

Spartans Make Sixth Trip To Finals:

Lima Cuts Ross State Bid

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LIMA — Now Fremont Ross and some of the other finalists in the Class 'AA' Regional baseball tournament in these here parts know what American League teams feel under the domination of the New York Yankees.

For the sixth consecutive spring Lima Senior high will journey to Columbus to present its case in the Ohio 'AA' baseball tournament finals. Lima earned another trek Saturday over the Ross Little Giants on Spartan dust.

Lima led all the way, scoring solo runs in the first, third and fourth innings and putting the game out of reach in the fifth with a three-run rally. The Spartans made sure of its regional title with two more runs in the sixth. Fremont scored an unearned run in the fifth.

Ross, which was seeking its first trip to the state since 1958 when lefty Doug Gallagher hurled here, made only two base hits off two Lima pitchers, Gary

LaRue, who went the first three innings, and lanky Bob Allen, who finished.

Ross bowed out of tourney play with a 13-1 record and Lima upped its season record to 15-0.

Lima showed its speed on the base paths, stealing nine bases including two thefts of home. The Spartans had a comfortable 6-1 lead in the sixth when they pulled off four stolen bases, two of home.

Ken Pasch opened Fremont's first inning with a sharp single to center and the blow raised the hopes of a good Fremont following. Russ Hagerty forced Pasch at second and later was picked off first base. Fremont's only other hit came in the third when with two out starting pitcher Mike Frantz drilled a single to right centerfield. Pasch hit a line drive to left to end the inning.

Ross got its run in the fifth when with one down Bob Sanford walked and was forced at second by Dave George. Jerry Slatter was hit by a pitch and both runners moved along on a wild pitch by Allen. Bob Shet-

enhelm, who replaced Frantz on the mound in the fourth inning, dribbled a grounder between short and third and the third baseman couldn't handle it and the ruling was an error. George scored.

Lima scored in the first on a triple by fleet Dave Reynolds and a ground ball.

The Spartans added a second run in the third on a walk to Jerry McDonald, a single by LaRue, a walk to Reynolds and a sacrifice fly off the bat of Darrell Hollar. The Lima third sacker drilled a fly to deep right and the wind carried it out to the fence. Pasch ran back and made a spectacular one-handed grab to rob Hollar of a home run. Lima scored again in the fourth on two singles and two bases on balls. Shetenhelm came on with runners on second and third and one out and inherited a two-ball count on McDonald. He walked that batter and passed LaRue to force in run No. 3. The Ross junior then settled down, found his control and retired the side.

Lima broke it open in the

fifth. Mike Poling reached second on an error. Roger Waben walked and both pulled off a double steal. Allen singled in Poling and Waben stopped at third. Allen stole second and followed Waben across the plate on McDonald's single.

Reynolds blopped a double to right to start the sixth, stole third and home. Hollar walked, stole second, went to third when Reynolds raced home and scored when he, too, swiped the plate.

Ross was retired in order in five of the seven innings. Lima went down 1-2-3 only in the second.

Lima pitchers did not walk a batter and struck out three. Ross moundsmen fanned one and walked five.

FREMONT				LIMA			
	ab	r	h		ab	r	h
Pasch rf	3	0	1	LaRue p	3	0	1
Hagerty ss	3	0	0	Reynolds cf	4	2	2
Binder c	3	0	0	Hollar 3b	2	1	0
Erch'br'er 3b	3	0	0	Poling 1b	3	1	1
Gabel 1b	3	0	0	Waben lf	3	1	1
Sanford lf	3	0	0	Dofy c	4	1	1
George 2b	3	1	0	Jacobs rf	4	1	1
Slatter cf	2	0	0	Rogge 2b	3	0	0
Frantz p	1	0	1	McDonald ss	2	1	1
Shetenhelm	1	0	0	Allen p	2	0	1
Hite	1	0	0				
Totals	26	1	2	Totals	30	8	9
Score by innings:							
FREMONT	000	010	0—1				
LIMA	101	132	x—8				