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Little Giants eliminated from playoffs by Sandusky

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The Fremont Ross Little Giants softball team fell victim to the Sandusky Blue Streaks by a score of 4-0 Tuesday afternoon in Fremont.

Blue Streaks pitcher Ashley Gilbert pitched seven scoreless innings and went 4-4 at the plate with an RBI.

"I think I did a very good job of hitting my spots," said Gilbert. "I forced the offense to hit a lot of ground balls. Not only that, but my offense came together, I was pretty happy about that. Our whole team played pretty well."

The game remained a pitcher's duel throughout the entire game until the seventh inning. Fremont Ross had the bases loaded with one out in the bottom of the first inning, but wasn't able to bring anyone around to score.

Following the first inning, the two teams were set down in consecutive order in the second and the third inning. Ashley Butler had a lead-off double in the top of the fifth, but wasn't able to come across to score.

"I don't want to take anything away from Sandusky, they held us scoreless," said Ross coach Mike Gilbert. "I'm really proud of our girls. They gave it all they had, just didn't come up with the hits when we needed them."

The Little Giants clinched a share of the Greater Buckeye Conference crown with Friday's win over Findlay, and then backed into the outright league title when the Trojans lost Saturday to Napoleon.

Miah Pearson singled to start the top of the seventh inning and Butler followed that up with her second double of the game.

The tide began to change when Sara Sidoti hit what seemed like a routine ground ball. Sidoti hustled down the line and collided with first baseman Tashia Novitski. Despite Novitski having the ball in her glove for what seemed like at least five seconds, the umpire ruled Sidoti safe and two runs came in.

Gilbert set the Little Giants down in order in the seventh to secure a trip to Tiffin for the district finals.

Ross pitcher Jordyn Gallagher struck out 14 batters for the Little Giants.

"Jordyn pitched a great game," said coach Gilbert. "We just weren't able to get the key hit when we needed it."