

Chieftains Down Southwestern 8-0

The varsity baseball team raised their record to 18-4 and 10-2 in conference play with an 8-0 win over SW on Thursday night. The Chieftains received another dominating performance by junior pitcher Elijah Cannon as he limited the Wildcats to just two hits while striking out 15. Coach Thompson "Outstanding performance by Elijah we were not at our best tonight but Elijah pulled us through."

We jumped out to a quick lead in this one as leadoff hitter, Jared Roen, would reach on a walk. Jared would steal second and third and score when Elijah ripped a single to left. Coach Thompson "Jared gets on base well over fifty percent of the time and Elijah has just been crushing the ball." SW would get their leadoff hitter aboard but we would work out of the inning."

The next three innings would see both teams' pitchers take control as neither team would score. During those three innings Elijah struck out seven. In the fifth we would score twice to gain some breathing room. With one out the Roen brothers, Bradon and then Jared, would be hit by pitches. Moments later they would execute a double steal and we had runners on second and third. Mr. Clutch, Brett Hach, would then step to the plate and deliver his expected line drive single to right driving in a pair to make it 3-0. Coach Thompson "Brett is having a great year and has a great swing right now, constantly driving the ball to right field." Elijah would strike out two in an uneventful bottom of the fifth.

In the sixth we went quietly but in the bottom of the inning things got interesting. Two errors and a single and SW had the bases loaded with only one out. A nice play by Tanner in right, a strike out and we were out of the inning. Coach Thompson "That was obviously a big part of this one. We seem to be able to make the plays and pitches when we have too."

In the top of the seventh we put this one away. Max Hougan got us going as he ripped a single to left to lead off the inning. Sophomore Bradon Roen stepped to the plate and launched a towering shot to left for a two run home run. Coach Thompson "That is what makes this team so tough. Our number eight hitter singles and our nine hitter homers, everyone in this line up can hurt you." One out later Brett would single to right again. Trevor Johnson and Elijah would both get hit by pitches to load the bases. A pass ball would allow pinch runner Charlie Luck to score to make it 6-0. Trevor Troxel singled to center to drive in a run and it was 7-0. Tanner then rapped a single to left to drive in pinch runner, Casey Ekleberry and it was 8-0. Coach Thompson "The guys hung in there and finally broke it open, we just keep battling." We would quickly retire the Wildcats in the bottom of the seventh, the final two by strike out and we had an important 8-0 conference win. Coach Thompson "We are still in the conference hunt with two big games to go. We will see what happens."

Box Score: AB. Runs. Hits. RBI

J. Roen 2-2-0-0 Hach 4-0-3-2 Luck 0-1-0-0 Johnson 2-1-0-0 Cannon 3-0-1-1 Ekleberry 0-1-0-0 Troxel 4-0-1-1 Haffner 0-0-0-0 Williamson 4-0-1-1 Anderson 4-0-0-0 Hougan 4-1-1-0 Swaziek 0-0-0-0 B. Roen 2-2-1-2

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

Cannon. 7. 2. 0. 0. 1. 15