

# Stine's Homers Spark Ross To Baseball Semifinal Win

Denny Stine, rugged Ross catcher, executed his lineup role as clean-up hitter to perfection at Anderson Field Tuesday with two powerful pokes over the left field fence to guide the Little Giants to an 8-2 triumph over Ashland in a semifinal game of the Fremont Class AA district-sectional baseball tournament.

Stine blasted one of Ashland right hander Dick Hunter's fast ball offering over the left-center barrier with a mate aboard in the first inning to give Ross a 2-0 lead. He hit another in the seventh with a man on base to add to a 6-2 advantage and insure success for the Giants and southpaw pitcher Dick Dundore.

## Fine Fielding

Dundore was in trouble in the middle innings, mainly due to his own wildness, but pitched his way out of trouble in all but the second frame. He was backed up by some nifty defensive fielding by several of his teammates.

Ashland knotted the count 2-2 in the second on the first of five Dundore walks, a stolen base, double to right by Randy Harris and single by Bruce Smalley. A

walk to Hunter moved Smalley to second with two out. Gaylord Meininger drilled a liner to right-center that appeared headed for extra bases. But Dan Moran, Ross junior center fielder, chased it down to make a fine running catch.

Moran also hauled down a drive to left-center that could have resulted in trouble. In the last of the seventh with one out and a runner on first, right fielder Jerry Jones made a sparkling running catch in right-center and tossed to first baseman Milt Hetrick to double up the Ashland runner and end the game.

Ross played errorless ball while Ashland committed six miscues.

Dundore's slice down the left field line drove in Harry Walter who had doubled and Stine who had walked to put Ross back on top 4-2 in the third frame.

Ross scored two more in the fifth on a walk to Jones, stolen base by Jones, single by Roger Mann, an error, walk to Stine and Single by Dundore.

## Drives In Four

Stine had 2-for-2 at the plate plus two walks, drove in four runs and scored four. Dundore also had two hits and Maury Gnepper a double.

Only extra base hit off Dundore was Harris' double in the second. Dundore allowed five hits, struck out six and walked five. Hunter, the loser, gave up seven hits, fanned three, walked five.

Ross high now owns a 4-2 record and Ashland is 7-3.

The Little Giants play Saturday afternoon at Anderson, 1:30 p. m., for the tournament title against the winner of the 4 p. m. Thursday game at Anderson between Tiffin Calvert and Eastwood.

Ross (8)				Ashland (2)			
	ab	r	h		ab	r	h
Jones, rf	3	1	0	Meininger, 3b	4	0	1
Mann, ss	4	2	1	Post, 2b	4	0	0
Walter, 2b	4	1	1	Barnes, cf	2	0	0
Stine, c	2	4	2	Wait, c	3	0	0
Dundore, p	4	0	2	Briggs, ss	1	1	1
Moran, cf	4	0	0	Glasser, lf	2	0	0
Gnepper, lf	2	0	1	Harris, rf	3	1	1
White, 3b	2	0	0	Smalley, 1b	3	0	1
Hetrick, 1b	2	0	0	Hunter, p	1	0	0
				a-Sachs	1	0	1
				b-Kipp	0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>Totals</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5</b>

a—Singled for Hunter in seventh.  
b—Ran for Sachs in seventh.

Score by innings:

Ross	202	020	2—8	7	0
Ashland	020	000	0—2	5	6

Runs batted in—Stine 4, Dundore 2, Mann, Harris, Smalley. Doubles — Gnepper, Walter, Dundore, Harris. Home runs—Stine 2. Stolen bases — Mann, Jones, Briggs. Struck out by—Dundore 6, Hunter 3. Walked by — Dundore 5, Hunter 5. Double plays—Jones to Hetrick; Smalley to Briggs. Hits off Dundore—5 for 2 runs in 7 innings. Hits off Hunter—7 for 8 runs in 7 innings. Errors—Smalley 2, Barnes 2, Meininger, Wait. Winning pitcher—Dundore. Losing pitcher — Hunter. Wild pitch—Dundore. Umpires —Gruse (P), Hart (B).