

Giants Hand Marion First Loss, 3-2:

Ross Plays Willard In District Finals

Fremont Ross gained a berth in the district finals Saturday at 1 p.m. in North Robinson against Willard by ousting previously undefeated Marion, 3-2, in a semi-final game Thursday.

The Little Giants scored all three runs in the third inning and held off the Prexies in the late stages. Ned Peddicord worked another strong game for Fremont, giving up only three hits and striking out the final batter of the game after pinch-hitter Shirk homered in the seventh to pull Marion within a run. Peddicord brought his record to 4-0.

Neither team scored in the first inning and Marion threatened in the third with a runner

on second and two outs. Strauss singled to right but Ken Pasch fired a strike to catcher Jerry Binder to nip the sliding runner.

Ross scored its runs in the bottom of the third. Peddicord led off with a walk, Pash followed with a single and then Hagerty singled to score Peddicord. With runners on second and third Binder flied to centerfield and Pasch scored. Hagerty moved to third on the play and came home on Verne Erchenbrecher's infield out.

Marion scored in the fourth on a walk, single and wild pitch. Ross loaded the bases in the sixth but failed to score. Shirk belted his home run in

the seventh but Peddicord fanned rival pitcher Carpenter to end the game. Ross is now 9-0 for the season and Marion 8-1.

Coach Don Purvis is expected to start Mike Frantz in the finals. Frantz displays good control and a sharp-breaking curve ball.

ROSS		MARION	
	ab r h		ab r h
Pasch rf.	3 1 3	A. Rob'son cf	1 0 0
Hagerty ss	2 1 1	Straus 1b	3 0 1
Binder c	2 0 0	Shackelf'd 2b	3 0 0
Erc'br'er 3b	3 0 0	B. Rob'son c	1 1 0
Sanford lf	2 0 0	Dodds lf	3 0 0
Slatter cf	2 0 0	Armstrong ss	3 0 1
Welsz 1b	3 0 0	Kreiter 3b	3 0 0
George 2b	3 0 0	Stewart rf	2 0 0
Peddicord p	2 1 0	Carpenter p	3 0 0
		a-Shirk	1 1 1
Totals	22 3 4	Totals	23 2 3

a—Homered for Stuart in 7th.

Score by Innings

MARION	000	100	1—2
ROSS	003	000	x—3

Little Giants Play Grandview In Regional

Two district championships and two runners-up trophies make for an excellent sports season for Fremont Ross, and the Senior High can claim even greater honors this weekend while participating in the Class 'AA' regional baseball tournament at Lima.

Fremont Ross Saturday blasted Willard 10-5 at North Robinson in the district finals. Ross spotted Willard a 4-0 lead after the top half of the third inning.

Ross this season has won the swimming and baseball titles and finished second in wrestling and basketball.

The Little Giants play Columbus Grandview Friday at 4 o'clock in Lima. Ross needs a victory to set up the regional finals Saturday and a berth in the state tournament.

Willard jumped off with two runs in the first on a two-run homer by Buurma and added two more runs in the third on a single, triple and squeeze play.

Fremont struck back in its half of the third with four runs and a tie. Ken Pasch singled, Dave George singled, and Russ Hagerty, who belted two home runs later, singled to drive in the first run. Then Verne Erchenbrecher slammed a three-run home run to knot the score at 4-4.

Little Giants went ahead in the fourth when Jerry Slatter reached base on a fielder's choice and moved to third on a single by Pasch. He scored on an error.

Russ Hagerty put Ross ahead for good in the fifth with a solo home run to centerfield. Mike Frantz then settled down to hold the Willard batters at bay. Fremont added four more runs in the sixth inning.

Jerry Binder doubled and scored on Pasch's third hit. Pasch was out attempting to steal but Don Weisz walked and Frantz was hit by a pitch. Hagerty unloaded his second home run to give the Giants breathing room and the district crown.

Pasch went six-for-six in the district, Hagerty had four-for-six and Ross pitchers now have completed all 10 starts in an unbeaten campaign.

ROSS		WILLARD	
	ab r h		ab r h
George 2b	4 1 1	Poster 1b	3 1 2
Hagerty ss	4 3 3	Velelean p	3 1 1
Erchenbrecher 3b	4 1 2	Henry 3b	2 0 0
Sanford lf	3 0 0	Buurma c	2 1 1
Binder c	3 1 1	Knott rf	3 0 0
Slatter cf	3 1 0	Van Lee ss	3 0 0
Pasch rf	3 0 3	Pugh cf	2 0 0
Weisz 1b	1 1 0	Christoff lf	3 0 0
Frantz p	2 2 0	Wiles 2b	2 2 1
		o-Fredrick rf	1 0 0
		b-Eberly p	1 0 0
Totals	27 10 10	Totals	25 5 5

a—Filed out for Henry in 6th.
b—Filed out for Pugh in 7th.

Score by Innings: 202 010 0—5
WILLARD 004 114 X—10
ROSS