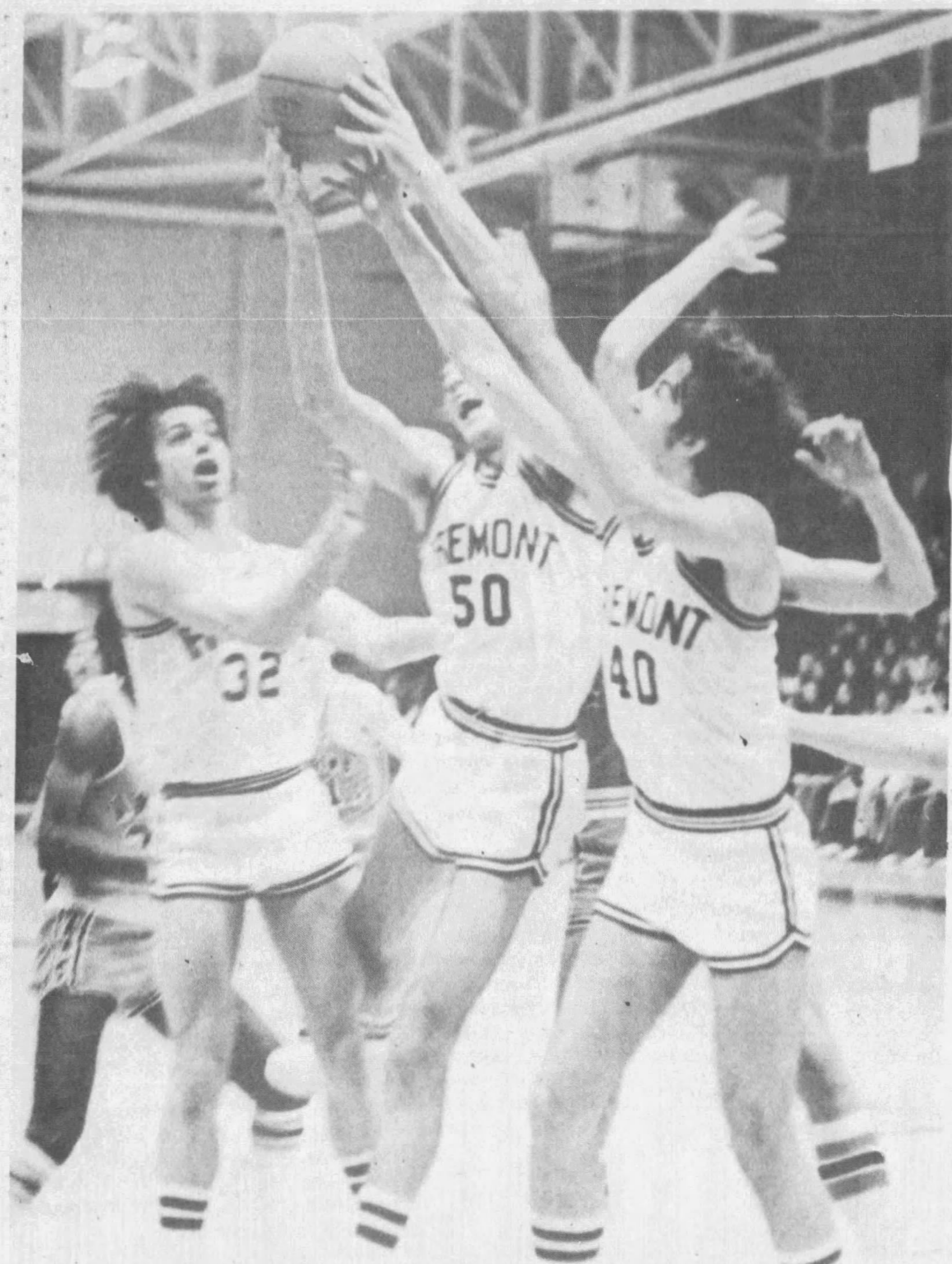


Ross bowls over Ashland, 55-37; Findlay next for Little Giants



THIS REBOUND IS ALL FREMONT ROSS
... Reardon (32), Fahrbach (50), and Oberholtzer (40)

Toledo team takes state bowling lead

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP)—A team from a Toledo food supplier led the first weekend of play in the 70th Annual Ohio State Bowling Association Tournament Sunday. Churchill's Gourmet Foods led the team scorings with 3,104 pins followed closely by Star Lanes of Marion, with 3,103.

In doubles, at the tournament held at Lincoln Village and Western Lanes, Gary Hartshorn and Bob Millison combined for 1,385 pins. Mat Skelding and Jack

Wurgell placed second with 1,336.

Steve Walker of Marion topped the singles with 735 pins, while Bob Brown of Columbus captured second with a score of 718. Brown stood alone in Singles—Actual.

In All Events — Actual, Dale Reid of Akron had 1,929, Dick Carroll of Zanesville followed with 1,927, and Bob Brown of Columbus had 1,901.



by TOM SCHEMMER & JOHN FORSYTHE

Keep the leading edges of your hood and fenders from really taking a beating by giving them a good undercoating of wax often. Grit, especially at higher speeds, can be very destructive. Watch for tiny paint chips in this area. Paste wax can be a very effective protection for this. And remember, don't follow too close behind sand and gravel trucks on highways. Sand blowing back onto your car can cause a great deal of damage to the paint job, as well as to your windshield.

Save yourself a great deal of time when your engine is in need of rebuilding.

By BOB MARKER
N-M Sports Editor

ASHLAND — Fremont Ross won its first state basketball tournament trophy in a decade Saturday afternoon with a 55-37 romp over Ashland High School. The Little Giants started slow, trailing at the end of one quarter, 13-8, but ran off 10 straight points to take an 18-13 lead early in the second period to take a lead that they never surrendered.

Ashland, the second seeded team in the nine team sectional tourney, fell victim to a tight "2-3" zone by Ross in the Little Giants' best defensive performance of the season.

The win brought with it the sectional title and the trophy representing that fact. The win also put the Little Giants into the district semi-finals against Buckeye Conference rival, Findlay, in a Thursday night game at Bowling Green University.

Jubilant surrounded the happy throng that was the Ross team afterwards on the Ashland College floor in the trophy presentation and the traditional net-cutting but just as it was "loose" afterwards the Little Giants were just as loose in the game.

Kenny Miller, in his second year at Ross, set out to keep his team loose before the game and in the game. It paid off both ways.

"If they're not loose," Miller said before the game, "it's not because we haven't done everything possible to get them that way."

The "looseness" was masked in the first quarter as the Arrows swept to the early lead. It was especially hard to see when starting Ross center Paul Fahrbach was saddled with his third foul late in the initial stanza. The foul quickly brought in little used Mark Celek.

"We kind of lost a little on

the boards when we put Celek in," Miller admitted afterwards, "but when he came in the second time, he played great."

That second time for Celek was at the 5:56 mark in the third period when Fahrbach was called for foul number four. Celek picked up the challenge at that point and responded with a blocked shot and five rebounds while jamming up the middle.

"That big kid (Celek) just got in the road," Ashland coach Jim Barr pointed out. "When our 6-2 kids would go inside, all they would see is his arms above them and they couldn't shoot."

While the center of the Ross defense and offense was having foul troubles, the forwards and guards were taking their toll on the Ashland defense.

In the second quarter drive, Mike Reardon and Neal Oberholtzer, connected for eight points apiece with Jim Flower adding four for a 29-21 lead at the half. Oberholtzer's turn-around jumper from the left of the bucket with one second to go gave the Little Giants the eight-point lead. The rebound was one of 14 game-leading carom grabs for the 6-5 junior forward.

Miller may have pulled a bit of a surprise when he started Flower and Jim Thomas at the guards. In the last four games, Miller had started junior Bob Ford and sophomore Gary Clark but the former duo played all but the last minute of the game.

"I was a little worried about the guards at first," Miller said, "but they performed like champs out there."

Thomas had 12 points while Flower finished with 10. The duo committed only five turnovers between them.

But it was Reardon, Ross' top scorer for the season and the man that makes the Ross

offense roll, that caused the Arrows the biggest trouble.

Early in the second period the Arrows went to a "box-one" defense. Four players were playing a zone with one man shadowing Reardon wherever he went. It did not work.

"They played that just like I would have," Barr commented afterwards. "They layed back and made us come out of it. They forced us into a man-to-man and anytime you have to go one-on-one against Reardon, it's tough."

"He's (Reardon) the best that we have seen this season. Everything about him is good... his attitude about moving when he doesn't have the ball is probably the best feature about him."

Miller agreed with that last statement by praising Reardon. "I don't think I have ever coached a player that moves as well without the ball as Reardon."

Ashland started the second half in a man-to-man full court press that failed to rattle Ross. After coming to within six, 29-23, the Little Giants moved out to 36-26 lead. The lead never went below eight points after that point.

The biggest lead Ross enjoyed was the final margin.

Reardon led all scorers with 19 while John Marquette led Ashland with 13. Ross hit on 20 of 46 from the field for 44 per cent while Ashland canned only 15 of 53 for 28 per cent. Ross won the battle of the boards with a 45-28 margin.

| Score by quarters | | | | |
|-------------------|----|----|----|-------|
| Ashland | 13 | 8 | 11 | 5-37 |
| Ross | 8 | 21 | 13 | 13-55 |

| Individual scoring | | | | |
|--------------------|-----------------|------------|-------------|-----------|
| ASHLAND — | Marquette | 5-3-13; | Semler | 1-2-4; |
| | Cheadle | 3-1-7; | Smith | 2-0-4; |
| | Thomas | 3-1-7; | Kries | 1-0-2; |
| | Totals | 15-7-37. | | |
| ROSS — | Reardon | 8-3-19; | Oberholtzer | 3-2-8; |
| | Fahrbach | 2-0-4; | Thomas | 3-6-12; |
| | Flower | 3-4-10; | Celek | 0-0-0; |
| | Clark | 1-0-2; | Totals | 20-15-55. |
| | Season records: | Ross 11-8; | Ashland | 14-7. |



MILLER HANDLES THE SCISSORS
... Fahrbach gives a steadying hand

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Walton starts hot, finishes hot as Minnesota tops LA

By The Associated Press
Mike Walton closed out a hot week with a hot game Sunday night, scoring three goals and adding an assist to lead his Minnesota Fighting Saints to a 5-3 victory over the Los Angeles Sharks.

The points gave Walton 11 in four games for the week, 91 for the season, and vaulted him past venerable Gordie Howe of Houston into the World Hockey Association scoring lead.

It was the fourth time this season Walton has scored three in one game, not to mention the WHA All-Star game, when he did it in a losing cause.

The Saints, almost as hot as Walton, ran their unbeaten streak to nine games with the victory.

Jets 8, Nordiques 6
Bobby Hull scored a goal in each period — including the 700th of his professional career — to lead Winnipeg past Quebec.

The milestone goal for Hull also was the gamewinner. He lifted a rebound high into the Nordiques net to give the Jets a 7-4 lead midway through the third period.

The teams combined for 94 shots on goal, with Winnipeg taking 49.

Whalers 6, Aeros 3
Tom Williams and Al Karlander each had two goals to pace the Whalers' triumph.

Crusaders 3, Oilers 3
The Cleveland Crusaders,

losing 2-0 and outshot 16-1 in the first period, came back on goals by Robbie Neale, Grant Erickson and Jim Wiste to tie the Edmonton Oilers 3-3.

Toros 5, Cougars 4
Guy Trottier's two goals led the Toros past Chicago.

Wayne Carleton opened the scoring for Toronto, but the Cougars took over and led three times before Trottier scored the winner at 14:57 of the final period.

Ruiz, Obergon win ring titles

MAUMEE — Johnnie Ruiz and Mario Obergon emerged as the big winners for the Prosurance Athletic Club at the Golden Gloves Tournament. The event was held at the Maumee Recreation Center.

Ruiz defeated Tom Bryant of Fostoria on a technical knockout Friday night and then came back on Saturday to defeat Charles Crain for the 60-pound sub-novice championship.

In other matches, Frank Ruiz lost to Larry Kyle of the Soul City Gym on Friday night. Roy Roberts lost to Tiger Johnson of Soul City in the 126-pound bout Friday.

Rick Curry took care of Dave Etter at 155 Friday but dropped a decision to Terry Johnson on Saturday night; Terry Holmes lost by default to Tana Turner of Bey-Bancroft Community Center



THE "PINKIE" TELLS THE STORY
... Fahrbach and Reardon hold sectional trophy

Ross tickets, caravan information

Tickets for Ross' upcoming district semi-final game with Findlay went on sale today at Tremper's. The game will be played Thursday night at Bowling Green State University with a starting time at 7:30 p.m.

Findlay and Ross have played twice previously this season with Findlay winning both games. However, the last time the teams squared off, Findlay had to come from behind in regulation to tie Ross before winning in

overtime. Ross Athletic Director Dick Sherman pointed out that Findlay sold 1,700 in their sectional final game over the weekend and urged Ross fans to turn out for this big game.

Sherman also announced there will be a caravan following the team bus to the game Thursday. Fans are asked to be at the Ross High School parking lot between 5:30-5:45 Thursday to join the caravan to Bowling Green.

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