several state titles, has often said:

"Any team that can reach the regionals is capable of going all the way, no matter what its record is."

The 16 Class AA teams have left 497 foes in their wake, and the 16 Class A clubs have eliminated 381 foes to win the coveted regional spots.

The Class AA contingent,

which has an over-all 316-50 record against 312-46 last year, ranges from Elyria's 16-7 on the bottom to Lexington' 24-1 at the top.

Richmondale Southeastern, with 24-0, is the lone unbeaten team in the tourney, and the Class A records range down to Lockland's 15-7. Over-all, the A quintets have a 327-48 record, much better than the 309-57 of a year ago.

Dresden Jefferson's state champs and Mogadore are the lone Class A clubs to reach the regionals two years in a row—but repeaters in the big school class are Cleveland East Tech, Cleveland East, Elyria, Portsmouth, Canton McKinley and Urbana.

(8) and Cleveland East Tech (10), while in Class A the survivors are Celina ICHS (2), Southeastern (5), Brilliant (6), Strasburg (8) and Columbus University (10).

Tournament play gets under way Tuesday in Class AA at Kent as Cleveland East Tech tangles with Youngstown Woodrow Wilson. Wednesday, on the same floor, Cleveland East meets Akron North, with the winners clashing Saturday for the state berth.

All other play is scheduled Friday and Saturday, with the winners moving to the state meet at St. John Arena March 20-21.

Ross (43)	GFT	DeVilbiss (61)	GFT		
Hagerty	4 0 8	Lykins	3 5 11		
George	2 1 5	Eastop	6 1 13		
Smallets	1 2 4	McClellan	7 3 17		
Hasselbach	3 2 8	Zahn	6 0 12		
Thomas	0 0 0	Creekmore	0 6 6		
Binder	1 1 3	Lippincott	0 0 0		
Weisz	2 0 4	Clay	1 0 2		
Binkley	2 2 6				
Brindley	0 3 3				
Peddicord	1 0 2				
Bork	0 0 0				
Hess	0 0 0				
Total	16 11 43	Total	23 15 61		
Score by Quarters:					
Team	1	2	3	4	Total
Ross	7	15	26	43	— 43
DeVilbiss	13	28	45	61	— 61

Sports Briefs

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
Basketball

Michigan, Duke and Ohio University clinched the remaining berths in the NCAA championship tournament.

Track
NEW YORK — Wendell Mottley of Yale equalled the world mark, one he surpassed a week ago, of 1:09.3 in the 600-yard run and Villanova won its third straight IC4A team title.

Golf
PENSACOLA, Fla. — Defending champion Arnold Palmer, Gary Player and Miller Barber tied in the \$30,000 Pensacola Open with 14-under-par 274s and will meet today in an 18-hole



GO AWAY, IT'S ALL MINE — Mike Eastop, star forward of the Toledo DeVilbiss Tigers snatches ball away from Ross' Dave George during the district finals Saturday in Toledo. The taller Tigers won 61-43, thus qualifying for the regionals.

Mike Frantz, Frank Perrin Wrestling Champs:

Huron Tops Fremont In District Meet

Huron high school repeated as district wrestling champions here Saturday night and Fremont Ross once again finished second in the team standings.

Local boys to emerge as district winners and ready to cast their lot in the state tournament this weekend in Columbus are Ross' Mike Frantz, 133 - pound class, Frank Perrin, Clyde's 175-pounder, and Dennis Pursell, 127, of Port Clinton.

Fremont wrestlers took a host of second places and wound up with 72 points. Huron won with 93 points, the same figure it garnered last season in winning.

Following were Clyde 44, Sandusky 33, Mansfield Senior 32, Ashland 31, Port Clinton 26, Mohawk 26, Fremont St. Joe 23, Vermillion 22, Fostoria 20, Mansfield Madison 18, Lakota 14, Arcadia 8, Castalia 8, Ontario 8, Crestline 7, Mansfield Malabar 2, Milan 1, York nothing and Bellevue nothing.

In order to win a state wrestling title a boy must win four matches two in Friday's pre-

state champions back to Columbus, Doug Wentz, 112, and John Sharpe, 145.

Ross' places in the finals were as follows:

Bruce Norton, 103, second; Gary Meggitt, 112, second; Chuck Scharte, 120, second; Jim Marinis, 145, third; George Branco, 154, fourth; Ed Smith, 175, fourth; and Dick Nitschke, heavyweight, second.

St. Joe's Dick Ready was fourth in the 103-pound weight and Ron Gibson was third in 154.

Clyde's Merrill Smith was second in 127 and Tom Miller second in 165. Lakota's Leroy Coleman was fourth in 127 and Earl Sleek was third in 138.

Summaries
(Championship match listed first)

103 — Duane Ferguson (MS) over Bruce Norton (Fre), 5-0; Rusty Lee (MM) over Dick Ready (SJ), 4-1.

112 — Doug Wentz (H) over Gary Meggitt (Fre), 4-1; Steve Smith (Fos) over Rodney Scott (Arc) 1-0.

Burch (MM) over Larrie Morris (Ash), 10-2.

127—Dennis Pursell (PC) over Merrill Smith (Cl), 8-3; Dick Wilson (Mo) over Leroy Coleman (Lak), 5-2.

133—Mike Frantz (Fre) over Chuck Carver (H), 7-2; Bill McCarty (V) over Dave Smith (Fos), 9-6.

138 — Dave LeVier (S) over Bob Dudte (ASH), 5-3; Earl Sleek (Lak) over Tim Wilson (MO), 3-2.

145 —John Sharpe (H) over Stu Ferguson (Ash), 6-2; Jim Marinis (Fre) over Bruce McCarty (MS), 2-1.

154 — John Perrin (H) over Mike Brothers (V), 6-3; Ron Gibson (SJ) over George Branco (Fre), 2-0.

165—Terry Harmon (H) over Tom Miller (Cl), 7-2; Benny Stockmaster (MO) pinned Tony Myers (S) in 1:15 of third round.

175—Frank Perrin (Cl) over Bob Scally (S), 2-0; Charles Krichbaum (Crest) over Ed Smith (Fre), 3-1.

Heavy—Tom Koehler (H) over Dick Nitschke (Fre) 3-2; Ross