

Tornadoes eliminate Little Giants

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Tiffin Columbian scored seven times in one inning against Fremont Ross Thursday on its way to an 11-3 win in the Division I baseball sectional championship in Sandusky.

With the win, the Tornadoes advance to the district tournament in Findlay. With the loss, the Little Giants turn their attention to another foe: the 1995 Ross team.

"We want to beat last year's record because they were a pret-

ty good team," Ross senior left-fielder Graham Hogan said.

This year's team won the first sectional tournament game since 1991 and has a 10-10 record with five games to play. Last year's team was 13-12.

Taking win No. 11 against Tiffin would have been difficult against "an excellent ballclub," Ross coach Dan Fought said.

"We escaped damage in the first four innings. In the fifth we tried to do the same — but that didn't occur," Fought said.

Ross scored in three of the first

Thursday	
Tiffin Columbian	11
Fremont Ross	3

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Napoleon at Ross	
4:30 p.m.	

four innings, but trailed 4-3. Then came the fifth.

Four walks and three Columbian hits led to the seven-run inning. Tornado pitcher Jamie Detillion's three-run home run off Nick Jurski was the biggest blow.

"They were solid all around,"

said Hogan, who homered for Ross. "Their pitcher hit two home runs, that tells you something."

In addition to hitting two home runs, Detillion struck out seven Ross batters and walked just three in the complete-game win. Ross scored three runs on home runs by Hogan and Sam Root, as well as a Terry Cisco sacrifice.

The Little Giants had advanced to Thursday's championship with a 4-3 win against Mansfield Madison May 7.

"We were happy to win the first

one (against Madison), but we weren't satisfied," said Hogan, who homered Thursday. "Tiffin knocked us out last year, and beat us this year."

The Tornadoes wins were no fluke, scoring 22 runs in two games against Ross.

Ross needs to win four-out-of-five remaining games to beat last year's record.

The first chance comes at 4:30 p.m. today against Napoleon at home. Saturday, the Little Giants' host a doubleheader against Ashland.