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DELPHOS — Jordan Herron and Hunter Binkley combined on a 3-hit shutout on a beautiful late-spring Thursday night, leading Jefferson’s ACME summer baseball team to a 5-0 victory over Columbus Grove at Wildcat Field.

Herron went six innings and ceded all three hits, walking three and fanning four in his 79-pitch effort (55 for strikes). Binkley threw an inning of spotless relief in the seventh.

The Bulldogs had their best threat in the top of the first, getting a 1-out walk to Riley Brubaker and an infield hit by Mason Smith. However, Herron fanned the next two.

Jefferson got the only run it would need in the home half of the first off Grove starter Brubaker (3 innings, 4 hits, 3 earned runs, 2 BBs, 2 Ks). Xavier Buzard (3-for-3, 2 runs, 3 stolen bases) led off with a tough-hop single past shortstop Joshua Verhoff and stole second. However, he was tagged out at third when he got too far off second on Jace Stockwell’s (2-for-4, 2 runs, 1

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run batted in) comebacker. Ross Thompson (2-for-4, 2 RBIs, 1 run, 2 doubles) doubled to center and Austin Jettinghoff grounded out to short to plate Stockwell. A wild pitch advanced Thompson to third. Tyler Talboom walked and stole second but both runners remained on base.

Grove had another challenge in the second as Ryan Verhoff singled and advanced on a balk. Zach Brinkman walked. An out later, Herron picked Verhoff off second and the next batter popped up.

Elisha Jones got aboard via an error to open the Grove third, advanced on a groundout by Brubaker and went to third on an error on a pickoff try with two outs. However, Herron induced the next batter to ground out.

The Wildcats went up 3-0 in the home half. Buzard walked, stole second and went to third on Stockwell's bunt single. Stockwell burgled second and both came in on Thompson's doubled to deep center. Thompson had a 1-out steal of third but went no farther.

Marcos Olivo doubled to open the Bulldog fourth and stood on third courtesy of Verhoff's sacrifice bunt but couldn't get him home.

Jefferson got a leadoff single by Herron in the fourth against reliever Smith (3 IPs, 4 hits, 2 runs, 1 earned, 2 BBs, 1 K), advanced on a 1-out groundout by Adam Rode and went to third on a blooper to short center by Buzard. However, the Wildcat left them stranded.

Delphos made it 4-0 in the fifth. Thompson got aboard to commence the fifth on an error, stole second and went to third on an error on the play. Jettinghoff walked and stole second and Tyler Rice walked to load the bases. Thompson scored on Binkley's sacrifice fly to left. Jettinghoff was forced at third on Herron's comebacker and Smith retired the next batter.

With one down in the Bulldog sixth, Joshua Verhoff walked but Olivo bounced into a 4-6-3 twin-killing.

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The Red and White added its fifth tally in the home half. With one gone, Buzard beat out an infield hit to short, swiped second and scored on Stockwell's sinking liner to right; an error on the play put the batter at second. A fly ball to center by Thompson put Stockwell at third but he was left there.

Jefferson will next play at St. John's 4 p.m. Monday (originally scheduled for today).

COLUMBUS GROVE (0)

ab-r-h-rbi

Elisha Jones c 3-0-0-0, Riley Brubaker p/cf 2-0-0-0, Mason Smith 1b/p 3-0-1-0, Joshua Verhoff 3b 2-0-0-0, Marcos Olivo ss 3-0-1-0, Ryan Verhoff lf 2-0-1-0, Zach Brinkman rf 2-0-0-0, Tanner Neu cf/p 3-0-0-0, Eli Schroeder dh 2-0-0-0, Pardo 2b 0-0-0-0, Jake Utendorf 2b 0-0-0-0. Totals 22-0-3-0.

JEFFERSON (5)

ab-r-h-rbi

Zavier Buzard cf 3-2-3-0, Jace Stockwell 2b/ss 4-2-2-1, Ross Thompson c 4-1-2-2, Austin Jettinghoff ss/2b 3-0-0-1, Tyler Talboom rf 1-0-0-0, Tyler Rice 1b 0-0-0-0, Hunter Binkley lf/p 2-0-0-1, Jordan Herron p 3-0-1-0, Damien Dudgeon lf 0-0-0-0, Jake Pulford 1b 3-0-0-0, Ryan Goergens rf 0-0-0-0, Adam Rode 3b 2-0-0-0, Kurt Wollenhaupt 3b 1-0-0-0. Totals 26-5-8-5.

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Score by Innings:

Col. Grove 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 - 0

Jefferson 1 0 2 0 1 1 x - 5

E: Olivo, Brinkman, Stockwell, Rode; DP: Jefferson 1; LOB: Columbus Grove 5, Jefferson 8; 2B: Thompson 2, Olivo; SB: Buzard 3, Thompson 2, Stockwell, Jettinghoff, Talboom; POB: R. Verhoff (by Herron); Sac: R. Verhoff; SF: Binkley.

IP H R ER BB SO

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Brubaker (L) 3.0 4 3 3 2 2

Smith 3.0 4 2 1 2 1

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JEFFERSON

Herron (W) 6.0 3 0 0 3 4

Binkley 1.0 0 0 0 0 0

WP: Brubaker; Balk: Herron.