

## 2018 Season Review

**Fremont Ross** (10-15, 4-10) has undergone a coaching transition but kept it in the family as Jared King takes over for his father, Mark King. He inherits seven returning starters and two other letterwinners but has a young roster with just three seniors.

The Little Giants will count on seniors Josiah Cook (C) and Trey Ickes (P), and juniors Cole Druckenmiller (SS-2B-P, 4-1, 1.86 ERA), Noah Hotz (CF), Brandon Schneider (OF-C) and Gabe Witt (1B-P).

Ross was ousted from tourney play, 9-0, by Southview in a sectional semifinal.

“We are now an older and more experienced team,” Jared King said. “We have a deep [pitching] staff with six guys who all logged innings last year, along with three newcomers.

“We will be looking to improve at the plate this year as a team and to find ways to finish games. We are looking to exceed what we’ve done the last couple of years.”

## N Baseball

### **Tiffin Columbian 6, Fremont Ross 4 (8 innings)**

Noah Hotz scored two runs and added an RBI in Ross' nonconference setback Monday.

Luke O'Brien scored two runs and Garrett Schneider and Braxton White each added an RBI for the Little Giants. Trey Ickes started and pitched  $5\frac{1}{3}$  innings, striking out 10 and allowing five hits and four runs (three earned).

"He threw pretty well first outing," Ross first-year coach Jared King said. "He showed me his arm was strong. His stuff was good. He had good movement and spotted his fastball with good velocity, he just has to cut down the walks."

## **Bowling Green 4, Fremont Ross 1**

Karson Wojdyla scored in the fifth inning as Noah Hotz had one of Ross's three hits in the nonconference setback.

Trey Ickes allowed six hits and four runs (two earned) in six innings. He struck out five and walked two.



Trey Ickes of Fremont Ross will continue his career at Heidelberg University. MOLLY CORFMAN/THE NEWS-MESSENGER

# Ross' Ickes confident headed to Heidelberg

Pitcher focused on lowering number of walks this season

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Ohio Elite coach Brian Warning made sure Fremont Ross senior pitcher Trey Ickes knew what it felt like to finish on a high note last summer.

The confidence carried over as he starts his senior season for the Little Giants before continuing his career at Heidelberg University.

Warning pulled Ickes from several outings when Ickes was still demonstrating the ability to get batters out.

"Now I know to keep my confidence level up no matter what," Ickes said. "You pitch better."

Ickes has learned to better eliminate frustration.

"My mentality is the biggest thing," he said. "Sophomore year I got in my head a lot. Junior year I still got in my head."

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**Trey Ickes**  
Fremont Ross senior pitcher

Ickes has a loss and no-decision in two starts this season.

"My first game I had 10 strikeouts and I walked six, which isn't good at all," he said.

Reducing walks is a focus for Ickes this season.

"Thirty-eight is a high number," he said of last year's total. "That's not OK. I want to walk less people. Striking more people out would be cool, too."

Ickes earned a sectional semifinal

victory over Toledo Waite as a sophomore. The Little Giants won six games that season, including Findlay on Senior Night, and 10 games last year.

The Little Giants are on the same page as a cohesive group under first-year coach Jared King, who was an assistant last season.

"We're all friends," Ickes said. "You get sick of each other, but all 16 of us are together."

That's important to Ickes, who appreciated Heidelberg coach Chad Fitzgerald's consistent contact throughout the recruiting process.

"It signified he wanted me there," Ickes said. "It didn't feel like I was just another player. I liked the players and coaches when I visited. They were welcoming."

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## **Baseball**

### **Fremont Ross 18, Toledo Rogers 1 (5 innings)**

Victor Jimenez struck out four and walked two while allowing one run (none earned) and three hits in five innings for the victory on the mound.

Josiah Cook had five RBI and scored twice, Noah Hotz scored three runs and drove in two and Tim Mosser and Caleb Bennison had two RBI and two runs apiece for Ross. Garrett Schneider and Gabe Witt each scored twice and drove in a run, Cole Druckenmiller drove in two and scored one and Karson Wojdyla added two runs.

### **Clay 18, Ross 6**

Josiah Cook had two runs and an RBI and Tim Mosser and Karson Wojdyla drove in two runs apiece in Ross' TRAC setback.

Noah Hotz scored two runs for the Little Giants.

## **Baseball**

### **Fremont Ross 7, Toledo Start 3**

Josiah Cook drove in two runs in Ross' nonconference victory.

Caleb Bennison had three hits and scored twice and Garrett Schneider and Cole Druckenmiller added an RBI apiece for the Little Giants.

Brandon Schneider struck out three and walked one while allowing five hits and three runs (one earned) in seven innings for the win on the mound.

## **Bellevue 12, Fremont Ross 2 (6 innings)**

Bryce Ray scored three runs and tripled in Bellevue's nonconference win.

Kayden Vogel scored twice and drove in two and Dalton Hay and Bryce McMurray each scored twice and drove in a run for the Redmen.

McMurray struck out three and walked five while allowing three hits and two runs (one earned) in  $4\frac{1}{3}$  innings for the win on the mound. Garrett Vickery struck out one and walked one while allowing one hit in  $1\frac{2}{3}$  innings.

Tim Mosser had an RBI and Gabe Witt and Luke O'Brien each scored for Ross.

Bellevue scored five runs in the third inning.

of the seventh inning.

**Toledo Whitmer 16, Fremont Ross 2  
(6 innings)**

Ross had seven hits in the Three Rivers Athletic Conference setback.

The Little Giants led 2-1 after four innings.

# Ross baseball tops Oak Harbor

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### Baseball

#### Fremont Ross 14, Oak Harbor 8

Garrett Schneider, Karson Wojdyla, Brandon Schneider and Luke O'Brien had two runs and an RBI apiece Wednesday in Ross's nonconference victory.

Cole Druckenmiller scored two runs for the Little Giants.

Caleb Bennison struck out one and walked four while allowing five hits and five runs in 3 ½ innings for the win on the mound. O'Brien struck out three and walked five while allowing four hits and three runs in 2 ¾ innings of relief and Trey Ickes finished with a walk in one inning.

Aric McAtee scored three runs, Tyler Laughlin scored two and Adam Ohms had two RBI and scored once for the Rockets.

Ross scored eight runs in the second inning and six in the sixth.

Garrett Schneider had five hits, five runs and four RBI in a 19-3 victory in six innings over Lima Senior in the Three Rivers Athletic Conference on Tuesday. Mosser had three runs and three RBI, Noah Hotz had two runs and an RBI and Druckenmiller had four RBI and three runs.

Karson Wojdyla had two RBI and two runs.

Gabe Witt struck out six and walked five while allowing six hits and three runs (two earned) in six innings for the win on the mound.

The Little Giants scored nine runs in

the sixth. They also completed a suspended 7-4 setback.

#### Lakota 10, St. Mary Central Catholic 3

Tyler Wehrle struck out 13 and walked one while allowing four hits and three runs (two earned) in six innings for the win on the mound as Lakota clinched the Sandusky Bay Conference River Division crown.

Jordan White had three hits, three runs and an RBI, Collin Hipshire had three runs and an RBI and Josh Kagy added three RBI for the Raiders. Wehrle added two RBI.

Carter Reinhart struck out two and walked one in ⅓ an inning for the save.

Lakota scored four runs in the second inning.

#### Woodmore 10, Fostoria 2

Derrick Berkel allowed four hits and one earned run while striking out 13 in seven innings for the victory on the mound in Woodmore's Northern Buckeye Conference win.

Taityn Rollins, Zach Matwiejczyk (two), Ian Cook (three), Hunter Stevenson and Mitchell Miller had at least one RBI as the Wildcats scored nine runs in the first inning. Matwiejczyk had an RBI-single in the fourth.

Stevenson, Miller and Matwiejczyk each had three hits.

#### Old Fort 16, Tiffin Calvert 10

Jacob Webb had three hits and four RBI in Old Fort's SBC River Division victory.

Shane Ott had three RBI for the Stockaders.

Kaleb Wilkinson struck out 12 in five

innings and Payn You two innings.

#### Northwood 5, Gibsonburg 5

Gibsonburg allowed the bottom of the seventh to Toledo Area Athletic Club.

Luke Roberts had three hits, Luke Pelish and Fred Sauer each had two RBI apiece for the Golden I

### Softball

#### Ross 18, Woodward 5

Hailey Taylor had two hits and two RBI in Ross's nonconference victory.

Claire Ochs had two hits and two RBI, and Claire Dodson three RBI and scored two RBI for the Little Giants. Young had one hit.

Adrianna Melchor scored two runs in two innings and Maddy Ross struck out three in the seventh.

Dodson had four hits and three RBI in the Little Giants' victory over Lima Senior in five innings in the TRAC. Malinda Abby Zuniga had two hits and two RBI.

Englund struck out three in two innings.

#### Gibsonburg 11, Northwood 5

Aubrey Fleming allowed five runs in five innings for the win as she added a home run and two RBI in Gibsonburg's Toledo Area Athletic Conference victory.

Fleming was 3-for-3

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ROUNDUP

# Garrett Schneider leads Ross to win

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**Baseball**

**Fremont Ross 9, Perkins 3**

Garrett Schneider had three RBI, scored once and had three hits, including a triple in Ross's nonconference win.

Brandon Schneider struck out three and walked eight while allowing five hits and two runs (one earned) in 5 1/2 innings for the win on the mound. Gabe Witt struck out two and allowed one run and two hits in 1 1/2.

Caleb Bennisson had two hits for the Little Giants.

**Wynford 2, Woodmore 1**

Ian Cook scored on a single from Hunter Stevenson in the first inning in Woodmore's setback in a Division III sectional semifinal.

The game was suspended in the fifth inning Wednesday and completed Thursday.

Woodmore's Derrick Berkel struck out 11 and allowed two runs in five innings Wednesday. Donovan Reyes struck out one in two innings Thursday.

Cook had two of the Wildcats' four hits.

**Port Clinton 14, Huron 4 (5 innings)**

Carson Smith had three RBI in Port Clinton's Sandusky Bay Conference Bay

**Gibsonburg 11, Northwood 1**

Austin Biddle struck out one and allowed three hits in five innings for the victory on the mound and added a double in Gibsonburg's win in the Toledo Area Athletic Conference.

Hunter Smith, Tyler Pelish, Luke Roberts, Fred Sisco and Brendon Kolmeyer had two hits apiece for the Golden Bears (11-6, 7-4). Sisco hit a home run. Nate Reyes added a double.

**Cardinal Stritch 18, Danbury 2**

Danbury lost the TAAC matchup.

**Softball**

**Gibsonburg 14, St. Joseph Central**

day at Oak Harbor.

Aubrey Fleming allowed one hit for the victory in the circle Thursday.

Miranda Alejandro was 3-for-3 with a triple and RBI, Kocsis had two RBI and a double and Snyder had three RBI for Gibsonburg.

The Golden Bears scored eight in the second inning.

**Woodmore 5, Lake 4**

Kennedy Bringman drove in Mac Strickland with the go-ahead run i



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## **THREE RIVERS ATHLETIC CONFERENCE**

**FIRST TEAM:** P-Parker Swartz, Central Catholic, sr.; Devin Lunsford, Clay, sr.; Trey Ickes, Fremont Ross, sr.; Carter Smith, St. Francis, sr.; Noah Johnson, St. Francis, jr.; Caleb Biedenharn, St. John's, sr. C-Braden Durham, St. Francis, jr.; Brandon Horman, St. John's, sr. IF-Jase Bowen, Central Catholic, jr.; Nick Walter, Clay, sr.; Anthony Gonzalez, Findlay, sr.; Caleb Dugan, Lima Senior, soph.; Tim Organ, St. Francis, sr.; Nate Sifuentes, St. Francis, sr.; Tyler Woodbury, Whitmer, jr. OF-Jack Grombacher, Central Catholic, sr.; Garrett Schneider, Fremont Ross, jr.; Alex Foulks, St. John's, sr.; Pa'Sean Wimberly, Whitmer, jr. DH-Nathan Miller, Findlay, sr.; Zach Businger, St. John's, jr.; Kenny Deily, St. John's, jr.

**SECOND TEAM:** P-Daniel Powers, Central Catholic, sr.; Tyler Lydick, Findlay, jr.; Sam Holtz, St. Francis, jr.; Ethan Hertzfeld, St. Francis, sr.; McCoy Butler, St. John's, sr. C-Andrew Parker, Central Catholic, jr. IF-Anthony Lutz, Central Catholic, jr.; Palmer Yenrick, Clay, jr.; Patrick Dillon, Findlay, soph.; Cole Druckenmiller, Fremont Ross, jr.; Karson Wojdyla, Fremont Ross, jr.; Cam Long, St. Francis, sr.; Tyler Perino, St. John's, sr.; Zach Meeker, St. John's jr.; Dylan Larnhart, Whitmer, jr. OF-Andrew Collins, Clay, soph.; Grant Spears, Clay, jr.; Cameron Dillon, Findlay, sr.; James Gains, Lima Senior, jr.; Noah Hotz, Fremont Ross, jr.; Justin Schnebelen, St. Francis, sr.; Austin Stoner, Whitmer, sr.; Dalan Layton, Whitmer, jr.

**Player of the year:** Jase Bowen, Central Catholic.

**Pitcher of the year:** Caleb Biedenharn, St. John's.

**Coach of the year:** Tim Gerken, St. Francis.