

Shelby's balanced attack ends Ross's season 61-52

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ONTARIO — Shelby had too much firepower for Fremont Ross Wednesday, taking a 61-52 victory in the Class AAA Girls Sectional Basketball Tournament at Ontario High School.

The Lady Whippets, with four players scoring in a balanced attack, started quickly, faltered briefly, and then spurred ahead in the second half to increase their record to 13-8. Ross bows out of the tournament and the season with a 7-13 mark.

The game ended the three-year career of Ross's Sue Gahn. The 5-9 senior finished with 26 points.

"Sue did a heck of a job," Ross Coach Sue Wolf said quietly after the game, "she was all over; she was an excellent leader tonight."

Gahn's scoring effort was coupled with nine rebounds and five assists. She moved out from her normal low post slot to the point several times to lead the Ross attack.

Shelby, with Susan Rhodes canning six first quarter points, took a 16-11 lead into the second quarter and held a 20-11 lead before the Lady Giants regrouped.

Gahn scored eight points and Denise Wilkins and Brenda Kline added two each as Ross pulled to within one, 24-23, at the half. Ross ran off 10 straight points in the period to take a 21-20 lead but the Lady Giants led only once more — 25-24 — early in the second half.

The biggest Shelby lead was the final score.

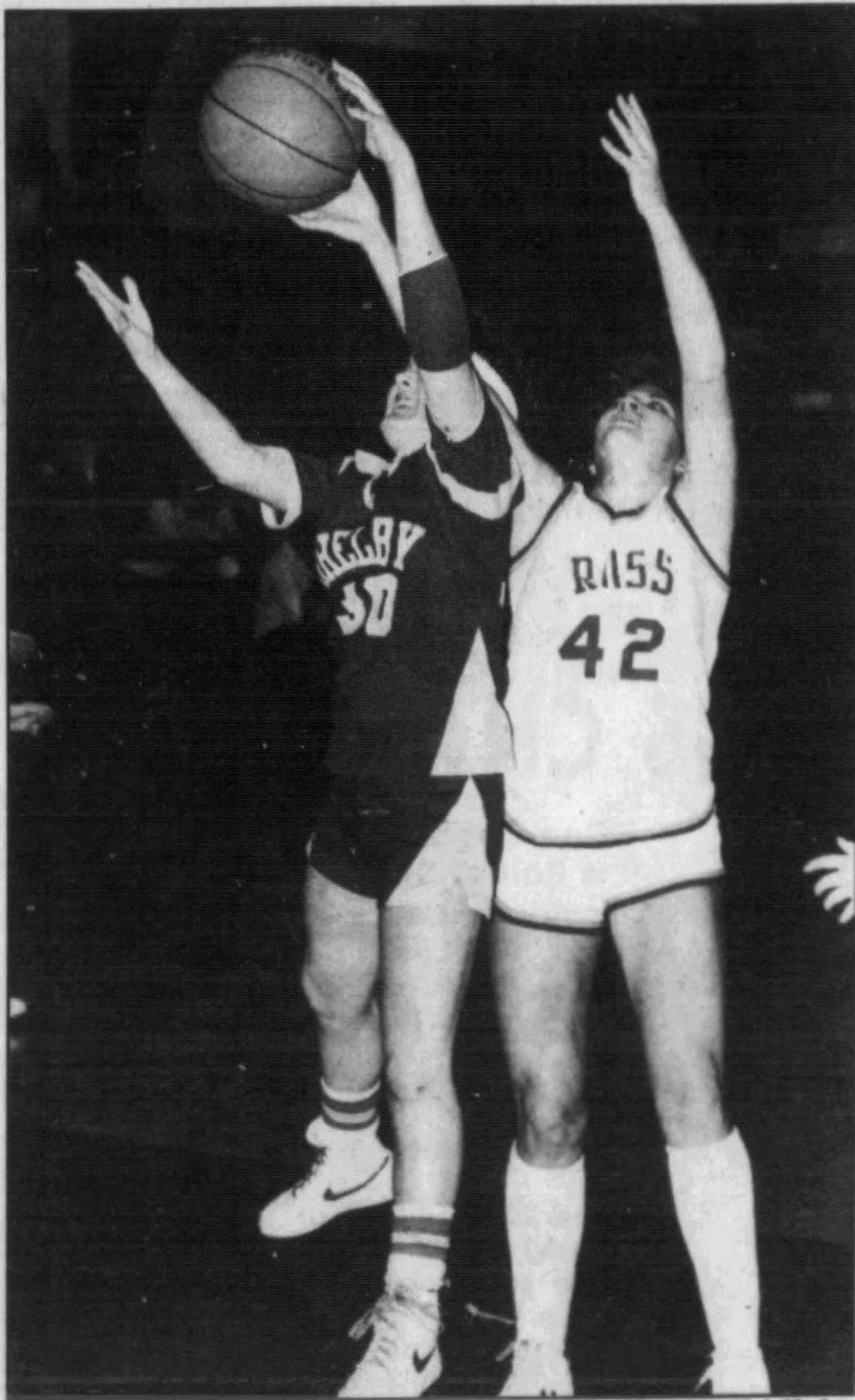
Ross trailed 45-42 with 3:55 to play after Wilkins' jumper from the right of the key. The Lady Whippets, however, ran off the next five points and Ross could get no closer than five points the remainder of the game.

Wolf was not happy with the officiating, calling some of the calls ridiculous but would not elaborate further, instead opting to praise this year's edition of the Lady Giants.

"This group of kids was the hardest working group I have had since I have been coaching here," she said. "I know they say you are supposed to make your breaks but all season, it seemed, this team never got a break."

Shelby would not give Wolf's team a break either.

Kristen Cross topped the



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ROSS'S BRENDA KLINE (42) and Shelby's Kristen Cross go after a loose ball during action Wednesday at Ontario High School.

quartet of Shelby double figures scorers with 19. Amy Young had 16 which included an eight of 10 performance from the foul line in the final quarter. Rhodes added 13 and Laura Ebersole dropped in 10 for the Lady Whippets.

Michele Blue joined Gahn in double figures for Ross with 10.

It was the final game in the high school careers of Blue,

Gahn and Wilkins, who finished with eight points and nine rebounds.

Statistically, Ross was 20 of 56 from the floor and Shelby 20 of 46. At the foul line, Shelby held off Ross with a 21 of 32 performance while Ross was 12 of 14. The Lady Giants led in rebounding 30-27. Ross had 19 turnovers, four more than Shelby.