

# Little Giant '9' Won't Repeat

FINDLAY — One of the Fremont Ross goals for the 1972 season — a second straight Buckeye Conference baseball championship—fell to the one-hit pitching of Marion Harding hurler Mike Edwards Saturday.

Edwards allowed only two Ross runners to reach first base as the Little Giants lost a 5-0 verdict to the talented Prexies. Harding then lost an eight-inning heart-breaker to Findlay, 3-2, for the division championship.

Dale Shoemaker had Ross' only hit — a first inning single. And, he never advanced because Edwards picked him off moments after the hit.

Edwards then retired the next 15 batters in order before walking Chuck Lindsey to start the seventh inning. Lindsey remained at first, however, as Greg Burr and Shoemaker fanned and Roger Hetrick grounded back to the mound to end the contest.

Overall, Edwards totaled 11 strikeouts. He had four outs on ground balls and the other came on short pop outs or fly balls to the outfield.

"We didn't take our bag of base hits along," a dejected Ross head coach Tom Dorman reported. "Edwards was getting us in the hole on the first pitch and then we

were in trouble. It was a very frustrating afternoon."

The loss went on the record of Little Giant righthander Jim Fausey, who had recorded five consecutive victories. He went the distance, allowing five hits, walking one and striking out four.

The Prexies, who now have a 10-3 record, jumped on Fausey for three runs in the first inning. A two-run double by Edwards keyed the inning. He scored on a two-bagger by Steve Schweinfarth to make it 3-0.

Harding added two more runs in the fifth. A triple by Bill Wilkinson scored Bob Buckley, who had singled. Wilkinson got home on an infield out.

Ross, which has now lost two straight after racking up nine consecutive victories, was slated to play at Port Clinton today but the game was cancelled by the early morning rainstorm.

Thus, the next appearance for the Little Giants will come Tuesday at North Robinson.

