

Free throws pull Little Giants past Mansfield in title game

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WILLARD—Fremont Ross made 14 of 18 free throws in the second half to defeat Mansfield 55-48 and win a Division I girls sectional basketball title Saturday.

The Little Giants will face Findlay in the second game of the district tournament Thursday at Hopewell-Loudon High School in Bascom. Ross defeated the Trojans 56-52 earlier this season and had another game canceled when Ross has to substitute a postponed Great Lakes League game with Napoleon moved to the final Saturday of the regular season. Findlay defeated Perrysburg 52-48 in a sectional final at Ada Saturday.

Findlay defeated the Little Giants in the first game of the district last year.

Dawn Zerman, who led Ross

District, sectional tickets go on sale

Tickets for the Ross boys and girls basketball tournament games are on sale in the Fremont Ross High School athletic department during school hours.

The boys play Ashland in the Division I sectional at 6:30 p.m., Tuesday at Willard High School.]

The Ross girls will play Findlay Thursday night in the second game of the Division I district tournament at Hopewell-Loudon High School in Bascom.

Adult tickets are \$4 and students \$3. A percentage of the pre-sale money will go to the Ross athletic department.

with 22 points, was 10 of 10 at the foul line and Natalie Robbin who had 18 points, made 6 of 8, all in the second half.

The Little Giants took only 10 second-half shots, making four, as the Tygers refused to be caged.

"I'm not sure how we can win that way," Ross coach Sue Wolf said. "I guess you make a lot of

foul shots."

Plus surrender only 10 points on 15 second-half turnovers.

The Little Giants had 27 turnovers as the Tygers' quickness paid dividends.

"That's been one of our strong points all year," Mansfield coach Kirk DeVito said after this team finished 9-13, "but Fremont Ross should not be ashamed of

their quickness. They handled our pressure well."

Wolf added, "Some of those turnovers were unforced."

Ross trailed once, 2-0, and led by as many as 12 points in the first half and 11 in the second half.

With 3:22 remaining, Mansfield trailed 47-45 but failed to capitalize on two straight Ross turnovers. First, Chandee White, who had 24 points, missed on a breakaway layup and Desiree Holland failed on two free throws for the Tygers.

Emili Kreilick made 1 of 2 free throws for Ross with 2:01 remaining and Robbins followed with two more free throws for a 51-45 lead before Mansfield's Yulonte Merrell canned a 3-pointer. Four free throws in the final 49 seconds by Zerman iced the game for Ross, 15-5.