

Ross Falls, Lakota Wins In Section Play

For the first time in three years a Ross high school team will not represent the Fremont Sectional in the district high school baseball tournament. The Little Giants were the victims of strong pitching Saturday in losing a 2-0 decision to Perkins. Perkins' Tom Thomas came out on the long end of a duel with Ross pitcher Chuck Ziemke.

Thomas threw a one-hitter while Ziemke allowed only two hits and one earned run.

In the other Saturday game of Sectional play Lakota lashed

Margaretta, 18-8, in a game as loosely played as the first one was tight. Perkins had played errorless ball in the first game and the opposing pitchers had each allowed only one walk. Ross committed four errors but a run in the second inning, enough to win the game, was earned.

By contrast in the Lakota-Margaretta battle Lakota put forth a 17-hit attack, while the two teams combined for 12 errors. Lakota committed five miscues and Margaretta seven.

The Sectional tournament now continues today, weather permitting with Perkins facing Port Clinton. The winner of this game meets Lakota Tuesday for the tournament championship.

Ross has been the Sectional tournament winner the past two years. In five of the eight years Don Purvis has coached the Little Giants Ross has advanced at least as far as the district tournament.

Ziemke deserved a better fate, according to Purvis, as he allowed only two hits, struck out 10 and walked the one. One of those hits went for a triple off the bat of Bob Grimm. Purvis indicated misjudging by

an outfielder contributed to the extra base status of this hit.

Thomas set the Little Giants down with only a single by Tom Weisz. He struck out 11 and walked one.

Perkins scored what turned out to be the winning run in the second inning with a walk, an infield out which advanced the runner to second base, followed by a two-out wrong field single by Jim Berbie. Berbie, a right-hander lined a ball over second base to drive in the run. The Pirates added an unearned run in the fourth frame after Ziemke struck out the first two batters of the frame. Centerfielder Mac Whatley dropped a fly ball, allowing Perkins' John Cullen to reach second base. Grimm then hit his triple to score the run before Ziemke struck out the final batter of the inning.

Lakota broke its game open with nine runs, seven of them earned, in the fifth inning. Five singles, doubles by Bill Patton and Nick Nighswander, two errors and two walks added up to the nine runs for Lakota.

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ROSS—Whatley, cf, 3-0-0; Hahn, ss, 3-0-0; Zimmerman, c, 3-0-0; Weisz, 1b, 3-0-1; Ziemke, p, 3-0-0; Knipp, rf, 2-0-0; Fausey, 2b, 2-0-0; Arndt, 3b, 2-0-0; Brough, lf, 2-0-0. TOTALS 22-0-1.

PERKINS—Fosco, c, 3-0-0; Walker, ss, 3-0-0; Griggs, cf, 3-0-0; James, rf, 2-1-0; Cullen, lf, 3-1-0; Grimm, 3b, 1-0-1; Verbie, 2b, 2-0-1; Schlessman, 1b, 2-0-0; Thomas, p, 2-0-0. TOTALS 21-2-2.

Score By Innings

ROSS	000 000 0-0-1-4
PERKINS	010 100 x-2-2-0

RBI—Verbie, Grimm. 3B—Grimm.

SO—Thomas, 11; Ziemke, 10. BB—Thomas, 1; Ziemke, 1. Hits Off Thomas, 1 for 0 runs in 7 innings. Off Ziemke, 2 for 1 earned run in 6 innings.

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