

Ross

Coach: Andy Dennings (first year)

Last year: 15-10, 5-5 in GBC

Last tournament: Lost to Mansfield Senior in sectional opener

Key returners: Robbie Hall, of, jr; Kyle Cook, ss, p, jr; Aaron Opelt, of, jr; Joey Garza, 1b, p, sr; Brad Cobb, 3b, p, sr; Kory Decker, p, of, jr; Cody Ruiz, c, sr.

Outlook: Ross made a splash in the state rankings last season before slumping to close the year. Garza, Cobb and Ruiz should provide the team with solid leadership. Hall hit over .500 last season. Findlay is probably the league favorite with Napoleon close behind. Each is typically long on talent and proficient with the fundamentals.

The Little Giants should be very competitive in the league. The Little Giants will be adept at putting runs on the board and should play solid defense behind several returning hurlers. Continued development among the pitchers would buoy the team's confidence. Dennings was a junior varsity coach at Ross last year and head coach for St. Marys Legion for the last three years. Ross's lineup is heavily-laden with juniors but each has two years of varsity experience already. Dennings said maturity and the speed at which the newcomers get acclimated will be keys.