

Chieftains Win Two Friday Night

On a day where rain, wind and cold dominated. The Chieftains got a break as late in the afternoon the clouds broke, the sun came out, the wind died down, and the temperature rose, allowing the Chieftains to play two games. We took advantage of the great weather as we received strong pitching and hitting and as a result won a pair of games, both by the score of 10-0. Coach Thompson "Great night and even better performance by our team. We looked good and I would expect that type of play from us each time we take the field."

Game One: Riverdale 10 Southwestern 0

The first game of the evening was a conference game against Southwestern. Last year we defeated the Wildcats twice, both games were very close however. This year the Chieftains would have an easier time, riding the amazing performance of junior right hander Elijah Cannon we cruised to a 10-0 (six-inning) win. Elijah tossed a NO-HITTER, striking out 16 of the 18 recorded outs on the night. Coach Thompson "Elijah completely dominated, he had a great fastball but his off speed stuff was also on target. 16 K's in just six innings is amazing."

While Elijah was shutting down the Wildcats the Chieftain offense would gradually tack on runs through-out the game. In the first Jared Roen and Brett Hach would get things going with back to back singles. Two outs later we grabbed the lead when Trevor Troxel's ground ball to short was misplayed, allowing Jared to score.

We added four more runs in the second. Max Hougan would start things with a lead-off walk. Bradon Roen singled and Jared would walk to load the bases. Brett drew an RBI walk and it was 2-0. Trevor Johnson would also walk to force in a run and it was 3-0. Elijah Cannon would follow with a sac fly to drive in Jared. Trevor T. walked and Tanner Williamson singled to drive in another run and we were up 5-0 after two innings.

We tacked on another run in the third. Max would again lead things off with a walk, a fielder's choice ground out allowed Bradon to reach. He then stole second. Jared would then walk. One out later Trevor Johnson stayed hot with an RBI single and it was 6-0.

Neither team would score in the fourth or fifth as Elijah recorded eight straight strike outs at one point and strike out the last 13 recorded outs. In the sixth we put the game away. Trevor T. would lead off with another single. Ethan Haffner would come on to run and score when Tanner ripped a double down the left field line to make it 7-0. Tyrrel Anderson followed with a single and one out later Bradon delivered an RBI single to make it 8-0. Jared followed with a fielder's choice ground out to knock in a run to make it 9-0. With pinch hitter Charlie Luck at the plate a balk would force in the 10th run and the final 10-0. Coach Thompson "Nice conference win for us and gets us back on track. But again a great pitching performance by Elijah. That was fun to watch!"

Box Score: AB RUNS HITS RBI

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

Pitching Stats IP RUNS ER BB SO

Cannon 6 0 0 1 16

Game Two

Riverdale 10 Seneca 0

In game two the Chieftains took on nonconference foe Seneca, who traditionally has a very strong baseball history. The Chieftains would send another junior right hander, Trevor Troxel, to the mound, Trevor would deal a great pitching performance striking out 11 and giving up just one hit, an infield single, in a 10-0 (five inning) game. Coach Thompson "Great pitching performance by Trevor. He has a great curve ball and also is a very crafty pitcher who knows how to mix things up. He kept Seneca off balance the entire night. Your defense looks great when you get 27 strike outs in 11 innings!"

After Trevor struck out the side to start the game, the Chieftain offense, which was kind of overlooked on night with the two great pitching performance, went to work. Jared Roen got things going with his first of four hits on the game, a single to right. Jared would then go on to steal second and move to third when the throw got a way. Brett Hach would drive in Jared with a sharp single and then quickly steal second. A pass ball allowed Brett to scamper to third. After Trevor J. walked and stole second we had runners on second and third. One out later Trevor Troxel whistled a single to left center knocking in a pair and it was 3-0. Coach Thompson "We have a number of very good hitters and I like the way they are approaching things. "

In the second Trevor J. would make a nice catch on a hard line drive to left to record the first out and two strike outs later we were back in the dug-out. In our half of the inning Bradon would lead off and reach on an error. Moments later with Bradon on the run, Jared singled moving him to third. Bradon eventually scored on an error. Brett followed with a walk. One out later Trevor J. singled to put runners on first and third. Elijah grounded out but knocked in a run and it was 5-0. Trevor T. singled again and Tanner followed with an RBI single. We had a 6-0 lead. Coach Thompson "We hit the ball well and I really like how aggressive we were on the bases. That is how we need to play."

In the third ground outs to Jared and Brett and a strike out would quickly set down Seneca. We would add one run in the third. With two outs the red hot Jared Roen would single and steal second and then third. When the throw to third got away Jared scored and it was 7-0. Coach Thompson "Jared is off to a great start and it very dangerous on the base paths."

In the fourth Seneca would put together a threat, with one out a walk and an infield single put runners on first and second. But again another nice catch by Trevor J. in left and a strike out got

us out of the inning. Coach Thompson "Trevor Johnson made two real nice catches out there tonight, those were not easy." We would not score in the fourth

In the fifth Trevor T. would close with a bang striking out the side. We would then strike for three runs to end the game. Tanner who was five for five on the night and walked twice led off with a single and stole second. Coach Thompson "Tanner is off to another great start. He gives our line up a lot of depth and has looked strong at the plate." After Tanner moved to third on a wild pitch, Tyrrel Anderson delivered an RBI ground out and it was 8-0. Max Hougan followed and golf a single to left. Bradon walked. Jared picked up his fourth hit to knock in Max and it was 9-0. One out later Trevor J. would pick up his third hit of the game, an RBI single and it was a 10-0 final.

Coach Thompson "Great pitching tonight and very good hitting. These two wins should give us a lot of confidence. We have a lot of very tough games ahead but if we keep our intensity and focus we should be right there at the end of the season!"

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Pitching Stats IP HITS RUNS ER BB K

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