



FREMONT ROSS HIGH baseball players and their coaches are pictured here. Front row (from left) includes Tim Lawrence, Paul Sileo, Terry Myers, Mike Baker, Bob Brudzinski, Michael Lowery, Steve Overmyer and Bill Stoner. Second row: Rick Paxson, Keith Budorf, Dan Baker, Dave Ziemke, Brian Bliss, Kim Zilles, Tom Carmack and Mike Mathias. Third row: Kim Kohlenberg, Kerry Wingo, Roger Merritt, Mark Lotzky, Mike Shannon, Mike

Sultz, Mark Krucklow, Tom Lope, fourth row: Norman Wansley, Dale Stout, Jeff Fox, Jerry Lowe, Jim Paxson, Chuck Merrill, Kevin Young, Jeff Mackey, fifth row: Greg Hamilton, Mark Lohbach, Al Beard, Steve Carmack, Dick Hoffman and Brian Spielderger. Coaches: Manfred Straube, Tom Dorman, Ed Platzer and Henry Miesle. (News-Messenger Photos by Bruce Crippen)

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ROSS LETTERMEN shown above are (from left) Mike Baker, Mike Lowery and Terry Myers. All three are seniors. Lowery is a two-year letterman. The Giants open the season April 4 at Port Clinton.

Inexperienced, but spirited Ross High diamondmen working hard

"This is a real hard working group and it's going to have to continue working hard to be successful this season. Nobody is going to hand us anything."

Ross High School baseball coach Tom Dorman was assessing the Little Giants' prospects for the coming season.

"This year we are pretty inexperienced. We have 12 new sophomores, two new seniors and three new juniors. Of our returning lettermen, only Baker (senior outfielder) and Lowery (senior shortstop) played a lot this year."

"The spirit has been real good. This has been the most enjoyable season. I can remember having inside. They've looked good on these drills inside, but we need to get outside to really see what kind of a ball club we'll have."

The Giants have only five lettermen returning from a ballclub that won 18, including the first nine in a row, and lost five last year. The 1972 Little Giants captured the sectional championship.

Lowery and Bob Brudzinski, star of gridiron and hardcourt, are the team's two-year lettermen.

Lowery has been the team's starting shortstop for the past two years. Dorman is considering moving him to second base this season.

Brudzinski will perform on the mound and may be called upon to play in the outfield.

Senior Mike Baker, a one-year letterman, has experience at third base and in the outfield.

Another senior with one letter to his credit is Terry Myers. He has been a utility player and will either catch or play the outfield for the Little Giants this year.

The only junior letterman on the team is Dave Ziemke, who will be one of the Giants' starting

pitchers. His hitting ability may give him an outfield spot too.

A pretty good crew of juniors may help out quite a bit this year.

Dorman lists Brian Bliss, Mike Mathias, Dan Baker, Mike Shannon and Rick Paxson as juniors who have shown early potential.

Bliss was one of the top players on the reserve team last year. He is being worked at first base. Mathias has the potential to be a fine centerfielder — quickness, speed and good hands. Baker has the potential to be a fine liner. Shannon has been working at second base and Paxson could provide some outside help.

Tim Lawrence, Paul Sileo, Bill Stoner and Steve Overmyer are nonletterman seniors who Dorman is hoping can play big roles in the Giants' success.

In a brochure dealing with the coming season, Dorman says:

"The coaching staff feels the 1973 edition of the Little Giants baseball team will be a representative club. A large portion of last season's team graduated and it will be necessary to fill some very key positions. . . We are certain that the hustle and desire of the team will make this season a pleasurable coaching experience."

Dorman predicted, however, that it may take time for the players to develop.

The Ross coaching staff is equipped to offer plenty of help in their development.

Dorman, a graduate of Ohio Northern University with a master's degree from Bowling Green State University, coached at Bluffton and Mohawk high schools before joining the Ross staff. In three recent

at Ross, Dorman's teams have compiled a 37-37 record.

Hank Miesle, a native Fremontian with degrees from De Sales College and Bowling Green (master's) has coached at Fremont schools for 16 years. He was an exceptional baseball player himself at one time.

A third official member of the staff is Ed Platzer, a recent graduate of Bowling Green. Platzer was serving as a volunteer coach until the school board agreed just Thursday to hire him as an assistant. He will handle the reserve team.

Manfred Straube, a student at the University of Toledo, is also helping on a volunteer basis.

The Giants open up their season at Port Clinton, April 4.

The rest of the schedule is as follows: April 3, Gibsonburg; April 7, Admiral King (2); April 10, at Oregon Clay; April 12, at Findlay; April 14, Perryburg (2); April 16, at Tiffin Calvert; April 17, Tiffin Calvert; April 21, at Lima (2); April 23, Clyde; April 25, Toledo Whitner; April 27, Findlay; April 28, at Larain (2); May 1, Sandusky; May 2, at Whitmer; May 3, Oregon Clay; May 4, at Gibsonburg; May 6, Buckeye Conference tournament; May 7, Port Clinton; May 8, at Sandusky; May 9, Tiffin Calvert; May 11, Clay; May 12, Buckeye Conference tournament; May 14, at Clyde; May 16, at Bowling Green; May 17, Bellevue.

Dorman expects some good baseball in the Buckeye Conference.

"Everyone will play good sound baseball," the Ross coach believes.

He points out that Findlay is expected to have a strong defensive team.

Sandusky is just starting a baseball program.



MOUND VETERANS for the Ross Little Giants this year are Dave Ziemke, left, and Bob Brudzinski. Ziemke is a junior with one

varsity letter while Brudzinski is two-year letter winner and a senior.

Two rookies hold Tigers hitless

By BRUCE LOWITT
Associated Press Sports Writer

"I'd rather have this happen on April 3 when it counts," said Kansas City rookie Steve Busby.

"I was thinking about the law of averages. Sometimes you follow a guy who's throwing a no-hitter and everything breaks loose," added another rookie, Doug Bird.

Their comments followed their combined no-hitter Friday, a 6-1 exhibition baseball victory over the Detroit Tigers. It was the first time the Tigers had been held hitless

since Joe Horlen of the Chicago White Sox did it in September of 1967.

Bird yielded the lone Detroit run in the seventh as Norm Cash walked and pinch runner Joe Stanton came around on a stolen base, passed ball and in-field grounder.

The three Card brothers—Joe, Hector and Cirilo—started in the outfield and led St. Louis over the New York Mets 9-0. The trio got five of the Cardinals' 12 hits, Cirilo slugging a triple in the five-run seventh that locked up the victory for Bob Gibson.

In other games, the Cincinnati Reds nipped the Los Angeles Dodgers 3-2, the Atlanta Braves topped the Philadelphia Phillies 3-0, the Houston Astros slipped past the Minnesota Twins 4-3, the Cleveland Indians trounced the Chicago Cubs 2-1, the Boston Red Sox downed the Chicago White Sox 7-0 in 10 innings, the Oakland A's beat the Milwaukee Brewers 4-3, the San Francisco Giants belted the California Angels 6-1, the Montreal Expos tamed the Baltimore Orioles 2-1, the Cubs downed the Brewers 6-1 in a 19-inning contest and the New

York Yankees nipped the Texas Rangers 3-2 in 10 innings.

White Sox outfielder Carlos May suffered a pulled hamstring muscle in his right leg as Chicago defeated Boston 7-0 in 10 innings. He is expected to be sidelined 2-3 weeks.

Joe Pepitone drove in three runs with a pair of homers in the Cubs' 9-3 victory over the Brewers. Ferguson Jenkins worked seven innings for the Cubs, yielding five singles and one run.

Willie McCovey blasted a two-run homer off Nolan Ryan in the fourth inning and Juan

Marichal pitched six innings of two-hit ball as the Giants defeated the Angels.

Charlie Spikes' sixth home run of the exhibition season, a two-run shot in the seventh inning, gave the Indians their victory over the Cubs in a rain-shortened game.

Fred Stanley's single and Johnny Callahan's double in the bottom of the 10th inning gave the New York Yankees a 3-2 victory over the Texas Rangers.

Paul Casanova knocked in the Braves' winning run with a single in the seventh inning against the Phillies. The Reds scored three runs in the fourth and got five-hit pitching from Jim McGlothlin and Ed Sprague to defeat the Dodgers.

A sacrifice fly by Lee May and Jim Wynn's single produced two runs in the sixth inning to boost the Astros past the Twins.

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Overmyer. The four seniors are expected to help the Little Giants during the new year.

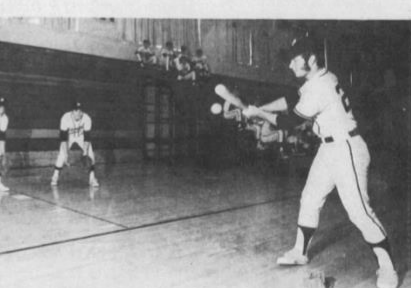
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Elder, Barber tied for lead

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — "This is the round," Lee Elder said before teeing off today's third round of the \$125,000 Greater New Orleans Open Golf Tournament.

"Now we'll see how well I stand up under the pressure," Elder, who fell back into a tie for the top spot with a second round 74 Friday, not only is fighting for his first tour triumph, he's also seeking to become the first black ever to compete in the famed Masters Tournament at Augusta, Ga., two weeks from now.

A victory here would do it, but it could be an uphill struggle. He blew nine strokes from a brilliant 65 in the opening round, was tied by veteran

Mike Barber and must play today's round on the 7,000-yard Lakewood County Club head-to-head with the menacing figure of Jack Nicklaus.

Barber, a balding, paunchy 41-year-old veteran, had a second round 69—a remarkable effort in the blistering, gusty winds that swept the course—and tied Elder at 139.

Nicklaus, making his final preparations for defense of his Masters crown, rode home on a string of 16 consecutive pars for a 72 and a tie at 140 with

Los Graham. Graham, who tied for second in last week's Jacksonville Open, had a 71 at 141 were Dave Hill, Babe

Hiskey, Tom Watson and Tim Collins. Collins, a club pro from Greenville, S.C., had a 68, the day's best round. Hill had a 70, Hickey 72 and Watson 74.

Arnold Palmer, meanwhile, could do no better than a 75 and just made the cut for the final two rounds Saturday and Sunday at 147, the cutoff figure. Among the casualties was Jim Colbert, last week's winner at Jacksonville.

NHL Results
By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Montreal 4 0 0 8 10 10 10 10
Boston 4 0 0 8 10 10 10 10
NY Rangers 4 0 0 8 10 10 10 10
Detroit 4 0 0 8 10 10 10 10
Buffalo 4 0 0 8 10 10 10 10
Toronto 4 0 0 8 10 10 10 10
Vancouver 4 0 0 8 10 10 10 10
NY Islanders 4 0 0 8 10 10 10 10

Chicago 4 0 0 8 10 10 10 10
Minn. 4 0 0 8 10 10 10 10
Philadelphia 4 0 0 8 10 10 10 10
St. Louis 4 0 0 8 10 10 10 10
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Pitt. 4 0 0 8 10 10 10 10
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Reserves win pair

Bats silent, Ross falls

Ross High's Little Giants got some strong pitching, but a lack of hitting and some costly errors led to their downfall Saturday.

The Ross baseball squad dropped both ends of a double header to Admiral King, 3-1, and 5-2. The games, which opened the season for Ross, were played at Anderson Field.

Meanwhile, the Ross reserve baseballers won a pair from Admiral King, defeating the Lorain crew, 4-1 and 4-2.

Bob Brudzinski hurled a five hitter for the Ross varsity in the first game, striking out eight men along the way. He was the victim of a no-hit performance by King's T. Kish, however.

Kish fanned five men and walked just one as he hurled his no hitter. Ross was without some of its players for this first game because of college board tests.

The Giants hurt themselves in the field, allowing a pair of unearned runs. King's only earned run came as the result of a leadoff triple in the fifth inning.

In the second game, the Little Giants scored twice in the first inning to take a 2-1 lead, but King battled back and took the lead on a two-run homer in the third inning.

Rick Paxson, who singled to lead off the game, and Mike Matthes, who followed him with a walk, scored the two runs for the Giants. Dan Baker also singled in that inning, driving in one run.

Ziemke and Mike Shannon had the only other Ross hits.

Head coach Tom Dorman had words of praise for both pitchers of the double header loss and also noted "We had trouble with hitting the ball right to someone in both games."

The Giants played a stronger game in the second test.

"We had more enthusiasm and played more headsup ball in the second game."

The reserve team, directed by coaches Ed Platzer and Manfred Straube, handled King twice.

Steve Carmack was the winning pitcher in the first game, yielding just five hits. He was credited with "Doing the important thing, throwing strikes."

Mark Lohrbach seemed to get stronger as he went along as he won the second game.

Jeff Foss, centerfielder, was the outstanding individual for

the reserves. He made a diving catch to save two runs and had three hits in five official trips to the plate and three walks in the two games.

VARSITY BOX SCORES

First Game

Baker, cf	3	0	0	Smigel, 3b	3	0	0
Merritt, ss	3	0	0	Staley, ss	3	0	0
Myers, c	3	0	0	Romes, cf	3	0	1
Bliss, 1b	1	0	0	Treboniak, rf	4	1	2
Paxson, rf	1	0	0	Greenhill, 1b	3	2	2
Silcox, 3b	1	0	0	Bonko, c	3	0	0
Matthes, 3b	1	1	0	Astbrell, 2b	3	0	0
Lawrence, rf	2	0	0	Garrison, lf	3	0	0
Shannon, 2b	1	0	0	Kish, p	3	0	0
Brudzinski, p	3	0	0	Total	28	3	5
Overmyer, 2b	2	0	0				
Stoner	1	0	0				
Lowery, ss	1	0	0				
Total	23	1	0				

King	0	1	0	0	2	0	0-3	5	0
Ross	0	0	0	0	0	0	1-1	0	4

RBI—Brudzinski (R), Greenhill (K); Winning pitcher—Kish; Losing pitcher—Brudzinski. Strikeouts—Brudzinski, 8; Kish, 5; walks—Brudzinski, 6; Kish 1.

Second game

Paxson, rf	4	1	1	Smigel, 3b	2	1	1
Matthes, 3b	2	1	0	Greenhill, 1b	2	0	0
Myers, c	3	0	0	Romes, cf	2	2	1
Lowery, ss	2	0	0	Treboniak, c	4	0	1
D. Baker, lf	3	0	1	Fallis, rf	3	1	1
Bliss, 1b	3	0	0	Staley, 2b	3	1	1
Shannon, 2b	3	0	1	Pulgine, lf	2	0	0
M. Baker, cf	2	0	0	Vitelli, lf	2	0	0
Ziemke, p	3	0	1	Carney, ss	3	0	1
Total	25	2	4	Edwards, p	3	0	0

King	1	0	3	0	0	0	1-5	6	0
Ross	2	0	0	0	0	0	0-2	4	2

HR—Staley (K), RBI—D. Baker (R); Staley (2), Treboniak and Romes (all King); winning pitch—Edwards; Losing pitcher—Ziemke; strikeouts—Ziemke, 7; Edwards, 8; walks—Ziemke, 5; Edwards, 3.

Ross nine sweeps double bill from Perrysburg, 11-0 and 4-2

Ross did it the easy way and the hard way Saturday, but either way the Little Giants did it well.

Evening their record at 2-2, the Ross baseballers breezed to an 11-0 first game win and then came from behind for a 4-2 victory as they swept a doubleheader from invading Perrysburg at Anderson Field.

The Giants erupted for eight runs in the first three innings of the opener and simply coasted to victory behind the shutout pitching of Bob Brudzinski.

Little Giant bats were booming in the contest as the Ross hitters banged out 15 safeties including a half dozen doubles.

Brudzinski held the Perrysburg crew to just seven hits and struck out 11 men as the Giants rumped in that first game.

Brudzinski was the only Ross starter who failed to get a hit in the onslaught.

Rick Paxson smacked out three hits and each of the first four batters — Mike Shannon, Mike Matthes, Terry Myers and Mike Lowery — had two hits.

A single by Myers, a double by Lowery, a single by Brian Bliss and a double by Paxson — all with two outs — got the Giants started with two runs in the first inning. A walk to Brudzinski, a double by Shannon and a sacrifice fly by Matthes gave Ross another tally in the second inning.

The hosts put the game away in the third frame.

Lowery led off with a single. With one out, Paxson singled and Paul Silcox doubled home two runs. Mike Baker singled Silcox home, Shannon doubled and Matthes singled as the Giants produced five runs.

Singles by Matthes and Myers and a double by Bill Stoner were the hits in a three run sixth inning rally that was just icing on the cake.

The second game was entirely different.

Ross fell behind early as Perrysburg scored a single run in the first on a single and a triple and added a single run in the third on a walk and two singles.

Ken Widdel held Ross in check until the last of the fifth inning when he became a victim of his own wildness.

Widdel hit Brian Bliss and walked Rick Paxson to start the frame. He piled two wild pitches onto his problems. Dave Ziemke had the only hit of the inning — a single — but the Giants still took advantage of Widdel's wildness for two runs to tie the game.

In the sixth inning, it was Mike Lowery who delivered the big blow to send Perrysburg spinning.

Terry Myers reached on an error and Lowery lashed a triple to drive home the go-ahead tally. Lowery scored himself just minutes later as Bliss smacked a double.

Ziemke, who went the distance to pick up the victory on the mound, got the Perrysburg crew out with only a two-out walk in the seventh inning.

Ziemke yielded just five hits and struck out nine as he gained the victory.

The Giants had only five hits too. They had just one — a third inning double by Mike Baker — until the single by Ziemke in the fifth.

"It was a good comeback," baseball coach Tom Dorman said after the game. "We did what we had to do to win and that's the sign of a good team. We exhibited our pride and enthusiasm."

Dorman was also happy with the Giants aggressive play in the first contest. He cited all the major factors as looking good in the opener — "fine pitching, defense and hitting."

Meanwhile, the Ross reserve team was suffering just the opposite fate at Perrysburg. They lost 9-3 and 10-9 in eight innings.

Ross managed just five hits in the first game. Kim Kohenburg was two for four. Dale Stout had a triple and Mark Lohrbach had a double.

In the second game, Ross rallied to go ahead 9-4 in the top

of the seventh, but Perrysburg tied the game in the bottom of the inning and then won it with a lead-off home run in the eighth.

Jeff Foos, Mark Lohrbach, Tom Carmack and Steve Carmack each had two hits for Ross.

Varsity Box Scores

First game				
Ross		Perrysburg		
ab	r h	ab	r h	
Shannon, 2b	4 1 2	Rothschild, 2b	2 0 0	
Matthes, cf	3 1 2	Stanford, lf	4 0 2	
Myers, c	4 2 2	Frazier, cf	4 0 1	
Lowery, ss	3 2 2	Widdel, ss	4 0 2	
Merritt, ss	1 0 0	McNamee, lb	4 0 0	
Bliss, lb	3 0 1	Whitner, c	0 0 0	
Buldorf, lb	1 0 0	Westenkirchner, c	0 0 0	
Paxson, rf	3 1 3	Rhodes, p	3 0 1	
D. Baker, rf-3b	1 1 0	Christopher, 3b	3 0 1	
Silcox, lf	3 1 1	Crepes, rf	2 0 0	
Stoner, lf	1 0 1		26 0 7	
M. Baker, 3b	3 1 1			
Overmyer, rf	1 0 0			
Brudzinski, p	2 1 0			
	33 11 15			

Perrysburg 0 0 0 0 0 0-0 7 3
 Ross High 2 1 5 0 0 3 x-11 15 3
 Doubles—Shannon (2), Lowery, Paxson, Silcox and Stoner, (all Ross); RBIs—Stoner (2), Silcox (2), Matthes (2), Shannon, Lowery, Bliss and M. Baker (all Ross); winning pitcher—Brudzinski; losing pitcher—Rhodes; strikeouts—Brudzinski, 11; Rhodes, 5; walks—Brudzinski, 5; Rhodes, 1; hits off—Brudzinski, 7; Rhodes, 15.

Second game				
Ross		Perrysburg		
ab	r h	ab	r h	
Shannon, 2b	3 0 0	Rothschild, 2b	2 1 0	
Matthes, cf	3 0 0	Stanford, lf	4 0 2	
Myers, lf-c	2 1 0	Frazier, cf	3 0 3	
Lowery, ss	3 1 1	Widdel, p	3 0 0	
Silcox, rf-lf	3 0 0	Rhodes, rf	3 0 0	
Bliss, lb	2 1 1	McNamee, lb	3 0 0	
D. Baker, c	1 0 0	Christopher, 3b	3 0 0	
Paxson, rf	1 1 1	Greenfield, ss	2 0 0	
M. Baker, 3b	2 0 1	Karschner, ph	1 0 0	
Ziemke, p	2 0 1	Klawiher, c	3 0 0	
	22 4 5		26 2 5	

Perrysburg 1 0 1 0 0 0-2 5 1
 Ross High 0 0 0 0 2 2 x-4 5 0
 Triples—Lowery (R); Doubles—Bliss and Baker (both Ross); RBIs—Frazier (2) (P); Bliss and Lowery (both Ross); winning pitcher—Dave Ziemke; Losing pitcher—Widdel; strikeouts—Ziemke, 9; Widdel, 8; walks—Ziemke, 3; Widdel, 2; Hits off—Ziemke, 5; Widdel, 5.

6. Fremonters came through with real team effort despite illness of two top runners. The Ross High points were scored this way:

Cindy Wise, Marty Ameling and Sue Oberholzer. Mile relay: second place with time of 4:46.6 to Willard's 4:42.3; team, Chris Connors, Sue Oberholzer, Barb Reardon, Sonja Naess.

Oberholzer and Barb Reardon. Fremont's next meet will be Thursday, April 26, at 4 o'clock against Findlay at Harmon Field.



SILCOX IS SAFE! Sliding into third base Paul Silcox of Ross High was called out by the umpire after a long throw from center field. Third baseman J. DeChristopher of

Perrysburg dropped the ball though and the ump ruled Silcox safe. Silcox drove in two runs on the play. (News-Messenger Photo by Jon Donnan)

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Ross baseballers win third straight

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TIFFIN — On the strength of Mike Matthes' pitching, slugging and fielding the Little Giants ripped into the Tiffin Calvert Senecas for a 7-3 win.

The victory puts the Ross diamondmen at a 3-2 season mark and had Coach Tom Dorman beaming after the game. "The glory was spread around real well. It was a good game for us. A lot of people had good plays."

Indeed, Much of that glory will go to Matthes. He went the full game for the win. He gave up four walks to the Senecas and struck out six of the swingers while giving up just three runs on four hits.

The best is yet to come. In the first inning he rapped a single to drive in the teams first run. Matthes made it to the plate on an infield error.

In the sixth inning, however, Matthes blasted a home run which carried two Little Giants to the plate and was the key fielder in a game-winning double play.

With the bases loaded and one man out Matthes scooped a line drive up and fired it home to Terry Myers for the second out and the catcher drilled the ball to first for the third out.

"I don't know. He must have had some adrenalin pumping

in the game," said Dorman of the pitcher.

Dorman credits the win to the team's defensive efforts. "The defense helped make things happen in the game." He spoke favorably of shortstop Mike Lowery whose strong arm caught two Seneca's between home and first base for outs in the first & fifth innings.

Myers got one hit out of three attempts at the plate as did leftfielder Paul Silcox. Mike Baker drove in one run with a sixth inning hit.

The Ross team steamed out of the dugout in the opening inning to get a 2-0 jump on the Senecas. Rick Paxson got to first base on an error and Matthes drove him in. Matthes scored on an error by the Senecas' shortstop R. Lang.

The Senecas came back right away with one run scored by S. Zirger. Zirger got to first on an error by Lowery and scored on a single by J. Burns. Burns had only that one hit and earned the one RBI.

M. Lang was a hitter for the Senecas with one run batted in off one hit. Losing pitcher S. Frank got two hits of two efforts at the plate.

The little Giants only played six innings of the contest due to rain and wind but they were enough to make the game an

official win. They are scheduled to meet Tiffin Columbian at home today and Lima Senior in a double header on Saturday.

Varsity Box Scores

ROSS					TIFFIN CALVERT				
ab	r	h			ab	r	h		
Paxson, cf	4	0	2		Zirger, 3b	3	0	1	
Matthes, p	3	2	2		King, c	3	0	1	
Myers, c	3	1	0		Burns, 2b	2	1	0	
Lowery, ss	3	0	0		Land, ss	3	1	0	
Bliss, lb	3	0	0		Sendelbach, lb	3	0	0	
Silcox, lf	3	1	0		Taylor, cf	2	0	0	
Shannon, 2b	2	0	2		Eitzcorn, lf	2	0	0	
Ziemke, rf	3	0	1		DeRose, rf	2	0	0	
M. Baker, 3b	2	1	0		Frank, p	2	2	1	
	26	5	7			22	4	3	

Tiffin 102 000 x-3 4 5
 Ross High 200 104 x-7 5 1

Doubles — Matthes (Ross); RBIs — Matthes (3), Baker (1), (both Ross); Burns (1), Lang (2), (both Tiffin); winning pitcher — Matthes; losing pitcher — Frank; strikeouts — Matthes, 6; Franks, 2; walk — Matthes, 4; Franks, 4; hits off — Matthes, 4; Franks, 5.

Little Giants win fourth in row

"The kids are starting to hit the ball."

That was the post game assessment of Ross High's assistant baseball coach Hank Miesle and the Little Giants had already proven his point.

Ross rocked Tiffin Columbian pitchers for ten hits in breezing to a 9-1 win — the fourth victory in a row for the Giants — at Anderson Field Tuesday.

The Giants wasted little time getting on the scoreboard as they scored twice in each of the first two innings. Mike Shannon opened the game with a single. Mike Matthes walked, but Shannon was picked off on the base paths by the Columbian catcher. Terry Myers then singled and with two outs, Rick Paxson belted a double to drive in Matthes and Myers. In the second inning Brian Bliss singled, Bob Brudzinski reached on an error, Shannon singled, Matthes was hit by a pitch and Myers walked.

Shannon, Myers, Paxson and Bliss each had two hits for the Little Giants. Myers tripled to drive in the fifth Ross run in the fourth inning. Paxson and Dan Baker each had doubles in the Giants' four-run sixth inning.

Brudzinski was the winning pitcher. He fanned ten men and walked four while hurling a four-hitter. Columbian was unable to score until the seventh inning of the contest.

Head Coach Tom Dorman considered Brudzinski's performance "One of his best games ever." He got good defensive support as the Giants turned in a pair of double plays — from first baseman Bliss to shortstop Lowery in the first inning and from catcher Myers to Bliss in the fifth inning.

The Giants travel to Lima Saturday for a double header with Lima Senior.

BOX SCORE

Ross				Columbian			
	ab	r	h		ab	r	h
Shannon, 2b	4	1	2	Lofay, rf	3	0	2
Matthes, cf	0	3	0	Selvey, rf	1	0	0
Overmyer, cf	0	0	0	Frederick, 1b	2	0	0
Myers, c	3	2	2	Seitz, lf	3	0	0
Lowery, ss	4	0	0	Bentz, ss	3	0	0
Merritt, ss	0	0	0	Reiss, 2b	2	0	1

Paxson, rf	4	1	2	Williams, 2b	1	0	0
Stoner, rf	0	0	0	Sikora, c	2	1	0
Silcox, lf	3	0	0	Yackey, 3b	2	0	0
D. Baker, lf	1	0	1	Riser, p	1	0	0
Bliss, 1b	3	1	2	Wolfe, cf	0	0	0
Butdorf, 1b	0	0	0	Montz, cf	1	0	0
M. Baker, 3b	3	0	0	Florence, p	3	0	1
Lawrence, 3b	0	0	0		24	1	4
Brudzinski, p	4	1	1				
	29	9	10				

Columbian	000	000	1	—	1	4	4
Ross High	220	104	x	—	9	10	1

Triples — Terry Myers (R); Doubles — Rick Paxson (2) and Paul Silcox (both Ross) and Lofay and Florence (TC); RBI — Paxson (3), Myers (2), Shannon and Dan Baker (all Ross) and Florence (TC); winning pitcher — Bob Brudzinski; Losing pitcher — Bob Florence; Strikeouts — Brudzinski, ten in seven innings; Florence, three in four innings; Riser, none in two innings; walks — Brudzinski, four; Florence, three; Riser, three; Hits off — Brudzinski, four; Florence, six; Riser, four.

Ross faces Tiffin in AAA sectional

Ross High School's baseball team drew Tiffin Columbian in the opener of the Class AAA sectional tournament at North Robinson, but while some Ross fans may be rejoicing since the Little Giants already have beat Tiffin badly, coach Tom Dorman is not overly excited about the prospects of facing Columbian again.

Ross beat Columbian, 9-1, Tuesday, but Dorman pointed out, "They have a real good hitting team, but they were just unlucky and were hitting the ball right at someone all night. We don't usually hit as well as we did against them." Dorman admitted he'd probably rather be playing someone else, although he isn't familiar with some of the other squads in the sectional.

The Giants are to play Columbian at North Robinson at 11:30 a.m. Saturday, April 28. Dorman also fears that some of his players may have to take college advance tests that day and may have to miss action.

The Ross game is the second of the day with Galion meeting Malabar at 9:15 in the other game in the Giants' bracket. In the other bracket, Sandusky plays Bellevue at 1:30 p.m., Madison faces Ashland at 3:30 p.m. and the winner of that last Saturday game returns to action Tuesday, May 1, to take on Mansfield Senior.

Lima Senior shellacks Ross Hi baseball team

LIMA — The bats were silent and Ross High's Little Giants dropped both ends of a twin bill Saturday to Lima Senior's baseball team.

Ross managed just one run in each game, losing the opener, 9-1, and falling in the second game, 7-1.

Genoa nine shuts out Woodward

The Genoa Comets warmed up for their big baseball game at Woodmore Tuesday afternoon by trimming Toledo Woodward, 4-0, behind the no-hit pitching of junior Jeff Shaneck.

Shaneck, one of a trio of fine pitchers on the Genoa staff, walked just three men and fanned a dozen as he hurled the Comets to victory. He, Ron Hammye and Jeff Ross combine to give the Comets one of the deepest pitching staffs in the area.

Shaneck also carried a big bat for the Comets, who are now 3-2 for the season. He banged out a pair of triples, scoring one run and driving in another.

The Comets face unbeaten Woodmore in a key Suburban Lakes League contest Tuesday. Woodmore and Eastwood lead the league, but the Comets, who have suffered to close league defeats and are 2-2 in the conference, are considered one of the chief challengers for the crown.

Saturday's game with Woodward was not a league test. Genoa High 100 101 1-4 6 1 Woodward 000 000 0-0 0 4

Winning pitcher—Shaneck; Losing pitcher Yarberry.

The Giants managed six hits in the first game with Brian Bliss, Paul Silcox and Mike Matthes each getting two. One of the hits by Matthes was a double.

Four errors by the Little Giants helped the Lima crew, which had eight hits in the contest.

Singles by Mike Shannon, Mike Baker and Dan Baker were the only hits the Giants managed in the second contest. Lima had

nine hits off losing pitcher Mike Matthes.

Meanwhile, the Ross reserves dropped the first game, 20-4, but rebounded behind the pitching of Al Beard to win the second contest, 9-2. Jim Paxson was four for eight with seven runs batted in for the reserves.

The two losses for the Ross varsity give the Giants a 4-4 record for the season.

(First game)

Lima			Ross		
	Ab	r h		Ab	r h
Crowe, 3b	2	2 1	Shannon, 2b	3	0 0
Sharp, cf	3	2 1	Matthes, cf	3	0 2
Harter, ss,	4	1 3	Myers, c	4	0 0
Van Dyke, c	4	1 0	Lowery, ss	3	0 0
Manley, lf	3	0 0	Paxson, p	3	0 0
Reams, rf	3	0 1	Silcox, lf	2	1 2
Herman, p	2	1 0	Bliss, 1b	3	0 2
Husbaum, 1b	3	1 1	M. Baker, 3b	3	0 0
Dybert, 2b	3	1 1	Ziemke, p	3	0 0
	27	9 8		24	1 6
Ross			000	100	0-1 6 4
Lima			103	005	x-9 8 1

Doubles—Matthes (R); RBIs—Harter (L), 5; winning pitcher—Herman; Losing pitcher—Ziemke; walks off Herman, 3; Ziemke, 5; strikeouts—Herman, 5; Ziemke, 8.

(Second game)

Lima			Ross		
	Ab	r h		Ab	r h
Crowe, 3b-ss	4	0 2	Shannon, 2b	4	0 1
Sharp, cf-p	4	0 2	Matthes, p	3	0 0
Harter, ss-p	2	1 0	Myers, c	3	0 0
Vandyke, c	3	0 1	Lowery, ss	3	0 0
Reams, rf	3	2 2	Paxson, rf	2	0 0
Prater, ld	2	0 1	Silcox, lf	3	0 0
Selover, 3b	2	1 0	Bliss, 1b	0	0 0
Geiser, cf-lf	2	1 0	Butdorf, pr	0	0 0
McUllough, 1b	1	1 0	Overmyer, pr	0	1 0
Manly, pr	0	0 0	M. Baker, 3b	3	0 1
Sinisbaune, 1b	3	0 0	D. Baker, cf	3	0 1
Sybert, 2b	4	1 1		24	1 3
	30	7 9			
Ross			0 0 0	0 0 0	1'81 3 2
Lima			0 3 0	0 3 1	x'87 9 2

Doubles—Prater (L); RBIs—Crow, 2; Sharp and Sybert (all Lima); Winning pitcher—Sharp; Losing pitcher—Matthes; hit off—Matthes, nine in six innings; Sharp, 2 in 5 innings; Harter, 1 in 2 innings; walks—Matthes, 7; Sharp, 2; Harter, 4; strikeouts—Matthes, 4; Sharp 4; Harter 0.

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the only real punch in the Ross lineup, delivering a single and a double in three trips to the plate. Ross had only one other hit, a single by left fielder Paul Silcox.

The loss dropped the Little Giants' record to 4-5.

Meanwhile the Ross reserves grabbed a victory at Whitmer.

With Al Beard hurling a seven hitter and striking out 10 men, the Ross junior varsity won 5-2.

Beard helped his own cause with two hits and two runs batted in, but the man with the big stick was Jim Paxson. Paxson delivered a triple, a double and a single in four trips to the plate. He drove in two runs and scored two runs.

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VARSITY BOX SCORE					
Ross High			Whitmer		
	ab	r h		ab	h r
Shannon,	2b	3 0 0	Harsha,	cf	1 1 0
Matthes,	cf	3 0 0	Alt,	2b	3 0 0
Myer,	c	3 0 2	Barriger,	rf	4 0 0
Lowery,	ss	2 0 0	Chandler,	ss	3 1 0
Paxon,	rf	3 0 0	O'Rielly,	lb	4 1 3
Baker,	rf	0 0 0	Munn,	lf	1 1 0
Silcox,	lf	3 0 1	Levine,	p	3 1 1
Bliss,	lb	2 0 0	Benner,	c	2 0 1
M. Baker,	3b	3 0 0	Watkins,	3b	3 0 0
Brudzinski,	p	2 0 0			
Ziemke,	p	0 0 0			
		24 0 3			24 5 4

Whitmer	100	301	0-5	4	1
Ross	000	000	0-0	3	3

Doubles — Terry Meyer (R), O'Rielly (W); Winning pitcher — Levine; Losing pitcher — Bob Brudzinski.

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Sandusky nine nips Ross High

Bob Brudzinski fanned 15 men and gave up just three hits, but the Ross High Little Giants fell to Sandusky's Blue Streaks, 3-2, at the Ross High field Tuesday.

The loss, which was the fourth in a row for the Giants after four straight wins, came as the result of some costly errors that led to Sandusky counters.

Ross outhit Sandusky, 5-3.

Sandusky took the lead in the first inning as a walk, a double and two errors produced a pair of runs. Ross tied the game in the bottom half of the second, scoring twice on a walk to Brian Bliss, a triple by Paul Silcox and a single by Mike Shannon.

Sandusky won the game as Ross committed five errors in the sixth inning. A single was the only hit of the frame for Sandusky.

Brudzinski went the distance for the Giants. He fanned 15 men and walked just two.

Head Coach Tom Dorman praised the big hurler after the contest. "Brudzinski pitched a very fine game. Fifteen strikeouts and only three hits and two walks given up is more than you usually hope for but he received very little support . . . We must sharpen ourselves for the tournament Saturday."

Ross plays Tiffin Columbian in sectional tournament action Saturday.

Tuesday's game was played at Ross field instead of Anderson Field because the Class A sectional tournament was going on at Anderson.

BOX SCORE

BOX SCORE							
Ross			Sandusky				
	ab	r	h	ab	r	h	
Shannon, 2b	4	0	1	Salinski, lf	2	1	0
Matthes, cf	3	0	0	Rose, 2b	2	0	0
Myers, c	2	1	0	Bowerly, 2b	1	1	1
Lowery, ss	4	0	1	Hall, 3b	3	0	0
Bliss, 1b	2	1	0	Gentry, cf	3	1	1
Ovmyr, 1b	0	0	0	McGory, rf	3	0	0
Paxson, rf	1	0	0	Fresch, 1b	2	0	0
Stoner, lf	0	0	0	Walters, p	3	0	1
Silcox, lf	2	1	1	Higgins, ss	2	0	0
D. Baker, rf	1	0	1	Commons, ss	1	0	0
M. Baker, 3b	2	0	0	Branum, c	2	0	0
Brudzinski, p	3	0	0				

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24 3 3

Sandusky 200 001 0-3 3 1
Ross High 020 000 0-2 5 7

Triple — Paul Silcox (R); doubles — Terry Myers (R) and Gentry (S); runs batted in — Mike Shannon and Paul Silcox (both Ross) and Gentry (S).
Winning pitcher — Walters; Losing pitcher — Brudzinski; Strike outs — Brudzinski, 15; Walters, 10; walks — Brudzinski, 2; Walters, 6.

Ross nine defeated by Clay

A home run by Mike Lowery and a strong relief pitching performance by Bob Brudzinski were about the only bright spots as the Ross High Little Giants fell

to Oregon Clay, 7-2, in a nonleague baseball game at the Ross Field Thursday.

Lowery dished out his big homer in the third inning.

Tournament action at Anderson Field prevented the game from being played there.

Jim Harrell and Mike Lehman had home runs for the clay squad. Lehman also delivered a triple and walked for a perfect day at the plate.

Brudzinski pitched to five men and struck out four of them as he relieved starter Dave Ziemke with two outs in the fourth inning. The game was called because of inclement weather after five innings.

Ross scored one run and had the bases loaded with just one out in the first inning but couldn't bring home the score.

BOX SCORE					
Ross	ab	r h	Clay	ab	r h
Shannon, 2b	2	0 0	Fyers, cf	2	0 0
Matthes, cf	3	1 1	Draeger, 2b	3	2 1
Myers, c	3	0 1	Lehman, 1b	2	2 2
Lowery, ss	2	1 1	Harrell, 3b	2	1 1
Baker, rf	1	0 0	Selle, c	3	1 0
Bliss, 1b	1	0 0	Burtch, lf	2	1 1
Merritt, lf	2	0 0	Wasman, lf	1	0 0
M. Baker, 3b	2	0 0	Toth, rf	2	0 0
Ziemke, p	1	0 0	Romano, p	2	0 0
Brudzinski, p	1	0 0			
	18	2 3		22	7 5

Clay	113	20-7	5	0
Ross	101	00-2	3	1

Home runs — Mike Lowery (R), Jim Harrell and Mike Lehman (C); triples — Mike Lehman (C) and Gary Draeger (C). Winning pitcher — Romano; losing pitcher — Ziemke. Strike outs — Romano, six in five innings; Ziemke, four in three and two-thirds innings; Brudzinski, four in one and one-third innings.

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Ross trims Calvert

Strong pitching by Mike Matthes and a sixth inning rally that broke up a tie game lifted the Ross Little Giants to their sixth victory of the year Wednesday.

With Mike Baker delivering a key double and Paul Silcox smacking a home run the Ross baseballers scored four times in the bottom of the sixth inning to trim Tiffin Calvert, 6-2.

With the score tied at two runs apiece Terry Myers led off the sixth inning with a single. Dan Baker then smacked a single and the Giants were on their way. Mike Lowery reached on an error and Mike Baker doubled, sending home three runs and breaking the tie.

Paul Silcox then clinched matters with a home run.

Until that sixth inning, the Giants had just five hits.

Dan Baker, who had two singles and a walk, was perfect at the plate for Ross and played a role in the first run. His first-inning single came with two outs and sent Mike Shannon, who had also singled, to third. Baker then broke for second and when Calvert made a play for him, Shannon scored.

A single by Rick Paxson and a double by Mike Matthes produced a third inning run for the Giants. Tim Shannon's fifth inning single was the only other hit for Ross.

Matthes hurled the first five innings for the Little Giants, striking out five men and walking just two. He yielded just two hits and one of the runs.

"Matthes did a real nice job," head coach Tom Dorman said after the game. "He worked the ball real well and didn't give them anything to hit."

Dorman went to Bob Brudzinski in the sixth inning "to keep him ready for the Buckeye Conference Tournament Saturday."

Brudzinski was just bad enough to gain the victory.

He gave up one run, allowing the Calvert crew to tie the game and then he shut the

door. Ross then broke the tie and Brudzinski earned the win.

The big Ross hurler, who has been the mainstay of the Little Giant staff so far this year, will be called upon Saturday when the Giants play in the conference tourney. Ross faces defending champion Findlay at 11:30 a.m. at the Marion High School diamond. Marion and Mansfield play at 10 a.m. Finals are at 2 p.m.

Dorman credited strong defense with playing a big role in the contest.

The Ross reserves also won Wednesday. They beat Clyde in a well-played 2-0 game. Mike Lohrbach had a no-hitter going for the Little Giants until the seventh inning when he yielded a solid single to center. Lohrbach struck out 14 men and walked just four. Bill Bordner hurled a two-hitter for Clyde, striking out 10 men. Jim Paxson had an RBI double and Jeff Foss singled in the two-run fifth inning for Ross.

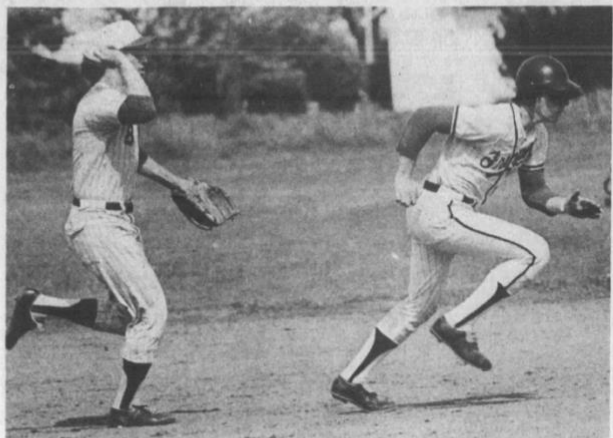
Ross is now 5-3 for the season.

VARSITY BOX SCORE

Ross	ab	r h	Calvert	ab	r h
Shannon, 2b	2	1 1	Frank, 3b	4	0 0
Lowry, 2b	1	0 1	King, c	4	0 0
Matthes, p	2	0 1	Burns, 2b	2	2 1
Brudzinski, p	0	0 0	Sndlbach, 1b	3	0 1
Myers, cf	2	1 1	Lang, ss	3	0 1
Merritt, cf	1	0 0	Taylor, cf	3	0 2
D. Baker, c	2	1 2	Etzkoorn, lf	3	0 0
Lowery, ss	2	1 0	DeRose, rf	3	0 0
M. Baker, 3b	3	0 1	Colatruccio, p	2	0 0
Silcox, lf	3	1 1		27	2 5
Ovmyr, lf	1	0 0			
Bliss, 1b	2	0 0			
Butdorf, 1b	1	0 0			
Paxson, rf	1	1 1			
Stoner, rf	1	0 0			
	24	6 9			
Calvert	000	101	0-2	5	0
Ross High	101	004	x-6	9	2

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IN A RUN DOWN in the first inning, Dan Baker of Ross attracted attention from Tiffin Calvert between first and second and Mike Shannon raced home with the Little

Giants' first run of the game. J. Burns of Calvert is chasing Baker. (News-Messenger photo by Bruce Crippen)



Ross beats Clyde in short contest

CLYDE—In a five inning match the Little Giants baseballers slid past the Clyde Fliers 7-4 despite a fourth inning four-run outburst by the home town team.

The Little Giants marked scores in the first, second, third and fifth innings while the Fliers were cold at the plate until the fourth inning.

Matthes buzzed seven strikeouts past the Fliers and gave up only one base on balls. Soggy weather forced him from the mound in the fifth inning. Bob Brudzinski relieved Matthes, hurling 3 strikeouts and allowing one walk.

The rainy weather forced the game to an early conclusion after the scoring spree by the Fliers. Dale Caudill, Larry Meyer, Amando Ortiz and Mike Taylor tagged home plate for the Fliers in the fourth inning.

Taylor was credited with 2 RBI's for Clyde.

Mike Lowery slammed a triple for the Little Giants in the second inning. He went two for two at the plate.

BOX SCORE

Ross				Clyde			
	ab	r	h		ab	r	h
Shannon, 2b	3	1	0	Gary, cf	2	0	0
Matthes, p	2	0	0	Patton, 2b	2	0	0
D.Baker, c	3	1	1	Lippert, c	3	0	0
Myers, cf	2	2	0	Caudill, ss	2	1	0
Lowery, ss	2	2	2	Meyer, 1b	1	1	1
Paxon, rf	1	1	1	Ortiz, rf	2	1	0
Merritt, cf	1	0	0	Taylor, lf	2	1	1
M.Baker, 3b	1	0	1	Noftz, 3b	2	0	0
Silcox, lf	3	0	1	Mason, p	1	0	0
Bliss, 1b	1	0	0	Wearhood, ss	0	0	0
Butdorf, 1b	1	0	0				
Brudzinski, p	0	0	0				
	20	7	6				

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Triples — Mike Lowery, Ross; RBI's — Lowery, 1; Rick Paxon, 1; Paul Silcox, 1; (all Ross). Mike Taylor, 2; (Clyde); winning pitcher—Matthes; losing pitcher—Mason; strikeouts — Matthes, 7; Brudzinski, 3; Mason, 3; walks — Matthes, 2; Brudzinski, 1; Mason, 2; Caudill, 1; hits off — Matthes, 2; Brudzinski, 0; Mason, 7; Caudill, 0.



MIKE MATTHES of Ross was out trying to score on a wild pitch in the first inning against Bellevue Thursday. Bill Craig, Bellevue

pitcher is about to make the tag. (News-Messenger Photo by Joe Daubel)

Ross nine wins

Banging out 10 hits the Ross Little Giants stopped Bellevue, 8-5, in a nonconference baseball game at Anderson Field Thursday.

The Giants fell behind early, but rallied for three runs in the third inning and three more in the fifth to gain the victory.

Trailing 2-0, Ross scored a single run in the first inning when Dan Baker singled and ran the bases, going all the way around on two stolen bases and a wild pitch.

The Giants tied the game in the bottom of

the second. Two errors gave Ross the lone tally in that frame.

After Bellevue regained the lead with a single run in the top of the third, the Little Giants' bats went to work. Dan Baker, Rick Paxson, Paul Silcox and Mike Lowery all singled in the three-run rally. Paxson, Terry Myers and Mike Matthes had singled in the three-run fifth inning.

Bob Brudzinski was the winning pitcher for the Little Giants.

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