

PITCHERS' DUEL DELUX AT NORTH ROBINSON

Ross Advances To District Final, 1-0; Bork In One-Hitter

NORTH ROBINSON — Fremont Ross has reached the district baseball finals for the fourth consecutive year on the strength of flawless fielding, a perfectly executed squeeze play and the right arm of Terry Bork. The Little Giants won a battle of one-hitters Tuesday, beating Marion, 1-0, by squeezing in a final inning run.

Ross fielders played errorless ball in supporting the strong mound performance of Bork. The big right-hander and Tom Berkshire of Marion locked in a mound duel deluz until the decisive play in the seventh inning. It took only one hour and 25 minutes to complete the seven-inning contest.

Marion's fielding performance was nearly sparkling as that of Ross with only one error. The lone error contributed to the Ross run in the final inning after Terry Swartz spoiled the no-hit bid of Berkshire. Through six innings Berkshire was still untouched for a hit.

**No-Hitter Spoiled**  
Swartz led off the final inning with a double and moved to third when the centerfielder momentarily juggled the ball. This was scored as the only error of the game for either team. Mike Hirt then struck out and the stage was set for the scoring play.

Steve Raines laid down a bunt inside the first base line which was fielded by first baseman Rick Toms. Toms was able to tag out Raines, but not before the maneuver had given Swartz time to score..

Bork was never in trouble with only three Marion baserunners, one of whom was erased on a double play. Two men reached second, including John Minar who doubled with one out in the first inning. Bork then settled down to throw six and two-thirds innings of hitless baseball.

**Ross Double Play**  
A walk in the fifth put Marion's Dave Porter on base. He reached second on a sacrifice hit to Bork. In the sixth Berkshire led off with a walk but was erased as Dick Hughes hit into a double play. Hughes hit the ball on the handle to Bork who then doubled Berkshire off first base.

The winning pitcher retired the side in order in the second, third, fourth, sixth and seventh innings. After his mates had given him the one-run lead in the final inning, he struck out the side in the bottom of the seventh to end the game.

Only one ball was hit to the outfield, but Coach Don Purvis credited fine fielding plays by Hirt, Junior Pence and Tim Thomas for supplying a tight infield wall.

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Ross	ab	r	h	Marion	ab	r	h
Pence, 2b	3	0	0	Hughes, c	3	0	0
Thomas, ss	1	0	0	Minar, 2b	3	0	1
Schultz, lf	3	0	0	Shirk, 3b	3	0	0
Bork, p	2	0	0	Toms, lf	3	0	0
Swartz, cf	3	1	1	Porter, cf	2	0	0
Hirt, 3b	3	0	0	Rainer, rf	1	0	0
Raines, c	0	0	0	Waugh, lb	2	0	0
Hetrick, rf	3	0	0	Williams, ss	2	0	0
Fausey, lb	2	0	0	Berkshire, p	1	0	0
TOTALS	20	1	1	TOTALS	20	0	1

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Doubles Swartz, Minar. Struck out by Bork, 11; Berkshire, 10. Bases on balls Bork, 2; Berkshire 5. Winning pitcher Bork. Losing pitcher Berkshire. Hits off Bork 1 for 0 runs in 7 Innings. Hits off Berkshire 1 for 1 runs in 7 Innings.

In going the distance Bork struck out 11 and walked only the two. Berkshire had 10 strikeouts and five walks.

**Finals At Deshler**  
The victory advanced Ross to the district finals at Deshler Saturday against Toledo Central Catholic. The game has been scheduled for 4 p.m. As a warmup Ross will play Willard at Anderson field this afternoon.

Willard is the team Ross beat to win the sectional title at North Robinson last week.

The title chase to the district finals opened with 17 teams at North Robinson. Fremont has now reached finals of district