

PREP BASEBALL

Little Giants fall from tournament

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SANDUSKY — The Tiffin Columbian Tornadoes picked a good time to start spinning in the right direction.

Columbian's fifth straight win was a 7-1 triumph Tuesday over Fremont Ross in the Division I Sectional Tournament at Rather Field.

Jamie Detillion blanked the Little Giants on no hits over the last four innings, and the Tornadoes broke the game open with five runs in the fifth.

"I didn't feel good about anything that was going on," Ross coach Dan Fought said. "Nothing felt right."

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"We made little mistakes that magnified themselves by the time the fourth inning came along."

By that time, Detillion was cruising. The left-hander set down 10 of the last 11 men that he faced.

"He's been the most steady pitcher," Columbian coach Doug Hartenstein said. "Today he was really snapping his curveball. He had good command of that and good command of his fastball."

Detillion struck out eight, including five in the last three innings, and walked four.

Ross starter Shane Moran was hurt by five walks and five Little Giant errors. He struck out four but did not record a strikeout after striking out the side in the second.

"It was definitely a hitter's zone with the umpire's call," Fought said. "They took advantage and we didn't."

Each team had four hits, and Columbian got the big hit — Kevin Curry's three-run homer in the fifth.

"We've been patient waiting on the hitting to come around," Hartenstein said. "Each game it's been a different kid."

Curry also had an run-scoring single in the fourth. His homer

How they scored

ROSS FOURTH

Kyle Kusmer struck out. Gary Rakes walked and stole second. Tyler Tooman popped out to first. Rakes stole third as Brian Reinbolt walked. Reinbolt stole second, with Rakes scoring on pitcher Jamie Detillion's throwing error to third base. Ryan Shively popped out to third. 1 run, 0 hits.

COLUMBIAN FOURTH

Jason Pagnard was out catcher to first. Dave Porter walked and went to second on a wild pitch. Aaron Ward walked. Kevin Curry singled to left-center, sending Porter home. Ward took third and

Curry second when Graham Hogan failed to come up with Curry's hit cleanly. Ward scored after shortstop Kusmer fielded Kory Winkler's grounder and tagged out Curry. Aaron Bonnell's grounder to third forced Winkler at second. 2 runs, 1 hit.

COLUMBIAN FIFTH

Dave Eberly reached on third baseman Tim Rakes' error, and took second on a wild pitch. Shawn Burgerderfer walked. Ryan Bleeks singled to load the bases, and Pagnard walked to force in a run. Burgerderfer forced at the plate on Porter's grounder to third. Ward's grounder to shortstop forced Porter at second, with Bleeks scoring on the fielder's choice. Curry hit a three-run homer to right. Winkler flied out to left. 5 runs, 2 hits.

came on Moran's 101st pitch.

"He's the best that I've got," said Fought, who pondered a pitching change prior to Curry's homer. "If you're going to go out of the tournament, you go out with the best that you've got."

Hartenstein said Detillion never reached the 100-pitch count.

"We were swinging at first pitches," Fought said.

Ross falls from the tournament at 9-9. Columbian (7-6) takes on second-seeded Ashland Saturday. ■

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