

# Ross Meets Madison Thursday

## Fausey Blanks Shelby, 5-0;

## Little Giants In Title Tilt

**NORTH ROBINSON** — Fremont Ross scored four times in the first, added another run in the second and then relied on the right arm of junior Jim Fausey to carry it to a 5-0 victory over Shelby in the Class AAA sectional tournament yesterday.

The win was the first in tournament play for Ross. It advanced the Little Giants to a sectional championship game here Thursday with Mansfield Madison. The contest will be played at 4 p.m.

Ross sent 10 batters to the plate in the top of the first. Chuck Lindsey singled to open the game. Runners were at first and third after the second baseman erred on Al Davis' ground ball.

The first Ross run scored when Gary Butdorf grounded out. The next batter, Randy Arndt, popped out and it looked like Shelby was going to get out of the jam. But Denny Smith singled, scoring Davis.

Losing pitcher Scott Betts then walked Mike Lowery and Roger Hetrick doubled to score two more runs. Walks followed to Denny Knipp and Fausey to load the bases. Lindsey, however, grounded out to the second baseman, ending the rally.

In the second, Davis, the leadoff batter, grounded out. But

Butdorf followed with a homer for the Little Giants' fifth run.

"We went out prepared to play a good game," Little Giant head coach Tom Dorman reported. "We did for the first few innings. Then I think we let up a little with the exception of Fausey — he bore down the entire ball game."

The Whippets collected only three hits against Fausey. Shelby didn't have more than one hit in any inning. The losers had singles in the second, sixth and seventh innings.

In the second, Shelby's second hitter singled. He was erased when the next batter ground into a double play, however.

The leadoff batter in the sixth reached base on an error. The next hitter hit into a force play. Shelby had runners at first and second after Fred Hasler singled. Fausey fanned the next batter and got the third out with a ground ball to second base.

After the first batter in the seventh grounded out, Dave Hoover singled for the Whippets. Fausey walked the next batter but ended the game with a strike-out and pop fly.

Fausey issued two walks. He fanned six batters. Shelby stranded a total of four batters.

Ross, which had four hits in the first two innings, collected only

two in the last five. Sophomore shortstop Mike Lowery accounted for both safeties — a third inning single and sixth inning double.

Dorman was pleased with the victory but cautioned his squad about Thursday's contest with Madison.

"Madison scouted us against Shelby," Dorman said. "That must mean they have something and expect to go somewhere in the tournament. I don't think they would scout us otherwise."

"The fellows have a good attitude and are ready to play. I just hope they want to win a sectional championship as much as I do. It has been a couple of years since Ross won a sectional tournament."

"Many of the seniors haven't played on a big winner in their high school career. They've never won a trophy. I think they want to prove something in this sectional."

Dorman has nominated senior righthander Denny Shearon to hurl against Madison.

"Shearon has looked good in his last two outings," Dorman said. "He pitched well in the Buckeye Conference game against Findlay and also did a good job against Toledo Whitmer last week. I hope he can continue to

show the improvement against Madison like he did in his last two starts."

Ross, which now has a 14-9-1 record, will play two games before the Madison contest. The Little Giants were scheduled to entertain Clay at Anderson Field today and travel to Tiffin Calvert Wednesday.

## Box Score

ROSS	AB	R	H
Lindsey, 2b	4	1	1
Davis, cf	3	1	0
Butdorf, lf	3	1	1
Arndt, 3b	3	0	0
Smith, 1b	3	1	1
Lowery, ss	2	1	2
Hetrick, c	3	0	1
Knipp, rf	2	0	0
Fausey, p	2	0	0
Totals	25	5	6

SHELBY	AB	R	H
King, 3b	3	0	0
Hasler, 2b	3	0	1
Zeiters, cf	3	0	0
Griffith, ss	3	0	0
Gillian, lf	3	0	1
Hoover, 1b	3	0	1
Black, rf	1	0	0
Hummel, rf	0	0	0
Hatch, c	3	0	0
Betts, p	3	0	0
TOTALS	25	0	3

RBI—Butdorf 2, Smith, Hetrick 2.  
E—Lindsey, Lowery, Knipp, Hasler. 2B—Hetrick, Lowery. HR—Butdorf. SB—Knipp, Hetrick. DP—Fausey, Lindsey and Smith. LOB—Ross 5, Shelby 5.

Ross	410	000	0-5	6	3
Shelby	000	000	0-0	3	1
	IP	H	R	BB	SO
Fausey (W)	7	3	0	2	6
Betts (L)	7	6	5	3	4