

1961 District...

MARION NINE DOWND 4-3...

Ross Battles Maumee Here Monday In Finals Of Class AA District

NORTH ROBINSON, O. — A 4-3 come-from-behind victory over Marion Harding here Friday puts Fremont Ross in the District finals of Class AA baseball.

Ross, record now 40, takes on Maumee, Toledo area pre-District champion, in the District final at

4 p.m. Monday at Fremont's Anderson Field. Winner advances to the Lima Class AA Regional next Friday and Saturday.

Maumee probably will use fireballing right-hander Chuck Wagner on the mound. During tourney play in the Toledo area,

he hurled a no-hitter against Libbey and beat DeVilbiss in the finals.

Coach Cot Marquette probably will use Dick Dundore, senior left-hander, as his starter.

Dundore relieved Ross starter and winner Denny Ohm, junior right-hander, with a Marion runner on second and nobody out, Ross ahead 4-3, and preserved the District semifinal triumph for Ross yesterday.

Ohm was touched for three runs in the opening inning on a walk, infield hit, sacrifice and singles by Wolf and Larry Imbody. He settled down after that to pitch hitless ball until the sixth. Ohm was in trouble in the third but worked his way out.

Rog Rankin led off the Marion seventh with a double down the left field line, the fifth hit off Ohm. Marquette summoned Dundore from right field, the left-hander hurling a full game Thursday in beating Tiffin Calvert.

A key fielding play by Dundore damaged the Marion rally. Dundore pounced on a bunt try and nailed Rankin trying to go to third, Jackie White making the tag. Then the southpaw got a pinch-hitter on a fly ball and lead-off batter Ernie Robinson on a pop up to second baseman Maury Gnepper.

Marion right-hander Jack McGraw held Ross in check most of the game but shaky support lost him the game in the fourth.

All In Fourth

Ross scored all its runs in the fourth. After one out, Dan Moran walked. Gnepper drilled a single to center. Dundore grounded to short, Gnepper barely nipped on a force out and Moran advancing to third. With two out, Denny Stine doubled down the left field line bringing in Moran, Dundore moving to third. White hit a roller to second base, Larry Sims of Marion tossing wide to first, Dundore and Stine scoring on the two-base error. Chuck Hufford singled into center field, Marion's Wolf letting the ball roll through him for an error, White coming all the way home with what proved to be the winning run.

Hufford, a lefty swinger, had three straight hits against Tiffin and singled his first two times up against Marion for 5-for-5. On his last trip to the plate against Marion, he almost beat out a slow roller past the pitcher but McGraw just managed to tag on him.

Ohm struck out four, walked one. McGraw fanned 10, walked three. Ross threatened with the bases loaded in the sixth but failed to score.

Marion (3)		Fremont (4)	
	ab r h	ab r h	ab r h
Robinson,rf	3 1 0	Moran,cf	2 1 0
Bush,1b	2 1 0	Gnepper,2b	4 0 1
Merchant,3b	2 0 1	Stine,rf,p	1 0 1
Sims,2b	3 0 0	Stine,2b	3 1 1
Wolf,2b	3 1 1	White,3b	3 1 0
Imbody,1b	3 1 0	Rankin,if,rf	3 0 2
Rankin,2b	3 0 1	Stout,as	3 0 1
Loesla,if	2 0 0	Ripple,1b	2 0 0
Stine,if	1 0 0	Ohm,p	3 0 0
McGraw,p	2 0 0	Edwards,if	0 0 0
b-Maynard	1 0 0		
	25 3 5		24 4 7

a—Reached base on fielder's choice for Loesla in 7th.
b—Flied out for McGraw in 7th.

Score by Innings:..... 309 009 0-3 5 2
Ross 004 009 2-4 7 1

Errors—Stine, Wolf, Ripple. Runs batted in—Stine, Wolf 2, Imbody. Doubles—Dundore, Gnepper, Ohm. Walks—Ohm 4, McGraw 10. Walked by Ohm, McGraw 3. Hits off Ohm—5 for 3 runs in 6 innings, 1 hit off McGraw—0 for 0 runs in 1 inning. Hits off McGraw—1 for 1 runs in 6 innings. Winning pitcher—Ohm (2-0). Losing pitcher—McGraw. Umpires—Wiser (P), Hippler (B).

Ross District Bid Fails

Maumee Hurler

Fans 19 In

4-1 Victory

Ross high bats were quiet against senior right-hander Chuck Wegner of Maumee Wednesday in the Class AA District baseball final at Anderson Field.

Maumee won the game 4-1, the District championship trophy and a trip to the Class AA Regional semifinals against Lima Senior at Holgate Friday.

Ross was awarded the District runnerup trophy.

Wegner, star quarterback on the Maumee football team, fired strikes past 19 Ross batters (getting four strikeouts in one inning when Dick Dundore, who whiffed, reached first when he swung on a wild pitch, the ball getting by the Maumee catcher), tossed out two runners who hit back to the mound and got Jack White on a popup to third.

Maumee's record is now 11-1. Ross 4-1. Only Maumee loss was to Lake during the regular season, Wegner drawing the setback. His mound record is 6-1. Several major league scouts have been looking over Wegner, a plus 6-footer who weighs about 183 pounds. The Maumee mound ace throws a blazing fast ball, a sharp breaking curve, has a good change-up and also tosses an occasional knuckle ball.

All of the runs in the game were unearned. Dundore, Ross senior left-hander, hurled a fine game himself but was hurt by his own wild pitch and five Ross errors. Dundore allowed only four singles, all in different innings, struck out 10 and walked four. Wegner gave up two walks and had two wild pitches.

Only Hit
Only hit for Ross was a clean single to left in the first inning by senior catcher Denny Stine which drove in Dan Moran with the lone Ross run. Moran, lead-off hitter, reached second on a two-base throwing error by the Maumee third baseman. Stine singled him home to tie the score 1-1 after one frame.

Maumee had tallied a run in the first when the visitors loaded the bases with none out on a walk, single by Bob Hoag and a Fremont error. Dundore worked himself out of a hole by retiring the next two batters but then uncorked a wild pitch, Hoag scoring.

In the Maumee fourth, a walk, single by Wegner and another walk loaded the bases with one out. Stine tried to pick the Maumee runner off third, the ball hitting the runner and bounding into left field, run scoring. A walk, two Fremont errors and a single by Mike Baumhower brought in two more Maumee runs in the fifth.

Wegner retired Ross on strikes in the second, third, fourth and sixth innings. He had two singles at bat.

Maumee (4)	Fremont (1)
2b	ab r h
Hoag, c	2 1 1
Moffet, ss	3 0 0
Donnelly, 3b	3 0 0
Fording, 1b	4 1 0
D. Roberts, ff	4 0 0
Baumhower, rf	1 0 0
Wegner, p	3 0 2
Ball, cf	2 0 0
	b-Jaderstrom, 1 0 0
	Hoag, c, 1 0 0
	Hufferd, rf 2 0 0
2b 4 4	24 1 1

a-Walked for Stine in seventh.

b-Struck out for Edwards in seventh.

Score by innings:

Maumee	Ross
100	100
120	000
0-4	5-1
4-1	5

Errors—Donnelly, Stine, Baumhower, Hart, Hart, Baumhower, Stolen bases—1, Roberts, Donnelly. Struck out by—Wegner 19, Dundore 10, Fording 1, Baumhower 4, Donnelly 4. Winning pitcher—Wegner (6-1). Losing pitcher—Dundore (2-1). Walks—Pitches—Wegner 10, Dundore 10. Umpires—Bridzinski (p), Hart (b), Gruse (b).

ADDED NOTES — Game was played under adverse weather conditions, a raw wind blowing and temperature near freezing. John Titsworth, tourney manager, awarded the trophies. The District runnerup trophy marked the 34th straight year that Ross high has won at least a District trophy in some sport.