

# Chieftains Capture Riverdale Tourney Title

The varsity baseball team continues to play very good baseball as we picked up a pair of wins on Saturday against two very good teams. The Chieftains have now won seven straight games and 13 of our last 15 games.

## Game One

### **Riverdale 5 Lancaster 0**

The Chieftains opened the day with a solid 5-0 win over Lancaster. Once again Elijah Cannon turned in a stellar performance as he went the distance, giving up just two hits while striking out eight. Coach Thompson "Elijah is having a fantastic year and has spoiled a lot of us with how easy he has made it look out there."

The Chieftains, who were the visitors in this one, would break up a scoreless ball game with two runs in the top of the fourth. Caleb Johnson got us started with a walk and steal of second. One out later Michael Schaefer coaxed a walk, on the play Caleb raced to third. The catcher fired the ball by the third baseman, Caleb scored and a Michael advanced to second. With two outs Dalton Haile smashed an RBI single to left making the score 2-0. Coach Thompson "Excellent base running earned us two runs in the inning. Dalton continues to tattoo the baseball."

Riverdale added a run in the fifth. With one out Trevor Troxel walked. Trevor Johnson blasted a double to deep left center giving us runners on second and third. With two outs Elijah was walked to load the bases. Michael grounded a ball the pitcher could not handle, a run scored and it was 3-0.

Meanwhile Elijah, backed by a strong defensive effort by many Chieftains, kept the Flying Arrows off of the scoreboard.

The Chieftains tacked on two insurance runs in the seventh. Trevor T. led things off with a screaming double down the left field line. Trevor J. was plunked by a pitch and Caleb walked to load the bases. Two outs later Cody Sperry and Dalton walked, to force in runs to make it 5-0.

Riverdale retired the Flying Arrows with out too much drama in the bottom of the seventh, for a nice 5-0 win. Coach Thompson "Very solid game against a very good opponent."

Box Score: AB. R. Hits. RBI

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

Pitching Stats. IP. Hits. R. ER. BB. K.  
Cannon. 7. 2. 0. 0. 3. 8

## Game Two

### **Riverdale 6 Brookwood 4**

In the Championship Game the Chieftains took on a hard hitting Brookwood Falcon team that had defeated Wauzeka 17-4 earlier in the day. Brookwood had most of their team back from last year's Sectional Final team was a great test for the Chieftains.

Riverdale got off to a great start in this game as Trevor T. baffled the Falcons in the first inning, striking out the side. We would then strike for two runs in the bottom of the inning. With one out Trevor T. ripped a single to left. Brady Fox came in to run for Trevor and promptly stole second. Trevor J. lofted a single to right giving Riverdale runners on the corners. Caleb Johnson followed with a sac fly scoring one run. After Elijah reached on an error, Michael Schaefer lifted a single to left scoring a hustling Trevor J., the score was 2-0.

After Trevor T. struck out the side in the third we scratched home a run in the bottom of the inning. Caleb led things off with a single and he stole second. Elijah scorched a single to right center to knock in a run making the score 3-0

The Chieftains continued to expand the lead with two more runs in the fourth. A walk to Bradon and a single by Trevor T. put two aboard. Trevor J. stayed hot with an RBI single, the score was 4-0. Brady, who again was running for Trevor T., alertly went to third on the throw in. Caleb lifted a sac fly to short right and but another run scored making it 5-0. Coach Thompson "We are doing a lot of little things correctly which is making a big difference in games."

Meanwhile, Trevor T. was having a fantastic pitching game, as his mixing of speeds, arm angles, and location, had a very good hitting Falcon team completely confused. Coach Thompson "Trevor had great stuff and was in complete command out there today."

The Chieftains tacked on one more run in the fifth. With one out, consecutive singles by Cody Sperry, Dalton Haile, and Ty Hougan, plated a run, and it was 6-0.

In the top of the sixth, with what seemed to be a comfortable lead, turned into a tight contest as Brookwood took advantage of a couple of misplays and well placed short singles to score four runs. However, a big throw from center fielder Michael Schaefer, cut down a runner at the plate and a big two out, bases loaded strike out by Trevor T., got us out of the inning with a slim 6-4 lead. Coach Thompson "A good lesson was learned. We had some mistakes in that inning because I think we let our focus wane for a minute. Hopefully, we learned to keep our intensity and determination until the final out of the game is recorded."

Now holding a 6-4 lead in the top of the seventh Riverdale faced the middle of the Falcon order. With one out, a walk and single put two on. However, Trevor T. would shut the door with his 16th and 17th strike outs of the game, giving the Chieftains a tough 6-4 win. Coach Thompson, "Another strong game by our guys and another great pitching performance by Trevor T. We are playing very good baseball and it has been fun to watch. I would expect us to continue to play very well the rest of the season."

The Chieftains are 14-5 on the season and ranked fifth in the State in Division IV.

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

Troxel. 7. 7. 4. 3. 4. 17