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Ross takes softball sectional thriller

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Mckenzie Gallagher scored her third run of the game on a throwing error in the bottom of the ninth inning as host Fremont Ross defeated Ashland 4-3 in Division I sectionals Monday.

Gallagher walked and went to third on Jordyn Gallagher's double in the ninth for the Little Giants (11-12).

Jordyn Gallagher (10-10) allowed two earned runs and nine hits while striking out 11 and walking one in nine innings for the win in the circle. She struck out two straight batters and induced a ground-ball out after a leadoff triple in the top of the ninth.

Mckenzie Gallagher walked and moved to second on a single from Jordyn Gallagher in the seventh inning. Mckenzie Gallagher scored on Casey Clark's single with a 3-0 count to tie the game 3-3.

"We came from behind all night long," Ross coach Mike Gilbert said.

Mckenzie Gallagher reached, moved to second on a walk to Jordyn Gallagher and scored on a two-out single from Clark in the fifth. Christy Meggitt then singled to drive in Sidney Swaisgood, who pinch ran for Jordyn Gallagher, for a 2-1 advantage in the fifth inning.

"Get the darn ball in play to get an RBI," Clark said of her mindset approaching the plate. "That was a big inning for us. We were leaving too many people on base."

Ross has lost its share of one-run games this season.

"This is the type of game we've lost all year," Gilbert said. "We got a key hit when we needed it. Jordyn's double was huge. That put runners on second and third with our best hitter up. Mckenzie was going. Pressure makes people make mistakes."