

Ross wants to settle in

By TIM HARMON
Staff writer

Fremont Ross baseball coach Dan Fought says he answered some questions about the 1994 Little Giants during Wednesday's scrimmage at Clyde.

He hopes to keep answering them in scrimmages Saturday at Sylvania Southview, Tuesday at Genoa and next Thursday at Toledo Central Catholic.

"There are so many question marks to be answered," Fought said. "This team has to come together quickly."

Ross opens the season April 4 at Tiffin Columbian and plays Great Lake League power Toledo Whitmer at home the next day.

The team's strength — pitching — is ironically what could inhibit a group of versatile players from filling their collective roles.

"We have a rotation problem," Fought said. "When someone is pitching we have to make defensive adjustments. If (Gary) Rakes or (Shane) Moran or (Kyle) Kusmer pitches, it creates a lot of movement."

"A lack of depth doesn't concern me, but the lack of experience in the middle does."

Sophomore Bucky Byers is the Ross catcher, with first-year varsity players Rakes and Tim Rakes playing a lot at second base or shortstop.

Kusmer, who played first base last year as a sophomore and might be needed at third, could also be the answer at short or second.

Ryan Smith (.328, 16 RBI), the top offensive threat on the team along with designated hitter Tyler Tooman, plays center field when he's not pitching. Fought says junior Brian Reinbolt is a capable back-up in center.

Reinbolt could also play left field, as could Moran, Ryan Wagner or Kris Kayden. Jeremy Aldrich is the right fielder.

"I'd love to have a set shortstop...the same for a center fielder because communication is so important," Fought said. "But I like the versatility."

Aaron Smith (4-7, 3.58 ERA), Ryan Smith (4-3, 3.27) and left-hander Kris Kayden (a transfer from Fremont St. Joseph Central Catholic) will start the bulk of the games. Moran (2-0, 4 saves) is the primary reliever.

"It's a nice staff to work with because they throw strikes," Fought said. "But they're not strikeout pitchers so we have to play defense behind them."

Ross wins opener

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Aaron Smith drained the last few ounces of gas left in his tank Monday, pitching Fremont Ross to a 5-3 victory over Tiffin Columbian.

Smith overcame four walks in the last two innings and a bases-loaded jam in the seventh in the Little Giants' season opener.

"His pitch count was good through five innings," Ross coach Dan Fought said. "In the sixth and in the seventh, he couldn't get the ball back down in the zone."

Columbian (0-3) scored an unearned run on two Ross throwing errors in the seventh and had the bases loaded before Smith got Ron Hickman to pop to second to end the game.

Ryan Smith had a two-run single in the second to start the scoring, but the Tornadoes tied it in the bottom of the inning. Ross scored a run in the fifth and one in the sixth and made it 5-2 on Kyle Kusmer's sacrifice fly in the seventh.

Tyler Tooman led Ross with two hits, and Gary Rakes scored two runs.

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Northview slips past Ross

SYLVANIA — Northview scored three runs in the sixth inning and made them stand up in a 4-2 high school baseball victory over Fremont Ross Friday.

The Wildcats (2-1) scored on a suicide squeeze, a sacrifice fly and a Ross error.

Ross (1-1) scored a run in the seventh on Ryan Smith's double but got no closer.

Winner Darren Snapp and Smith, the loser, each pitched complete games in the Great Lakes League opener for both teams.

Ross defeats Port Clinton

Brian Reinbolt had two hits had two hits, Bucky Byers drove in two runs and Ryan Smith scored twice as Ross defeated PC 6-1.

The Little Giants, 2-1, scored all their runs in the first three innings, while Smith held winless Port Clinton hitless through three.

Ross sweeps Bellevue

News-Messenger reports

Good pitching and a come-from-behind offense helped Fremont Ross sweep a doubleheader from Bellevue Saturday.

Ryan Smith pitched a two-hitter as Ross won the first game 2-1, and the Little Giants overcame a 6-4 deficit to take the second game 6-4.

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Smith, who had a no-hitter through four innings in the opener, had a run-scoring double and Brian Reinbolt added a RBI single in the Little Giants' three-run fifth in the nightcap.

Ryan Wagner scored from second on Kyle Kusmer's sacrifice bunt in the sixth inning, and Ross finished its comeback on Wagner's fielder's choice grounder and Ryan Shively's run-producing infield single in the seventh.

Aaron Smith pitched six innings for the win as Ross improved to 4-1. Shane Moran, who scored two runs, pitched the seventh for a save.

Reinbolt, who had two hits in the opener, collected three in the second game.

Ryan Smith, who had three hits in the first game, walked two and struck out six.

In other games:

St. Mary's 13, St. Joe 5

The Panthers remained undefeated in four games after scoring six unearned runs in the fourth inning at Anderson Field.

Bill Dirlam took the loss for St. Joe, 2-4. Matt Stotz had two hits, and Kyle Kayden scored two runs for the Crimson Streaks.

McComb 6-9, Gibsonburg 5-7

The Golden Bears lost a doubleheader despite Steve Bowers' five hits and four extra-base hits by Bobby Vallejo. Steve Holcomb homered in the second game.

Ross, St. Joe lose; Clyde wins

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Fremont Ross collected 14 hits Tuesday, but Little Giants pitchers issued eight walks and Bedford overcame a four-run deficit for a 10-9 Great Lakes League victory.

Trailing 9-5, Bedford scored two runs in the sixth inning and three in the seventh.

Ryan Wagner and Ryan Smith had three hits apiece to lead Ross, 4-3 and 0-3 in the GLL.

Smith started and pitched an

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inning, Gary Rakes worked 2½ innings and Aaron Smith finished and took the loss.

In other games:

Port Clinton 9, St. Joe 4

Port Clinton scored five unearned runs in the fourth inning and won its second straight game while handing St. Joe its third straight loss.

Losing pitcher Kyle Kayden, Bobby Druckenmiller and Ryan

Wiechman each had two hits for the Crimson Streaks, 2-6.

Clyde 5, Margaretta 1

Ryan Carter pitched a four-hitter with 11 strikeouts, and Clyde won its second Sandusky Bay Conference game without a loss.

Matt Smith and Jay Kiser each had two hits for the Fliers, 5-3. Kiser doubled in two runs and Smith followed with a run-scoring single in a three-run fourth inning. Smith added a two-run double in the sixth.

Little Giants manage one-hit

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Hayden Richards of Toledo St. John's carried a no-hitter into the seventh inning Thursday at Anderson Field and the Titans defeated Fremont Ross 4-0.

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pitcher

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Ryan Smith broke up Richards' no-hitter with an infield single leading off the seventh — the Little Giants' lone hit.

"He's a good, typical high school pitcher," Ross coach Dan Fought said. "He threw strikes, had good location and had a decent breaking pitch to keep us off balance."

Richards struck out nine and walked two, giving Ross just three total bases as it fell to 4-4.

"That's the fewest total I can ever remember," Fought said.

Smith, meanwhile, allowed three hits, struck out eight, walked five and hit a batter.

"Ryan really pitched a good ballgame," Fought said. "He did a good job battling even though he wasn't sharp."

In another game:

Ross tops Fostoria

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Fremont Ross scored five runs two hits in the bottom of the sixth inning and defeated Fostoria 8-5 Friday in a high school baseball game at Anderson Field.

The Redmen, after falling behind 2-0 in the opening inning, had carved out a 4-3 lead before the Ross eruption.

With one out, Kyle Kusmer singled. Gary and Tim Rakes walked to load the **Baseball** bases and a run scored when Ryan Smith hit into a fielders' choice. Shane Moran were safe on back-to-back errors, allowing two more runs. The last two runs scored on Jeremy Aldrich's triple.

Ross is 5-4 and 1-3 in the league race. Fostoria slipped to 1-5 and is winless in four GLL tests.

Ross flattens Napoleon 22-4 in five innings

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Fremont Ross collected 20 hits and buried Napoleon 22-4 in a Great Lakes League baseball game on the Wildcats' turf Tuesday.

Fresh from a doubleheader loss to Ashland on Saturday, the Little giants scored six runs in the first, added nine in the second and added on to the margin before the game was called at the end of five innings because of the 10-run rule.

Ryan Smith allowed four hits to pick up the pitching victory for Ross (6-6, 2-3). Smith also was 4-for-5 at the plate. Shane Moran, Gary Rakes, Jeremy Aldrich and Tyler Tooman had four hits for the Little Giants.

Aldrich drove in four runs, Tooman and Ryan Wagner three apiece.

Mike German homered for Napoleon.

In other games:
Danbury 10, Gibsonburg 1

Winning pitcher Ben Ritz scattered eight hits while striking out seven and walking one for the Lakers (6-4).

Jay Morelock tripled and Steve Holcomb doubled for two of Gibsonburg's hits. The Golden Bears dropped to 2-10.

Tony Puckett, Brad Zura, Dave Redett and Ritz had two hits apiece for Danbury.

Mohawk 15, St. Joe 3

St. Joe grabbed a 1-0 lead in

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the seventh inning gave Fremont St. Joseph Central Catholic a 4-1 Midland Athletic League victory over Carey Friday.

Halm finished with three hits and also drove in St. Joe's first run.

Bill Dirlam pitched a complete-game two-hitter with 14 strikeouts as the Crimson Streaks won for the fourth time in 13 games.

St. Joe scored a run in the first and Carey scored in the second. There was no further scoring until Halm's home run.

Matt Stotz added two hits for the Streaks, 1-3 in the MAL.

The Blue Devils lost for the ninth time in 11 games.

In other games:

Whitmer 6, Ross 5

Whitmer scored four runs in the bottom of the first and led 6-3 after three innings in the Great Lakes League game.

Jason Thompson got the win with relief help from Ken Szych as the Panthers improved to 10-5 and 5-2 in the league.

Aaron Smith took the complete-game loss, walking five with two strikeouts.

Shane Moran drove in two runs, and Jeremy Aldrich scored twice for the Little Giants, 6-7 and 2-4.

Huron 11, Clyde 6

Ryan Gimperling and Brent Yokum homered for Huron, and the Tigers scored seven unearned runs in the Sandusky Bay Conference game.

Jay Kiser had two doubles among three hits for the Fliers, and losing pitcher Ryan Carter drove in two runs.

Clyde fell to 9-5 and 5-2 in the conference. Huron is 4-5 and 3-3.

Oak Harbor 7, Margaretta 6

Brian Schultz singled in Matt Elson with the winning run in the bottom of the seventh inning for the SBC win.

Oak Harbor, 4-7 and 2-5, scored six runs in the first but Margaretta scored four in the second and two in the fourth to tie it.

Josh Dyer doubled three times for the Polar Bears, 3-7 and 2-6.

Woodmore 3, Gibsonburg 2

Ryan Travis pitched a two-hitter, striking out nine and walking six, and Eric Fegley

Unbeaten Clay stops Ross 1-0 with first-inning run

News-Messenger reports

Oregon Clay scored an unearned run in the first inning and made it stand up in a 1-0 Great Lakes League baseball win over Fremont Ross Monday at Anderson Field.

Winning pitcher Chris Fussell doubled in the run after the undefeated Eagles' leadoff hitter walked and moved to second on an error.

Fussell, who was scrutinized by scouts working for California, Montreal and Cleveland, hurled a two-hitter while using his 90 mph fastball to fan 16 Little Giants.

Clay (15-0 and 6-0 in the GLL) managed only five hits off the Little Giants' Aaron Smith. The Ross righthander had six strikeouts while walking three.

Luke Meinke had two hits for Clay.

Ross is 6-8 and 2-5.

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In other games:

St. Joe 8, Genoa 5

Nate Dray had three hits and Justin Johnson two to lead St. Joe in a game that had been postponed from Saturday.

St. Joe broke a 2-2 tie with a pair of runs in the fourth and widened the margin to 7-3 with three runs in the top of the fifth.

The Streaks (5-9) had 10 hits. Matt Stotz pitched five innings to pick up the win.

Eastwood 8, Gibsonburg 0

The Golden Bears (2-13 and 0-7) had only two hits in the Suburban Lakes League loss.

Eastwood took advantage of five Gibsonburg errors. The Eagles led 1-0 before scoring four times in the fifth and adding

three more in the sixth.

Otsego 10, Lakota 0

Roger Serrato pitched a two-hitter for Otsego, striking out four and walking one in the five-inning game which was shortened by the 10-run rule.

Otsego scored six times in the bottom of the first while raising its record to 11-5 and 6-1 in the SLL. Lakota slipped to 2-4 and 5-2.

Oak Harbor 5, Huron 4

The Rockets scored a run in the bottom of the seventh to win the Sandusky Bay Conference clash.

Bryant Whitcomb scored the winning run when the Huron catcher dropped a third strike.

Oak Harbor (5-7, 3-5) was led by Rob Schimmoeiller and Lipstraw with two hits

apiece. Lipstraw had two RBI.

Woodmore 11, Swanton 10

The Wildcats (7-5) scored twice in the top of the seventh and then held on in the Division III sectional tournament game at Delta.

Winning pitcher Eric Fegley had two hits and four RBI for Woodmore. Josh Rayes added a pair of hits.

Bellevue 9, Port Clinton 5

Port Clinton stranded 12 runners and committed four errors in the Division II sectional game at Milan.

The Redmen (8-7) broke a 3-3 deadlock with five runs in the top of the sixth.

Shawn Ray homered for Bellevue. Eric Heise had three hits for Port Clinton (3-12).

Maumee slips past Ross, 5-4

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A season-long trend continued for Fremont Ross in a 5-4 loss to Maumee Thursday at Anderson Field.

The Little Giants, 6-10, left 11 runners on base. Maumee, 13-5, also threw out two Ross runners at home.

Jeremy Aldrich had four hits, including three doubles, as Ross outhit Maumee 12-9.

Gary Rakes took the loss, allowing two runs on six hits with five walks and three strikeouts after replacing starter Aaron Smith.

Smith left the game with a sore elbow after giving up three runs in the first inning.

Maumee defeats Ross; Clyde wins

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Fremont Ross carried a 2-1 lead into the sixth inning, but Maumee scored five runs in the bottom of the inning and went on to a 6-4 victory Thursday.

Ross, 8-7, committed its lone error in the Maumee sixth and it led to three unearned runs.

In one other game reported, Clyde defeated Sandusky Perkins 4-2.

Losing pitcher Ryan Smith allowed two singles and a walk to open Maumee's decisive inning, and the Little Giants then failed to turn a double play.

Ross made it close with two runs in the top of the seventh, but Maumee improved to 10-8 behind winning pitcher John Key.

Bryan Myers and Shane Moran

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had two of the Little Giants' seven hits.

Clyde 4, Perkins 2

Jason Dick pitched a three-hitter with nine strikeouts and three walks and the Fliers won

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Rockets make Fliers 1st victim; Ross loses

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Mike Lipstraw gave up seven hits over 5½ innings and Kevin Kersten and Kevin Smith both knocked in runs Friday, propelling Oak Harbor to its first baseball victory of the season, 5-2 over visiting Clyde.

In other games Friday, Ross lost to Whitmer 5-0, Lakota beat Woodmore 13-4, Arlington beat Bettsville 14-3 and Margaretta nipped Huron 2-1 in eight innings.

Lipstraw (1-0) allowed one earned run and walked two for Oak Harbor, 1-12 and 1-5 in the Sandusky Bay Conference.

Freshman Brian Schultz relieved Lipstraw with one out in the sixth inning and the bases loaded. Schultz got out of the inning when he forced Clyde to hit into a double play.

Bryant Whitcomb, Matt Elson and Kersten all singled for the Rockets' only hits against the Fliers, 6-12 and 4-6 in the SBC.

Ryan Carter pitched 2½ innings and suffered the loss after allowing four runs (two earned) on two hits. Carter also had two of the Fliers' seven hits.

The two teams meet again today at Clyde.

Whitmer 5, Ross 0

Whitmer pitcher Kevin McIlhardey tossed a two-hitter, struck out seven and walked one as the Panthers improved to 13-5 and 7-2 in the Great Lakes

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League.

Aaron Smith took the loss for Ross, 8-8 and 5-3. Smith went the distance and allowed four earned runs on nine hits, with four strikeouts.

Lakota 13, Woodmore 4

Jason Hallinger hit a three-run homer in the fifth inning, Brad Gnepper went 3-for-4 with a double and Erick Backus had three hits and drove in three runs for Lakota, 11-6 and 6-3 in the SLL.

Gnepper was the winning pitcher, allowing five hits, two walks and striking out eight.

Arlington 14, Bettsville 3

Billy Craun had two hits for Bettsville, 2-12 and 1-7 in the Midland Athletic League.

Jason Milton pitched 4¾ innings and took the loss, giving up all 14 runs on eight hits. The Bobcats committed seven errors.

Margaretta 2, Huron 1 (8)

Josh Dyer singled with one out, stole second and scored on the shortstop's fielding error in the top of the eighth inning for Margaretta.

Kevin Lowery added an RBI double for the Polar Bears, 12-3 and 10-1 in the SBC.

Aaron Blanton picked up the win in relief, pitching three innings and allowing two hits. Steve Howard started and lasted four innings. He gave up one run on five hits.

Bowling Green beats Ross with seven-run inning

News-Messenger reports

Fremont Ross and Bowling Green are both no longer playing in the Division I tournament.

Oregon Clay was scheduled to play Ross Tuesday, but the Eagles played a tournament game Tuesday.

So Ross got together with Bowling Green and the Bobcats defeated the Little Giants 12-4.

Bowling Green, 17-3, broke open a close game with seven runs in the sixth inning.

Ross, 6-11, committed a season-high seven errors.

Chris Hines was the winning

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pitcher, and Aaron Smith took the loss after leaving in the sixth.

Gary Rakes, who scored two runs, and Ryan Smith had two hits apiece for Ross.

Shane Moran had a two-run single in the first inning which tied the game 2-2.

In other games:
Lakota 11, Woodmore 5

The Raiders scored three runs in the first inning and six in the third and won the Suburban Lakes League game despite being outhit 10-7.

Chad Plouck and winning pitcher Darren Johnson each had a three-run double in the Lakota third.

Johnson struck out nine and walked two in seven innings as the Raiders improved to 11-4 and 3-2. Ryan Travis took the complete-game loss after walking seven.

Josh Karchner had a two-run homer for Woodmore, 7-9 and 2-7. Elmwood 12, Gibsonburg 0

Chad Kingery gave up one of Gibsonburg's two hits in four innings as the Golden Bears fell to 2-16 and 0-10 in the SLL.

Ross, St. Joe lose

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Findlay handed Fremont Ross its sixth straight loss Thursday, scoring five runs in the bottom of the sixth inning and defeating the Little Giants 7-3.

Ross, 6-12, trailed 2-0 after two innings but tied the game with two runs in the top of the sixth.

Two walks and a bunt base hit, though, preceded Craig Bova's triple off losing pitcher Ryan Smith, which broke the game open.

The Little Giants had tied the game in the sixth when Shane Moran scored on Tyler Tooman's sacrifice fly and Ryan Wagner scored on Kyle Kusmer's single.

Wagner finished with two doubles, and Bucky Byers added two hits for Ross.

Winning pitcher Chad Curlis, a freshman, walked two and struck out five. Smith walked seven and struck out two.

The Trojans won for the 17th time in 24 games.

Prep Baseball

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Bedford 9, Ross 0

Brian Duvall pitched a one-hitter, and Bedford collected 13 singles in the Great Lakes League victory.

The Mules scored five runs in the first inning, including four unearned, and improved to 15-7 and 6-4.

Aaron Smith did not pitch out of the second as the Little Giants lost their seventh straight game and fell to 6-13 and 2-6.

Duvall, who struck out eight and walked two, allowed only Ryan Wagner's single in the second.

Ross committed four errors, while Bedford played errorless ball.



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RYAN LASKEY of Bedford slides safely into second base as Gary Rakes of Fremont Ross loses control of the ball during the first inning of a Great Lakes League baseball game Friday at Anderson Field.

Roundup

The Panthers, still alive in the Division IV tournament, play at Sandusky Perkins Wednesday and at Huron Thursday.

"I don't care if we back in," Clyde coach Doug Ottney said. "We did what we had to do. We won four (conference) games in a row."

Clyde fell two games behind St. Mary's after a 5-1 loss to the Panthers on May 6.

Winning pitcher Josh Gregg, who led the Fliers with three hits, struck out 16 and overcame seven walks against Huron.

Huron, 7-12 and 4-8, loaded the bases with one out in the seventh. Gregg struck out the final two batters.

Clay 4, Ross 3

Clay scored a run in the bottom of the ninth for its second one-run victory over Ross in a game that was a completion of one started last Wednesday.

The Eagles, 19-1 and undefeated in eight Great Lakes League games, handed the Little Giants their eighth straight loss.

"We had about four opportunities where we could have beat them," Ross coach Dan Fought said.

Ross had runners on first and second with no outs in the sixth, had a man on second with one out in the seventh and had a runner at third with one out in the ninth.

The Little Giants had tied the game 3-3 in the fifth when Gary Rakes and Tim Rakes

scored on Jeremy Aldrich's double.

Ryan Wagner had three hits for Ross, 6-14 and 2-7.

Ryan Smith, who started last week and finished Monday, struck out 10. Chris Fussell, who shut out Ross earlier this season, relieved with one out in the eighth and got the victory.

Ottawa Hills 5, St. Joe 4

Ryan McCain's two-run double with two strikes and two outs in the bottom of the seventh inning sent St. Joe to its 13th loss in 19 games.

"We couldn't catch a break," St. Joe coach Rick Barbour said. "When you're losing, those things magnify themselves."

St. Joe's Nathan Dray and Nick Halm each had a double among two hits.

Kyle Kayden took the loss, striking out six and walking four.

Woodmore 9, Gibsonburg 1

Woodmore scored four runs in the first inning and four in the seventh while out-hitting Gibsonburg 12-4.

Eric Rippke and J.J. Greulich each had two hits with three RBI for the Wildcats, 11-9 and 6-7.

The Golden Bears, 2-22 and 0-13, managed their lone run in the bottom of the seventh.

Ryan Travis, who struck out six and walked only one, was the complete-game winner. Steve Bowers took the complete-game loss.

Fostoria defeated Fremont
Ross 7-1 for the Little Giants'
ninth straight loss; and Lakota

Ross loses 10th straight game

News-Messenger reports

Fremont Ross has one more chance to end a lengthy losing streak, which reached 10 games Wednesday with an 8-1 loss to Sylvania Northview at Anderson Field.

The Little Giants, 6-16 and 2-9 in the Great Lakes League, will close the season at home Friday vs. Napoleon.

Ross has scored just two runs the last two games.

"It's one of my better hitting teams, but the hits are not coming together," Ross coach Dan Fought said. "The big problem is (runners) on second and third with less than two outs."

The Little Giants had the bases loaded with no outs in the fourth inning but couldn't score against winning pitcher Ken Lesner.

Gary Rakes pitched a complete game against Northview, 17-7 and 8-3, but walked eight and was hurt by seven Ross errors.

Ryan Wagner and Jeremy Aldrich had two

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hits apiece for Ross, which scored its run in the seventh when Rakes singled, moved to third on two fielder's choice groundouts and scored on a passed ball.

In other games:

Lakota 4, Otsego 1

The Raiders remained a game behind Elmwood in the Suburban Lakes League.

Lakota, 15-5, is 10-3 in the SLL. Elmwood, which defeated Woodmore 9-2 Wednesday, is 11-2. The Raiders' final league game is against Genoa.

Darren Johnson drove in three runs against Otsego. He tripled in a run and scored on Brian Allen's single in the second and singled in two runs in the sixth.

Gabe Caudill pitched a complete game for the victory, while Terry Tansel allowed just four hits and took the loss.

Otsego, 15-9 and 8-4, committed four errors, while the Raiders played errorless ball.

Elmwood 9, Woodmore 2

Elmwood broke open a close game with five runs in the fourth inning to make a loser of Josh Bayes.

Woodmore, 11-10 and 6-8, got two hits apiece from Jason Juergens and Eric Rippke.

Eastwood 5, Gibsonburg 0

Eastwood scored all its runs in the first three innings, including three in the first.

Gibsonburg, 2-23 and winless in the SLL, managed just three hits and the Eagles did not commit an error.

Huron 7, Oak Harbor 3

Huron scored five runs in the second inning and improved to 8-12 and 5-8 in the Sandusky Bay Conference.

Jeremy Tailford had a double among two hits and drove in all three Oak Harbor runs as the Rockets fell to 7-12 and 5-9.

Ross nipped by Napoleon, St. Joe falls to Mohawks

News-Messenger reports

Napoleon edged Fremont 5-4 while Fostoria St. Wendelin slipped past St. Joseph Central Catholic in high school baseball Friday.

Napoleon (7-15) held off a final inning Ross rally in the Great Lakes League game at Anderson Field. It was the final game of the season for the Ross (6-17, 2-10) which lost its final 11 games.

Napoleon scored a pair of runs in both the third and fourth inning and added one in the fourth. Ross scored once in the first and fourth inning before pushing across two in the seventh.

Gary Rakes led off the Ross seventh with his second double. He went to third on a passed ball and scored as Ryan Shively hit into a fielder's choice. Kyle Kusmer followed with a homer off Napoleon starter Ryan Hines. Mike German relieved and got the save.