

Ross Baseballers To Go With New Coach, Rookies

Ross enters the 1962 baseball campaign with a new coach and only two regulars off last season's squad.

Don Purvis, a graduate of Bowling Green State university and former New York Yankee farmhand, is in his first season as head of the Giants' diamond activity. Purvis has only senior Chuck Hufford and junior Terry Stout back from last year's outfit that was hit hard by rainouts.

Hufford will man the hot corner and Stout is set at shortstop.

From that point on, Purvis informs, everything is up for grabs and positions likely will be handled by underclassmen.

Assisting Purvis this season is Hank Miesle, who played baseball for St. Joe and later for Fremont in the Ohio State league.

Rounding out the infield, Purvis names sophomores Dave George, Jerry Bender and John Whitaker as likely candidates for second base. However, Purvis is quick to point out that it is a bit early yet to make definite decisions as Ross has been working out only this week. Presently, there are 47 boys seeking berths and Purvis will cut his final squad down to around 20.

Bill Stull, a big, strong senior, and Alex Hyzer, a junior, will compete for the first base spot. Hyzer also is listed as a pitcher.

John Prosser, a junior, and Larry Ross, senior, are battling for the catcher's position. Purvis said there is a large turnout fighting for the three outfield berths and two who have looked good to date are Bob Sanford, junior, and Wayne Huffman, senior.

Along with Hyzer on the mound will be Bob Hite, sophomore; Jerry Brudzinski, junior; Mark Jaderstrom, senior; Dave Fleming, senior; and Mike Frantz, sophomore.

Overall, Purvis feels he may need more pitching strength but it appears he has a couple of power hitters in Prosser and Sanford. The infield seems fair but the outfield still is a question mark. The club's defensive status depends a great deal on sophomore potential, Purvis explained.

Ross opens its season April 9 with a home game against Huron. Purvis hopes to play 10 games in addition to tournament action.

Ross Schedule

April 9, Huron, home
April 10, Gibsonburg, there
April 13, Findlay, home
April 16, St. Joe
April 23, Calvert, home
May 3, St. Joe
May 9, Huron, there
May 11, Gibsonburg, home
May 15, Toledo Clay, there
May 17, Calvert, there
