

Chieftains Fall at Westby 10-2

The varsity baseball team traveled to Westby on Monday Night and lost to the Norseman by the score of 10-2. Coach Thompson "Westby has a nice team and simply beat us tonight. To beat a good team like Westby we have to do all the little things right and tonight that didn't happen, but we will bounce back!"

In a matchup of two teams ranked in the top ten in the State in Division III. (Chieftains ranked 3rd and Westby ranked 6th), it would be the Chieftains who grabbed the early lead. In the first Jared Roen led off with a line drive single to center. A fielder's choice and throwing error would see Brett Hach end up at second with one out. With two outs Elijah Cannon drove a ball through the third baseman and Brett scored to make it 1-0. In the bottom of the inning Elijah would strike out the side.

In the second we would add another run. Tanner Williamson led off with a walk and stole second. Two outs later Bradon Roen would draw a walk, we had runners on the corners. Jared would follow with an RBI single and it was 2-0. In the second two more strike outs and a ground out and we were quickly back in the dugout. Coach Thompson "Great start to the game and we were in good shape."

In the third we would go quietly and then unexpectedly, the game turned. With one out Westby would take advantage of two errors and four hits to score five runs. Coach Thompson "one of those tough innings, Westby did not hit the ball very hard but took advantage of their opportunities."

In the fourth, both teams would go quietly. In the fifth we threatened, but would not score. Jared would lead off with an infield single, one out later Trevor Johnson would walk and we had runners on first and third. Elijah then blistered a shot at the short stop, who somehow knocked the ball down, and turned it into a double play. Coach Thompson "You cannot hit it any harder. That was a big play in the game!" In the bottom of the inning Westby would go in order, thanks to nice plays by Brett and Trevor Troxel.

In the top of the sixth we threatened again but would not score. Tanner led off with a single and stole second. Two outs later I tried to score Tanner after Max Hougan's hard hit ground ball got by the second baseman. However a nice throw would get Tanner at the plate. Coach Thompson "Not a smart decision by me."

In the bottom of the sixth Westby would score five times with two outs to make it 10-2. We would not score in the seventh. Coach Thompson "I thought Elijah pitched a pretty good game over all. This was a good learning experience and I think we will benefit from this game down the road. Shake this one off and play better next time out."

Box Score: AB. Runs Hits RBI

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

Pitching Stats. IP Hits R ER BB K

Cannon. 6. 8. 10. 7. 1. 6