

Greater Buckeye Conference Champions

Ross takes GBC

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Fremont Ross coach Andy Dennings said it's always a nice accomplishment when the Little Giants beat Greater Buckeye Conference rival Findlay twice in the same year.

Securing the GBC crown while doing it is an added bonus, to be sure.

Ross wrapped up the GBC championship Tuesday with a 12-5 road victory over Findlay.

"The kids were pretty ecstatic afterward," Dennings said. "It was nice to see them stay focused through the course of the game with all they had on the line.

"I thought they handled their emotions well. They're a great group of kids."

They're also very handy with the bats. The Little Giants pounded out 15 hits in the win, including a 4-for-4 effort from Brad Cobb.

Cobb had a double and four RBIs while teammate Kyle Cook went 2-for-5 with three RBIs and a triple.

"Everybody hit the ball well," Little Giant Aaron Opelt said. "Brad Cobb had a great day at the plate. He had some clutch hits."

Robbie Hall went 2-for-2 with a pair of RBIs for Ross and teammate Opelt went 2-for-4 with a double.

Corey Chestnutt, Mike Abbott, Billy Boukissen, Kory Decker and Cody Ruiz added hits for the Little Giants (16-7, 7-2 GBC).

This was Dennings' first year at the helm.

"They came ready to work every day," Dennings said of his squad. "They were ready to be coached and they deserve a lot of credit for staying positive through the entire season.

"We didn't get as far as we wanted in the tournament, but it was nice to see the kids plug away and get the GBC title. It's something great for our program to build on."

Abbott (5-0) also picked up the win, striking out five over four innings while walking five.

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"Abbott came in and threw them off balance," Opelt said.

Opelt and Billy Boukissen doused Dennings with a celebratory water

shower after the game.

"After losing in sectionals, this was a good way to come back and finish things up right," Opelt said. "We needed a positive, and obviously winning the GBC is a positive. It gets us rolling for next year."