

2017 Season Review

SPEAKING THE SAME LANGUAGE



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Grant Gallagher returns as a two-year starter at shortstop for Fremont Ross.

Players will be trying to collect 'donkeys'

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REPORTER

Some would say baseball players speak their own language.

Many baseball teams have their own words. Or, at least, they appropriate new meanings for words we know to have no such definitions.

Home runs often get a unique moniker specific to a team. The appetizing pitches that lead to home runs often have a special name that alternates between emboldening and embarrassing depending on whether you're the victim.

"This team has really gelled well," Fremont Ross senior shortstop Grant Gallagher said. "We all enjoy being around each other

and bonding. It's the closest team I've been on in my four years. The team goal is to play with more enthusiasm or donkeys."

To clarify, the Little Giants have determined that in addition to being a stubborn work animal, donkey is also now an opportunity to demonstrate you're having fun and playing with passion on the diamond. You can occasionally ride a mule, and a Ross donkey will be earned by Little Giants who kick-(butt).

Fremont Ross has six players who gained starting experience at an early stage last season, including junior right-handed pitcher Trey Ickes. Ickes heads the pitching staff after he notched 46 strikeouts in 51 1/3 innings with three wins in 11 starts.

"They will lead a deeper-than-ever pitching staff," Ross coach

Mark King said. "Trey has impressed coaches, changing speeds effectively and throwing up to five different pitches. Trey's hard work in the offseason nailed down his spot at the top of the staff."

Ickes has a fastball, changeup, slider, cutter and curveball.

Gallagher, who also pitches, is a two-year starter. He earned second-team all-Three Rivers Athletic Conference status last season batting .299 with 17 runs and 12 RBIs.

Junior catcher Josiah Cook batted .278 last season with 16 RBIs. Sophomore center fielder/pitcher Noah Hotz was honorable mention all-league with 19 RBI and 11 runs.

Senior left fielder/left-handed

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pitcher Jacob Paxson and sophomore first baseman/lefty Karson Wojdyla return on the same page.

“My individual goal is to be the best teammate I can be and just stop and smell the roses,” Gallagher said. “We will be able to surprise teams with our young, but experienced roster.

Senior right fielder/designated hitter Dylan Smith and sophomores Garrett Schneider (catcher/outfield) and Brandon Schneider (third base/pitcher) started on occasion last year.

Sophomores Caleb Druckenmiller (second base/pitcher) and Gabe Witt (first base/pitcher) are varsity newcomers.

Ross committed 78 errors.

“Success will be directly driven by the improvement defensively,” King said. “The coaching staff is excited about the growth of Josiah and Wojdyla. On the offensive side, high expectations exist for Paxson and Hotz.”

The Little Giants won seven games last season, including three in the league.

“The Ross baseball program will be much improved and very competitive in the highly-talented TRAC,” King said. “This group of 15 has bought in to the idea baseball is a team sport.

“Their success lies in how they improve as a group of nine every night, instead of the performance of one.”

But everybody pulls the cart.

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Ross Little Giants Varsity Drops Game to Fostoria After Late Score

April 4, 2017 vs. Fostoria (OH)

Ross Little Giants Varsity stayed in it until the end, but Fostoria pulled away late in an 8-5 victory on Tuesday. The game was tied at five with Fostoria batting in the top of the sixth when there was an error, scoring one run.

Ross Little Giants Varsity lost despite out-hitting Fostoria six to five.

Fostoria captured the lead in the second inning. **Turner** drove in one when he singled in the second inning.

Ross Little Giants Varsity evened things up at five in the bottom of the fifth inning. Ross Little Giants Varsity scored one run when **Druckenmiller** singled with two outs in the fifth inning.

Ross Little Giants Varsity scored three runs in the fourth inning. Ross Little Giants Varsity scored on a double by **Druckenmiller** and a error.

Hickle earned the win for Fostoria. He tossed three innings, allowing zero runs, one hit, striking out three, and walking one. **Ickes** took the loss for Ross Little Giants Varsity. He went four and two-thirds innings, allowing four runs, one hit, and striking out eight.

Schneider started the game for Ross Little Giants Varsity. He threw two and a third innings, surrendering four runs, four hits, and striking out two. **Yates** started the game for Fostoria. He tossed three and two-thirds innings, allowing three runs, three hits, and striking out five.

Ross Little Giants Varsity collected six hits. **Druckenmiller**, **Paxson**, and **Gallagher** each collected multiple hits for Ross Little Giants Varsity. **Gallagher**, **Paxson**, and **Druckenmiller** each managed two hits to lead Ross Little Giants Varsity.

Fostoria tore up the base paths, as two players stole at least two bases. **Sheets** led the way with three.

Ross Little Giants Varsity Defeats Toledo Whitmer in Low-Scoring Affair

April 5, 2017 vs. Toledo Whitmer

Both teams were strong on the mound Wednesday, but Ross Little Giants Varsity defeated Toledo Whitmer 2-1. **Paxson** allowed just three hits to Toledo Whitmer.

Ross Little Giants Varsity grabbed an early lead. Ross Little Giants Varsity scored on a groundout by **Druckenmiller** in the first inning.

Ross Little Giants Varsity took an early lead in the first inning. **Cook's** sac fly scored one run for Ross Little Giants Varsity.

Paxson earned the win for Ross Little Giants Varsity. He threw five innings, allowing one run, three hits, and striking out four. **Miller** took the loss for Toledo Whitmer. He went four innings, giving up two runs, two hits, striking out one, and walking one.

Cook and **Druckenmiller** each drove in one run to lead Ross Little Giants Varsity. Ross Little Giants Varsity was sure-handed in the field and didn't commit a single error. **Wojdyla** had the most chances in the field with eight.

Toledo Whitmer didn't commit a single error in the field. **Burgess** had the most chances in the field with nine.

Fostoria 8, Fremont Ross 5

Jacob Paxson had two doubles and an RBI and Cole Druckenmiller had two hits, a double and two RBIs for host Fremont Ross Tuesday in a nonleague loss to Fostoria. Grant Gallagher also had two hits for the Little Giants.

Trey Ickes took the loss for Fremont, striking out eight and allowing four runs and one hit in four and two-thirds innings. Brandon Schneider started for the Little Giants and went 2 1/3 innings, striking out two and yielding four hits and four runs.

Paxson more than just the fastball



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Jacob Paxson throws a pitch Wednesday for Fremont Ross against visiting Toledo Whitmer.

Fremont Ross senior working to also throw strikes with his secondary pitches

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REPORTER

Fremont Ross pitcher Jacob Paxson mustered enough velocity to be rather competitive at times as a junior.

But it's hard to foster consistency when there's only one pitch you can throw for strikes.

"He didn't command the strike zone last season," Little Giants coach Mark King said of the lefty. "In his two outings this year he's been around the plate the whole night."

Paxson (0-1) left the game for a reliever with the lead but inherited runners led to a setback against Bowling Green.

"He pitched a great game, but he ran out of gas a little," King said. "His fastball is up in the zone when he's tired. If you can command, you can have success with his velocity."

"His velocity is a lot better. He didn't have a lot of varsity innings. He gained experience and he's sharp. He's more mature on the mound."

There's always a sense of urgency for a senior who loves their sport. That's why Paxson's favorite

memory to this point is a home victory over Findlay on Senior Night last year.

"Your mindset for the game doesn't change," Paxson said, "but it's my last ride. This could be it and I have to make the most of it now."

Paxson allowed one run through five innings Wednesday against visiting Toledo Whitmer. The game was suspended there with the Little Giants ahead 2-1.

"What's improved a lot is his control," Ross catcher Josiah Cook said. "He throws more strikes and he gets strikeouts with his curve-ball."

Paxson wants to be able to throw his secondary pitches on a hitter's count. He also has a change-up.

"I worked on developing my other pitches besides my fastball to throw them for strikes," he said. "That helps me be effective and my defenders aren't in bad positions having my back."

"I can throw batters off balance."

In comparison, King knows what he'll get from Paxson when it comes to demeanor.

"He has the right attitude," King said. "He doesn't

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get too excited. He's relaxed. He has a good pitching mentality. He doesn't get rattled.

"We don't have a lot of seniors. He and Grant (Gallagher) have to show guidance on the field. He and (junior) Trey (Ickes) will have to lead the staff."

Paxson, who plays left field when not pitching, is less vocal

and more lead-by-example. He regrouped to induce a popup with the bases loaded Wednesday in the top of the third.

King might play six sophomores together at times.

"Best effort every night," Paxson said. "If I give my all, I'll be pleased. If I give good energy we can play our best as a team."

"I love playing with these guys. We want to show the team that we can be every night."

Ickes and Paxson will be the primary starters for Three Rivers Athletic Conference games

every other day. There are new pitch-count rules this season to monitor.

"The days of one horse in the stable won't happen," King said. "He'll get a TRAC opponent every week. We expect him on the mound once or twice a week."

"We expect him to keep his command. If he's on top of his breaking pitch and he's around the zone with his fastball, he can succeed."

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Clay Captures Lead Early to Defeat Ross Little Giants Varsity

April 10, 2017 vs. Clay

Ross Little Giants Varsity fell behind early and couldn't come back in a 3-0 loss to Clay on Monday. Clay took the lead on a passed ball in the second inning.

The pitching was strong on both sides. Clay pitchers struck out seven, while Ross Little Giants Varsity sat down five

Clay captured the lead in the second inning.

A single by **Paxson** in the first inning was a positive for Ross Little Giants Varsity.

Daly earned the win for Clay. He threw six innings, giving up zero runs, two hits, and striking out seven. **Ickes** took the loss for Ross Little Giants Varsity. He pitched six innings, giving up three runs, two hits, and striking out five.

Hotz and **Paxson** all had one hit to lead Ross Little Giants Varsity. Ross Little Giants Varsity didn't commit a single error in the field. **Wojdyla** had the most chances in the field with nine.

Clay didn't commit a single error in the field. **Walter** had ten chances in the field, the most on the team.

Ross Little Giants Varsity Wins Back-And-Forth Affair Against Toledo Start

April 11, 2017 vs. Toledo Start

Ross Little Giants Varsity and Toledo Start traded the lead back-and-forth on Tuesday, but eventually Ross Little Giants Varsity prevailed 6-3. Ross Little Giants Varsity took the lead for good in the fifth inning. The game was tied at three with Ross Little Giants Varsity batting in the bottom of the fifth when there was an error, scoring one run.

Toledo Start captured the lead in the first inning. Toledo Start scored one run when **Peek** singled with zero outs in the first inning.

In the top of the third inning, Toledo Start tied things up at three. **Monnett** drove in a run when he walked with the bases loaded.

Witt earned the win for Ross Little Giants Varsity. He threw two and a third innings, surrendering zero runs, two hits, and walking one. **Gogol** took the loss for Toledo Start. He pitched one inning, giving up three runs, and one hit.

Wojdyla started the game for Ross Little Giants Varsity. He pitched three innings, allowing three runs, four hits, and striking out two. **Zales** started the game for Toledo Start. He tossed four innings, giving up three runs, six hits, and striking out one.

Ross Little Giants Varsity collected seven hits. **Schneider**, **Paxson**, and **Hotz** each collected multiple hits for Ross Little Giants Varsity. **Hotz**, **Paxson**, and **Schneider** each collected two hits to lead Ross Little Giants Varsity.

Toledo Start had six hits in the game. **Peek** and **Zales** each collected multiple hits for Toledo Start. **Peek** went 3-for-4 at the plate to lead Toledo Start in hits.

Central Catholic Captures Lead Early to Defeat Ross Little Giants Varsity

April 12, 2017 vs. Central Catholic

Ross Little Giants Varsity fell behind early and couldn't come back in a 5-1 loss to Central Catholic on Wednesday. Central Catholic took the lead on a triple in the second inning.

Central Catholic captured the lead in the second inning. **Bowen** tripled on a 1-1 count in the second inning, scoring two runs.

Central Catholic scored three runs in the third inning. The big inning for Central Catholic came thanks to a single by **Bonitati** and an error.

Gardner earned the win for Central Catholic. He tossed four innings, giving up zero runs, two hits, and striking out two. **Paxson** took the loss for Ross Little Giants Varsity. He went six innings, surrendering five runs, seven hits, and striking out five.

Gallagher went 1-for-3 at the plate as he led the team with one run batted in.

Central Catholic collected seven hits. **Quinlan** and **Bonitati** each collected multiple hits for Central Catholic. Central Catholic didn't commit a single error in the field. **McCauley** had the most chances in the field with 12.

King set to exit Ross baseball throne

Served as head coach for 11 years with 112 wins

MATTHEW HORN
REPORTER

FREMONT - It's easy to compare baseball to life.

Each often takes a long time, but you don't know when the moments to remember will come. Both can be painful.

Fremont Ross coach Mark King, who will retire after the season, has used one to help him navigate the other. Baseball has always been there for King.

Sometimes that had little to do with the sport, and everything to do with the

escape sharing time where King was most comfortable.

King had knee replacement surgery last summer, the last of five operations in three years.

"I didn't think about it until May," he said. "I was already scheduled for surgery and I decided to leave the classroom. A coach should be there daily.

'The time is right'

"We build student-athletes. It's bitter-sweet to walk away. You know the time is right."

There's a chance King wouldn't have returned this season, but he wasn't going to leave on a sour note. Not when there might be six sophomores on the field as part of a hard-working group with class and strong bonds.

"Last year there was a physical toll and knowing this is my last year teaching ... we were 7-20 last year," King said. "I didn't want to walk away that way. I want the team to be at a level where I'm satisfied as coach and I can come back and watch them compete at a high level in the TRAC (Three Rivers Athletic Conference)."

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MOLLY CORFMAN/THE NEWS-MESSENGER
Fremont Ross coach Mark King is a father figure for the Little Giants' baseball family.

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King hasn't coached a base in a few years and throwing batting practice is an ordeal.

"The athletes and the game have changed at the high school level," he said. "I'm old-school. Some of the philosophies and perceptions from the kids have changed.

"It's time for a fresh look. I won't be far away. It's time to roll over to a new idea and gameplan."

'He keeps you guessing'

King has certainly been known to make you earn his respect. He's also the type of man who makes you want to earn his respect.

"I love Coach King's enthusiasm about baseball," senior pitcher Jacob Paxson said. "He's been around it his whole life and he shows us how to love it.

"He wants what's best for us and we have to give him everything because he gives it to us."

The Little Giants recognize and thoroughly enjoy when stoic King becomes King clown (That might be an exaggeration).

"He'll come out and we expect him to be serious and he's joking," Ross senior shortstop Grant Gallagher said. "That's my favorite thing.

"When he's serious, it sets the tone. It's nice he balances it. He keeps you guessing a little. It's fun."

King is tough — possibly intimidating — on the outside. Baseball is the way to his heart.

"People think he's just grumpy all the time," Gallagher said, "but he cares. He's not making a million bucks. It means a lot how much they're willing to work with us.

"He gives back and he spends on top-notch jerseys. We have three hats."



MOLLY CORFMAN/THE NEWS-MESSENGER
Fremont Ross coach Mark King has a tough exterior, but his players love to earn his respect.

Indeed, King loves baseball. It's not the swag that makes players feel special.

And it's not why he was recognized as coach of the year for his sportsmanship, ethics and integrity by the Ohio High School Athletic Association.

It mattered little that 2016 was the only losing season for King. His mother, Lola, was in hospice care and died during the year.

He was called off the field twice during games for fear she was about to die. The character King demonstrated was a perfect snapshot of his career.

"Nobody likes to lose, but the game is bigger than wins and losses," King said. "We want to create an environment where we teach things the right way. What gives me closure — so many players have succeeded in the game of life.

"We've proven we play the right way and respect the game. I've been involved

with high school baseball for 36 years. It's nice to go out on a final note with your peers' respect."

Like sons, brothers

King's world revolves around baseball, so it can be hard to separate his genetic family from the baseball version. Not that he tries.

His son, Jared, played for King in high school and is now an assistant.

"I grew up in a baseball family," he said. "My dad was JV coach at Ross. I grew up at the field and my son grew up at the field."

Paul King died of ALS (Lou Gehrig's Disease) after Jared's senior season in 2008. King found out shortly after visiting his dad with the rundown of that day's game, per ritual.

"It's ironic my dad died of a baseball disease," King said.

The Little Giants played St. Francis in

their ALS fundraiser game shortly after King's mother died.

"To see they honestly care and the way they treated me with her illness," he said. "They care passionately about my life and I'm knocking on retirement. That speaks volumes for what we're trying to do with the program.

"Athletics is only one aspect of the relationship. They're even better young adults. They showed they care and it meant a lot."

The team signed a ball for King. "We were able to have a day of baseball and play a game everybody loves with him on a day when he's remembering his family," Paxson said. "We didn't want it to be somber.

"We wanted it to be an energetic day playing the game we love. We recognize Coach has faced adversity and we had a special day together."

Kids no doubt make adults earn their respect too. The Little Giants know King is knowledgeable and they trust him.

"He kept my head up," Gallagher said of King. "I knew he cared and it meant a lot. I started by the end of the year."

King has 112 wins in 11 years as head coach. More importantly, baseball provided him with opportunities to teach and love.

And learn. "When I started I was much more high strung," he said. "I wore on my sleeve what was on my mind. I learned patience from the kids. Watch before you share expectations so you make sure your expectations are feasible."

That's a good idea in life as well. For the retiring King, it's the same thing.

"I live here," he said.

It couldn't have been more appropriate that he was standing near the Ross dugout when he said it.

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Ross Little Giants Varsity Grabs Lead in Sixth Inning for Victory Over Oak Harbor

April 15, 2017 vs. Oak Harbor

Ross Little Giants Varsity took the lead late in the game in a 6-3 victory over Oak Harbor on Saturday. The game was tied at three with Ross Little Giants Varsity batting in the top of the sixth when **Lacer** walked **Smith** to drive in a run.

After Ross Little Giants Varsity scored one run in the top of the fifth, Oak Harbor answered with one of their own. Ross Little Giants Varsity scored when **Hotz** singled off of **Seagard**, driving in one run. Oak Harbor then answered when there was an error, scoring one run.

Ickes earned the win for Ross Little Giants Varsity. He pitched six innings, allowing three runs, five hits, and striking out eight. **Seagard** took the loss for Oak Harbor. He threw five innings, surrendering five runs, four hits, striking out four, and walking one.

Schneider, **Cook**, **Hotz**, and **Smith** each drove in one run to lead Ross Little Giants Varsity.

McAtee went 2-for-3 at the plate as he led the team with one run batted in. **St. Clair** led Oak Harbor with four stolen bases, as they ran wild on the base paths with seven stolen bases.

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Sat Apr 15, 12:45 PM - 1:45 PM ET

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FINAL

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E
▶ RSSL	3	1	1	0	0	1	0	6	10	0
OKHR	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	6	0

Ross Little Giants Varsity Jumps Out to Early Lead in Victory Over Oak Harbor

April 15, 2017 vs. Oak Harbor

Ross Little Giants Varsity grabbed an early lead on its way to a 6-2 victory over Oak Harbor on Saturday. Ross Little Giants Varsity scored on a double by **Paxson** in the first inning and a single by **Hotz** in the second inning.

Ross Little Giants Varsity captured the lead in the first inning. Ross Little Giants Varsity scored two runs when **Paxson** doubled with zero outs in the first inning.

Druckenmiller earned the win for Ross Little Giants Varsity. He tossed five and a third innings, giving up two runs, six hits, striking out seven, and walking one. **St. Clair** took the loss for Oak Harbor. He pitched five innings, giving up six runs, seven hits, and striking out seven.

Ross Little Giants Varsity collected ten hits. **Gallagher**, **Schneider**, and **Hotz** each collected multiple hits for Ross Little Giants Varsity. **Gallagher** went 3-for-4 at the plate to lead Ross Little Giants Varsity in hits. Ross Little Giants Varsity was sure-handed and didn't commit a single error. **Wojdyla** made the most plays with eight.

Lacer led Oak Harbor with two hits in three at bats. Oak Harbor didn't commit a single error in the field. **Hanselman** had the most chances in the field with nine.

BASEBALL

Little Giants big in sweep

Fremont Ross gained two important wins on Saturday by defeating Oak Harbor 6-2 in Game 1, and 6-3 in Game 2.

The Little Giants jumped out the the early lead in Game 1 on a two-run double by Jacob Paxson in the first inning and an RBI single by Noah Hotz in the second inning. Grant Gallagher, Brandon Schneider and Hotz each had multiple hits for Ross. Cole Druckenmiller tossed 5 1/3 innings for the win giving up two runs, six hits, and striking out seven.

Game 2 saw the Little Giants come from behind to beat the Rockets in the sixth inning. Trey Ickes was credited with the win on the hill for Ross. He gave up three runs on five hits and struck out eight in his six innings of work.

Mon Apr 17, 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM ET **FINAL**

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	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E
▶▶ RSSL	3	5	1	0	1	0	0	10	17	1
LMSN	1	0	3	0	0	1	0	5	7	5

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Ross Little Giants Varsity Jumps Out to Early Lead in Victory Over Lima Senior

April 17, 2017 vs. Lima Senior

Ross Little Giants Varsity grabbed an early lead on its way to a 10-5 victory over Lima Senior on Monday. Ross Little Giants Varsity scored on a single by **Cook** in the first inning, a walk by **Druckenmiller** in the first inning, a walk in the first inning, a single by **Cook** in the second inning, and a triple by **Smith** in the second inning.

Ross Little Giants Varsity earned the victory despite allowing Lima Senior to score three runs in the third inning. Lima Senior's big inning was driven by a single by **Gaines** and a single by **Binkley**.

Ross Little Giants Varsity took an early lead in the first inning. Ross Little Giants Varsity scored one run when **Cook** singled with one out in the first inning.

Ross Little Giants Varsity scored five runs in the second inning. The big inning was thanks to a single by **Cook** and a triple by **Smith**.

Lima Senior scored three runs in the third inning. The big inning for Lima Senior came thanks to a single by **Gaines** and a single by **Binkley**.

Paxson earned the win for Ross Little Giants Varsity. He went four innings, giving up four runs, six hits, and striking out four. **Shoemaker** took the loss for Lima Senior. He pitched five innings, surrendering ten runs, 15 hits, and striking out five.

Ross Little Giants Varsity had 17 hits in the game. **Druckenmiller**, **Gallagher**, **Paxson**, **Smith**, **Hotz**, and **Cook** each collected multiple hits for Ross Little Giants Varsity. **Gallagher** and **Druckenmiller** all had three hits to lead Ross Little Giants Varsity.

Fremont Ross 10, Lima Senior 5

The Little Giants moved their record to 6-4 overall (2-2 Three Rivers Athletic Conference) with a win on Monday.

Jacob Paxson and Grant Gallagher combined to throw all seven innings, give up seven hits and strikeout 10 batters.

Offensively Gallagher and Cole Druckenmiller each had three hits while Dylan Smith had two hits and drove in four runs. Paxson also stroked two hits and Josiah Cook had two hits and three RBIs.

Tue Apr 18, 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM ET FINAL

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	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E
RSSL	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	4	5	3
▶ TFFN	7	0	0	2	0	1	X	10	8	2

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Tiffin Columbian Captures Lead Early to Defeat Ross Little Giants Varsity

April 18, 2017 vs. Tiffin Columbian

Ross Little Giants Varsity fell behind early and couldn't come back in a 10-4 loss to Tiffin Columbian on Tuesday. Tiffin Columbian scored on a single by **Magill**, a single by **Mungia**, an error, a walk by **Eisenhower**, and an error in the first inning.

Tiffin Columbian captured the lead in the first inning. **Magill** singled on the first pitch of the at bat in the first inning, scoring one run.

Mungia earned the win for Tiffin Columbian. He pitched seven innings, allowing four runs, five hits, and striking out four. **Wojdyla** took the loss for Ross Little Giants Varsity. He threw two-thirds of an inning, surrendering seven runs, three hits, and striking out one.

Ross Little Giants Varsity collected five hits. **Paxson** and **Gallagher** each collected multiple hits for Ross Little Giants Varsity. **Gallagher** and **Paxson** each managed two hits to lead Ross Little Giants Varsity.

Magill went 2-for-4 at the plate as he led the team with three runs batted in.

Fri Apr 21, 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM ET FINAL

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	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	R	H	E
RSSL	1	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	4	6	2
▶ WHTM	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	1	5	12	4

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Ross Little Giants Varsity Goes Down on Final Play Against Whitmer

April 21, 2017 vs. Whitmer

It came down to the last play, but Ross Little Giants Varsity was on the wrong end of a 5-4 defeat to Whitmer on Friday. The game was tied at four with Whitmer batting in the bottom of the eighth when **Roscoe** singled off of **Ickes**, driving in one run.

Ross Little Giants Varsity captured the lead in the first inning.

In the bottom of the seventh inning, Whitmer tied things up at four. With zero outs in the seventh inning **#31** drove in one run when he singled.

Bukowski earned the win for Whitmer. He threw two innings, surrendering zero runs, zero hits, striking out three, and walking one. **Ickes** took the loss for Ross Little Giants Varsity. He went one and two-thirds innings, surrendering two runs, three hits, and striking out two.

Paxson started the game for Ross Little Giants Varsity. He went six innings, giving up three runs, nine hits, and striking out five. **Stoner** started the game for Whitmer. He threw three and two-thirds innings, giving up two runs, three hits, and striking out two.

Smith, **Paxson**, and **Witt** each drove in one run to lead Ross Little Giants Varsity.

Whitmer collected 12 hits. **McDonald**, **#31**, **Roscoe**, and **Wimberley** each collected multiple hits for Whitmer.

Sat Apr 22, 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM ET **FINAL**

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	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E
BLLV	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	2	5	1
▶▶ RSSL	0	0	0	0	4	1	X	5	6	2

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Ross Little Giants Varsity Grabs Lead in Fifth Inning for Victory Over Bellevue

April 22, 2017 vs. Bellevue

Ross Little Giants Varsity took the lead late in the game in a 5-2 victory over Bellevue on Saturday. Ross Little Giants Varsity trailed 2-1 in the bottom of the fifth inning when **Druckenmiller** singled off of **Wells**, driving in two runs.

Druckenmiller earned the win for Ross Little Giants Varsity. He went seven innings, allowing two runs, five hits, striking out two, and walking zero. **Wells** took the loss for Bellevue. He pitched five innings, surrendering four runs, five hits, and striking out one.

Gallagher went 2-for-2 at the plate to lead Ross Little Giants Varsity in hits.

Mon Apr 24, 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM ET **FINAL**

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	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E
RSSL	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	2	5	1
▶ ST.J	6	0	1	0	0	2	X	9	9	3

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Ross Little Giants Varsity Loses Lead Early in Defeat

April 24, 2017 vs. St. John's Jesuit

Ross Little Giants Varsity watched the game slip away early and couldn't recover in a 9-2 loss to St. John's Jesuit on Monday. St. John's Jesuit scored on a walk , a single , a single by **Meeker**, and a single by **Foulks** in the first inning.

St. John's Jesuit took an early lead in the first inning. A wild pitch by **Ickes** scored one run for St. John's Jesuit.

Butler earned the win for St. John's Jesuit. He threw six innings, giving up one run, three hits, striking out five, and walking one. **Ickes** took the loss for Ross Little Giants Varsity. He tossed four innings, surrendering seven runs, and six hits.

Schneider, Hotz, Schneider, Wojdyla, and **Druckenmiller** all had one hit to lead Ross Little Giants Varsity.

St. John's Jesuit had nine hits in the game. **Fleck, Foulks,** and **Horman** each collected multiple hits for St. John's Jesuit.

Tue Apr 25, 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM ET **FINAL**

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MRNH	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	2	10	1
▶ RSSL	3	2	0	0	0	0	X	5	5	1

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Ross Little Giants Varsity Jumps Out to Early Lead in Victory Over Marion Harding

April 25, 2017 vs. Marion Harding

An early lead helped Ross Little Giants Varsity defeat Marion Harding 5-2 on Tuesday. Ross Little Giants Varsity scored on a single by **Druckenmiller** in the first inning, a double by **Smith** in the first inning, a double by **Paxson** in the second inning, and a wild pitch in the second inning.

Ross Little Giants Varsity captured the lead in the first inning. **Druckenmiller** drove in one when he singled in the first inning.

Druckenmiller earned the win for Ross Little Giants Varsity. He pitched five innings, surrendering two runs, eight hits, and striking out two. **Booker** took the loss for Marion Harding. He tossed one and one-third innings, giving up five runs, three hits, and striking out three.

Smith went 1-for-4 at the plate as he led the team with two runs batted in.

Marion Harding collected ten hits. **Riegel** and **Detwiler** each collected multiple hits for Marion Harding.

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Wed Apr 26, 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM ET

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FINAL

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E
▶ CLAY	0	0	0	0	3	5	0	8	8	2
RSSL	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	3	0

Ross Little Giants Varsity Falls to Clay After Fifth Inning Score

April 26, 2017 vs. Clay

Ross Little Giants Varsity lost the lead late in an 8-2 defeat to Clay on Wednesday. The game was tied at zero with Clay batting in the top of the fifth when **Walter** singled off of **Paxson**, driving in three runs.

Clay scored five runs in the sixth inning. The big inning for Clay came thanks to a single by **Yenrick** and a double by **Orr**.

Leathers earned the win for Clay. He went seven innings, surrendering two runs, three hits, striking out four, and walking one. **Paxson** took the loss for Ross Little Giants Varsity. He pitched four and two-thirds innings, allowing three runs, three hits, and striking out three.

Gallagher, **Cook**, and **Paxson** all had one hit to lead Ross Little Giants Varsity. Ross Little Giants Varsity was sure-handed and didn't commit a single error. **Hotz** made the most plays with five.

Winckowski went 2-for-4 at the plate to lead Clay in hits.



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Fremont Ross sophomore Cole Druckenmiller has three wins in three starts.

Hard work pays off

Little Giants surpass 2016 win total about halfway through the year

MATTHEW HORN
REPORTER

Fremont Ross exceeded last season's win total Tuesday with a non-conference victory against Marion Harding.

"We won seven games all of last year, and we're halfway through," Little Giants coach Mark King said. "That's an indication of their hard work in the off-season and maturity on the field."

"They're seeing the results from their effort and experience. They work as a unit. They play until the last out. They want to be on the field, and they want to succeed and win has taken a step up."

Cole Druckenmiller, who tossed five innings for the win on the mound Tuesday, is one of six sophomores who start for Ross (8-7, 2-3). Druckenmiller, who led the junior varsity staff last year, has three wins in three games with a 1.70 ERA.

"I've been striving to reach varsity, and then I had to make sure to stay positive and do what's expected of me," he said. "I've had to adjust to the talent at varsity. I expected to struggle a little at the beginning."

"My teammates have made the transition very smooth. We've bonded."

Druckenmiller didn't have his best stuff for 90 pitches Tuesday, but he's been comfortable. He threw 75 pitches in seven innings in a win against Bellevue.

"He stays in the strike zone," King said. "He has a good off-speed pitch, and he's sneaky enough with his fastball to surprise people. He can locate his fastball on both sides of the plate. He's going to do nothing but get better."

Jacob Paxson and Trey Ickes are the Little Giants' starters for Three Rivers Athletic Conference games. Grant Gallagher is the closer.

"Our efficiency as a staff ... a 2.68 ERA in high school is pretty good," King said.

Ickes and Paxson feed off one another.

"Trey and I like to go at it a little in a good way pushing each other so we can help the best way we can," Paxson said.



Grant Gallagher of Fremont Ross is batting .364 and fills the closer role on the mound.

The pair has two wins apiece.

"Trey worked extremely hard all winter," King said. "His stuff is filthy — he's throwing five pitches — but he needs to command the strike zone a little better. Jacob's breaking pitch is being thrown for a strike."

"That makes his fastball even better. His breaking pitch has frustrated people. He's a lefty with more velocity this year."

Paxson worked on pitch recognition and has

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paced the offense with a .372 average and nine doubles. Gallagher is batting .364.

"Paxson is unconscious," King said. "He's

seeing the ball like no other. He's driving the ball, and I hope he doesn't wake up. Even his outs have been loud. As a team, we need to pick up the offense.

"We're batting .260. We need to put the offense together to meet our ability. If you have an under-3.00 ERA and you

take care of your outs, you'll win some games."

Ross averages about one error per game after committing more than 70 last season.

The Little Giants have been competitive in most games. They fell 9-3 to Toledo St. John's after allowing six runs in the first.

"The difference is how well the team plays together," Paxson said. "This team is one. Even when we don't have our best game as individuals, we're able to win games because we're strong, unified."

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Fri Apr 28, 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM ET

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FINAL

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▶▶ CNTR	1	0	3	1	0	0	0	5	3	3
RSSL	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	2	2

Ross Little Giants Varsity Loses Lead Early in Defeat

April 28, 2017 vs. Central Catholic

Ross Little Giants Varsity watched the game slip away early and couldn't recover in a 5-2 loss to Central Catholic on Friday. Central Catholic took the lead on a walk in the first inning.

Central Catholic took an early lead in the first inning. An error scored one run for Central Catholic.

Central Catholic scored three runs in the third inning. Central Catholic's big inning was driven by a triple by **Scheits**.

McCauley earned the win for Central Catholic. He tossed seven innings, allowing two runs, two hits, and striking out four. **Ickes** took the loss for Ross Little Giants Varsity. He threw seven innings, allowing five runs, three hits, and striking out seven.

Smith and **Schneider** each collected one hit to lead Ross Little Giants Varsity.

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Wed May 3, 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM ET

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FINAL

	1	2	3	4	5	R	H	E
RSSL	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2
▶ ST.F	1	0	3	6	X	10	7	1

Ross Little Giants Varsity Loses Lead Early in Defeat

May 3, 2017 vs. St. Francis de Sales

Ross Little Giants Varsity watched the game slip away early and couldn't recover in a 10-0 loss to St. Francis de Sales on Wednesday. St. Francis de Sales took the lead on a single in the first inning.

St. Francis de Sales took an early lead in the first inning. **Organ Jr.** singled on a 2-2 count in the first inning, scoring one run.

St. Francis de Sales scored six runs in the fourth inning. St. Francis de Sales's big inning was driven by a single by **Watts**, a single by **Sifuentes**, a single by **Martin**, a single by **Durham**, a single by **Sifuentes**, and a passed ball.

One bright spot for Ross Little Giants Varsity was a single by **Druckenmiller** in the fifth inning.

Smith earned the win for St. Francis de Sales. He went five innings, giving up zero runs, one hit, striking out four, and walking zero. **Ickes** took the loss for Ross Little Giants Varsity. He tossed three and a third innings, allowing eight runs, four hits, and striking out two.

Druckenmiller led Ross Little Giants Varsity with one hit in two at bats.

Sifuentes led St. Francis de Sales with three stolen bases, as they ran wild on the base paths with ten stolen bases.

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Tue May 9, 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM ET

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FINAL

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	R	H	E
▶ ST.J	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	7	1
RSSL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	X	0	2	1

Ross Little Giants Varsity Loses Lead Early in Defeat

May 9, 2017 vs. St. John's Jesuit

Ross Little Giants Varsity watched the game slip away early and couldn't recover in a 3-0 loss to St. John's Jesuit on Tuesday. St. John's Jesuit scored on an error, a single by **Horman**, and a double by **Businger** in the first inning.

The pitching was strong on both sides. St. John's Jesuit pitchers struck out five, while Ross Little Giants Varsity sat down four

St. John's Jesuit took an early lead in the first inning. An error scored one run for St. John's Jesuit.

One bright spot for Ross Little Giants Varsity was a single by **Smith** in the fourth inning.

Perino earned the win for St. John's Jesuit. He went three innings, surrendering zero runs, zero hits, striking out two, and walking one. Two relievers helped St. John's Jesuit close out the victory. **Hurley** threw three innings. **Druckenmiller** took the loss for Ross Little Giants Varsity. He pitched seven innings, surrendering three runs, seven hits, striking out four, and walking one.

Smith and **Schneider** each collected one hit to lead Ross Little Giants Varsity.

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Wed May 10, 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM ET

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FINAL

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E
RSSL	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	7	1
▶▶ FNDL	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	3	4	4

Ross Little Giants Varsity Goes Down on Final Play Against Findlay

May 10, 2017 vs. Findlay

Ross Little Giants Varsity fell to Findlay 3-2 on Wednesday on the final play of the game. Findlay trailed 2-1 in the bottom of the seventh inning when there was an error, scoring two runs.

The pitching was strong on both sides. Findlay pitchers struck out three, while Ross Little Giants Varsity sat down eight

Wirt earned the win for Findlay. He pitched seven innings, surrendering two runs, seven hits, and striking out three. **Gallagher** took the loss for Ross Little Giants Varsity. He threw two-thirds of an inning, surrendering two runs, two hits, striking out one, and walking zero.

Paxson started the game for Ross Little Giants Varsity. He went six innings, allowing one run, two hits, and striking out seven.

Druckenmiller went 1-for-4 at the plate as he led the team with one run batted in.

Fedrici went 2-for-3 at the plate to lead Findlay in hits.

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Thu May 11, 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM ET

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FINAL

	1	2	3	4	5	6	R	H	E
▶ ST.F	1	0	8	0	0	1	10	10	1
RSSL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3

Ross Little Giants Varsity Loses Lead Early in Defeat

May 11, 2017 vs. St. Francis de Sales

Ross Little Giants Varsity watched the game slip away early and couldn't recover in a 10-0 loss to St. Francis de Sales on Thursday. St. Francis de Sales took the lead on a double in the first inning.

St. Francis de Sales took an early lead in the first inning. With one out in the first inning **Watts** drove in one run when he doubled.

St. Francis de Sales scored eight runs in the third inning. St. Francis de Sales's big inning was driven by a single , a error, a groundout , and a stolen base.

One bright spot for Ross Little Giants Varsity was a single by **Druckenmiller** in the fourth inning.

Johnson earned the win for St. Francis de Sales. He threw five innings, giving up zero runs, one hit, and striking out five. **Ickes** took the loss for Ross Little Giants Varsity. He tossed three innings, giving up nine runs, seven hits, and striking out three.

Druckenmiller led Ross Little Giants Varsity with one hit in two at bats.

St. Francis de Sales had ten hits in the game. **Martin, Durham, Long,** and **Watts** each collected multiple hits for St. Francis de Sales. St. Francis de Sales stole seven bases during the game as two players stole more than one. **Long** led the way with three.

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Sat May 13, 12:20 PM - 1:20 PM ET

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FINAL

	1	2	3	4	5	R	H	E
RSSL	0	0	0	2	0	2	4	6
▶▶ CLYD	1	0	4	2	5	12	11	1

Clyde Captures Lead Early to Defeat Ross Little Giants Varsity

May 13, 2017 vs. Clyde

Ross Little Giants Varsity fell behind early and couldn't come back in a 12-2 loss to Clyde on Saturday. Clyde took the lead on a double in the first inning.

Clyde captured the lead in the first inning. With two outs in the first inning **Haynes** drove in one run when he doubled.

Clyde scored five runs in the fifth inning. The big inning for Clyde came thanks to a single by **Florence**, a error, a double by **Rollins**, and a single by **Reese**.

Rollins earned the win for Clyde . He pitched five innings, giving up two runs, four hits, and striking out five. **Witt** took the loss for Ross Little Giants Varsity. He tossed four and a third innings, allowing 12 runs, 11 hits, striking out one, and walking one.

Cook, **Paxson**, **Smith**, and **Druckenmiller** each collected one hit to lead Ross Little Giants Varsity.

Clyde collected 11 hits. **Rollins** and **Haynes** each collected multiple hits for Clyde . **Rollins** went 3-for-3 at the plate to lead Clyde in hits.

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Mon May 15, 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM ET

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FINAL

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E
FNDL	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	4	9	2
▶ RSSL	0	0	0	0	0	5	X	5	4	1

Ross Little Giants Varsity Grabs Lead in Sixth Inning for Victory Over Findlay

May 15, 2017 vs. Findlay

Ross Little Giants Varsity took the lead late and defeated Findlay 5-4 on Monday. Ross Little Giants Varsity was down 4-3 in the bottom of the sixth inning when there was an error, scoring two runs.

Findlay took an early lead in the first inning.

Druckenmiller earned the win for Ross Little Giants Varsity. He threw six innings, allowing two runs, seven hits, and striking out six. **Lydick** took the loss for Findlay. He tossed six innings, allowing five runs, four hits, and striking out nine.

Ickes started the game for Ross Little Giants Varsity. He tossed one inning, surrendering two runs, two hits, striking out two, and walking one.

Paxson led Ross Little Giants Varsity with two hits in three at bats.

Findlay had nine hits in the game. **Federici** and **Wirt** each collected multiple hits for Findlay.

Ross 5, Findlay 4

The Little Giants (9-15) were down 4-0 heading into the bottom of the sixth inning where they scored five runs to pull ahead of the Trojans on Monday.

Cole Druckenmiller had six strikeouts and two walks for Ross. Jacob Paxson had two hits while Druckenkenmiller drove in two. The team had four hits and one error.

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Fri May 19, 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM ET

FINAL

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	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E
LMSN	0	0	0	3	1	0	0	4	5	4
▶ RSSL	0	5	0	0	0	0	X	5	7	0

Ross Little Giants Varsity Holds Off Lima Senior for Victory

May 19, 2017 vs. Lima Senior

Ross Little Giants Varsity built a five-run lead in the second inning and then held off Lima Senior's charge for a 5-4 victory on Friday. Lima Senior scored four runs in the failed comeback on a single by **Muhammad** in the fourth, a single by **Morris** in the fourth, and a single in the fifth.

Ross Little Giants Varsity grabbed an early lead. Ross Little Giants Varsity scored on an error, a single by **Voelzke**, an error, and a single by **Paxson** in the second inning.

Ross Little Giants Varsity took an early lead in the second inning. An error scored one run for Ross Little Giants Varsity.

Lima Senior scored three runs in the fourth inning. Lima Senior's big inning was driven by a single by **Muhammad** and a single by **Morris**.

Paxson earned the win for Ross Little Giants Varsity. He threw four innings, allowing three runs, two hits, and striking out seven. **Shoemaker** took the loss for Lima Senior. He pitched six innings, giving up five runs, seven hits, and striking out three.

Voelzke led Ross Little Giants Varsity with two hits in three at bats. Ross Little Giants Varsity was sure-handed and didn't commit a single error. **Schneider** made the most plays with 16.

Muhammad led Lima Senior with two runs batted in. He went 1-for-3 on the day.

BASEBALL

Fremont Ross 5, Lima Senior 4

Brady Voelzke had his first varsity hit to drive in a run and Jacob Paxson had a two-run single Monday as a five-run second inning allowed Fremont Ross coach Mark King to cap his career with a victory.

"Who could write the story any better," King said. "I'm retiring and I walk out with a win on my 55th birthday. This team always played until the last out. It's nice to walk out winning the last two."

Garrett Schneider, Gabe Witt, Owen Smith, Voelzke and Noah Hotz each scored Monday for the Little Giants.

"It will probably set in more tomorrow," King said. "I met some great young men and worked on a baseball field with some great coaches. I'll never be far from here."

Paxson notched seven strikeouts in four innings on the mound. Trey Ickes matched him, including five straight to finish for the save.

SWAISGOOD, PAXSON MAKE FIRST-TEAM



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Shortstop Chloe Swaisgood was recognized first-team all-TRAC three times.

MATTHEW HORN
REPORTER

Fremont Ross senior shortstop Chloe Swaisgood was recognized first-team all-Three Rivers Athletic Conference for the third time.

Swaisgood was one shy of the single-season school record for RBIs with 37. She batted .424 and finished her career with more than 150 hits.

Little Giants junior third baseman Braelyn Horn, sophomore catcher Chloe Roosen and Paige Risch were honorable mention.

Oregon Clay infielder Bekah Yenrick was player of the year and Toledo Whitmer's Amanda Combs and Toledo Notre Dame Academy's Caitly Kowalski shared pitcher of the year honors. Notre Dame catcher KT Rex, infielder Hannah Rubel and outfielder Lauren Sasala, Clay infielder Tori Gallaher and at-large Natalie Quinlan and Findlay infielder Emily Betts, outfielder Taylor Steinke and at-large Kirsten Paris were also first-team.

Whitmer outfielder Brooklynn Esser and designated player Keeley Hughes and Toledo Central Catholic outfielder Alli Plasencia were first-team.

Clay's Brenda Kadabaugh and Whitmer's Duane Lanham split coach of the year honors.

Paxson, Gallagher recognized for Ross

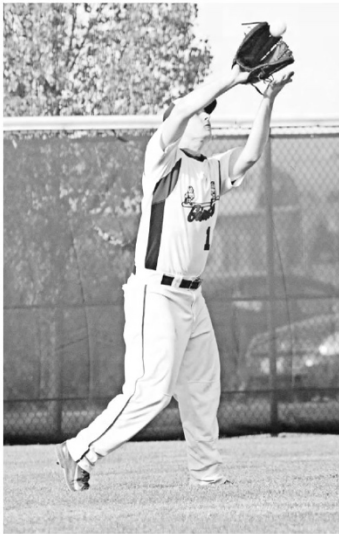
Ross senior outfielder Jacob Paxson was a first-team pick for baseball.

Little Giants senior shortstop Grant Gallagher and sophomore pitcher Cole Druckenmiller were second-team and Noah Hotz, Brandon Schneider and Trey Ickes were honorable mention.

Toledo St. Francis senior infielder Danny Martin was player of the year and St. Francis senior Nick Sifuentes and Toledo St. John's junior McCoy Butler shared pitcher of the year honors.

Oregon Clay senior pitcher Kyle Daly, senior catcher Jon Quinlan and senior infielder Christian Orr, Toledo Whitmer senior pitcher Alec Bukowski and senior outfielder Tanner Boros and St. Francis sophomore pitcher Carter Smith and senior outfielder Noah Watts were also first-team.

St. John's senior infielders Michael Fleck and Keyaunte Jones, Toledo Central Catholic sophomore



Jacob Paxson of Fremont Ross was recognized first-team all-TRAC.

infielder Jase Bowen and sophomore outfielder Justin Scheits and Lima Senior senior infielder Josiah Shoemaker and freshman infielder Caleb Dugan were first-team. Findlay junior outfielder Cameron Dillon was also first-team.

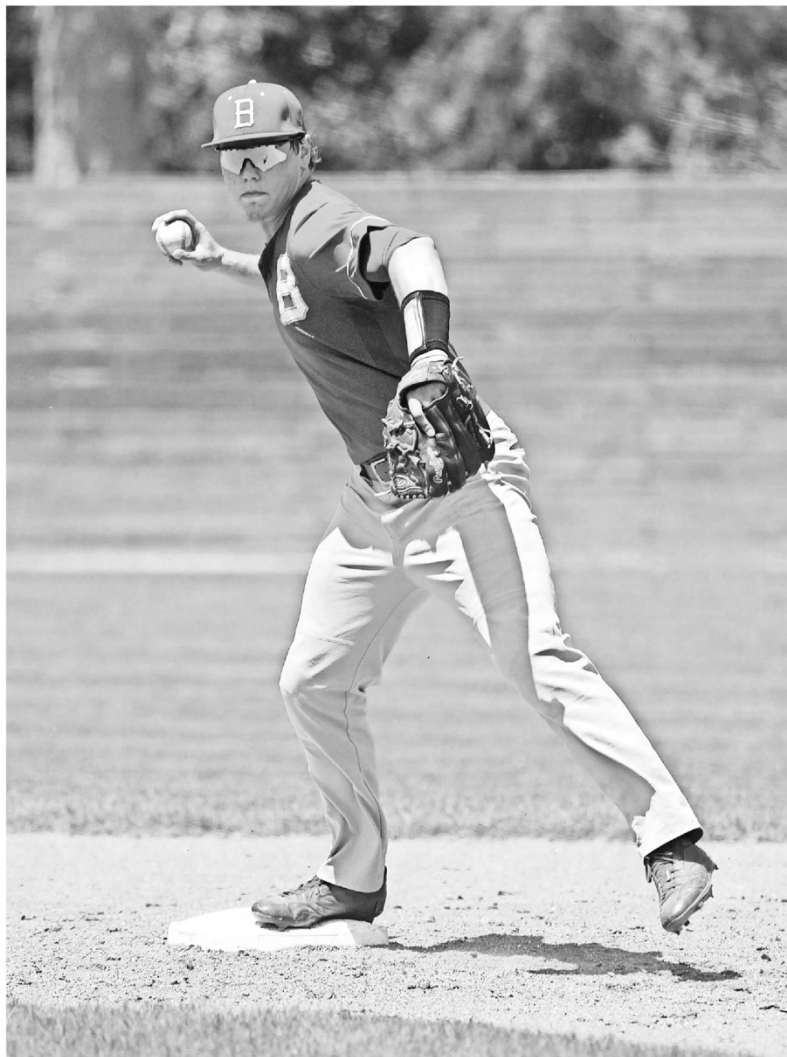
St. Francis' Tim Gerken was coach of the year.

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BELLEVUE'S RAY, SNYDER; SJCC'S MILITELLO ALL-OHIO



Bellevue's Bryce Ray was named first-team all-Ohio following his junior season.

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Bellevue's Cody Snyder earned all-Ohio honors.

MATTHEW HORN
REPORTER

Bellevue junior shortstop Bryce Ray earned first-team all-Ohio status in Division II.

Redmen senior pitcher Cody Snyder was second-team in a utility spot.

St. Joseph Central Catholic senior shortstop Zach Militello was honorable mention in Division IV.

Ray was recognized player of the year in Division I in District 9.

Snyder and Clyde's Robbie Webb were also first-team selections. Jacob Paxson of Fremont Ross, the Fliers' Parker Reese and the Redmen's Anthony Kiziah were second-team.

The Little Giants' Grant Gallagher and Cole Druckenmiller, Clyde's Mikey Haynes and Frank Sewell and Bellevue's Corvin Mull and Jared Auten were honorable mention.

Oak Harbor's Jake St. Clair was second-team in Division II. The Rocket's Dean Kellogg and Port Clinton's Trevor Frias and Kyle Fitzpatrick were honorable mention.

Vermilion's Nik Barkdull was player of the year.

Margaretta's James Fisher was first-team in Division III. The Polar Bears' Jacob Luma and Lakota's Tyler Gabel were second-team.

The Raiders' Tyler Wehrle and Brenden Biddle and Margaretta's Noah Esposito and Isaac Fenwick were honorable mention.

Militello and Old Fort's Jacob Webb were first-team in Division IV. The Crimson Streaks' Jordon Hartley was second-team.

SJCC's Dylan Filiater and Logan Black were honorable mention.

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