

Shearon Tosses No-Hitter

Ross In Buckeye Finale, Opponent Still Unknown

Findlay and Mansfield baseball teams probably have a hard time believing Fremont Ross has had pitching problems this season.

It is the Little Giant hurlers who have put Ross in the finals of the Buckeye Conference baseball tournament.

Ross advanced to the finals with an 8-2 victory over Findlay in the opening round at Mansfield Saturday morning. In the afternoon, Denny Shearon hurled a no-hitter against Mansfield as Ross won 3-0.

"Our pitching came through," coach Tom Dorman said. "Jim Fausey and Shearon really did the job. I can't say enough about

their performances. It was a team effort both games but those two fellows stood out."

Ross jumped on Findlay starting pitcher Randy Hamlin for six runs in the first two and two-third innings. Ross scored a run in the first and second innings then added four in the third.

Ron Boucher had an RBI-single in the first. In the second, Randy Arndt blasted a solo homer. Run-scoring hits in the third inning were smacked by Rusty Zimmerman, Roger Hetrick and Paul Miller.

Miller led the 11-hit attack with three base taps. He homered with a man on base in the seventh inning.

Fausey allowed only six hits. He walked two and fanned six.

"He ran into trouble in the fifth inning," Dorman said. "The first two batters singled and Jim called me to the mound. He said he was getting tired. I told him to go until we had time to get someone warmed up. He got the side out and then breezed through the sixth and seventh innings."

Mansfield didn't pose much of a problem for Shearon, who had won only one game previously.

Shearon fired a perfect game for the first five innings before Yokem reached base on an error to lead off the sixth. He didn't get

farther than first. The next batter forced him at second. Another fielder's choice and infield ground out ended the inning.

In the seventh, Shearon walked the second batter. But the next hitter grounded into a double play to close the game.

"Denny kept the ball down all day," Dorman said. "To be effective he needs to get the low strike. The umpires were giving it to him. One of the big things in his favor was that he never tired.

"He wasn't going to a lot of three-two counts with the batters. The defense did a great job in preserving the no-hitter for him. Tom Brough made a fine play deep in the hole in the third inning and Al Davis made a great catch in the fourth."

Shearon fanned four batters. The Little Giants gave the junior right hander the only run he needed in the first. Brough started the inning with a base hit, advanced to second with a Davis sacrifice and scored on Boucher's double.

Boucher had three of the seven Ross base hits.

Ross athletic officials still didn't know Monday morning who the Little Giants would play in the finals. An announcement of the opponent, site and date will be made later this week.

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