

# Gallagher's Perfect Pitching, Mates' Hitting Nets Ross District Title



**PERFECT GAME PITCHER**—Doug Gallagher, 18-year-old Fremont Ross left-hander, looks at the baseball he fired past the final Anthony Wayne batter in the District baseball championship game Saturday at Anderson Field. Ross won 4-0 to qualify for the Regional tournament to be played at Lima Friday and Saturday. Gallagher pitched a perfect, no-hit game against Anthony Wayne. He struck out 18, didn't walk a batter and his mates gave him perfect fielding support (on three putouts not recorded by Gallagher himself via the strikeout route) plus a backup 10-hit attack. Gallagher has a 5.0 record this year. He has pitched two no-hitters, two one-hitters and a three-hitter.

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## Ohio's Spring Sports Program Moves Into Pre-State Stage

**By FRITZ HOWELL**  
COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP)—Ohio's four-sport spring sports program, in which more than 25,000 youngsters participate, hits its peak next weekend. Thousands of the budding athletes will be staged aside in track, field, golf, tennis and baseball qualifiers. The survivors of the talent tests will move on to the state championships May 23, 24 and 25 at Ohio State University's athletic plant. Next weekend's track field dis-

meet, and 108 Class A schools qualified 424 boys for the state sent 327 kids into the title chase. Springfield's Wildcats, coached by Bill Clauss, snatched the Class AA crown with 36½ points—although Lakewood finished second with 17. Jefferson Twp. of Montgomery County and Newton Falls Brackville split the Class A laurels, each garnering 24 points to 18 for Cincinnati Deporres. The upcoming state track meet is the 49th annual under competition. Trackers will qualify for the

## Fremont Stock Car Racing Information

Jerry Gabel, local gasoline station operator who covered the stock car racing scene in fine fashion last summer, is again a contributor to the News-Messenger pages this year with his "Around the Oval" column. In his opening article, Gabel says: As the weather turns warm, there's a certain element of this population that thinks mostly in terms of roaring engines, racing cars and that certain smell of burnt exhausts, gas and alcohol that predominates any racing meet.

This article is intended for them—that group of fellow-men who wait anxiously during the cold winter months just to listen to the sound of the roaring stocks.

**No Hot-Rodder**  
A true member of the legion of auto racing fans is not a hot-rodder—one who endangers life and limb by such nonsense as drag-racing on public streets—but one who pays good money to see the skill and integrity of true racing drivers.

The cars, using the term very loosely for the designs of the boys this year have been to chop and channell their mounts, have the appearance of Indianapolis-type racing cars. **Opener Coming Up** Fremont Speedway Management announced that, providing

## Regional Next For Fremont Nine; Giants Trip Anthony Wayne 4-0

Supported by a 10-hit assault by his teammates, Lefty Doug Gallagher fashioned a no-hit, perfect game Saturday as Fremont Ross won the Northwest District Class AA baseball tournament with a 4-0 victory over Anthony Wayne at Anderson Field. Stands were packed to capacity to view the district final between the winner of the Galion Sectional (Fremont Ross) and the Defiance

Sectional winner (Wayne). Victory sends Ross to the Lima Regional Friday and Saturday. First game Friday at Lima will match Rossford against a Central District nine at 1 p. m. with Ross scheduled to play at 4 p. m. against another Central District squad. Fremont plays its game on Diamond No. six in City Park, Lima. Friday winners will meet Saturday for the Regional championship and a spot in the state baseball finals on May 23 and 24. Gallagher, who allowed Mann field only one hit Thursday at Ross won the Galion Sectional 2-0, was even more brilliant against A-W.

The speedy Fremont portender struck out 18 of 21 batters, did not allow a walk and had only two fair balls hit against him. Gallagher retired 18 on strikes, one A-W batter fouled to Ross

catcher Roger Mann, one hit a fumble pop fly to first baseman John Lovel and another a ground ball to third baseman Gary Bierly.

Bierly's fine stop of a tricky bouncer to open the last of the seventh inning and his accurate throw to first base to nip the A-W runner by a stop preserved Gallagher's perfect game.

Meanwhile, Ross produced a batting punch that was its best of the season. The 18 hits collected by Ross off starter Tom Devosier and reliever John Stoder were all singles but two of them did the damage.

Mann led off the first inning by reaching base on an error. John Kelly singled past the A-W third baseman. Bierly popped out and Chuck Houdeshell was safe on a fielder's choice, Mann going to third and Kelly forced at second. Houdeshell stole second. Level then punched a looping single over the shortstop's head to bring in both Mann and Houdeshell.

In the fourth after Gallagher grounded out, Harry Walter singled to left, Mark Walter also singled with H. Walter moving to third. Mark Walter then stole second. Frank Walby came through with a ringing ace to right field, a hard shot past the first baseman, to plate both of the Walter's.

Bierly, with two hits in four at-bats, raised his batting average to .433 on 13 hits in 30 times at the plate. Level had two hits, H. Walter two and Walby two for Coach Lawrence Doren's nine.

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**Finals** 21 0 7 Totals 28 4 10  
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Fremont 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0  
Anthony Wayne 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0



**LAND DISTRICT TROPHY**—John Titworth, left, Class AA District baseball tournament manager, presents the championship trophy to Mark Walter, Ross shortstop, following Fremont's 4-0 win over Anthony Wayne Saturday at Anderson Field. At right is Charles Houdeshell, Ross rightfielder, who is co-captain of the Ross nine along with Mark Walter. Titworth presented the District runner-up trophy to A-Wayne.

## Stan Ranks With Best In National

**By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**  
Stan (The Man) Musial is still shy two hits of becoming the eighth player in major league history to reach the 3,000-hit pinnacle but anyone who says he isn't the greatest star ever spawned by the National League is certain to get an argument. The brilliant St. Louis Cardinal first baseman almost made it Sunday. He rapped five hits as the Redbirds came from behind with ninth inning rallies to overcome the Chicago Cubs twice 8-7 and 6-5 for a sweep of the four game series. One of his hits was his fifth home run of the campaign. Musial ranks first in the league in lifetime total bases (3,196), first

## Musial Only 2 Hits Shy Of Coveted 3,000 Mark

ST. LOUIS (AP)—A party honoring Stan Musial's 3,000th hit turned out to be the celebration of a four-game winning streak by the St. Louis Cardinals.

"It's a good celebration either way," Stan the Man said in the dressing room. Musial made a dramatic run at the 3,000-hit milestone with five hits in a double-header sweep over the Chicago Cubs.

He is now only two hits shy and expects to get them today or Tuesday at Chicago. Musial had three straight hits in the second game before going out his last two times up. "It's great to be winning again," said Musial, now betting an incredible .04. "We've started to get some breaks and the pitcher and his line is looking better."

Some 350 of Musial's friends attended the party and the guests included Sen. Stuart Symington, (D-Mo.), Gov. James T. Blair of Missouri and St. Louis Mayor Raymond R. Tucker.

Stan went hitless the first two games of the series, after hitting safely the first 17 games this season, but he announced the party was on, whether he made it before the home fans or not.

Stan admitted he hit at bad balls his last two times at bat. The 27-year-old Cardinal star will become a millionaire in the