

Ross wins sectional; Lohrbach paces win

GALION — Mark Lohrbach pitched and used his bat to propel Fremont Ross into the Class AAA District Baseball Tournament. The Little Giants righthander hurled a four-hit, 6-1, win over Mansfield Madison and added a pair of solo homers for good measure in the sectional

championship game.

Lohrbach did not breeze to the win on the mound, but he pitched extremely well in clutch situations. Madison stranded 11 men and each time the Mansfield team threatened, Lohrbach came up with a clutch strikeout or enticed the Madison batter into an easy out.

"I couldn't imagine them not scoring more runs than they did," Ross coach Ed Platzer said, referring to Madison's missed scoring opportunities. "It was hair raising at times."

But Platzer credited Lohrbach with timely pitching and said that he felt the Ross senior was "throwing better."

"He was tough when he had to be . . . with men on base he got us out of trouble," Platzer echoed.

Lohrbach's homer gave Ross a 1-0 lead after one inning. The Little Giants went up 2-0 in the fifth when pinch hitter Al Beard singled with two out and rode home on Roger Berger's triple.

Ross erupted for four runs in the sixth after Madison had scored its only run of the game. Lohrbach rammed his second homer over the leftfield fence leading off the frame. With one out, Kim Stout, Steve Carmack, and Ron Whitcomb singled to load the bases. Stout scored on a wild pitch but Jerry Ruland walked to load the bases once again.

Berger iced the inning and the game with a single for two runs.

The win was the eighth in 13 games for Ross and it put them into the district semifinals next Tuesday at Lima Shawnee against Shawnee. The game will start at 4 p.m.

Ross 6, Madison 1

Score by innings

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Madison	000	001	0-1 4 1
Ross	100	014	x-6 8 2
BATTERIES: Mike Woogerd, Risongta (6) and Doug Keen; Mark Lohrbach and Mike McGilton			
WP: Lohrbach; LP: Woogerd			



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PEMBERVILLE — Eastwood ripped Otsego for eight runs in the bottom of the sixth inning to hand

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