

Little Giants advance in sectionals

News-Messenger reports

Aaron Opelt hit a home run and scored three times, and Kyle Cook walked only one in seven innings and notched the victory as Fremont Ross defeated Mansfield Senior 11-5 in the first round of the sectional tournament in Mansfield Tuesday.

The Little Giants (11-5) will play the winner between Marion Harding and Ashland at Mansfield May 10.

"We did a great job coming out focused from the opening pitch tonight," Ross coach Andy Dennings said. "We were focused throughout and that's what we'll need to make a strong tournament run."

Cook struck out seven Tuesday.

"Kyle did a nice job," Dennings said. "We didn't make a couple plays behind him to extend a few innings we should have been out of. He kept his composure and pitched a nice ball-game."

Mike Abbott scored two runs, Cook scored once and drove in a run, and Robbie Hall scored twice and drove in two runs for Ross. Brad Cobb scored two runs, Billy Boukissen scored one run and Cody Ruiz added an RBI.

Kory Decker drove in two runs for Ross.

The Little Giants scored 10 runs in the first four innings.

"The entire team did a nice job sit-

ting back on the back foot against a kid that didn't throw extremely hard," Dennings said. "We kept the weight back and maintained our discipline."

Streaks win preview

Adam Coleman registered his first victory of the season as St. Joseph Central Catholic shut out Danbury 10-0 in six innings Tuesday in a preview of Saturday's Division IV sectional matchup between the two teams.

Coleman allowed two hits while walking four and striking out three.

The Crimson Streaks (13-5) scored two runs in each of the first through third innings and three in the fourth.

Robbie Roth, Cory Miller and Kevin

Wammes each hit a home run for SJCC.

Roth also doubled and drove in a total of three runs while Miller also tripled and drove in two runs. Miller's home run was his second and Wammes' his third.

Anthony Rusher singled twice and Cory Swaisgood doubled for the Crimson Streaks.

SOFTBALL

Rockets eliminated

Kylie Biggert had two singles but Oak Harbor fell to Maumee in the Division II sectional tournament.

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