

Bearcats double baseball victory total for 2013

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SPENCERVILLE — Spencerville's baseball crew started well Monday, getting a 3-0 lead over Northwest Conference over Lincolnview at Mike Whitling Memorial Field in Spencerville.

The Lancers pulled even at 3-3 in the top of the fourth and then the Bearcats finished the Lancers off by scoring five runs in their next three at-bats to grab an 8-3 triumph.

Bearcat starter Jon "Bubba" Shimp got the win with 5 $\frac{2}{3}$ starting innings (7 hits, 3 runs, 1 earned, 1 base-on-balls, 2 strikeouts; 101 pitches, 66 for strikes) and James Schaad came on to mop up (1 $\frac{1}{3}$ IPs, 1 hit, 1 BB).

The Bearcats (2-9, 1-3 NWC) got outhit 8-5 but took advantage of six free passes and two hit batters. James Schaad and Joel Shimp, the number 1 and 2 batters in the lineup, scored twice each.

Lancer southpaw Jalen Roberts didn't give up a hit but walked three and hit two in his $\frac{2}{3}$ of an inning, ceding three earned runs. Derek Youtsey (0-1) took the loss with 3 $\frac{1}{3}$ innings of relief (3 hits, 4 runs, 3 earned, 3 BBs, 2 Ks) and Nick Leeth mopped up (2 IPS, 2 hits, 1 earned run, 1 K).

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Wyatt Schmersal led the Lancers (4-8, 2-3 NWC) with a 2-for-3 day at the plate, while Connor McCleery was 2-for-4.

The Bearcats scored three runs in the first inning against Roberts without benefit of a hit. Schaad and Joel Shimp walked and Sean Monfort was hit by a pitch to load the bases. Aaron Crider was plunked, forcing home Schaad. An out hence, Tanner Koverman flied out to center, plating Shimp for a 2-0 edge. Wyatt Krouskop was hit by a pitch to load the bases again, finishing Roberts for Youtsey. The reliever walked David Wisher to bring home Monfort for a 3-0 edge. However, the next batter struck out to leave the bases juiced.

The Lancers tried to answer in the second on a 1-out liner to right by McCleery. However, he was eliminated by a Tyler Richey grounder and Schaad recorded the final out of the frame.

The visitors again tried to rally in the third. Troy Patterson struck out on a pitch in the dirt but got to first; he went to third on a 1-out double to right center by Nick Leeth but third sacker Koverman robbed Austin Leeth of a potential 2-run double with a diving catch of his hard liner and the visitors left both runners on.

The Lancers tied it up in the top of the fourth. Matt Oeschle led off the frame with a liner to left and McCleery grounded a hit up the middle. Richey laid down a sacrifice; an error on the play allowed Oeschle to score and put McCleery at third. After Richey swiped second, McCleery scored on a grounder by Youtsey. An out hence, Richey scored from third on a run-scoring single to left by Schmersal.

After going in order in the second and third frames, Krouskop led off the Bearcat fourth with a solo blast over the 325-foot mark in left field for a 4-3 edge.

Lincolnview got a 2-out free pass to Oeschle in the fifth but he went no farther.

The hosts made it 7-3 in the fifth. Joel Shimp doubled to right center, advanced on a ground ball by Monfort and scored on an error on the sequence. Aaron Crider walked and Bubba Shimp lined a shot to left to score pinch-runner Dusty Settlemire and a 6-3 spread. Koverman

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walked, finishing Youtsey on the mound and bringing in Nick Leeth. Krouskop grounded out to second to score pinch-runner Damian Corso; on the sequence, Koverman got doubled up for the second out. Wisher lined hard to first sacker McCleery to keep the score 7-3.

In the sixth, the Lancers got a 1-out infield liner by Youtsey off Koverman's glove for a hit but he was cut down on Patterson's ground ball. Schmursal singled to left, ending Bubba Shimp's pitching day and bringing in Schaad. He induced a comebacker to end the threat.

The hosts scored the final tally of the night in the sixth. With one gone, Schaad singled to left, stole second and scored on a 2-out bloop to short center by Monfort to make it 8-3.

Austin Leeth started the Lancer seventh with a free pass and Kyle Williams beat out an infield chopper. He was eliminated on an Oeschle grounder to put runners on the corners but McCleery's grounder to second started a 6-4-3 twin-killing to end the game.

"We had scored our first three runs without benefit of a hit. We went into a lull offensively until Wyatt, a freshman, hit that home run; that seemed to energize our dugout again and we added some runs," Spencerville coach Troy Montenery explained. "We got a great performance out of Bubba on the mound; he and Joel (Shimp) have started to give us performances like that consistently, especially when we moved Joel from the bullpen. We got help from our defense tonight. We've lost games simply because of our defense but we made the plays we needed to tonight." Lancer coach Kevin Longstreth was frustrated.

"We did not start out well. Jalen couldn't throw strikes for some reason but Derek came in and did what he had to; kept us in the game," Longstreth added. "We did battle back but couldn't finish it. We preach having a strong mental attitude no matter the situation. Baseball will have its ups and downs and we just have to weather the downs better. We have to get tougher mentally." Lincolnview is at USV 5 p.m. Wednesday and hosts Allen East Thursday; Spencerville visits Paulding Thursday.

LINCOLNVIEW (3)

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ab-r-h-rbi

Nick Leeth ss/p 4-0-1-0, Austin Leeth 3b 3-0-0-0, Kyle Williams cf/ss 4-0-1-0, Matt Oechsle dh 3-1-1-0, Tyler Brant rf 0-0-0-0, Connor McCleery 1b 4-1-2-1, Tyler Richey c 2-1-0-0, Jalen Roberts p 0-0-0-0, Derek Youtsey p/lf 3-0-1-0, Troy Patterson 2b 3-0-0-0, James Steele pr 0-0-0-0, Wyatt Schmersallf/cf 3-0-2-1. Totals 29-3-8-2.

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SPENCERVILLE (8)

ab-r-h-rbi

James Schaad lf/p 3-2-1-0, Joel Shimp 1b 3-2-1-0, Sean Monford rf 3-1-1-1, Dusty Settlemlire ph 0-1-0-0, Aaron Crider dh 2-0-0-0, Danny Settlemlire cf 0-0-0-0, Damian Corso pr 0-1-0-0, Jon Shimp p/lf 3-0-1-1, Tanner Koverman 3b 1-0-0-1, Wyatt Krouskup 2b 2-1-1-2, David Wisher ss 2-0-0-1, Hunter French c 2-0-0-0, Chris Karch ph 1-0-0-0. Totals 22-8-6-7.

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Score by Innings:

Lincolnview 0 0 0 3-0-0 0- 3

Spencerville 3 0 0 1 3 1 x - 8

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E: McCleery; DP: Lincolnview 1, Spencerville 1; LOB: Lincolnview 8, Spencerville 5; 2B: N. Leeth, Joel Shimp; HR: Krouskop; SB: Richey, Schmersal, Schaad; Sac: Richey; SF: Koverman.

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LINCOLNVIEW

Roberts 0.2 0 3 3 3 0

Youtsey (L, 0-1) 3.1 3 4 3 3 2

N. Leeth 2.0 2 1 1 0 1

SPENCERVILLE

Jon Shimp (W) 5.2 7 3 1 1 2

Schaad 1.1 1 0 0 1 0

Youtsey pitched to 5 batters in 5th

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WP: Shimp; HBP: Monfort (by Roberts), Krouskop (by Roberts).