

Mansfield Senior runs past Ross

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NORWALK — Mansfield Senior's 199-64 Division I boys sectional victory over Fremont Ross Friday night is summarized by the initial responses of coaches Joe Prats and Pat McGhee.

"What can you say," Mansfield's Prats said after the Tygers scored at least 100 points for the sixth time this season and

won the school's eighth sectional championship in 10 seasons.

A simple four-letter expletive was Ross coach Pat McGhee's first utterance.

The edited version of McGhee's comments: "Pretty similar (to Mansfield's 63-58 sectional victory over Ross last year)."

Mansfield, which has won six sectional titles in seven seasons including three straight, started

thinking about the district tournament after a 12-0 second-quarter run gave it a 40-29 lead with 2:15 left before halftime.

"We really get pumped up," Prats said. "Our season is geared to peaking at the right time."

Mansfield, 20-2, will play Findlay Thursday in the district tournament at Bowling Green High School. The Trojans defeated

Bowling Green 57-43 Friday in a sectional title game at Ohio Northern University.

Ross, 13-9, trailed 26-17 early in the second quarter, but a 10-2 run by the Little Giants made it 28-27 with 4:56 left in the period.

After Jerry Lanier's jump shot from the left corner made it 30-27, Ross committed five straight turnovers — which the Tygers converted into 10 points.

"We made some poor decisions," McGhee said.

A timeout and a basket by Joe Frazier got Ross off the slide, but Mansfield closed the first half with an 11-3 run including a turnaround shot by Robert Milner and a three-point play after a turnover by Scott Francis in the final five seconds.

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The Little Giants committed 11 of their 27 turnovers in the second quarter.

"They thought they had a chance to make a game of it," Prats said. "We had that spurt and it gave us a cushion to go on in the second half."

Mansfield, which led 23-15 after one quarter and 51-32 at halftime, moved out to a 72-49 lead after three quarters.

"We never got the game in the half court," McGhee said. "It was a full-court game from the first two minutes until the last two minutes."

"We had to do what we did to get back in it (28-27) throughout the whole game," McGhee said. "Checking out, making free throws and finishing plays off the press."

Said Prats, "They were hurting us on the press by sending a man to the middle. We made adjustments and took the option of the cutter away from them."

Kenny Feagin led six Tygers in double figures with 18 points. Chico Feagin scored 17 points for Mansfield, Francis finished with 15 including an 11 of 15 effort at the foul line, Eddie Marshall added 13 and Terrence Carmichael and Robert Jones chipped in 11 and 10, respectively.

"They have too many weapons," McGhee said. "You try to take something away, and they make it tough because they can run 10 guys at you."

Jeff Green led Ross with 15 points and nine rebounds and was joined in double figures by Frazier with 10 points.

"I thought Green played well when we got him the ball," McGhee said. "But for Jeff to be real effective, it's got to be a half-court game."

"It wasn't the type tempo for him to be effective on a consistent basis."

Mansfield shot 64 percent from the field — with most of their shots coming inside 10 feet.

The Tygers' hit the century mark on a 3-point shot by Robert Marshall with two seconds left in the game.
