

Ross

Near-Perfect Ziemke Mound Job Wasted

"Chuck Ziemke pitched as well or better than in his two no-hitters." Those words of praise from Coach Don Purvis did not erase the fact Ross fell to Mansfield, 1-0, in the opener of the Buckeye Conference Western Division baseball tournament.

The opening game of the four-team tournament was played on the Clyde Community Park field. The location alone could have deprived Ross of victory. Long triples by Ken Knipp and Ziemke flew over the hill in left field of the fenceless diamond. Purvis said at least one by Knipp would have cleared the fence in Anderson field at Fremont.

Remainder of the tournament games were played at Anderson, but conflict with St. Joseph schedule moved the first game to Clyde.

Findlay survived as the Western Division champion when it stopped Marion, 4-2, and then topped Mansfield, 7-3, in the finals. Findlay now must play the Eastern Division Champion.

Ziemke had a perfect game going with one-out and two strikes on the batter in the sixth inning. The next pitch hit Mansfield's Tom Branham, number eight hitter in the lineup. Branham moved to second on a sacrifice and scored on the only hit allowed by Ziemke, a bloop over second base by lead off batter Jim Pagni.

In six innings Ziemke faced only 19 batters, gave up one hit, one run, walked none and struck out three. Purvis noted there was only one good ball hit off Ziemke. That was a line drive out at centerfielder Dennis Brudzinski by Tom Smith in the fourth inning. It was only one of three balls hit to the outfield against Ziemke.

Knipp led off with his triple in the second inning and was stranded by two strikeouts and a flyout to left field. Ziemke hit his triple with one out in the third and was caught trying to score on a ground ball.

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ROSS — M. Whatley, rf, 3-0-1; Brudzinski, cf, 3-0-0; Pickard, ss, 3-0-0; Knipp, c, 3-0-1; Zimmerman, if, 2-0-0; Pasch, lf, 1-0-0; S. Fausey, lb, 2-0-0; B. Fausey, 2b, 3-0-0; Johnson, 3b, 2-0-0; Ziemke, p, 2-0-1. TOTALS 24-0-3.

MANSFIELD — Pagni, lf, 3-0-1; Winbigle, lb, 3-0-0; Smith, 3b, 2-0-0; Hallabrin, cf, 2-0-0; T. Dean, SS, 2-0-0; Petty, c, 2-0-0; M. Dean, p, 2-0-0; Branham, rf, 1-1-0; McCoy, 2b, 2-0-0. TOTALS 19-1-1.

Score By Innings

ROSS	000 000 0—0-3-1
Mansfield	000 001 x—1-1-1

SO -Ziemke, 3; Dean, 13; BB-Ziemke, 0; Dean, 1.

3B-Knipp, Ziemke.



CHUCK ZIEMKE
Best Showing