

Shawnee shades Ross, 4-2

LIMA — It was too little too late for Fremont Ross in the semifinal game of the Lima Class AAA District Baseball Tournament. The Little Giants fell to Lima Shawnee, 4-2.

Ross threatened to pull the game out of the fire in the last two innings but Shawnee pitcher Don Larson managed to bail himself out of hot water each time.

The Little Giants stranded a runner in each of the first five innings but were unable to score until the sixth. With two out in the inning, John Kiser singled off Larson. Steve Carmack followed the base hit with a long homer over the leftfield fence to cut the Indians' margin to 4-2.

Ron Whitcomb walked after the Carmack homer but Larson fanned Mike McGilton to get out of the inning.

In the Ross seventh, Jerry White, pinch hitting for Dennis Szymanowski, singled. Szymanowski re-entered the game but was only able to get to second as Larson enticed the next two Ross hitters to ground out. With Mark Lohrbach up, Larson issued an intentional walk to put the potential tying run on base, but Larson got Jim Paxson to ground out to end the game.

Lohrbach handled the mound duties for Ross and

was touched for a pair of runs in the first frame on four straight hits. Shawnee's Chuck Black singled to start the inning. The speedy Black proceeded to steal second and third, his 32nd and 33rd stolen bases of the season.

Ron Vogelgesang rammed a triple to score Black and catcher Larry Nonnamaker doubled in the second run of the inning to give Shawnee an early 2-0 lead. Stan Simms was safe on an infield single with Nonnamaker taking third. Simms stole second but Lohrbach fanned the next two batters and got out of the inning on a pop up.

A walk, a sacrifice bunt and Brian Beggin's single scored another Shawnee run in the third while a single by Robin Crider, stolen base, and Jeff Dahkle's single plated the final Indians run in the sixth.

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SCORE BY INNINGS

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BATTERIES: Larson and Nonnamaker; Lohrbach and McGilton

WP: Larson; LP: Lohrbach

Season records: Shawnee 22-4; Ross 11-8