

2-27-23, Clinton C-Team 7 Irmo B-Team 6

Following provided by Coach Jason Glenn

We are playing in a pre-season tournament at Dreher this week. The other teams playing are Dreher, Irmo, and Gray Collegiate.

In our first game, we fell behind 4-0 after 2 innings, but scrapped our way back to tie it in the top of the 3rd. Asa Baker and Kaleb Dickson both lead off the inning with walks. Baker and Dickson advanced to 2nd and 3rd on a passed ball, and then Graydon Watkins grounded to the pitcher, who tried to get Baker out at the plate. But Baker retreated back to 3rd, and all runners were safe to load the bases. Landon James lined to center to give Clinton their first hit of the game and score Baker. Angel Vargas then grounded into a fielder's choice to the short stop to score Dickson. Ryder Rowland followed with another fielder's choice to score Watkins. A couple batters later, Vargas tied the game, scoring on a wild pitch.

In the 4th inning, with 2 outs, Watkins walked and James reached on a catcher's interference. Both runners advanced on a wild pitch. Vargas then hit a line drive off the pitcher to score Watkins, giving Clinton their first lead 5-4.

Irmo tied the game in the Bottom of the 4th after a walk and a double. Irmo then loaded the bases with nobody out. A defensive gem by Angel Vargas kept the score tied as he made a diving catch on a ground ball headed to left field, and then threw the runner out at home for the 1st out. The next batter was out due to the infield fly rule, keeping the bases loaded with 2 outs. Clinton then ran it's signature pickoff play to 2nd base to get the runner out for the 3rd out of the inning, and leaving the score knotted at 5-5.

Irmo took the lead in the Bottom of the 5th after a couple walks and a bloop single to left.

Asa Baker led off the 6th inning with a walk, and Alex Lopez laid down a perfect bunt to sacrifice him to 2nd. Graydon Watkins hits a line drive that hit right on the left field line for a triple, scoring Baker and tying the score at 6-6. Landon James then executed a perfect safety squeeze to score Watkins, giving Clinton the lead 7-6.

Watkins struck out the leadoff man in the Bottom of the 6th, and then walked the next batter. However, a great throw by William Addison caught the runner trying to steal for the 2nd out. Matthew Hardick ended the game, fielding a ground ball to 3rd base and throwing the batter out at first.

Graydon Watkins got the win on the mound, coming in for starter Angel Vargas in the 4th inning.

Clinton will play Dreher on Wednesday at 5:30pm.