

## Chieftains Blank Pointers 9-0

The Riverdale Chieftains picked up another win in varsity baseball with a 9-0 shut out over Mineral Point on Thursday night. The Chieftains received another excellent pitching performance, this time from Freshmen Michael Schaefer who went the distance striking out eight, and giving up just two hits. Meanwhile the Chieftain offense pounded out twelve hits in the contest. Coach Thompson "We played extremely well in all phases of the game tonight. It was fun to watch."

The first two innings of this game were scoreless but in the third the Chieftains burst onto the scoreboard. Dalton Haile would get us going with a sharp single to left. Ty Hougan cleverly dropped down a sac bunt, moving Dalton to second. Bradon Roen drilled an RBI double to left center and it was 1-0. Trevor Troxel then dropped a single into right to put runners on the corners. One out later, Caleb Johnson bounced a single by the third baseman and it was 2-0.

The Chieftains added a run in the fourth. Michael reached on a leadoff walk. Cody Sperry smartly moved courtesy runner Brady Fox to second with a sac bunt. Brady would then fly into score, after Dalton lashed a single to left to make it 3-0. Coach Thompson "Brady gives us a big lift with his speed on the bases."

Riverdale tacked on four more in the fifth. With one out Caleb walked. Elijah Cannon launched a long ground rule double to left to put runners on second and third. Michael loaded the bases after a patient walk. Cody ripped an RBI single to left and it was 4-0. Dalton stayed red hot as he sizzled a two run single to left. Ty would slash a single to center to drive in another run making the score 7-0. Coach Thompson "Everyone contributed again tonight, and Dalton continues to rip the baseball."

Meanwhile Michael was cruising on the mound giving up just two hits in the game and also getting some fine defensive plays from Caleb, Trevor T., Ethan Haffner, and Bradon Roen. Coach Thompson "We were very sharp tonight."

The Chieftains added two runs in the seventh. Elijah led off with a single. Casey Ekleberry walked and so did Cody. Drake Harris was hit by a pitch to force in a run. One out later Bradon drove in the last run of the game on a fielder's choice ground out.

Riverdale quickly sat down the Pointers in the seventh, with the game being capped by a fine double play, turned by short stop Trevor Troxel. Coach Thompson "We played with intensity and focus, just a very solid performance tonight."

Box Score: AB. Runs. Hits. RBI

Roen 5-2-2-2 Troxel 4-0-1-0 T. Johnson 5-0-1-0 C. Johnson 3-1-1-1 Cannon 4-2-2-0 Schaefer 1-0-0-0

Ekleberry 0-0-0-0 Fox 0-2-0-0 Sperry 2-2-1-1 Haile 3-1-3-3 Harris 0-0-0-1 Hougan 3-0-1-1 Haffner 3-0-1-1

Luck 0-0-0-0

Pitching Stats IP. Hits. Runs. ER. BB. K

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