

Ross falls in tourney

MARION — Ross High's baseballers jumped off to an early lead, but Findlay came roaring from behind and eliminated the Giants from the Buckeye Conference baseball tournament, 10-3, Saturday.

Ross scored three times in the first inning on the strength of Dan Baker's three-run homer, but the lead held up only until the third inning.

Findlay, which had scored once in the first frame, scored three times in the third and added five more runs in the fourth. Spitler had a double in that third inning rally and a home run in the fourth inning.

Ross managed just three hits after Baker's first inning home run had followed a pair of walks. Brian Bliss, Paul Silcox and Mike Shannon each singled for the Little Giants.

Bob Brudzinski was the losing pitcher. Mike Lowery and Mike Matthes both worked in relief with only Matthes escaping without giving up a run to the strong Findlay crew.

The Findlay team entered the game as the defending Buckeye Conference champion.

BOX SCORE

Ross				Findlay			
	ab	r	h		ab	r	h
Shannon, 2b	3	1	1	Martinez, lf	2	2	1
Matthes, cf	3	1	0	Browne, lf	1	0	0
Myers, lf	3	0	0	Brockman, ss	4	1	1
Stoner, lf	1	0	0	Hall, cf	3	2	2
D. Baker, c	3	1	1	Sader, 1b	3	1	1
Lower, ss	2	0	0	Vielhaben, 3b	4	1	2
Lohrbach, ss	0	0	0	Myers, 3b	0	0	0
M. Baker, 3b	3	0	0	Spitler, rf	4	1	2
Lawrence, 3b	0	0	0	Korb, c	3	0	0
Silcox, rf	2	0	1	Disinger, 2b	2	0	0
Paxon, rf	1	0	0	Shey, 2b	0	1	0
Bliss, 1b	3	0	1	Hill, p	2	1	1
Butdorf, pr	0	0	0				
Brudzinski, p	1	0	0				
Merritt, ss	1	0	0				
	26	3	4		30	10	10
Findlay				103	510	0-10	10 2
Ross High				300	000	0-3	4 3

Home runs — Dan Baker (R), Spitler (F); triple — Hall (F), Spitler (F); winning pitcher — Hill; losing pitcher — Brudzinski; hits off — Brudzinski, six in three and one-third innings; Lowery, three in one and one-third inning; Matthes, one in two and one-third innings; Hill, three in five and one-third innings; Brockman, one in one and two-thirds inning; strike outs — Hill, seven; Brockman, five; Brudzinski, two; Lowery, one; Matthes, two; walks — Hill, four; Brockman, one; Brudzinski, three; Lowery, one; Matthes, one.