## Ross Pockets Sectional Crown

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NORTH ROBINSON-"Defense . . . credit our defense for the win."

Ross baseball coach Tom comment Thursday evening advantage of one of them. after his Little Giants edged In the second, Mike Lowery Ashland, 1-0, to win the North led off with a walk and went to Robinson Class AAA Sectional second on a passed ball. Roger Baseball Tournament. Hetrick then hit a ground ball to

10-3 mark, committed only one third base. nail-biting affair.

Giants.

the mound," Dorman said. "He inning. pitches down.

always in the right spot to make with none out.

threatened seriously three times between second and third when

each time the Little Giants kept March. The Ross second their cool and somehow got out baseman was tagged out, Burr

Dorman made that appropriate opportunities to score and took

The Ross nine, which upped its the shortstop who scooped up the season record to an impressive ball and tried to get Lowery at

error on 18 chances during the The Ross shortstop slid safely into third, putting runners at the The defense was corners with none out. Mike complemented by the pitching of Feasel took a base on balls, junior righthander Bob loading the sacks. After Al Davis Brudzinski, who relinquished struck out, Brudzinski rolled a just two safeties en route to his grounder to the shortstop, who third victory this spring. Big Bob chose to go for the force out at struck out four and walked eight third. Lowery rambled across while going the distance for the the plate for what proved to be the game-winning tally. Chuck "Bob has had better days on Lindsey grounded out to end the

was getting behind on the batters In the fifth, Lindsey started because he couldn't keep his things off with an infield grounder that went for an error, "Bob came through when he one of two the Ashland nine needed the pitches, though," committed during the game. Dorman added. "He would go 2 Greg Burr followed with an before settling down and forcing baseman relayed to second base the batter to hit the ball." for an attempted force on And when the Ashland batters Lindsey, but the speedy Little met the ball, it seemed like a Giant beat the throw, putting Ross defensive player was Ross runners on first and second

the putout. Dale Shoemaker flied out and Ashland, 8-6 this year, Lindsey was caught in a rundown

during the contest-in the first, he was caught off guard sixth and seventh frames — but following the first pitch to Scott of the inning unscathed. staying at first base. March then Ross had two good laced a single to left field, but Burr was tagged out trying to advance to third.

"We had a few good opportunities to break the game wide open," Dorman stated, "Our hitting hasn't been what it should be, though.

"When we had the runners in position to score we couldn't get the hits," he added. "But I'm just happy we won."

Ashland's biggest threat came in the seventh inning after Brudzinski had retired the first

John Humrichouser stroked a broken-bat single to left field and advanced to second on Billy Tucker's walk.

With Dorman and assistant coach Hank Miesle restlessly pacing the sidelines, Brudzinski got Mark Saner to fly out deep to Shoemaker in the right field.

Dan Bowersox, who went the route for Ashland allowing just and 0, and 3 and 0 on a hitter infield grounder that the third two Ross batters to hit safely, then stepped up to the plate with a chance of tying or winning his own ball game.

> But Big Bob wasn't to be denied. The "Bird," as his Ross teammates call him, reached back for that something extra and got Bowersox on three

located about a block down the

Admission will be 75 cents for

all ages.

"You've got to hand it to him." Dorman said. "Brudzinski pitched well when he needed to-he did a fine job."

Miesle indicated that the mound may have had something to do with Brudzinski's unusual wildness. That mound is perfectly sloped," Miesle said. "It's not easy to adjust yourself to that kind of mound."

first time his nine were able to Little Giant batters through come home victorious.

Ross coach said. "There's an not even playing as well as added incentive when a trophy is know how," the ecstatic Dorn waiting for you." The Little Giants were presented with the Sectional Championship trophy fellowing the victory.

Burr and March were the only Ross batters to nick Bowersox Dorman has taken the Little for hits. The stout righthander Giants to the sectional finals used an assortment of fast balls, and Hetrick. W-Brudzinski. L-Bowe.

three times, but this was the curves and sliders to baffle most of the game.

"I love to win trophies," the "We won this game and we related. "If we can get hitting and pitching together : do the right things on the ri days, there's no telling . . . "

The line score:

000 000 0-0 Ashland 010 000 x-1 Bowersox and Stratton; Brudz



ROSS' Roger Hetrick was still out Thursday even though the throw by an Ashlander infielder was high in this play at first base in Class AAA sectional championship game.

Ross won, 1-0, and advances to district play Tuesday at Lima against Lima Shawnee. (News-Messenger Photo)

## Next: Lima Shawnee

LIMA — Ross High, which won Lima Thursday with a 1-0 decision over Ashland, will play Lima Shawnee (11-10) in a Lima District semifinal game next Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.

Findlay, which won the Lima Upper Bracket championship, will meet either Mansfield Madison Mansfield Bracket title.

in the Lima District play for the Coach Body Works plant. championship Friday at 4 p.m. Travel on E. Kibbey St. until it

beat dead ends at S. Metcalf St. Travel Shawnee the North Robinson Class AAA Wapakoneta, 7-5, in its first across S. Metcalf St., jogging Lower Bracket Sectional sectional game before edging right and then left until you come to Heindel Ave. Turn right on Baseball Tournament Celina, 6-5, in the title contest. Heindel Ave. The ball park is

> Ross baseball followers traveling to Lima Tuesday for the Ross-Lima Shawnee contest are urged to follow the ensuing route to Simmons Field:

Leave Fremont, pick up. Madison or Mansfield Malabar in Interstate 75 and travel south to the other semifinal contest. Lima. Go through Lima to the 30and S exit. Turn west onto 30-S from Mansfield Malabar play today for the exit ramp, traveling past a the North Robinson Upper Howard Johnson's motel. Approximately 50 yards past the Findlay plays the North motel, the road forms a "Y" Robinson Upper bracket winner extending to the right and in the other Lima District straight ahead. Travel straight semifinal contest Tuesday at 4 ahead onto E. Kibbey St., the p.m. The two semifinal winners next landmark being the Superior