

March 24th 2009—Central Catholic 2 – South Albany 1

Tigard High School, OR—Senior Joe Farrell led the Rams tonight with a stellar complete game effort on the mound under the lights at Tigard Stadium. Joe needed just 85 pitches to earn the win striking out 9 Rebels and giving up just two hits. Both hits were singles and both came in the 4th inning when South Albany capitalized on a first and third run-down situation to plate their only run. Joe had great command tonight and his effort was much needed. South Albany's Keller threw a complete game as well, limiting the recently potent Ram offense.

Central Catholic was able to get a run home in the first on some good situational hitting. Ryan Matheny led off the game with a single up the middle and was moved to second base on a hit and run ground out by Jacob Ley. Bryce McKinney reached on an infield single but Matheny was held at second base on the play. Max Virnig walked to load the bases and Casey Minnick drove Matheny in with a sacrifice fly to right field. What would be the game winning run came in the fourth inning for CC. Minnick singled with one out and Andrew Hillis drove a ball deep into the right center gap for his first hit of the year, a triple, that drove Minnick in.

The Rams defense did not make an error behind Farrell helping him to the win. Max Virnig recorded 11 put-outs at first base including picking up one errant throw in the dirt and another off the bag to his left while putting a tag on the Rebel's runner simultaneously. Catcher Chris Zeleznik blocked three third-strikes in the dirt and completed each out throwing to first base. Chris also got his first base hit of the year on a 2-strike curveball that he hit back up the middle.

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

Offensive Highlights

Minnick: 1 for 1, run, RBI

Hillis: 1 for 2, RBI, 3B

Matheny: 1 for 2, run

Pitchers

Farrell: Complete game, 1 earned, 9 strikeouts, Win