

April 8th 2009—Central Catholic 9 – Centennial 2

Skavone Field—Joe Farrell threw 5 scoreless innings this afternoon in Westmoreland Park surrendering just three hits and striking out 6 batters. Despite these impressive statistics Joe had to pitch himself out of some tough spots. He walked 5 batters so Centennial did have runners on base. In the first inning Joe put runners on first and second with no outs before getting Centennial's third batter to ground to third base. Bryce McKinney picked up the ground ball, stepped on third for the force out, and threw across the diamond to Max Virnig at first to complete the double play. In the second inning Centennial loaded the bases with a two out walk to the ninth hitter. Joe kept his composure and struck out the lead-off batter to end the inning. Ryan Ecalbarger came on in the 6th inning for the Rams and closed out the game once again.

The Ram offense managed 11 hits on their way to 9 runs. Joe Farrell and Kam White both knocked bases loaded RBI singles in the first inning to capture the early lead 2-0. Bryce McKinney hit an RBI double down the left field line in the second inning after Ryan Matheny successfully bunted Hunter Weiss into scoring position. Kam White scored the Rams' fourth run of the day in 3rd inning when Chris Zeleznik stretched a single drawing an overthrow of second base that allowed a hustling White to come around all the way from first. In the 4th inning Ryan Matheny hit a one-out double and eventually scored on a full count ground out from Bryce McKinney. Bryce had just the type of at bat we want with two strikes and runners in scoring position, he put the ball in play for a run. In the 5th inning the Rams got hot. Farrell, White, and Zeleznik started the inning single, single, double and all eventually scored. Louis Ceciliani hit a 2-strike ground out for an RBI, Matheny doubled off of the center field fence for an RBI, and Andrew Hillis hit a sacrifice fly to center to close the scoring on the day. The Rams hit as a team today scoring in each of the first 5 innings in multiple fashions.

The Rams also played errorless defense on the day led by Jake Ley's three assists and two put outs.

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Eagles	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
Rams	2	1	1	1	4	0	x	9

Offensive Highlights

White: 3 for 3, 2 runs, RBI

Matheny: 2 for 3, run, RBI, 2 2B

Zeleznik: 2 for 3, run, RBI, 2B

Farrell: 2 for 3, run, RBI

Pitchers

Farrell: 5 innings, 0 runs, 6 strikeouts, Win

Ecalbarger: 2 innings, 2 earned