

Chieftains Nip Iowa-Grant 3-2

The varsity baseball team traveled to Iowa-Grant on Tuesday night and were able to hold off The Panthers by the score of 3-2. The Chieftains received another strong pitching performance by starter Trevor Troxel who with relief help from Elijah Cannon was able to nail down the win. Coach Thompson "IG is much improved and their pitcher did a real nice job. However our pitchers were again very tough and we again played very good defense. If you get strong pitching and defense you will usually win most of your games."

On one of the nicer nights at IG, both pitchers were tough out of the gate with neither team getting a hit until the top of the third. With one out senior second baseman Max Hougan ripped a sharp single to left. Bradon Roen dropped down a beautiful bunt single to put runners on first and second. Jared Roen grounded sharply to second who would get the force at second but then throw the ball away allowing Max to score and it was 1-0. Trevor quickly set down IG in the third, as shortstop Brett Hach turned in a nice play.

In the fourth inning Riverdale tacked on two runs. Trevor Johnson got us going with a leadoff single and a steal of second base. Elijah would lay down a nice sac bunt, moving Trevor to third. Trevor T. then delivered as he ripped an RBI single to left and it was 2-0. Coach Thompson "Both Trevor's are off to very nice starts and they give us a lot of punch in the middle of the lineup." Ty Hougan came on to run for Trevor and stole second base. One out later Ty scored when senior catcher Tyrrel Anderson laced an RBI single to left to make it 3-0. Coach Thompson "clutch hit by Tyrrel!" Max would add another hit but we would not score again. IG cut into the lead in the bottom of the inning. With one out IG collected their first hit. A walk, pass ball, ground out and single made it 3-2. Trevor would get a big strike out to get us out of the inning.

In the fifth neither team scored as a nice play by Jared Roen helped out the effort. Coach Thompson "Trevor pitched a real nice game. We have used him a lot early and he has done a great job. We also played very good defense. As the entire infield was solid, I thought Max played especially well at second base."

In the sixth we would go quietly and in the bottom of the sixth Elijah came on in relief, after IG got a leadoff single. Two ground outs and a strike out later we were out of the inning.

In the seventh we would threaten but did not score, as with two on and two outs, Brett Hach hit a line drive to right center that was caught. Coach Thompson "Brett hit the ball well all night but right at them." In the bottom of the seventh, ground outs to Max and Brett and then a short tapper out in front of the plate, was gloved by Tyrrel who fired to Trevor T. at first for the third out and a nice 3-2 win. Coach Thompson "Nice victory on the road for us. Played a solid game and just need to keep improving and play steady."

Box Score: AB R Hits RBI

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

Pitching Stats IP hits R ER BB K

Troxel (W). 5. 3. 2. 2. 2. 7

Cannon (S). 2. 0. 0. 0. 1. 1