

# Scrappy Redmen, Officials Prove Too Much For Purple

## Ed. Gabel's Club Builds 9-4 Lead Early In Game But Unable To Find Hoop In Second Half; Bellevue Charged With Only 7 Fouls In Semi-Final

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Fremont Ross high's cage team was hacked out of the running in the Class A district tournament at Sandusky Friday night by a scrappy Bellevue quint, 20-17, in a game which at times seemed to be officiated by a couple of boys named Jones whose acquaintance with basketball was pure hearsay.

The defeat ended the Little Giants' tournament prowl which caused embarrassing setbacks for Sandusky and Tiffin Columbian in the first two rounds and which had made the Purple a distinct favorite to gain the championship battle Saturday night. Instead, Bellevue will be the lower bracket's nominee against Mansfield in the clash which will send the victor to the state tourney in Columbus next week.

Mansfield gained the finals by a dubious 25-23 triumph over Willard in the upper-bracket semi-final Friday night. The Tygers, defending champions, won in the final seconds of play and after an illegal substitution that was unchallenged by Willard.

### Take 9-4 Lead

The Ross-Bellevue game was a repetition of the clash between the two teams just before the regular season ended, won by Ross, 28-26. It had speed, fire and fight and the

### READY FOR ACTION

When the Ross-Bellevue clash reached its climax late Friday night and there were strong symptoms of a riot, Sandusky police blasted a radio call for squads to "proceed to the Junior High gym," according to sources in Fremont who intercepted the signal on short wave.

only thing that failed to hit its mark was the shooting of both teams. Skirmishes were plentiful, including a couple of fan-player flare-ups.

After trailing in the opening minutes of play, Ross forged into the lead and held a 5-4 margin at the close of the first period. At the outset of the second quarter, the Little Giants built up their advantage to 9-4, but Bellevue battled back to allow Fremont a lead of only 11-10 at the intermission.

The third quarter was a tight-scoring chapter, with Bellevue picking up four points to Fremont's three to knot the count at 14-all. Sensing the co-operation of the officials, Bellevue started the fourth period with a spurt that sunk the valiant Purple. Captain Billy Houle banged in a long shot, Glen Hime plunked in a one-hander from the free throw circle and Don Leininger barged in for a short shot to give Bellevue a 20-14 lead with less than two minutes to play. Bob Shaw, who led Ross with six points, hooked in a fielder and Dick Manahan sank a free throw to cut Bellevue's margin to 20-17, but seconds later the gun blasted the end of the game.

### Seven Fouls

Whistle-blowers Bacon and Smith apparently were watching the scenery when they weren't fastening a hawk eye on the Little Giants. The boisterous Bellevue crew which employs a rollicking, slam-bang offensive had only seven fouls called against it, which the writer believes sets a new high for Redman innocence on the hardwood. The ironical part of the shin-dig was that whenever a Rossman attempted to shake off two or three Bellevue players who swarmed all over him in the scoring zone, a foul would be called on the Purple cager for his self-defense.

Only on one occasion did Whistle-blowers Bacon and Smith call steps on Guard McClain of Bellevue, who did some of the fanciest waltzing with the leather that your correspondent has ever seen executed outside a ballroom.

Besides the unnoticed elbowing and shoving that was characteristic of the Bellevue play, the Little Giants also were harrassed by viciously rabid Bellevue fans. Bob Brunover had words with one citizen who strutted belligerently onto the floor, while another Redman brawler rushed onto the court and shoved Dick Manahan near the close of the game. He was whisked away by pals after being halted by Coach Ed Gabel. The latter situation nearly precipitated a

riot, which undoubtedly would have followed if Bellevue lost.

### Shooting Off Form

The Purple suffered extremely poor luck in their shooting, especially in the first half when numerous tosses by Shaw and Brunover caromed off the hoop after coming dangerously close. However, it must be said that Al Rollins, tall senior forward, was the only Little Giant who followed-up consistently. Rollins got a number of close chances, but they failed to drop. He was runner-up to Shaw with five points.

Both teams played whirl-wind floor games, although the ball-handling of the Little Giants seemed more accurate. Shaw lacked a little of his usual zip, the aftermath of an attack of influenza that confined him to his home on Thursday.

The game closed the season for the Purple, who won 10 out of 18 contests, playing a much better brand of basketball than indicated by their record. The true form of Coach Gabel's quint was revealed in the Class A tourney in which Fremont defeated Columbian and Sandusky, Buckeye league foes who each had downed the Purple twice during the regular campaign.

The summary:

Ross (17)	FG	FT	TP
Rollins, f .....	2	1	5
Ruland, f .....	0	1	1
Shaw, c .....	3	0	6
Brunover, g .....	0	1	1
Manahan, g .....	0	1	1
Carroll, f .....	1	1	3
Totals ....	6	5	17

Bellevue (20)	FG	FT	TP
Leininger, f .....	2	2	6
Hime, f .....	2	0	4
Flenner, c .....	1	0	2
Houle, g .....	1	0	2
McClain, g .....	2	0	4
Baur, c .....	1	0	2
Totals ....	9	2	10

Score by quarters:

Ross .....	5	6	3	3-17
Bellevue .....	4	6	4	6-20

Officials: Bacon (Wabash); and Smith (Ohio Northern).

## CLASS B CAGE MEET SLATED

Pairings for the Class B independent cage tournament to be held at Stamm school gym Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday were announced Saturday by Fred Hague, WPA recreational leader at the school.

Only two of the five Fremont teams included in the 10-team field tangle in the opening round, which will be played Tuesday and Wednesday. The first round pairings:

### Tuesday

Castalia vs First Brethren (Fremont), 7 p. m.

Ex-Trades (Fremont) vs Lakeside, 8 p. m.

Company B (Fremont) vs "R" Club, Marblehead, 9 p. m.

### Wednesday

Ramblers (Fremont) vs Weller-Wonderly (Fremont), 7 p. m.

Patterson Hatcheries (Lindsey) vs Clyde Independents, 8 p. m.

The semi-finals will be played Thursday at 7:30 and 8:30 o'clock, with the championship game slated for 8:30 p. m., Friday. Losers in the semi-finals will face Friday at 7:30 p. m.

## WOMEN'S TOURNEY TO CLOSE SUNDAY

Singles and doubles events of the annual Fremont Ladies Bowling League tournament will be held at Pastime alleys Sunday, beginning at 2 p. m. All events prizes also will be awarded after the tourney closes. The team event already has been staged. Executive committee of the loop will meet at Pastime Sunday at 1 p. m., to complete the prize list.