

April 15th 2009—Central Catholic 7 – David Douglas 2

Sckavone Field—Sophomore Hunter Weiss hurled a three-hitter from the mound for the Rams today in just his third ever varsity start striking out 7 over 6 innings on the way to a win. Weiss gave up one run after walking the bases loaded in the 3rd inning on a sacrifice fly to center and another on an error in the 6th. Other than these two miscues, today was one of the best all-around games the Rams have put together this year. However, there is still work to be done as CC continues to give up runs on walked batters and errors rather than being hit hard by their opponent. Shoring up these two items will be important down the road and will keep the Rams focused in practice. Ryan Ecalbarger did what he does today once again closing down the game in the 7th inning going three up and three down.

The first pitch of the game set the tone offensively as Ryan Matheny hit a fastball over the center field fence (by inches) for his first round tripper in a varsity uniform. Jake Ley and Andrew Hillis doubled to right center and left center respectively in the 2nd inning as the Rams managed to rally with two outs to score three runs making the early count 4-0. Back to back to back singles in the 4th inning by the top of the order (Matheny, Hillis, Bryce McKinney) plated another run. In the 5th Casey Minnick hit a leadoff double down the left field line and was moved to third on a sacrifice bunt by Jake Ley. Dillon Abate then walked and Ryan Matheny blooped his fourth hit on the day down the left field line scoring a run from third and moving Abate to 2nd base. Abate and Matheny then executed the double steal to move runners to 2nd to 3rd and Andrew Hillis hit a sacrifice fly to center to score Abate and bring the CC run total to seven.

In all the home side stole 7 bases on the day, executed a sacrifice bunt, and struck out swinging just twice while drawing three walks and a hit by pitch. Matheny and Weiss were the story of the day as they worked as pitcher and catcher to limit the Scots to three hits with Matheny totaling four hits himself.

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

Offensive Highlights

Matheny: 4 for 4. 3 runs, 4 SBs, 2 RBI, HR

Hillis: 2 for 4, 3 RBI, 2B

Pitchers

Weiss: 6 innings, 1 earned, 7 strikeouts, Win

Ecalbarger: 1 inning, 0 runs, 0 strikeouts