

# Cannon Strikes Out 25

## Chieftains Down Darlington 4-0 (10 Innings)

In what will go down as the greatest pitching performance in Riverdale Chieftain Baseball History. Senior Pitcher Elijah Cannon struck out **25** hitters in a complete game 10-inning win over Darlington on Thursday evening. Elijah gave up just one-hit that coming in the 9<sup>th</sup> inning. Coach Thompson “Just an unbelievable performance against a very good hitting team. I have never witnessed anything like it.” Cannon who was coming off a 17-strike-out performance against Iowa-Grant, has now struck out 63 batters in his last 28 innings pitched. He has not given up an earned run during that streak.

On a cool, breezy, and rainy night you could tell from the start that this was going to be a game dominated by pitchers and that is exactly what happened. As Elijah would battle Cohen of Darlington. Neither team would get a hit until the sixth when Chieftain Catcher, Bradon Roen would single to left with two outs. Bradon would quickly steal second but we would not score.

Meanwhile Elijah Cannon was dominating. Striking out the side in the first, second, fifth, sixth, seventh, and tenth innings. At one point striking out seven straight hitters.

In the ninth inning both teams would threaten. In the top of the inning Trevor Johnson reached second on a one out throwing error. Caleb Johnson followed and was intentionally walked. Elijah came to bat and scalded a line shot down the first base line that was caught by the Darlington first baseman and turned into a double play. Coach Thompson “Tough break and at that point you thought maybe it was not our night.” In the bottom of the ninth Darlington would get a one out single to right, followed by a sac bunt. The next hitter was intentionally walked to put two on. A pair of stolen bases put runners on second and third with two outs. Elijah would escape with a strike out to get us out of the jam. Coach Thompson “Elijah kept his composure! Darlington tried a couple of things with the delayed steals but he kept his focus on the hitter.”

In the 10<sup>th</sup> we finally got on the score board. Michael Schaefer would lead off and reach on an error. He would then slyly steal second. Ty Hougan followed with a solid single to center to put runners on the corners. Dalton Haile then scorched a single to center to drive in Michael and it was 1-0. Number nine hitter Ethan Haffner would then coax a walk to load the bases. One out later Trevor Troxel would whistle a line drive single to center to chase home two more and it was 3-0. Walks to Trevor J. and Caleb would push home a run and it was 4-0.

In the bottom of the tenth Elijah would finish things off. Retiring the first two hitters on strike outs before a hit batsman and walk put two on. Elijah would reach back into the tank one more time to strike out the final hitter of the game and complete his amazing performance. The win moves Riverdale into a first place tie with Darlington in the SWAL Conference.

It is thought that Elijah’s performance most likely is a State record and we are checking into it at this point. But for those who were there on Thursday Night you witnessed a special performance that you will most likely never see again. This is one of those games you will be talking about forever, sitting around 10-15 years from now the story will start. Remember, that game at Darlington.....

Pitching Stats	IP	HITS	RUNS	ER	BB	<b>STRIKE OUTS</b>
Cannon	10	1	0	0	3	<b>25</b>