

Columbian nips Ross with three in 7th

TIFFIN — Tiffin Columbian scored three runs on only one hit in the bottom of the seventh inning to hand Fremont Ross a 7-6 loss in the opening game of the season for both teams. The Little Giants had taken a 6-4 lead in the top of the sixth inning.

Lee Evverte scored the winning run for Columbian the easy way in the last inning by trotting casually home after a bases loaded walk. Columbian had started the winning rally on Bob Florence's single to center to open the inning.

Chuck Risor's fly ball to center was dropped by Jeff Foss, allowing Florence to score from first with Riser making it all the way to third. Evvert drew a walk and immediately stole second base.

Risor came home on a fielder's choice. After Ross pitcher Mike Mathes fanned Gary Reiss, the Ross left hander hit Tom Wolf and walked Rick Monts to load the bases. Mathes fanned Steve Moyers on a two and two count for the second out but ran into trouble with Kevin Williams, Columbian's leadoff hitter.

Williams worked Mathes to a full count and then took a low pitch for the fourth ball to force Evverte in with the winning run.

Ross had taken the lead in the first inning on a walk to Mathes, a double by Dan Baker and a passed ball for two runs. Baker slammed a two-run homer

in the third inning to give Ross a 4-0 lead before Columbian scored their first run in the bottom of the inning.

After Columbian had caught Ross at 4-4 on Riser's homer in the fifth, Keith Pettiford led off the sixth with a solo blast. Little Giants added another run on the help of two Columbian errors for a 6-4 lead.

Then came the seventh and Ross' disappointment.

Tiffin Columbian 7, Ross 6

Ross				Columbian			
	AB	R	H		AB	R	H
Pettiford, 2b	3	1	2	Williams, lf	4	0	1
Mathes, CF/P	1	3	0	Everhart, ss	4	0	0
Baker, C	3	2	2	Florence, 3b	3	2	1
R. Paxon, rf	4	0	2	Riser, 1b	4	2	2
Lorhbach, ss	3	0	1	Sikora, c	3	1	0
Bliss, 1b	2	0	0	Evverte, ph	0	1	0
Butdorf, 1b	2	0	0	Reiss, 2b	3	1	1
J. Paxon, lf	1	0	1	Wolff, cf	1	1	0
Lotycz, 3b	2	1	0	Kirgis, rf	2	0	1
T. Carmack, ph	1	0	0	Monts, ph	0	0	0
Ziemke, P	1	0	0	Bowers, P	4	0	0
Wingo, ph	0	0	0	Moyer, P	0	0	0
Beard, P	1	0	0	Totals	25	7	6
Foss, cf	1	0	0				
Totals	25	6	8				

Score by innings

	R		H		E	
Fremont Ross	2	0	2	0	6	8
Tiffin Columbian	0	0	1	3	7	6
Home runs: Baker (1), Pettiford (1), Ross; Riser (1), Columbian						
Doubles: Baker, R. Paxon, Lorhbach, Ross; Riser, Kirgis, Columbian						

Pitching summary

	IP	R	ER	BB	SO	H
Ziemke	3	0	0	2	6	2
Beard	2	4	3	3	3	2
Mathes (0-1)	2	3	1	4	4	1
Bowers	4	4	4	1	5	6
Moyers (1-0)	3	2	0	2	2	2

Little Giants split twinbill with St. Marys Memorial

Fremont Ross scored four runs in the bottom of the sixth inning in the first game of a Saturday doubleheader against St. Marys Memorial for their first win of the season. Ross won that first game 7-5 but dropped the nightcap, 9-7.

With the score tied at 2-2 in the top of the fourth inning, Lauth of St. Marys slammed a homer over the left centerfield fence off Ross relief pitcher Mike Reardon. Reardon had relieved Ross starter Dave Ziemke after the Auglaize County school had scored a pair of runs in the top of the third.

The Little Giants wasted little time in tying the game

in their portion of the fourth, but the Roughriders took the lead again in the sixth. A walk to Dietz and singles by Axe and Brewer accounted for the run and the 4-3 lead.

Ross erupted in the bottom of the sixth after one out. Tom Carmack and Roger Merritt stroked back to back singles. After Reardon flied out, Mike Mathes drew a walk to load the bases. Kerry Wingo's slow roller down the third base line was fielded by the St. Marys third baseman who tried to get the force on Merritt at third but the throw was too late and Carmack scored to tie the game.

Dan Baker, Ross' senior catcher, became the man of the hour for Ross by following Wingo's dribbler with a triple to clear the bases and give the Little Giants a 7-4 lead.

In the seventh, St. Marys scored one run but left runners on first and third when Axe lined to Ross leftfielder Jim Paxson.

St. Marys scored single runs in the first three innings to take a 3-1 lead in the nightcap. The Little Giants came to life in the third to score two runs to tie the game. Ross added two runs in both the fourth and fifth for a string of deuces.

Dale Stout started the third inning scoring by drawing a walk. Jeff Foss walked after one out to put two men on base. Wingo singled in one run and Rick Paxson drove in another with another one-base rap. The inning ended with a double play but the score tied, 3-3.

Ross took the lead with a pair in the fourth. Mark Lotycz walked and Stout laid down a sacrifice bunt that put

Lotycz on second. Keith Pettiford's grounder to short was booted and Lotycz scored. Pettiford stole second and scored on Mathes' single for a 5-3 Little Giant lead.

St. Marys tied the score on a homer by Dietz, two singles and a walk in the fifth.

Ron Whitcomb put Ross back on top with a two-run single in the bottom of the fifth. A hit batsman, a stolen base, and two walks set up the Whitcomb base hit.

The Roughriders grabbed the lead for good with the big sixth inning by scoring four runs. The big blow of the inning was a two run double by Brewer.

For the day, Wingo had a five for six performance while Baker was two for three and four RBI's for the top Ross efforts of the day.

First game

Ross 7, St. Marys 5

Score by innings

	R	H	E
St. Marys	002	101	1-5 7 2
Ross	101	104	x-7 10 4
BATTERIES: Wiehe and Ginter, St. Marys; Ziemke, Reardon (4) and Baker			
Winning pitcher: Reardon (1-0); Losing pitcher: Wiehe			
Strikeouts: Wiehe 6; Reardon 2, Ziemke 1			
Walks: Wiehe 4; Reardon 1, Ziemke 3			
Triples: Baker, Ross			
Home runs: Lauth			
RBI's: Baker (4), Wingo (2), Merritt, Ross, Harruff (2), Lauth, Brewer, Steinecker, St. Marys			

Second game

St. Marys 9, Ross 7

Score by innings

	R	H	E
St. Marys	111	024	0-9 12 1
Ross	102	220	0-7 7 3
BATTERIES: Lauth, Hall (4) and Anderson, St. Marys'; Lohrbach, Beard (3), S. Carmack (5), Mathes (6) and Stout, Baker (6)			
Winning pitcher: Hall; Losing pitcher: Mathes (0-2)			
Strikeouts: Lauth 3, Hall 1, Lohrbach 1, Beard 3, Mathes 3			
Walks: Lauth 4, Hall 4; Lohrbach 2, Carmack 2			
Doubles: Brewer (2), St. Marys; Wingo, Ross			
Home runs: Dietz, St. Marys			
RBI's: Axe, Solomon, Dietz (3), Lauth, Steinecker (2), Brewer, St. Marys; Wingo, R. Paxson, Pettiford, Mathes, Whitcomb (2)			
Season record: Ross 1-2			

Redskins split

a 5-1 victory in the opening test after Port Clinton rushed to a 1-0 lead in the bottom of the first. The Comets tied the game in the second inning and blew the Redskin team away with a four run fourth inning.

Jim Spurgeon was credited as the Genoa winner and Gary Chance was the Port Clinton winner.

Line score

Genoa	010	040	0-542
Port Clinton	100	000	0-131
BATTERIES: Spurgeon, Witty (6) and Hahn; Guzauskas, Lucas (5) and Timmons, Celek (5). WP—Spurgeon (1-0), LP—Guzauskas (0-1).			
Genoa	000	110	0-252
Port Clinton	000	210	x-353
BATTERIES: Murtaugh, Mathews (5) and Angel, Hahn (5); Chance and Celek. WP—Chance (1-0), LP—Murtaugh (0-1).			

Chris comes back

SARASOTA, Fla. — Chris Evert overcame a 4-2 deficit and won the next 10 games to defeat Evonne Goolagong 6-4, 6-0 for a first-place finish in a women's pro tennis tournament.

FRONT-END ALIGNMENT

Findlay exploded for 13 runs in the last four innings, with eight coming in the sixth, against Fremont Ross at Anderson Field to bounce the Little Giants to their third loss in four games, 13-4.

With two down in the Findlay fourth and Ross on top, 1-0, thanks to a run scoring triple by Dan Baker in the bottom of the first for Ross, the roof fell in on Ziemke. Three runs dented the plate after Ross shortstop Kerry Wingo threw into the dirt to let Barney Korb on first and started the rally.

That was only the beginning of the end

Sports

Bob Marker, editor

The future was not bright for the Ross reliever as the Trojans scored eight runs on five hits and two Ross errors in the sixth inning. Ron Linhart's two-run

Martinez was the leading hitter in the game with a three for five performance and two runs scored along with two RBI's. Linhart had a pair of hits and three RBI's while Korb scored three times.

Ross' next outing will be a doubleheader with Admiral King Saturday at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Both the varsity and the reserve will play. The varsity games will be at Anderson Field

	Ross			Findlay			
	AB	R	H	AB	R	H	
Pettiford, 2b	1	2	1	Marline, cf	5	2	3
Merritt, 2b	1	0	0	Hartins, 1b	5	0	1
Mathes, cf	3	0	0	Vietherlief, 1b	4	0	0
Wingo, ss	2	0	0	Scheff, 1b	4	2	1
Baker, c	4	0	1	Korb, c	3	3	1
R. Paxson, rf	2	0	1	Colvin, ph	1	0	0
J. Paxson, lf	3	0	1	Linhart, 3b	3	2	2
Burdorf, 1b	3	1	0	Browne, p	4	0	0
Whitcomb, 3b	3	0	0	Baron, 1b	3	1	1
Lotycz, 3b	0	0	0	Jones, ph	1	0	0
Ziemke, p	1	0	0	Dysinger, ss	4	2	2
T. Carmack, ph	1	0	0	Totals	36	13	11
Reardon, p	0	0	0				
S. Carmack, p	0	0	0				
Totals	25	4	5				

Score by innings					
			R	H	E
Findlay	000	328	0-13	11	1
Ross	100	210	0-4	5	7

Runs batted in: Martinez (2), Hamlin, Schey, Korb (2), Linhart (3), Browne (2), Baron, Dysinger, Findlay, Pettiford, Matthes, Baker, R. Paxson
 Doubles: Linhart, Browne, Findlay; Pettiford, R. Paxson, J. Paxson, Ross
 Triples: Baker, Ross

	Pitching						
	IP	R	ER	H	BB	SO	
Browne	7	4	3	5	4	8	
Ziemke	4½	5	2	5	1	1	
Reardon	1½	8	3	4	1	1	
S. Carmack	1½	0	0	2	0	0	
Winning pitcher:	Browne;	Losing pitcher:					
Ziemke (0-1)							

Little Giants drop two games to Lima Senior

Ross dropped a pair of baseball games to Lima Senior, Saturday. In the first game, the Little Giants fell, 8-4, while in the second contest, Ross was shaded, 9-7, in eight innings.

Lima drew first blood in the first game of the twinbill with a run in the top of the first without the benefit of a base hit. But the Little Giants' catcher, Dan Baker slashed a long homer in the second inning to tie the game at 1-1.

The visitors to Anderson Field parlayed a run and one hit in each of the next two innings against Ross starting pitcher Mike Reardon to take a 3-1 lead before the Little Giants tied the score once again in the fourth.

Mark Lohrbach's leadoff single, a triple by Keith Butdorf, followed by an error plated the two runs.

The roof caved in on Reardon and for Ross in the top of the sixth. After getting the first Lima batter to pop out, Lima touched the Ross righthander for two straight singles and a walk before Reardon fanned Bill Hayer for the second out of the inning. Winning pitcher Bob Herman singled to left for two runs while Kenny Hoff's single plated the final two runs of the inning.

Tom Carmack's single in the bottom of the inning plated the final Ross run. The Little Giants were retired in the last inning in order.

Ross scored three runs in the bottom of the seventh in the second to tie Lima at 7-7 but with the bases loaded and no out, the Little Giants failed to score after that.

Lima led 4-1 going into the bottom of the fourth when Ross used three hits and a walk to score two runs. Brian Bliss started the rally with a double to left. Roger Merritt's "Texas League" single to left put runners on first and third with one out. Ron Whitcomb pinch hit for starting Ross pitcher Dave Ziemke and walked to load the bases.

Mike Mathes grounded a single up the middle to score Bliss and Merritt but on an overthrow at third, Whitcomb was thrown out at the plate while trying to score.

Lima took the lead with a run in the fifth without the benefit of a hit while Ross scored a single run in the bottom of the fifth on a walk to Baker and a single by Carmack to plate the run.

A walk, two singles and an error gave Lima a 7-5 lead in the seventh but Ross scored three to tie the game and send it into extra innings.

Baker walked to start the seventh inning rally. Rick Paxson homered to close the gap to 7-6 and the rally was on again when Lohrbach singled. Carmack singled again to put runners on first and second. A double steal put the Ross runners on second and third while a walk to Bliss loaded the bases.

Merritt laid down a suicide squeeze bunt that scored Keith Pettiford, who was running for Lohrbach, scoring to tie the game. With Al Beard at the plate, Ross coach Don Burgess ordered another squeeze play. Carmack was running on the pitch but Beard missed the ball and the sliding Carmack was an easy out at the plate for the first out of the inning.

Beard popped to the pitcher on the next pitch for the second out and Mathes fanned to end the inning.

Lima scored the winning runs after one out when Beard, who had relieved Ziemke in the fifth, walked Henderson. Hayler singled and Cain singled to score Henderson. Hayler eventually scored on a fielder's choice to give Lima a 9-7 lead.

Ross threatened mildly in the bottom of the eighth with Baker drawing a walk and Paxson singling after one out. Two straight strikeouts ended the game for Ross.

The Little Giants are now 1-5 with a game tonight at Clyde. On Wednesday the Little Giants will travel to Toledo Whitmer while on Friday Ross will travel to Findlay for a rematch with the Trojans.

Next Saturday, instead of the scheduled doubleheader with Lorain Senior, Ross will play Mansfield Malabar in sectional tournament baseball action. That game will be at 4 p.m. at Colonel Crawford High School in North Robinson.

Score by innings

				R	H	E
Lima Senior	101	104	1-8	9	3	
Ross	010	101	0-4	7	1	

Pitching summary

(Ross only)

	IP	R	ER	H	SO	BB
Reardon	6	8	7	9	7	6
Beard	1	0	0	0	0	0
Winning pitcher: Herman						
Losing pitcher: Reardon						

Score by innings

				R	H	E
Lima Senior	101	201	22-9	10	1	
Ross	100	210	30-7	11	4	

Pitching summary

(Ross only)

	IP	R	ER	H	SO	BB
Ziemke	4	4	4	5	2	2
Beard	4	5	2	5	4	2
Winning pitcher: McCullough						
Losing pitcher: Beard						

Whitmer downs Ross, 8-0

TOLEDO — Ross baseball coach Don Burgess has a very definite feeling about Toledo Whitmer's baseball team.

"They're the best team that we have faced," Burgess said flatly about the 10-6 Panthers.

The Little Giant mentor had good reason to make that statement. He had just watched his team get shut out by Whitmer pitcher Al Levine on five hits and saw a Whitmer attack that pounded 14 hits in the 8-0 loss for the little Giants.

Whitmer reached starting Ross pitcher Dave Ziemke for six runs and eight hits in the first three innings, one a long homer in the first inning by Ed Molaczewski, the second man up for Whitmer in the game.

After that it was two in the second and three more in the third.

Four hits took care of the scoring in the third against Ziemke. Three singles

and a triple by Joe Balogh did the damage.

Mark Lohrbach relieved in the fourth and gave up the final two runs and six hits.

Every starter in the Whitmer lineup had at least one hit with four of them getting a pair of safeties. Gill Hamman, Molaczewski, Terry Crosby, and Watkins had two hits apiece.

Kerry Wingo singled in the first inning for Ross' first hit in the game. Levine faced only 24 batters in the game, three over the minimum. Wingo touched him for two singles in two at-bats.

Ross will travel to Findlay on Friday night to try to avenge a 13-4 loss to the Trojans in an earlier meeting. On Saturday, Ross will play Mansfield Malabar at North Robinson in the first round of sectional tournament play.

Findlay Trojans outscore Fremont Ross, 17-13

FINDLAY — Fremont Ross and Findlay squared off in a free-hitting baseball game with the Trojans coming out on the long end of a 17-13 score. The Trojans banged out 20 hits, including three doubles, four triples, and home run. Ross had 11 hits which included a double and a triple.

The Little Giants scored a run in the first and added six in the second to jump out to a 7-3 lead after two innings. Al Beard was hit with a pitched ball to start the second inning rally.

Keith Pettiford and Mike Matthes singled for one run and Kerry Wingo's walk loaded the bases. A walk to Dan Baker forced in one run and Rick Paxson's double brought in two more. Paxson scored on a ground out later in the inning for the final run.

Findlay caught fire in the third, scoring seven runs on five hits and four Ross errors. The big hit in the inning was Steve Hill's three-run homer.

The Little Giants did not score again until the sixth when Ross plated five runners to pull to within one at 12-12.

Ross had three hits in the inning, singles by Wingo, Lohrbach (two runs-batted-in) and Keith Butdorf. Findlay committed three errors in the inning.

The Trojans wrapped it up in the bottom of the sixth with four runs on three hits. The big hit in the inning was a

two-run triple by Korb.

Ross scored a run in the seventh on an error and Rick Paxson's triple.

The Little Giants are slated to play Mansfield Malabar in the sectional tournament today at 4 p.m. at North Robinson.

Findlay 17, Ross 13

ROSS	AB	R	H	FINDLAY	AB	R	H
Pettiford, 2b	2	2	1	Jones, cf	3	1	0
Merritt, 2b	2	1	0	Arnold, cf	0	0	0
Matthes, cf/p	5	1	3	Hamlin, 1b	5	2	3
Wingo, 3b	4	3	1	Veilhaber, p	5	2	3
Baker, c	3	2	0	Burton, cf	0	0	0
R. Paxson, rf	5	1	3	Schey, rf	4	2	2
Lohrbach, ss	5	1	2	Linhart, 3b	4	3	3
Butdorf, 1b	3	1	1	Logsdon, 3b	0	0	0
T. Carmack, lf	4	0	0	Korb, c	5	3	3
Beard, p	1	1	0	Wilkins, c	0	0	0
J. Paxson, cf	1	0	0	Hill, lf	4	2	4
Totals	35	13	11	Dysinger, ss	4	1	0
				Baron, 2b	4	1	2
				Totals	38	17	20

Score by innings

	R	H	E
Ross	160	005	1-13 11 6
Findlay	217	304	x-17 20 6

Runs batted in: Matthes, Wingo (2), Baker, R. Paxson (2), Lohrbach (3), Butdorf, T. Carmack; Hamlin, Vielhaber, Schey (2), Linhart (2), Korb (4), Hill (4), Baron (2)

Doubles: R. Paxson, Ross; Schey, Korb, Hill, Findlay

Triples: R. Paxson, Ross; Linhart, Korb, Hill, Baron, Findlay

Home Runs: Hill, Findlay

Pitching summary

	IP	R	ER	H	BB	SO
Beard	2 ² / ₃	10	5	11	1	5
Matthes	3 ¹ / ₂	7	5	9	2	4
Vielhaber	3	7	6	6	4	1
Hamlin	4	6	3	5	3	5

Winning pitcher: Hamlin

Losing pitcher: Beard (0-2)

Ross rolls, 13-0

PORT CLINTON — Fremont Ross had its problems trying to find someone to play ball Thursday afternoon. Originally scheduled to play Oregon Clay, the Little Giants ended up playing Port Clinton. The Little Giants won the game convincingly, 13-0.

Oregon Clay canceled out on Ross early yesterday morning. The Little Giants then turned to Clyde but the Fliers were not available, so on the third try, the Little Giants found the Redskins ready and willing.

But it was bad news for the Redskins. The Little Giants banged out 13 hits while Mike Reardon gave up only four in the shutout.

Mike Matthes had four singles in five at-bats, scored a run and drove in two more in the Ross attack. Dan Baker slammed a triple and a single to drive in four runs while Keith Butdorf continued his hot hitting with a single and a triple in four at-bats and three RBI's.

Every Ross starter had at least one hit with the exception of Rick Paxson who scored a run and walked twice.

Kerry Wingo scored two runs while collecting a double and two RBI's.

Ross scored five runs on five hits and two walks in the first inning. Baker with a triple and Wingo's double highlighted the inning. The Little Giants scored five more in the fifth on three hits including Butdorf's triple.

Ross 13, Port Clinton 0

Score by innings

	R	H	E
Ross	500	052	1-13 13 2
Port Clinton	000	000	0-0 0 4 2

BATTERIES: Reardon and Baker; True, Summerset, (2), Handy (7), Lykens (7) and Chancer

Winning pitcher: Reardon

Losing pitcher: True

Doubles: Wingo, Ross

Triples: Baker, Butdorf, Ross

RBI's: Matthew (2), Wingo (2), Baker (4), Butdorf (3), Merritt, Reardon

Season record: Ross 3-7

Ross bats boom against Redskins

PORT CLINTON — Ross won its fifth game of the season by demolishing the Port Clinton Redskins, 17-6, in a game that was delayed because of snow and ice on the field.

"We were taking infield practice," Ross coach Don Burgess said, "when it started to sleet and snow. The field actually got white. We had to wait 45 minutes before the diamond dried so we could play."

When the diamond dried the Ross bats warmed up with 18 hits against a tandem of Redskin pitchers. Mark Lohrbach, the Little Giants' junior shortstop, led the assault on the Redskin mound corps with a four for five performance including a three-run homer in the first inning that accounted for all the Ross scoring in the first frame.

Mike Matthes slammed a two-run homer in the sixth inning to cap a five-run Ross uprising. The senior centerfielder had two singles including the homer in six at-bats. Dan Baker with two for three and Keith Pettiford with a three for three

performance were the other Ross players with more than one hit.

Al Beard handled the Ross mound assignments. The junior righthander fanned 14 while walking seven. After fanning the last batter he faced in the first inning, Beard struckout the side in both the second and third innings for a string of seven strikeouts in a row. Mike Lykens' single in the fourth ended the string.

Tonight the Little Giants host Sandusky at Anderson Field in a game that could be classified as a rehearsal for the sectional "AAA" finals tomorrow night at North Robinson. The Little Giants and the Blue Streaks will meet for the title and the right to advance to the district in the 4 p.m. game.

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Ross 17, Port Clinton 6
Score by innings

			R	H	E
Ross	350	105	3-17	18	3
P.C.	100	202	1-6	6	3

BATTERIES: Beard and McGilton, Lance (6); True, Summersett, (6) and Celek

Winning pitcher: Beard
Losing pitcher: True
Strikeouts: Beard 14; True 3, Summersett 1

Walks: Beard 7; True 4, Summersett 1

Doubles: Pettiford, Beard, Ross; Hauth, PC

Triples: Bliss, Ross
Home runs: Lohrbach, Matthes, Ross

RBI's: Matthes, (2), Wingo, Baker, Lohrbach (4), Butdorf (2), Pettiford (2), Merritt, Lance, Beard (2); Fischer (2), Hauth (2), Hanley

Season record: Ross 5-7

THREE DAY



McGilton's three hits lead Ross

Ross jumped out to a 7-2 lead over Sandusky after four innings of play only to stand by helplessly as the Blue Streaks tied the game at 7-7. The Little Giants recovered after that shock, however, to score a run in the bottom of the first extra inning to pull out win number six in 13 contests, 8-7.

The Little Giants and the Blue Streaks will meet again tonight in North Robinson in the championship game of the "AAA" sectional baseball tournament and if last night's game was an indication of how the play will be for the

second meeting, then it will be a wide open game.

Sandusky scored a run in the first but the Little Giants scored a pair in the bottom of the inning to take the lead. Kerry Wingo's double and Rick Paxson's single plated the first run. Mark Lohrbach's single and an error on Sandusky centerfielder John Walters accounted for the second tally.

The Little Giants scored five runs on four hits in the third inning. A walk to Wingo and back-to-back singles by Dan Baker and Paxson accounted for the first tally. Lohrbach singled in two more. After Keith Butdorf hit into a fielder's choice, Keith Pettiford walked to load the bases. Mike McGilton, a sophomore, singled for the final two runs of the inning.

Sandusky scored a run in the fourth but tallied four in the fifth on only two hits. All four runs scored after two out. A walk to the leadoff hitter and a single by Tony Washington started the rally. Two fly balls to center failed to score a run but Ross leftfielder Dan Baker dropped a fly ball that opened the door for the Blue Streaks. Steve Bauerle rapped a two-run single to right for the biggest blow after the error.

A double by Peters and an error tied the game for Sandusky in the sixth.

Ross pitcher Dave Ziemke retired the Blue Streaks without any problems in the seventh and eighth but Blue Streak lefthander Mark Manner ran into problems in the bottom of the eighth.

After one out, Roger Merritt singled and McGilton laced a game-winning double. It was the third hit and the second double of the game for McGilton.

Ross 8, Sandusky 7 (8 innings)
Score by innings

		R	H	E
Sandusky	100	141	00-7	9 1
Ross	205	000	01-8	10 2

BATTERIES: Niehm, Manner (3)
and Peters; Ziemke and McGilton
Winning pitcher: Ziemke
Losing pitcher: Manner

4th victory for Pepper Steve

NORTHFIELD, Ohio (AP) — It took just 2:10.4 for Pepper Steve to pick up his fourth victory of the season Tuesday in the featured eighth race at Northfield Park.

Pepper Steve paid \$18.80, \$6 and \$5 after churning up the mile.

Conversation Starters



by Phyllis Frederick

Have you ever seen a gnu? Actually, he's an antelope but with certain improvements, namely a face like that of a buffalo and the tail of a horse. A gnu's horns curve downward, then outward, and upward, and may grow to a length of thirty inches. Another name for the gnu is the wildbeast — a name mentioned in lots of old literature. The white-tailed gnu was once common in South Africa, but has now become almost extinct.

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Ross downs Clyde, 9-3

Ross won its seventh game of the spring by tripping Clyde, 9-3, at Anderson Field. Mark Lohrbach pitched the Little Giants to the win.

Ross led only 3-1 going into the bottom of the fifth but pounced on Clyde hurler Bill Gray for three runs on three hits. Dan Baker's leadoff single started the rally. Rick Paxson was safe on an error and Lohrbach singled for one run. A single by Keith Butdorf scored another run while two walks and a wild pitch plated the final run of the inning.

The Little Giants tacked on three more runs in the sixth when Baker walked and Paxson singled. An error at third on Lohrbach's grounder followed by Steve Carmack's single scored two runs for the big hit of the inning.

Clyde scored two runs in the last inning but the game was out of reach by that time.

Baker was the hitting star for Ross with two singles and three runs scored.

Ross will play Bowling Green on Wednesday at Anderson Field and then will close out its season against Bellevue at Bellevue on Thursday.

Ross 9, Clyde 3

Score by innings

			R	H	E
Clyde	000	100	2-3	7	6
Ross	111	033	x-9	9	2

BATTERIES: Gray, Nearhood (5) and Nieset; Lohrbach and McGilton

Winning pitcher: Lohrbach

Losing pitcher: Gray

Strikeouts: Lohrbach 8, Gray 3, Nearhood 1

Walks: Lohrbach 2, Gray 4, Nearhood 2

Home runs: Ortiz, Nieset, Clyde

RBI's: Ortiz, Nieset, Clyde; Baker, Lohrbach, Butdorf, S. Carmack, (2), Belch, Ross

Baker's two homers keys Ross' 8th win

If you wait long enough, good things are bound to come to you. You may wait a long time but if you have patience, it can happen.

That situation fit Fremont Ross last night as they handed visiting Bowling Green a 6-2 setback. It was only the fifth loss in 17 games this season for the Northern Lakes League champions.

The Little Giants waited until the sixth inning to take the game to the Bobcats. The Little Giants led 1-0 on Dan Baker's first inning homer till the fifth inning when Bowling Green took the lead.

Two singles by Keith DeWalt and Steve Schultz after two outs started the rally for the Bobcats. Mike Berry's double down the leftfield line scored both runners and put Ross and pitcher Mike Reardon into a hole, 2-1.

After a quiet fifth inning, Ross tied the game on one big swing of the bat by Keith Butdorf as the Ross first sacker homered over the left centerfield fence to tie the game.

After one out, Mike McGilton singled and was sacrificed to second by Rear-don. Coach Don Burgess' move paid

off as Mike Matthes singled in the go-ahead run on the next pitch. An error at short on Kerry Wingo's grounder put two runners on base and set the scene for Baker's second four-bagger of the night, a line shot over the left-field fence. That shot capped the rally and sealed up Ross' seventh win in the last nine games.

Reardon went the distance for the Little Giants, allowing six hits and fanning 13 batters including the last two of the game.

Ross will be bidding to end the season at .500 when they travel to Bellevue tonight. Currently, the Little Giants are 8-9.

Ross 6, Bowling Green 2

Score by innings

	R	H	E
Bowling Green	000 020	0-2	6 1
Ross	100 005	x-6	9 0

BATTERIES: Vannett, Black (6) and DeWalt; Reardon and McGilton

Winning pitcher: Reardon

Losing pitcher: Vannette

Strikeouts: Vannette 2, Vlack 1; Reardon 13

Walks: Vannette 3

Doubles: Berry, Bowling Green; Matthes, Paxson, Ross

Home runs: Baker (2), Butdorf, Ross

RBI's: Berry (2), Bowling Green; Matthes, Baker (4), Butdorf, Ross

Season Record: Bowling Green 12-5; Ross 8-9

Bellevue shades Ross, 1-0, in pitcher's duel

BELLEVUE — Fremont Ross failed in its bid to finish the baseball season on an even note. The Little Giants and Redmen hooked up in a pitcher's battle between Dave Ziemke of Ross and Norm Provonsil of Bellevue before the Redmen pushed across a run in the bottom of the eighth inning to hand the Little Giants their 10th loss in 18 games.

Bellevue was a winner for the 10th time in 15 ball games.

Ziemke and Provonsil were nearly invincible in the first seven innings of play. Ziemke allowed only four hits in his seven innings while Provonsil also allowed only four.

The Little Giants had

threatened to score in the top of the seventh when Rick Paxson led off with a single. Mark Lohrbach sacrificed Paxson to second and took third on a passed ball after Keith Butdörf had flied to right. Provonsil bore down to fan Roger Merritt to retire the side at that point.

In the Bellevue eighth, Tim Green led off with a single and was sacrificed to second by Fred Rogers. Provonsil bunted for a base hit to put runners on first and third. John Schaffer blooped a single over the head of Ross third baseman Kerry Wingo for the winning hit.

Ziemke had started the game by retiring the first 10

batters in order. Ed Traveny touched him for a single with one down in the fourth for the first Bellevue runner of the game. The Ross righthander went on to turn in his most impressive performance of the season despite the loss by fanning 11 and walking none.

Butdörf, Wingo, Paxson, and Mike Matthes had the only hits for Ross in the game.

Bellevue 1, Ross 0 (8 innings)
Score by innings

					R	H	E
Ross	000	000	00—0	4	0		
Bellevue	000	000	01—1	7	0		

BATTERIES: Ziemke and McGilton; Provonsil and Lepley
Winning pitcher: Provonsil
Losing pitcher: Ziemke
Strikeouts: Ziemke 11, Provonsil 10
Walks: Provonsil 2
RBI's: Schaffer
Season records: Bellevue 13-4; Ross 8-10