

FOULS COSTLY AS SURPRISE TEAM FALTERS

Loss Of Bingman And Myers Is Pay-Off; Ashland Beats Bellevue

Ashland and Port Clinton will tangle for the northwestern Class A cage title in the Bellevue high gym at 8 p. m. tonight with a berth in the four-team sectional play at Bowling Green going to the winner.

Port Clinton reached the championship round by trouncing Fremont, 46 to 34, while Ashland earlier eliminated Bellevue, 49 to 39, without much difficulty. If there is any edge in the titular game it must go to Ashland, as they scored a fairly easy victory and should be fresher than the Big Red which had to battle harder than the score would indicate to down the Little Giants.

The 12-point margin that Port Clinton had is no indication of the game. Ten of those points came in the last four minutes of play when Coach Eddie Gabel had but three regulars left in the game and up until that time it had been a vicious fight.

Although the Little Giants trailed from early in the first period, when Port Clinton overcame a 6 to 2 deficit, they were in the game for 28 of the 32 minutes.

Fouls Are Costly

The Little Giants were within one point, 32 to 31, of the Big Red early in the fourth, but the game was really lost late in the third chapter when Glenn Bingman went out on personals. The tally at that time was 29 to 27 with the foul on Bingman giving the winners another point. With the stellar Little Giant guard out of the way, Dick Selgo went on a romp in the closing heat to tally 11 points, eight on action shots.

Dick Myers had two personals called on him early in the fourth and he was also benched before the quarter had reached the midway point. Fouls benefitted the winners otherwise, as well as they sank 14 of 15 free throws.

The Little Giants were down, 12 to 10, at the quarter and then had an extremely bad second frame, a basket and a foul by Bingman being the entire sum of their points. Port Clinton took advantage of the scoring lull to build their lead to 21-13 at the halftime.

Make Game Rally

Fremont made a determined comeback effort in the third, scoring 15 points to cut the pace-setters' lead by five points and trailed by three points as the period ended. Dick Myers found the range in that stanza, swishing in four action shots and a free throw, while the Porters were able to make but two action shots. They counted six times on gift shots, however.

Crippled by the loss of the two regulars, the Little Giants simply weren't a match for Coach Wade Watts' crew in the final period. Selgo's 11 points boosted his total to 17, making him high-point man for the contest. Myers netted 12 for Fremont and Dave Brocksieker took runner-up honors with 10.

So another district tournament closed for the Little Giants with the old jinx slapping them down again. Their two victories, however, over Norwalk and Mansfield, were a tribute to their ability to comeback after closing a somewhat disastrous season with a bad slump in the last half-dozen games.

Port Clinton—46

Bloom, f.	3	3	9
Selgo, f.	6	5	17
Brough, c.	3	3	9
Mackey, c.	0	1	1
Gill, g.	3	1	7
Whisner, g.	1	1	3
Totals	16	14	46

Fremont—34

Brocksieker, f.	5	0	10
Porczak, f.	0	0	0
Frey, f.	1	1	3
Robitski, f.	0	1	1
Myers, c.	5	2	12
Bingman, g.	3	2	8
Brudzinski, g.	0	0	0
Totals	14	6	34

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