

## Chieftains Lose to Fennimore 12-7

The conference baseball season got off to a rough start as the Chieftains lost to Fennimore 12-7 at Fennimore on Tuesday night. Fennimore used a big second inning to take an early lead and even though we would narrow the margin we could not quite get the big hit to really put the pressure on Fennimore. Coach Thompson "Fennimore has a very nice hitting team and are much improved and we just did not do the things that are needed to win. However, it is very early in the season and I think we will not see many more games like this down the road."

On a very windy and cool night the Chieftains did not score in the first inning and Fennimore used a two out single to take a 1-0 lead. In the second after we did not score again Fennimore took advantage of 4 hits, 4 walks, and two miscues by our defense to score seven runs and extend their lead to 8-0. Coach Thompson "That is something we usually do not see. We have a very strong pitching staff and tonight was just one of those days where everything was a little off."

The Chieftains bounced back with two runs in the third. With one out Bradon Roen reached on an error. Jared Roen singled. One out later Trevor Johnson singled to load the bases. Elijah Cannon ripped a hard ground ball through the third baseman's legs, with two runs scoring to make it 8-2.

In the third Elijah Cannon came in as relief for starter Trevor Troxel. With support from a solid play by shortstop, Brett Hach, who turned a nice double play we quickly set down Fennimore.

In the fourth neither team scored. In the fifth we had a chance to cut deep into the Fennimore lead. With two outs Brett singled to right field, and Trevor Johnson singled sharply to left field. Elijah walked to load the bases. A pass ball had Brett scamper home to make it 8-3 but that would be it in the inning. In the bottom of the frame Fennimore tacked on two runs with two outs to make it 10-3.

We would go out, in order, in the bottom of the sixth and Fennimore again tacked on two more runs with two outs to make it 12-3.

In the seventh we made it interesting. Bradon led things off with a double down the left field line. Jared reached on an error and Brett followed with an RBI single to right, it was 12-4. Trevor Johnson picked up his third hit of the game to load the bases. One out later Trevor Troxel delivered an RBI single and it was 12-5. Tanner walked which forced in a run and it was 12-6. Tyrrel then reached on an error and it was suddenly 12-7 with the bases still loaded. Unfortunately, the next two hitters would be retired and the final 12-7.

Coach Thompson "Not the way we wanted to start the conference season but we will bounce back. We have to realize that teams are going to come at us with their best and we have to be ready each game. I would expect us to be ready next time out."

Box Score: AB Runs Hits RBI

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

Pitching Stats IP HITS RUNS ER BB SO

Troxel 2 4 8 3 5 3

Cannon 4 3 4 4 4 4