

OF girls advance; Ross

Ross and St. Joe both were eliminated from girls' softball sectional tournament action Saturday while Old Fort advanced to today's finals.

Ross was beaten 26-9 by Vermilion in the Class AAA sectional opener at Ashland, St. Joe dropped a 12-7 decision to Hopewell-Loudon at the Bettsville Class A sectional and Old Fort crushed New Riegel 25-5 also at Bettsville.

Vermilion 26, Ross 9

Vermilion exploded for 19 hits and took advantage of 21 walks to drub the Lady Little

Giants.

Sandy Long led Ross in a losing effort with a home run, a triple and seven RBI.

"We've been getting the hitting," said Ross Coach Christy Holland, "but we just haven't been getting the pitching."

Julie Ritchart took the loss for Ross, now 2-5.

Hopewell 12, St. Joe 7

Hopewell fell behind by one run after three innings but scored six runs in the top of the fourth to send them past

the Lady Streak

Deb Graber and Rowe were the performers. Hopewell, no Graber was the pitcher and pounded out a home run and two singles. Rowe had a double and singles.

For St. Joe, losing pitcher Oprie went two innings and Reenie Houder had a home run.

Old Fort 25, New Riegel 5

Barb Gabel pitched and hit out five hits, including a home run.

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