



Sports news

ROSS BASEBALL TEAM FOR 1975:
Front row (left to right): Steve Carmack, Dale Stout, Al Beard, Jerry Lance, Jeff Foss, Scott Stout, Dennis Szymanowski, Jim Paxson, Ron Whitcomb, Mark Lohrbach; Second row: Mark Conly, Jerry Ruland, Mark Mathews, Al Klisz, Scott

Wetzel, Pat Belch, Bob Moore, Rusty Blodgett, Kim Stout; Back row: Tim Kinsey, mgr., Coach Ed Platzer, Tony Mikolajczyk, Roger Berger, John Kiser, Assistant Coach Hank Miesle. Mike McGilton was not present for the picture. (N-M photo by Bruce Crippen)

A.K. is first Ross foe

If the weatherman cooperates, Fremont Ross' baseball team may get its season opener under its belt Saturday. The Little Giants are slated to host the Admiral King Admirals in a doubleheader (10 a.m. and 2 p.m.) at Fremont's Anderson Field.

Ed Platzer, the third new head coach in as many years for Ross, will lead a "green" Ross team into a 25-game season. The Bowling Green grad, who was an All-Mid-American outfield selection in 1971, has only three lettermen on his 23-man squad.

There are 10 seniors and 13 juniors with only seniors Mark Lohrbach and Al Beard having had enough experience to letter last season. Junior Mike McGilton, a starter at catcher for the last half of his sophomore year, is the third Ross letter winner.

"Hopefully," Platzer said when asked about his team's strong point, "is its speed. I feel we will have a good running club."

He switched to weaknesses after that and pointed out the lack of experience.

"Our pitching right now would have to be questionable, too," Platzer said.

Lohrbach, when he is not playing at shortstop will most likely take over the top pitching slot for the Little Giants. "He throws the ball pretty well," his coach said, and noted that

Lohrbach would start one of Saturday's games.

Beard is the number two Ross pitcher with junior John Kiser drawing assignments also.

The only lefthanded

Ross schedule

Date	Ross schedule Opponent
April 5	Admiral King (2)
5	(Res) A.K. (2)
7	at Port Clinton
12	at Elyria (2)
12	(Res) at Elyria (2)
15	Tiffin Columbian
17	at Findlay
19	at Lima Senior (2)
19	(Res) at Lima Senior (2)
21	Clyde
23	Whitmer
23	(Res) Whitmer
25	Findlay
26	at Lorain Sr. (2)
26	(Res) at Lorain Sr. (2)
28	(Res) at Clyde
29	Sandusky
30	at Whitmer
30	(Res) at Whitmer
May 3	Marion (2)*
3	(Res) Marion (2)*
5	Port Clinton
6	at Sandusky
9	(Res) Clyde
10	Mansfield (2)**
10	(Res) Mansfield (2)**
12	at Clyde
14	at Bowling Green
14	(Res) at Bowling Green
15	Bellevue

All single games start at 4 p.m. with doubleheaders at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

*Games will begin at noon and 3 p.m.

**Games will begin at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.

pitcher on the team is Steve Carmack, a senior. Two others who will see spot duty are Pat Belch and Ron Whitcomb. Belch is a junior and Whitcomb, a senior.

Rounding out the rest of the probable starting lineup at the beginning of the season, McGilton will handle the catching chores with Carmack at first.

At second will be either Belch or senior Dennis Szymanowski. Lohrbach will be at short but when he is pitching, Belch will handle that spot with Szymanowski at second.

Whitcomb or Jerry Ruland, a junior will be sharing the hot corner assignment while out in leftfield, a pair of juniors, Roger Berger and Kiser, will split the action.

The centerfield slot will go to Jim Paxson, a senior with another senior, Jeff Foss, in rightfield.

"We have some people

that I think can hit," Platzer said and then named off Lohrbach, one of the leading hitters on last year's squad, Paxson, Carmack, and McGilton.

"McGilton has a lot of potential to be one of our better hitters," Platzer contended.

Aiding Platzer in his first year at the helm of the Little Giant diamond squad is Hank Miesle and both coaches agree on one point about this year's team.

"The attitude has been good . . . we have only been able to get on the field twice so far but the players are anxious and are working hard toward the start of the season."

After the Saturday debut, Ross will travel to Port Clinton on Monday and to Elyria on Saturday, April 12. The second home appearance is scheduled against Tiffin Columbian on April 15.

Half-inch separates leader from second

DAYTON, Ohio (AP) — A bit of carelessness cost Carl Alsip, of Cincinnati, Ohio, first place in regular singles in the American Bowling Congress tournament Thursday.

Alsip, 32, is now in second.

It all happened in the ninth frame of his third game after he had already posted games of 233 and 258.

Alsip, in his third ABC test, left up the 6-10 combination. His try hooked a bit too far to the left and he chopped the No. 6 off the 10. A half inch either way would have given him the spare and first place. He wound up with three straight strikes for 225 and 716.

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