

ROSS knocks off Mansfield

News-Messenger reports

MANSFIELD — In tournament time, most teams look to their seniors to lead the way.

Saturday, Fremont Ross seniors Dan Cobb and Kyle Gegorski did just that, and led the Little Giants to a 5-3 Division I sectional semifinal win over Mansfield Senior at Arland Field.

Cobb pitched a complete game victory and Gegorski went 2-for-2 and drove in three runs as Ross advanced to the sectional championship game against third-ranked Mansfield Madison at 5 p.m. Tuesday.

Mansfield took a 1-0 lead in the top of the second, but Ross answered in the bottom of the inning. Aaron

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Ross at Bedford, 4:30 p.m.

Coonrod led off with a single, stole second and scored on a single by T.J. Hammer.

The Little Giants scored two more in the fourth to take the lead. Cobb opened with a double, Coonrod reached on an error and stole second, and Gegorski delivered a two-run single.

"He didn't play much last year, he switched off when Coonrod pitched," said Ross coach Chuck Lindsey. "But he worked hard in the off-season and as a senior he came in looking to step up

his play."

The Little Giants extended the lead in the fifth, as Josh Lozano cracked a solo home run for a 4-2 lead. Coonrod reached on an error, stole second and scored on a Gegorski single.

Meanwhile, Cobb continued to pitch well. He struck out six and gave up just one earned run. He has allowed just two earned runs in his last 21 innings.

The Little Giants will travel to Bedford (Mich.) for a Great Lakes League game today, before the showdown with Madison on Tuesday.

Coonrod will pitch the sectional title game. Lindsey said he expects his team to be fired up.

"Aaron wants to go in and

show people he can be a great pitcher against great teams," Lindsey said. "Usually you get a team like this in the regional, but we got them early. There's no doubt in our minds we can beat them if we play well."

Lakota 3, Eastwood 1

JERRY CITY — Paul Brubaker pitched a complete game, yielding just one run on two hits as Lakota knocked off Eastwood 3-1 in a sectional semifinal.

Lakota (6-9) scored two runs in the fifth to break a 1-1 tie. Josh Venis led off with a walk and, one out later, Shawn Babcock delivered an RBI single. Dan Burdette's single scored Babcock. The Raider play Elmwood in the sectional final Tuesday.