

Little Giants Advance To Sectional Final

Ross gets first tourney victory in five seasons

G'burg softball opens with rout

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MANSFIELD — The Ross baseball team made the most of its scoring opportunities, and third baseman Kyle Spriggs helped shut down Sandusky on Saturday as the Little Giants earned their first tournament victory since 1998.

Ross (8-7) scored twice on a single passed ball and claimed a 3-1 victory over the rival Blue Streaks (11-6) in a Division I sectional opener at Madison High School.

With reliever Jon Franks on the mound in the sixth and seventh innings, Spriggs speared two hard grounders to snuff Sandusky rallies. In the sixth, Spriggs

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started an inning-ending double play. In the seventh, he stepped on the bag for the final out of the game.

"We've gotten some good pitching lately," Ross head coach Rob Schimmoller said. "Today, we got some breaks. Kyle played a real nice game."

Spriggs led the Ross offense by going 2-for-3. He scored the game's first run on a Robbie Hall groundout in the third.

Then, in the fourth, Franks and Joey Garza stood on second and third,

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respectively, when Sandusky pitcher Jacob Lindberg's pitch was mishandled by the Blue Streak catcher. Franks scored on the play, and Garza came around when Lindberg tried to pick him off after he rounded third base.

Kyle Hintze went five innings, allowing an earned run and four hits, to earn his fourth victory. He struck out eight and walked three. Franks pitched the final two innings for his second save, surrendering only a hit.

Ross will meet Mansfield Madison at 5 p.m. Tuesday in the sectional final at Madison.