

April 6th 2009—Central Catholic 12 – Centennial 6

Centennial High School—Central Catholic was able to secure a win in the first game of three with the Eagles on a summer-like Monday afternoon in Gresham. Hunter Weiss started on the hill for the Rams and breezed through three innings. Hunter ran into trouble in the 4th as he lost some command and walked two batters and hit another to load the bases. Weiss was able to pitch effectively after loading the bases but seemingly harmless infield ground balls turned into tough plays with so many runners in motion. The Eagles scored 5 before Louis Ceciliani entered to record the final out of the inning. Louis would again prove his effectiveness in relief today as he held the Eagles to just one run (a solo home run in the seventh inning) over the last three innings to earn the win.

The Ram offense started and finished hot today. Chris Zeleznik and Kam White strung together base hits in the first inning accounting for three runs. Bryce McKinney, Max Virnig, and Joe Farrell all received free passes to first with two outs to load the bases. Zeleznik then hit a two-RBI single and White followed with an RBI single. In the third inning Jake Ley flew out to right field and Joe Farrell scored from third on the tag after reaching on a walk earlier in the inning. Central Catholic's bats slowed down over the next three innings as Centennial tied the game at 5 runs apiece. The Rams then caught fire in the 7th inning exploding for 7 hits bookended by Kam White's leadoff double and his single for the seventh and final hit of the inning. The hit parade was highlighted by back to back 2 RBI doubles from Max Virnig and Joe Farrell.

Defensively the Rams played errorless in the field but did have some mental lapses that cost them outs and runs. Max Virnig and Jake Ley turned a beautiful 3-6 double play in the third inning as Virnig tagged first and threw over the runner to second base where Jake placed the tag on the sliding runner. Andrew Hillis dove headlong for a ball down the right field line in the 2nd inning just missing the catch but recovering to throw the runner out at second base.

<u>Box</u>	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	T
Rams	3	1	1	0	0	0	7	12
Eagles	0	0	0	5	0	0	1	6

Offensive Highlights

White: 3 for 3, run, 2 RBI, 2B
Farrell: 1 for 2, 3 runs, 2 RBI, 2B
Matheny: 2 for 5, 2 runs, SB
Zeleznik: 2 for 4, 3 RBI

Pitchers

Weiss: 3 and 2/3 innings, 4 strikeouts, 5 earned
Ceciliani: 3 and 1/3 innings, 1 earned, 2 strikeouts, Win