

# Little Giants Ready Batting Punch



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EIGHT STARTERS in the batting lineup for Fremont Ross ready their bats for action against Columbus Grandview's pitcher. Ross meets Grandview at 4 p. m. on Lima's diamond No. six in City Park today in a Regional baseball Class AA tournament game. First game at 2 p. m. matched Rossford, other Northwest Ohio entry, against Grove City. Winners Friday meet Saturday afternoon for the Regional tournament championship and a spot in next week's state baseball tournament in Columbus. Fremont carries a 10-2 record into the tourney. Grandview is 8-2 in 10 games (up until this week), scoring 59 runs and allowing 25. Ross, in 12 games, scored 54 runs and allowed 22. Grandview won three games, lost two in the Central Buckeye League. The probable eight Ross starters along with pitcher Doug Gallagher are, in photo above, from left, Mark Walter, shortstop; Roger Mann, catch; Gary Bierly, third base; Frank Walby, left field; John Kelly, center field; John Level, first base; Harry Walter, second base; Charles Houdeshell, right field. Ross team is batting .258 with 80 hits in 310 at-bats. Bierly is the leading hitter with a .441 average; H. Walter is .333, Level .278, Kelly and Houdeshell, .257 apiece, Walby .238, Mann .226, Gallagher .222, M. Walter .176.

## Bears Triumph Over J-B 10-2

Andy Ruggiero limited Jackson-Burgoon to two hits in six innings Thursday as Gibsonburg won 10-2 in baseball at J-B school.

Tom Specht and Joel Fehlhaber of the Golden Bears each had two-run doubles in the fifth inning in which Gibsonburg scored five times.

The Bears play Tiffin Calvert at night in Tiffin Monday and engage Fremont St. Joseph next Thursday at Anderson Field, Fremont.

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 Jackson-Burgoon ..... 000 200 0—2 2  
 Batteries: Gibsonburg — Ruggiero, Hart (7) Swartz (7) and Hughes; J-B — Jim Smith and Flores. Winner—Ruggiero.

## MINOR LEAGUE RESULTS By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

**Pacific Coast League**  
 San Diego 3, Seattle 2  
 Vancouver 7, Sacramento 1  
 Spokane 4, Salt Lake City 3  
 Phoenix 10, Portland 8

**International League**  
 Miami 4, Richmond 0 (1st game)  
 Miami 5, Richmond 3 (2nd game)  
 Rochester 9, Buffalo 1  
 Montreal 6, Toronto 5  
 Columbus 3, Havana 0  
**American Assn.**  
 Omaha 2, Denver 1

## Ross Pitching 'Plums'



Doug Gallagher



Gary Bierly

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DOUG GALLAGHER, lefthander, and Gary Bierly, righthander, carry the pitching hopes of Head Coach Lawrence Doren and Assistant Coach Pete Michaels into the Lima Regional baseball tournament scheduled today and Saturday. Gallagher gets the initial starting assignment this afternoon against Grandview, Columbus suburb. If Ross wins today, Bierly is the expected starting pitcher against either Rossford or Grove City in Saturday's finale. Both Gallagher and Bierly are 5-0 for the season. Gallagher has hurled two no-hitters including a perfect game, two one-hitters and a three-hitter. Bierly has worked in six games, allowed only 5 runs, gone 32 innings, struck out 34 and walked 22 and given up only 12 hits. Gallagher, in six games and 35 2-3 innings, has fanned 93, walked 11, given up only 5 hits and 4 runs. Available for relief duty are righthander John Level and lefty Dick Dundore.