

March 25th 2009—Central Catholic 2 – Southridge 5

Tigard High School, OR—Senior Jacob Ley started on the mound for the Rams today and put up a decent effort considering he did not have his best command. Jake threw 4 and 2/3 innings striking out 3 and giving up two earned runs on 3 hits. He surrendered an unearned run on a two-out Ram error in the 2nd. Junior Joe Marziello entered in a tough spot with the bases loaded and two outs in the 5th inning and surrendered a base hit to left that scored two. Joe was making his first ever varsity appearance on the mound. Southridge would add another in the 5th on an errant pick behind throw making the score 4-0 after 4 and ½ innings.

Central Catholic was able to respond in the bottom of the 5th taking some advantage of a bases loaded, no outs situation. Dillon Abate hit a ball hard up the middle but Southridge was able to turn a 6-3 double play as Andrew Hillis scored from 3rd base. Pinch runner Ryan Matheny then scored on a Hunter Weiss base hit to close the day's scoring for the home team. The Rams put runners on 1st and 2nd with no outs in the sixth but could not convert bunts to move runners and add to their run total. Hunter Weiss finished the day 3 for 4 with an RBI.

The Rams' four errors and seven walks, combined with an off day at the plate, kept the Rams from winning their fifth straight game to open the season. Central's pitchers were able to limit the Skyhawks to just 5 hits while CC out hit them with 6. The loss will bring a renewed focus to defense and bunting in practice as the Rams look to sharpen their approach and refresh their swings for Jesuit and the beginning of the league season next week.

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Skyhawks	0	1	0	0	3	0	1	5
Rams	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2

Offensive Highlights

Weiss: 3 for 4, RBI

Pitchers

Ley: 4 & 2/3 innings, 2 earned, 3 strikeouts, 4 walks, Loss

Marziello: 2 & 1/3 innings, 1 earned, 3 walks