

Stine, Level Star In 4-3 Win Over Rossford; Barberton Foe In State

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LIMA — There were several glossy stars in Fremont Ross high's come-from-behind 4-3 victory over the Rossford Bulldogs in the Class AA Regional baseball finals here Saturday that advanced the Little Giants to the state finals this weekend in Columbus.

Brightest of the stars were freshman Denny Stine and senior veteran John Level.

Stine, hitless in five official trips to the plate in his limited activity this season, registered his first safety in the bottom of the sixth inning Saturday and it was a BIG one. He measured one of Rossford pitcher Bill Kuzyk's deliveries for a long home run to deep left-center field that won the ball game for Ross.

Fremont had rallied from a 3-0 deficit after an inning and a half to tie the score 3-3 at the end of five frames.

With two out and the bases empty in the sixth, Stine, ninth hitter in the Giant's' batting order, walloped his "on to Columbus" blow.

Level followed starter Gary Bierly and a tired Doug Gallagher to the mound in the second inning, pitched 5 1-3 innings of no-run, three-hit ball to record his first victory of the season. He had been charged with Ross high's only losses—two—this spring.

It was a "gutty" performance by Level, who proved once again his fiery, competitive spirit.

The big guy with "the big heart" survived an almost fatal misjudged fly ball to weather constant Rossford threats in his plus five innings.

Level On Mound

Level took over on the mound with two out and two Rossford runners on base. Dick Fix, Rossford shortstop, lifted an easy fly to center field but Ross outfielder John Kelly, apparently bothered by the sun, let the ball elude him, Fix being credited with a double as two runs scored (both charged to Gallagher who put the batsmen on base with walks). Fix was out trying to reach third, Level intercepting him with a diving charge.

Rossford put men on base every inning from the third through the sixth but Level, with amazing coolness, squelched every rally.

After Stine's clout gave Ross a one-run edge, Level retired the Bulldogs in order in the seventh.

The Little Giants, prodded by Head Coach Lawrence Doren and Assistant Coach Pete Michaels, demonstrated championship ability by battling back after Rossford gained its three-run margin.

The Bulldogs opened up against Bierly with singles by leadoff batter Fix and Tom Sattler. Fix stole and reached third on Sattler's single, Sattler going to second on the throw. Doren replaced Bierly with Gallagher.

It wasn't the brilliant left-hander's day, however. His no-hit effort for six innings Friday against Grandview apparently affected Gallagher. The portsider appeared tired and, although throwing hard, lacked his usual sharp control.

Gallagher fanned the third and fourth Rossford hitters but, while pitching to Ray Dickinson of the Bulldogs, Fix stole home with the first run of the game. Dickinson then grounded out.

In Rossford's second inning, Gallagher struck out the leadoff batter but walked Kuzyk. He fanned Bill Tinney but then walked Tom Losonsky. Doren decided it was time to bring in Level, Gallagher moving to first base.

Level, great when the chips were down in football and basketball, came through again on the diamond. He struck out four, walked three and thwarted all Rossford bids.

Teammates backed up Level with timely hitting and some nifty fielding plays. Ross was errorless in the field.

With runners on second and third and two out in the third, Ross shortstop Mark Walter made a fine stop of a hard-hit grounder and his accurate throw to Gallagher nipped the runner by a step. Kelly made up for his early fielding lapse by gathering in Losonsky's long blast in the fourth.

A "right-on-the-button" toss by Fremont catcher Roger Mann nipped a Rossford runner trying to steal second in the sixth. Mann, by the way, turned in sparkling efforts behind the plate both Friday and Saturday.

Ross Scores Twice

Ross hitters went to work in the

second to tally two runs. Level walked, went to second on Chuck Houdeshell's single and scored on Harry Walter's single to left, Houdeshell going to third and H. Walter to second on Losonsky's wide toss to the plate. Houdeshell scored on a passed ball. Ross wasted opportunities the rest of the second inning and in the third.

Stine led off the fifth frame with a walk. On Mann's successful sacrifice, Stine reached second and when he saw nobody covering third, he alertly scotched to the uncovered sack. Bierly then rammed a liner over the first baseman's head to plate with the tying run.

Stine's tremendous liner to left center in the sixth settled the issue.

Bierly, with one-for-two, upped his team leading batting average to .447 on 17 hits in 38 trips.

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Rossford's nine, well-coached by Myron (Brick) Long, was a rugged, tough competitor. The Bulldogs bowed out with a 12-4 record.

Kuzyk, loser of several low-run games this season, hurled creditably, giving up only four hits, striking out seven and walking five.

Although guilty of two errors, the Bulldogs fielded other chances with assurity.

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A large gallery of Fremont and Rossford fans were on hand in Faurot Park to back their clubs. An estimated 500 fans were in attendance.

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State finals in Columbus are scheduled Friday and Saturday afternoon.

Ross Vs Barberton

Fremont Ross (12-2) vs Barberton, winner in the Bridgeport Regional finals 4-3 over Lancaster Saturday, at 2 p. m. this Friday at the Ohio State university diamond area. On another OSU diamond, other state finalists Cincinnati Elder (17-3) vs Euclid (18-3) also at 2 p. m. Friday.

Finals Saturday start at 2 p.m.

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It would be a nice happening for Ross to win the state crown for Coach Doren who is retiring as baseball coach at the end of the season.

Rossford (3)				Fremont (4)			
	ab	r	h		ab	r	h
Fix, ss	4	1	2	Mann, c	3	0	0
Sattler, 1b	3	0	1	Kelly, cf	3	0	0
Davenport, c	3	0	0	Bierly, p, 3b, lf	2	0	1
Kovach, 2b	3	0	1	Level, 1b, p	2	1	0
Dickinson, rf	3	0	1	Houdeshell, rf	2	1	1
Jarosi, 3b	3	0	0	H. Walter, 2b	3	0	1
Kuzyk, p	2	1	0	M. Walter, ss	2	0	0
Tinney, cf	1	0	0	Walby, lf	0	0	0
Losonsky, lf	2	1	0	Gallagher, p, 1b	2	0	0
				Stine, 3b, lf, 3b	2	2	1

Totals	24	3	5	Totals	21	4	4
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Score by innings:
Rossford 120 000 0—3 5 2
Fremont 020 001 1—4 4 0

Errors—Sattler, Losonsky. Runs batted in—Bierly, H. Walter, Stine, Fix 2. Double—Fix. Home run—Stine. Stolen bases—Fix 2, Sattler, Dickinson. Struck out by—Kuzyk 7, Level 4, Gallagher 4. Walked by—Kuzyk 5, Level 3, Gallagher 2. Passed ball—Davenport. Sacrifice—Gallagher, Mann. Hits off Level—3 for 0 runs in 5½ innings. Hits off Bierly—2 for 1 run in 0 innings. Hits off Gallagher—0 for 2 runs in 1½ innings. Hits off Kuzyk—4 for 4 runs in 6 innings. Winning pitcher—Level (1-2). Losing pitcher—Kuzyk (4-4). Umpires—Dutch Williams (P), Don Cheney (B).

N-M Tournament Resumes Tonight

Bowling resumes tonight in the ninth annual News-Messenger tournament at Paramount Alleys.

Starting the fifth of seven rounds, lineup Monday shows: Alleys 1 and 2, LeRoy Baumer vs Martin Birkholz; 3 and 4, Gene Mehling vs Chuck Baskey; 5 and 6, Pete Luc vs Steve Dohanos; 7 and 8, Dale Dentenmann vs Paul Nickels.

Entenmann leads with a 72.48 Peterson point system total.

WEEKEND FIGHTS

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San Diego, Calif. — Archie Moore, 195½, San Diego, outpointed Howard King, 195, Reno, Nev., 10 (non-title).

Albuquerque, N. M.—Jim Hegerle, 157, St. Paul, Minn., outpointed Ralph (Tiger) Jones, 158, Yonkers, N. Y., 10.

Hollywood, Calif.—Pete Kawula,