

Giants Lose in Sectional Final

Lady Giants felled by Ashland

The tournament trail for the Ross girls softball team came to a sudden halt Thursday as Ashland pitcher Kim Leasure fired a one-hitter to stifle the Lady Little Giants 8-0 in the Class AAA sectional/district at Ashland Cahn Grove.

In one regular season game, Old Fort was shelled 20-8 by Buckeye Central.

At Ashland, Ross's Sharon Schneider beat out an infield single in the first inning, but that was all the Lady Little Giants could muster against the hard-throwing Leasure. She allowed no more hits the rest of the way while striking out 13 and walking just one.

Ashland, meanwhile, managed four hits off Ross pitcher Kim Schutt in registering its 12th win in 13 games. The Lady Arrows scored two runs in the second inning and six more in the sixth.

Ross is now 4-6.

Ross girls blow past Mansfield

The Ross Lady Little Giants exploded for 10 runs in the sixth inning to blow past Mansfield Madison 16-8 in the first round of the Class AAA sectional/district softball tournament at Ashland's Cahn Grove Wednesday.

In regular season action yesterday, Clyde won its first game ever 6-5 over Tiffin Calvert. St. Joe bombed Bettsville 23-7 and Old Fort edged Seneca East 8-7.

At Ashland, Ross found itself down 8-3 after five innings. But the Lady Giants ripped out five base hits and used five walks to take a 13-8 lead. They added three more in the seventh for the final margin.

In their big inning, the Lady Giants got two-run singles from Sue Gahn and Taunya Downing, a two-run double from Kim Schutt and an RBI single from Shelly Leggett.

Gahn, Schutt, Downing and Sharon Schneider each finished with two hits to lead Ross's 12-hit attack.

The Lady Giants, now 3-6, will meet Ashland Saturday at 12 noon in the second round of the tourney.