



ROSS LETTERMEN. Seated, left to right, Gary Paxson, Scott Logan and Dave Shaffer; back row, Andy Rodenhauser, Coach Tim Pettorini and Scott Manahan.

Ross diamond crew opens today

Tim Pettorini wants to keep a good thing going.

That's the way he describes his hopes for the 1981 Ross baseball season which begins this afternoon when the Little Giants travel to Columbian for a 4:15 game.

"The kids have responded well the past few years," the Ross head coach said. "We've got things going in the right direction and we've been real competitive."

Last year's Little Giants were 14-7 overall, 4-2 in the Buckeye Conference, tying with Findlay for the title. From that team four lettermen return.

"I think we have some potential," Pettorini said. "We've got a good group of seniors who we're getting good leadership from and a strong junior class. If we put things together we'll be competitive."

Pettorini says that his team has some power, some speed and a strong pitching staff.

Gary Paxson, a center fielder

and one of the returning letter winners, batted over .400 a year ago with three home runs, Pettorini said. He was the leading hitter on the team and also led the squad in stolen bases.

Also back is Scott Manahan, a pitcher-first baseman who hit around .300 while playing just part-time in 1980. Manahan, an offensive tackle on the Ross football team, is a threat to crank one out of the ballpark at any time.

"We're expecting a big year out of him," Pettorini admitted.

Andy Rodenhauser and Scott Logan are two other letter winners from last year. Rodenhauser, a right fielder, hit .270 last year and Logan a shortstop-pitcher, batted .250 with three home runs and picked up six wins on the mound.

Pettorini says that Rodenhauser, Logan and Paxson can all hit the long ball for Ross. He also mentioned Jay Bowers as having good power.

Dave Shaffer, another letterman, can be used in the outfield or infield.

The pitching staff, however, is what Pettorini thinks will be the strength of the 1981 Ross club.

"We've had four scrimmages and nobody's hit the ball real hard," he said. "I'm real tickled with the pitching staff right now."

Manahan and Logan will be two right-handers on the staff and John Rios will be the southpaw.

Rios, a junior, throws the ball real hard according to Pettorini. He played on the junior varsity last year but was injured most of the time.

He will be counted on this year, Pettorini said.

Summing up the Little Giants' chances, Pettorini said, "We tied for the Buckeye Conference with Findlay last year and we're hoping to do at least that well this year."

Ross lost to Tiffin Columbian 6-4, picking up only three hits off winning pitcher Brian Morris. The Little Giants mounted a rally in the seventh, scoring three runs, but fell short.

Gary Paxson singled twice, scored two runs and had an RBI for Ross. Dave Shaffer singled in two runs in the seventh of Ross. Tony Wurm doubled and singled to drive in two Columbian runs and Bruce Morris had two singles and two RBIs.

Ross will host Lorain Saturday at Anderson Field in a doubleheader. The first game begins at 10 a.m.

Gibsonburg rolled out to a 10-1 lead through four



ROSS SHORTSTOP Brian Humbarger gets the big hop during second of a doubleheader from Lorain Admiral King.

High school baseball

Ross, Bears win two

John Rios' two-run triple in a five-run sixth inning helped propel Ross to a first game win during a doubleheader sweep Saturday in high school baseball.

The Little Giants came from behind to defeat Admiral King 9-8 in the first game of the twinbill and held on the nightcap for an 8-5 victory to raise their season record to 2-1.

In other area games, Gibsonburg won both ends of a twinbill from New Riegel 4-1 and 7-5.

Rios drilled three hits, scored twice and had the key hit in the sixth. An error and walk set up Rios' hit that cut the Admirals' lead to 8-6.

Jim Burkett was safe on a fielder's choice (Rios scored) and scored on Gary Paxson's double to knot the game at 8-8. Later in the frame, Paxson scored on the front end of a double steal for Ross's winning run.

Scott Manahan started but was relieved by Tom Pena with two outs in the fifth. Pena hurled perfect ball for the final seven outs to pick up the win.

Paxson had two hits,

scored twice and drove in two runs and Burkett doubled and had three RBIs for the Little Giants.

In the second game, Ross jumped out to an 8-0 lead with two runs in the second and fourth innings sandwiched around a four-run explosion in the third.

Winning pitcher Scott Logan was two for three and drove in three runs. He fanned six.

Andy Rodenhauser had two hits and an RBI.

In the Ross third, Paxson walked, was sacrificed to second and scored on Logan's single. Manahan walked, Rodenhauser singled in a run and after a sacrifice, the bases were loaded. Ross catcher Jay Bowers missed an attempted squeeze bunt but the ball got past the Admirals' catcher for another run. A wild pitch accounted for the final run of the Ross rally.

At Gibsonburg, Kevin Snider and Larry Arndt combined to limit New Riegel to two hits in the first game. Arndt hurled the final two innings with Snider picking up the win.

Arndt hammered his fifth homer, a two-run

shot, in the third inning. Larry Howell, Mark Rusher, Kreg Kirsch and Jeff Cantrell had two hits apiece for Gibsonburg. Both of Cantrell's hits were doubles.

Brian Nagy had a two-run single in the four-run sixth inning to insure the second game victory by the Golden Bears. Andy Kohler had a double in the six-hit Gibsonburg attack.

Gibsonburg is now 5-2 while New Riegel is even at 3-3.

First game
Ross 9, Admiral King 8
Score by innings

	R	H	E
Admiral	113	300	0-8 9 3
Ross	004	005	0-9 9 4

WP: Tom Pena (1-0) LP: Ron Higginbohm

Second game
Ross 8, Admiral King 5
Score by innings

	R	H	E
Admiral	000	020	3-5 4 4
Ross	024	200	x-8 9 4

WP: Scott Logan (1-0) LP: Bill Hilder

First game
Gibsonburg 4, New Riegel 1
Score by innings

	R	H	E
New Riegel	000	001	0-1 2 3
Gibsonburg	012	001	x-4 9 0

WP: Kevin Snider (1-0); LP: Mathias.

Second game
Gibsonburg 7, New Riegel 2

Ross pounds Maumee 16-5

MAUMEE — Jay Bowers had three hits including a grand slam and six RBI as Ross blasted Maumee 16-5 in a nonconference baseball game Thursday afternoon.

Bowers' grand slam came in the fourth as the Little Giants exploded for nine runs in the inning. Scott Logan, who was two for three with three RBI, also had a home run in the inning.

"We took it to them pretty good," said Ross coach Tim Pettorini. "It was just one of those games where everything we hit was a line drive in the hole."

Ross, which had 16 hits, took the lead in the second inning with two runs. The Little Giants added four more in the third to take a 6-0 advantage and then scored nine in the fourth. Their other run came in the fifth.

John Rios, in his first start, picked up the win, going four innings and striking out five.

"He pitched real well for us," Pettorini said. "For the first three innings he was real sharp. He threw the ball hard and over the plate."

Rios surrendered two runs in the fourth and was relieved by Tom Pena.

"He sat so long in that inning (as Ross scored nine runs) that he had just lost it (his rhythm)," Pettorini said.

Brian Humbarger had three hits and scored three times for Ross and Doug Gallagher added two hits, including a double, and also scored three times.

Ross will be back in action Saturday as the Little Giants travel to Lima for a doubleheader.

Ross 16, Maumee 5

SCORE BY INNINGS

			R	H	E
Ross	024	910	— 16	16	1
Maumee	000	230	— 05	5	3

WP: John Rios (1-0) LP: Fattys
Season record: Ross 3-1

High school baseball

Ross, St. Joe split; Genoa in OC finals

Fremont Ross and St. Joe split a pair of doubleheaders and Genoa advanced to the finals of the Ottawa County Tournament Saturday in high school baseball games.

Ross knocked off Lima Senior 8-2 in the first game but dropped the nightcap 5-1. St. Joe lost to South Amherst 4-3 in the opener but bounced back to take an 8-0 win in the second game. Genoa blanked Port Clinton 8-0.

Today, Ross is at Sandusky Perkins while Danbury-Lakeside is slated to play St. Joe at Anderson Field.

ROSS-LIMA SENIOR

Scott Logan tossed a four-hitter and slugged a homer and a triple for two runs to pace Ross's first game win.

Ross scored twice in the first, fourth, sixth and seventh innings.

Logan struckout six and walked five while settling for his second win in as many decisions.

Gary Paxson singled twice and Andy Rosenhauser had two hits, scored twice and drove in a run for Ross. Brian Humbarger had two hits and scored two runs and Jim Burkett doubled for two RBI for the Little Giants.

In the second game, Scott Manahan's second inning homer was the only Ross outbreak. The Little Giants had only three hits.

ST. JOE-SOUTH AMHERST

Joe Bollin of South Amherst laid down a squeeze bunt to score the seventh inning run that defeated St. Joe in the first game.

Rob Kerr, who had a four for four day in both games to raise his season average to .650, had three hits, a triple and two singles for the Crimson Streaks. Mark Coleman doubled and singled for two RBI.

In the second game, Coleman hurled a seven-hitter for the shutout. He also singled and tripled in the 11-hit St. Joe attack.

Ken Mosser doubled twice and singled for an RBI in the Streaks' win, the fifth in eight games.

In the fourth, St. Joe scored four times. Coleman tripled, Tony Chalet singled, Rob Young and Tim Barbour were safe on errors and Roger Darr and

Tom Halm followed with run scoring hits.

GENOA-PORT CLINTON

Randy St. John allowed only two hits and Genoa erupted for six runs in the third inning to put the Comets in Saturday's Ottawa County Tournament finals against Woodmore.

St. John fanned 10, at least one in each inning, walked five and allowed only three balls to be hit to the outfield. At one stretch, the final batter of the first inning, the side in the second and the first two hitters in the third, St. John's fanned six in a row.

The winning Comets pitcher also doubled and singled twice for an RBI. Dan Thompson drove in two with a pair of hits.

For Coach Bob Baird, the win was the 200th as the Genoa coach. He has lost 142 with four games ending in ties.

Saturday, Genoa will play Woodmore at 1 p.m. at Port Clinton. The consolation game between Port Clinton and Oak Harbor will begin at 10 a.m. If the Port Clinton field is unplayable, the games will be switched to Genoa.

FIRST GAME

Ross 8, Lima 2

SCORE BY INNINGS

				R	H	E
Ross	200	202	2-8	11	2	
Lima	110	000	0-2	4	5	

WP: Scott Logan (2-0); LP: Tullis.

SCORE GAME

Lima 5, Ross 1

SCORE BY INNINGS

				R	H	E
Ross	010	000	0-1	3	2	
Lima	010	040	x-5	8	1	

WP: Hempker; LP: Scott Manahan (0-1).

Season record: Ross 4-2.

FIRST GAME

South Amherst 4, St. Joe 3

SCORE BY INNINGS

				R	H	E
St. Joe	011	010	0-3	7	2	
South Amherst	101	100	1-4	4	3	

WP: Dereck Johnson; LP: Mark Gabel (0-1).

SECOND GAME

St. Joe 8, South Amherst 0

SCORE BY INNINGS

				R	H	E
St. Joe	200	420	x-8	11	1	
South Amherst	000	000	0-0	7	6	

WP: Mark Coleman (1-0); LP: Bryan Stevens.

Season record: St. Joe 5-3.

Genoa 8, Port Clinton 0

SCORE BY INNINGS

				R	H	E
Genoa	006	020	0-8	9	0	
Port Clinton	000	000	0-0	2	1	

WP: Randy St. John (2-1) LP: Rounds.

Season record: Genoa 3-6, Port Clinton 2-2.



ANDY RODENHAUSER OF ROSS SLIDES SAFELY INTO 3RD

Ross splits twin bill with NY team

Scott Manahan socked four hits and drove in three runs and Doug Gallagher scored three times to lead Ross to a 9-3 win in the first game of its doubleheader with Lewiston Porter of New York Wednesday.

In the nightcap, which was played in the rain, Lewiston scored three runs in the fifth to defeat Ross 7-4.

Tom Pena went the distance in the first game for Ross, allowing four hits, walking five and striking out one. It was his second win of the season.

FYRST swimmers in Florida for nationals

For the first time in four years, the Fremont Y Recreational Swim Team (FYRST) will be represented in the National Swimming Championships in Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

Five members of the team qualified and will begin competing today.

The members are Chris Black, Randy Penord,

Scott Lenke, Mark Lowther and Dawn Ridgely.

Penrod will swim the 100 and 200 freestyles and also the 100 and 200 butterfly. Black will compete in the 200 free, Lenke in the 100 breaststroke and Ridgely in the 200 freestyle.

Lowther, along with the three other boys, will swim in the 200 medley relay.

Ross scored a run in the bottom of the first but Lewiston tied it with a run in the second. Ross took the lead for good in the third, scoring three runs and then added four in the fourth. A run in the sixth finished the scoring for Ross.

Manahan was the top hitter with four and Scott Logan added three hits and two RBI. Gallagher added a hit and had two RBI.

Manahan added two hits in the second game, giving him six in a row. Dave Shaffer had a hit and three RBI and Jay Bowers added a home run in the second inning.

The second game was played in rain from the second inning.

"I hope I didn't catch pneumonia," said Ross coach Tim Pettorini. "We got pretty soggy."

Pettorini said that the Lewiston team is in Ohio on spring break and is playing four games. The coach is a former Toledo St. Francis baseball coach.

FIRST GAME SCORE BY INNINGS

			R	H	E
Lewiston	010	011	0-3	4	4
Ross	103	401	x-9	12	3

WP: Tom Pena (2-0) LP: Rick McGeough

SECOND GAME SCORE BY INNINGS

			R	E	E
Lewiston	301	030	0-7	11	1
Ross	011	200	0-4	7	3

WP: Stanton LP: Brian Farr (0-1)
Season record: Ross 6-3

Turpin nips Ross 3-2

CINCINNATI — Ross dropped its first game on a "spring swing" through here Friday. The Little Giants were defeated by Turpin 3-1 in the high school baseball game.

Ross scored first in the fourth but two runs in the fifth and an insurance tally in the sixth gave Turpin its 12th win in 19 games. Ross is 6-3.

John Rios and Scott Logan held Turpin to only two hits but 10 walks and two Ross errors hurt the Little Giants duo. The walks perturbed Coach Tim Pettorini.

"Ten walks," he began. "We had not had 10 walks in 10 games. I'm not going to say anything about the umpires but I thought Rios was very sharp and I thought Logan had good control."

Rios was charged with six walks and Logan, taking over in the fifth, walked four straight to force the third Turpin run.

Winning Turpin pitcher Steve Curran gave up only three hits — a double by Logan and a pair of "Baltimore chops" by Doug Gallagher and Rios.

Logan scored Ross's only run. Gallagher led off the fourth with his "chop" but was forced at second by Logan. Logan was picked off first but made it safely to second. He stole third and scored when the throw went into the outfield.

Today, Ross will play Cincinnati Anderson at 10 this morning and have a return engagement with Turpin at 12:30 this afternoon.

Score by Innings

					R	H	E
Ross	000	100	0—	1	3	2	
Turpin	000	021	x—	3	2	2	

WP: Steve Curran; LP: John Rios (1-1).

Season record: Ross 6-3, Turpin 12-7.

Genoa wins another title, Ross drops 2

The Genoa Comets practically own the Ottawa County tournament.

Saturday, Genoa made it three titles in a row as the Comets defeated Woodmore 5-2 in the finals at Genoa. In the seven year history of the tournament, Genoa has won five times.

Genoa scored three runs in the first inning and added lone runs in the fifth and seventh to win their third.

In the first inning, Denny Potridge hit a ground ball through the third baseman to score Mark Vogelpohl and Rob Lowe. Potridge

then stole second and Mike Keaton drove in Potridge with a single.

Potridge led off the fifth with a single and came home after singles by Laurence St. John and Keaton.

In the seventh, Potridge drove in another run with a single, scoring Vogelpohl who had gotten on with an infield hit.

Randy St. John picked up the win for Genoa, scattering six hits and striking out five. Bill Yeager was the loser.

St. John gave up two runs in the first inning but

after that held Woodmore scoreless.

"He pitched well with the lead," said Genoa coach Bob Baird. "He settled down and pitched good baseball the rest of the way."

The win snapped a two-game losing streak for Genoa. In their last two outings before Saturday's game, the Comets had lost 13-14 and 15-0.

Cincinnati Turpin 3-12,

Ross 1-6

Ross's "spring swing" to the Cincinnati area was a bust. The Little Giants lost all three games including a

doubleheader to Cincinnati Turpin Saturday.

In the first game, Scott Logan homered and Brian Farr doubled and singled but Ross lost 3-1. The Little Giants scored their only run in the top of the fourth.

Turpin pitcher Greg Pfeffer limited Ross to five hits. Scott Manahan picked up the loss for the Little Giants.

In the second game, a five-run rally in the fourth inning carried Turpin to a 12-6 win.

Ross and Turpin had battled to a 4-4 tie after three innings before Turpin erupted.

Logan homered again for Ross and Tom Pena went four for four with three RBI.

Genoa 5, Woodmore 2
Score by innings

				R	H	E
Genoa	300	010	1-5	9	2	
Woodmore	200	000	0-2	6	4	

WP: Randy St. John (4-1) LP: Bill Yeager

Season record: Genoa 5-8

First game

Cincinnati Turpin 3, Ross 1

Score by innings

				R	H	E
Ross	000	100	0-1	5	3	
Turpin	001	011	x-3	8	2	

WP: Greg Pfeffer LP: Scott Manahan (0-2).

Second game

Turpin 12, Ross 6

Score by innings

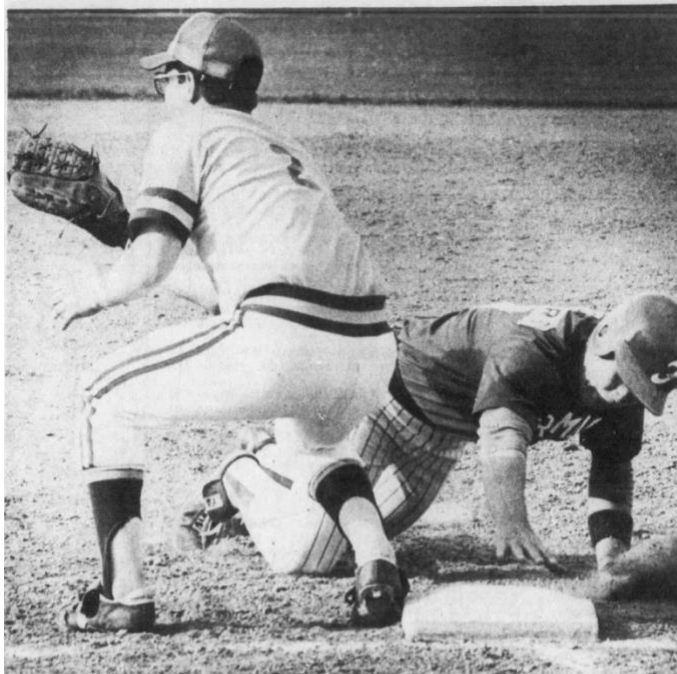
				R	H	E
Ross	301	000	2-6	11	3	
Turpin	103	503	x-12	16	2	

WP: Brad McKinsey LP: Doug Gallagher (0-1).

Season record: Turpin 14-7, Ross 6-5.



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JAY BOWERS of Ross gets back to first base during early action against Clyde Monday at Anderson Field. Bowers was safe. (News-Messenger photo by Bill Kennedy)

High school baseball

Big inning paces Ross

Ross scored eight times in the first inning while rolling to a 13-1 win over Clyde to highlight the Monday high school

baseball action around Fremont.

The Little Giants, 7-5, banged out 15 hits and used 19 players in coasting to the victory. A dozen Little Giants had base hits.

In other games, St. Joe scored three times in the seventh to stop Port Clinton 4-2. Lakota scored by twos in disposing of St. Wendelin 6-3. Gibsonburg dropped Elmwood 6-3 and Margaretta used the no-hit pitching of Wes Gilbert to blank Monroeville 3-0.

Jay Bowers singled three times and drove in three runs for Ross. Scott Logan doubled and singled for two more runs.

Brian Humbarger started and pitched the first four innings for Ross, picking up his second win against no losses while surrendering five hits, striking out two and walking three.

St. Joe 4, Port Clinton 2
St. Joe used an RBI single by Tom Halm, a bases loaded walk and a wild pitch to erase a 2-1 Port Clinton lead in the top of the seventh in a Sandusky Bay Conference game.

Rob Kerr's leadoff single, a walk to Ken Mosser and Halm's single tied the game in the seventh for the Streaks. Mosser took third but was thrown out at the plate on winning pitcher Brian Burns' grounder. Bryan Yeckley was hit by a pitch to load the bases and Halm scored on a walk to Tony Chaiet. Burns was forced at the plate on Mark Coleman's grounder to first but Yeckley crossed the plate on the wild pitch from pitcher Jim Wildman.

Mosser doubled and singled and Halm had two hits for St. Joe.

Burns relieved starter Dave Foos in the fourth after Foos had twisted his ankle when he stepped on a bat in the third inning. Burns fanned nine and walked five while allowing one hit in his stint.

Lakota 6, St. Wendelin 3
Larry Ray stroked a bases loaded doubled in the sixth for two runs as the Raiders scored twice in the first, fifth and sixth.

Ray and Terry Hedge had two hits apiece for two RBI apiece. Winning pitcher Al Wiseman and Hedge doubled with Joe Overton and Tom Sprow getting two hits apiece.

Wiseman was the winning pitcher, tossing a five-hitter. Lakota is 9-2 and St. Wendelin 6-2.

Gibsonburg 6, Elmwood 3
Larry Arndt had three hits in as many trips to the plate while driving in two runs to lead Gibsonburg's eighth win against four losses. It was the second straight Suburban Lakes League loss for Elmwood, 6-2 and 3-2 in the league race.

Roger Leyerle picked up his third win against no losses, hurling five and two-thirds innings, giving up four hits, walking four and striking out three. Larry Howell picked up the save.

Margaretta 3, Monroeville 0
Gilbert, a junior, recorded six strikeouts and walked three in the no-hitter. The Polar Bears scored all three runs in the fifth inning.

Kevin Balduff walked, Todd Mayse singled and Jeff Keegan walked to load the bases. Al Keller and Dave James stroked run-scoring sacrifice flies and Keegan scored on a wild pitch.

Margaretta is 3-5 for the season.

Sports news

Offers they couldn't and didn't refuse

MONTREAL (AP) — The Montreal Alouettes made strong-armed, free-agent quarterback Vince Ferragamo and fleet-footed receiver James Scott offers they couldn't refuse... and they didn't.

It was a difficult decision for Ferragamo to make, but the gifted signal-caller said he was offered a contract with the Canadian Football League club that simply was too generous to turn down.

"It was a very emotional decision and one that was hard to deal with," said Ferragamo, who signed a one-year contract worth an estimated \$400,000 per season.

"There was a lot of stress and strain involved," said he 27-year-old Ferragamo, who played out his option last season with Los Angeles Rams of the National Football League.

"I was making very little progress in contract talks with the Rams and I met with a man — Nelson Skalbania — who made things possible and gave me in offer I couldn't pass up."

Skalbania, the 42-year-old self-made millionaire from Vancouver, completed his purchase of the Alouettes from Sam Berger earlier Monday.

Skalbania had announced April 1 that he had signed Ferragamo to a four-year personal services contract, but since then the official signing has been an on-again, off-again happening.

"It's been a long ordeal and I know it's kind of anti-climactic now, but I'm glad to be here," said Ferragamo. "I'm looking forward to doing the best I can here."

"Los Angeles is a very good organization, and I'm really going to miss the guys on the team, but I am excited to be here."

"I know it's a team effort, and I'm ready to do the best I can to bring a championship back to Montreal."

Ferragamo said he doesn't think he will have any trouble adjusting to the Canadian game, having watched it since he was a youngster.

"The games used to be televised back home and I'm kind of aware of what's going on," he said. "I think with the wider field we'll be able to open up the offense and have a good, sound passing attack."

Scott, a starter with Chicago Bears of the NFL who also went the free agent route, was the first to be introduced at a late-afternoon news conference that was delayed almost 2½ hours while Scott's agent, Jack Hilders, went over the finer points of the contract with Alouettes management.

Does your health insurance plan

Sectional pairings

Following are the sectional baseball pairing for Fremont area high schools:

Class AAA at Oregon Clay

Toledo Scott (0-10) vs. Fremont Ross (7-5), 1:30 p.m., May 2.

Winner will play St. Francis (5-2), Thursday, May 7, 4:30 p.m.

Woodward (5-4) vs. DeVilbiss (7-4), Monday, May 4, 4:30 p.m.

Macomber (0-4) vs. Waite (7-2), Monday, May 4, 7 p.m.

Toledo Start (6-4) vs. Oregon Clay (8-4), Saturday, May 2, 4 p.m.

Winner of Clay-Start will play Central Catholic (4-5), Thursday, May 7, 7 p.m.

Class AA at Lakota High School

Port Clinton (3-4) vs. Fostoria (4-9), Saturday, May 2, 10 a.m.

Oak Harbor (3-4) vs. Lakota (9-2), Saturday, May 2, 1 p.m.

Clyde (1-5) vs. Eastwood (5-7), Saturday, May 2, 4 p.m.

Mohawk (3-3) vs. Genoa (5-8), Monday, May 4, 4:30 p.m.

Class A at Old Fort High School

Seneca East (5-1-1) vs. Monroeville (0-8), Saturday, May 2, 1 p.m.

Tiffin Calvert (5-1) drew a bye.

St. Joe (7-3) vs. Danbury (2-6), Saturday, May 2, 3 p.m.

St. Paul (1-5-1) vs. Old Fort (0-8), Monday, May 4, 4:30 p.m.

Baseball wrapup

Streaks 4-0 in SBC play

Fremont St. Joe stayed on top of the Sandusky Bay Conference baseball standings while Ross, Gibsonburg and Clyde chalked up high school baseball wins Monday.

The Crimson Streaks scored seven times in the third inning to erase a 4-0 Huron lead while raising their record to 9-3 overall and 4-0 in the SBC race.

Winning pitcher Brian Burns gave up three unearned runs in the first inning but settled down to win his fourth game against one loss. He has allowed only one earned run in three SBC games.

Burns also singled, tripled and homered for two RBI.

"He did everything but drive the bus," Coach Gary Geller said about Burns.

Tom Halm added a single and a triple for an RBI with Dave Foos hammering a two-run homer and Mark Coleman picking up a single and a double.

In the other games, Ross downed Port Clinton 9-1, Gibsonburg dumped Woodmore 10-6 and Clyde felled Margaretta 4-2.

The first six batters in St. Joe's big third inning scored. Halm and Bryan Yeckley had RBI singles and Foos slammed his homer in the inning. Rodeg Darr had a run scoring sacrifice fly and Burns accounted for two more runs with a triple.

ROSS 9, PORT CLINTON 1

Scott Manahan tossed a five-hitter and Ross scored three in the first to down the Redskins. Johnny Rios doubled and singled and scored two runs with Andy Rodenhauser driving in two with a pair of hits. Brian Humbarger also had two hits.

Scott Logan singled and stole three bases.

Ross is off today — Sandusky was supposed to play the Little Giants today but the game was wiped off the slate because the Blue Streaks play in the sectional tournament — but will travel to Oregon to play Oregon Clay at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday.

Thursday, Ross will be back in sectional tourney action at Clay, taking on St. Francis at 4:30 p.m.

GIBSONBURG 10, WOODMORE 6

Larry Arndt hammered his seventh homer of the season and winning pitcher Jerry Garcia stroked a three-run homer for Gibsonburg.

Garcia hurled the first four innings with Larry Howell taking the last three.

Kreg Kirsch doubled and Jim Potridge had a two-run double for the Golden Bears. Howell added two hits and two RBI.

Jeff Perkins had three singles and Tim Croll a bases-loaded two-run single in the fifth for Woodmore.

Woodmore's three runs off Garcia in the fifth were the first earned runs he has surrendered this season. He did not retire a batter in the inning.

CLYDE 4, MARGARETTA 2

Brian Roth tossed a four-hitter to hand Clyde the win. He struck out seven while walking three.

The victory gave Coach Doug Ottney his first win over his former boss Ernie Czekaj. Ottney was the Margaretta coach's assistant for three seasons before moving to Clyde.

Dusty Ashton had a hit and scored twice while Doug Mock had a hit and drove in two runs for Clyde. The Fliers had only four hits off losing pitcher Wes Gilbert.

Ross wins 10th

OREGON — Ross warmed up for its sectional final today with a 9-0 shutout of Oregon Clay Wednesday afternoon, picking up its 10th win of the season.

The Little Giants used four pitchers who held Clay to just two hits. Tom Pena started the game and went two innings and John Rios and Brian Humbarger followed, each hurling a pair of innings. Brian Farr pitched the last inning.

Pena and Humbarger gave up the hits.

The pitchers were also the hitters. Rios was the top batter for the Little Giants, with two hits, an RBI and two runs scored. Humbarger and Pena added two hits apiece and Scott Manahan had a triple.

The closest Clay came to scoring was in the sixth inning. The hosts had men on first and third but could not get a run across. During the inning outfielder Gary Paxson made a diving catch to save a possible run.

Ross meets Toledo St. Francis at Clay today at 4:30 p.m. in the Class AAA sectional finals.

SCORE BY INNINGS

					R	H	E
Ross	003	012	3—9	10	1		
Clay	000	000	0—0	2	3		

WP: John Rios LP: Scherer

Season record: Ross 10-5

Little Giants split with Marion

Jay Bowers drove in Scott Logan in the bottom of the sixth to give Ross a 3-2 win over Marion and a split in a Buckeye Conference doubleheader at Anderson Field Saturday.

Logan led off the sixth with a single and looked like he would be stranded as winning pitcher Scott Manahan flied out and Tom Pena grounded out. Bowers, however, came up with a single to left to drive in Logan.

Ross scored two runs in the third when Brian Farr singled, was sacrificed to second and scored on an error. John Rios scored the other run as he reached on an error and scored on Jimmy Burket's ground ball to the shortstop.

In the second game, Marion's bats came alive as Ross lost 13-2.

"We got drilled," said Ross head

coach Tim Pettorini. "That's as bad as we've been beaten all year. We were in the game until the seventh when they came up with six."

Pat Hughes tossed a seven hitter for Marion to pick up the win. He had six strikeouts.

Doug Gallagher and Manahan were the top hitters for Ross with two apiece. Manahan had a double with one RBI.

FIRST GAME SCORE BY INNINGS

				R	H	E
Marion	001	100	0-2	7	3	
Ross	002	001	x-3	3	2	

WP: Scott Manahan (2-3); LP: Randy Maggs.

SECOND GAME SCORE BY INNINGS

				R	H	E
Marion	024	001	6-13	16	0	
Ross	000	020	0-2	7	2	

WP: Pat Hughes; LP: Tom Pena (2-1).

Season record: Ross 11-7 (1-1), Marion 14-3.

High school baseball

Little Giants clobber Clyde

Ross cruised to an easy victory and Margaretta and Otsego were other winners in area baseball Monday afternoon.

Ross built a 5-0 lead then exploded for six runs in the seventh to bury Clyde 12-0. Brian Farr led the Little Giants with a double, a single and four RBI. Andy Rodenhauer added two hits and scored three times and Scott Manahan and Brian Humbarger had two hits apiece.

Tom Pena picked up the win, his third of the year in five decisions, and held Clyde to just one hit.

Elsewhere, it was Margaretta over St. Mary's 3-1 and Otsego over Oak Harbor 10-4.

MARGARETTA 3, ST. MARY'S 1

Margaretta coach Ernie Czekaj got his 100th career win as the Polar Bears struck early and held on in a Sandusky Bay Conference game.

Three walks, two singles and a sacrifice fly got Margaretta its runs in the first inning. That's all the Polar Bears needed.

Bill DuPont won his first game. He fired a four-hitter and struck out five. "Bill's curve was really working well and he had them off balance," Czekaj said.

Third baseman Dave James and shortstop Mike Payne supplied defensive support with 15 assists between them.

OTSEGO 10, OAK HARBOR 4

Otsego snapped a 1-1 tie in the fourth and then added eight runs in the final three innings to beat Oak Harbor in an Suburban Lakes League game.

Glen Fredrick and Al Diefenthaler had two singles apiece for the Rockets.

Ross 12, Clyde 0

SCORE BY INNINGS

				R	H	E
Ross	020	031	6-12	13	2	
Clyde	000	000	0-0	1	3	

WP: Tom Pena (3-2); LP: Chuck Gent.

Season record: Ross 13-7.

Margaretta 3, St. Mary's 1

SCORE BY INNINGS

				R	H	E
Margaretta	300	000	0-3	6	3	
St. Mary's	001	000	0-1	4	3	

WP: Bill DuPont (1-4) LP: Dan Schwerer

Season record: Margaretta 6-9 (2-5)

Otsego 10, Oak Harbor 4

SCORE BY INNINGS

				R	H	E
Otsego	010	143	1-10	6	3	
Oak Harbor	100	000	3-4	8	8	

WP: Kern; LP: Mark Redman.

Season record: Oak Harbor 4-10 (4-5).

Whitmer shades Little Giants

TOLEDO — Central Catholic scored three runs in the fourth inning to build up a comfortable 4-0 lead before hanging for a 4-3 win over Ross in high school baseball Tuesday.

Randy Hafner limited Ross to five hits to hand the Little Giants their eighth loss in 21 games.

Scott Logan homered and singled, Jim

Burkett tripled and Gary Paxson doubled for the Little Giants.

Ross will host Bellevue Thursday at 4 p.m. at Anderson Field.

SCORE BY INNINGS

				R	H	E
Ross	000	011	1-3	5	0	
Central	001	300	x-4	7	2	

WP: Randy Hafner; LP: Brian Humbarger.
Season record: Ross 13-8, Central 11-12-2.

Little Giants blank Mansfield

Ross tuned up for a Wednesday doubleheader at Findlay with a twinbill sweep of Mansfield.

The Little Giants are 3-1 in the Western Division of the Buckeye Conference baseball standings and will go against the Trojans to decide the division winner. Findlay is also 3-1. A split will force the teams to share the title while a sweep will result in an outright title.

In the first game Saturday, John Rios hurled a three-hitter as the Little Giants picked up a 6-2 win. Gary Paxson ran his consecutive stolen base string to 33 (over two seasons) with a pair of thefts. He had two hits, one a double, and two RBI in the contest.

Tom Pena had two hits and Scott Logan drove in two runs with a pair of sacrifice flies.

Rios fanned eight and walked three.

Logan and Scott Manahan teamed up to toss a two-hitter in Ross's 7-2 nightcap win. Logan hurled the first four innings, giving up both Mansfield hits, striking out six and walking two. Manahan fanned two batters while pitching hitless ball over the last three innings.

Paxson doubled twice and drove in a run for the Little Giants. Jim Burkett drove in two runs with two hits and Manahan doubled and singled for three more runs.

Ross is 16-8 for the season.