## **Chieftains Down Dodgeville 11-6**

The Riverdale Chieftains raised their record to 11-2 with a nice non-conference win over Dodgeville Monday night. The Chieftains used a big six run first inning to jump out to the early lead and then held off the Dodgers. Brett Hach would make the start and go three innings. Jared Roen would pick up the win with four strong innings of relief. Coach Thompson "Nice win, not our cleanest game but we hung in there to pick up another win."

The Chieftains jumped on the Dodgers early, scoring six in the first. With one out Brett would walk and courtesy runner Ethan Haffner would steal second. A walk to Trevor Johnson and a solid single to left by Elijah Cannon would load the bases. Trevor Troxel delivered a solid RBI single and it was 1-0. A pass ball made it 2-0 as Trevor J. scored. Tanner Williamson walked to reload the bases. Tyrrel Anderson would drive a deep sac fly to center and it was 3-0. Trevor T. alertly stole third and Max Hougan walked to reload the bases. Bradon Roen coaxed a walk to force in a run, Riverdale leads 4-0. Jared stepped to the plate for the second time in the inning and muscled a two run single to left and we were up 6-0. Coach Thompson "Great start to the game!" In the bottom of the first Brett kept the Dodgers off of the board.

In the second we would go quietly. Dodgeville would put two on the board in the second getting a two out double to drive in a pair.

In the third we would again go quietly and Dodgeville would cut the lead to one with three runs. We would get one of those runs back in the fourth. Jared would lead off with a single and steal second. Two pass balls later and he would score to make it 7-5. In the bottom of the fourth Jared would come onto pitch and quickly set down the Dodgers. A nice play by Brett at short on a ball heading up the middle ended the inning.

In the fifth we picked up three big runs all after the first two hitters were retired. Tyrrel would get it started when he was hit by a pitch. Charlie Luck would come on as the courtesy runner for the catcher. A line single to right by Max and we had runners on the corners. Bradon would lash an RBI single to left and it was 8-5. Jared would then drill a double to deep right center knocking in a pair and it was 10-5. Coach Thompson "Huge inning all coming with two outs. Every at bat is important and we have such balance you just never know who is going to come up with the big at bats!"

Dodgeville would make it 10-6 with a run in the bottom of the fifth. We would get that run right back in the sixth. With one out Trevor J. would single sharply to left. Two wild pitches later he would be on third. Elijah would then deliver a sac fly to left and it was 11-6. Coach Thompson "You do not always need to get a hit to have a good at bat."

Neither team would score the rest of the way as Jared would retire six of the last seven hitters. Coach Thompson "Nice win, I thought Jared pitched very well and we just continue to put pressure on our opponents up and down the line up. We have a lot of big conference games ahead and now is the time to be at our best!"

## The varsity baseball team remains the third ranked team in the State in Division III. The Chieftains trail #1 LaCrosse Aquinas and #2 Lake County Lutheran, both are private schools. That makes Riverdale the highest ranked public school in the State in Division III.

Box Score. AB. Runs. Hits Rbi J.Roen 4-1-3-4 Hach 3-0-0-0 Haffner 0-1-0-0 Johnson 3-2-1-0 Cannon 3-1-1-1 Troxel 3-1-1-1 Williamson 3-1-1-0 Anderson 2-0-0-1 Luck 0-1-0-0 M. Hougan 3-2-1-0 Swaziek 0-0-0-0 B. Roen 3-1-1-2 Ty Hougan 0-0-0-0 Ekleberry 0-0-0-0

Hach.	3.	4.	5.	3.	4.	3.
J. Roen.	4.	3.	1.	1.	2.	2