



Little Giants for 1976

Members of the Ross baseball team for 1976; front row (left to right) Trainer Marty Warchola, Dave Ballenger, Kim Stout, Tony Ruiz, Roger Berger, Joe Pena, Jerry White, Jed Davis, Kevin Casey, Daryl Broshious, Uwe Straube, Manager Mitch Miller; back

row: Head Coach Ed Platzter, Warren Stout, Mark Conley, Mark Matthews, Mike McGilton, Pat Belch, Chris Meyers, Bob Moore, Steve Link, Dan Joachim, Ray Long, John Kiser, and Assistant Coach Hank Miesle.

Six vets on Ross diamond squad

The success of the Ross baseball fortunes for 1976 revolve around six veterans and a pitching staff hurt by injuries before the season gets under way.

Ed Platzter comes off a 13-9 season, his first as the head coach at Ross, and will be depending upon the six lettermen, three of them .300 hitters or better.

With Roger Berge, a senior, and Jerry White, junior, serving as co-captains, the Little Giants get the spring season kicked off Saturday with a pair of games at Admiral King. The opening two games are also the first contests in the West Division of the two-division Buckeye Conference.

"We have a veteran outfield," Platzter said, but quickly added, "we lost three of our four infielders."

The outfield of Berger (.300-plus last season), Kim Stout, and John Kiser, the leading Little Giants hitter at .363 a year ago, is strong both defensively and at the bat.

Kiser, however, is also the Little

Giants' top pitcher. The do-it-all senior also will bat cleanup for Platzter and his assistant coach, Hank Miesle. When Kiser takes to the mound, his place in right field will be handled by Mark Matthews or Tony Ruiz, both juniors.

The only returnee in the infield is Pat Belch at shortstop who alternated with graduated Mark Lohrbach at the spot. Belch is also the number two pitcher for Platzter but a bothersome elbow may knock him from the mound this season.

At first for Platzter will be junior Ray Long with senior Mark Conley the backup. At second base will be either Joe Pena or Jed Davis, both rated as good fielders.

The hot corner will go to White, who batted .400 in 12 varsity appearances last season. White is also the backup catcher to veteran senior Mike McGilton. Bob Moore, a senior, will give depth to the third base spot.

Berger, in left field, could be spelled by junior Dan Joachim,

who has shown promise with the bat in early practice.

Stout, a senior, figures to be the mainstay in center.

"We are strong up the middle with McGilton, Belch, Pena or Davis, and Stout," Platzter said.

"Our hitting was pretty good at the beginning of practice," the Ross coach said, "but lately in scrimmage games it has not been that good."

While Platzter and Miesle, his hitting coach, figure the hitting will get better, the Ross mentors cast a wishful eye to the mound staff.

"There is no other way to say it, pitching is 80-90 per cent of the game. If our pitchers have control and throw strikes, it should be a good year. If they don't, well . . ." his voice tailed off after that.

Belch and Kiser are the lone senior pitchers while Dave Ballenger, Warren Stout, Ewe Straube, Long and Kevin Casey are all juniors. Casey is the lone left-hander on the staff.

Selmon is first pick

NEW YORK (AP) — The expansion Tampa Bay Buccaneers kicked off the National Football League's delayed college draft today by grabbing defensive tackle Leroy Selmon of Oklahoma, winner of the Outland and Lombardi trophies as the nation's top lineman.

The 256-pound Selmon, third brother of the now-famous family from tiny Eufaula, Okla., to make All-American, is considered the greatest defensive tackle in Oklahoma's proud football history.

He helped the Sooners win the national championship in 1974 and 1975 and capped the 1975 season with an outstanding performance in the Orange

Double loss for Ross

LORAIN — Ross's baseball season rolled off to a bumpy start Saturday at Lorain Admiral King. The Admirals handed the Little Giants 7-4 and 4-2 setbacks in the Western Division of Buckeye Conference play.

Admiral King righthander Rick Fries limited the Little Giants to only four hits in the first game of the twinbill. Big John Brown had three hits with Rennie Harris and Namon Tarpley collecting two hits apiece for the Admirals.

Tarpley, a sophomore, doubled in one run in the three-run second and singled in one more run in the three-run third as the Admirals broke on top 6-1.

Losing pitcher John Kiser doubled in two Ross runs in the sixth inning.

In the nightcap, Ross managed eight hits but as Head Coach Ed Platzer pointed out, "We did not get them in the right places."

The score was tied at 1-1 going into the bottom of the third but the Admirals collected all three of their hits for the game in the inning for three runs.

Larry Reardon singled and Doug Kayor tripled him across the plate. Brown singled to score Kayor and after a

fielder's choice, Brown scored on Mike Trinian's one-base hit.

Kiser and Ray Long had two hits apiece for Ross and Pat Belch tripled for the only extra base hit. Dave Ballenger suffered the loss despite allowing only the three hits.

ROSS NOTES — The squad left today at noon for its "southern swing." In the next four days, the team will play games with St. Mary Memorial High School, Sidney, Cincinnati Colerain, and Cincinnati LaSalle.

The team will also be touring the Neil Armstrong Space Museum in Wapakoneta, the Cincinnati Zoo, and Riverfront Stadium.

FIRST GAME

Admiral King 7, Ross 4

SCORE BY INNINGS

				R	H	E
Ross	100	002	1-4	4	4	4
Admiral King	033	010	x-7	9	4	4

BATTERIES: John Kiser and Mike McGilton;

Rick Fries and Brian Will

WP: Fries; LP: Kiser

SECOND GAME

Admiral King 4, Ross 2

				R	H	E
Ross	001	001	0-2	8	3	3
Admiral King	013	000	x-4	3	2	2

BATTERIES: Dave Ballenger, Kevin Casey (5), and McGilton; Jerry Keron and Will

WP: Keron; LP: Ballenger



LITTLE GIANTS leaders for 1976 are, kneeling, Roger Berger, front, and Jerry White, co-captains, while standing at the left is Head Coach Ed Platzer with assistant Coach Hank Miesle at the right.

Sports

St. Marys knocks off Ross

Roger Berger doubled and singled for Ross and drove in runs in the third and fifth innings. Kim Stout, Pat Belch, and Jerry White doubled with White's two-

Ross is slated to play Sidney High School today before departing for Cincinnati where they will play Colerain and LaSalle in a pair of doubleheaders.

	R	H	E
Ross	101	010	0-3 8 2
St. Mary	200	220	x-6 5 2

BATTERIES: Warren Stout, Kevin Casey and Mike McGilton; Mark Stuck and Jeff Ginter
 WP: Stuck; LP: Stout

Ross loses 5-4

SIDNEY — Ross fell a run short in the seventh inning and dropped its fourth straight game 5-4 to the Sidney Yellow Jackets in the second game of the Little Giants' "southern swing."

Dave Ballenger gave up only two hits for Ross but four errors, a balk, and an interference call that was not called proved his undoing.

Sidney scored three runs in the third and two more in the fourth. Tim Meyer singled in a run for the Yellow Jackets in the third but with the bases loaded, two out, and a full count on the batter, Jerry White fielded a ground ball at third but had the ball knocked away from him when the runner coming from second ran into him.

"I thought it should have been interference," Ross Coach Ed Platzter said, "but it wasn't called."

Mike McGilton had a double and a single to lead the Little Giants. Ray Long and Jed Davis had the only RBIs for Ross with a sacrifice fly and a single, respectively.

Ross was scheduled to visit Riverfront Stadium today at 9 a.m. before taking on Cincinnati Colerain in a doubleheader beginning at 3 p.m.

Score by Innings

				R	H	E
Ross	000	120	1-4	5	4	
Sidney	003	200	x-5	2	4	

BATTERIES: Dave Ballenger and Mike McGilton; Paul Covault and Tim Meyer

WP: Covault; LP: Ballenger

Colerain smacks Ross 10-1, 10-0

CINCINNATI — The Colerain Cardinals proved to be too tough for the Ross baseball team Wednesday as the hosts made life miserable for the Giants on their southern trip with a doubleheader sweep, 10-1 and 10-0.

Colerain put the first game away with six runs in the second inning. Kim Stout provided Ross with its only run of the day with a home run in the third inning of the first game. Stout collected three hits in four times up to pace the Ross attack.

Bill Millecker paced Colerain in the opening game with three hits in three times up and two RBI's. Pitchers Todd Wright and John Kiser both went the distance. Wright didn't allow a walk and recorded 10 strikeouts while scattering eight Ross hits.

In the nightcap, Bill Burnios

tossed a three-hit shutout for Colerain, and like Wright, didn't walk a batter and struck out 10.

Colerain blasted Ross pitchers Uwe Stroube and Ray Long for 11 hits and scored five runs in the first inning and four in the sixth. The big blows were a pair of home runs by Dave Kraws. Kraws had a three-run homer in the first and a two-run blast in the sixth.

The closest Ross came to scoring off of Wright was in the third inning when Mike McGilton led off with a triple, but was stranded there when Wright struck out three straight batters.

Colerain raised its season record to 17-5 with the sweep while Ross is now 0-6. The Giants close their trip today with a doubleheader at Cincinnati LaSalle, a team which beat Colerain, according to Ross.

coach Ed Platzer.

The Giants visited Riverfront Stadium Wednesday before their doubleheader and after playing Colerain, it had to make them wonder if they were playing the Cincinnati Reds.

"They (Colerain) are a real fine team," said Platzner. "One of the finest teams around here."

**FIRST GAME
SCORE BY INNINGS**

				R	H	E
Ross	001	000	0—	1	8	4
Colerain	160	120	x—	10	10	2

BATTERIES: Kiser and White; Wright and Hereth

WP: Wright; LP: Kiser

SECOND GAME SCORE BY INNINGS

				R	H	E
Ross	000	000	0—0	3	2	
Colerain	501	004	x—10	13	0	

BATTERIES: Straube, Long (5) and McGilton, White (4), Mathews (6); Burnios and Hereth

WP: Burnios; LP: Straube

LaSalle rolls over Ross 13-6

CINCINNATI — LaSalle High School spotted Ross a 1-0 first inning lead but roared back with four runs in the second, and three in each of the next three innings to hand the Little Giants their seventh straight loss of the season 13-6.

The game was the last on the Little Giants' first "southern trip" in the school's history.

LaSalle, 17-5 for the season, belted losing pitcher Kevin Casey and reliever Warren Stout for 12 hits. Ross collected eight hits off the slants of John Smith and Mike McMahon.

John Kiser led Ross's offense with

three singles and one RBI. Casey was two for two with Mark Matthews getting the only extra base hit of the game for Ross, a double.

Ross returns home Saturday for a doubleheader against Elyria at Anderson Field. The first game begins at noon with the second game at approximately 2 p.m.

SCORE BY INNINGS

				R	H	E
Ross	100	410	0—6	8	1	
LaSalle	043	330	x—13	12	1	

BATTERIES: Kevin Casey, Warren Stout (5), and Mark Matthews, Tony Ruiz (5); John Smith, Mike McMahon (5), and Bill Ballman

WP: Smith; LP: Casey

Ross rips Elyria twice

Ross shook off a seven-game losing streak by bouncing Elyria in both ends of a Saturday twin bill at Anderson Field.

In the opener, Ross scored three runs in the last two innings to trim the Pioneers 3-2 and then hung on for a 10-8 win in the nightcap.

Terry Norman of Elyria throttled the Little Giants on one hit for the first five innings of the opening game while holding a narrow 1-0 lead. Ross's Dave Ballenger had kept the Little Giants in the game with his right arm up to that point.

Ross got to Norman for a run in the sixth on Roger Berger's second hit of the game, an error on Pat Belch's attempted sacrifice bunt by first baseman John Golmar. John Kiser drilled a single to tie the game.

Elyria took the lead with a run in the seventh but with one out in the bottom of the inning, Ross catcher

Mike McGilton walked, Kevin Casey, who had relieved Ballenger in the top of the inning, singled, and Berger walked to load the bases. Belch's sacrifice fly tied the game and Kiser walked to load the bases.

Jerry White, who had fanned twice against Norman, got revenge by singling in the winning run.

In the nightcap, Ross scored twice in the first inning on a double by Berger, and singles by White and Kiser. In the second, Kim Stout's double touched off a four-run inning. White tripled, and McGilton, Jed Davis, and Berger singled for the four runs.

Elyria scored four runs in the fifth on four hits with Paul Sunagel's triple the big hit. Ross countered with one in the bottom of the inning and scored what proved to be the winning runs with three runs in the sixth.

After White had singled, stole

second, and scored on Stout's single in the fifth, Davis doubled to start the Ross sixth. Casey, who had once again taken over in relief, this time for starter Kiser, was safe via the error route on an attempted bunt. Berger, Belch, and White all followed with run producing singles.

Berger finished the second game with three for three while White was four for four with three RBIs.

FIRST GAME

Ross 3, Elyria 2

SCORE BY INNINGS

	R	H	E
Elyria	010	000	1-2 5 2
Ross	000	001	2-3 5 3

BATTERIES: Terry Norman and Oney Fitzpatrick; Dave Ballenger, Kevin Casey (7), and Mike McGilton

WP: Casey; LP: Norman

SECOND GAME

Elyria	000	040	4-8 11 1
Ross	240	013	x-10 15 2

BATTERIES: Larry Greene, Bob White (4), and Tim Hauke; John Kiser, Casey (5), Belch (7), and McGilton

WP: Kiser; LP: Greene



ROSS'S DAVE BALLENGER DELIVERS A PITCH IN FIRST GAME



JERRY WHITE



ROGER BERGER

Double win for Fliers

CLYDE — The Clyde boys and girls track teams each captured the team championships at the Clyde Relays held here Saturday.

The Clyde boys edged Eastwood 47-45 to capture the championship for the third straight time. The relays were

Clyde also set a record in capturing the two-mile relay with Kevin Hardy, Ray Guerrero, Tom Brixen and Jerry Hansen finishing in 8:28.9. The previous mark was of 8:29.095 was set by Clyde in 1968.

The Clyde girls finished first in five of

Ross whips Tiffin

TIFFIN — Ross exploded for 15 hits and an 11-6 win over Columbian Tuesday. It was the third straight win for the Little Giants after seven straight losses.

The Little Giants scored four runs in the second, added three more in the third, and put the game out of reach with three in the final inning.

Dave Ballenger, Kevin Casey, Pat Belch, and John Kiser shared mound duties for Ross with Ballenger getting the win. Fred Smith, the first of two Columbian pitchers, took the loss.

Tony Ruiz and Ray Long supplied the bulk of the Ross offensive attack. Ruiz singled three times for three RBIs and Long doubled and singled twice. Pat

Belch and Roger Berger had a pair of hits as did catcher Mike McGilton. One of Belch's hits was a double. Mark Matthews and Kim Stout doubled for Ross's other extra base hit.

Tom Stacy and Rod Hall were Columbian's big hitters with Stacy getting a double and a single and Hall, two singles.

Ross's next game will be Friday at Anderson Field against Findlay. Game time is approximately 4:15 p.m.

SCORE BY INNINGS

						R	H	E
Ross	043	010	3—	11	15	2		
Columbian	100	023	0—	6	6	3		

BATTERIES: Dave Ballenger, Kevin Casey (4), Pat Belch (5), John Kiser (7), and Mike McGilton; Fred Smith, Randy Stinch (5), and Tom Stacy
WP: Ballenger; LP: Smith

Trojans club Ross 13-3

The Ross High School baseball team started out with a bang Friday night, but then left the rest of the fireworks for the Findlay Trojans in a Buckeye Conference baseball game.

Ross took a 3-0 lead at the end of the first inning, but a 16-hit attack and six-run innings in the second and fifth, lifted Findlay past the Giants 13-3.

Findlay, which raised its season record to 11-0, had two players with three hits and five who collected two. Brian Wisner and Steve Reichenbach were the Trojans who had three hits. Bob Graham had a

solo home run off Ross starter and loser Dave Ballenger in the third inning.

The Little Giants scored all three of their runs and three of their four hits in the first inning off winning pitcher Randy Smith. Roger Berger led off the Ross first with a single. Pat Belch bunted and a wild throw scored Berger and moved Belch to third. Jerry White singled home Belch and then moved to second on a sacrifice bunt by John Kiser. Kim Stout then drove in White with a single for the third Ross run.

Smith, going the distance for

Findlay, issued two walks and recorded five strikeouts. Pitchers Ballenger, Kevin Casey and Warren Stout combined for five walks and three strikeouts for Ross.

The defeat lowers the Ross season record to 3-8 and 2-3 overall in the Buckeye Conference but in the BC Western Division, Ross is 0-3.

SCORE BY INNINGS

			R	H	E
Findlay	061	060	0-13	16	1
Ross	300	000	0-3	4	2
BATTERIES: Smith and Lambert; Ballenger, Casey (5), Stour (7) and McGilton					
WP: Smith; LP: Ballenger					



ROGER BERGER (19) OF ROSS BEATS THE THROW TO FIRST BASEMAN BRIAN WISNER OF FINDLAY

Little Giants split

John Kiser and Ray Long took matters into their own hands Saturday at Anderson Field in the first game of a Ross twinbill with Lima Senior.

Kiser fired a no-hitter at the previously unbeaten (9-0-1) Spartans while Long lined a Bob Clitpwyer pitch over the leftfield fence for a first inning grand slam homer to account for all the scoring in a 4-0 Ross win. In the second game, the Spartans scored two runs in the fifth inning to tie the game and then won it 3-2 with a run in the top of the 11th inning.

Kiser, a senior right-hander, fanned three batters, walked four, and was given excellent support in the field by his Little Giants teammates. Ross had only one error on a field that was muddy in spots.

Roger Berger singled but was erased at second on a Pat Belch grounder to the box in the Ross first inning. Jerry White and Kiser singled to load the bases, however, before Long hammered a two-strike pitch by Clitpwyer into the wind for his bases-clearing game winner.

In the second game, Ross jumped on Lima Senior left-hander Bruce Marshall for two first inning runs. With one down, Belch singled off the curve-balling lefty but stayed at first as Kiser fanned. Long lined a ball to center and Spartan centerfielder John Crisp fell allowing Belch to score as Long stopped at second with a double.

White popped to center but the wind blown ball bounced out of the glove of Crisp and Long scored what proved to be the final run of the game for Ross.

Lima Senior put together three hits off Ross starter Warren Stout in the fifth to tie the game. Ron Zapp doubled for the big hit. Pat Belch came on for Ross to stop the Spartan rally.

Roger Hollingsworth took over for Marshall in the seventh and the two teams matched zeros until the 11th. Ross had runners on second and third with one down in the eighth but Hollingsworth got out of the inning on two ground balls.

In the top of the 11th, Ron Howard led off with a single for Lima Senior, took second on a sacrifice bunt by Bill Bowman and went to third as Belch's pickoff attempt sailed into centerfield. Zapp laid a suicide squeeze bunt down the first base line to score Howard.

Ross is now 4-9 for the season while the Spartans are 10-1-1.

FIRST GAME SCORE BY INNINGS

				R	H	E
Lima Senior	000	000	0-0	0	0	2
Ross	400	000	x-4	5	1	

BATTERIES: Bob Clitpwyer and Bruce Arthur; John Kiser and Mike McGilton

WP: Kiser; LP: Clitpwyer

SECOND GAME (11-innings)

Lima Senior	000	020	000	01-3	9	2
Ross	200	000	000	00-2	7	1

BATTERIES: Bruce Marshall, Roger Hollingsworth (7), and Arthur, Warren Stout, Pat Belch (5), and McGilton

WP: Hollingsworth; LP: Belch



JOHN KISER



RAY LONG

Waltrip's 'show' tops Virginia 500

MARTINSVILLE, Va. (AP) — Darrell Waltrip says his third career Grand National stock car victory — in the 21st annual Virginia 500 — “is the kind of show we thought we were gonna put on at Martinsville two weeks

ago. It was a surprise to the crowd of 32,000 that Yarborough even finished, for the rear end of his car was mashed in severely when he was involved in a wreck early in the race.

Yet, at the end, he was the only challenger

Unbeaten Whitmer nicks Ross 8-7

TOLEDO — Whitmer scored a run in the bottom of the fourth inning to defeat the Ross Little Giants 8-7 in high school baseball play Wednesday.

The win was the 15th against no losses for Whitmer while Ross's record sank to 4-10.

Ross scored six runs in the third inning to take a 7-5 lead but two runs in the bottom of the inning by Whitmer deadlocked the game.

The Little Giants' Tony Ruiz started the Ross third with a walk. Singles by Roger Berger, Pat Belch, Jerry White, Ray Long, and John Kiser produced four runs while an error by Whitmer second sacker John Polsten on a Kim Stout grounder allowed another run to cross the plate. The final Ross run of the frame trotted across on a bases loaded walk to starting pitcher Dave Ballenger.

"We out hit 'em (10-7)," Little Giants' Coach Ed Platzer pointed out, "and we played good defense but our pitching has to get better."

Whitmer scored seven of its runs off Ballenger before Kevin Casey relieved the junior right-hander in the third inning. Casey, a left-hander, cut off the Whitmer rally but was nicked for the

winning run in the fourth.

"Casey threw well in relief," Platzer said. "I was pleased with his effort . . . it's a shame that he got the loss; he pitched well."

In the fourth, Whitmer starting pitcher Bob Rodenbaugh singled off Casey after one out. Tom Dunn followed with another single but both runners held on Tim Burden's fly to Berger in left. The runners moved up a base as a pitch got away from Casey and Rodenbaugh scored the winning run on an error by Belch at shortstop.

Brian Stiff slammed a three-run homer in the second for Whitmer.

Belch led Ross's 10-hit attack with two singles and a double for one RBI. Long had two singles and two RBIs and Kiser stroked a pair of singles for one RBI.

Ross will travel to Findlay Friday for a Buckeye Conference Western Division clash and will return home on Saturday to host Lorain Senior in a doubleheader.

SCORE BY INNINGS

				R	H	E
Ross	106	000	0-7	10	2	
Whitmer	232	100	x-8	7	2	

BATTERIES: Dave Ballenger, Kevin Casey (3), and Mike McGilton; Bob Rodenbaugh, Groford (3), and Tim Burden

WP: Groford; LP: Casey

Findlay clubs Ross 8-3

FINDLAY — The Findlay Trojans broke up a 3-3 tie in the bottom of the fifth inning with two runs and added three more in the sixth to defeat the Ross Little Giants 8-3 in a Buckeye Conference baseball game Friday night.

The victory is Findlay's 15th without a loss, while Ross drops to 4-11 and 2-4 in the Buckeye. Findlay handed Ross a 13-3 loss a week ago.

"Findlay is the best ball team we've played all year," said Ross coach Ed Platzer. Platzer feels the Trojans are stronger than the good teams Ross faced down in Cincinnati.

Jerry White and Mark Mathews each had two hits for Ross, with White getting a double. Tony Ruiz drove in a run with a double in the second and Ray Long helped Ross tie the game in the third with a triple.

John Kiser, who pitched a no-hitter against Lima his last time out, took the loss. He went the distance and gave up nine hits, one walk, and struck out one.

Winning pitcher Wayne Jefferies was relieved by John Settlemyer in the fifth. The two gave up seven hits, walked one and struck out seven.

Catcher Bob Lambert paced Findlay offensively with three singles and four RBI's.

Ross hosts Toledo St. John's on Wednesday in Class AAA sectional tournament action.

SCORE BY INNINGS

	R H E					
Ross	0	1	2	0	0	0
Findlay	3	7	2	x	8	2

BATTERIES: Kiser and McGilton; Jefferies, Settlemyer (5) and Lambert

Little Giants split twinbill with Lorain

Ross rallied to score eight runs in the final three innings and salvaged a split with Lorain Senior in a baseball doubleheader at Anderson Field Saturday.

The Little Giants grabbed the nightcap 9-8 after losing the first contest 10-7.

Held hitless for four and one-third innings in the night cap and trailing 3-1, the Little Giants came to life with two runs in the fifth to set up a big sixth inning in the nightcap.

Kim Stout singled for the first Ross hit to drive in two runs and tie the game at 3-3 in the fifth. Vince Contini had held the Little Giants in check until Stout's hit.

The tie lasted until the top of the sixth when Terry Orr slammed his first of two homers with a runner on base. The ball hit the top of the leftfield fence and bounded over.

In the bottom of the sixth, Ross pushed across five runs to take an 8-5 lead. Jed Davis singled after one out and Mike McGilton walked. Roger Berger's single scored one run and the runners moved up on Pat Belch's sacrifice. Jerry White walked to load the bases and Ray Long singled in one run to tie the game at 5-5. Stout slammed a double for two runs and the final run for the inning scored on an error.

Orr stroked a three-run homer to tie the game in the top of the seventh before Davis started the winning Ross rally in the bottom on the frame. Davis walked and went all

the way to third on McGilton's bunt single. Berger stroked a single to right to score the winning run.

In the first game, Ross outhit Lorain 14-5 but four errors cost the Little Giants. Lorain scored four runs in both the first and fifth inning while Ross countered with three in the first and three in the sixth before a rally fell short in the seventh inning.

Long stroked a three-run homer for Ross while White doubled and Stout tripled and singled twice.

Berger, Mark Matthews, McGilton, Davis, and White had two hits apiece for Ross.

First game

Lorain 10, Ross 7

Score by Innings

					R	H	E
Lorain	400	042	0-10	5	1		
Ross	300	003	1-	7	14	4	

BATTERIES: Don Scott, Frank Komar (6), and Rick Beal; Dave Ballenger, Kevin Casey (5), and Mike McGilton

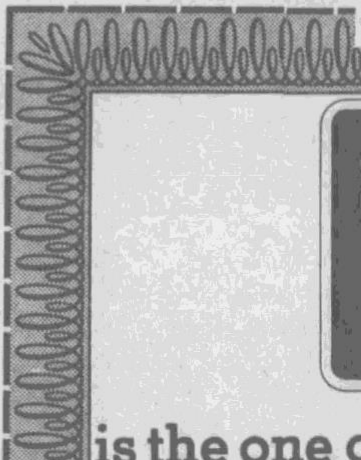
WP: Scott; LP: Casey

Second game

Lorain	003	002	3-8	10	3
Ross	000	125	1-9	6	2

BATTERIES: Wince Contini, Dave Presutto (6), and Beal; Pat Belch, Warren Stout (7), Casey (7), and Jerry White, McGilton (6)

WP: Casey; LP: Presutto



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Giants lose to Sandusky

SANDUSKY — Ross fell victim to a seven-run second inning by Sandusky while absorbing a 9-5 setback here in high school baseball Tuesday.

Ross banded out 12 hits but the Blue Streaks made the most of five hits, two Ross errors and three walks by Little Giants' pitchers Kevin Casey and Dave Ballenger.

Paul Tigges tripled with the bases loaded in the second inning for Sandusky's big hit. Casey was bombed off the mound in the frame with Ballenger coming on to quiet the uprising.

Pat Belch and Tony Ruiz had three hits apiece for Ross with Belch driving in two runs and Ruiz one. Jerry White had a pair of hits for one RBI for the Little Giants.

Bob Moore hurled the first five innings to pick up the win for the blue Streaks.

Ross is slated to play Toledo St. John's this afternoon at Anderson Field in a Class AAA Sectional Baseball Tournament game. The first pitch is scheduled for 4:30 p.m.

SCORE BY INNINGS

			R	H	E
Ross	201	011	0-5	12	2
Sandusky	070	011	x-9	5	2

BATTERIES: Kevin Casey, Dave Ballenger (2), and Mike McGilton; Bob Moore, Paul Biddle (5), and John Peters

WP: Moore; LP: Casey

Ross wins 10-1

Pat Belch, Kevin Casey, and Warren Stout teamed up to hurl a five-hitter as Ross defeated Sandusky 10-1 in a high school baseball game played at Ross High School Tuesday.

The Little Giants hopped on Sandusky starter Paul Panrou for four runs in the first inning and came back to plate six more runs in the fifth. Belch and Casey lost their shutout in the top of the seventh.

Kim Stout had three hits in five trips to the plate and drove in four runs for the Little Giants. One of Stout's hits was a double. Ray long had three hits and one RBI for Ross while Jerry White and Belch both had a pair of hits. White drove in two runs his base hits.

Mark Matthews had a pair of hits, also for Ross and Jed Davis drove in a pair of runs with two hits to round off Ross's 14-hit attack.

The win was the seventh in 21 games for Ross this season.

SCORE BY INNINGS

	R H E				
Sandusky	000	000	1—	1	5 4
Ross	400	060	x—	10	14 3

BATTERIES: Paul Panrou, Moore (4), Conrad (5), and Peters; Pat Belch, Kevin Casey (6), Warren Stout (7), and Jerry White

WP: Belch; LP: Panrou

Ross alive in BC battle

MANSFIELD — Ross improved its chance to reach the Buckeye Conference baseball playoffs

Priddy wins Class A 440

BUCYRUS — Jerry Priddy of Old Fort won the 440-yard dash at 51.7 in the Class A sectional track meet at Wynford High School Saturday.

Priddy and the mile relay team of Old Fort qualified for the district meet. The mile relay team placed fifth.

Old Fort was in a tie for 11th out of 17 in the team standings with 12 points.

TEAM STANDINGS: New London, 88; Ashland Crestview, 87; Riverdale, 53; Buckeye Central, 51; Wynford, 41; Western Reserve, 22; Hopewell-London, 20; South Central and Norwalk St. Paul, 18; Monroeville, 17; Old Fort and Vanlue, 12; Seneca East, 11; Plymouth and Danbury-Lakeside, 6; Carey, 2; Lucas, 0.

with a doubleheader split with Mansfield Senior Saturday.

Ross won the first game 7-2 behind the five-hit pitching of John Kiser but lost the rain shortened nightcap 5-1.

Ross is now 1-3 and third in the Western Division of the BC, one game behind Marion Harding. The Little Giants have a doubleheader with Harding this Saturday at Marion and need to sweep both to keep alive for the playoffs.

Kiser fanned 10 but walked six in the first game win. Jerry White ripped a two-run homer and a double to drive in three RBIs to pace Ross's 10-hit attack. Pat Belch doubled and singled to drive in two more Ross runs.

Mark Matthews singled

twice for an RBI with Roger Berger and Kim

Stout contributing RBI singles in the victory.

Ross scored three runs in the third and added two more in the fourth.

In the nightcap, Mansfield scored three runs in the second and two in the third to whip Ross. Brady Fry gave up only two hits to Ross in the shortened game.

Belch, who started the game on the mound for Ross and took the loss, singled and Matthews doubled for Ross's only hits. Ray Long was hit with a pitch to force in Ross's only run in the fifth inning.

First game
Ross 7, Mansfield 2
Score by innings

				R	H	E
Ross	003	200	2-7	10	1	
Mansfield	002	000	0-2	5	3	

BATTERIES: John Kiser and Jerry White; Mike Woogerd and Jeff Cassaway

WP: Kiser; LP: Woogerd

Second game
Mansfield 5, Ross 1 (5 innings)

Ross	000	01-1	2	3
Mansfield	032	00-5	6	1

BATTERIES: Pat Belch, Kevin Casey (5), and Mike McGilton; Brady Fry and Cassaway

WP: Fry; LP: Belch

Watch For

Eight-run inning KOs Little Giants

The Ross High School baseball team fell victim to an eight-run fourth inning and lost 10-3 to Bowling Green Wednesday night at Anderson Field.

Ross pitchers John Kiser and Dave Ballenger, who relieved Kiser in the fourth, walked five batters in the disastrous inning. Steve Messenger, who led Bowling Green with three hits in five times up, had a two-run single in the inning, as did winning pitcher Dave Beattie. Doug Adams also drove in a run with a single. He had three hits in four times up.

Ross scored all of its runs in the fifth inning. A two-run double by Jerry White and a triple by Jed Davis were the big hits. Davis scored on a passed ball after his triple.

Beattie pitched the distance for Bowling Green and surrendered six hits, four walks and struck out two. Ross pitchers combined for five walks and four strikeouts, with all of the walks coming in the fourth.

The Giants are now 8-16 for the season and travel to Bellevue tonight before visiting Marion Harding Saturday in a big doubleheader. Ross needs to sweep two from Marion to gain a spot in the Buckeye Conference playoffs.

SCORE BY INNINGS

				R	H	E
Bowling Green	100	800	1-10	11	1	
Ross	000	030	0-3	6	2	

BATTERIES: Beattie and Adams; Kiser, Ballenger (4) and McGilton

WP: Beattie ; LP: Kiser

Twin bill split ends Ross season

MARION — Ross fell a game short in its bid to reach the Buckeye Conference baseball playoffs Saturday. The Little Giants, needing a sweep of a doubleheader against Marion Harding, won the first game 10-4 but fell 7-1 in the second contest.

"I was pleased with the way the kids played," Ross Coach Ed Platzer said, "they never quit — they played two fine games."

The twin bill split ended Ross's season at 9-17 and 2-4 in the BC Western Division.

In the first game, John Kiser hurled a seven-hitter and Jerry White slammed four hits in as many turns at the plate. One of White's hits was a two-run homer in the first inning to give the Little Giants an early 2-0 cushion.

White doubled in a run in the four-run Ross third inning. In that inning, Jed Davis doubled to clear the bases as Ross vaulted to a 6-0 lead.

Ray Long drove in two runs for Ross with a double in the fourth and bases loaded walk in the sixth. Roger Berger drove in two with a sacrifice fly and a bases loaded walk and Pat Belch doubled and singled in the nine-hit Ross attack.

Kiser struckout four and walked two. Doug Freese and Kevin Haines of Marion walked six Ross batters in the game.

Doug Guider, who was the Marion catcher in the first game, came out from behind the plate to stop Ross on only two hits in the nightcap. Marion gave Guider all the runs he needed with a three-run outburst in the second inning.

The only hits off Guider was in the sixth when Kim Stout and Pat Belch had back-to-back singles. Berger drove in the Ross run in that inning by hitting into a fielder's choice.

FIRST GAME

Ross 10, Marion Harding 4

SCORE BY INNINGS

				R	H	E
Ross	204	202	0—	10	9	1
Harding	002	200	0—	4	7	1

BATTERIES: John Kiser and Mike McGilton; Doug Freese, Kevin Haines (4), and Doug Guider

WP: Kiser; LP: Freese

SECOND GAME

Marion Harding 7, Ross 1

				R	H	E
Ross	000	001	0—	1	2	2
Harding	030	130	x—	7	7	1

BATTERIES: Dave Ballenger, Pat Belch (5), and McGilton; Doug Guider and Doug Freese

WP: Guider; LP: Ballenger

