

Ross girls drop opener

The Ross girls softball team gave up seven runs in the first inning and it proved to be too much as the Little Giants dropped a 12-11 decision to Margaretta Wednesday in Castalia.

"I think we had a case of the jitters early," said Coach Christy Holland. "After the first inning, though, we were all right."

The Giants came back to pound out 16 hits, led by Sandy Long, Celenea Simmons and Carol Falquette with three each.

Ross scored five runs in the top of the seventh inning to tie the game, but the Polar Bears scored in their half to win it.

It was the opening game for the Giants, who travel to Marion Harding today.

In one other softball game Wednesday, Old Fort beat Hopewell-Loudon 11-5.

Beth Omlor led the winners with a home run and the pitching victory.

Betty Terry had three hits for the Stockaders. Barb Gabel and Lori Meisner had two apiece.

Old Fort is now 2-1 and will be at Fostoria St. Wendelin Friday.

Ross girls win first

MARION — The Ross girls softball team broke open a one-run game with eight runs in the final inning to beat Marion Harding 20-15 Thursday afternoon.

It was the first victory of the season out of three games for the Lady Little Giants. They led 12-11 going into the seventh before their big eruption.

Angie Gierhart was the big run producer for Ross, knocking in four runs on two hits. Lori Shoemaker had three RBI and Karen Root had two. Brenda Sleek and Kathy Brandt had two hits apiece.

Julie Ritchart picked up the win, holding off a last-inning Harding rally.

At Bettsville, Sandy Long got four hits, including two home runs, and knocked in a whopping 12 runs to lead the Lady Little Giants to their second win in four games.

Long's other two hits were a triple and double.

Also contributing heavily to the potent Ross attack was Lori Shoemaker (three hits, four RBI), Susan Buehler (four hits, three RBI) and Julie Ritchart (three hits).

Amy Woessner was the winning pitcher.

The Lady Little Giants lost 13-8 to Norwalk and Old Fort fell 12-4 to Tiffin Calvert.

At Norwalk, the local girls jumped on top 2-0 after one inning and led 7-4 after 3½ innings. But the Lady Truckers scored nine runs over the next two innings.

Julie Ritchart took the loss for Ross. The Giants committed 10 errors.

Celenea Simmons and Ritchart had two hits apiece for Ross, now 2-3.

Ross will play Vermilion (1-6) in the sectional opener at Ashland Brookside Park Saturday at 10 a.m.

Ross, St. Joe lose

Ross and St. Joe came out on the short end of high school girls softball scores Friday.

The Lady Little Giants were handed a 17-8 setback at Rodger Young Park by Findlay while the Lady Streaks managed only two hits in losing to Margaretra 15-3.

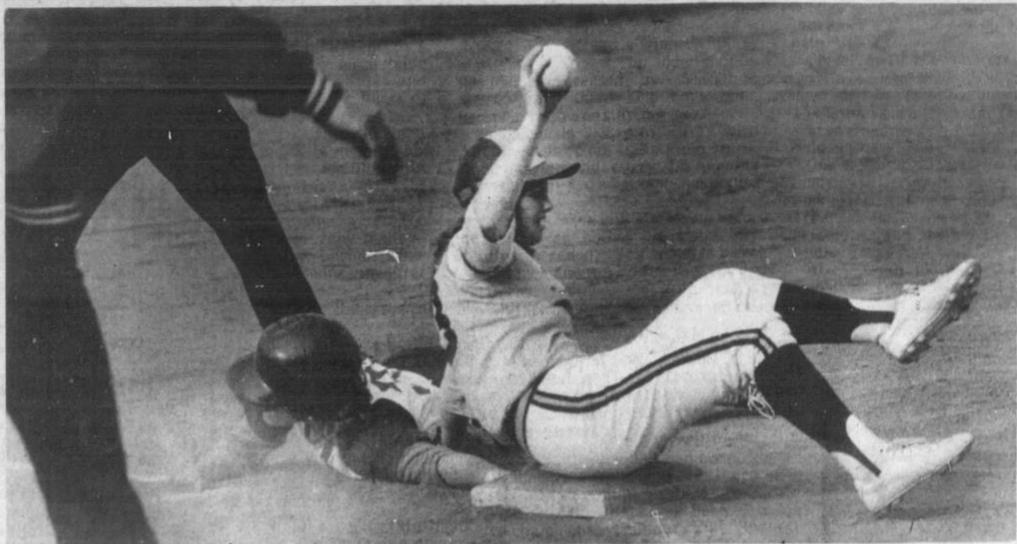
Findlay held a 10-4 lead after three innings in the Buckeye Conference game, but Ross trimmed that lead to 10-7 heading into the top of the sixth. Findlay began to ice the game at that stage with two runs and then put it out of reach with a five-run seventh.

Sandy Long had a triple and a single for four RBIs for Ross. The Lady Little Giants dropped to 2-4.

Margaretta scored nine runs in the bottom of the first inning to take the wind out of St. Joe.

Cindy Opre and Reenie House had the only hits for St. Joe.

Margaretta took advantage of eight St. Joe walks and four errors to go along with six hits. In the Margaretta first inning, the Lady Polar Bears had four hits and three walks to go with four St. Joe errors.

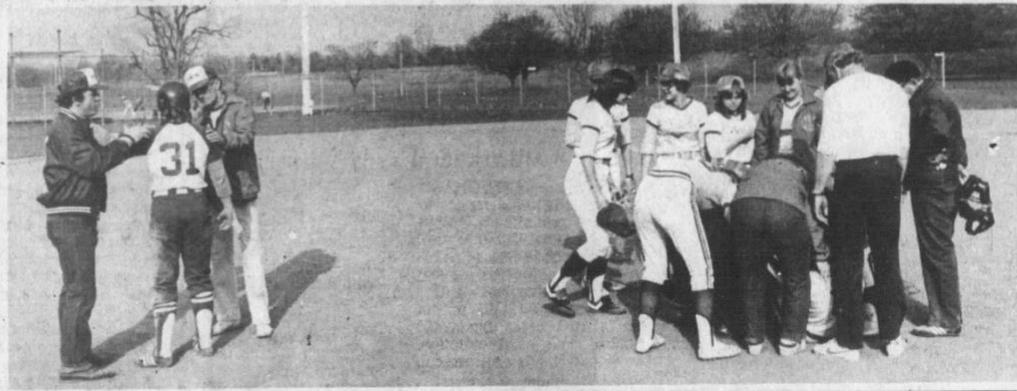


MARSHA FREEMAN, above, third baseman for the Findlay girls' softball team, holds the ball up after attempting to tag out Sandy Long of

Ross. On the play, Freeman injured her knee and Long injured her shoulder. Below, Long at the left is attended by Ross assistant Coach Tom

Woessner and Coach Christy Holland while the Findlay team and coach surround Freeman.

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NEW RIEGEL 28, ROSS 15

Three Ross pitchers walked 34 batters and the Little Giants committed 16 errors to hand New Riegel the victory at Ross.

Kathy Brandt, Amy Woessner and losing pitcher Julie Ritchart limited New Riegel to just six hits, but the trio had control problems and a leaky defense.

Offensively, the Giants pounded out 16 hits, led by Sandy Long and Carol Falquette with three apiece. Both Long and Falquette each had home runs. Long had four RBI; Falquette three RBI.

The Giants, now 2-6, are at Perrysburg today.

PERRYSBURG 13, ROSS 3

Ross lost by 10 but Coach Christy Holland felt his team turned things around and played a good game. The Lady Little Giants pitchers gave up 34 walks in a 28-16 loss to New Riegel Tuesday but in the loss to Perrysburg, Ross's hurlers gave up only four.

Perrysburg, 12-2, used an eight-run fourth inning to break away.

Losing pitcher Julie Ritchart had two hits to lead Ross's seven-hit attack. Karen Root doubled.

Ross is now 2-7.

15-5 victory over Arlington at East Side Park Thursday.

The Streaks are now 6-5 with three games remaining on their schedule. They will host Margaretta Tuesday.

In two other area girls softball games yesterday, Norwalk edged Ross 9-8 and Tiffin Columbian blanked Old Fort 12-0.

St. Joe allowed Arlington to score four runs in the top of the first inning, but came back to tally six runs in its half of the first to gain the lead for good.

The Streaks broke it open with seven runs in the fifth.

Cheryl Swint, Amy Stotz, Shelly Whittaker and Amy Hershey had two hits apiece for St. Joe. Reenie House had a two-run homer in the sixth. Stotz and Pam Hotz also had two RBI.

Cindy Oprrie limited Arlington to four hits to gain the win.

NORWALK 9, ROSS 8

The Lady Truckers scored three runs in the sixth

inning and then held off a late Ross rally to post the win.

Norwalk got the winning runs via a single, triple, single, triple combination. Ross came back with one run in the bottom of the sixth, but it wasn't enough.

The Little Giants, who had only three hits, fell to 2-9 and host Bettsville today.

COLUMBIAN 12, OLD FORT 0

Kim Engle tossed a three-hitter and struck out five batters to lead the Lady Tornadoes past Old Fort.

Engle was aided by a 13-hit attack led by Jill Therriault, who had a home run and a triple. Beth Omlor had a double for Old Fort. Omlor also was the losing pitcher.

The Stockaders, now 8-8, host St. Wendelin today. Columbian is 10-6.

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Findlay topples Ross

The Findlay Lady Trojans scored in every inning on their way to a 14-5 victory over Ross in a girls high school softball game in Findlay Monday.

In one other area softball game last evening, Old Fort edged Bettsville 7-6.

At Findlay, Ross got out to an early 1-0 lead before Findlay scored one in the first inning, four in the second and one in the third to make it 6-1.

The Little Giants got it as close as 8-4 before Findlay put it away with four runs in the fifth.

Julie Ritchart took the loss for Ross, its 10th in 13 games. Celenea Simmons had a double for the Little Giants.

Ross hosts Marion today.

Ross girls top Marion

Ross scored four runs, the last three on Sandy Long's homer, in the bottom of the seventh inning to defeat Marion Harding 16-15 Tuesday in a high school girls softball game.

Long also tripled in the contest and drove in five runs to lead the Lady Little Giants' eight-hit attack.

Ross's offensive attack was aided by 15 Harding errors.

Celenea Simmons doubled for Ross, now 5-10.

The game was plagued by rain but it was never hard enough to stop play.

In the Ross seventh, after one out, Carol Falquette and winning pitcher Julie Ritchart walked and each advanced on a passed ball. Simmons, was safe on an error with a run scoring. Long homered to the base of the leftfield fence for the game winner.

Today at 4 p.m. at Rodger Young Park, Ross will host Margaretta.

Lady Polar Bears win

Margaretta scored 11 runs in the second inning on its way to a 15-6 thrashing of Ross in girls high school softball action at Rodger Young Park Wednesday.

The Lady Polar Bears needed only three hits in their big inning. Ross pitching allowed five walks and the Little Giant defense committed four errors in the inning. Ross finished with nine errors for the game.

It was the 11th loss out of 16 games for Ross, which will play its final game of the season today at Old Fort.

No game report against Old Fort Found.