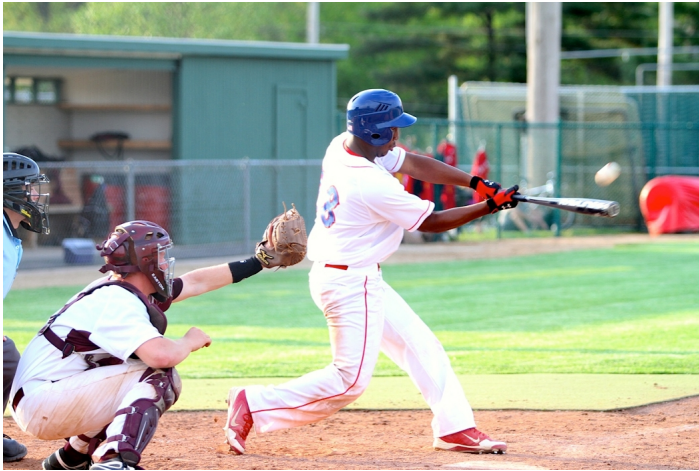


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Johnny Dobbs' two-run home run in the top of the eighth inning broke a 6-6 tie and sent Washington past Mount Vernon, 8-6, Monday in the first round of the Bob Vrbicek Metro Tournament at Marion.

Washington built a 5-1 lead in the first five innings behind the two-hit, 14-strikeout pitching of senior A.J. Puk. But Puk was done after five and the Warriors' defense deserted them in the bottom of the seventh when they committed four errors and Mount Vernon scored four runs to tie the game, 6-6.

Puk also contributed three hits, including a solo home run in the sixth inning.

"I was just trying to stay in the zone the first time through and mixed in some curves the second time through," said Puk. "We faced some adversity, gained some experience, and came up with the win. That makes it a success."

Dobbs, Rocky Lombardi and Zac Gillis each collected a pair of hits with Dobbs' two-run game winner the biggest blow.

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