

Ross threesome headed to district

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SANDUSKY — The regular season ends Monday, but the tennis postseason goes on another week for Fremont Ross singles player David Albrechta and the doubles team of Justin and Christopher Orofino.

The three Little Giant players advanced to the semifinals of the Division I sectional tournament Friday at Sandusky, earning a berth for the district tournament next weekend back at Sandusky.

Play resumes at 9 a.m. today.

"We'll see how today goes," Ross coach Rick LaFountain said. "We played well on the first day. The kids are really excited about playing another week longer."

After a first-round bye, Albrechta, defeated David Prout of Sandusky 6-0, 6-0 and downed Ashland's Neil Malhotra 6-3, 6-1 to reach today's semifinals. Albrechta, the fourth seed, earned a rematch with Lexington's Ty Schaub, the top seed. He lost 6-0, 6-1 to Schaub in regular-season action on Wednesday.

"David did a great job today," LaFountain said. "He faces Schaub again, who is probably one of the best players in northwest Ohio.



ALBRECHTA

Realistically, I like David's chances against the other guys in the third-place match."

The Orofino

team, playing at first doubles, had a 6-3, 6-4 first-round victory over Cory Bess and James Brower of Oregon Clay and defeated the Ashland team of Tyler Kitchen and Noah Slobadnick 6-2, 6-4 in the quarterfinals. The second-seeded Orofinos face Nathan Jones and Nathan Hershner of Lexington today.

Little Giant Brian Gibbs lost 6-4, 6-0 to Ashland's Michael Runyan in singles play, and Schaub blanked Little Giant Anthony Weiker 6-0, 6-0 in the second round. Weiker opened the tournament with a 6-4, 1-6, 6-4 victory over Zach Carter of Ashland.

The Little Giants' second doubles team of Drew Wetzel and Aaron Gray also bowed out of the postseason with a 6-0, 6-0 loss to Josh Adams and Drew Bolesky of Lexington.

The Little Giants wrap up the regular season Monday, playing host to Maumee.