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Ross Wins Sectional Baseball Tourney

Although not bragging about their fielding performance the Ross Little Giants won the Fremont Class AA baseball sectional Monday afternoon at Anderson Field. The Little Giants stopped Port Clinton, 6-4, despite six Ross errors.

Ross batters were hitting the long ball but couldn't put them together for greater run production. Little Giants stroked for extra bases on five of their nine hits. Steve Fausey doubled, John Pasch, Bill Johnson and Larry Whatley all tripled.

It was the third pitching appearance for junior Chuck Ziemke and he gave up his first hits or runs of the season. After

starting the season with two no-hit shutouts, Ziemke gave up eight hits but held off Port Clinton when needed. He struck out eight and walked only one in posting his third victory without a loss.

The Little Giants now qualify for Sectional final play at North Robinson Wednesday. The Ross team is likely to play a survivor from Marion or Ashland for the right to advance to district play.

Tonight the Little Giants are at Lakota. Friday they are at home against Clyde and Saturday is a doubleheader at Perysburg. The Buckeye Conference Western Division playoff, scheduled the past two Satur-

days but postponed, has been set back even further. Ross Coach Don Purvis said there is not likely to be an effort to play the league tournament until sectional and district tournaments are out of the way.

ROSS—M. Whatley, rf, 4-3-1; Brudzinski, cf, 4-1-3; Pickard, ss, 2-1-2; Knipp, c, 3-0-0; Pasch, lf, 4-0-1; S. Fausey, 1b, 3-0-1; Johnson, 3b, 3-0-1; B Fausey, 2b, 2-0-0; Ziemke, p, 3-1-10. TOTALS 30-6-9.

PORT CLINTON—Engler, 3b, 3-0-1; Greer, 1b, 4-0-2; Merrill, lf, 4-0-1; Fleming, ss, 4-0-0; Payne, c, 4-1-1; Puffenberger, rf, 3-1-1; Larson, cf, 3-1-0; Mofat, 2b, 3-1-1; Gardner, p, 3-1-1. TOTALS 31-4-8.

Score By Innings

PORT CLINTON 030 100 0—4-8-1

ROSS 230 100 0—6-9-6

SO—Ziemke, 8; Gardner, 6;

BB—Ziemke, 1; Gardner, 5.

2B—S. Fausey, Gardner; 3B—Pasch, Johnson, M. Whatley.

ROSS PITCHER FACES ONLY 21 BATTERS IN SEVEN INNINGS

Decker's No-Hitter Stops Marion, 1-0



LITTLE GIANT SCOTT DECKER
Faces Minimum Number Of Batters

NORTH ROBINSON — Scott Decker was near - perfect Wednesday afternoon and Fremont Ross needed just that kind of pitching performance. Decker faced only 21 men in seven innings as he threw a no - hit shutout. The mound mastery was the difference as Ross handed Marion its first defeat, 1-0.

In the first game of the Sectional finals at North Robinson Marion suffered defeat after 10 victories.

Decker allowed only one man to reach base when he hit Jim Velasquez, Marion third baseman, with a pitch in the fifth. Decker then erased Velasquez on a perfect pickoff move. The base runner was caught leaning toward second. The Decker move was so perfect that Velasquez was caught six to eight feet off the bag.

"It is the only time in seven years of coaching I have seen a high school pitcher face only 21 batters," remarked Ross mentor Don Purvis. With his pitching mastery Decker erased the number one Marion weapon. In winning 10 games Marion had successfully stolen base on 41 of 42 attempts.

Decker hurled nine strikeouts and did not walk a man. The hit batsman was the only thing which stood in the way of a perfect game.

In the first six years of Purvis' coaching reign his Ross pitchers have recorded only one no - hitter. That was by Mike Frantz in 1963. So far this year the Ross staff has turned in three no - hitters. Decker's is added to two by Junior Chuck Ziemke.

Ross managed only one run



MAC WHATLEY

Drives In Run

despite seven hits and stranding nine men on base. The Little Giants went down with two men left on base in each of the first four innings. The ninth man left on base came in the sixth inning.

The Little Giants scored their lone run in the second inning. Steve and Bill Fausey reached base on back - to - back infield hits. The next two men then went out on a pop-up and strikeout. Mac Whatley lashed a double to drive in the one run of the game. The drive to left - center field was the first of two hits for Whatley.

Defensively, Steve Fausey made a catch which saved the no - hitter for Decker. He went into the hole between first and second to control the ball. It was one of 10 infield chances handled by the Little Giants. Only two balls were hit to the outfield against Decker.

In tournament play Ross returns to North Robinson Friday to meet Mansfield Madison. The winner will advance to District play. Madison won its sectional by topping Mansfield

Senior. Wednesday the Madison team got past Clear Fork.

Ross advances with a record of eight wins, three losses.

MARION — Barnhart, cf, 3-0-0; Merchant, ss, 3-0-0; Milligan, rf, 3-0-0; Roseberry, 2b, 2-0-0; Velasquez, 3b, 2-0-0; Creasap, 1b, 2-0-0; Rowland, lf, 1-0-0; Minor, ph, 1-0-0; Fry, p, 2-0-0; White, c, 2-0-0. TOTALS 21-0-0.

ROSS — M. Whatley, rf, 4-0-2; Brudzinski, cf, 3-0-0; Pickard, ss, 2-0-1; Knipp, c, 3-0-1; Zimmerman, lf, 3-0-0; S. Fausey, 1b, 3-1-1; B. Fausey, 2b, 2-0-1; Johnson, 3b, 2-0-0; Decker, p, 3-0-1. TOTALS 26-17.

MARION 000 000 0-0-1

ROSS 010 000 x-1-0-7-0

SO — Decker, 9; Fry, 9. BB—Decker, 0; Fry, 2. Hit Batsman — Decker, 1.

2B — Whatley, Decker. RBI — Whatley.

Baseball Standings

American League				
	W.	L.	Pct.	G.B.
Detroit	13	5	.722	—
Baltimore	11	6	.647	1½
Minnesota	11	7	.611	2
Wash'n.	11	8	.579	2½
California	9	10	.474	4½
Boston	8	9	.471	4½
New York	8	10	.444	5
Oakland	8	11	.421	5½
Cleveland	7	11	.389	6
Chicago	3	12	.200	8½

Wednesday's Results
Baltimore 6, New York 1
Chicago 4, Washington 1
California 5, Boston 3
Cleveland 3, Oakland 1
Detroit 3, Minnesota 2

Today's Games
California at Boston
New York at Baltimore, N
Minnesota at Detroit, N



ST. JOSEPH'S TONY BIGAILA CAUGHT IN RUNDOWN BETWEEN SECOND AND THIRD
Lakeside's Third Baseman J. Piechocki, Shortstop Stancho Closing In

Ross Falls To Madison

Fremont Teams Eliminated In Tourneys

The sectional tournament trail ended in the finals Friday for both Fremont Ross and Fremont St. Joseph teams. One bad inning was the downfall of both teams in the sectional finals.

Three runs, two of them unearned, in one inning and a hard rain storm flooded out Ross' tournament hopes. The Little Giants fell to Mansfield Madison, 3-2, in a rain-abbreviated game at North Robinson.

Sandusky St. Mary sent 12 men to the plate in collecting six runs on five hits in the fifth inning to beat St. Joseph, 7-2, at Clyde.

The Ross game was called after five innings. It rained so hard the water was virtually unrain storm flooded out Ross' tournament hopes. The Little Giants fell to Mansfield Madison, 3-2, in a rain-abbreviated game at North Robinson.

Madison scored all its runs in the second inning. A pop fly single over the infield, a strike out, walk and passed ball which advanced the lead runner to third preceded a single by Brad Tinkey which scored the first Madison run. The next batter struck out but was followed by an infield single. Tom Johnson, Madison second baseman, then grounded to the left side of the

Ross infield, where the ball was bobbled for a two-run error.

Ross had opened the game with all its scoring in the first inning. Mac Whatley tagged a triple, scored on Dennis Brudzinski's sacrifice, Bill Pickard singled, Dennis Knipp and Steve Fausey walked to load the bases with two out. Bill Fausey was then hit by a pitch to force in the second Ross Run. A

strikeout then ended the inning. Although out of the tournament, Ross plays a double-header today at Perrysburg and is at home Monday with Toledo Whitmer.

Climatic blow for St. Mary in its game with St. Joseph was a bases loaded triple by Jim Ebert. Three of the seven Sandusky team runs were unearned. For St. Joseph the scoring all

came on the fourth inning two-run home run by Bob Krám.

MADISON-ROSS
MADISON — Johnson, 2b 3-0-0; Bosler, cf 3-0-0; Long, ss 3-0-1; Them, 1b 3-1-1; Rice, c 2-0-0; Hart, rf 1-1-0; Tinkey, 3b 2-1-1; Frazier, p 2-0-4. L. Hart, lf 2-0-1. Totals 21-3-4.

ROSS — M. Whatley, rf 3-1-1; Brudzinski, cf 2-0-0; Pickard, ss 3-1-2; Knipp, c 1-0-0; Pasch, lf 3-0-0; S. Fausey, 1b 2-0-1; B. Fausey, 2-0-0; Johnson, 3b Ziemke, p 2-0-1. Totals 19-2-5.

Score By Innings

Madison 030 00-3-4-0

Ross 200 00-2-5-2

Triples Whatley; Stuck out by Ziemke, 6; Frazier, 4; Walks by Ziemke, 1; Frazier, 3. Hit Batsmen-Frazier, 1. Winning Pitcher Frazier. Losing Pitcher Ziemke. Hits off Ziemke 4 for 1 earned runs in 5 innings. Hits off Frazier 5 for 2 earned runs in 5 innings.



News-Messenger SPORTS

College Pair Seeks Davis Cup Clincher

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — becoming serves and accurate