

Brudzinski hurls no-hitter

SANDUSKY — T.J. Brudzinski tossed a no-hitter as Ross rolled to its second baseball win of the delayed spring season, tripping Perkins 8-0.

Brudzinski weathered a first inning jam with 10-strikeout pitching and some sparkling fielding from his Little Giants teammates. Scott Carmack and Brian Szakovits with two hits apiece led the Little Giants' seven-hit offensive attack. Szakovits drove in three runs while Carmack scored twice.



T. J. BRUDZINSKI

"The key to the game was that first inning for us," Ross Coach Tim Pettorini pointed out. "After that, they did not touch him (Brudzinski)."

In the Perkins first inning, leadoff hitter Kevin Bixler walked, one of only three the Ross senior gave up, and took second on a sacrifice by Keith Skillman.

Brad Linder was safe on an error by Ross shortstop Tom Woleslagel. A double steal followed and Perkins had runners on second and third with one out.

The next Perkins hitter, Dan Hedburg, lifted a high pop fly behind Woleslagel, atoning for his error, caught with his back to the plate. Marty Burchfield followed with a grounder up the middle that Woleslagel flagged down behind second, made an off-balance throw to first where John LeJeune scooped the ball out of the dirt to catch Burchfield for the final out of the inning.

Ross scored a run in the second but put the game away with four in the fifth on the strength of heads-up base running by Mike Pena.

Carmack started the Ross rally in the fifth with a hit. Pena walked and the bases were loaded when Perkins pitcher Mike Krunch slipped on a bunt attempt by Jeff Eicher. Joel Krout blooped a run scoring single to right and when the ball was held by the Perkins rightfielder, Pena scored, beating the throw with a head-first slide. A passed ball and a groundout produced the final two runs of the inning for Ross.

LeJeune had the only extra base hit of the game for Ross, a double.

This afternoon Ross will open the home season by hosting Tiffin Columbian in a 4 p.m. game at Anderson Field. Gary Harms will be on the mound for the Little Giants.

SCORE BY INNINGS

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Perkins	000	000	0-0 0 3
T. J. Brudzinski (WP) and Scott Carmack; Dan Hedburg, Mike Krunch (LP) (2) and Marty Burchfield.			
Season record: Ross 2-0, Perkins 0-1.			



GO THAT WAY YOUNG MAN. Joel Krout, above, of Ross is on his way back up after sliding into third during the first inning of Tuesday's Columbian-Ross game at Anderson Field. The finger being pointed at

the upper left is attached to Ross Coach Tim Pettorini. There was an overthrow on the play allowing Krout to score. At the lower right, Ross starting pitcher Gary

Harms bears down but Columbian knocked the Ross junior out of the box in the fourth inning. (News-Messenger photos by Dan Bomeli)

Ross gets relief and its third win

Tom O'Neill turned in a stingy relief job and Tom Woieslagel fanned the side in the final inning as Ross picked up its third straight high school baseball win, stopping Tiffin Columbian 5-4 Tuesday at Anderson Field.

O'Neill took over for starter Gary Harms with one out and a run in the fourth for the Tornadoes. O'Neill did not allow a hit during the two and two-thirds innings he worked. He struckout two and walked two in the stint.

O'Neill's second walk was to the leadoff hitter in the seventh. Woieslagel went to the mound at that point and fanned the next three batters to get credit for the save.

Both teams scored three runs in the first inning with Columbian taking a 4-3 lead in the fourth. Ross struck for a pair of runs in the sixth for the win.

John LeJeune started Ross's fifth with a single. Steve Stotz followed with another base hit and the bases were loaded up when Scott Carmack's attempted sacrifice bunt ended up in a fielder's choice with LeJeune beating the throw to third.

T.J. Brudzinski walked to force the tying run and a balk by relief pitcher Kevin Bowers allowed Stotz to score the winning run.

Ross had seven hits in the game with LeJeune and Stotz getting two hits apiece. LeJeune and Jeff Eicher doubled and Carmack drove in two runs for the Little Giants.

Ross's next game will be at Anderson Field on Thursday when defending Buckeye Conference champ Findlay invades for a 4 p.m. contest.



One cheer...that's all for Twins

By BRUCE LOWITT
AP Sports Writer

The Minnesota Twins fans gave Rod Carew a standing ovation. Thanks to Nolan Ryan, it was the only time they cheered all day.

Carew, the seven-time American League batting champion who was traded by the Twins to California last winter, returned Tuesday to Minnesota for the first time.

He was welcomed with open arms by the 37,270 paying customers attending the Twins' home opener.

Then Ryan took the mound and silenced the Twins on four hits, striking out 10 batters en route to his 38th career shutout, a 6-0 victory by the Angels.

Carew, who made about \$150,000 last year — far below the going rate for superstars — is now in the \$750,000-a-year range with California.

He batted four times and got one single, in the eighth inning. But his bat — he's hitting at

Ryan out-pitched the Twins' Dave Goltz with a three-hit, 10-strikeout performance last week for his other victory this season. He got the only run he needed Tuesday in the first inning when Rick Miller opened the game with a triple off Goltz and scored on Don Baylor's single.

A's 6, MARINERS 5

Oakland attracted a crowd — crowd? — of 653 paying customers, barely half their previous mark for dismal attendance of 1,252 fans.

And the way the A's and Mariners played, perhaps they'd have preferred to keep the game a total secret. The teams committed an even dozen errors, nine by Seattle. The A's squeezed out the victory on Jim Essian's two-out, basesloaded single in the ninth inning.

RED SOX 6, BREWERS 5

Fred Lynn is supposed to hit more for average than for distance — but right now he's miles ahead of where he expected to be.

"I can't keep this up. Nobody can," he said

shot came after Jerry Remy coaxed a leadoff walk from former Boston teammate Reggie Cleveland.

YANKS 5, ORIOLES 1

The Yanks' Ron Guidry found the smoke that had deserted him in his first two starts, checked the Orioles on three hits and fanned 10 Baltimore batters en route to his first victory.

RANGERS 6, INDIANS 2

Buddy Bell, never a big RBI man with Cleveland, burned his former teammates with three RBI for Texas, leading the Rangers to their seventh victory in eight games.

TIGERS 6, ROYALS 3

Steve Kemp's seventh-inning single off Al Hirabosky broke a 3-3 tie, then Milt May made the Mad Hungarian madder with a two-run double to lead the Tigers past Kansas City.

WHITE SOX 6, BLUE JAYS 1

Wayne Nordhagen drove in a pair of runs while Francisco Barrios and Mike Proby

Ross, St. Joe lose by one run



GET THE SIGNAL? Ross head baseball Coach Tim Pettorini gets in his cuts while on duty in the third base coaching box. The Ross coach, in his



first year at guiding the Little Giants diamond team, was caught in action while signaling his hitters and base runners during a game with Findlay



Thursday at Anderson Field. The Little Giants came up a couple of runs short while losing to the Trojans 2-1. (N-M photos by Dan Bomeli)

Clyde wins No. 2

Findlay extended its hex over Fremont Ross with a 2-1 victory over the Little Giants in high school baseball action Thursday at Anderson Field.

Ross has not beaten Findlay since 1968, but looked as though they were going to snap that with a run in the first inning. Joel Krout smashed a line drive over the centerfielder's head which earned him a triple, then scored when the throw from the outfield missed the cutoff man.

Ross, though collecting seven hits, couldn't score again in the game while Findlay got two runs in the second inning and pitcher Jeff Wiseman made it hold up for the win.

Gary Harms had three hits for the Little Giants and Brian Szakovits added a pair. Ross is now 3-1.

In other games, Port Clinton edged St. Joe 5-4 and Clyde slipped by Margaretta 4-2.

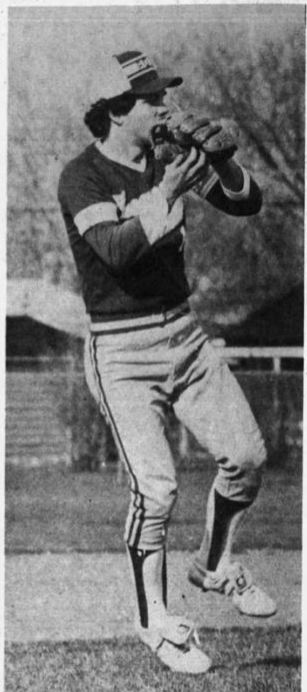
St. Joe is still looking for its first win after the Redskins came up with a win in the bottom of the sixth to break a four-all tie.

Mark Vassar was three-for-four with three RBI's for the Crimson Streaks, now 0-3.

The Redskins scored the winning run on a single, hit batsman and a double to up its record to 2-0.

Clyde (2-0) got four runs in the third on just one hit and got solid pitching from Brian Guhn to remain unbeaten in two Sandusky Bay Conference games.

Each team managed just four pits a piece. Margaretta is now 1-2.



THIRD BASEMAN Jeff Eicher of Ross reaches for the ball after stopping a grounder during third inning action Thursday at Anderson Field.

Eagles stop Rockets; Genoa, 'Cats roll

Eastwood scored four runs in the bottom of the seventh inning to defeat Oak Harbor in the only Suburban Lakes League baseball game Thursday.

In other action involving SL teams, Dave Brown hit a two-out, bases-loaded single in the bottom of the seventh to give Genoa a 7-6 victory over Rossford. Woodmore destroyed Lakeside 16-1 and Lakota blanked Fostoria St. Wendelin, 8-0.

After giving up five runs in the first

three innings, Eastwood pitcher Tod Headley shut out the Rockets over the final four innings while Eastwood pecked away at the lead before the four-run seventh.

After Rossford tied the score at 6-6 with two runs in the top of the inning, Brown's single quickly broke the tie and upped the Genoa mark to a perfect 5-0. Rossford is 0-3.

Doug Schuster buried a two-hitter in his first game as a pitcher in high school

and got plenty of hitting support to back him up as Woodmore upped its record to 2-1. Steve Burner was three-for-three and Bill Kuhlman knocked in four runs for Woodmore. Lakeside is now 0-3.

Joe Overton helped himself with a two-run homer and hurled a one-hitter against the Mohawks in Lakota's easy victory. Three players had two RBI's for Lakota, now 2-1. It was St. Wendelin's first loss after four straight wins.

Little Giant netmen now 4-2

The Ross tennis team roared to an easy victory over Mansfield Senior and Brian Beck shut out Thursday night 5-0 to improve its record to 4-2.

After Mike Fahrbach

Dave Dorsky ripped Leonard Waddell 6-1, 6-0 over Mansfield Senior and William Franklin 6-0, 6-0 in the other singles matches. In doubles, Scott Sachs

and Tim Earhart rolled past Todd and Scott Kochiseier 6-0, 6-1 and Denny Mierke and Roger Will blitzed Cecil Bradley and Mark Brumm, 6-1, 6-1.

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Brudzinski hurls one-hitter

T.J. Brudzinski lost his chance for a second straight no-hitter when the first man he faced singled, but the Ross senior didn't allow a hit the rest of the way as the Little Giants defeated Lorain 7-0 in the first game of a Buckeye Conference double-header Saturday.

In the second game, Ross lost to Lorain Admiral King, 12-6.

Brudzinski, who no-hit Sandusky in his

last outing, has now given up just one hit in his last 14 innings pitched.

Joel Krout was three for five for Ross and scored two runs.

In the second game Tom Woleslagel had three hits with two doubles and an RBI and Mike Pena drove in a pair of runs with two hits for Ross.

Ross is now 4-2, while Lorain is 3-2 and Admiral King is 3-1.

Defense key in Ross win

Strong defense carried Fremont Ross to its fifth win in seven games in high school baseball action Monday, as the Little Giants topped Clyde, 10-6.

The Little Giants made no errors defensively and Coach Tim Pettorini called that the difference in the game.

Joel Kraut had a pair of hits, a run scored and one run batted in. Steve Stotz also had two hits, drove in two runs and scored twice for Ross.

Butch Magers went all the way in the loss for Clyde, now 3-1, and Tom O'Neill was the winner in relief for Ross, who's next game is scheduled for Wednesday at home against Toledo Whitmer.

Diamond wrapup

Whitmer downs Little Giants

Eric Ashley slammed a two-run homer in the top of the fourth to power Toledo Whitmer to a 5-3 victory over Fremont Ross in High School baseball Wednesday at Anderson Field.

Ashley relieved starting pitcher Bruce Lieberman and shut off a bases loaded, one out, Ross rally in the bottom of the seventh inning. The Little Giants plated a run in the inning as Ashley enticed Tom Woleslagel into a run scoring force at second and a pop out by Steve Stotz to end the game.

Mike Pena had three hits in a perfect day for Ross. Ashley's homer and a double by Whitmer's Scott Ziems were the only extra base hits in the game.

Ross will be at Findlay today in a 7 p.m. game. The game was originally scheduled to be played at 4 p.m.

In other games around the Fremont area, Gibsonburg shaded Clyde 12-11, Oak Harbor fell to Cardinal Stritch 7-3 and Fostoria St. Wendelin upended Bettsville 4-1. In junior varsity games, Findlay blanked St. Joe 13-0 and Whitmer downed Ross 7-2.

Little Giants score late to trip Sandusky 2-1



HE'S OUT. Sandusky third baseman Steve DeHenning has the ball and patiently waits to put the tag on Ross's Mark Johnson during a fourth inning play. Johnson had singled, stole second but was an easy out on this play.

Fremont Ross scored runs in the sixth and seventh innings to edge Sandusky 2-1 in high school baseball action Tuesday at Anderson Field.

Little Giants' Coach Tim Pettorini used four pitchers in the contest with the last of the four, Gary Harms picking up the decision.

"I was just getting them some work for the tournament," Pettorini explained while talking about the Class AAA Sectional at Oregon Clay. "I wanted to get LeJeune (John) back on the hill."

LeJeune was hit on the left cheekbone by a line drive two weeks ago. Pitching while wearing a batting helmet equipped with a football mask to protect the cracked bone, LeJeune hurled two scoreless innings, surviving a bases loaded jam in the fourth.

"He was a little shaky in his first inning but he struck out the side in the second inning he pitched," Pettorini pointed out about his junior righthander.

T. J. Brudzinski started, Tom Woleslagel pitched the next two before LeJeune took over. Harms came in in the sixth.

Sandusky scored a run in the first inning and the lead held up as Brad Gilchrist kept Ross hitters off balance. In the sixth, an error on a dropped third strike on Mark Johnson opened the gates for Ross.

Blue Streaks' catcher Tom Anglem tossed the ball over the first baseman's head. Johnson went to second on the error and scored on Joel Kroul's single to center.

In the seventh, Harms walked, LeJeune had an infield single which Gilchrist fielded but threw wildly to first allowing Harms to get to third and LeJeune to second. Brian Szakovits' looper to right fell in for the game-winning hit when the rightfielder dove for the ball and missed.

Ross will be at Whitmer today and will go up against Toledo Bowsler at 6 p.m. Thursday in the tournament.

Ross rallies in victory

A five-run seventh inning, keyed by two-run singles by John LeJeune and Brian Szakovits, led the Ross Little Giants to a 10-4 victory over Toledo Whitmer Wednesday.

Ross used eight singles to get its 10 runs, which was plenty to give Steve Stutz the win on the mound for Ross.

Stutz gave up all four runs in the first innings, but yielded no runs the rest of the way and only five hits on the game.

Tom Woleslagel had three hits and scored three runs and Stutz had one hit and three RBI's.

Ross, now 7-3, stole 10 bases. Whitmer is now 8-2.



GARY HARMS
... Tosses no-hitter

New grid boss, AD hired at Oak Harbor

OAK HARBOR — Gary Quisno was hired as the new head football coach at Oak Harbor High School Tuesday. Quisno, a graduate of

High school baseball roundup

Harms' no-hitter helps Ross to 10th victory

Gary Harms tossed Ross' second no-hitter of the baseball season and the Little Giants nudged Sandusky 2-0 at Soldier's Home Field Tuesday in Sandusky.

Harms walked one and struckout three and was supported by a strong Little Giants defense. "The defense was super," Ross Coach Tim Pettorini confirmed, "especially Joel Krout in centerfield. He made two catches that saved hits and one saved a home run."

Krout's circuit saving catch came with two out and two on in the Sandusky third inning. Krout was also Ross' hitting star in the game, slamming a pair of RBI singles in the fifth and seventh innings. Both times Krout's hit drove in Mark King.

The Little Giants are now 10-3 for the season and will travel to Findlay today for a 4 p.m. contest.

Harms' pitching gem was added to an early season no-hitter by T.J. Brudzinski, the pitcher for today's game.

In other Fremont area games, Clyde disposed of Huron 10-3 in the Sandusky Bay Conference; Otsego upset Genoa 3-2 in Suburban Lakes League play with Gibsonburg shelling Elmwood

24-3, Eastwood topping Oak Harbor and Lakota knocking off Woodmore 11-4 in other SLL games.

CLYDE 10, HURON 3

The Filers fell behind 3-1 in the bottom of the sixth but ripped into Huron hurling for nine runs in the top of the seventh to up their SBC mark to 4-1.

Steve Barr's double and walks to Mick Gooding and Bill Deck loaded the bases for the Filers in the seventh. Mark Rosenberger drilled a ground rule double to tie the game. John Gerney singled in the go-ahead run.

Len Churchill singled in two runs, Gooding's double scored another run and Deck's double produced another run in the big inning.

Gooding and Gerney both had two hits for Clyde. Churchill was the winning pitcher.

OTSEGO 3, GENOA 2

A two-out rally in the bottom of the seventh inning paced Otsego to its first victory of the year.

The Comets, 14-3, scored two runs in the top of the sixth to take a 2-1 lead, and with two outs and nobody on in the seventh for Otsego, it appeared Genoa would pick up its ninth SLL victory

without a loss.

But Ron Podolack walked, Bob Donald doubled him in for the tying run and Kevin Tischler then singled him in for the winning run.

Otsego is now 1-6 in the SLL. Genoa is 8-1. Donald had knocked in Otsego's first run in the fifth inning to give the Knight's a short-lived lead.

Harvey Flores was two for three for Genoa.

GIBSONBURG 24, ELMWOOD 3

Gibsonburg made sure Elmwood knew they didn't appreciate the way the Royals ushered them out of the sectional tournament earlier this season, as they scored 13 runs in the sixth inning. The Bears pounded four home runs in the big sixth inning.

Mario Garcia hit a towering two-run blast after Kurt Kirsch started the inning with a single. Dave Sanchez then launched a three-run homer, followed by a two-run homer by Kirsch in his second plate appearance of the inning, and rounded out by a three-run homer by Jim Hill.

Kirsch finished with five hits on the day, two of them home runs. Hill had four hits and four RBI's, Mark Diels had three hits and scored four runs for Gibsonburg.

Gibsonburg is now 8-6 overall and 4-4 in the SLL.

EASTWOOD 5, OAK HARBOR 1

Two home runs in a three-run sixth inning put the game out of reach for Oak Harbor.

Lowell Snyder hit a one out homer, and Steve Johnson followed with a two-run shot that gave winning pitcher Tom Headley some breathing room.

Headley, only a sophomore, is now 4-2 on the season.

Eastwood is 6-5 overall and 5-4 in the SLL. Oak Harbor is 2-11 on the season.

Dennis Woolley had two hits for Oak Harbor.

LAKOTA 11, WOODMORE 4

Tim Ray struck out 12 batters and Al Wiseman had four hits including a double and a home run for Lakota.

Ray went the distance for the win, shutting out Woodmore in the final three innings.

The Raiders gave Ray early hitting support by scoring three runs each in the first two innings and again in the fifth.

Lakota is now 8-3 overall and 6-2 in the SLL, Woodmore is 9-6 and 5-3.

Ross splits with Mansfield

Ross's varsity baseball team split a twinbill Saturday with Mansfield while the junior varsity swept a pair of games from Port Clinton.

The Little Giants varsity fell 4-3 in the first game at Anderson Field but bounced back to take a rain-shortened five-inning nightcap 4-1.

Ross managed just three hits in the first game as Tyger pitcher Rick Basilone easily handled the Little Giants. Mansfield pushed across a pair of runs in the first and added single runs in the second and third innings.

John LeJeune was three for three in the nightcap for Ross as the Little Giants scored two in the first and added one in both the third and fifth innings before the heavens opened up to wash out the game.

Joel Krout slammed a triple and Scott Carmack doubled as Ross collected nine hits in the 11th victory against six losses this season.

Today, Ross will travel to Bowman Park in Toledo to take on Toledo Whitmer in a first round district game. Play will begin at 4:30.

In the JV games, Ross pounded out 12-3 and 15-6 victories over Port Clinton.

Terry Bartson singled three times and winning pitcher Jim Casey doubled twice in the opening game win for Ross. Dave Shaffer added a pair of singles and Andy Rodenhauser tripled for the Little Giants.

In the nightcap, Shaffer singled and doubled and Ken Kovalski singled and homered for the Little Giants. Bartson, Rodenhauser and Mark LeJeune had two hits apiece.

Varsity First Game

Mansfield 4, Ross 3

Score by Innings

				R	H	E
Mansfield	211	000	0-4	8	2	
Ross	200	010	0-3	3	6	

Rick Basilone (W) and Rob Burton; John LeJeune (L) and Scott Carmack;

Second Game

Ross 4, Mansfield 1 (5 innings)

Score by Innings

Mansfield	100	00-1	5	1
Ross	201	01-4	9	0

Williams (L) and Mike Thompson; Gary Harms (W) and Mike Pena;

Season record: Ross 11-6, Mansfield 10-7.

Clay rips Ross on homeruns

Oregon Clay, quite possibly an eventual district opponent for the Ross baseball team, gave a glimpse of its power Thursday as they blasted the Little Giants 12-3.

Clay got eight runs in the top of the sixth inning to put the game away, using a three-run homer by Keith Belcik and a grand slam homer by Rick Molnar.

Belcik had two home runs in the game for Clay, now 14-1.

Ross, 10-5, got two doubles from T.J. Brudzinski.

Area diamond roundup

Findlay squeezes past Ross 5-4

FINDLAY — Ross could not come up with the clutch play when it needed it Wednesday in a 5-4 loss to

St. Mary's upends Streaks

SANDUSKY — St. Mary's defeated the Fremont St. Joe junior varsity baseball team 9-8 Wednesday.

The St. Joe JV's scored a pair of runs in the top of the seventh but the rally came up short.

Dave Rhineberger, Jim Kusmer and Brian Yeckley had two hits apiece for the Crimson Streaks. Rhineberger and Kusmer drove in two runs apiece.

St. Joe is now 1-5 for the season.

Score by innings									
							R	H	E
St. Joe	102	030	2	—	8	11	7		
St. Mary	221	301	x	—	9	8	3		

Steve Gable (LP) and Tom Halm; Schwerer, Baaske (7) and Zoom.

Findlay in a high school baseball game.

The loss ended the Little Giants' six-game win streak and put Ross's record at 10-4. Findlay scored the winning run in the sixth without getting the ball out of the infield.

In other games involving Fremont area teams, Gibsonburg stopped North Baltimore 4-2, Cardinal Stritch knocked over Oak Harbor 15-5, Genoa defeated Fostoria 6-2 and Lakota battered New Riegel 14-2.

Doug Corbin was hit by Ross pitcher Tom O'Neill leading off the Findlay sixth. Jeff Slough of Findlay faked a bunt on O'Neill's next pitch and hammered a line drive at Ross third baseman Jeff Eicher on the next pitch. Eicher trapped the ball but did not make a play to put two runners on base.

Another bunt for a base hit loaded the bases and Rick Maroney's squeeze bunt went for a base hit to give the Trojans their final run of the game. O'Neill got out of the inning on a

rundown off a missed attempted squeeze and two strikeouts.

O'Neill took the loss, relieving T.J. Brudzinski in the fifth.

Mark Johnson, John LeJeune, Scott Carmack and Joel Krout had two hits apiece for the Little Giants.

"That's the seventh straight game without an extra base hit," Ross Coach Tim Pettorini pointed out, "only thing about it, we won the other six."

GIBSONBURG 4 NORTH BALTIMORE 2
Larry Howell's single in the third scored the winning run for the Golden Bears. Dave Sanchez homered in the second and singled for the 9-6 Bears.

Winning pitcher Mark Diels gave up four hits and picked up a pair of singles at the plate.

STRITCH 15, OAK HARBOR 5
Cardinal Stritch picked up 16 hits and took ad-

vantage of 11 Oak Harbor errors to roll to the win.

Alvin Biggert singled twice for two RBIs and Kevin Rutledge also singled twice for a pair of RBIs for Oak Harbor.

GENOA 6, FOSTORIA 2
Genoa upped its record to 15-3 on the complete game pitching of Scott Lau. It was the first complete game for Lau in two seasons. He struckout six and walked three.

Harvey Flores and Pat Dunn singles and doubles for Genoa and Mike Albright tripled and singled.

LAKOTA 14, NEW RIEGEL 2

Al Wiseman cracked out four hits, including a home run, in four at bats to pace

Lakota's 15-hit assault on New Riegel pitching.

Don Saalman and Mark Mulholland doubled and singled with Mulholland driving in three runs. Larry Ray and Terry Hedge also had two hits apiece.

Ray was the winning pitcher, giving up only three hits.

Huron use to down St. Joe

SANDUSKY — Mike Reardon pulled an upset but a forfeit sent St. Joe down to a tennis loss Wednesday. in a match with Huron.

Old Fort girls lose

FOSTORIA — St. Wendelin held off surging Old Fort to post a 13-11 girls softball game win Wednesday.

The winners managed only six hits in the win. Old Fort had 13 hits with Beth Omlor, Cindy Ahle and Janet Heilman getting triples.

Lisa Burks, Ahle, Lori Wise and Heilman had two hits apiece for the Stockaders who are now 6-5 for the season.

Little Giants topple Bellevue

Ross scored four runs in the first two innings and benefited from the combined two-hit pitching of Gary Harms and Tom O'Neill for a 6-1 high school baseball win over Bellevue Thursday at Anderson Field.

The Little Giants scored a run in the first, added three more in the second and put the game away with two more in the fourth.

The win upped Ross's record to 12-7. The Little Giants are scheduled to close out the season Saturday at Anderson with a doubleheader with Marion

Harding. The first game will be at 11 a.m.

Steve Stotz slapped two hits and drove in a run to lead Ross's eight-hit attack against Bellevue. T.J. Brudzinski added a double and an RBI while scoring once for Ross. Tom Woleslagel doubled and scored twice for the Little Giants.

Harms hurled the first six innings with O'Neill mopping up in the seventh.

SCORE BY INNINGS

							R	H	E
Bellevue	001	000	0	—	1	2	4		
Ross	130	200	x	—	6	8	3		

Rory Anderson (L) and Tim Consolo; Gary Harms (W), Tom O'Neill (7) and Mike Pena; Season record: Ross 12-7.

Niekro brother act one of best ever

By KEN RAPPOPORT
AP Sports Writer

That's some brother act, Phil and Joe Niekro. Only three other sets of brothers have won more games combined in the history of major league baseball. And Joe sweetened his career figures Tuesday night with his 100th victory.

"He's got a lot of good years left," says Phil Niekro after watching his younger brother pitch the Houston Astros to a 4-1 victory over his Atlanta Braves. "He's got the confidence a knuckleball pitcher needs, plus he's got other pitches better than I do, like his fastball and slider."

The pride of brotherhood overshadowed the pain of defeat and Phil Niekro bowed to the victor by sending him a bottle of liquor with a note that said, "Congratulations."

Joe Niekro's career victory total is roughly one half of his more illustrious brother's — 100 to 202. He's 33, while Phil is 40.

Incidentally, the brother combinations ahead of the Niekros in victories are, Gaylord and Jim Perry with 485; Johnny, Art and Walt Clarkson with 360 and Christy and Henry Mathewson with 373, all of them by Christy.

PHILLIES 3, CARDINALS 1

Greg Luzinski's two-run homer in the ninth carried Philadelphia over St. Louis. Cardinal right-hander Bob Forsch had a four-hitter starting the ninth and retired the first batter. But Pete Rose singled to right. The slump-ridden Luzinski worked the count to two balls and two strikes, then lined a pitch over the right field fence for his fifth homer of the season.

METS 4, CUBS 2

Richie Hebner drove in three runs to back the combined six-hit pitching of Kevin Kobel and Dale Murray as New York defeated Chicago.

Hebner hit his third homer of the season in the first inning off loser Dennis Lamp after Lee Mazzilli beat out an infield single with two out. Hebner singled home Frank Taveras in the fifth for the final New York run after Taveras had beaten out an infield hit, stole second and advanced to third on a wild pickoff attempt by Lamp.

EXPOS 6, PIRATES 3

Tony Perez's bases-loaded double keyed a four-run third inning, pacing Montreal over Pittsburgh. Montreal starter Ross Grimsley held the Pirates to a single run until a pair of errors on the same play by Lamp.

narrowed the Expo lead to 5-3.

Veteran Woodie Fryman shakkied the Pirates over the final 22-3 innings and nailed down the Expos' fourth victory in the last five games.

GIANTS 12, REDS 2

Ed Halicki scattered nine hits and had 14-hit support, including three singles and three RBI by Darrell Evans, as San Francisco beat Cincinnati. The National League West Division leading Reds had a horrible night, displaying sloppy fielding and atrocious baserunning. A potential scoring threat, in the seventh inning, ended with two baserunners at third base.

PADRES 7, DODGERS 6

Broderick Perkins' basesloaded single in the 10th led San Diego over Los Angeles. The winning run was set up by an error by Dodger second baseman Davey Lopes that allowed Jerry Turner to reach second on a grounder.

Turner took third on a wild pitch by Jerry Reuss and then Dave Winfield and Fernando Gonzalez were walked intentionally to load the bases before Perkins' game-winning hit.

Ross edges Marion, 7-6

T.J. Brudzinski doubled in two runs with two outs in the seventh inning to send the game into extra innings, then Ross scored a run in the bottom of the 11th on a throwing error and took a 7-6 decision over tough Marion Harding Tuesday at Anderson Field.

The Little Giants, now 13-7, trailed 6-3 heading into the bottom of the seventh but came up with the necessary three runs to tie the score.

Brudzinski's hit came with two strikes on him and two outs.

In the 11th, Joei Krout doubled, John LeJeune was intentionally walked, Steve Stutz loaded the bases when all hands were safe on his bunt attempt, and the winning run scored when Scott Carmack bounced to third when the third baseman threw to get the lead runner out at home successfully, but the catcher's throw to first hit Carmack on the back and allowed LeJeune to score all the way from second.

Krout had two hits on the game as did Brudzinski, who was the winning pitcher after relieving LeJeune in the 10th.

The game was originally scheduled to be a doubleheader, with Marion needing to sweep the two games to win the Buckeye Conference.

SCORE BY INNINGS

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	R	H	E
Marion Harding	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ross	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Joei Krout, Steve Vanderhof (7) (LP) and Bob Mangum, John LeJeune, T.J. Brudzinski (10) (WP) and Scott Carmack.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Season records: Ross 13-7, Marion 15-3.

Bochte relaxing, pitchers tenser

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If American League pitchers agree to a 10-pitch limit, it could



STRETCH. T.J. Brudzinski stretches to grab a throw to first base during Ross's game with Marion Tuesday. Brudzinski tagged the runner out as he came by. Umpire Jim Ewanski watches. Ross won the game with Brudzinski as one of the hitting stars.

Calvert stops Streaks' streak

St. Joe's 11-game baseball winning streak came to a screeching halt Tuesday as Tiffin Calvert shut out the Streaks 8-0.

Dan Schriener gave up just one hit for Calvert, a single by John Cimini in the fourth, to record the win.

Chuck Ritzler had two hits for the Senecas and Bob Baltas belted a triple.

St. Joe is now 13-6 overall and 5-3 in the Sandusky Bay League.

SCORE BY INNINGS

R H E



IN THE DUST. Catcher Scott Carmack puts the tag on a Marion runner attempting to score Tuesday at Anderson Park. Umpire Jim Wright gets ready to

make the call. The out was a big one as Ross won by just one run to up its season record to 13-7. Marion dropped to 15-3.