

April 14th 2009—Central Catholic 8 – David Douglas 6

David Douglas High School—The Rams played a decent game today winning the opener of this week's series against the Scots. Joe Farrell threw tremendously for CC showing for the first time this season that he can throw a good breaking ball for a consistent strike. That ended up being the key to Joe's performance as he gave up just 2 earned runs and struck out 7 through 6 innings of work getting the win. The Rams played solid defense behind Farrell for five innings successfully completing two run-down situations and playing error free ball. However, two errors in the 6th led to 4 unearned runs just as Farrell began to tire. He gave up three successive hits following those errors as CC struggled to put the game away. Luckily, Ryan Ecalbarger was once again up to the task of relief as he closed the 7th inning out in just 9 pitches earning the save.

The Ram offense got started in the 2nd inning as Max Virnig and Farrell reached on walks to lead off and were moved to second and third base on a balk. Chris Zeleznik then drove them both in on a two-strike knock through the 4-hole. Casey Minnick and Jake Ley then drew successive walks to load the bases and Hunter Weiss came through with a two-strike, two out base hit to left field scoring the third run of the inning and giving CC a 3-1 lead. Kam White added an RBI base hit in the 3rd inning scoring Virnig to make the lead 4-1. After leaving the bases loaded in the 4th the Rams got 3 more in the 5th capitalizing on errors and walks to make the score 7-2. Kam White had his second RBI base hit in the 6th plating Virnig once again for the final run of the game.

Central Catholic had to hold on to win this one on a day when the game should have been put away. Glad to have the win and learn another valuable lesson, they will try to insure a series win on Wednesday in the friendly confines of Sckavone Field.

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Rams	0	3	1	0	3	1	0	8
Scots	1	0	0	1	0	4	0	6

Offensive Highlights

White: 2 for 4, run, 2 RBI

Virnig: 1 for 2, 3 runs

Zeleznik: 1 for 4, 2 runs, 2 RBI

Pitchers

Farrell: 6 innings, 2 earned, 7 strikeouts, Win

Ecalbarger: 1 inning, 0 runs, Save