

Tournament Road Ends At Sectional



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Big inning falls Ross

Pitcher Kim White of Ross concentrates on a pitch to an Ashland batter during the Class AAA sectional tournament finals at Bucyrus Monday

afternoon. Ashland scored eight runs in the sixth inning and went on to defeat the Little Giants 11-2. Game story on Page B-3.

Ashland's big inning too much for Ross

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BUCYRUS — It's a problem that Christy Holland has seen crop up all too often this season.

"That has been one of our problems," the Ross High School girls softball coach began. "We have one bad inning and when it is bad, it is bad."

That problem cropped up Monday night in the finals of the Class AAA sectional tournament finals at Bucyrus High School. Trailing 3-2 going into the bottom of the sixth inning, the Ross problem hit hard.

Ashland took advantage of three errors, two walks, a fielder's choice and a base hit to score eight times and go on to win 11-2.

That inning wiped out any momentum the Little Giants had gotten in the top of the inning when they had scored twice to close to within a run.

Dawn Lash scattered six Ross hits, striking out two, to pick up the pitching win for Ashland, 17-4. One of the hits was a two-run single by Aimee LeJeune in the Ross sixth.

Lora Almaguer and Shelly Leggett doubled for Ross.

White allowed just five hits but seven errors hurt her efforts.

The loss dropped Ross to 9-10 this season.

Ross, St. Joe girls move to finals

Lady Giants play this afternoon, Streaks go for title Tuesday

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Ross got off to a running start with eight runs in the first inning while coasting to a 29-11 victory over Mansfield Malabar in the Class AAA softball sectional tournament semifinals at Bucyrus High School Saturday.

St. Joe also won a tournament semifinal game Saturday, beating Old Fort 6-0 in the Class A sectional at Bettsville.

The Little Giants will play Ashland at 4:30 this afternoon at

Bucyrus High School for the sectional title.

Ross led 13-0 before Malabar scored in the bottom of the third. Malabar closed to within 15-7 before the Little Giants put the game out of reach with a 13-run outburst in the sixth inning.

Ross collected 24 hits, including four apiece by Angie Flores and Taunya Downing. Flores had four RBI and Downing three. Aimee LeJeune and Sue Tournant had three hits apiece for Ross.

Winning pitcher Kim White, Lora Almaguer, LeJeune and Shelly Leggett doubled for Ross.

White pitched the first five innings and Almaguer the final two.

St. Joe6

Old Fort0

Kelley Aldrich hurled a one-hitter as the Streaks topped the Stockaders in Bettsville.

St. Joe, 8-10, will now play Fostoria St. Wendelin Tuesday at

4:30 p.m., in the sectional finals.

Aldrich struck out four and walked seven. The only hit she allowed came on a leadoff single by Deb Hoerig in the seventh inning. That's the second time in less than a week that Aldrich has pitched a one-hitter and given up that hit in the final frame.

St. Joe had nine hits, led by Michelle McGrath with three and Aldrich and Ann Hossler with two each.

McGrath drove in two runs.