

1992 Division I Sectional Tournament

Madison slips past Ross 61-60



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MARK SHEIDLER (32) and Justin Perry (10) of Fremont Ross show the effects of Brian Hicks' game-winning shot, which gave Mans-

field Madison a 61-60 Division I tournament victory over the Little Giants Tuesday night at Willard High School.

Little Giants finish 11-10

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WILLARD — Brian Hicks made the most of his only basket of the game.

Hicks' jump shot from 15 feet out with five seconds remaining in the game hit nothing but net Tuesday night, giving Mansfield Madison a 61-60 victory over Fremont Ross in the Division I boys sectional tournament at Willard High School.

Ross, 11-10 after winning eight of its final 11 games, forged back after falling behind 48-33 late in the third quarter. The Little Giants took a 60-59 lead on Mike Patterson's 3-point basket with 31 seconds left to play.

After a timeout 11 seconds later, Madison's time was running out when Rob Whitfield found Hicks all alone to the left of the foul circle for the game-winner.

Madison, 13-8, will play Mansfield Senior for the sectional championship Friday night. The Tygers edged Ashland 60-59 in the other semifinal.

Hicks was the hero, but the role was not intended to be his.

"It (Hicks' shot) was our third option," Madison coach Dennis Bartlett said about his play call in the Rams' huddle during the timeout with 20m seconds remaining. "We wanted to try to get the ball down low to (Don) Blakley and if that was not there, look for (Jamie) Johnson coming off the double screen at the top. But our point guard (Whitfield) did not see either one of those guys open."

At that point, the tight Ross defense victimized itself.

With Whitfield penetrating, Little Giant defenders came up to help out, freeing Hicks. Whitfield dished off, and Ross was out of the tournament.

"Robby is a good penetrator and disher," Bartlett said, "and Hicks was wide open; he just hit

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Basketball

High School Boys

Madison 61, Ross 60

Score by quarters

Ross	14	12	11	23	— 60
Madison	23	11	14	13	— 61

Scoring

ROSS — Damon Walker 5-0-10, Tyrone Price 0-0-0, Ryan Zimmerman 0-1-1, Mike Patterson 7-0-16, Mark Sheidler 5-3-13, Nick Wolf 5-2-15, Justin Perry 2-1-5, Jon Hetrick 0-0-0, totals 24-7-60.

MADISON — Jamie Johnson 6-2-17, Joel Holland 4-1-11, Don Blakley 5-0-10, Brian Hicks 1-2-4, Rob Whitfield 2-0-4, Nick Phillips 4-0-8, Joe Schag 1-0-3, totals 25-5-61.

3-point goals: Patterson 2, Wolf 3, Johnson 3, Holland 2, Schag.

Records: Ross 11-10, Madison 13-8.

St. Joe 60, Bettsville 43

Score by quarters

Bettsville	6	9	13	15	— 43
St. Joe	14	15	17	14	— 60

Scoring

BETTSVILLE — Billy Craun 3-3-9, Chad Benner 0-0-0, Damian Wise 1-7-9, Chris Channels 8-2-19, Mike Snell 2-0-4, Mike Fitzpatrick 0-2-2, totals 14-14-43.

ST. JOE — Chris Denman 3-2-11, Shawn Smith 7-3-19, Ben Hall 2-4-8, Russ Kiser 1-0-2, Kevin Huntley 3-1-8, Brad Darr 4-4-12, totals 20-14-60.

3-point goals: Channels 3, Denman 3, Smith 2, Huntley.

Records: Bettsville 1-20, St. Joe 10-11.