



Ashland's Steven Mowry collides with Fremont Ross catcher Jordan Garcia Monday on a close play. DOUG HISE/NEWS-MESSENGER

HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL

Ross tournament trail ends

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Fremont Ross was eliminated from the sectional tournament Monday by Ashland for the fourth consecutive season.

"We've had some great games over the past couple years. Unfortunately, we've always come out on the losing end of it," Little Giants coach Mark King said after the 6-0 loss.

Adam Schaly struck out 12 and nearly pitched his second straight no-hitter as Ashland defeated the

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Little Giants.

"I thought we were going to see a Johnny Vander Meer out there with back-to-back no-hitters," Ashland coach Rob Lavengood said. "We feel pretty confident when he's on the mound and he gave us another great outing (Monday)."

The Arrows improved to 16-3. Vander Meer pitched back-to-

back no-hitters for the Cincinnati Reds in 1938.

Schaly was dominant from the beginning, striking out nine of the first 15 batters he faced. He did not allow a runner past first until TJ Harkness broke up the no-hit bid with a double to start the sixth inning.

"There is a reason he's one of the top-rated pitchers in northwest Ohio," King said. "Right now in our district he's leading by almost double in strikeouts. Unfortunately for us, we've been struggling offensively and that sometimes

spills over into fielding."

Ross (11-8) committed a pair of costly errors in the first inning to help Ashland score what would be the game-winning runs against Little Giants starter Jesse Blue.

Blue went four innings and allowed four runs, before being chased on a double by Ashland's Nick Tyner. Blue was relieved by Harkness, who surrendered the final two runs.

Ashland scattered 10 hits.

"The kids came up with some clutch hitting when we needed to," Lavengood said.