

## April 9<sup>th</sup> 2009—Central Catholic 5 – Centennial 8

Centennial High School—Jake Ley survived 5 innings of work for the Rams on a somewhat rainy Thursday afternoon. Ley managed to strike out 7 Eagle hitters and walked just 2 allowing 5 hits, however, these were not the telling stats of the day. The Rams committed 4 errors in those 5 innings and gave up 6 runs to the home team. Centennial scored 4 of those runs in the 5<sup>th</sup> inning after pitcher Michael Hopp hit an odd two run in the park home run into the right center field gap. Centennial would get two more in the inning on a conventional home run over the left field fence. Jake's effort was encouraging for the Rams but he still has not thrown his best game this season. Louis Ceciliani came on in a tough bit of relief work giving up two runs in the 6<sup>th</sup> inning.

Centennial starter Michael Hopp held the Ram hitters at bay in their attempt to sweep the Eagles for the season series. He gave up just 5 hits in his first 5 innings of work holding the Rams to two runs. Central Catholic did hit the ball hard more than once in these early innings but often toward Eagle defenders. The Rams would eventually finish with 9 hits (outhitting the Eagles) but left 10 runners stranded on base. Kamren White and Chris Zeleznik both stayed hot for the visiting team amassing two hits apiece. Bryce McKinney and Max Virnig both had two apiece from the middle of the line-up. Down at least 4 runs in each of the last two innings CC showed some heart when White, Zeleznik, and Casey Minnick strung three hits together in the 6<sup>th</sup> inning for a run. Dillon Abate added another to the scoreboard with a sac fly to right field scoring Zeleznik from third base. Kam White drilled an RBI double to left center with two strikes in the 7<sup>th</sup> inning scoring McKinney from first base. The threat was ended as Hopp finished the game with back to back strikeouts.

After getting two of three games from Centennial this week CC sits in a three-way tie for 2<sup>nd</sup> in the conference at 3 wins and 2 losses. Hopefully the loss in this game will inspire the Rams this week as they face David Douglas in a conference three game series.

<u>Box</u>	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	T
Rams	0	0	0	1	1	2	1	5
Eagles	0	1	1	0	4	2	x	8

### Offensive Highlights

White: 2 for 4, RBI, run, 2B

Zeleznik: 2 for 4, RBI, run, SB

McKinney: 2 for 4, 2 runs, RBI, 2B

### Pitchers

Ley: 5 innings, 6 runs, 3 earned, 7 strikeouts, Loss

Ceciliani: 1 inning, 2 runs, 1 earned, 1 strikeout