

Northview outhits Little Giants

■ **District setback:**
A 9-4 loss to Northview
dropped Fremont Ross
from district play.

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PERRYSBURG — Northview got an early jump on Fremont Ross and went on to a 9-4 victory in a Division I District Softball Tournament semifinal game Wednesday at Perrysburg High School.

Northview, 21-2, will face Perrysburg, 24-0, in the finals at 11

a.m. Saturday. Both Northview losses this season have been to Perrysburg.

The Wildcats broke a 1-1 tie with Ross with a pair of runs in the second inning and built the advantage to 8-1 after four innings.

"We hit the ball tonight; we hit some ropes (line drives)," Northview coach Gerald Sigler said. "We felt if we jumped on Fremont's kids ... they would be second-guessing themselves. That's the name of the game."

The Wildcats collected 14 hits, 13 of them singles.

"It was not like the last game," Ross coach Cheryl Co-

ressel said, referring to a 13-2 loss to the Wildcats last week.

Although the Little Giants had only three hits, Coressel said her team made better contact against winning pitcher Marla Becker. One of the Little Giants' hits was a double by Donna Steinberger.

"We were nervous in the beginning and we made some mistakes we should not have made and that hurts," Coressel said. "We had some balls we bobbled because of jitters."

Erin Marciniak had the only Wildcat extra-base hit, a two-out triple in the first inning. She scored on Jeanne Kalmbach's

single to left.

Ross scored a run in the bottom of the first on an error, sacrifice bunt and a groundout.

In the second, Northview used four hits to score twice. Heather Machowski and Tina Schott, the bottom two hitters in the Wildcat lineup, singled in the runs off losing pitcher Kim Crawford.

Becker singled in a run in the third for a 4-1 lead before the Wildcats broke the game open in the fourth, scoring four runs on five hits. Kalmbach singled in the first run, Pam Kreuz's sacrifice fly to center plated another and Heather Kamer's shot to center field scored the last two.

Ross scored once in the fifth on Steinberger's double, a sacrifice bunt by Andi Oprie and an error.

Kreuz singled in another run in the Wildcat sixth before Ross closed out the scoring with two runs in the sixth. Belinda Sandoval singled to right and Tricia Busdeker, who had the first hit off Becker in the fourth inning, was safe on an error. Sandoval scored on the error and Busdeker scored when Jessica Rollins' grounder to second was dropped for another error.

Ross returns to action this afternoon, hosting Bedford at 4:30 p.m. at Rodger Young Park.