

Chieftains Blank Darlington 10-0

The Riverdale Varsity baseball team stayed red hot as they defeated first place Darlington 10-0 on Monday night. The Chieftains pounded out 12 hits and received another masterful pitching performance from Elijah Cannon. Elijah struck out 13 hitters and gave up only three hits in the five inning win. Coach Thompson "Another great performance by Elijah and our hitters are really attacking the baseball."

The Chieftains pounced on the Redbirds early in the game. After Elijah struck out the side in the first, we hit for three runs in the bottom of the inning. Bradon Roen got us going with a line drive single to left and then hustled into second when the ball was bobbled. Trevor Troxel walked and after Trevor Johnson was hit by a pitch the bases were loaded. Caleb Johnson got Riverdale on the board with a sac fly to center making the score 1-0. Elijah stayed ultra-hot as he ripped a shot to center to knock in another run and put runners on first and third. Michael Schaefer dropped down a beautiful squeeze bunt to drive in Trevor J. At the end of the inning the score was 3-0. Coach Thompson "Great start!"

In the second inning Elijah again fanned the side. This time Riverdale would strike for five runs, all after the first two hitters were retired. Bradon again got us started with a sharp single. Both Trevor T. and Trevor J. singled to left moving Bradon around the bases and scoring another run, (4-0). Caleb clobbered a shot to deep right center for a two run triple, (6-0). Elijah delivered a run scoring single, (7-0). Brady Fox, who came in to run for Elijah, swiftly stole second and scored moments later on Michael's single to left. At the end of the inning the Chieftains had the lead, 8-0. Coach Thompson "What an inning, five runs all with two outs. That is how you win ball games!"

In the top of the third Darlington picked up a single. Elijah finished the Redbirds at bat by striking out the side. Riverdale got back on the score board in the fourth. Again with two outs, Elijah smashed a hit by third base. Brady came in to run for Elijah and scored when Michael launched a double to deep right center. (9-0)

The Chieftains continued to blank the Redbirds in the top of the fifth. Ty Hougan made a nice catch in right and Elijah recorded a pair of strike outs. The Chieftains put the game away in the bottom of the fifth. With one out Trevor T. walked. Charlie Luck would pinch run for Trevor T. and eventually move to third after a pair of passed balls. With two outs, Caleb hit a rocket shot at the Darlington second baseman who could not handle it, scoring Charlie and giving us the win. Final 10-0. Coach Thompson "Another fine ball game by our team. Elijah has been amazing. We just need to keep it going."

Box Score: AB. Runs Hits. RBI

Roen 4-2-2-0 Troxel 2-1-1-0 T. Luck 0-1-0-0 Johnson 3-0-1-1 C. Johnson 3-1-1-3 Cannon 3-0-3-3 Fox 0-2-0-0 Schaefer 2-0-2-3 Sperry 3-0-1-0 Ekleberry 0-0-0-0 Haile 2-0-0-0 Harris 0-0-0-0 Hougan 3-0-1-0 Haffner 0-0-0-0

Pitching Stats. IP. Runs. ER. Hits. BB. K
Cannon. 5. 0. 0. 3. 2. 13