

Ross, Clyde, Genoa defeat baseball foes

The Ross Little Giants broke a 1-1 tie with three runs in the third inning and then cruised to an 8-1 opening-day baseball victory over Maumee at Anderson Field Thursday.

Jay Bowers and John Rios led the 10-hit offensive attack for Ross while Tom Pena and Doug Gallagher did the honors from the mound.

Bowers and Rios each had three hits. Bowers also knocked in two runs.

Pena started and went five innings to gain the win. He struck out six batters and walked one while giving up five hits and one unearned run.

Gallagher followed with two innings of two-hit, shutout ball. He struck out four and walked none.

"Being the first game, I thought we did really well defensively," Coach Chuck Lindsey said of his teams' one-error performance. "And I was surprised with our hitting. I thought we would have more trouble with that because we haven't been able to get outside much."

Ross blanks Harding; Streaks beaten 15-2

By BOB MARKER
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Ross won the way Coach Chuck Lindsey thought it would Monday afternoon in the first Buckeye Conference baseball test for the Little Giants.

The Little Giants used two of their three hits in the second inning to push across a run and then rode defense and the four-hit pitching of Brian Humbarger to a 1-0 win over Marion Harding.

"It was our pitching and defense," Lindsey said after guiding his team to its second win against a tie in three games this spring. "That's just like I said it was going to be this year — pitching and defense — and that is what won it."

In other area games, St. Joe was bounced by Sandusky St. Mary's 15-2, Tiffin Calvert edged Clyde 3-1, Lakota blanked Otsego 7-0, Eastwood rolled over Gibsonburg 14-6, Old Fort squeezed past Seneca East 7-6 and Woodward defeated Genoa in a slugfest 15-9.

Jay Bowers doubled and stole third to set up Ross's run in the second. Jim Burkett followed with a single to give Humbarger the run he needed.

The righthander fanned nine and did not walk a batter.

Ross loaded the bases in the sixth with two out but did not score.

ST. MARY'S 15, ST. JOE 2
St. Mary's scored 11 runs in the first two innings while taking advantage of shoddy St. Joe fielding to cruise to the Sandusky Bay Conference victory.

Mark Gabel was saddled with the pitching loss for the Crimson Streaks.

"Errors got Gabel in trouble," St. Joe Coach Gary Geller said. "We had four (errors) before we took him out."

St. Mary's had 10 hits with Dave Ulmer slamming a homer to lead the assault. St. Joe, 0-2, got two hits from Gabel.

CALVERT 3, CLYDE 1
Clyde grabbed a 1-0 lead in the top of the second inning but Calvert scored a run in the fourth on Grant Heminger's homer and plated two more in the fifth for the SBC win.

Jon Eubanks' walk, a passed ball and Jim Franks' double scored Clyde's run. In the Calvert

fifth, a walk, single and a throwing error scored the runs.

Franks had two hits for Clyde but the Fliers, 2-1, stranded eight runners.

LAKOTA 7, OTSEGO 0
Jim Bickel tossed a four-hitter and Dave Miller provided him with the runs he needed on a two-run double in the first inning as the Raiders, 4-1, won the Suburban Lakes League contest.

Bickel, who tripled in a run in the fourth, fanned seven and walked three. Tom Sprow had two hits, drove in another and scored three runs for the Raiders. Larry Ray added a pair of hits.

EASTWOOD 14, GIBSONBURG 6
Dean Helm hit a grand slam homer and Brad Emmons drove in four runs to pace Eastwood to the SLL win.

Helm's slam was in the seventh and topped off the win.

Paul Sanchez, who absorbed the mound loss, doubled but the Golden Bears' biggest hit was a three-run homer by Andy Kohler in the fourth.

GIBSONBURG 14, OLD FORT 7, SENECA EAST 6
Old Fort scored four runs in the third and three in the fifth for a 7-0 lead but had to hang on as Seneca East scored six times in the sixth.

"They (Seneca East) did not hit the ball that hard," Old Fort Coach Steve Blue said, "they just got the bat on the ball in the sixth, hit a couple of bleeders over the infield and scored the runs."

Joe Schock paced Old Fort's nine-hit attack with a three-run homer in the third. Todd Groves added three base hits.

Mike Zimmerman was the winning pitcher.

WOODWARD 15, GENOA 9
Woodward ripped Genoa pitchers for 14 hits to hand the Comets their second loss in four games.

Steve Kowalski had three hits, including a grand slam homer in the third, for six RBIs for Woodward.

Rob Lowe doubled and had a three-run homer for Genoa. Ron Keaton had two hits and Bob Alliger doubled and singled for two runs for the Comets.

Woodward is 3-0.



(N-M photo by Bill Kennedy)
BRIAN HUMBARGER of Ross watches the flight of the ball as it sails toward a Marion Harding batter Monday during a game at Anderson Field. The Little Giants right-hander tossed a four-hitter in the Buckeye Conference victory.

Both sights had Anderson smiling

By BRUCE LOWITT
AP Sports Writer

The only thing Detroit Manager Sparky Anderson scattered eight hits over seven innings, including Jerry Martin's third-inning homer and sixth-inning RBI-single.

Ross sweeps Findlay twinbill

The Ross baseball team kept its early-season record unblemished by sweeping Findlay 5-4, 3-2 Thursday in Findlay.

The first game was the conclusion of a suspended game from April 16. The second game went nine innings before it was decided.

In other area high school baseball action yesterday, Port Clinton nipped St. Joe 6-5 in nine innings, Gibsonburg beat North Baltimore 11-8, Cardinal Stritch edged Woodmore 9-8 and Toledo Central Catholic defeated Genoa 12-8.

At Findlay, the day got started with Ross batting in the fifth inning with the score tied 3-3. The Little Giants wasted no time as John Rios and Brian Hum-

barger got aboard with a walk and a single, respectively. Jay Bowers then singled both runners home for the eventual winning runs.

Humbarger pitched the final three innings, allowing one run and two walks and striking out six, to gain his second win in two decisions. Bowers had three hits for the game.

In Game Two, Findlay scored one run in the bottom of the sixth to tie it at 2-2, and neither team scored in the seventh.

In the top of the ninth, Rios walked. He stole second base and went to third when the catcher's throw went into center field. Doug Gallagher's single plated Rios with the winning run.

Rios then concluded his three innings of no-run, one-hit relief pitching by shutting out the Trojans in the ninth. He was the winning pitcher.

Gallagher, Humbarger and Mark Hulka all went two for three in the nightcap.

Ross is now 4-0 and will be at Lorain Senior Saturday for a doubleheader.

Port Clinton 6, St. Joe 5

The Redskins scored four runs in the bottom of the sixth to tie it up and then got the winning run in the bottom of the ninth to close out the Streaks in a Sandusky Bay Conference encounter in PC.

Eric Papcun was the main offensive threat for Port Clinton. His two-run homer in the

bottom of the sixth helped the 'Skins wipe out a 5-1 St. Joe lead. Bob Smith's run-scoring single in that inning tied the game at 5-5.

In the bottom of the ninth, Papcun hit a two-out single to score Duane Norman, who was aboard via a walk.

Greg Ehrmann went the distance for St. Joe to absorb the loss. Jim Dole took the win.

Terry Galway had two hits for PC as did Mark Gabel and Mark Coleman for the Streaks.

Gibsonburg 11, North Baltimore 8

The host Golden Bears scored early and then held a late surge by North Baltimore to gain their second win in six games this season.

With NB ahead 3-2 in the bottom of the second

scored six runs in the top of the seventh inning to nip the host Wildcats.

"That last inning we just did not execute," said Woodmore Coach Vic Welch. "We had two errors on one play; it looked like a chinese fire drill out there."

The Wildcats, now 2-2, had four errors in the last inning. Bill Yeager, in relief of Steve Harsanje, took the loss. Yeager was the victim of the two-error play.

Offensively for Woodmore, Paul Overmyer went three for three. Tim Coll, Bruce Lenox and Harsanje all had two hits apiece.

Central 12, Genoa 8

The Comets scored eight runs and lashed out 12 hits, but it wasn't enough to beat TCC. The Irish had 13 hits of their own. Their big inning

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Ross 5

Findlay 4

First game

Score by innings

| | | | | R | H | E |
|---------|-----|-----|-----|---|---|---|
| Ross | 300 | 020 | 0-5 | 6 | 3 | |
| Findlay | 100 | 210 | 0-4 | 9 | 1 | |

WP: Brian Humbarger; LP: Shannon Clark.

Ross 3

Findlay 2

Second game

Score by innings

| | | | | R | H | E |
|---------|-----|-----|-------|---|---|---|
| Ross | 100 | 100 | 001-3 | 9 | 1 | |
| Findlay | 001 | 001 | 000-2 | 7 | 3 | |

WP: John Rios; LP: Bruce Porter

Double: Doug Gallagher, Ross.

Season record: Ross 4-0, Findlay 4-3.

Little Giants split; St. Joe loses two

Two Ross pitchers allowed no earned runs in two games, but the Little Giants still managed only to split a twinbill with Lorain Senior in Lorain Saturday.

Junior Doug Gallagher struck out nine, walked one and scattered eight hits to pace the Giants to a 3-2 win in the first game.

Senior Tom Pena pitched a one-hitter but still lost the second game 1-0.

In other area high school baseball action Saturday, Toledo Bowsher hammered St. Joe twice 18-2, 23-10, Genoa beat Rossford 11-6 and Woodmore edged Cleveland Central Catholic 15-11 and then lost 14-3 to Lakewood St. Edward in a doubleheader.

In the first game at Lorain, the Little Giants trailed 2-0 going into the sixth inning. They were also without a hit up to that point.

But Gallagher broke up the Steelmen's no-hit bid with a double. Brian Humbarger singled him home and then Jay Bowers walked. Both runners moved up on a passed ball before Brian Farr knocked in the tying and eventual winning runs with a single.

In the nightcap, the Steelmen scored an unearned run the first inning and that was all Terry Masekson needed. His two-hitter was good enough to beat Pena's one hitter. Ross left 13 runners on base as Masekson walked eight batters and the Steelmen had four errors.

Ross is now 5-1. The Giants host Clyde Tuesday.

Sectional baseball pairings.

Fremont Ross, denied one of the two seeded spots, will take on Toledo Macomber at 1:30 p.m., Saturday, in the first round of the Class AAA Sectional Baseball Tournament at Oregon Clay High School.

Drawings for all three Ohio high school classification were staged Monday.

The Little Giants, 6-1, lost out at a seeded spot when the coaches voted Oregon Clay, 8-2, the top seed and Toledo Central Catholic, 7-1, the second seed.

The winner of the Ross-Macomber game will play Woodward at 4:30 p.m., Thursday, May 6. In the other upper bracket game, St. Francis will take on Central Catholic Monday at 4:30.

Clay will play Toledo Start, 6-2, in the lower bracket. DeVilbiss will play Scott at 4 p.m. Saturday with the winner going against Waite Thursday at 7 p.m.

In the Class A at Old Fort, Calvert will play Danbury at 11:30 a.m. Saturday with St. Joe

taking on second seeded Norwalk St. Paul at 1:30 p.m. Monroeville will play Seneca East at 4:30 that day in the lower bracket with top-seeded South Central playing Old Fort at 4:30 p.m., Monday, May 3.

The sectional finals are Saturday, May 8 at noon and 2:30 p.m.

Three games will be played Saturday in the Class AA at Lakota High School. Mohawk will play Fostoria and Genoa takes on Oak Harbor at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m., respectively in upper bracket games. In the lower bracket, Elmwood plays Clyde at 5 p.m.

On Monday at Lakota, Port Clinton and Lakota will square off at 4:30 p.m. The finals are at 1

and 4 p.m., May 8.

At Bettsville's Class A Sectional, Bettsville and Woodmore play at 10 a.m. Saturday with the winner playing New Riegel at 4:30 p.m., May 4. In the lower bracket, Hopewell-Loudon takes on Carey and Fostoria St. Wendelin goes against Gibsonburg.

St. Mary's and Bellevue will open the Class AA at Perkins High School in an 8 a.m. game Saturday. In the second game at 11 a.m., Perkins plays Margaretta. In the upper bracket, Norwalk plays Western Reserve at 1:30 p.m. and top-seeded Edison, 10-1, takes on Huron at 4 p.m.

The upper bracket finals are Monday and the lower bracket finals are Tuesday.



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Ross stops Clyde 6-1

Ross spotted Clyde a run in the first before taking command in the second inning for a 6-1 non-league victory at Anderson Field.

Clyde got the only run off Ross pitcher Brian Farr on an error.

In the Ross second, Bobby Clark and Dave Eicher walked and Steve Ebert doubled in both runners. The Little Giants added a run in the third and led the game with two in the fifth.

Farr gave up five hits, struck out five and walked two. It was his first mound win of the season.

Brian Humbarger doubled and Tom Pena had two hits to pace Ross's seven-hit attack. Rob Palicka and Jim Risner doubled for Clyde. Risner had two hits.

In other area high school baseball action Tuesday, Calvert crushed Old Fort 20-4, Woodmore hammered Oak Harbor 14-3, Genoa edged Eastwood 6-4, Elmwood stopped Lakota 2-0, Port Clinton beat Toledo Central Catholic 4-2, Otsego defeated Gibsonburg 10-1, and Plymouth nipped Margaretta 6-5.

CLAVERT 20, OLD FORT 4

Calvert combined a 15-hit attack with 11 Old Fort errors to crush the Stockaders at Old Fort.

The Stockaders led 1-0 after the first inning, but the Senecas scored six times in the second and five times in the third to start the rout.

Ken Schreiner and Todd Company did most of the

Genoa, now 4-1 in the league and 7-4 overall, committed five errors while Eastwood, now 3-1 in the SLL and 3-4-1 overall, had six.

Dan Thompson tought off the shaky defense to register the complete-game victory for Genoa. He struck out 11 and worked his way out of bases-loaded jams in the second and seventh innings to up his record to 2-1.

Mark Vogepohl had three hits and Brian Dickinson had two for the winners. Genoa hosts Toledo Waite Thursday.

ELMWOOD 2, LAKOTA 0

Elmwood's Kerry Rothenbuhler handed Lakota its first SLL loss of the season with a four-hitter in Bloomsdale.

Rothenbuhler's seven-strikeout, no-walk performance outdid Jim Bickel's five-hit, two-strikeout, one-walk effort.

Both Elmwood runs were unearned. Elmwood is now 4-2 overall and 2-2 in the SLL. Lakota is 6-2 and 3-1.

PORT CLINTON 4, CENTRAL 2

Port Clinton wiped out a 1-0 Toledo Central Catholic lead with two runs in the bottom of the fourth inning and then added single runs in the fifth and sixth for the win.

Eric Papcun singled, stole second and Jim Wildman singled in the Redskins' first run in the fourth. Wildman took second on the throw and



(N-M photo by Bill Kennedy)

ROSS CATCHER Dave Eicher gets set to catch the ball and apply the tag to an unidentified Clyde runner during action in Tuesday's 6-1 Ross victory at Anderson Field.

Whitmer blanks Ross; St. Joe tops Clyde

An unearned run in the first inning was all that Whitmer pitcher Jim Oehlers needed to hand Ross its second loss in nine games, 4-0 at Toledo.

Losing pitcher Brian Humbarger walked leadoff hitter Tom Nagle to set up Whitmer's run. Nagle attempted to steal second and made it when Ross catcher Jay Bowers' throw went into center. The ball got past centerfielder Jim Burkett and Nagle made it all the way home for the run.

Oehlers limited Ross to three hits and the Little Giants stranded seven runners. Bobby Clark doubled for Ross's only extra base hit. Oehlers fanned six and walked one.

In other area high school baseball action yesterday, St. Joe beat Clyde 4-2, Port Clinton nipped Perkins 2-1, Gibsonburg belted Oak Harbor 16-1, Margaretta handed Huron an 11-2 beating and Old Fort blanked Bettsville 2-0.

ST. JOE 4, CLYDE 2

St. Joe scored two runs in the top of the sixth inning to insure the Sandusky Bay Conference win.

After one out in the St. Joe sixth, Phil Mosser doubled. Tim Barbour

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grounded out but Tony Chalet was hit by Clyde pitcher Tim Robertson to put runners on first and third. Dave Rhineberger plated both with his second triple of the game to give the Streaks a 4-1 lead.

St. Joe had scored single runs in the first and third innings.

Greg Ehrman was the winning pitcher, going the distance while allowing three hits, striking out four and walking two.

Mark Gabel and Mosser, along with Rhineberger, had two hits apiece.

PORT CLINTON 2, PERKINS 1

Port Clinton scored two runs in the bottom of the seventh to nip the Pirates.

Jim Dole singled leading off the Redskins' final turn at bat. He stole second and scored on Scott Appell's pinch-hit double to right center. Dave Duvall, running for Appell, went to third when Tim Scott hit back to Perkins's pitcher Ken Nixon.

After getting Scott at first, the Perkins first baseman overthrew the third baseman while trying to catch Duvall. The error allowed Duvall to score, giving Port Clinton its seventh win in nine games.

Jeff Joiner had given Perkins a 1-0 lead with a home run in the third.

Tim Wildman was the winning pitcher, allowing four hits.

GIBSONBURG 16, OAK HARBOR 1

Gibsonburg collected 17 hits including four each by brothers Jim and Jeff Cantrell in easily winning the Suburban Lakes League game. Jim Cantrell had four RBIs.

Gibsonburg scored two runs in the first and put the game away with five in the second and six in the third.

Jeff Cantrell had a triple while Mark Russer doubled twice and Craig Diekman once for the Golden Bears. Dave Buehler doubled for Oak Harbor.

Mark Sneider and Diekman had two hits apiece.

Brian Nagy pitched five innings, giving up three hits, one run, striking out three and walking none.

MARGARETTA 11, HURON 2

Margaretta broke a 2-2 tie with nine runs in the bottom of the sixth to cage the Tigers.

RBI singles by Jeff Keegan, Jammie Warren, Todd Bayse and Ted Keller scored a run apiece. Kevin Balduff singled in two more and Bill Gonzales had a run scoring squeeze bunt. The final two runs scored on an error.

Keller had tied the game in the fifth with a two-run single.

Mike Payne was the winning pitcher, giving up four hits, striking out nine and walking five.

OLD FORT 2, BETTSVILLE 0

Old Fort scored twice in the bottom of the sixth to get past Bettsville.

Winning pitcher Mike Zimmerman singled to left and went to third when the ball got past the leftfielder. Bart Clouse singled in Zimmerman with the final run scored on singles by Todd Groves, Doug Miller and Dave Heilman.

Zimmerman allowed eight hits, striking out three and walking two.

Greg Miller had a triple for Old Fort and Mike Murphy doubled for Bettsville.

3rd loss to Ross for Findlay

So far this season, the Ross High baseball team has Findlay's number, but just barely.

For the third time in one week, the Little Giants beat the Trojans by one run, 3-2 Thursday afternoon at Anderson Field.

The victory keeps Ross undefeated in Buckeye Conference Western Division play at 4-0. Findlay has yet to win a conference game.

In other area high school baseball action yesterday, Gibsonburg pummeled Bettsville 14-8, Bellevue nipped Clyde 15-12 and Toledo Waite got by Genoa 7-5.

John Rios was the pitching star for Ross while a host of Little Giants figured in the scoring attack.

Rios allowed six hits, struck out eight and walked one in going the distance. He shut out the Trojans over the last four innings to up his record to 2-0.

Ross scored its first two runs in the second inning on a Bobby Clark single and back-to-back RBI doubles by Dave Eicher and Jim Burkett. The eventual winning

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run was scored in the fifth. Doug Gallagher followed a Rios double with an RBI single.

Gallagher, Jay Bowers and Brian Farr all had two hits for Ross.

The Little Giants will play Toledo Macomber Saturday at 1:30 p.m. in the Class AAA sectional opener at Oregon Clay.

Gibsonburg 14, Bettsville 8

Gibsonburg scored six runs in the first inning to pave its way to the free scoring victory.

Two walks followed by Mark Rusher's double scored the first two runs for the Golden Bears. Jeff Cantrell followed with a double to put Gibsonburg ahead of the Bobcats who had scored twice in the top of the first.

Jim Cantrell singled to score his brother. An error, walk and a sacrifice fly by Craig Diekman plated the fifth run and Jim Potridge's double gave Gibsonburg a 6-2 lead after the first frame.

Jamie Stricker,

making his first appearance on the mound, was the winning pitcher. He started and hurled four innings, giving up two runs.

Gibsonburg is 4-6. Bellevue 15, Clyde 12

Trailing 12-10, Bellevue exploded for five runs in the bottom of the sixth inning to shoot past Clyde in an offensive display for both teams.

The Redmen, now 6-5, and the Fliers, now 2-7, combined for 32 hits. Jim Canode led the

Bellevue 15-hit attack with a three-for-three performance. Joe Green was two for four, including a home run.

Terry Miracle was three for three for Clyde. Mike Strausbaugh also had three hits while Bill Selvey, Jack Engeman, Mark Gill and Chuck Gent added two apiece. Miracle, Selvey and Gill had two RBI apiece. One of Gill's hits was a home run.

Waite 7, Genoa 5

Toledo Waite took advantage of some timely walks and three Genoa errors to edge the

Comets in Genoa.

Losing pitcher Jim Whitt walked three batters in the first inning, and combined with one Genoa error and three Waite hits, the visitors scored four runs.

The Comets, however, came back to take a 5-4 lead after five innings before two more errors in the sixth inning led to two more Waite runs. The winners scored an insurance run in the seventh.

Witt, Laurence St. John, Ray Castilleja and Ron Keaton had two hits apiece for Genoa.

Greg Pruitt feels he never had

CLEVELAND (AP) — Veteran running back Greg Pruitt says his only regret about leaving the Cleveland Browns is that he never got the opportunity to lose his starting job.

"When I was injured in 1979, I was a starting running back and I never got the chance to keep my job or to have

someone take it away from me," the four-time All Pro said Thursday.

Pruitt, a nine-year Browns' veteran who was among all-time leaders in several offensive categories, said he is considering retirement but will not decide until he meets with Oakland Raiders officials. Pruitt was

traded to Oakland on a Wednesday for future draft considerations.

"I think to quit would mean that I agree with the Browns — that I'm washed up," Pruitt said. "I'm disappointed more than angry or upset or

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Woodmore wins 'A' sectional title

Woodmore moved into the Class A District Baseball Tournament Tuesday when the Wildcats unleashed a 13-hit attack for an 11-3 victory over New Riegel in the sectional finals at Bettsville.

Jeff Rospert hammered a triple, two doubles and a single to pace Coach Vic Welch's team. Rospert drove in the Wildcats' first run with a triple in the six-run second inning.

In other games, St. Joe defeated St. Mary's 4-3, Sandusky defeated Ross 3-2, Genoa knocked off Oak Harbor 8-4 in Suburban Lakes League play and Eastwood stopped Gibsonburg 14-6 in another SLL game.

Winning Woodmore pitcher Bill Yeager fanned nine and did not walk a batter. He surrendered a run in the top of the second but Woodmore's six in the bottom of the inning put Yeager in complete control.

Jeff Perkins doubled and singled for two RBI to go with Rospert's four RBI. Steve Harsanje drove in two more Woodmore runs with a pair of hits and Tim Croll had two singles.

Scott Kelbey of New Riegel homered.

Woodmore is 8-4.
ST. JOE 4, ST. MARY'S 3

Rob Kerr scored on a disputed play in the bottom of the seventh inning to

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give St. Joe the win and knock St. Mary's out of a virtual tie for the Sandusky Bay Conference lead.

The Panthers trailed Port Clinton by a half-game before the loss. St. Mary's had a 4-2 SBC mark while the Redskins have a 5-2 record going into this afternoon's games.

After two were out in the St. Joe seventh, Kerr singled and stole second. Mark Gabel singled to rightcenter for his second hit to score Kerr on a play that St. Joe Coach Gary Geller admitted, "I would really have hated to call the play . . ."

St. Mary's had tied the game in the top of the seventh, scoring two runs on one hit, two errors and a fielder's choice.

Gabel and Mark Coleman had two hits apiece for St. Joe. Coleman and Bryan Yeckley doubled for the Streaks, 5-8.

St. Joe is 5-4 in the SBC after its fourth straight conference win.

Greg Ehrman was the winning pitcher, giving up four hits.

SANDUSKY 3, ROSS 2

Sandusky survived five errors to

hand Ross its third loss in 12 games. The Blue Streaks scored a run in second and two in the third.

Doug Gallagher of Ross gave up only three hits.

Ross scored single runs in the fourth and sixth innings.

Johnny Rios had three singles for the Little Giants.

Ross will host Whitmer at 4 today before taking on Toledo Woodward at 4:30 p.m. Thursday at Oregon in the Class AAA Sectional Tournament semifinals.

EASTWOOD 14, GIBSONBURG 6

Eastwood took the air out of Gibsonburg early, scoring five times in the first and seven more in the second.

The Golden Bears answered with five runs in the fourth but still trailed 13-5.

Jamie Stricker had two hits for Gibsonburg. Jamie Reiser doubled and singled twice for Eastwood.

St. Joe girls edge Huron; New Riegel drubs Giants

Ross avenges earlier loss to Whitmer

Ross avenged an earlier season loss and the Little Giants seniors pulled off a first during a 12-5 lacing of Toledo Whitmer at Anderson Field Wednesday.

Whitmer had defeated Ross 4-0, one of three defeats the Little Giants have in 13 games this season, and the reversal of Ross form gave the crop of Little Giants seniors their first win over a Whitmer team.

An 11-hit, eight-run fifth inning by Ross broke a 4-4 deadlock.

In other games, Port Clinton kept its hold on the Sandusky Bay Conference lead with a 2-1 win over Perkins, Calvert outslugged Clyde 14-9, Margaretta shaded Perkins 5-4 and Genoa defeated Toledo Start, also by a 5-4 count.

The Little Giants had 15 hits to back the six-hit pitching of Brian Humbarger. The Ross senior struck out seven, walked two and gave up three earned runs. He also helped himself with a run scoring single in the fifth and two hits.

Jay Bowers, Bobby Clark, Troy Logan and Jim Hufford doubled for the Little Giants. Hufford had a two-run single in the fifth.

Today at 4:30, Ross travels to Oregon to take on Toledo Woodward in the Class AAA Sectional semifinals.

PORT CLINTON 2, HURON 1

Port Clinton won its sixth SBC game out of eight with single runs in the first and fifth to go with the four-hit pitching of Eric Papcun.

Two errors produced the first inning run. A single by Duane Norman, stolen base, Papcun's single and a double steal accounted for the other run.

CALVERT 13, CLYDE 9

Calvert erupted for eight runs in the third inning and then held off Clyde for the SBC win. There were 13 errors, seven by Clyde, in the loosely played game.

Calvert had five hits, three errors and walk in the big inning.

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MARGARETTA 5, PERKINS 4

Tim Dwight's two-run single in the fifth inning wiped out a 4-3 Perkins lead over the Polar Bears.

Margaretta had scored three runs after two were out in the first inning to hold the lead until Perkins scored a run in the fourth and three more in the fifth.

Singles by Ted Keller, Kevin Balduff, Darren Wiswell, a stolen base and Mike Payne's two-run single accounted for Margaretta's first inning scoring.

GENOA 5, START 4

Bob Allgier's towering 375-foot home run with a man on tied the fame at 4-4 for Genoa in the bottom of the seventh.

Mark Vogelwohl and Dan Thompson followed with infield singles and Laurence St. John stroked a game winning single to center to score Vogelwohl.

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Ross hangs on to top Streaks; Lakota wins

Ross held off a last inning Sandusky uprising to take an 8-7 high school baseball win at Anderson Field Tuesday.

John Rios took over for Ross starter Brian Humbarger with one out and runners on first and third. Five runs had crossed the plate.

Rios got Kevin Johnson to line to Little Giants Third baseman Jim Hufford who stepped on the bag to double Kin Conlin and end the game.

In other area games, Lakota scored four runs in the seventh to defeat Eastwood 9-6 in a Suburban Lakes League game, Woodmore defeated Genoa 4-2, Port Clinton defeated Margaretta 3-1, Gibsonburg defeated Oak Harbor 26-9 and Lakeside defeated Old Fort 10-7.

Humbarger pitched six and one-third innings before Rios took over. In the first five innings, Humbarger had limited the Blue Streaks to one hit.

A walk, Conlin's double and Johnson's two-run single broke Humbarger's hold in the sixth.

Ross held a 5-0 lead heading into the sixth. A three-run outburst by the Little Giants made it 8-2 heading into the seventh.

Rios was four for four with two RBI and Doug Gallagher finished with three hits for two more RBI for the Little Giants.

LAKOTA 9, EASTWOOD 6

The Raiders used three walks, a fielder's choice, a double by Tony Swartz and a single by Chris Chalfin to score the seventh inning runs. The victory kept Lakota on top of the SLL race with a 5-1 mark.

Eastwood had taken a 6-5 lead with two runs in both the fifth and sixth innings.

Jim Bickel, 5-2, pitched the final two innings in relief of starter Larry Ray to earn the win.

Jamie Reiser homered and losing pitcher Dean Helm tripled for Eastwood. Tom Sprow doubled and singled twice, Chalfin had two hits, Ray and Kevin Tiell doubled for the Raiders.

WOODMORE 4, GENOA 2

Woodmore scored two runs in the first and third innings to pull past the Comets.

Winning pitcher Scott Sandwisch

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tossed a three-hitter and hit an RBI single in the first and tripled in both runs in third for Woodmore. He struck out seven and walked six. Genoa stranded seven runners in the first five innings.

Sandwisch was two for two for the game. Teammate Jeff Rospert tripled.

Losing pitcher Dan Thompson allowed six hits.

PORT CLINTON 3, MARGARETTA 1

Eric Papcun slammed a three-run homer in the bottom of the fifth inning to get the Redskin past Margaretta. The Port Clinton crew is 10-5 overall and 7-3 in Sandusky Bay Conference race.

Margaretta scored its run in the fourth after two outs. An error, a walk and Mike Payne's single scored the only run off winning pitcher Jim Weldman.

Wildman gave up two hits. Payne took the loss, pitching a four-hitter.

GIBSONBURG 26, OAK HARBOR 9

Gibsonburg scored 10 runs in the fourth inning and collected 21 hits in the free scoring contest. The loss was the 13th against no wins for Oak Harbor.

Mark Rusher homered and tripled and drove in four while scoring five runs for Gibsonburg. Jeff Contrell had four singles, drove in three runs and scored five time and Brian Nagy, Jim Potridge and Mark Sneider had three hits apiece. Sneider drove in four runs. Andy Kohler and Graig Diekmann doubled for Gibsonburg.

Jim Hungate and Brickner tripled for Oak Harbor. Jeff Wilkins had two hits and four RBIs, also for Oak Harbor.

LAKESIDE 10, OLD FORT 7

Joe Shock tripled and doubled once for Old Fort but the Stockaders were unable to hold off the Lakers.

Lakeside scored five runs in the fifth inning to break a 4-4 deadlock. Pat Fontana homered and tripled for Lakeside.

The win was the second in 11 games for Lakeside while Old Fort's record is now 5-8.

Findlay netters stop Giants

FINDLAY — Matt Collins won easily, but his teammates dropped their matches as Ross fell 4-1 to Findlay in high school tennis action Tuesday.

Collins, in No. 1 singles, hammered Dale Wynkoop 6-2, 6-1. But Findlay's No. 2 and No. 3 singles players, Brad Baker and Greg Olson, returned the favors to Bob Lopez (6-0, 6-3) and

Kurt Swartzlander (6-0, 6-0), respectively.

It was somewhat closer in doubles. Findlay's Brad Weaver and D.P. Baker edged Ross Paulson and Jon Ickes 6-3, 5-7, 6-2 and the Trojans' Dave Saunders and Richie Weldy beat Dave Miller and Chris Shirvis 7-6, 6-4.

Findlay upped its record to 12-4 with the win while Ross dropped to 4-6.

Ross' late heroics edge Eagles, 3-2

The Ross Little Giants scored two runs in the top of the seventh inning to defeat a very good Oregon Clay club 3-2 Wednesday in Oregon.

It was only the second loss of the season out of 17 games for the Eagles, who are still alive in Class AAA district action. Ross, meanwhile, improved its mark to 13-4.

In other area high school baseball action Wednesday, Perkins beat Clyde 9-1 and Genoa banked Fostoria 13-4.

The Little Giants grabbed the early lead 1-0 on a Tom Pena solo home run in the second inning. But Clay touched starting pitcher Pena for one run in both the bottom of the second and third innings to take a 2-1 lead.

Neither team dented the scoring column again until the top of the seventh.

John Rios led off the inning with a single. He stole second base and went to third when the ball went into centerfield. Rios scored the tying run on a sacrifice fly by Doug Gallagher.

Jay Bowers followed with a walk, and Coach Chuck Lindsey sent in Willie Martin to pinch run. Bobby Clark singled Martin to third.

Martin then scored the game-winner when Clark intentionally got in a rundown while making it look like he was going to steal second base.

Gallagher, who relieved Pena in the fourth, gained the win. Gallagher gave up no runs, one hit and struck out four.

"It was a good win for us," said Lindsey. "At least the kids know they have beaten some good teams."

PERKINS 9, CLYDE 1

Clyde had one more hit than Perkins (8-7), but the Pirates had the bigger ones to beat the Fliers in a Sandusky Bay Conference encounter in Sandusky.

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The Pirates' Matt Brammer followed two walks and a single with a grand slam home run in the third inning and Gary Joiner clouted a two-run shot in the fourth inning to provide the power for Perkins.

Rob Palicka and Terry Miracle led the Fliers with two hits apiece.

Chuck Gent suffered the loss for Clyde, its 13th in 17 games this season and 10th in 11 SBC clashes.

Clyde left 10 runners on base.

The Fliers are at Fostoria today.

GENOA 13, FOSTORIA 4

Three Genoa school records were either tied or set as the Comets shelled the visiting Redmen with its 15-hit attack.

Laurence St. John set a new school mark with his sixth triple of the season, breaking Jeff Shanezk's eight-year-old mark of five for a season.

Gary Stansbury tied two other records. Stansbury scored four runs, which ties him with many other Comets, according to Coach Bob Baird, and he also stole five bases yesterday, tying the mark set by Junior Sanchez in 1972. Stansbury also had two hits and two RBI Wednesday.

Other leading hitters for Genoa included Rob Lowe, Dirk Lau and Bob Allgier, all with two hits apiece.

Lowe, the third of three Comet hurlers, gained his seventh win in eight decisions.

Genoa, now 14-7, will be at Toledo St. Francis today.

Ross rolls past Fliers 12-2

Tom Pena and Brian Humbarger smacked home runs and Ross scored in every inning in a 12-2 victory over Clyde Tuesday at Clyde.

Pena's homer was a solo shot in the fourth inning while Humbarger's was a three-run blow in the seventh.

In other area high school baseball action yesterday, Gibsonburg upset Genoa 11-9, Otsego nipped Woodmore 2-1 and Lakota bombed Oak Harbor 26-6.

The Little Giants racked up 11 hits off Clyde pitching. Humbarger had a single to go with his round-tripper while Bobby Clark and Jim Hufford also had two hits apiece.

Pena was the mound star for Ross. He went the distance to gain the win, striking out nine batters and walking two.

Ross is now 14-4 and will be at Port Clinton Thursday. Clyde is 5-16 and is scheduled to host Margaretta today.

GIBSONBURG 11, GENOA 9

The once-lowly Golden Bears used a potent 10-hit attack to knock off their second top Suburban Lakes League team in a row. Monday it was first-place Lakota, and yesterday it was district finalist Genoa.

"I can't explain it," said Gibsonburg Coach Jim Balsizer of his team improving its record to 9-10-1 overall and 4-8 in the SLL. "We normally do play better in May than in April, though."

Ardy Kohler and Jim Potridge powered the Gibsonburg attack. Both had two hits, including a home run each. Kohler's was a two-run shot in the Golden Bear four-run first inning and Potridge's was a solo effort in the

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fourth.

Mark Sneider chipped in three singles, and Brian Nagy had a two-run single for the big blow in the Bears' six-run third inning.

Rob Lowe and Ray Castilleja each had a home run and a single for Genoa, now 19-8, 6-4.

OTSEGO 2, WOODMORE 1

Greg Johns clouted a solo home run in the sixth inning and Otsego turned three double plays to edge Woodmore in Elmore.

Otsego had tied the game 1-1 in the fifth inning on a Tom Niceley RBI triple. Tom Rowan had a run-scoring single in the fourth for Woodmore's lone run off winning pitcher Gary Scott.

The Wildcats, now 10-9 overall and 4-4 in the SLL, left 10 runners on base. Otsego's three double plays came in the second inning with men on first and second and one out, in the fourth with the bases loaded and one out and in the seventh with a runner on first and no outs.

Bill Yeager took the loss.

Otsego is now 13-2, 8-2.

LAKOTA 26, OAK HARBOR 6

Lakota rapped out 21 singles and two doubles to sting the Rockets in Oak Harbor.

Tom Sprow and Tab Bickford led the attack with four hits apiece. Larry Ray and Jim Bickel had three hits each and Kevin Tiell had two. Ray drove in six runs, Tiell five and Bickford two.

Ross wins BC division title

Ross rolled to the Buckeye Conference Western Division title Tuesday, sweeping Marion Harding 2-1 in both games of an afternoon twinbill.

John Rios hurled a three-hitter and Brian Farr's base hit in the fourth inning drove in the winning run in the first game. Tom Pena and Brian Humbarger combined to pitch the Little Giants to the second game win as the Little Giants scored both runs in the sixth inning.

In other games in the area, Genoa tossed a wrench into Lakota's Suburban Lakes League hopes, defeating the Raiders 5-4 and Woodmore got past Gibsonburg 7-3.

Rios struckout six and walked one for Ross in the first game. He had one hit (Ross had four off losing pitcher Pat Hughes) and scored a run. Jay Bowers was one for three and scored on Farr's high in the fourth.

Harding's run was in the fifth.

Mark Hulka was three for three, sophomore Jim Hufford three for four and Dave Eicher had two hits to pace Ross's 10-hit second game attack.

Hufford drove in Ross's winning run in the two-run sixth. Harding had scored in the fourth.

Pena pitched five innings, giving up the run, walking two, and giving up six hits. Humbarger allowed only a hit in the final two innings for the save.

Ross finished 6-0 in the Division and will probably share the Buckeye Conference Crown with Elyria, winners of the Eastern Division with a 6-0 mark. No BC playoffs is scheduled. The Little Giants finished the season with a 16-4 mark under first year Coach

Ray Castilleja drove in two runs including the game winner in the bottom of the fifth for Genoa. The Raiders had tied the game in the top of the inning on Tom Sprow's single, stolen base, Chris Chalfin's sacrifice and Larry Ray's groundout to first.

Genoa scored single runs in the first and second and added two in the third. A double by Ron Lowe, Laurence St. John's RBI single, a fielder's choice and a walk followed by Ron Keathon's single produced the two runs in the third for the Comets.

In the Lakota second, Kevin Tiell and Jim Bickel stoked back-to-back doubles for a run. A stolen base and an error scored the second run.

WOODMORE 7, GIBSONBURG 3

A five-run third inning propelled the Wildcats to the win over the Golden Bears. Winning pitcher Scott Sandwisch homered and drove in three runs.

Dana Busdeker was two for three with a pair of RBI and Jeff Perkins had two hits for Woodmore. Tom Rowan had two RBI.

For Gibsonburg, Andy Kohler doubled and singled and Jamie Sticker had two hits.

Woodmore is 11-9 while Gibsonburg is 9-11-1.

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Ross places 2 on Buckeye first team

Elyria placed five players, including both pitchers, on the All-Buckeye Conference baseball team.

The Pioneers, the winners of the Eastern Division, also had one second team pick.

Ross, winner of the Western Division, had two first team selections and five second team picks.

The teams were selected by the conference coaches.

Chuck Ziemke and Chuck Lindsey, coaches of Elyria and Ross, respectively, were named the co-coaches of the year. Ziemke's team posted a 20-4 overall mark and Lindsey guided the Little Giants to a 16-4 mark. Both teams were 6-0 in BC play.

Shortstop Brian Humbarger and catcher Jay Bowers were Ross's first team picks. Making the second team for the Little Giants were second baseman Doug Gallagher, outfielder John Rios, designated hitter Jim Hufford, one of four sophomores named to either conference team, and pitcher Tom Pena. Rios was also named as a pitcher.

The Buckeye Conference All-Star Game is at 7:30 p.m., June 5, in Findlay. Rios, Humbarger, Bowers, Pena and Brian Farr will represent Ross on the

West team.

In other baseball all-star voting, Gallagher was named the first team second baseman in the 1982 Northwest District Coaches Association district selections. Rios was named to the second team outfield.

Following are the All-BC teams:

FIRST TEAM

(Player, school, grade, batting average or record.)

First base: Greg Comstock, Elyria, junior, .405.
Second base: Ardy Volney, Elyria, senior, .415.
Shortstop: Brian Humbarger, Ross, senior, .352.
Third base: Scott Zimmerman, Admiral King, sophomore, .393.
Catcher: Jay Bowers, Ross, senior, .380.
Outfielders: Shannon Clark, Findlay, senior, .420; Brad Dill, Elyria, senior, .387; Mickey Zmigel, Admiral King, senior, .452.
Designated hitter: Jim Bries, Admiral King, senior, .428.
Pitchers: Mark Runser, Elyria, junior, 8-0, 1.67; Greg Padnessa, Elyria, junior, 5-2, 2.33.

SECOND TEAM

First base: Kevin Johnson, Sandusky, senior, .383.
Second base: Doug Gallagher, Ross, junior, .353.
Shortstop: Louis Velasquez, Lorain, senior, .361.
Third base: Steve Gunter, Elyria, senior, .380.
Catcher: Pat Hughes, Harding, senior, .333.
Outfielders: John Rios, Ross, senior, .350; Hank Jones, Harding, senior, .342; Dave Tiller, Lorain, senior, .329.
Designated hitter: Jim Hufford, Ross, sophomore, .524.
Pitchers: Tom Pena, Ross, senior, 6-2, 1.21; Milton Pritt, Sandusky, sophomore, 2-0, 3.73; Kevin Johnson, Sandusky, senior, 4-3, 3.81; Rios, Ross, senior, 3-0, 2.60.