

Baseball: Ross 10, Lima Senior 2

BOWLING GREEN — Few pitchers had were as hot as Ross senior Brandon Weiker over the last two weeks.

Starting with a game on on April 26 against St. John's Jesuit, Weiker had allowed just three earned runs in his previous three starts, which consisted of a 3-1 loss to the Titans, a 2-0 loss to Toledo Central Catholic and 4-2 win at Findlay this past Monday.

But on Saturday against the Spartans in a Division I sectional semifinal at Bowling Green's Carter Park, Weiker's pitching arsenal just didn't seem to be there as Ross fell behind early, before rallying for 10 runs in the final five innings to advance to Thursday's championship game. The Little Giants (12-12) will face fourth-ranked Perrysburg with a first pitch set for 4:30 p.m.

"You can't say enough about the way Brandon had been pitching," Ross coach Mark King said. "But on Saturday he just didn't appear to have his best stuff. So we brought Tyler Wolf in and he threw one of his better games for us."

Weiker gave up two runs on three hits thru three innings as Lima Senior jumped out to a 2-0 lead. Ross, which has struggled to hit the ball for a majority of the last month, finally got the bats woken up in the third inning, tying the game with two runs. The Little Giants took the lead for good in the fourth adding two more, before stretching the lead to 8-2 in the fifth.

"I didn't think we were real sharp the first two innings," King said. "Seemed like we all relaxed in the third inning. It was nice to see us hit the ball around a little bit."

Wolf, who had five strikeouts and three walks led the bats, going 3-for-4 with two RBIs and accounted for three runs scored. Kole Amor had two hits and three RBIs, as did Jalen Slick. Cole Bowers was 3-for-3 with two runs scored and Weiker tripled and scored two runs.

"We'll have to play a complete seven-inning game to have a chance Thursday," said King, of playing the top-seeded Yellow Jackets.