Perrysburg has its way with Ross

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TIFFIN — Ross coach Mike Gilbert didn't put any sugar-coating on his team's performance in a five-inning 11-0 loss to Perrysburg in Tuesday's Division I district semifinals at Tiffin University.

"We just got beat," he said. "We didn't show up today and we didn't play like we're capable of."

Yellow Jackets' pitcher Felicia Eisenbrandt tossed a one-hitter and struck out six in 4½ innings of work. At the plate she hit a three-run triple as part of a seven-run second inning that staked her team to a 9-0 lead.

Perrysburg (17-8) tallied six hits in the second inning. Katie Dunphy added an RBI double, while Ty Wilson, Kimmy Granata and Kayleen Jurski each had an RBI single. Six of the Yellow Jackets' runs came with a single out after Jurski started the bottom of the inning with a fly out to center.

"I can't take anything away from Perrysburg," Gilbert said. "When they hit the ball like that you're going to lose. It's a helpless feeling you have when everything they hit falls in."

The Yellow Jackets will advance to Saturday's finals, where they'll meet the winner of today's

semifinal between Ashland and top-seeded Anthony Wayne. Perrysburg lost a tight 4-3 contest at Anthony Wayne Monday on a walk-off hit in the seventh, which Yellow Jackets' coach Ryan De-Mars said gave his team a lot of confidence in itself coming into Tuesday's semifinal.

"We just had a ton of energy from the time the girls hit before we got on the bus to the time we got here and were warming up," DeMars said.

Ross (16-10) got its first hit with an out in the fourth when Kelsey Ivy smacked a single over the bag at third and down the left field line.

Eisenbrandt was replaced by Jurski with an out in the fifth. Jurski then gave up a single to Little Giants' senior Sidney Swaisgood, who came in to pinch hit.

Ross had only four runners reach base.

"You're never as good as you look when you win and you're never as bad when you lose," Gilbert said. "We just looked really bad tonight."

Ross will play at Whitmer Thursday in the first game of the Three Rivers Athletic Conference Tournament.

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