Ross gets by Perkins

GALION — Ron Whitcomb slammed a home run on the first pitch in the bottom of the eighth inning to give Ross a 3-2 win over Perkins in the semifinals of the Class AAA Sectional Baseball Tournament.

Both teams had scored two runs in the opening inning and then had struggled as Perkins' pitcher Jeff Wedeman and Ross's Mark Lohrbach traded zeroes from the mound.

"We got off to a shaky start," Ross coach Ed Platzer confirmed, "and anytime you do that, you kind of wonder what is going to happen."

What happened was Lohrbach coming back with seven solid innings of pitching to keep Ross in the

tourney field.
In the first, Doug Bayer

of Perkins walked leading of f. Chris Fresch sacrificed Bayer to second. An error on Willie Matthews' grounder put runners on first and third. Matthews immediately stole second and both runners scored on Wedeman's single.

Ross evened the score on

Roger Berger's single, a passed ball, an error on Lohrbach's grounder and Jim Paxson's single for one run. Lohrbach went to third on Paxson's hit and scored on John Kiser's sacrifice fly.

Lohrbach fanned 13 and

walked three.

Whitcomb took care of the game with a shot over the 335 foot mark in left to put Ross into the finals against Madison Wednesday, May 7, at Galion.

Score by innings

Perkins 200 000 00—2 2 1
Ross 200 000 01—3 4 2
BATTERIES: Wedeman and
Cullen; Lohrbach and McGilton

WP: Lohrbach; LP: Wedeman