

Ross opens today

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Two veterans will lead Ross as the Little Giants open the 1985 high school baseball season today at Bellevue.

Chris Simmons and Mark Miesle, both two-year lettermen, are the veterans that first-year Coach Dan Fought will form his team around.

Simmons will open at first base while Miesle will be at shortstop.

"We have a good attitude," Fought said about his first team, "but I would like to see more aggressivness. I think the kids are too laid back when thinking about baseball.

"I want them to be on the attack (mentally)," Fought explained. "We have to go after people.

"I feel that we are inexperienced but I feel that we should improve as we get into the season."

With Simmons and Miesle, both seniors, in the lineup, Fought will go with senior Jim Kline at catcher, Mike Shoemaker at third and Scott Weber at second, both are juniors.

In the outfield, Brett Logan will be in left and John White in right. Lee Sanchez will anchor the outfield in center. Sanchez is a senior while the other two are juniors.

Kenny Henry, a senior, will open on the mound for the Little Giants in the season opener.

A trio of juniors — Alan Humbarger, Logan and Bill Taylor — are also in Fought's pitching plans.

Senior Tracy Turner is one of the infield utility men Fought will be using. He will play at any of the infield slots. The most versitle player, Fought says, is sophomore Mike Hrynciw.

"He will play in the outfield as well as the infield and he can catch," Fought said. "Plus he may be used as the designated hitter."

Fought, a graduate of Findlay College just last spring, says he got the head coaching job quicker than he expected but he feels no pressure to work any miracles with the Ross program.

"The only pressure I will have will come from within myself," he said.