

# Versatility a strength for Ross

Little Giant diamondmen open Friday against state champion Bellevue

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Dan Fought has a simple way of making out his lineup card for the Ross baseball team this season.

"Whoever's hot will be playing, and whoever's cold will be on the bench with me," the second-year Little Giant mentor said.

"We have a lot of kids who share equal talent. You'll probably see a lot of different combinations. We have 17 ballplayers who can play anywhere."

Because of that versatility, Fought is very optimistic about the upcoming season. But he is not ready to make any bold predictions.

"They (the players) have a lot of talent, but at times their preparation is lacking," said Fought. "Sometimes they're just not ready to play. They can play as well as they want. My biggest concern is getting a strong start so they stay together."

The Little Giants will be tested right

away. Their first game is Friday against defending Class AA state champion Bellevue, which returns seven starters from last year's outstanding team. The game will be at Anderson Field, beginning at 4:30 p.m.

Fought's tentative opening-day lineup looks like this: junior Jim Nieman at catcher, junior Shawn Overmyer at first base, senior Scott Weber at second, junior Rick Egbert at third, senior Gregg Gallagher at shortstop, junior Mike Hrynciw in leftfield, senior John Lozano or junior Chris Cortell in centerfield and junior Andy Shaull in rightfield.

The opening-day pitcher is scheduled to be junior John Stierwalt, and the No. 2 man is senior Bill Taylor. But after that, Fought says "there are nine other guys who are hopefuls. They're all pretty equal."

Among the other top pitching prospects are senior Alan Humbarger, junior Andy Peterson and the Egbert twins, Rick and Rob.

"Our pitching is probably a weakness

because it's untested," said Fought. "But we are stronger than we were last year. We have more depth and a better starting rotation. I won't be scared to start any of them."

Fought said that hitting will be a strength for his team and that Hrynciw should lead the way from his cleanup spot.

"He was a second-team All-Buckeye Conference player last year as a sophomore," Fought said of Hrynciw. "He's got all the tools."

Hrynciw batted .310 last year with four home runs and 25 RBI. Other top returning hitters include Stierwalt (.333), Weber (.314) and senior John White (.288).

The lettermen returning from last season's 15-9 team, which won the Western Division of the Buckeye last year with a 5-1 record, are Hrynciw, Humbarger, Lozano, Stierwalt, Taylor, Weber and White.

"We should be better than 15-9, but you never know," said Fought. "Getting an early jump is the key."

# Ross wins baseball opener

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The Ross Little Giants had just five hits, but they made them count in a season-opening 5-4 victory over Perrysburg at Anderson Field Wednesday.

Four of Ross's hits were of the extra-base variety. Mike Hrynciw belted a two-run homer and Scott Weber had a run-scoring triple, both in the third inning. And Jim Nieman had a two-run double in the first inning. Chris Cortell had the other extra-base hit for Ross with a double.

That productive hitting staked Ross pitcher John Stierwalt to a 5-2 lead after three innings, and he was able to hold on, but just barely. The junior hurler allowed two more Perrysburg runs in the top of the seventh inning before striking out the last batter with runners on first and second.

All four Perrysburg runs were

unearned. The Little Giants committed five errors. Stierwalt surrendered seven hits and two walks while striking out six.

Hrynciw finished with two hits to lead the Little Giants. Perrysburg drops to 4-2.

In other area baseball action yesterday, Oak Harbor edged St. Joe 7-6 and Bellevue beat Port Clinton 10-3.

**Oak Harbor .....7**

**St. Joe .....6**

The Rockets picked up their first win of the season by beating St. Joe in Oak Harbor.

The Rockets, now 1-5, scored one run in the bottom of the sixth inning to tie it 6-6 and then added another in the bottom of the seventh to win it.

The game-winner came home with the bases loaded and nobody out in the seventh. John

Benner hit a hard grounder to St. Joe shortstop Brad Young, who knocked the ball down but was unable to throw out Ed Michel at the plate.

Michel and Duane Weirich each reached base with a single while Troy St. Clair was intentionally walked.

The Rockets finished with 10 hits, led by Michel, Weirich, Rick Ferguson and Steve Witt with two each. Bill Brackett was the winning pitcher.

Grant Beckley led St. Joe with two hits. The Streaks are now 2-2.

**Bellevue.....10**

**Port Clinton.....3**

The Redskins struggled both offensively and defensively, committing seven errors, which resulted in seven unearned runs,

and stranding 10 runners in falling to the Redmen at Bellevue.

Port Clinton fell to 2-2 for the season. Bellevue is now 5-0.

Twice the Port Clinton squad had the bases loaded but could not capitalize, and on two other occasions, the Redskins failed to bring home a run when runners were on first and third.

Port Clinton held a 1-0 lead before Bellevue went to work. The Redmen scored two runs in the second and three in the third for a 5-1 lead. The Redskins cut the margin to 5-2 with a run in the fourth, but five more runs in the fourth and fifth put the game out of reach.

Steve Wildman had three hits for Port Clinton.

Mark Ziegler got the win for the Redmen, while Barry Millinger pitched four innings and took the loss.

# Ross uses 25-hit barrage to bomb Port Clinton 24-8

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Poor Port Clinton.

The Redskins ran into a buzzsaw Friday afternoon in the form of the Ross Little Giants, who put together a 25-hit assault on their way to a 24-8 victory in high school baseball action at Anderson Field.

The Little Giants started their barrage early, batting around twice in a 13-run first inning and batting around once in a five-run second frame.

Eight Ross batters had more than one hit. They were: Jim Nieman with four; Rick Egbert, Scott Weber, Chris Corthell and Shawn Overmyer with three each; and John White, John Lozano and Andy Peterson with two apiece.

Overmyer had a home run and six RBI, including three in the first inning when he had two singles. Egbert and Nieman also had two hits each in the first inning.

Other RBI leaders for Ross included Weber and Corthell with three each and Egbert, White and Nieman with two each.

Port Clinton had a respectable day at the plate with nine hits, but it paled in comparison to Ross. Tom Martin, Joe Lawley and Barry Millinger led the Redskins with two hits apiece.

Ross is now 2-0 while Port Clinton falls to 2-3.

In other area action Friday, St. Joe beat St. Paul 10-6, Gibsonburg shelled Eastwood 26-5, Otsego nipped Lakota 7-6, Genoa beat Oak Harbor 14-4, and Woodmore lost to Elmwood 16-5.

four performance, including a double and two RBI. Ryan Gabel and Dennis Hossler each added a pair of hits and a pair of RBI.

Winning pitcher Tim Woolf blanked St. Paul on one hit over the first six innings but surrendered all six Flyer runs in the final stanza, including a three-run homer by Charlie Meyer. Gabel came on to get the final out of the game. Woolf finished with 12 strikeouts and six walks.

The Streaks are now 4-2 while St. Paul falls to 2-3.

**Gibsonburg.....26**

**Eastwood .....5**

David Kohler pounded out five hits and was the winning pitcher to lead the Golden Bears' romp past the Eagles in Gibsonburg.

Kohler had three singles, a double and a triple and he knocked in three runs as the Bears hammered Eastwood pitchers for 20 hits.

Kevin Diekman added four hits and five RBI, Jaime Mancha had three hits and five RBI, Brian Krotzer had three hits and Aaron Ash chipped in two hits and two RBI. One of Mancha's hits was a home run while Diekman had a pair of doubles.

The Bears, now 3-2, scored in every inning, including a seven-run second inning and an 11-run fifth.

**Otsego .....7**

**Lakota .....6**

The Raiders rallied to take the

straight errors to load the bases and Otsego's Reuben Serrato got a base hit up the middle to drive in the tying and winning runs.

The win boosted Otsego's Suburban Lakes League record to 3-0. Lakota, meanwhile, slips to 0-2 in the league, 1-4 overall.

Nestor Hernandez, who went the distance and suffered the loss for the Raiders, and Jeff Bickford had two hits each.

For Otsego, Scott Booth homered and Rick Downs had two triples.

**Genoa.....14**

**Oak Harbor .....4**

Scott Joehlin had an inside-the-park home run, a triple, a single and four RBI to lead the Comets past the Rockets in Genoa.

Joehlin's homer drove in two runs and was one of two big hits in Genoa's six-run first inning. Eric Hanely had the other key hit with a two-run single.

Hanely finished with a pair of hits and three RBI while Eric Teel and Eric Schmidt added two hits each.

Hanely also was the winning pitcher, allowing no earned runs over the first six innings. Joehlin finished the game retiring the side in order in the seventh.

Genoa is now 4-1 overall and 3-0 in the SLL.

Oak Harbor, 1-7, 0-3, was led by Don St. Clair with two hits.

**Elmwood.....16**

**Woodmore .....5**

The Royals used an eight-run

**Admiral King.....17-12**

**Ross .....6-7**

The Admirals pounded Ross pitching for 27 hits to sweep the twinbill in Lorain.

In the opener, King had 16 hits and jumped out to a 12-4 lead after three innings. The Admirals added 11 hits in the nightcap while breaking open a 6-4 game with six runs in the fifth inning.

Ross outhit King 14-11 in the second game, led by Rob Egbert with three hits and Scott Weber, Jim Nieman and Shawn Overmyer with three each.

Weber and Nieman also led the way in the first game with two hits each. Mike Hrynciw had a home run in the opener.

# Lozano's clutch hit gives Giants a split

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John Lozano drove in Gregg Gallagher with a one-out triple in the bottom of the seventh inning to give the Ross Little Giants a 10-9 victory over Lorain Senior and a split of their doubleheader at Anderson Field Saturday afternoon.

Ross lost the first game 14-2 as the Steelmen collected 14 hits off Little Giant pitching. Lorain pitcher Ron Babics fired a three-hitter and also hit a home run. Mike Randle had a home run, two doubles, a single and five RBI.

In the nightcap, Ross grabbed a 7-2 lead after five innings, but Lorain exploded for seven runs in the top of the sixth inning to take a 9-7 lead.

In the bottom of the sixth, John Stierwalt tied the score for Ross with a two-run single.

After Stierwalt held the Steelmen scoreless in the top of the seventh, the Little Giants came up with their game-winning rally. Gallagher singled and Lozano tripled to the left-centerfield gap.

Stierwalt and Lozano each went three for four to lead the Giants while Gallagher and Scott Weber added two hits each.

Ross is now 3-3, Lorain 6-4.

## Lady Giants

# Little Giants down Pioneers

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The sun shined brightly, the sky was clear and it was a beautiful day for baseball for the Ross Little Giants Wednesday.

The Giants pounded out 13 hits to back the solid pitching performance of John Stierwalt and defeat the Elyria Pioneers 9-1 at Anderson Field.

Scott Weber, who is rolling along at a .560 clip so far this season, led Ross's strong hitting display with a three-for-four performance. The senior second baseman also drove in a pair of runs.

Four other players added two hits apiece: Mike Hrynciw, Rob Egbert, Shawn Overmyer and John Lozano. Hrynciw's hits were both for extra bases, a triple and a double, and he also drove in three runs.

Stierwalt, meanwhile, kept the Elyria hitters off-balance all day. The junior righthander allowed just five hits, struck out 10 and walked only one. The only run he surrendered came in the seventh inning and was unearned.

Ross is now 4-3 this season and will be in a showdown this afternoon with the undefeated Old Fort Stockaders. The game is scheduled to start at 4 p.m., at Old Fort.

In other area baseball action Wednesday, Lakota edged St. Joe 7-6, Clyde beat St. Mary's 6-3, and Oak Harbor fell to St. Wendelin 15-4.

**Lakota .....7**

**St. Joe .....6**

The Raiders scored one run in the bottom of the seventh inning to thwart St. Joe's comeback effort in Kansas.

The Streaks fell behind 6-1 after six innings but erupted for five runs in the top of the seventh to tie the game 6-6.



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**MIKE HRYNCIW** of Ross grimaces as he stretches for third base after legging out a two-

run triple during high school baseball action Wednesday afternoon at Anderson Field.



Wojciechowski with the game-winning run.

Smith and Eric Hanely finished with three hits each to lead the Comets' nine-hit attack.

TCC, ranked 10th in last week's UPI Class AAA poll, falls to 10-1 for the season. Genoa is now 8-5.

In the completion of the Woodward game, Genoa picked up with a runner on first and one out in the bottom of the eighth inning. The Comets managed to load the bases but were unable to score any runs.

In other area baseball action Saturday, Ross dropped a double-header to Bowling Green 5-4 and 9-8, Clyde beat Calvert 6-3, Port Clinton dropped a twinbill to Tiffin Columbian 16-5 and 32-5, and Woodmore lost two games, 22-2 to Brooklyn and 20-5 to Cleveland Central Catholic.

**Bowling Green .....5-9**

**Ross .....4-8**

It was a brutal day for the Little Giants, who fell one run short in a pair of games at Bowling Green.

The first game was really a crusher for the Giants. They led 4-2 with two outs in the bottom of the seventh inning when BG's Todd Wright belted a three-run homer to win it for the Bobcats.

Shawn Overmyer had given Ross a 4-1 lead with a two-run homer in the top of the sixth. BG scored an unearned run in the bottom of the sixth to close it to 4-2.

Overmyer and Gregg Gallagher each had two hits to

lead Ross. Bill Taylor went the distance and suffered the loss.

In the nightcap, Ross scored four runs in the top of the sixth to cut its deficit to 9-8 but couldn't score any more in another tough one-run loss.

The Giants left 10 men on base in the game, including runners on first and third in the sixth. Ross had 11 hits, led by Overmyer, Scott Weber, Andy Shaul and John Lozano with two each.

Ross is now 4-6 while BG moves to 9-1.

**Clyde.....6**

**Calvert.....3**

Steve Garrett went four for four and drove in two runs to lead the Fliers past the Senecas in Tiffin.

Clyde jumped out to a 4-0 lead before Calvert scored three runs in the third to cut it to 4-3. The Fliers added insurance runs in the fifth and seventh innings.

Dave Gregg and John Alt had two hits each for the Fliers. Alan Perry pitched the final five innings in relief of Gregg to get the win. Perry struck out 10 batters and walked one.

Clyde is now 5-4 overall and 2-1 in the Sandusky Bay Conference.

**Tiffin Columbian...16-32**

**Port Clinton .....5-5**

The Tornadoes certainly lived up to their namesake as they blew aside the Redskins with a potent offense. The Tornadoes had 16 hits in the first game, and

# St. Joe upsets Stockaders 7-1

## Ross rallies to beat Clyde 7-3

### News-Messenger Reports

Fremont St. Joseph Central Catholic took advantage of 11 errors to upset the previously undefeated Old Fort Stockaders 7-1 in high school baseball Tuesday.

Old Fort, ranked 11th in the state by Class A coaches, had a 10-game winning streak snapped. St. Joe is 7-4.

In other area games, Ross defeated Clyde 7-3, Woodmore downed Oak Harbor 7-3, Genoa beat Eastwood 15-6 and Margaretta flattened Perkins 23-5.

St. Joe winning pitcher Kevin Yeckley struck out six, walked five, allowed one earned run and scattered five hits. Grant Beckley tripled and singled and Tim Woolf doubled to lead the Streaks' six-hit attack.

St. Joe scored twice in the first inning on two errors, a passed ball and a wild pitch. RBI singles by Yeckley and Ryan Gabel accounted for single runs in the second and third innings, and three errors, two passed balls and a single by Beckley got St. Joe three runs in the fourth.

St. Joe is 3-0 in the Midland Athletic League and Old Fort 3-1.

**Ross.....7**

**Clyde.....3**

Ross scored six times in the bottom of the sixth to erase a 2-1 Clyde lead. The Little Giants used six hits in the inning, including a two-out, two-run single by Kirk Wilhelm that gave Ross a 3-2 lead.

Rob Egbert and Scott Weber tripled for the Little Giants. Dave Gregg had a three-bagger for Clyde. Gregg Gallagher and

John Lozano doubled for Ross and Bill McClanahan doubled for the Fliers.

Rob Egbert had three hits, and John Stierwalt and Gallagher added two each for Ross. Doug Frater and McClanahan had two hits each for Clyde.

**Genoa.....15**

**Eastwood .....6**

Eric Wolfe and Eric Teel homered as Genoa climbed to 6-1 in the Suburban Lakes League baseball race with a 15-6 romp past Eastwood Tuesday.

Wolf drilled a two-run homer in the fourth and Teel hit a three-run shot in the same inning as Genoa climbed to a 12-2 lead.

Teel was three for three and finished with five RBI for the Comets.

**Woodmore .....7**

**Oak Harbor .....3**

Winning pitcher Tracy Bodl had three hits in four at bats while scattering seven Oak Harbor hits in the SLL victory. He fanned two and walked two.

At the end of three innings, Woodmore held a 6-0 lead.

Rick Ferguson had two hits and Steve Witt two hits and two RBI for the Rockets.

**Margaretta .....23**

**Perkins .....5**

Margaretta, 7-1, got a grand slam homer from Joe Miller in the nine-run fourth inning to club Perkins.

Greg Wiedenheft added a three-run home in the fourth for Margaretta. He finished with three hits in as many at bats.

# Ross loses to Toledo Whitmer 6-3

## News-Messenger Reports

The Clyde Fliers used two comebacks to defeat the St. Joe Streaks 8-7 in high school baseball action at Clyde Wednesday afternoon.

The Fliers fell behind 5-1 after 4½ innings but came back to tie the game 5-5 after six.

St. Joe bounced back on top 7-5 with two runs in the top of the seventh on an RBI single by Kevin Yeckley and and run-scoring groundout by Tony Lupica.

But Clyde answered again with three runs in the bottom of the seventh to pull out the victory. The Fliers scored all three runs with none out. Wendell Baker's two-run double tied the game and Alan Perry's RBI single won it.

Perry made himself a winner with his clutch hit. He went the distance, allowing four hits and striking out five.

John Alt led Clyde's nine-hit attack with three. Baker and Randy Loudenslager added two each. One of Baker's hits was a solo home run in the first inning.

Clyde is now 7-5 overall and 4-1 in the Sandusky Bay Conference. St. Joe drops to 7-5, 2-2.

In two other area games, Ross fell to Toledo Whitmer 6-3 and Port Clinton edged Perkins 11-10.

**Toledo Whitmer .....6**

**Ross.....3**

The Little Giants held a 3-0 advantage after 2½ innings but failed to keep it as the Panthers came from behind to gain the win.

Whitmer scored two runs in the bottom of the third inning and four in the fifth. The Panthers had

just two hits in the fifth, but they capitalized on four walks. All totaled, three Ross pitchers allowed nine walks.

Ross out-hit Whitmer 11-7, led by John Stierwalt with three and Scott Weber and Rob Egbert with two each. The Little Giants are now 5-7.

**Port Clinton.....11**

**Perkins .....10**

Port Clinton dug itself a pretty nice hole. Fortunately for the Redskins, they didn't stay in it.

In an SBC game at Port Clinton, the Redskins came back from deficits of 5-0 and 9-8 to defeat the Pirates.

Perkins came into the game without a win, but almost pulled off the upset by jumping on Redskin starter Ken Sorg for three runs in the first inning and two more in the third before Port Clinton got its act together.

In the bottom of the third, a two-run single by Barry Millinger and a two-run double from Jeff Miller sparked an eight-run rally that gave the Redskins an 8-5 lead.

The Pirates came back immediately with four runs in the fourth, chasing Sorg, and regaining the advantage 9-8.

Port Clinton answered in the bottom half of the fourth with one run to tie the game and then got the winning runs in the sixth when Tom Martin drove home one run with a single and a second run scored on a throwing error.

Port Clinton is 7-6 overall, 3-0 in the SBC.



# Ross wins conference opener

## Stierwalt leads Little Giants to 10-4 victory over Marion Harding

### News-Messenger Reports

It took a while for the Ross Little Giants to play their Buckeye Conference opener, but they finally did it Friday afternoon.

And the Giants seized the opportunity by collecting 10 hits in a 10-4 victory over the Marion Harding Presidents in high school baseball action at Ross.

John Stierwalt keyed the victory for Ross by getting three hits and one RBI at the plate and by gaining the win on the mound. Stierwalt, 4-1, pitched six innings, striking out seven and walking three. He allowed just one earned run.

Gregg Gallagher added a pair of hits for the Giants while John Lozano, Rick Egbert and Scott Weber drove in two runs apiece.

Ross is now 6-7 overall while Marion slipped to 6-9. The Prexies are winless in four Buckeye Conference games, the first three against Findlay.

In other area games Friday, Margaretta defeated St. Joe 10-7, Clyde trimmed Huron 6-4, Port Clinton downed St. Mary's 12-5, Genoa topped Lakota 11-4, and Gibsonburg beat Woodmore 9-4.

**Margaretta .....10**

**St. Joe .....7**

The Polar Bears remained

unbeaten in the Sandusky Bay Conference with the victory over the Streaks at Anderson Field.

Margaretta took a 3-1 lead after three innings and increased it to 10-3 after 6½ innings. St. Joe rallied for four runs in the bottom of the seventh to make it close.

The Bears are now 4-0 in the SBC and 9-1 overall. St. Joe, which committed eight errors and out-hit the Bears 10-9, is 7-6 overall and 1-3 in the conference.

Tony Lupica of St. Joe had three hits to lead all batters. Brad VanCauwenbergh had an inside-the-park home run for Margaretta.

**Clyde .....6**

**Huron .....4**

Steve Garrett was the man of the day for the Fliers in their SBC win over the Tigers at Huron.

Garrett struck out 11 batters and walked just one in a route-going performance on the mound. And he collected three hits and two RBI at the plate.

Alan Perry added a pair of hits for the Fliers and Bill McClanahan had an RBI double that provided an insurance run in the seventh inning.

Clyde is now 8-5 overall and 5-1 in the SBC.

**Port Clinton .....12**

**St. Mary's .....5**

Joe Lawley returned to the Port Clinton baseball scene in style.

In his second game back from a two-week absence, Lawley erupted for four doubles, six RBI and the winning performance on the mound to lead the Redskins past the Panthers in Sandusky.

Three of Lawley's doubles drove in two runs apiece. He had back-to-back two-run doubles in the fifth and sixth innings when the Redskins scored a total of 10 runs, five in each frame, to erase a 4-2 St. Mary's lead.

The 'Skins finished with 12 hits, with Mike Williamson, Barry Millinger and Paul Fisher getting two each.

Port Clinton remains undefeated in five SBC games and is 9-6 overall.

**Genoa .....11**

**Lakota .....4**

Eric Wolfe, Eric Teel and Todd Hanely led the way as the Comets beat the Raiders in Genoa.

Wolfe belted a three-run homer

and a double while Teel and Hanely collected three hits and three RBI each.

Teel also pitched five innings of shutout relief to gain the win. He allowed just two hits and struck out five.

The Comets are now 12-5 overall and 7-1 in the Suburban Lakes League. Lakota, which was led by Jeff Bickford's three hits, is 7-9, 1-7.

**Gibsonburg .....9**

**Woodmore .....4**

The Golden Bears did all their damage early to beat the Wildcats in Gibsonburg.

The Bears tallied four runs in the first inning and five in the second to take a 9-1 lead. They had all 10 of their hits in those two innings. Woodmore starter Steve Schmeltz buckled down and pitched no-hit ball the rest of the way, but it was too late.

Four players had two hits each for Gibsonburg — Kevin Diekman, Aaron Ash, Pat Payne and Tom Angelone. Ash was also the winning pitcher with six strikeouts and two walks, and Angelone drove in two runs.

Brian Devore and Keith Traver led Woodmore with two hits each.

# Toledo Whitmer .....13

# Ross .....2

The Panthers upped their record to 14-4 with the victory over the Little Giants at Anderson Field.

Whitmer jumped out to a 7-2 lead after three innings and never looked back.

Ross, now 7-8, was paced by John Stierwalt and Mike Hrynciw with two hits each.

# Ross whips Port Clinton again

## News-Messenger Reports

Fremont Ross hammered five home runs while defeating Port Clinton 20-8 in a high school baseball game Thursday.

The Little Giants collected 19 hits and scored in every inning except the first.

In other area games, Gary Nissen pitched a four-hitter as Genoa blanked Fostoria 8-0, New Riegel edged St. Joe 3-1 in a Midland Athletic League game, Old Fort won its 14th game 11-1 over St. Wendelin, and Toledo Waite defeated Oak Harbor 11-5.

Shawn Overmyer hit two homers for Ross and Rob Egbert, Andy Shawl and Bill Taylor one each. Taylor's three-run homer in the sixth came on his first trip to the plate as a high school player.

Overmyer finished with four hits and five RBI. Gregg Gallagher also had four hits for Ross with Egbert and Scott Weber getting three hits apiece. Shawl and Mike Hrynciw had two hits each for the Little Giants.

Mike Williamson and Joe Lawley doubled for Port Clinton with Williamson getting a pair of hits.

Ross is 8-8 while Port Clinton is 11-8.

It was the second time this season that Ross bats have erupted against the Redskins. Earlier in the season, the Little Giants handed Port Clinton a 25-8 setback.

**Genoa .....8**  
**Fostoria.....0**

Nissen recorded eight strikeouts and one walk in his shutout.

The victory was the 299th career win for Genoa Coach Bob Baird. He will be going for number 300 today when Elmwood visits Genoa.

The Comets had a dozen hits with Eric Hanely, Tom Wojciechowski and Scott Smith getting two apiece. Smith accounted for three runs.

Genoa is 14-7 for the season.

**New Riegel .....3**  
**St. Joe .....1**

New Riegel scored all of its runs after two were out in the sixth inning.

Jeff Schator singled leading off the inning for New Riegel. After two outs, Scott Hoepf singled, putting two Blue Jackets on base. Dan Wetzel doubled to drive in both runs and an error allowed Wetzel to score an insurance run.

St. Joe took a 1-0 lead on a two-out, fifth inning walk to Brad Young, a stolen base and Kevin Yeckley's single.

Winning pitcher Gary Steyer gave up five hits, the same as loser Tim Woolf.

St. Joe is 9-7 and 3-1 in the MAL.

**Old Fort.....11**  
**St. Wendelin .....1**

Dave Shelton pitched five shutout innings for his seventh

victory. He fanned three and walked one while allowing two hits.

Todd Hull, Matt Hiestand and Bob Copley had two hits apiece for Old Fort to lead the eight-hit attack. All of the hits were singles. Copley drove in two runs with Sam Dandar matching them for Old Fort.

Old Fort took advantage of seven walks and two hit batters by St. Wendelin pitchers.

Old Fort is 14-1 and St. Wendelin 4-5.

**Waite .....1**  
**Oak Harbor .....1**

Waite, after spotting Oak Harbor a 1-0 lead in the bottom of the first inning, scored seven times in the second.

Gary Lane hit a grand slam home run in the inning for the Indians. He finished with five RBI.

Duane Weirich drove in two runs and doubled for Oak Harbor.

of the day for the Tigers, gaining the win on the mound and hitting a home run and triple. Todd Hull went three for three for Old Fort.

**Marion .....10-11**

**Ross .....4-8**

The Presidents battered Ross

pitching for 24 hits, 12 in each game, to sweep the twinbill in Marion.

It was the first two Buckeye Conference wins for Marion, now 9-12 overall and 2-4 in the BC. Ross is 8-10, 1-2.

In the opener, Marion jumped out to a 4-0 lead after two innings and upped it to 10-1 after six.

Ross had six hits in that game.

In the nightcap, the Little Giants improved to 10 hits but couldn't quiet the Harding bats. John Stierwalt homered, tripled and doubled to lead the Little Giants. He also drove in three runs. Scott Weber added three singles, and Rob Egbert had a home run and a single.

**Ross .....12**

**Sandusky .....6**

The Little Giants had 18 hits, including a four-for-four performance by John Stierwalt, but had to rally twice for the win. The victory left Ross at 9-10 while Sandusky is 7-11.

Stierwalt tripled twice and singled two times to drive in three runs. Andy Shawl and Rick Egbert had three hits apiece with Rob Egbert and Gregg Gallagher getting two hits apiece for the Little Giants.

Ross trailed 4-1 going into the bottom of the third inning but scored three times to knot the game at 4-4. Sandusky scored twice in the top of the fourth to lead 6-4 but the Little Giants pushed across four run in the bottom of the inning to take the lead for good. Two errors along with RBI singles by Stierwalt and Gallagher, a sacrifice fly by Scott Weber, a double by Rick Egbert and Rob Egbert's single produced the go-ahead inning.

**Oregon Clay.....1**

**Ross.....0**

Mike Caldwell and Tony Reams combined on a two-hit, 13-strikout gem over the Little Giants in Oregon. Mike Hrynciw had both Ross hits.

The loss wasted an outstanding pitching performance by Ross's Rick Egbert, who went the distance and surrendered just five hits. However, one of the hits was a sixth-inning solo homer by Tim Roberts that accounted for the only run of the game.

Ross is now 9-11 while Clay moves to 16-6.