



## Ross baseball debuts at Lima on Saturday

Members of the Ross High School baseball team for the 1977 season are, front row (left to right): Jerry White, Dave Ballenger, Tony Rutz, Steve Link, Kevin Casey, Joe Pena, Ray Long, Daryl Broshious, Chris Myer, Dan Joachim, and Mitch Miller,

manager; second row: Marty Warchola, student teacher, Tim Ellenberger, Tim Belch, John Pena, Myron Swaisgood, Doug Stull, Mike Pena, Ralph Davidson, Chuck Binkley, Larry Williams, and Ron Allen. (N-M photo by Bruce Crippen)

# Six vets back for diamond crew

Ross baseball Coach Ed Platzter is "cautiously optimistic" about this coming season but there is nothing cautious about the Little Giants' opening game opponent: Lima Senior.

Lima was unbeaten until the district tournament last year and is expected to be just as tough this season.

"They're a good team," Platzter acknowledged and then took the cautious approach while summarizing his team.

"This is the hardest working group of guys we have had," the Ross coach offered and then added, "they are good guys to work with."

Platzter thought before adding to his policy of "non-disclosure" before saying, "It will be interesting."

Platzter does feel he has experience despite a lack of numbers of lettermen.

"We got a lot of experience last summer with the Merchants team," he said while referring to the high school team made up of Ross players that he coached during the summer.

The Little Giants, 10-16 a year ago, have only six returning lettermen and one of those,

Jerry White, will probably miss the whole season due to a broken arm. White, a senior, just happened to be the Little Giants' leading hitter a season ago with a .420 mark, which also topped the Buckeye Conference hitters.

White broke the arm in September but the fracture was not diagnosed until recently.

Platzter did name a starting lineup for Saturday's season opener.

Drawing the starting assignment on the mound in the first game will be lefthanded senior letterman Kevin Casey. Dave Ballenger, another senior letterman but a righthander, will handle the second game mound duties.

At first base will be another senior letter holder, Ray Long. At second is letterman Joe Pena, a senior, and one of three Pena brothers on the team. Junior John Pena will start at third base while senior Steve Link is at shortstop.

In the outfield, senior Dan Joachim will be in left, Ballenger will be in center for the first game, and Chris Meyers, a senior, in right.

Jim Ellenberger, a junior, and Tony Ruiz, a senior letterman will probably draw starting assignments in center and right during the

second game. The pair will miss the first game because they will be taking the ACT college test.

Doug Stull, a junior, will handle the catching duties. White was slated to handle that position.

Platzter has four other pitchers to call on this season in addition to Ballenger and Casey. Long, junior lefthander Tim Belch, and righthanders Chuck Binkley and Larry Williams will see mound action.

At first base, Daryl Broshious will back up Long with Meyers moving from right to back up John Pena at third. Mike Pena, a sophomore, and junior Ralph Davidson will add depth to the catching position.

In the outfield, both Casey and Belch will see occasional action. Binkley could also play the outfield.

In the hitting department, junior Myron Swaisgood and Williams will handle the designated hitter spot during the early season.

The first varsity game at Lima will begin at 10 a.m. with the second half of the twinbill at 1 p.m. The Ross sophomore team will also be at Lima Saturday for a doubleheader with the same starting times as the varsity.

# Wild seventh stuns Little Giants

TOLEDO—Start capitalized on a wild streak by a pair of Fremont Ross pitchers to score four runs in the bottom of the seventh inning to nip the Little Giants 6-5 here Thursday.

Ross lefthander Tim Belch got the first two Start batters out quickly in the fatal seventh but walked the next three batters. Ray Long, a righthander, took over for Belch but issued two more passes.

Doug Billius, the winning pitcher, followed with a single for two runs to take the game away from Ross.

Ross had rallied for a 5-2 lead in the top of the seventh with five runs while sending 10 men to the plate.

Joe Pena led off the inning with a walk. Tony Ruiz walked but Steve Link hit into a fielder's choice to put men on first and third for Ross.

After a strikeout, Dave Ballenger was safe on an error at third with one run scoring.

Doug Stull, pinch hitting for pitcher Chuck Binkley, walked to load the bases. Chris Myers followed with a single for two runs and the final run scored on the same play on an overthrow by the Start catcher Tom Buddy.

Ross managed only three hits in the contest.

"I kind of expected the low hitting," Ross Coach Ed Platzer said. "It's the first time that we have been on the field in a week. We had only one error and that was pretty good."

In the Ross JV game, the Little Giants got a double and three singles from Mark Foss in 17-hit attack to bury Start 17-4. The Little Giants of Coach Tim Pettorini

scored in every inning including four in the first and five in the sixth.

Both the Ross varsity and JVs will return to action Saturday in the home debut against Admiral King. The teams will play a doubleheader with games at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. The varsity will play at Anderson Field while the JVs are in action at the diamond at the high school.

Start 6, Ross 5

**SCORE BY INNINGS**

	R	H	E
Ross	000	000	5-5 3 1
Start	000	110	4-6 7 3

BATTERIES: Dave Ballenger, Kevin Casey (4), Chuck Binkley (6), Tim Belch (7), Ray Long (7), and Mike Pena; Don Lohr, Doug Billius (7) and Tom Buddy  
 WP: Billius; LP: Long

**SCORE BY INNINGS**

	R	H
Ross	411	315 0-15 17
Start	301	000 0- 4 6

WINNING PITCHER: Tom Brudzinski



**ROSS'S DAVE BALLENGER** is shown pitching the first game of a doubleheader Saturday at Anderson Field against Lorain Admiral King. Ballenger pitched well, but lost a

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## Ross, AK split pair

The Ross baseball team had a disappointment in the first game but came back to win the nightcap in a doubleheader with Lorain Admiral King Saturday at Anderson Field.

The Admirals blanked the Giants 3-0 in the opener when both teams just got three hits, but Ross pushed across a run in the seventh inning to edge King 4-3 in the nightcap.

The first game was a disappointment for Ross Coach Ed Platzter and especially for pitcher Dave Ballenger. "He pitched well enough," Platzter said, "and he deserved to win."

Ballenger, a senior righthander, gave up only three hits, fanned five and walked only four. Only one of the three runs was earned. Ballenger was touched for tainted runs in the second and third while giving up the earned run in the fifth.

Ross managed only three hits of John Grandetti of Admiral King. The righthander handcuffed the Little Giants on five strikeouts and only three walks.

Two of Ross' three hits came in fifth, a double by Tony Ruiz and an infield single by Joe Pena.

The Admirals' earned run scored on a walk, stolen base, and Mike Trinin's double to left-center.

"We just did not have the offense," Platzter said dejectedly. "You can't score when you don't get the hits."

In the second game, the winning Ross run was scored on a wild pitch. Ross loaded the bases with none out in the seventh on a double by Ballenger, a walk to Dan Joachim and a single by Pena. Ballenger walked across with the winning run on the wild pitch.

Kevin Casey came in to pitch in the top

of the seventh inning when the Admirals tied it on a passed ball. Casey picked up the win as he struck out two in relief of starter Chuck Binkley.

Pena had two hits including a double for Ross, with Ray Long and Ballenger also getting a double. Dennis Dziak and Doug Kaya both had three hits to pace the Admirals.

The Ross reserve team upped its record to 3-0 with a doubleheader sweep of Admiral King, 6-5 and 4-1. Tom O'Neill in relief of Jeff Eicher and Tom Brudzinski were the winning pitchers.

Joel Krout and Mark Poes each had two hits for Ross in the first game and Bob Baumer clubbed two hits in the nightcap.

The Ross varsity, now 1-2 is at Gibsonsburg tonight and Port Clinton Tuesday. The Jayvees face St. Joe Thursday.

**FIRST GAME**  
**SCORE BY INNINGS**

Admiral King	R	H	E
010	010	1-3	2 1
Ross	020	000	0-0 2 3

**BATTERIES:** John Grandetti and Andy Kaya; Dave Ballenger and Mike Pena

**WP:** Grandetti; **LP:** Ballenger

**SECOND GAME**

Admiral King	R	H	E
011	000	1-3	10 2
Ross	200	100	1-4 6 1

**BATTERIES:** Doug Kaya, Zivic (4) and Andy Kaya; Chuck Binkley, Kevin Casey (7) and Doug Stal

**WP:** Casey; **LP:** Zivic

**JAYVEE GAMES**  
**(FIRST)**

Admiral King	R	H	E
200	000	00-5	5 2
Ross	200	200	01-4 7 2

**BATTERIES:** John James and Tom Meyer; Jeff Eicher, Tom O'Neill (3) and Scott Carmack

**WP:** O'Neill; **LP:** James

**(SECOND)**

Admiral King	R	H	E
000	010	0-1	4 2
Ross	202	000	2-4 5 1

**BATTERIES:** John Gelman and Calaini; Tom Brudzinski, Gary Everole (5) John LeJune (7) and Carmack

**WP:** Brudzinski; **LP:** Gelman



**MASTERS WINNER.** Tom Watson smiles after making a birdie shot on the 17th at the Masters Golf Tournament Sunday in Augusta, Ga., the shot put him in the lead and he continued through the 18th to win the 1977 Masters title. (AP Laserphoto)

## Nicklaus charge helped Watson

By KENNETH DENLINGER  
The Washington Post

AUGUSTA, Ga. — The subject had been Masters' mystique, and one of the worshippers had asked Jack Nicklaus about coping with "all those dangerous pin placements in those strange places."

"Strange?" Nicklaus said, "they're always in the same place the last day." And, 15 hours before Sunday's final round began and nearly 12 before the fustils who set them even left for the task Nicklaus forecast the first few settings.

He had made his point, and Sunday he was unerring about all but the first hole. Later, he helped another exquisite golfer, Tom Watson, obliterate that unfair choker's image. Shot after shot down the stretch Nicklaus pushed Watson and instead of melting into jelly near the end Watson won the 41st Masters in style.

Stylish is what Watson had in mind long before hitting his first shot. He told friends he chose an ensemble of mostly orange "because it's a good contrast with green. That green jacket will look good with it."

Which it did. Nicklaus helped it feel even sweeter by pushing Watson with a six-under-par 66 and allowing him to charge to victory with a 20-foot bird on No. 17 that finally removed him from so many challengers.

Watson began the round tied for the lead, but was not the favorite in the minds of many.

## Sports in Brief

By The Associated Press

**GOLF**

**PENINA, Portugal**—Spaniard Manuel Ramos fired a five-under-par 68 and won the 23rd Portuguese Open by two strokes.

**BOWLING**

**SPRINGFIELD, Va.**—Tommy Hudson of Akron, Ohio, became the first two-time winner on the Professional Bowlers Tour this season, defeating Don Bell of Santa Maria, Calif. 246-194 in the championship game of a \$75,000 tournament.

**TENNIS**

**JACKSON, Miss.**—Brian Teacher won his first professional tournament, defeating Bill Scanlon 6-3, 6-3 in the \$58,000 tennis south invitational.

**MONTE CARLO**

**Monaco**—Bjorn Borg of Sweden captured the \$100,000 Monte Carlo International Tennis tournament, beating Corrado Barazzutti of Italy 6-3, 7-5, 6-6.

**KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia**—Gondo Widjojo of Indonesia defeated Paul Dougherty of Australia 6-4,

6-1 in winning the Malaysian Open tennis tournament.

**TALLAHASSEE, Fla.**—Australian Karen Krantzcke collapsed and died shortly after winning the doubles final of a \$20,000 tennis tournament.

## Woman umpire maybe; instant replay, no

**SEATTLE (AP)**—The American League supervisor for umpires says "we may see the day" of the woman umpire.

"Can't you hear it?" said Dick Butler, "Kill the umpress."

But one thing you will not see "at least not during my lifetime," is instant replay cameras used to back up umpires, said Butler.

"Nine times out of 10 —

make that 99 per cent — the umpires are right," said Butler. "You can't have enough cameras to cover all of the possible angles."

## Derby film to be shown second time

The Soap Box Derby film "Dear Kurt" will be shown for the second time Wednesday in Room C at the YMCA.

The film, sponsored by the Fremont Jaycees, is about one boy's experiences of building and racing his car at the local and national derbies. The boy finally wins fourth place at Akron.

The father and son film is 25 minutes long and is narrated by the two. It will be shown at 7 p.m. A question and answer session will follow. The film is free and open to the public.

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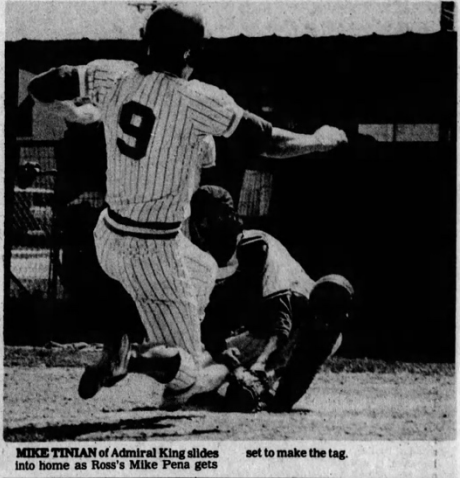


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**MIKE TINIAN** of Admiral King slides into home as Ross's Mike Pena gets set to make the tag.

# BASEBALL:

## Stull's homer paces Ross to 8-1 win

GIBSONBURG — Doug Stull put the Ross baseball team on the right track Monday night with a two-run homer in the first inning as the Little Giants trounced host Gibsonburg 8-1.

Stull's homer followed a double by Chris Myers when Ross erupted for three runs in the first inning. Dave Ballenger also doubled for the Little Giants.

Winning pitcher Kevin Casey and Tim Belch combined on a one-hitter for Ross. Casey walked three batters and fanned 12. The only hit off Casey was a double by Jim Rusher in the sixth inning when the Golden Bears pushed across their only run. Belch relieved Casey in the seventh.

Losing pitcher Scott Rusher went the distance in giving up seven hits,

walking six and fanning six. Ross, now 2-2, travels to Port Clinton tonight and Gibsonburg, 0-2, travels to Otsego.

### SCORE BY INNINGS

				R	H	E
Ross	310	012	1-8	7	0	
Gibsonburg	000	001	x-1	1	6	

BATTERIES: Kevin Casey, Tim Belch (7) and Doug Stull, Joe Pena (5); Scott Rusher and Bob Leyerle  
WP: Casey; LP: Rusher  
Season records: Ross 2-2, Gibsonburg 0-2

# *Little Giants win on six-run inning*

PORT CLINTON — Ross upped its baseball record to 3-2 with an 8-3 win over Port Clinton here Tuesday.

Dave Ballenger and Chuck Binkley combined to hurl a three-hitter for Ross. Ballenger, who stroked a run scoring single in Ross's six-run third inning, picked up the win, his first against one defeat.

Greg Laird of Port Clinton held Ross scoreless in the first two innings but the Little Giants pushed across six runs on three hits, three walks, two Port Clinton errors, and a staggering four wild pitches in the big third inning.

The Little Giants sent 10 men to the plate in the inning with Tony Ruiz, Joe Pena, and Ballenger stroking the base hits. Pena's single drove in a run. Doug Stull added a run scoring sacrifice fly in the inning.

Dave Blackburn doubled in two runs in the Port Clinton fifth inning. Blackburn, however, was out while trying to stretch the hit to right into a triple. A Ruiz to second baseman Chris Myers to John Pena at third cut down Blackburn.

Ross added two more runs in the fourth to take an 8-1 lead on a fielder's choice by Stull and a bases loaded walk to Dan Joachim.

Ross's varsity will host Port Clinton Friday at Anderson Field in its next game while the Ross JVs take on the St. Joe JVs on Thursday at the Ross High School field.

### SCORE BY INNINGS

				R	H	E
Ross	006	200	0-8	5	0	
Port Clinton	100	020	0-3	3	3	

BATTERIES: Dave Ballenger, Chuck Binkley (5) and Doug Stull, Mike Pena (6); Greg Laird, Tibbs (5), Gurtz (7), and Phil Gutowski  
WP: Ballenger (1-1); LP: Laird

# Port Clinton stops Ross with 'wild' 7th inning

Port Clinton scored two runs in the top of the seventh inning without the benefit of a base hit to shade Ross 5-4 Friday in high school baseball at Anderson Field.

The loss on the diamond cut Ross's record to 3-3 while the Redskins' mark rose to 7-5.

Tracy Colston's leadoff walk triggered the Port Clinton seventh. After starting Ross pitcher Kevin Casey had fanned a batter, Colston swiped second on a play that Ross seemingly had Colston dead to rights.

On the play, however, Ross second baseman Chris Myers dropped the ball for an error. Casey came back however to fan Port Clinton pitcher Steve Gurtz but wildness took over the Ross senior's left arm after that whiff. Casey issued two straight walks

to load the bases. Ross Coach Ed Platzer brought in righthander Chuck Binkley at that point but the Ross junior walked two more batters, John Sivinski and Joe Mahler, and Port Clinton had the 5-4 lead. Binkley struckout Phil Gutowski to get out of the inning.

Quin Passabet, in relief of Gurtz, came on in the bottom of the seventh to quiet Ross.

The Little Giants, in their best offensive show at the plate with 10 hits, scored one run in the second and added three in the fourth to take a 4-1 lead. Ray Long's single, an error, and Dan Jochim's single knotted the score at 1-1 in the second.

Port Clinton had scored in the first on Dave Blackburn's single, a stolen base, Passabet's single and an error by Ross catcher Mike

Pena on a pickoff attempt.

In the big Ross fourth, Long singled and designated hitter Myron Swaisgood walked. Joachim cleared the bases with a triple and John Pena's single plated the third run of the frame.

Port Clinton cut the Ross lead to 4-3 in the fifth. Gary Arilo doubled and Gurtz was hit by a Casey pitch. Blackburn scored Arilo on a sacrifice fly and Gurtz eventually scored on a fielder's choice.

Ross was scheduled to play a doubleheader at Elyria today. The first game was to begin at 10 a.m.

SCORES BY INNINGS

	R	H	E
Port Clinton	100	220	2-5 3 2
Ross	010	300	0-4 10 3

BATTERIES: Steve Gurtz, Quin Passabet (7) and Phil Gutowski; Kevin Casey, Chuck Binkley (7) and Mike Pena  
 WP: Gurtz; LP: Casey  
 Season records: Port Clinton 7-5, Ross 3-3



IT'S A SPECTATOR SPORT. Ross's Chris Myers, left, and Joe Pena watch the play at home during first inning action against Port Clinton. With a runner on third, Ross catcher Mike Pena faked a throw to second but the fake caused heads to turn as Port Clinton's Quin Passabet watches with the Ross players.

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# Elyria hands Ross double loss

EYRIA — Elyria pitchers Bill Albeit and Jim Sunagel stopped the Ross baseball team cold Saturday as the Pioneers won both ends of a doubleheader, 5-1 and 1-0 in eight innings.

Elyria got all the runs it needed in the first game with a three-run outburst in the second off Ross losing pitcher Dave Ballenger. John Gollmer tripled in a run in the third for the Pioneers.

The only Ross run of the day was scored in the sixth inning on a double by Dan Joachim and an RBI single by Ray Long. Ross outthit Elyria in the first game 7-5.

Ballenger was relieved in the third by Tim Belch, who only surrendered one run after that.

The nightcap was a pitcher's battle between Sunagel and Ross's Mike Binkley. The Elyria run in the bottom of the eighth was scored on a single by Sunagel, wild pitch by Binkley and a single by Rick Deiderich. Ross had a runner on second with one out in the top of the eighth, but failed to score.

Joachim, Long and Mike Pena had the only

hits off of Sunagel and all were singles. Binkley gave up one run and six hits and the pitchers didn't walk a batter, while striking out seven.

The double loss lowers the Ross season record to 3-5 and Elyria is now 2-1.

In the junior varsity games, the two teams split. Elyria got a four-run outburst in the first inning and held on for an 8-6 victory and Ross came back to win the nightcap, 8-1 to raise its season record to 5-1.

Jeff Eicher had three hits in four times up, including a double and three RBIs to lead Ross hitting in the first game.

Eicher was the winning pitcher in the second game. He gave up one run, walked two and fanned six, before being relieved by Tom Brudzinski in the fifth.

Gary Eversole paced Ross offensively in the second game with two hits in two times up, including a two-run double in the seventh.

Elyria 5, Ross 1

FIRST GAME

	R	H	E
Ross	000	001	0-1 7 3

Elyria 1, Ross 0 (eight innings)

SECOND GAME

	R	H	E
Ross	000	000	00-0 3 0
Elyria	000	000	01-1 6 0

BATTERIES: Ballenger, Belch (3) and Pena; Albeit and Evans  
 WP: Albeit; LP: Ballenger

Elyria 8, Ross 6

JUNIOR VARSITY FIRST GAME

	R	H	E
Ross	000	102	3-6 6 4
Elyria	400	130	x-8 8 2

BATTERIES: LeJeune, Eversole (5) and Carmack; Clark, Perry (6) and Badtiste  
 WP: Clark; LP: LeJeune

Ross 8, Elyria 1

SECOND GAME

	R	H	E
Ross	021	101	3-8 9 2
Elyria	001	000	0-1 4 3

BATTERIES: Eicher, Brudzinski (5) and S. Reardon, P. Reardon (5); Mathis, Collins (4) and Badtiste  
 WP: Eicher; LP: Mathis

Ross 5-1, Elyria 1-2

Season records: Ross 5-1, Elyria 1-2

# Giants nip Columbian

The Ross baseball team was involved in another close pitching battle Tuesday night, but the final result was a victory.

After losing 5-1 and 1-0 in eight innings to Elyria Saturday, the Little Giants turned back Tiffin Columbian 2-1 at Anderson Field.

Kevin Casey picked up his third win against only one loss for the Little Giants. He surrendered one run, five hits, walked three and fanned four.

Ross was held to only three hits by Columbian's Eric Gosche, who issued a

walk and struck out seven.

Columbian hit the scoring column first with a run in the first inning. Ross tied the game in the second on a run producing double by Chris Myers. The winning run was scored in the third on a walk to Tim Oberst, a double by Tony Ruiz and an RBI single to left by Mike Pena.

Ross halted later Columbian threats in the third and fourth innings by throwing out runners at the plate. Shortstop Joe Pena

threw a runner out in the third on a relay and Myers at second base gunned down a runner at the plate in the fourth.

Charlie Freeh and Tim Everhart each doubled for the losers.

Ross, now 4-5, is at Findlay Friday for a Buckeye Conference clash.

## Score by innings

		R	H	E
Columbian	100 000	0-1	5	0
Ross	011 000	x-2	3	1

BATTERIES: Gosche and Stacy; Casey and M. Pena

WP: Casey (3-1); LP: Gosche

Season records: Ross 4-5

# Tennis:

# Whitmer pounds Ross

Strong pitching by Ken Balogh and a 10-hit attack propelled Toledo Whitmer to an 8-2 victory over the Ross baseball team Wednesday night at Anderson Field.

Balogh, who got relief help in the sixth inning, walked only one batter and struck out 10. The Whitmer pitchers together fanned 14 batters and gave up only four hits.

Ken Miller had three hits in five times up to lead Whitmer. Lonnie Meredith clubbed two hits and Rick Crawford had two hits, including a double. Six errors committed by Ross helped the Whitmer cause.

Mike Pena had two of the Ross hits and Dan Joachim collected a double. Chris Myers and Chuck Binkley each drove in runs.

Dave Ballenger, who was relieved in the fourth inning by Kevin Casey and Binkley in the sixth, took the loss. Ballenger gave up six of the Whitmer hits, walked two and struck out two. Casey surrendered three hits, walked three and fanned two. Binkley gave up one hit, walked two and struck out two.

Ross, now 4-6 for the season, will host undefeated Findlay of the Buckeye Conference on Friday.

In the junior varsity game at Toledo, Ross put on an unbelievable rally for the victory.

Trailing 9-1 going into the seventh inning, the Ross jayvees pushed across 11 runs to defeat Whitmer 12-9. It was Ross's seventh win in eight contests.

Mark Foos keyed the Ross attack with two hits, including a double and three RBIs. Brian Szakovits had three hits and an RBI and Jeff Eicher banded out two hits with two RBIs.

Tim Belch, who came in to relieve starter Tom O'Neal in the fifth inning, picked up the victory.

### Varsity Game Score by Innings

				R	H	E
Whitmer	203	021	0-8	10	0	
Ross	000	100	1-2	4	6	

BATTERIES: Balogh, Slowinski (6) and Gasiorowski; Ballenger, Casey (4), Binkley (6) and Pena  
WP: Balogh; LP: Ballenger  
Season records: Ross 4-6

### Jayvee Game Score by Innings

				R	H	E
Ross	000	100	11-12	10	4	
Whitmer	003	231	0-9	8	5	

BATTERIES: O'Neal, Belch (5) and Carmack; Josephs, Martin (5), Roberts (7), Martin (7) and Johnson, Bocardo (6)  
WP: Belch; LP: Roberts  
Season records: Ross 7-1

Ross stopped on one hit

# Big inning lifts Findlay

A five-run third inning along with the one-hit pitching of Don Settemire propelled Findlay past the Ross baseball team Friday at Anderson Field 6-1.

The lone Ross hit was a double to right center by Dave Ballenger, who went on to score the only run on two ground balls in the bottom of the third. Settemire issued two walks and struck out five Ross batters.

The once-beaten Trojans loaded the bases in the top of the third on a ground single, walk and hit batsman. The first run came across when losing pitcher Kevin Casey

bobbled a ground ball to the mound and the second run scored when sophomore right fielder Tom Brudzinski lost a fly ball in the sun.

The big hit that blew the game open was a two-out double to left center by Findlay's Dave Litzenberg that scored three runs. Litzenberg was out trying to stretch it to a triple.

The Trojans added another run in the sixth in raising their season record to 14-1. Besides Litzenberg, the other big Findlay hitter was Steve Reichenbach, who had two hits and a walk in three times up.

Casey, who only surrendered six hits, was relieved in the seventh by

Chuck Binkley. The Ross lefty walked two batters and struck out five.

Ross began to hit the ball hard off of Settemire in the late innings, but it was right at somebody. The Little Giants, who saw their season record dip to 4-7, battle Maumee today in the Class AAA sectional tournament game at Oregon. The game was to start at 3 p.m.

SCORE BY INNINGS			
	R	H	E
Findlay	000	001	0-4 6 0
Ross	001	000	0-1 1 3

BATTERIES: Settemire and Wagner;  
Casey, Binkley (7) and Pena  
WP: Settemire; LP: Casey  
Season records: Findlay 14-1, Ross 4-7



## Crossing paths

Findlay first baseman Marty Gase and Ross's John Pena were caught in heavy traffic a couple of times Friday. In the above picture Pena slides into first base after a wild throw and is tagged out by Gase. Pena was injured and had to leave the game the next inning with a possible concussion. At left, Gase slides back safely to third base as Pena, covering on the play, bobbles the throw. (News-Messenger photos by Bruce Crippen)

# Cooper's blast dooms reeling Tribe 6-5

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Before the game, Cecil Cooper couldn't help complaining about his recent luck at the plate.

But afterwards, things had changed for the first baseman whose solo home run in the seventh inning gave the Milwaukee Brewers a 6-5 victory over the Cleveland Indians Friday night.

"I felt different," Cooper said. "I felt relaxed like in the spring."

Cooper, who batted at a .389 clip during spring training, had complained before game time that he was "pressing too much."

"I've been trying too hard, trying to do too much, especially when we played the Red Sox," he said.

His home run and single helped boost his batting average to .293. He leads the Brewers with 11 runs batted in and three homers.

Cooper's blast off Cleveland reliever Tom Buskey helped warm a crowd of 10,511 fans watching the

game despite chilly weather.

The victory in the opener of a four-game weekend series with Cleveland helped the Brewers, now 11-5, stay atop the American League Eastern Division standings, while the Indians, 5-11 hold down the division cellar.

The Brewers scored twice in the bottom of the first inning after leadoff man Von Joshua singled, stole second and scored on Robin Yount's hit. Yount then took second on Cooper's single and scored on an infield out by Sal Bando.

The Indians came back for a run in the fourth on Larvell Blanks' sacrifice fly, but Milwaukee put together a three-run rally in their half of the inning, with Sixto Lezcano and Joshua both doubling.

A single by Blanks started a three-run uprising for Cleveland in the sixth, as Johnny Grub belted a two-run double and then scored on Paul Dade's single.

Cooper's homer insured the victory despite a final Indian run scored by Rico Carty in the eighth.

Brewer starter Bill Travers (3-2) chalked up the victory but chose to leave the game after the sixth inning.

He said he told pitching coach Cal McLish, "No more."

"I felt I really didn't have enough to continue," Travers said. "I didn't think it was fair to go out there with three quarters or halfway stuff after the guys worked so hard to get the lead."

Travers allowed four hits and four runs, while the loser, Pat Dobson (0-3) gave up five hits and five runs in seven innings.

"It was a garbage win," Travers added. "But you need those to balance out the times you pitch great and lose 1-0."

The Brewers planned to send Jim Slaton (1-0) to the mound today, against Dennis Eckersley (1-1) for Cleveland.

# *Lorain tops Ross diamondmen*

LORAIN — Lorain Senior scored three runs in the first inning and held on for a 6-2 victory over the Ross baseball team here Tuesday night.

Dan Bockolz, Tom Koman and Doug Fries all had two hits to pace the Lorain attack with Fries collecting an RBI.

Chris Meyers drove in the only two Ross runs in the fourth inning with a double. Joe Pena went two for four and Joel Krout collected two hits in three times up for Ross.

Ross starter Dave Ballenger took the loss and was relieved by Tim Belch in the fifth inning. Fries pitched the distance for Lorain and gave up eight hits, walked two and fanned nine batters.

The Little Giants now spot a 4-9 record for the season and are tentatively scheduled to host Sandusky tonight.

## SCORE BY INNINGS

						R	H	E
Ross	000	200	0-2	8	3			
Lorain	301	101	x-6	9	1			

BATTERIES: Ballenger, Belch (5) and Pena; Fries and Minich

WP: Fries; LP: Ballenger (1-4)

Season records: Ross 4-9

# Little Giants split two with Mansfield 6-2, 2-1

Ross split a Buckeye Conference baseball twinbill with Mansfield Saturday at Anderson Field.

The Little Giants captured the nightcap 2-1 after dropping the first game 6-2. Ross is now 1-2 in BC play.

Chuck Binkley spun a four-hitter to win the second game for Ross. The Little Giants righthander surrendered his only run in the seventh inning after Ross had taken a 2-0 lead in the bottom of the sixth.

With one out in the Ross sixth, sophomore catcher Mike Pena singled. The next Ross batter fanned but Gary Eversole, running for Pena, stole second in the process. Dan Joachim doubled down the leftfield line to score Eversole with the first run of the game.

Doug Stull followed with a single to score Joachim with the eventual winning run. Chris Myers followed with another single but Mansfield pitcher Bob Paul got out of the inning with no more damage.

Mansfield scored on two hits and a walk in the seventh. Stull, Ross's third baseman, knocked down a grounder in the hole and threw out the runner at

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first by a stride to end the game.

"Binkley turned in an excellent game," Ross Coach Ed Platzter said, "as a matter of fact, he did a super job."

Binkley struckout eight while walking four.

Ross touched Leo Kenoph of Mansfield for two runs in the first inning of the opening game but Kenoph recovered to shutout the Little Giants the rest of the way.

Mansfield tied the game in the second with two runs while a balk by Ross starting pitcher Kevin Carey plated the go ahead run in the third.

Meyer had two of Ross's nine hits in the game while another sophomore, Jeff Eicher, also had two hits.

This afternoon, Ross traveled to Clyde for a

game against the Fliers.

**First game**  
**Mansfield 6, Ross 2**  
**Score by innings**

			R	H	E
Mansfield	021	003	0-6	6	0
Ross	200	000	0-2	9	4

BATTERIES: Leon Kenoph and Hanes; Kevin Casey, Dave Ballenger (6), and Mike Pena  
WP: Kenoph; LP: Casey

**SECOND GAME**  
**Ross 2, Mansfield 1**  
**Second game**

Mansfield	000	000	1-1	4	1
Ross	000	002	x-2	6	1

BATTERIES: Bob Paul and Hane; Chuck Binkley and Pena  
Wp; Binkley; LP: Paul  
Season record: Ross 5-10

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# Little Giants shade Clyde 11-9

CLYDE — Ross out-slugged Clyde 11-9 Monday in a free scoring high school baseball game.

The Little Giants scored seven times in the sixth inning to wipe out a 6-4 Clyde lead to win their

sixth game in 16 outings this season.

Chris Myers slammed three singles to drive in three runs for Ross. Dan Joachim had two hits and Dave Ballenger drove in a pair of runs. Tim Oberst's double accounted for two more Little Giants' run and Doug Stull's single was good enough for two RBIs.

The 10 Ross hits helped offset four doubles and three RBIs by Clyde's Dave Roth.

Ross used four hits, three walks, and one Clyde error to score the seven runs in the sixth. Oberst's double was the big hit, driving in two runs while Myers' single also scored two.

Tim Belch got the mound win for Ross with Chuck Binkley picking up the save, getting the last out in the sixth and blanking Clyde in the seventh.

#### Score by innings

	R	H	E
Ross	310	007	0-11 10 2
Clyde	121	113	0-9 9 3

WP: Tim Belch; LP: Scott Waterfield

Season record: Ross 6-10

## Findlay rocks Bellevue

BUCYRUS — Findlay overwhelmed outmanned Bellevue 14-1 in the semifinals of the Class AAA District Baseball Tournament Monday.

The Trojans had 10 different players slam base hits in a 17-hit attack. Dave Litzenberg ripped three singles and crashed a home run to lead the Trojans to their 19th win in 21 games this season.

Litzenberg and Andy Schramm slammed back-to-back homers in the third to break open a 2-1 game

# One night to forget

**BOWLING GREEN** — It was a long night for the Ross baseball team. The Little Giants traveled to Bowling Green and fell on the short end of a 12-0 score.

"It was just one of those games you'd like to forget," lamented Ross Coach Ed Platzer.

The Bobcats did most of their damage early with nine runs in the first three innings off Ross starter Chuck Binkley. John Herringshaw led the attack with two hits in four times up, including a double and four RBIs. Tom Augenstein went two for four and Lowell Schafer had a perfect two for two.

Sophomore first baseman Terry Veleba had two hits in three times up with a double for Ross. Chris Myers also doubled. Ross collected only five hits and committed six costly errors, in lowering its season record to 6-11.

The Little Giants host Bellevue tonight and play a doubleheader with Marion Harding on Saturday at Anderson Field, with the first game scheduled to begin at noon, instead of the originally scheduled 10 a.m.

In a junior varsity game at Ross, Bowling Green made it a sweep for the day with a 7-3 victory.

John Lejeune was the losing pitcher for Ross. The Little Giants collected six singles of winner Tom Benshoter.

The loss finished the Ross junior varsity team at 11-2 for the season.

## Varsity Game Score by Innings

	R	H	E
Ross	000	000	0-0 5 6
Bowling Green	234	030	x-12 10 0

**BATTERIES:** Binkley, Casey (4) and M. Pena; Jackson and Adams

**WP:** Jackson; **LP:** Binkley

## Jayvee Game Score by Innings

	R	H	E
Bowling Green	020	110	3-7 8 1
Ross	020	100	0-3 6 2

**BATTERIES:** Lejeune and Carmack; Benshoter and Frost

**WP:** Benshoter; **LP:** Lejeune

# Ross wins in eight

Sophomore Terry Veleba singled in the winning run in the bottom of the eighth inning as Ross nudged Bellevue 2-1 at Anderson Field in high school baseball Thursday.

Veleba's game winning hit came after Doug Stull had doubled with one out. Gary Eversole, running for Stull, scored on the Ross first baseman's hit to rightfield.

The run gave Tom Brudzinski, another Ross sophomore, the mound win for the Little Giants. Little "Byrd" surrendered seven hits, struckout three, and walked three. Steve Fazio took the loss for Bellevue despite giving up only five hits.

"It was a good night for us," Ross Coach Ed Platzer said, "especially after Wednesday (Bowling Green beat Ross 10-0). Our young kids stuck in there."

Mike Pena, another Ross sophomore, had two hits while Stull's double was the only extra base hit for the Little Giants.

Bellevue scored first with a run in the second but the Little Giants tied it with a run in the third.

Jerry Lepley had two hits for Bellevue.

#### Score by innings

	R	H	E
Bellevue	010 000 00-1	7	1
Ross	001 000 01-2	5	1

Batteries — Steve Fazio and Max Loudenslagel; Tom Brudzinski and Mike Pena  
Season records: Ross 7-11

# Little Giants stopped twice by Marion

Marion Harding used a big inning in both games to sweep a twinbill from Ross Saturday at Anderson Field.

Tim Russell drove in five runs as Marion came from behind in the first game to win 11-8 and a three-run seventh inning gave the Presidents a 5-3 victory in the nightcap.

Russell slammed a grand slam homer to cap a seven-run fifth inning for Marion in the first game. All seven runs scored after Ross had two men out in the inning.

Four hits, two walks, and a hit batter preceded Russell's blast that wiped

out a 6-0 Ross lead. Marion added three more in the sixth to put the game away.

Doug Stull, Joel Krout, and Tom Brudzinski drove in two runs apiece to lead Ross in the first game.

Ross led 3-2 going into the final inning of the second game. Marion got life after one out with a walk and a double by Kurt Weddington to put two runners on base. Jim Haines followed with a single to put Marion up 4-3 and Russell singled to give the Presidents an insurance run.

Dave Ballenger singled in two runs for Ross in the

third and Mike Pena's sacrifice fly gave the Little Giants the 3-2 lead in the sixth.

Ross will travel to Findlay this afternoon to close out the season.

**First game**  
Marion 11, Ross 8

Score by innings		R	H	E
Marion	000 073 1-11	11	2	
Ross	024 002 0-8	7	2	

**BATTERIES:** Short, Guilder (6), and Freese; Binkley, Beich (6), O'Neil (6), and Pena

**WP:** Short; **LP:** Binkley  
**Second game**  
Marion 5, Ross 3

Score by innings		R	H	E
Marion	100 001 3-5	8	1	
Ross	002 001 0-3	4	2	

**BATTERIES:** McCarn and Guilder; Casey, O'Neil (6), Beich (7), and Carmack

**WP:** McCarn; **LP:** O'Neil  
Season record: Ross 7-13

## Sports in Brief

### AUTO RACING

**MONTE CARLO** — South African Jody Scheckter, driving a Wolf, led all the way in winning the 36th Monaco Grand Prix.

### TENNIS

**DUESSELDORF, West Germany** — Wojtek Fibak of Poland defeated Ray Moore of South Africa 6-1, 5-7, 6-2 and won the Duesseeldorf Grand Prix.

# *Findlay blasts Ross in finale*

**FINDLAY** — Ross ended the baseball season on a sour note here Monday by absorbing an 11-0 setback at the hands of the 21-3 Findlay Trojans.

Findlay scored all of its runs in the first three innings with the third frame putting the game out of reach. The Trojan tallied six in that frame.

Mike Patterson hammered a three-run homer in the second for Findlay. Don Settlemier drove in three runs and winning pitcher Ron Smith doubled to lead the Trojans' 10-hit offensive attack.

Smith, Steve Reichenbach, and Randy Hickle worked on the mound for Findlay and gave up only four harmless singles to the Little Giants. Sophomore Joel Krout had two of the base hits for Ross with Myron Swaisgood and Kevin Casey getting the other two safties.

Ross finishes the season with a 7-14 mark.

## **SCORE BY INNINGS**

						<b>R</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>E</b>
Ross	000	000	0—	0	4	3		
Findlay	236	000	x—	11	10	0		

**BATTERIES:** Tom Brudzinski, Kevin Casey (3), and Mike Pena, Scott Carmack (6); Ron Smith, Steve Reichenbach (4), Randy Hickle (6), and Tim Babcock, Greg Wagner (5).

**WP:** Smith; **LP:** Brudzinski

**Season record:** Findlay 21-3, Ross 7-14