Ross sends 4 to district

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SANDUSKY — Four Fremont Ross tennis players advanced to next week's district tournament by reaching the semifinals of today's sectional at Sandusky High School.

The doubles team of Bill Flower and Pete Scranton play Ashland's Jared Crooks and Justin Crooks in the doubles semifinals. Friday the Little Giants's top duo defeated Mansfield Madison's Lyman Smith and Daniel Jun and Vermilion's Ryan Derrow and Bart Dellisanti to reach the semifinals.

Ryan Newman, seeded third in singles, breezed past Lexington's Oliver Strauss, then won a three-setter versus Tiffin Columbian's Nick Cartwright to set a semifinal showdown with Ashland's Gavin McFarlin.

If Newman wins that match, he could play teammate Andrew Humberger, who is playing the other singles semifinal against

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Lexington's Matt Piper.

Humberger, who teamed with Jay Farrell in doubles this season, defeated Matt Kuhnle of Vermilion, Drew Turner of Sandusky and fourth-seeded Steve Chung.

Regardless of today's results, the Ross foursome will play in the Northwest Ohio district tournament Friday at Bowling Green State University.

In the Division II sectional at Sandusky Perkins, no Fremont St. Joseph Central Catholic players advanced.

Andy Stotz and Shana Young, who opted to play doubles after playing singles for the Crimson Streaks for much of the season, lost to Norwalk's Jacob Smith and Alan Furey in the second round.

Jose Ramirez fell one match short of the semifinals, losing to Chris Babiuch of Perkins in the quarterfinals.