

Chieftains Stop Highland 9-2

The varsity baseball team traveled to Highland on Monday Night and picked up a nice 9-2 win over the Cardinals. The Chieftains rode a very strong pitching performance from junior righty Ethan Haffner to pick up the win. Ethan went six innings giving up just two hits and one earned run while striking out five to pick up the win. Trevor Troxel pitched a nifty seventh inning to close it out for the Chieftains who are now 8-5 on the season. Coach Thompson "Ethan pitched very well and gave us a big outing with a very busy week ahead."

The Chieftains jumped out to an early lead with four first inning runs. With one out, consecutive singles by Trevor T., Trevor J., and Caleb Johnson, loaded the bases. Elijah Cannon reached first base as his ground ball was mishandled and we led 1-0. Michael Schaefer followed with an RBI single, it was 2-0. A Dalton Haile walk and a Casey Ekleberry ground out would make the score 4-0.

Highland who came into the game ranked seventh in the State would pick up an unearned run in the first to make it 4-1.

The Chieftains tacked on one run in the second. Bradon Roen would start things off when he was hit by a pitch. Trevor T. scorched a shot to center for a single that sent courtesy runner, Brady Fox, to third. Brady scored on Caleb's RBI ground out and it was 5-1.

Ethan took over and cruised through the middle innings showing excellent control and mixing in a tough curve ball.

We would then extend our lead with three fourth inning runs. With two outs Trevor J. ripped a single down the left field line. After Caleb walked, Elijah drilled an RBI double to left and it was 6-1. Michael Schaefer would follow and deliver an RBI single to left and it was 7-1. After Dalton Haile's ground ball was mishandled we had an 8-1 lead.

We added one more run in the sixth. Trevor J. would again single and move to second on a balk. Trevor would later score on Elijah's RBI single and it was 8-1. Highland added a run in the bottom of the sixth to make it 9-2.

Trevor T. would come on to shut the door in the seventh, striking out a pair to preserve the win. Coach Thompson "Nice ball game. Another excellent pitching performance and we hit the ball very well. We are beginning to show how good we can be. Now we need to do it on a consistent basis. If we do we will be very tough."

Box Score: AB. R. Hits. RBI

Roen 4-0-0-0 Troxel 5-1-2-0 T. Johnson 4-3-3-0 C. Johnson 3-2-1-1 Cannon 3-2-2-3 Fox 1-1-0-0 Luck 0-0-0-0 Schaefer 4-0-3-2 Haile 2-0-0-2 Haffner 0-0-0-0 Ekleberry 3-0-0-1 Hougan 2-0-0-0 Sperry 2-0-0-0 Harris 1-0-0-0

Pitching Stats. IP. R. ER hits. BB. K

Haffner.	6.	2.	1.	2.	2.	5
Troxel.	1.	0.	0.	0.	1.	2