

Findlay rips Ross, 72-56

Board control key to victory

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BOWLING GREEN —

Brad Longberry connected on 10 of 12 shots in the second half and the Findlay Trojans ransacked the Ross Little Giants, 72-56, in the Northwestern Ohio "AAA" district semi-final contest. The Trojans won the game on the boards by hauling down 51 caroms to only 24 for Ross.

The victory was the 300th in a 24-year coaching career for Findlay coach John Stozich. It did not come easily however.

The Little Giants came within eight points with 2:41 to play on a run of six straight points in less than 20 seconds. The score was 62-54 at that point. Ross had trailed by as much as 16 points in the final period but usually were within 10-11 points.

As for Stozich, rebounding he pointed out was a major concern of his before the game. "I knew it was going to be a big factor, so we changed a few things on our offensive patterns that let our big kids get to the board quicker."

It worked all too well for Ross. Kenny Miller, head coach of Ross confirmed that point.

"If they didn't put it in on the first shot, they would keep trying till they got it in."

Miller was subdued in defeat but did praise Findlay for taking a little of the "sting" out of the loss.

"I guess if you do have to lose, it's better to lose to a good team."

Findlay began taking the sting out of Ross with a 10-1 point run in the second quarter. The Little Giants were within two, 20-18 at that point when the run began.

Findlay, with 6-6 Roger Edelbrock, Longberry and 6-6 Jim Wilson controlling the boards, pulled out to a commanding 11-point lead. Jeff Dysinger started the run with a bucket from the right of the key. Edelbrock was next with a layup after taking a beautiful behind-the-back pass from Scott Hamlin.

What about that behind-the-back pass Stozich was asked. Hamlin pulled off that feat four times in the game with three going for easy Findlay scores.

"It's alright if the situation calls for it," Stozich said. "I wouldn't like it if it was just for show but tonight they were there and they were right on the money."

After the Edelbrock bucket, Longberry tipped one in from under the bucket. Mike Reardon answered that bucket with the only point in the run for Ross by sinking a technical that had been called on Findlay for slapping the ball after a basket.

Another rebounded shot by Longberry and a driving layup by Edelbrock rounded out the Findlay string. Reardon hit on an 18-footer for the last score of the half but the damage had been done and Ross trailed 30-21.

The second half was all Longberry and the Findlay dominance of the boards. The 6-5 senior hit five of six in the third period and matched that again in the final period. The only shots he missed were on tip attempts after another Trojan had missed.

Was it his best game? "Well last year," Stozich recalled, "he had 28 points and 27 rebounds in the district finals but this was a good game for him. He seems to

come up with the big game whenever we have to have it."

The Findlay defense also took its toll on Ross by holding leading scorer Reardon to 16 points, six below his average. Reardon did not score until the 7:15 mark of the second period.

If there was a hero for Ross in the aborted effort to catch the Trojans in the second half, it had to be Bob Ford. The junior guard came off the bench late in the second stanza but did not score. In the second 16 minutes, he connected on seven of 11 shots and finished with 16 points. Neal Oberholtzer was the only other Little Giant in double figures with 10.

In summing up the game as well as the season, Miller praised his club that has finished with an 11-9 mark. "This ball club showed the same character tonight that they showed all season. They looked down and out for awhile but they came back to within eight and forced them to call timeout . . . they didn't quit."

Findlay will now meet Celina for the district crown Saturday at 7:30 at Anderson Arena in Bowling Green.

Score by quarters				
Ross	12	9	14	21-56
Findlay	12	18	16	26-72

Individual scoring	
ROSS — Fahrbach	3-0-6;
Oberholtzer	4-2-10; Reardon 7-2-16;
Flower	1-0-2; Thomas 1-2-4; Ford 7-2-16;
Clark	0-2-2; Totals 23-10-56.
FINDLAY — Edelbrock	10-0-20;
Wilson	4-4-12; Longberry 14-0-28;
Dysinger	2-0-4; Hamlin 4-0-8; Totals 34-4-72.
Season records: Findlay 17-4; Ross 11-9.	



GENOA . . . Rossford players swo

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By JON DONNAN
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TOLEDO — The Genoa juggernaut rolled on in class "AA" tournament basketball Thursday night — this time engulfing a powerful Rossford team, 61-56.

The victory moves Genoa's Comets into a sectional championship clash with Tiffin Calvert Saturday night and was the first time Genoa has whipped Rossford in at least 13 years.

But the sweetness of that milestone was tempered by a

Reardon, Hammye lead coaches' picks

Mike Reardon of Fremont Ross and Ron Hammye of Genoa added another "player of the year" selection to their list of growing honors. This time it was the District Six chapter of the Ohio High School Basketball Coaches that accorded them the honors in its annual all-star selections.

Earlier in the week, Reardon and Hammye had been tabbed as the Associated Press (AP) players of the year for "AAA" and "AA" classes, respectively. Reardon was tied with Terry Crosby of Toledo DeVilbiss for the AP honor.

The "A" player of the year as chosen by the coaches went to Tom Kramb of South Central.

Joining Reardon on the first team of the "AAA" all-stars were Geron Tate of Mansfield, Don Kegerreis of Bellevue, Chuck Roser of Galion, and Tony Randelman of Sandusky. Ross' Paul Fahrbach was selected to the second team. Roser and Kegerreis are juniors.

The coach of the year was Mansfield Senior's Vic Pfizenmayer.

Jeff Shaneck, Hammye's teammate at Genoa, was also accorded first team honors in the "AA" voting. The Comet duo was joined by Tim Steinhilber of Bucyrus Wynford, Scott Schilling of Norwalk, and Steve Long of Upper Sandusky. Steinhilber is the only junior to make the first team with the rest being seniors.

Jack Smith of Lakota was tabbed for second team honors.

Dave Hitchen of Genoa was selected as the "AA" coach of the year by his peers.

Bettsville's Virgil Ward, a sophomore, joined two seniors and two juniors on the

"A" first team. With Kramb leading the team, Hal Wahlers of Danbury Lakeside, Greg Givens of Masfield St. Peter's, and Bill Gnepper of New Riegel, the latter two juniors, completed the team.

Fremont St. Joe's Mike Smith was tabbed for second team honors. Donn Bennice of Bettsville was the coach of the year for the "A" schools.

The following are the all-star teams from District 6 of the Ohio High School Basketball Coaches. District 6 is composed of the eight counties (Crawford, Erie, Huron, Ottawa, Richland, Sandusky, Seneca and Wyandot) in North Central Ohio and the cities of Ashland and Marion.

District 6 All-Star Teams "AAA"		
Player	School	Grade
Mike Reardon*	Fremont	Sr.
Geron Tate	Mans. Senior	Sr.
Don Kegerreis	Bellevue	Jr.
Chuck Roser	Galion	Jr.
Tony Randelman	Sandusky	Sr.
* Player of the Year		
2nd Team		
Gary Feagin	Mans. Senior	Sr.
Marty Thallman	Tiffin Col.	Jr.
Kevin Voss	Port Clin.	Jr.
Dan VanSickle	Marion	Sr.
Paul Fahrbach	Fremont	Sr.
Coach of the Year: Vic Pfizenmayer - Mansfield Senior		

"AA"		
Player	School	Grade
Ron Hammye*	Genoa	Sr.
Steve Long	U. Sand.	Sr.
Tim Steinhilber	Bucyrus	Jr.
Scott Schilling	Norwalk	Sr.
Jeff Shaneck	Genoa	Sr.
* Player of the Year		
2nd team		
John Frye	Willard	Sr.
Jeff Banks	Tif. Calvert	Sr.
Jack Smith	Lakota	Sr.
Rick Compton	Lexington	Sr.
Dave Buurma	Willard	Sr.
Coach of the Year: Dave Hitchen - Genoa		

"A"		
Player	School	Grade
Tom Kramb*	S. Central	Sr.
Hal Wahlers	Dan. Lake.	Sr.
Greg Givens	Man. St. Peter's	Jr.
Bill Gnepper	New Riegel	Jr.
Virgil Ward	Bettsville	Soph.
* Player of the Year		
2nd team		
Mark Portney	Sen. East	Sr.
Mike Smith	Fre. St. Joe	Sr.
Terry Bogard	Sy. Mohawk	Sr.
Dave Faber	St. Mary's	Sr.
Jeff Dowatt	Man. St. Peter's	Sr.
Coach of the Year: Don Bennice - Bettsville		

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ROGER EDELBROCK of Findlay finds one way to keep Ross' Jim Thomas (dark uniform) from getting a hand on the ball, he simply grabs it. News-Messenger photographer Bruce Crippen was quick enough with the camera to catch the foul but the referee missed this one. Findlay won the district semi-final game, 72-56.

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Rifle Club loses to Tiffin

The Tiffin Rifle Club defeated the Fremont Rifle Club, 1445-1434. The loss was the fourth of the season for Fremont.

There were 26 shooters present for the meet. Ed Fought of Fremont was the top individual shooter with 296, four less than perfect.

Fremont Rifle Club				
	Pr	Kn.	St.	Ttl.
E. Fought	100	100	96	296
D. Woffoner	100	99	91	290
J. Engler	100	99	86	285
R. Oxley	100	96	88	284
T. Wolfe	99	92	88	297
Total				1434

Tiffin Rifle Club				
	Pr	Kn.	St.	Ttl.
R. Schmitz	100	98	95	293
M. Frase	100	98	92	290
F. Leibengood				
	100	98	91	289
N. Kin	100	95	92	287
R. Wilt	99	96	91	286
Total				1445

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