

## **Chieftains Blank IG 4-0 Cannon Strikes Out 17**

The Riverdale Varsity baseball team moved to 2-1 in conference play with a solid 4-0 win over a much improved Iowa-Grant squad on Friday Night. The big story of the game was the dominant pitching performance of senior righty Elijah Cannon who struck out 17 Panthers while giving up just four hits. Coach Thompson "Another great performance by Elijah. He has worked hard during his career and deserves to have these great outings. I thought our entire team played well and you can see our confidence and intensity growing each game."

On a great Friday evening at Riverdale this game was a pitcher's duel with neither team getting on the board until the third when we broke through with three big runs. Dalton Haile got us started with a singing single to left. Ethan Haffner followed with a perfect sac bunt pushing Dalton to second. One out later Trevor Troxel's sharply hit ground ball could not be handled and we had runners on the corners. Moments later Trevor Johnson came through with the game's biggest hit when he rifled a shot down the left field line that rolled into the corner knocking in both runners for a 2-0 lead. Coach Thompson "Clutch hit by Trevor J., two out RBI are how you win tough games!" After Caleb Johnson walked, Elijah whistled an RBI single to left and we led 3-0. Coach Thompson "Big runs with Elijah on the hill that would be tough for IG to overcome."

In the fourth IG did threaten as they put runners on second and third with no outs. Elijah would then step up his game striking out the next three hitters to escape the jam. Coach Thompson "That is what you look for from your senior leaders. Making big plays in tight spots"

We would add an insurance run in the fifth. Bradon Roen would lead things off with a sharp single to left. Bradon would swiftly steal second and score moments later when Trevor T. deposited an RBI single to left center and it was 4-0.

From there Elijah would take over striking out the last four hitters he would face to nail down the 4-0 win. Coach Thompson "Big win, we are gaining some momentum but have a huge week ahead. We need to be ready each night."

**\*\*\*Remember you can always go to the Riverdale Website for complete stories including all the game stats.**

Box Score: AB. R. Hits. RBI

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

Cannon IP: 7 Hits: 4 R:0 ER:0 BB: 2 K: 17