

## Chieftains Stop DeSoto 11-5

The Riverdale varsity baseball team opened tournament play with a tough 11-5 win over DeSoto on Tuesday night.

The Pirates jumped out to an early lead as they took advantage of a walk, hit batsman, two errors and a single to take the lead, 2-0 in the top of the first. Riverdale bounced right back with three runs in the bottom of the inning. Three straight walks to Bradon, Trevor T., and Trevor J. loaded the bases. Caleb Johnson followed with an infield single making the score 2-1. Elijah Cannon lofted a sac fly to center to knock in courtesy runner, Brady Fox, tying the game at 2-2. One out later, walks to Cody Sperry and Dalton Haile forced in a run giving Riverdale the lead 3-2.

DeSoto came right back to tie it with one run in the second. The Pirates grabbed the lead with one more run in the third.

Trailing 4-3 the Chieftains erupted for five runs in the fourth to take an 8-4 lead. With one out, Bradon lashed a single to left. Trevor Troxel then stepped to the plate and crushed a shot to deep left that banged up against the fence, scoring Bradon on the double. Trevor J. coaxed a walk and then Caleb whistled a single to left to load the bases. Elijah walked to force in a run and it was 5-4. Michael hit a funny ground ball for an infield RBI single and it was 6-4. Cody was then hit by a pitch to plate another run and it was 7-4. Elijah alertly scored on a pass ball and it was 8-4. Coach Thompson "Huge inning. We got off to a rough start but regrouped and finished strong."

The Chieftains struck again with three more runs in the fifth. Bradon would lead us off with another sharp single to left. Bradon moved to third on a ground out. After Trevor J. walked again, we had runners on the corners. Caleb ripped a sac fly to left which gave the Chieftains the lead at 9-4. Elijah drilled a shot to left center for an RBI double making the score 10-4. Pinch runner Charlie Luck closed out the scoring as he took advantage of a couple throwing errors to score our eleventh run of the game.

DeSoto would get one more run in the sixth but that would be the last run of the game for DeSoto as Riverdale held on for the 11-5 win. Coach Thompson "We had to work hard for this one and the guys did a great job of overcoming adversity to pick up the win."

The Chieftains are now 19-7 on the season.

Box Score: AB. Runs. Hits. RBI

Roen 3-3-3-0 Troxel 3-1-1-1 Fox 0-1-0-0 T. Johnson 1-2-0-0 C. Johnson 3-1-2-2 Cannon 2-2-2-3 Luck 0-1-0-0 Schaefer 3-0-1-1 Harris 0-0-0-0 Sperry 2-0-0-1 Ekleberry 0-0-0-0 Haile 3-0-0-1 Hougan 4-0-0-0 Haffner 0-0-0-0

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

Troxel. 2. 3. 3. 1. 2. 3

Schaefer. 5. 4. 2. 2. 4. 6