

## Little Giants hold on to win close game

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FREMONT -- The Fremont Ross baseball team opened up its 2010 season at home and in a big way Tuesday.

The Little Giants held on to beat Delta 12-11 in a suspense-filled game that was won when Trent Stout, who went 4-4 from the plate with three RBIs, hit a walk-off single.

"I was just hoping not to strike out and disappoint the fans," Stout said. "Luckily, I came through and got the job done."

Ross starting pitcher Dexter Foos gave up an RBI double in the first inning to Delta's Jeremy Navarro. His offense picked him up, scoring three runs in the bottom of the first, two of them coming on Stout's two-run single.

Foos sat Delta down in order in the second before his counter-part, Austin Abbott of Delta, had to leave without recording an out in the second because of an apparent arm injury after walking two Ross batters on eight pitches. Ryan Callaham came on in relief, giving up only one hit in the inning and holding the Little Giants scoreless after forcing T.J. Harkness to ground into an inning-ending double play.

Delta scored three more runs in the third to take a 4-3 lead until Harkness and Derek Waggoner had back-to-back RBI doubles to put the Little Giants up 5-4. Both teams scored three runs in the fifth inning, giving Ross a one-run lead heading in to

the top of the sixth.

After Foos was pulled from the game, Cory Rohrbacher came on in relief and gave up an RBI double to Navarro. Josh Beverly hit what should have been an inning-ending double play, but Ross second baseman Jake Heistand overthrew first base and the Little Giants also overthrew the throw to the plate, letting two runs score.

Delta added another run on a walk, and led 11-8 after the top of the sixth.

"We're a young team, we start three sophomores and a freshman, were going to make some errors," Ross coach Mark King said. "I know throwing the ball is part of it, but we made no glove errors today. We just need to make a play here and there, and I think that will start happening sooner rather than later."

Waggoner hit a two-run homer in the bottom of the sixth and Spencer Conklin added a sacrifice RBI to square the game up at 11 heading into the final inning.

Harkness gave up a single in the seventh before striking out Navarro to keep the game tied and give his team a chance to win it in the bottom half of the inning.

Harkness led off the seventh inning getting hit by a pitch and Waggoner doubled to give the Little Giants runners on second and third with no outs. After an intentional walk to Garcia, Stout hit the game-winning single.



Fremont Ross catcher Jordan Garcia makes an attempt for the out at third base during Tuesday's game against Delta. (Jennifer Young-Bower | News-Messenger correspondent)