

Ross District Bid Fails

Maumee Hurler Fans 19 In 4-1 Victory

Ross high bats were quiet against senior right-hander Chuck Wegner of Maumee Wednesday in the Class AA District baseball final at Anderson Field.

Maumee won the game 4-1, the District championship trophy and a trip to the Class AA Regional semifinals against Lima Senior at Holgate Friday.

Ross was awarded the District runnerup trophy.

Wegner, star quarterback on the Maumee football team, fired strikes past 19 Ross batters (getting four strikeouts in one inning when Dick Dundore, who whiffed, reached first when he swung on a wild pitch, the ball getting by the Maumee catcher), tossed out two runners who hit back to the mound and got Jack White on a popup to third.

Maumee's record is now 11-1 Ross 4-1. Only Maumee loss was to Lake during the regular season, Wegner drawing the setback. His mound record is 6-1. Several major league scouts have been looking over Wegner, a plus 6-footer who weighs about 185 pounds. The Maumee mound ace throws a blazing fast ball, a sharp breaking curve, has a good change-up and also tosses an occasional knuckle ball.

All of the runs in the game were unearned. Dundore, Ross senior left-hander, hurled a fine game himself but was hurt by his own wild pitch and five Ross errors. Dundore allowed only four singles, all in different innings. struck out 10 and walked four. Wegner gave up two walks and had two wild pitches.

Only Hit

Only hit for Ross was a clean single to left in the first inning by senior catcher Denny Stine which drove in Dan Moran with the lone Ross run. Moran, lead-off hitter, reached second on a two-base throwing error by the Maumee third baseman. Stine singled him home to tie the score 1-1 after one frame.

Maumee had tallied a run in the first when the visitors loaded the bases with none out on a walk, single by Bob Hoaf and a Fremont error. Dundore worked himself out of a hole by retiring the next two batters but then uncorked a wild pitch, Hoaf scoring.

In the Maumee fourth, a walk, single by Wegner and another walk loaded the bases with one out. Stine tried to pick the Maumee runner off third, the ball hitting the runner and bounding into left field, run scoring. A walk, two Fremont errors and a single by Mike Baumhower brought in two more Maumee runs in the fifth.

Wegner retired Ross on strikes in the second, third, fourth and sixth innings. He had two singles at bat.

ADDED NOTES — Game was played under adverse weather conditions, a raw wind blowing and temperature near freezing.
John Titsworth, tourney man-

ager, awarded the trophies. The District runnerup trophy marked the 34th straight year that Ross high has won at least a District trophy in some sport.

Maumee (4)				Fremont (1)			
	ab	r	h		ab	r	h
J. Roberts 2b	3	0	0	Moran cf	3	1	0
Hoag c	4	1	1	Gnepper 2b	2	0	0
Motter ss	3	0	0	Dundore p	3	0	0
Donnelly 3b	4	1	0	Stine c	3	0	1
Fording 1b	4	1	0	White 3b	3	0	0
D. Roberts lf	4	0	0	Stout ss	2	0	0
Baumhower rf	2	1	1	a-Huffman	0	0	0
Wegner p	3	0	2	Edwards lf	2	0	0
Ball cf	2	0	0	b-Jaderstrom	1	0	0
				Ripple 1b	3	0	0
				Hufford rf	2	0	0
	29	4	4		24	1	1

a—Walked for Stout in seventh.
b—Struck out for Edwards in seventh.
Score by innings:
Maumee 100 120 0—4 4 1
Ross 100 000 0—1 1 5
Errors—Donnelly, Stout 2, Stine, White, Dundore. Runs batted in—Stine, Baumhower. Stolen bases—J. Roberts, Donnelly. Struck out by—Wegner 19, Dundore 10. Walked by—Wegner 2, Dundore 4. Winning pitcher—Wegner (6-1). Losing pitcher—Dundore (2-1). Wild Pitches—Wegner 2, Dundore. Umpires—Brudzinski (p), Hart (b), Gruse (b).