

1958 State Tournament...

Gallagher On Mound For Ross



Doug Gallagher

Doug Gallagher, Ross high's speedball lefthander, was expected to toe the slab this afternoon for the Little Giants against Barberton in the state Class AA baseball tournament semifinals in Columbus.

If victorious Friday, Ross will meet the winner of the Friday afternoon game between Cincinnati Elder and Euclid, at 2 p. m. Saturday for the AA state championship.

Ross entered the game with a 12-2 record, Barberton 17-8, Euclid 21-3 and Elder 17-3.

Last year's champion in Class AA was Reading.

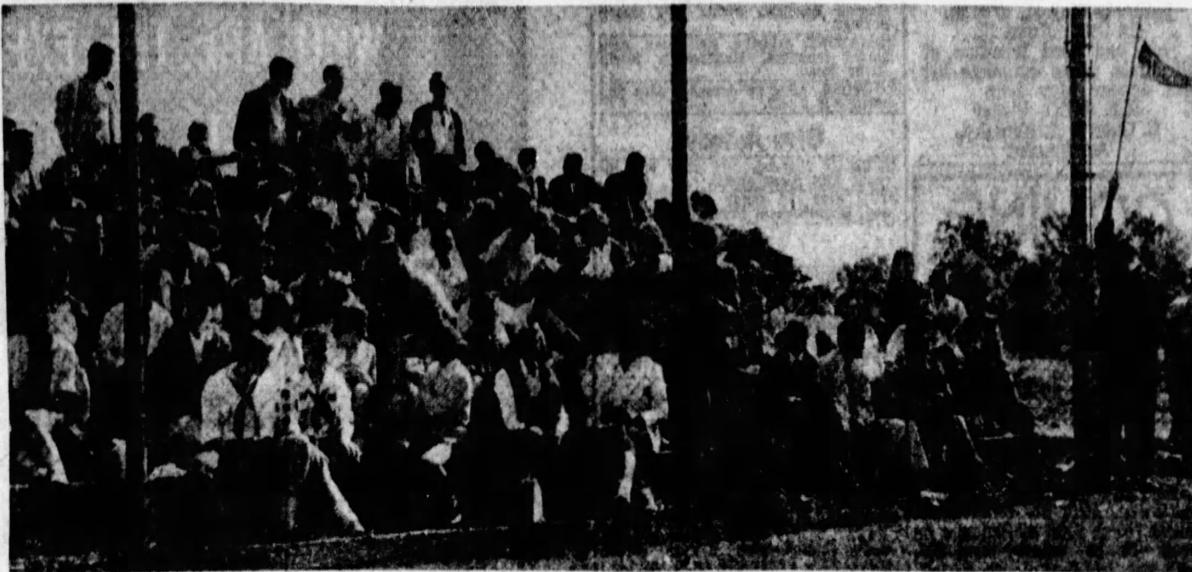
Coach Lawrence Doren of Ross was expected to start the following lineup: John Level, first base; Harry Walter, second base; Mark Walter, shortstop; either Gary Bierly or Denny Stine, third base; either Bierly, Stine or Frank Walby in left field (Bierly is a sure starter somewhere as he leads Ross in hitting with a .447 average); John Kelly, center field; Chuck Houdeshell, right field; Gallagher, pitch.

Gallagher has been troubled with a blister on his pitching hand since hurling in relief against Rossford in the Regional tournament finals last Saturday in Lima. It was still giving him some trouble Thursday. If he isn't able to pitch today, either Bierly or Level, both righthanders, will get the starting nod.

The sensational lefty has a 6-0 record and is averaging about 18 strikeouts per game. Gallagher has three no-hitters to his credit this season.

Ross team departed Fremont Thursday afternoon. Student backers and adult fans were expected to be in attendance in force today. Proposed trip by bus for students fell through.

Fremont Rooters -- Harry Takes A Cut



News-Messenger Photos

BOB GEBAUER, Fremont News-Messenger photographer, was a busy guy at the state tournament semifinals Friday in Columbus. In the top photo, he snapped some of the Fremont backers at the game. There were some 200 Ross high fans on hand . . . they clapped and cheered, chanted "fight" tunes and one student continually rang a cowbell.

HARRY WALTER, Ross second baseman (bottom photo), swings justly at a pitch but misses. Catcher is Jerry Skraba of Barberton and calling the pitch is umpire Martin.

