

Little Giants' best shot buries Macomber 12-2

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OREGON — Ross turned loose its biggest offensive show of the season to roll over Toledo Macomber 12-2 here Saturday in the first round of the Class AAA Sectional Baseball Tournament.

The Little Giants collected 14 singles and doubles by Brian Humbarger and Doug Gallagher to go with the two-hit pitching of Tom Pena and advanced to the second round of the tourney. Coach Chuck Lindsey's team will face Toledo Woodward at 4:30 p.m., Thursday in the sectional semifinals. Woodward had a first round bye.

Lindsey, realizing that Macomber did not have the firepower of his team, called the win a good way to begin the tournament.

"Coming off the Findlay game (a 3-2 Ross win) and then winning this one, it was a good way to begin," he said. "Woodward is a pretty good team though but if we get our hitting going, we'll be all right."

Ross had its hitting game working against the Macmen, scoring three times in both the first and third innings and topping it off with a four-run outburst in the fourth. Single runs in the fifth and sixth served as decoration on the cake.

"All the games that we have won have been by one or two runs," the Ross coach pointed out. "I'm definitely pretty happy with this one."

An error and Gallagher's single started Ross's first inning. Humbarger singled in the first Ross run and Jay Bowers's grounder to short made it 2-0. Another grounder by Bobby Clark to second scored the third run of the inning.

An error at short and Humbarger's stolen base started the Ross third. Bowers singled and went to second when the ball went through Macomber's centerfielder, one of eight errors that the Macmen committed, Humbarger scored on the play. Clark singled Bowers to third and immediately stole second. After an out, Brian Farr singled in two runs.

Ross put the game out of reach in the fourth. After Gallagher flied to right, Humbarger doubled and went to third on Bower's infield hit.

Humbarger scored on a fielder's choice when Bowers was forced at second on Clark's grounder.

Designated hitter Dave Eicher was safe on an error at short and when Farr singled to center, the ball got past again and two runs trotted across the plate. Pena's triple drove in the fourth run.

Gallagher doubled in the run in the fifth and Pena's sacrifice fly plated Ross's final run in the sixth.

Pena went the distance and was never seriously in trouble. He gave up a run in the second on Bob Purpich's double. In the sixth, Macomber scored a run on two Ross errors, a hit batter and a wild pitch.