

Ross focused on new season

By TIM HARMON
Staff writer

There isn't room for complacency on the Fremont Ross High School baseball team.

For the 11 Little Giants who are returning lettermen, a 12-13 record and quick exit from tournament play last spring should make that understandable.

"They have to remember that even though they lettered, they have to stay focused the whole game and even in practice," Ross coach Steve Ebert said. "No excuses. That's our motto because we do have a lot of lettermen back and they shouldn't be making those silly errors like we did last year."

Errors of both the physical and mental variety were costly a year ago, and Ebert said they won't be tolerated this season.

"As seniors, they shouldn't be making those mistakes," he said. "If they do, we've got juniors to put in."

The 18-man roster, which is up two from a year ago, includes 11 seniors and seven juniors. Backup catcher Brian Myers is the lone junior letterman.

Barring any surprises prior to Wednesday's opener against



"No excuses. That's our motto because we do have a lot of lettermen back ..."

— Steve Ebert, Ross coach

Clyde at Anderson Field, the everyday lineup is mostly set.

Bill Barbarree, who didn't play last season, will start behind the plate. Ironically, Barbarree replaces Paul Rostetter, who had not played prior to becoming the starting catcher last year.

Three-year letterman Nick Wolf is back at first base and will be backed by Doug Fitzgerald for the second straight season. Justin Perry, a two-year letterman, returns at third base.

Shortstop Allan Dorsey is also part of a starting rotation which includes Jon Hetrick and senior first-year player Mark Fisher. Ebert said he will monitor Dorsey's time in the infield, but Jamie Reimer is a capable shortstop and Brian J. Wilson also plays the position.

Reimer could pitch in relief,

although Ebert likes his situation with three starters and Shane Willer and Fred Schnee in relief.

"I think our top three starters should do a good job," Ebert said. "I think that's all we need this year."

The Great Lakes League schedules no more than two games a week per team, helping ease the demand for pitching.

Reimer's ability to pitch as well as spell Perry is typical of the flexibility on the roster.

"Everybody has got to accept a role," Ebert said.

One starting position still up in the air is at second base, where Ebert hopes either Brian T. Wilson or Steve Wilson emerges. Steve Wilson started at second most of last season.

Although not as deep as the infield, the Ross outfield also fea-

tures flexibility. Scott Root, Alec Shawl and Kurt Vardyan are the starters from left to right. Root can also play center.

Willer and Schnee are the reserves in left and right, while Matt Lagrou adds depth.

Ebert and the Little Giants haven't talked much about last season. Statistics, in fact, aren't readily at hand for the coach.

"Statistics are from last year," he said. "This is a new season."

The season is Ebert's second.

"Organization is the big key for Roger (assistant coach Hetrick) and I," he said. "The experience of one year really helped us out a lot. The kids know what we want from them, and we know what to expect from the kids."

Despite only three practices outside, the team is gearing up for Wednesday's opener.

"In my opinion, we're three weeks ahead of where we were last year," Hetrick said.

Ross is picked by GLL coaches to finish fourth — behind Oregon Clay, Toledo Whitmer and Bedford, Mich., and in front of Sylvania Northview, Fostoria and Napoleon.

Baseball

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Ross 13, Fostoria 6

Score by innings

Fostoria	102	300	0	—	6	5	3
Ross		433	021	0	—	13	5 4

WP: Alan Dorsey; LP: Greg Florez; HR: Aaron Mora (F); 3B: Alec Shawl (R); 2B: Brian T. Wilson (R).

Errors costly as Ross falls at Napoleon

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Napoleon took advantage of four Fremont Ross errors in a 5-2 high school baseball victory Tuesday.

Ross, 1-1 after their second GLL game, committed three errors in the third inning as the Wildcats scored four times. Napoleon, 1-2 and 1-1, added an unearned run in the fifth.

"Very costly," Ross coach Steve Ebert succinctly described the errors. "Our pitchers are pitching great but they're not getting help."

The Little Giants' have allowed seven walks in two games compared to the 13 walks Ross pitchers yielded in their first game a year ago.

In other games reported, Lakota edged Clyde 6-5, Margaretta beat Monroeville 11-1, Oak Harbor shut out Gibsonburg 12-0, Port Clinton topped Danbury 10-7 and New Riegel blanked Bettsville 5-0.

Ross starter and loser Fred Schnee did not make it past the third inning.

"It wasn't his fault he had the rough third inning," Ebert said. "You could tell he was getting upset because of the errors and it was time to pull him out."

Mark Fisher took over for Schnee and pitched 3½ innings of one-hit relief.

Justin Perry gave Ross its first run with

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a solo homer in the fourth, and Alec Shawl scored in the sixth. Shawl walked with one out, moved to second on a fielder's choice, stole third and scored when a Napoleon outfielder dropped a fly ball.

Lakota 6, Clyde 5

Game Caudill's single scored Chad Plouck with the winning run in the bottom of the seventh after Clyde tied the score with a three-run seventh.

Plouck doubled with one out and moved to third on Joe Miller's single. After a walk to Jake Rowell, Caudill delivered the game-winner off Ryan Patrick.

Patrick took over for Clyde starter Josh Gregg with one out in the seventh.

"They had a bunch of right-handers coming up so we thought we'd go with Patrick because they had seen Josh a couple of times," Clyde coach Doug Ottney said.

"So it backfired, but Sparky Anderson probably would have done the same thing."

Freshman Adam Milligan got the win in relief of Lakota starter Brad Gnepper after a double by Wade Nofz made it 5-4. Milligan gave up a run-scoring groundout to Patrick, but stranded Nofz at second —

walking one and striking out two.

Jason Dick opened the Flier seventh with a single and stole second. Gregg singled, putting runners at first and third, and promptly stole second.

Jeff Gillmor, who drove in two runs, singled in Dick and Nofz followed with a ground-rule double.

The Fliers left nine men on base, including the bases loaded in the fourth.

"When we needed the key hit, we struck out, which is disappointing," Ottney said. "But 12 hits, I'm elated about that."

Nofz finished with three hits. Gregg had two and scored twice and Paul Lozier added two hits.

Lakota, which led 5-1 after scoring four runs in the second inning, got two hits and two RBI from Eric Lippert. Matt Omior scored two runs for the Raiders.

Margaretta 11, Monroeville 1

Steve Howard pitched a one-hitter, allowing one unearned run with 11 strikeouts and no walks.

The game was halted after the sixth inning because of the 10-run rule. The Polar Bears, 2-0, scored three runs in the bottom of the sixth.

Ken Lowery led Margaretta with a double and a triple and three RBI, and Matt Brunner drove in two runs.

Monroeville fell to 1-1.

Oak Harbor 12, Gibsonburg 0

Matt Starkey allowed one hit over five innings in the shortened game, striking out 12 and walking one.

Oak Harbor, 2-0, scored seven runs in the first inning and five in the third.

John Striker had three hits and Nathan Whitman two for the Rockets, while losing pitcher Jim Batson had Gibsonburg's lone hit — beating out a grounder to shortstop in the first inning.

Port Clinton 10, Danbury 7

The Redskins outhit the Lakers 11-7 for their first win against one loss.

Scott Rickel was the winning pitcher and Brent Gerrard took the loss.

Brian Williamson and Craig Thomas doubled for PC. Carl Uhink and Mike Guhert had doubles for the Lakers, 0-2.

New Riegel 5, Bettsville 0

The Blue Jackets backed the one-hit pitching of Tim Depinet with four doubles as Bettsville was held scoreless for the second straight game.

Depinet struck out nine and walked three, while losing pitcher Al Alloway allowed two earned runs, struck out two and walked one.

Billy Craun's double in the third inning was the Bobcats' lone hit.

Sandusky stymies Little Giants

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Jon Hetrick's four shutout innings of relief pitching gave Fremont Ross a chance to comeback against Sandusky Thursday at Anderson Field.

Chad Taylor's complete-game effort for Sandusky, however, was enough to help the Blue Streaks to a 6-4 high school baseball victory.

Ross, 1-2, touched Taylor for a run in the sixth on Nick Wolf's run-scoring double and two in the seventh on Alec Shawl's double. But a 6-1 deficit was too much for the Little Giants to overcome against Taylor.

"We keep him at about 80 or 90 pitches," Sandusky coach Bill Deming said. "Luckily, through the first three or four innings or so, we got some one-pitch, one-out situations."

Taylor, who struck out six and overcame seven walks and a hit batter, retired 10 men in a row at one point. Kurt Vardyan's infield single ended that string.

"In the last three innings, we told (the Little Giants) to take more pitches," Ross coach Steve Ebert said. "In the latter three innings, he was starting to get high (with his pitches).

"But they hit them where we weren't, and we hit them where they were."

After a walk and a double by Dasha Jones opened the Sandusky second off Ross starter and loser Allen Dorsey, Taylor

Ejection forces suspension of Woodmore, Old Fort game

News-Messenger reports

WOODVILLE — A high school baseball game between Woodmore and Old Fort was suspended in the seventh inning Thursday when Woodmore pitcher Perry Rickard was ejected for malicious unsportsmanlike conduct.

Rickard knocked Old Fort runner Brian Miller to the ground after fielding a roller off the bat of Stockader Jeff Oakleaf between the pitcher's mound and the third base line, according to Old Fort coach Dave Ulmer.

The score was tied 5-5, and the play occurred with two outs and the bases loaded.

After the play, Miller was taken to Memorial Hospital in Fremont where he was treated and released. The extent of his injuries were not released because of doctor-patient confidentiality, according to a spokesman at the hospital.

"I'm not certain why the umpires decided not to continue the game," Ulmer said. "I think they were afraid something ugly was going to happen. I'm not sure we were ready to continue; I don't think there would have been any retaliation."

drove in a run with a groundout and Tony Esposito followed with a run-scoring double.

Following a walk to Ryan Mather, Esposito scored on a single by Kemmes Keys.

"They made good contact," Ebert said. "I told (Dorsey) to throw strikes, make them hit it... don't give up base on balls."

Dorsey, who walked four and struck out four, gave up three more runs in the third. The Blue Streaks, 3-0, were aided by two Ross errors in the inning.

Taylor singled in one run, another run scored on a fielder's choice and Keys' sacrifice line drive to right made it 6-1.

"Most good pitchers, if they're going to get beat, they're going to get beat in the first couple innings," Deming said. "We've always geared our attack towards the early innings."

The Little Giants, meanwhile, were limited to Jamie Reimer's first-inning single until Vardyan beat out a grounder to short.

"You want them to be aggressive," Ebert said. "You don't want them to sit all night. You've got to take your swings, especially when you're not hitting the ball."

"We've been watching a lot lately, especially Tuesday, (a 5-2 loss to Napoleon). They were getting behind (Tuesday) and the pitcher takes advantage ..."

While the anxious Little Giants tried to dent Taylor, Hetrick took over for Dorsey to start the fourth.

"Jon did a fantastic job," Ebert said. "He did what we asked of him, that's come in and shut them down; he did it for four innings. He threw great; he kept them guessing; he had the fastball, he had the curveball."

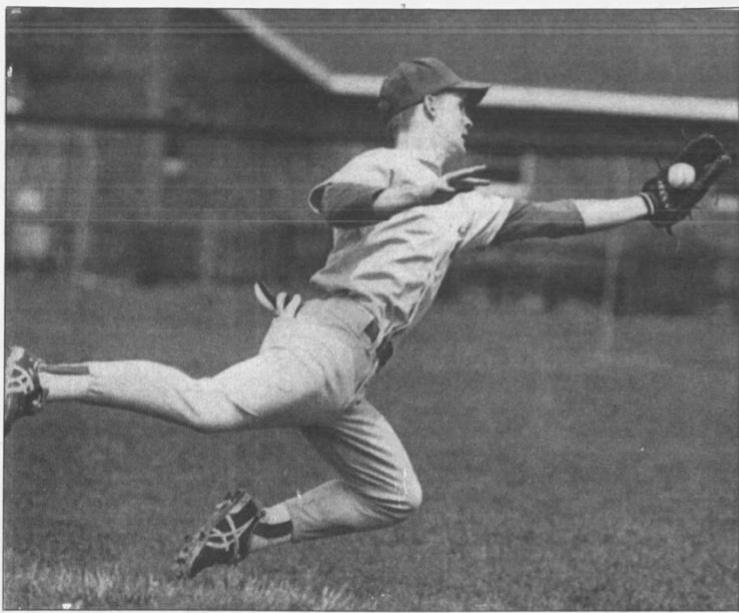
"And our defense played well the last four innings."

Dorsey got out of a jam in the first after walking Mather leading off and giving up a double to Keys. Dorsey struck out Jeff Keller, got Chad James to pop up and threw a called third strike past Dathan Williams.

The Little Giants took a 1-0 lead in the home half of the first. Vardyan was hit by a pitch leading off and later scored when Wolf walked with the bases loaded.

Ross was quiet until the sixth.

"We wanted to stick with (Taylor)," Deming said. "With kids sitting on the bench in the cold for two hours, it wasn't the situation to use them."



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FREMONT ROSS second baseman Brian T. Wilkins makes a diving catch during the Little Giants' 12-8 high school baseball victory over Norwalk Saturday at Anderson Field.

12-8 high school baseball victory over Norwalk Saturday at Anderson Field.

Little Giants beat Truckers; Fliers, Raiders earn splits

News-Messenger reports

Fremont Ross broke open a close game with five runs in the bottom of the fifth inning and went on to a 12-8 high school baseball victory over Norwalk Saturday at Anderson Field.

Fred Schnee pitched the first four innings for the victory, and Mark Fisher finished as the Little Giants improved to 2-2.

In other action, Clyde and Bellevue split a doubleheader and Hopewell-Loudon also split a twinbill.

Ross, which outhit the Truckers 9-6, got two hits apiece from Jamie Reimer and Brian Myers. Myers scored three runs, and Alec Shawl and Scott Root each scored twice.

Schnee allowed three hits, walked two and struck out six. Fisher allowed three hits with no walks and no strikeouts.

Clyde-Bellevue

The Fliers won the first game 1-0 behind left-hander Josh Gregg, while the Redmen beat Clyde 10-0 in the second game.

Gregg scattered four hits, struck out 14 and walked three.

Clyde, 3-2, scored the lone run of the first game in the third inning. Jason Dick singled and Jay

Baseball

Gnepper walked three and struck out three, and the Raiders committed one error. Lakota, 2-3, scored three runs in the first, two in the fifth and one in the seventh.

Brian Boze had two of the Raiders' six hits.

In the first game, the Chieftains held on after scoring four runs in the first inning. Boze had two of Lakota's hits off winning pitcher Jeremy Coffman.

Chris Berrier was the winning pitcher and Eric Milligan took the loss.



High School

Ross 12, Norwalk 8

Score by innings

Norwalk	104	011	1 —	8	6	4
Ross	114	150	x —	12	9	2

WP: Fred Schnee; LP: Matt Miller; HR: Marcum (N); 2B: Malson (N), Alec Shawl (R), Scott Root (R), Steve Wilson (R).

Records: Norwalk 1-4, Ross 2-2.

Errors hurt Ross in 11-0 GLL loss to Whitmer

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Fremont Ross committed a season-high seven errors Monday afternoon in an 11-0 high school baseball loss to Toledo Whitmer.

"Seven errors," Ross coach Steve Ebert lamented. "Just stupid mental mistakes. Whitmer is not any better than us. We hit the ball well tonight and they made two nice diving catches in the outfield that killed us."

In other games Monday, Oak Harbor beat Sandusky St. Mary's 4-1, Huron nipped Port Clinton 9-8, Clyde lost to Edison 5-3 and Margaretta whipped Sandusky Perkins 6-2 in Sandusky Bay Conference play while Bettsville toppled Woodmore 5-4 in a non-league game.

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Ross had two hits — by Justin Perry and Brian J. Wilson — to the Panthers' 10.

John Hetrick (0-1), pitched 2½ innings and took the loss. He allowed nine runs (three earned) for the Little Giants, 2-3 and 1-2 in the Great Lakes League. Seven of Whitmer's 10 runs were unearned.

The Panthers improved to 4-2 and 2-0 in the GLL.

"Whitmer's not going to make many mistakes," Ebert said. "It was cold, but it was the same for them, too. We just made so many mistakes."

Oak Harbor 4, St. Mary's 1
Oak Harbor exploded for four runs in the

second inning and pitcher Dane Epling made sure the lead held up.

It was the Sandusky Bay Conference opener for both teams.

Epling (2-0) went the distance for the Rockets, 4-0. The senior gave up five hits and struck out 10, with two walks.

Derek Guerrera took the loss for the Panthers, allowing eight hits and two walks, with seven strikeouts.

"Today was a nice test for us," Oak Harbor coach Tim Laderca said. "We not only faced a nice pitcher, but a nice hitting team. It's early, but it was a key win. It sets a precedent for us and we want to keep it up."

John Striker singled in two runs in the Rockets' four-run second inning. Epling

added a run-scoring single and Striker scored on a throwing error.

Jason Samstag singled in St. Mary's run in the fourth inning.

Huron 9, Port Clinton 8

The visiting Redskins outhit the Tigers 12-8, only to fall to 1-3 and 0-1 in the SBC.

Huron, 2-2 and 1-0 in the SBC, scored the winning run on a throwing error with two outs in the sixth inning. Both teams committed five errors.

Scott Rickel (1-1) suffered the loss for Port Clinton. Rickel walked both men he faced in the sixth.

Rickel led the Redskins' offense with three hits, while Brian Williamson, Matt

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St. Joe tops Bettsville; Northview nips Ross

News-Messenger reports

Kris Kayden pitched a complete game and Fremont St. Joseph Central Catholic defeated Bettsville 7-2 in a Midland Athletic League baseball game Tuesday at Anderson Field.

Kayden allowed three hits, walked four and struck out three.

St. Joe, 3-1 and 2-1 in the MAL, collected 12 hits and broke open a close game with a three-run fifth.

Matt Szymanowski and Aaron Pfeiffer each had two hits for the Crimson Streaks.

Losing pitcher Al Alloway, who pitched four innings before Damian Wise took over, had two of the Bobcats' three hits.

Bettsville fell to 1-4.

In other games, Sylvania Northwood edged Fremont Ross 3-2. Tiffin Calvert slipped past Gibsonburg 6-5 in eight innings. Northwood shut out Old Fort 12-0. Oak Harbor beat Danbury 10-4 and Rossford topped Genoa 5-4.

Northview 3, Ross 2

Ross lost its second Great Lakes League game in two days despite the two-hit pitching of Allen Dorsey.

Northview, 5-4, scored all three

Baseball

of its runs in the first inning. Two of the runs were unearned after the first two Wildcats reached base on errors.

Dorsey allowed two baserunners the rest of the way after yielding a two-run double and a sacrifice fly in the first.

Dorsey, who struck out three and did not walk a batter, allowed a fourth-inning single and one other Wildcat reached on an error in the fifth.

Ross, 2-4 and 1-2 in the GLL, committed one error after the first inning.

The Little Giants scored twice in the fourth. Alec Shawl reached on an error leading off, stole second and scored on Nick Wolf's triple to center. Wolf, who had two of the Little Giants' five hits, scored on Scott Root's sacrifice fly.

Calvert 6, Gibsonburg 5 (8)

Tom Gase walked with the bases loaded in the seventh inning to force the extra inning, and losing pitcher Steve Bowers walked Marc Lee with the bags full in the eighth.

Calvert, 4-3, led 4-2 after two

innings, but Gibsonburg scored a run in the fifth and took a 5-4 lead with two in the sixth.

Hugo Villarreal started and pitched 6 1/3 innings for Gibsonburg, 0-4, before Jim Bateson took over with runners on first and third in the seventh.

Bateson had three of the Golden Bears' nine hits and Eric Davis had two.

Senecas' relief pitcher Bryan Spero was the winner.

Northwood 12, Old Fort 0

Scott Judy pitched a two-hitter as Old Fort remained winless in three games.

The Rangers scored in five of the six innings played in the shortened game.

Brian Miller and losing pitcher Troy Diels had the Stockaders' lone hits.

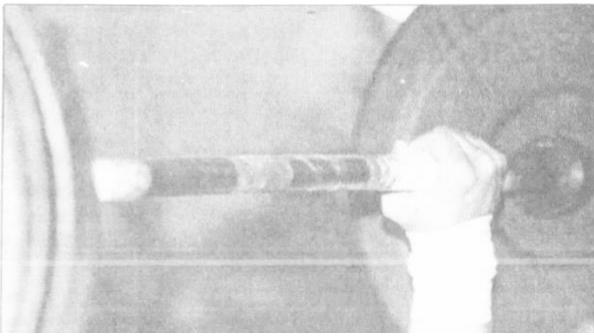
Oak Harbor 10, Danbury 4

The Rockets overcame a slow start while defeating the Lakers.

Oak Harbor, 5-0, collected 12 hits and overcame a 3-1 deficit. The Rockets scored four runs in the third inning and three in the fourth.

Winning pitcher Rob Schim-

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Fremont teams go 0-for-4 in Tiffin

News-Messenger reports

TIFFIN — Route 53, the road to sethomed. At least that was the case Wednesday afternoon.

Four Fremont high school athletic teams traveled here for spring contests against Tiffin schools. The result was four losses for the baseball and softball squads from Fremont.

Columbian High School defeated Ross 5-0, while Calvert beat St. Joseph Central Catholic 11-1 in baseball action.

In softball, the Tornadoes defeated the Little Giants 9-5 and the Senecas shut out the Crimson Streaks 12-0.

Columbian 5, Ross 0

Columbian's Ben Reis struck out 13 and pitched a four-hit shutout.

"Our defense played great," Ross coach Steve Ebert said after the Little Giants did not commit an error but fell to 2-4. "You just can't strike out 13 times."

Curt Mellott supplied the Tornadoes with all the runs they needed with a three-run homer off losing pitcher Fred Schnee in the third inning.

"It was a fastball up and in, and he got a hold of it," Ebert said.

Columbian added two runs in the fourth, with both runners scoring on wild pitches.

Calvert 11, St. Joe 1

St. Joe took a 1-0 lead in the first inning. "It was all downhill after that," SJCC coach Rich Barbour said.

Calvert, 5-3, scored six runs in the second inning with the help of three St. Joe errors and added three runs in the fourth as the Streaks committed three more errors.

St. Joe, 3-2 and 2-2 in the Midland Athletic League, committed eight errors in the five-inning game.

"(Losing pitcher Aaron Pfeiffer) is going to sue for lack of support," Barbour

said. "We couldn't field anything; (Calvert) made all the plays."

The Senecas did not commit an error behind the two-hit pitching of Scott Dantomo, who struck out one and overcame seven walks.

Chris Denman tripled leading off the game and scored on Matt Szymanowski's sacrifice fly, but St. Joe got only Matt Stotz's infield single in the third inning the rest of the way.

Calvert collected nine hits, seven off Pfeiffer in four innings.

Columbian 9, Ross 5

Ross fought back from a 5-1 deficit, tying the score with four runs in the fourth, but Columbians countered with four runs in the sixth and improved to 5-2.

"We had mental mistakes that you can't even put in the book," Ross coach Cheryl Coressel said. "It's really frustrating. We're making simple mental errors, and

it's hurting."

Kari Snyder was the winning pitcher, striking out three and walking three. Kim Crawford took the loss, allowing 11 hits and one walk. Crawford did not strike out a batter.

Amy Burmeister had two of the Little Giants' five hits, and Natalie Robbins scored two runs.

Ross falls to 2-4.

Calvert 12, St. Joe 0

St. Joe was limited to Ashley Foss's one-out single in the fifth inning of the shortened game.

Winning pitcher Kari McDonald struck out nine and walked two, while Amy Lenhart took the loss. Lenhart started and pitched three innings, allowing seven walks.

Calvert, 7-1, had eight hits and played errorless ball as the Streaks fell to 1-3 after their fourth league game.

Bedford hands Little Giants 2-1 setback

News-Messenger reports

Lack of offense was at the root of Fremont Ross' 2-1 high school baseball loss to Bedford, Mich., Tuesday. More so than the fact both Mules' runs were forced home by walks.

Although Ross, 2-6 and 1-4 in the Great Lakes League, outhit the Mules 6-4, all six of the Little Giant safeties were singles.

"Hitting six singles in a game isn't enough to win," Ross coach Steve Ebert said. "We're just not getting the big hit."

In other games reported, Clyde beat Tiffin Calvert 9-2, Oak Harbor routed Eastwood 14-3, Lake defeated Woodmore 10-4 and Genoa nipped Toledo Libbey 6-4.

At Ross High School, Bedford scored two runs in the top of the sixth and Ross picked up its run in the bottom of the inning.

The Mules, 6-2 and 4-1, took advantage of four straight walks to score their runs.

After Bob Zogab singled and stole second, losing pitcher Jon Hetrick retired the next two batters on groundouts. But he walked the next two men he faced.

"A little bit of sloppiness got him in trouble," Ebert said.

Allen Dorsey came on and issued two more walks — forcing in the first runs of the game.

"I told Allen it wasn't all his fault," Ebert said. "It was a tough situation to come into. He pitched well in the seventh."

The Little Giants scored their run in the sixth with two outs. Brian J. Wilson singled and stole second, moved to third on Shane Willer's single to right and scored on a passed ball.

Wilson and Jamie Reimer had two hits apiece.

Matt Reizhow pitched the complete game for the victory, walking three and striking out two.

Both teams played errorless ball.

Clyde 9, Calvert 2

The Fliers supported left-hander Josh Gregg with 13 hits, including three by Wade Nofitz. Gregg, who drove in two runs along with Ryan Patrick and Damon Runion, helped his own cause with two doubles.

Baseball

"I'm surprised we hit this well," Clyde coach Doug Ottney said. "Josh has been pitching well but he hasn't been getting much support."

Gregg pitched 4 1/4 innings, striking out seven and overcoming six walks. Patrick finished up on the mound.

Clyde, 4-4, broke open a 2-2 tie with three runs in the fourth inning. Gregg's bases-loaded double was the big hit.

Oak Harbor 14, Eastwood 3

The Rockets had a season-high 13 hits and remained unbeaten in eight games, while Eastwood fell to 0-8.

Nathan Gregg had three hits and drove in two runs, while Brad Kersten, Nathan Whitman and Mike Hubans added two hits apiece for Oak Harbor. Hubans had two RBI and scored twice and Whitman drove in three runs and scored twice.

Hubans allowed one earned run on three hits to get the win in relief of Rob Schimmoeller. Hubans struck out seven and walked two.

Lake 10, Woodmore 4

Lake outscored Woodmore 7-4 in the first inning and went on to the non-league win over the winless Wildcats.

Eric Rippke had two of Woodmore's six hits, and J.J. Greulich had a two-run single in the first.

Perry Rickard took the loss as Woodmore committed five errors and fell to 0-7.

Genoa 6, Libbey 4

Todd Bullock continued his torrid hitting streak by adding a single and driving in three runs as the Comets improved to 5-3 with their third straight victory.

Bullock, a senior, has hit safely in all eight of Genoa's games and is batting .583 (14-for-24). He leads the Comets with 13 runs batted in.

Sy Gladden, the third Genoa pitcher, went two innings in relief for the win. Gladden did not allow a run or a hit, walked two and struck out one.

Libbey dropped to 0-9.

Little Giants slug Fliers

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CLYDE — Fremont Ross baseball coach Steve Ebert has been looking for extra-base power from the Little Giants.

Thursday, Alec Shawl hit the first pitch he saw from Clyde's Jeff Lucas for a two-run homer and it helped carry Ross to a 10-2 victory over the Fliers at Clyde High School.

"Extra-base hits are what we need, and it came tonight," Ebert said. "We got a new bat yesterday. Maybe that did it."

Shawl homered with the new Louisville Slugger and Justin Perry used it for three hits, including two doubles. Perry capped a four-run fifth with a two-run double and doubled in two more runs in the sixth.

"After two weeks, it feels great," Ebert said after Ross snapped a four-game losing streak with its first win since April 11. "The guys are happy.

"The pitching did a great job; everything that you want to happen, happened tonight."

Mark Fisher, making his first varsity start, got the win as Ross improved to 3-6.

Fisher allowed four hits, walked three and struck out two before leaving after five innings with a sore back. Both Clyde runs were unearned.

"He was down (in the strike zone)," Ebert said. "The umpire was calling consistently down and his curveball stays low."

Clyde, 5-5, stranded 10 base-runners.

"We left eight on base last night (a 2-1 victory over Margaretta Wednesday), which isn't great," Clyde coach Doug Ottney said. "But 10, wow!"

"I'm disappointed that we didn't hit better. It seems like the top of the order, one through five, are doing it, but we're having trouble with six through nine."

The Fliers took a 1-0 lead in the top of the first when Josh Gregg singled, stole second and moved to third on Brian Myers' throwing error. Gregg scored when Brian J. Wilson threw wildly trying to double Ryan Patrick, who walked, off first following Damon Runion's liner.

Shawl's home run to left-center in the second made it 2-1.

Ross made it 3-1 in the third when Brian T. Wilson singled, raced to third on Jamie Reimer's sacrifice bunt and scored on Myers' groundout to short.

The Little Giants scored an unearned run in the fourth. Perry reached on an error, went to second on a wild pitch and scored on Nick Wolf's single.

Lucas kept the Fliers in the game until the Little Giants broke it open in the fifth.

With one out, Reimer walked and advanced to third on back-to-back wild pitches. Myers singled in Reimer, chasing Lucas, and Perry delivered his first double after Larry Stancil walked Brian J. Wilson. Perry scored on two more wild pitches.

Gregg singled to open the home half of the fifth. After Jeff Gillmor's liner to left went off of Scott Root's glove for an error, Gregg moved to third on a fielder's choice and scored when a relay from second skipped past Doug Fitzpatrick at first.

Ross added two runs in the sixth off Tony Oakleaf, who replaced Stancil with two outs in the fifth.

After Oakleaf got the first two men in the sixth, Myers singled and Brian J. Wilson reached on an error in front of Perry's second double.

Ryan Smith, who was called up from the junior varsity because of Fred Schnee's appendectomy, made his first appearance in relief of Fisher. Smith allowed one hit, walked two and recorded six strikeouts.

Ross, St. Joe pitching staffs falter

News-Messenger reports

The pitching staffs of Fremont Ross and Fremont St. Joseph Central Catholic took a beating Friday afternoon.

Ross suffered a 10-6 Great Lakes League loss at Fostoria, while the Crimson Streaks were dealt a 9-6 setback by Mohawk.

In other games Friday, Gibsonburg lost to Eastwood 12-2, Port Clinton beat Huron 2-1, Clyde defeated Edison 4-1 and Oak Harbor slipped past Sandusky St. Mary's 2-1.

Allan Dorsey (1-2) gave up seven runs (two earned) and eight hits through five innings to take the loss for Ross. Dorsey walked two and struck out three.

The Little Giants, 3-7 and 1-5 in the GLL, scored four runs in the

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sixth inning to make it close.

Fostoria improved to 7-5 and 2-3 in the league.

Doug Fitzgerald had a pair of doubles, Brian Myers singled twice and Justin Perry drove in a run for Ross.

Mohawk 9, St. Joe 6

The Streaks fell to 5-3 and 3-3 in the Midland Athletic League as losing pitcher Kris Kayden allowed all nine runs on 11 hits.

Kayden (3-1), walked seven and struck out nine.

Mohawk ran its record to 5-7-1 and 3-4 in the MAL.

Eastwood 12, Gibsonburg 2

The visiting Eagles won their first game of the season at Gib-

sonburg's expense.

Eastwood, 1-11 and 1-4 in the Suburban Lakes League, scored 11 runs and had eight hits against Gibsonburg's Hugo Villarreal. Villarreal (0-2) lasted five innings.

Mark Reiter had two of the Golden Bears' seven hits and also scored a run. Gibsonburg fell to 0-9 and 0-5 in the league.

Port Clinton 2, Huron 1

Andy Benko tossed a five-hit complete game and Jeff Wierzbka and Eric Heise both contributed run-scoring singles in the third inning for Port Clinton.

Port Clinton snapped a five-game losing streak to move to 3-7 and 2-3 in the Sandusky Bay Conference.

Huron dropped to 2-6 and 2-3 in

the SBC.

Benko (1-0) struck out six and walked only three. He lost his shutout in the seventh inning.

Clyde 4, Edison 1

The Fliers won three out of four games this week to improve to 6-5 and 2-2 in the SBC.

Edison fell to 8-7 and 5-2 in the conference.

Ryan Patrick (2-1) went the distance to get the win, allowing seven hits and striking out five, with no walks.

Wade Nofz went 3-for-4 with two RBI and Josh Gregg had two hits and drove in a run for the winners.

Oak Harbor 2, St. Mary's 1

The Rockets completed a perfect week with a near-perfect performance by senior right-hander Nathan Whitman.

Whitman (4-0), pitched a three-hitter, walked two and struck out six as Oak Harbor completed a 5-0 week. The Rockets are 11-0 and lead the SBC with a 6-0 mark.

Oak Harbor took a 1-0 lead in the second inning when Brad Kersten scored on a sacrifice fly by Matt Starkey.

After the Panthers tied the game with a run in the sixth, Starkey singled in Nathan Gregg with the game-winning run in the top of the seventh.

Tom Davie was the losing pitcher in relief of Derek Guerra.

Dane Epling had two hits, including a double, and Gregg added a two-base hit for the winners.

Little Giants defeat Whitmer

News-Messenger reports

Fresh off a win over Sandusky in a Division I sectional tournament game, Fremont Ross handed Toledo Whitmer its first Great Lakes League baseball loss of the season Friday.

Ross scored an unearned run in the top of the seventh inning then plated three runs in the eighth for a 6-3 victory.

"Anytime you beat Whitmer, it's a good win," Ross coach Steve Ebert said.

In other games reported, Port Clinton edged Oak Harbor 7-6 in 11 innings, Clyde shutout Sandusky Perkins 5-0, Elmwood beat Gibsonburg 13-0, Genoa topped Otsego 10-7 in eight innings and Lakota took two games from Woodmore. The Raiders won the first game, which was continued from Thursday, 27-8 and won the nightcap 10-9 in eight innings.

Sophomore Ryan Smith, who made his first-ever varsity appearance a year ago and was beaten soundly by the Panthers, got the win Friday in relief of Allen Dorsey — allowing one hit in two innings of work.

"Allen has the good curveball, but he's not as fast as Ryan," Ebert said. "I think Ryan's fastball caught them off guard."

Dorsey, who started the sixth but faced only one batter, allowed two earned runs, four hits, walked two and struck out two.

Smith did not walk or strike out a batter.

Alec Shawl and Brian Myers each had two of the Little Giants' nine hits, and Shawl stole two bases.

Ross, 5-8 and 2-6 in the GLL, trailed 3-2 after Whitmer scored two runs in the fourth.

In the seventh, Scott Root led off with a single and moved to second on an error. After Whitmer turned a sacrifice bunt attempt into a double play, Jamie Reimer struck out but was safe on a wild pitch as Root scored from second on the catch-

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er's throwing error.

Justin Perry opened the Ross eighth with a walk, Nick Wolf followed with a single and Brian J. Wilson walked one out later.

Brian T. Wilson then delivered a tiebreaking single. Wolf scored on an error and Brian J. Wilson scored on a fielder's choice.

"(The comeback) was nice because we blew three or four games with leads last year," Ebert said. "We know what it's like to be on the other end."

Whitmer is 14-3 and 6-1.

Port Clinton 7, Oak Harbor 6 (11)

Port Clinton outlasted Oak Harbor and knocked the Rockets off the top spot in the Sandusky Bay Conference.

The Redskins, 5-9 and 4-4 in the SBC, scored an unearned run in the seventh to force the extra innings.

Oak Harbor scored two runs in the sixth for a 4-3 lead.

After PC loaded the bases off losing pitcher Rob Schimmoeller in the 11th, Dane Epling walked in two runs. A third Redskin run scored on a fielder's choice.

The Rockets, 11-2 and 6-2, scored two runs in the bottom of the seventh off winning pitcher Andy Benko and had the potential tying run on third when the game ended.

Oak Harbor outhit Port Clinton, but left 16 men on base. The Rockets had runners on second and third in the seventh, loaded the bases with no outs in the ninth and had them loaded again in the 10th — failing to score on all three occasions.

Benko got the win in relief of Tony Meek, who pitched the first eight innings.

Schimmoeller came on in relief of Matt Starkey, who pitched seven innings.

Craig Thomas had two hits for PC, while Jason Hesselbart had four for Oak Harbor and Nathan

Gregg stroked three doubles.

Clyde 5, Perkins 0

Wade Nofz pitched a one-hitter and Clyde scored five unearned runs off five Perkins' errors.

Nofz struck out four and walked two as the Fliers improved to 9-7 and 3-4 in the SBC.

Dennis Keller limited Clyde to four hits, but the Pirates slipped to 2-13 and 0-8.

Elmwood 13, Gibsonburg 0

Steve McDonald pitched a 3-hitter and Elmwood outhit Gibsonburg 9-3 in the Suburban Lakes League game.

Mike Combs, who signed a letter of intent to play for Bowling Green State University this week, homered for the Royals.

Andy Stout, Mark Reiter and Steve Holcomb each had a single for Gibsonburg.

Elmwood improves to 14-4 and 6-2 in the SLL, while Gibsonburg falls to 1-10 and 0-6.

Genoa 10, Otsego 7 (8)

Sy Gladden's three-run homer in the bottom of the eighth gave Genoa the win and improved the Comets to 8-6 and 4-2 in the SLL.

Gladden finished with three hits, drove in six runs and scored twice.

Todd Bullock got the complete-game victory, striking out six and walking two. Bullock also had two hits, two RBI and scored twice.

Otsego, which tied the scored 7-7 with three runs in the top of the seventh, outhit Genoa 12-9 but fell to 9-6 and 3-3.

Lakota 27-10, Woodmore 8-9

Winning pitcher Gabe Caudill homered in the completion of the suspended game, while Lakota's Brad Gnepper scored an unearned run in the bottom of the eighth in the second game.

The Raiders, 8-7 and 5-3 in the SLL, tied the score with a run in the bottom of the seventh.

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High School

Ross 6, Whitmer 3 (8)

Score by innings

Ross	101	000	13	—	6	9	3
Whitmer	100	200	00	—	3	5	3

WP: Ryan Smith; LP: Lepoint; 3B: Follas
(W); 2B: Jamie Reimer (R), Alec Shawl (R).

Records: Ross 5-8 (2-6), Whitmer 14-3 (6-1).

Fisher, Ross win third straight

News-Messenger reports

Mark Fisher pitched a five-hitter and Brian Myers drove in the game's only run Monday in Fremont Ross' 1-0 Great Lakes League baseball victory over Oregon Clay. In other games Monday, Clyde beat Oak Harbor 9-3, Port Clinton defeated Sandusky Perkins 12-1, Genoa used a 20-run fifth inning to defeat Gibsonburg 23-1, Woodmore toppled Otsego 17-12 and Hopewell-Loudon dropped Bettsville 19-3.

Ross improved to 6-8 and 3-6 in the GLL with its third straight win. The Little Giants play for a Division I sectional championship against Ashland today (4:30) at Norwalk.

"We're playing like we should have been three weeks ago," Ross coach Steve Ebert said. "We're getting hot when we need to. We did what we needed to (tonight). Our defense is getting better."

"We turned our first double play of the year tonight."

Fisher (2-1) went the distance for the

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Little Giants. He struck out two and walked none.

"Mark has pitched well all year," Ebert said. "He just hasn't had the run support."

Fisher's earned run average was 2.51 entering the game.

The Little Giants scored their run in the third inning.

Brian T. Wilson led off the inning with a single and Jamie Reimer followed with a bunt single. Myers then drove in Wilson with an RBI single, providing Fisher with the only run he needed.

Clay loser Chris Jaco pitched a three-hit-ter and struck out 13.

Clyde 9, Oak Harbor 3

The Fliers dropped Oak Harbor further

behind Sandusky Bay Conference leader

Edison by scoring five runs in the first

inning and four in the fifth.

The Rockets, who committed a season-

high seven errors, fell to 12-3 and 6-3 in the conference with its third straight SBC loss. Edison leads the SBC with a 9-2 record.

Shane Cook had two hits, including a double and two RBI, and Wade Nofitz drove in two runs for Clyde, 10-7 and 4-4 in the SBC.

Ryan Patrick (3-1) struck out seven and walked five to pick up the complete-game victory.

John Striker had two of the Rockets' five hits.

Dane Epling (2-2) pitched 4½ innings and took the loss. He gave up nine runs, all unearned, with six strikeouts and three walks.

Port Clinton 12, Perkins 1

Brian Williamson, Charlie Mullens and Matt Quayle had two hits apiece and Tony Meek pitched a three-hitter for Port Clinton.

Port Clinton scored in every inning to

run its record to 6-9 and 5-4 in the SBC.

The Redskins won their third straight

game in the conference behind the five-strikeout, one-walk performance by Meek (2-1).

Mullens doubled and drove in three runs and Quayle doubled and had two RBI for the winners.

Genoa 23, Gibsonburg 1

The Comets had nine hits —three by Nick Karayannis — 11 walks and two hit batters in their 20-run fifth inning.

Ryan McDaniel (1-0) went the distance to get the win. He allowed two hits, four walks and struck out eight.

By Gladden hit a three-run homer in the fifth and finished with four RBI to lead Genoa, 9-6 and 5-2 in the SLL after its fourth straight win.

Maury Henery singled and Chad Beaver had a hit and drove in a run for the Golden Bears, 2-11 and 0-7 in the SLL.

Woodmore 17, Otsego 12

Matt Lieske doubled twice, singled and

See ROUNDUP, B3

Ross miscues lead to loss

News-Messenger reports

Fremont Ross committed five errors in the first inning, leading to seven unearned runs for Port Clinton, and the Redskins went on to beat the Little Giants 12-2 Monday in high school baseball.

Jeff Wierzba padded PC's lead with a two-run homer in the second, and the Redskins improved to 8-11.

In other games, Oak Harbor topped Clyde 7-6, Gibsonburg edged Eastwood 3-2, Elmwood nipped Woodmore 2-1 and Otsego got by Lakota 4-3 in eight innings.

Fostoria St. Wendelin defeated Danbury 7-1 in the Division IV district tournament at Old Fort behind the three-hit pitching of Craig Nye.

Port Clinton outhit Ross 8-4 and committed one error. The Redskins ended the game with a three-run sixth inning.

Scott Rickel struck out seven and overcame three walks and two hit batsmen for the victory. Ross starter Mark Fisher took the loss.

Wierzba, Craig Thomas and

Baseball

Brian Williamson each had two hits for PC. Ross, 6-11, got two hits from Scott Root.

Oak Harbor 7, Clyde 6

John Striker's RBI single and Nathan Whitman's run-scoring hit to left-center field in the seventh inning gave Oak Harbor the Sandusky Bay Conference win.

Oak Harbor, 15-3 and 9-3 in the SBC, led 4-0 before Josh Gregg's two-run single keyed a four-run fourth for Clyde. The Fliers, 12-10 and 5-7, added a run in the fifth before Oak Harbor made it 5-5 with a run in the sixth.

Clyde went back on top in the seventh, but the Rockets rallied.

Matt Starkey, who pitched four innings in relief of Mike Hubans, was the winning pitcher. Wade Nofitz took the complete-game loss.

Whitman finished with three hits. Gregg had two for Clyde and added a third RBI.

Gibsonburg 3, Eastwood 2

The Golden Bears scored a run in the first and two in the second for its first regular season.

Marc Shull was the winning pitcher and Bryan Stahl had two hits for Gibsonburg, 3-14 and 1-10 in the Suburban Lakes League.

Eastwood falls to 4-16 and 4-9.

Elmwood 2, Woodmore 1

Losing pitcher Chris Strickland walked in the winning run as Elmwood improved to 18-5 and 10-2 in the SLL. The Royals took a 1-0 lead in the fifth, and Woodmore tied it in the sixth.

Kevin Harman and Eric Rippke each had two of the Wildcats' four hits as Woodmore fell to 5-15 and 4-8.

Otsego 4, Lakota 3 (8)

Mike Amos' sacrifice fly in the top of the eighth gave Otsego the SLL victory and made a loser of Brad Gnepper, who walked two and struck out one.

Lakota, 9-11 and 5-7, committed two errors behind Gnepper and outhit Otsego 6-5.

The Knights, 12-8 and 6-5, committed three errors and needed a run in the seventh to force the extra inning.

Eric Lippert had a double among his three hits for the Raiders.

Ross 8, Clay 6

The Little Giants beat Clay pitching ace Josh Jaco for the second time this season as Bill Barbarree had two hits and scored two runs.

Brian Myers, who also had two hits, capped a five-run sixth inning by Ross with a two-run single. Steve Wilson and Alec Shawl scored on the play, making a winner of Jon Hetrick.

Mules kick Little Giants 10-0

News-Messenger reports

BEDFORD, Mich. — The high school baseball season ended on a sour note for Fremont Ross Friday.

Ross starter Ryan Smith lasted one inning, and Bedford went on to a 10-0 Great Lakes League victory over the Little Giants.

After Smith allowed six runs

on two hits with four walks and one hit batsman, Jon Hetrick pitched through the fourth of the shortened game.

Hetrick also didn't emerge unscathed, allowing four runs in the fourth.

The Mules, 14-8 and 8-4 in the GLL, outhit Ross 8-3.

Bill Barbarree had two hits for the Little Giants, 7-12 and 4-8.

High School

All-GLL

First team

Justin Keller, Jr., Whitmer, P; Bob Reichow, Sr., Bedford, P; Derek Lewandowski, Sr., Whitmer, C; Andy Follas, Sr., Whitmer, IB; Jason Zogaib, Sr., Bedford, 2B; Steve Wolfe, Sr., Northview, 3B; Dave Ray, SR., Whitmer, SS; Geoff Larmunyon, Sr., Bedford, OF; Ted Nigh, Jr., Northview, OF; Todd Doyle, Sr., Whitmer, OF; Aaron Mora, Jr., Fostoria, DH; Tony Hammond, Jr., Fostoria, utility.

Second team

Tom Mitchell, Whitmer; Mike Germann, Napoleon; Dan Tobias, Clay; Brian Burmeister, Bedford; Kevin McIlhargey, Whitmer; Ryan Aschemeier, Napoleon; Greg Flores, Fostoria; Brad McMahon, Clay; Shannon Kruez, Northview; Matt Durham, Whitmer; Jason Eaton, Bedford; Bryan Gawecki, Bedford.

Honorable mention

Chad Zuenen, Brent Dukate, Mike Crawford and Jason Trzeinski, Bedford; Chris Fussell, Josh Jaco, Jeff Luoma, Greg Mahaney and Pete Karrick, Clay; Matt Hossler and Ron Sander, Fostoria; Jamie Reimer, Brian Myers and Alec Shawl, Ross; Mark Dietrich, Napoleon; Bob Collins, Jeff Sander, Chad Didion, Aaron Wittenberg, Bernie LaPoint, Northview; Andy Ries, Matt LaPoint, Whitmer.