





**FREMONT ROSS SENIORS** leading the attack in a bid for a third consecutive district title are shown swinging a threatening set of bats. The seniors Junior Pence, Del Schultz, Terry

Swartz, Terry Bork, Jim Dellasantina, Mike Hirt and Tim Thomas. Ross will meet Toledo Central Catholic Saturday at 2 p.m. in Deshler, weather permitting.

• • • • • **MEET TOLEDO CENTRAL IN DISTRICT BASEBALL**

## Third Straight Crown Is Ross Aim

Fremont Ross baseball team carries a record of nine wins, two losses into Saturday's district final game scheduled for Saturday at 2 p.m. in Deshler. Ross will meet Toledo Central Catholic in its third consecutive bid for a district title.

Ross has won the district title he past two years, advancing to the regional finals in 1964 and losing the first game in regional play last year to Pleasant View. It will be the first appearance in district finals in recent years for Central Catholic.

Central Catholic has a 9-3 record for the season. Its four tournament wins were over Scott, St. Francis, Macomber and Sylvania.

Coach Joe Cordiak has tabbed right-hander Tom Boardman to ace Ross in the district game. Boardman has a mark of five wins, two losses. The Central attack is built around the bats of Ken Kielczewski, a catcher with a 3.85 average, and Mike Furman, an outfielder-pitcher who is batting 3.45.

Ross' only defeats came on a

disastrous Saturday afternoon when they committed nine errors and dropped both halves of a double-header to Lorain Admiral King.

Hopes of continued tournament success will ride on the strong right arm of pitcher Terry Bork. Bork has a record of six wins, one loss. In 41 and one-third innings of pitching Bork has allowed only 14 hits and four earned runs. He has struck out 67 batters to face him while issuing only 14 walks. Among his victories he has a one-hitter,

a no-hitter and two shutouts.

Bork is also the team's leading hitter at this stage in the season with a .428 average in 28 official times at bat on 12 hits, including three home runs and a triple.

Tim Thomas, .310; Terry Swartz, .33; Mike Hirt, .303, and Del Schultz, .297, are other mainstays of the Ross attack.

Ross has a .240 overall team batting average, scoring 79 runs on 72 hits. Little Giant foes have been held to 40 runs and 54 hits.

Bork has been the main pitching force, but Coach Don Purvis has had success in calling on five other pitchers. Second starter Jim Dellasantina (1-1) has struck out 18, walked only three in 14 innings of pitching.

Scott Decker (1-0) and Tim Thomas (1-0) have each been credited with a victory, while Larry Whatley and Jerry Semer have both been effective in relief. Neither Thomas or Whatley have allowed a run while no one has hit Semer or Thomas in two inning appearances by each. Whatley has been touched for only one unearned run, while walking two and striking out five in five innings of work.

## Record Likely In '500' Qualifying

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. (AP)—A prospect that the Indianapolis Motor Speedway record will be broken a dozen times Saturday may attract sports' biggest preliminary crowd to first qualifying runs for the 50th 500-mile race May 30.

The fastest qualifier Saturday will win the pole position, the inside spot in the three-car front row regardless of speeds Sun-

in a new Lotus-Ford.

Strong bids for the pole are expected from the new all American racing team of Dan Gurney, Costa Mesa, Calif., who directed construction of a garage full of new cars designed by Len Terry of Rye, England, formerly with the Lotus factory.

Gurney has been running well over 161 in one of his Eagles, and good speeds have been

## Sports On TV

SATURDAY

BASEBALL: Dodgers vs. Pirates, 1 p.m., 3, 4, 11; Tigers

## LONGEST OHIO HIGH SCHOOL GAME

# Ross Nipped In District Finals, 2-1

DESHLER — Longest known game in the history of Ohio high school baseball was played here Saturday with Central Catholic taking a 2-1 district final victory from Fremont Ross in 17 innings. Losing Coach Don Purvis expressed pride in his team and singled out spectacular fielding and the strong arm of Terry Bork.

"What can you say to them? You didn't give me enough!" remarked Purvis as he was lost for words in expressing the pride he had in his team.

The game was not only the longest but an oddity of diamond perfection for a high school game. In 17 innings each team committed only one error and one of these was the margin for victory. In the same period of time the pitchers of the opposing teams gave up a combination of only 13 hits and two

earned runs. There wasn't an extra base hit in the ball game and pitchers recorded 36 strikeouts.

Tom Boardman started for Central Catholic but injured an ankle sliding into a base in the third inning. Mike Murnen came on and pitched 15 innings, allowing four hits, one run, striking out 16 and walking four.

Purvis noted that Murnen ap-

peared to get stronger as the game drew longer.

Bork finally tired and gave up three successive singles for the winning run in the 17th inning, but even these were not of the hard hit variety. Two of the last inning hits were of the broken bat variety and the third looped just over the infield into right field. Only one of seven hits in the game did Central batters get around on the ball far enough to hit to left field.

For 16 innings Bork was throwing a four-hitter. He gave up three walks and one of these was intentional, called for by Purvis in the 12th innings. He struck out 15 and retired the side in order in nine of the 17 innings. The senior right-hander toiled on the mound for the four and one-half hour game.

Purvis heaped praise on the left side of his infield, noting that both Mike Hirt and Tim Thomas made numerous spectacular plays. Hirt, who played errorless ball, snared one hard hit ball toward the hole, slipped on the wet infield and then from one knee threw out the runner at first base.

Other than the two innings in which Central scored Bork was in trouble once, in the 12th inning. He hit the first batter who was followed by a single. On a grounder to shortstop Thomas

threw to Junior Pence to get one runner at second. With men on first and third and one out Purvis ordered the intentional walk to load the bases. Bork struck out the next man he faced and forced the following batter to ground out to first baseman Steve Fausey unassisted.

Early in the game Ross hit the ball well but right at somebody. Thomas flied out on three occasions to left, center and right field, all deep. Mike Hetrick sent a centerfielder back onto the skinned infield of an adjacent diamond, more than 350 feet from home field for one out.

Central opened the scoring in the second when Kielczewski hit a ground ball to shortstop and was safe on a throwing error. Ken Kielczewski reached second on the error. After strikeouts,

Andy Jankowski singled to right, driving in Kielczewski.

Ross came back in the third with three consecutive singles by Del Schultz, Terry Bork and Terry Swartz. Schultz tallied and Swartz was credited with the RBI.

The winning run was the result of singles by Bill Myers, Mike Simon and Ron Dreenan.

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Team	ab	r	h	2b	3b	r	h
Central Catholic	40	2	13	0	0	0	6
Boardman	40	1	10	0	0	0	5
Fremont Ross	40	1	10	0	0	0	5
Total	120	4	33	0	0	0	16

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