

Giants Hand Marion First Loss, 3-2:

Ross Plays Willard In District Finals

Fremont Ross gained a berth in the district finals Saturday at 1 p.m. in North Robinson against Willard by ousting previously undefeated Marion, 3-2, in a semi-final game Thursday.

The Little Giants scored all three runs in the third inning and held off the Prexies in the late stages. Ned Peddicord worked another strong game for Fremont, giving up only three hits and striking out the final batter of the game after pinch-hitter Shirk homered in the seventh to pull Marion within a run. Peddicord brought his record to 4-0.

Neither team scored in the first inning and Marion threatened in the third with a runner

on second and two outs. Strauss singled to right but Ken Pasch fired a strike to catcher Jerry Binder to nip the sliding runner.

Ross scored its runs in the bottom of the third. Peddicord led off with a walk, Pasch followed with a single and then Hagerty singled to score Peddicord. With runners on second and third Binder flied to centerfield and Pasch scored. Hagerty moved to third on the play and came home on Verne Erchenbrecher's infield out.

Marion scored in the fourth on a walk, single and wild pitch. Ross loaded the bases in the sixth but failed to score. Shirk belted his home run in

the seventh but Peddicord fanned rival pitcher Carpenter to end the game. Ross is now 9-0 for the season and Marion 8-1.

Coach Don Purvis is expected to start Mike Frantz in the finals. Frantz displays good control and a sharp-breaking curve ball.

ROSS				MARION			
	ab	r	h		ab	r	h
Pasch rf	3	1	3	A. Rob'son cf	1	0	0
Hagerty ss	2	1	1	Straus 1b	3	0	1
Binder c	2	0	0	Shackelf'd 2b	3	0	0
Erc'br'er 3b	3	0	0	B. Rob'son c	1	1	0
Sanford lf	2	0	0	Dodds lf	3	0	0
Slatter cf	2	0	0	Armstrong ss	3	0	1
Weisz 1b	3	0	0	Kreiter 3b	3	0	0
George 2b	3	0	0	Stewart rf	2	0	0
Peddicord p	2	1	0	Carpenter p	3	0	0
				a-Shirk	1	1	1
Totals	22	3	4	Totals	23	2	3

a—Homered for Stuart in 7th.

Score by Innings			
MARION	000	100	1-2
ROSS	003	000	x-3