

Ross Wins Sectional Title

Hrynciw, Raney lead Litle Giants past Norwalk in Class AAA

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NORWALK — Fremont Ross won a sectional baseball championship for the second time in three years Saturday, edging Norwalk 3-1 in the finals of the Class AAA tournament at Bill Baines Park.

Bob Hrynciw provided the big blow on offense — a two-run home run in the first inning — and Craig Raney pitched a complete-game three-hitter for the win.

"I couldn't believe (Hrynciw) hit a home run into (a steady breeze that was blowing in from center field)," said Ross Coach Dan Fought. "He really nailed it. It was the hardest ball that was hit in the tournament.

"I didn't think a ball a ball

could get out of (Bill Baines Park)."

Hrynciw's homer capped a three-run first inning that gave Raney all the help he needed. The right-hander struck out seven and walked four.

"(Raney) was really on Saturday," said Fought. "He wasn't behind in the count much and the defense helped him out."

The Little Giants turned two double plays in the game. One to end the third inning and one to end the game.

Norwalk, 11-7, scored its only run in the third inning on an RBI single by Drew Riley after a walk, a sacrifice bunt and a Ross throwing error put runners in

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scoring position.

Raney worked out of a two-on, one-out jam in the sixth inning with a pair of strikeouts.

"He struggled in that inning," Fought said. "He got behind in

the count to the first two batters. I thought he was struggling, but he came back strong."

Todd Gullett took the loss for the Truckers. Gullett walked two and struck out seven.

Ross will host the district tournament May 16-17 and 20.

The Little Giants will meet Wapakoneta Tuesday, May 16

and Sandusky will play Defiance Wednesday, May 17. The winners will play in the for a district championship Friday, May 20.

"It feels good to win the sectional championship and get to come home to play the district," said Fought. "The kids really did a super job, but we have a lot of work to do."