

Little Giants Play Grandview In Regional

Two district championships and two runners-up trophies make for an excellent sports season for Fremont Ross, and the Senior High can claim even greater honors this weekend while participating in the Class 'AA' regional baseball tournament at Lima.

Fremont Ross Saturday blasted Willard 10-5 at North Robinson in the district finals. Ross spotted Willard a 4-0 lead after the top half of the third inning.

Ross this season has won the swimming and baseball titles and finished second in wrestling and basketball.

The Little Giants play Columbus Grandview Friday at 4 o'clock in Lima. Ross needs a victory to set up the regional finals Saturday and a berth in the state tournament.

Willard jumped off with two runs in the first on a two-run homer by Buurma and added two more runs in the third on a single, triple and squeeze play.

Fremont struck back in its half of the third with four runs and a tie. Ken Pasch singled, Dave George singled, and Russ Hagerty, who belted two home runs later, singled to drive in the first run. Then Verne Erchenbrecher slammed a three-run home run to knot the score at 4-4.

Little Giants went ahead in the fourth when Jerry Slatter reached base on a fielder's choice and moved to third on a single by Pasch. He scored on an error.

Russ Hagerty put Ross ahead for good in the fifth with a solo home run to centerfield. Mike Frantz then settled down to hold the Willard batters at bay. Fremont added four more runs in the sixth inning.

Jerry Binder doubled and scored on Pasch's third hit. Pasch was out attempting to steal but Don Weisz walked and Frantz was hit by a pitch. Hagerty unloaded his second home run to give the Giants breathing room and the district crown.

Pasch went six - for - six in the district, Hagerty had four-for-six and Ross pitchers now have completed all 10 starts in an unbeaten campaign.

ROSS			WILLARD		
	ab	r h		ab	r h
George 2b	4	1 1	Poster 1b	3	1 2
Hagerty ss	4	3 3	Veletean p	3	1 1
Erch'br'er 3b	4	1 2	Henry 3b	2	0 0
Sanford lf	3	0 0	Buurma c	2	1 1
Binder c	3	1 1	Knott rf	3	0 0
Slatter cf	3	1 0	Van Loo ss	3	0 0
Pasch rf	3	0 3	Pugh cf	2	0 0
Weisz 1b	1	1 0	Christoff lf	3	0 0
Frantz p	2	2 0	Wieas 2b	2	2 1
			a-Fredrick rf	1	0 0
			b-Eberly p	1	0 0
Totals	27	10 10	Totals	25	5 5

a—Filed out for Henry in 6th.
b—Filed out for Pugh in 7th.

Score by Innings:

WILLARD 202 010 0—5
ROSS 004 114 X—10