

# **LONGWELL AND RAMSEY POWER DARBY IN 5-3 WIN AT HOME OVER RIVAL DAVIDSON TO KICKOFF THE 2013 BASEBALL SEASON**

Darby Panther Baseball has had recent success against rival Davidson. Darby extended that winning streak to 4 wins in the last 5 games against Davidson with a 5-3 win in their 2013 season-opening game at home. The contest was not as close as the final score indicated. Darby (1-0) never trailed and led 5-0 after 5 innings until Davidson (0-1) scored 3 runs late to account for the final score.

Darby's starting lineup and batting order for the 2013 season opener included seven seniors and two juniors as follows: Chris Ramsey (CF), Connor Holdren (2B), Jake Chetock (SS), Stephan Hernon (C), Nate Green (DH), Chase Longwell (P), Hayden VanKirk (RF), Tyler Elavsky (1B), and Eric Norton (3B). Nate Green was the designated hitter for left fielder Tyler Green.

Chase Longwell started and pitched a solid game with 5.2 innings of 2-run, 4-hit baseball to earn the win for the Panthers. Nate Green came in to pitch the final 1.1 innings of 1-run, 3-hit baseball to close out the victory for the Panthers.

Darby's offense supported the fine pitching effort with 8 hits and 5 runs on the day. The Panther offense kept the pressure on Davidson throughout the game by scoring in all but two innings. The offensive attack was led by center fielder Chris Ramsey and starting pitcher Chase Longwell. Ramsey was 2-3 on the day with a double, a run scored and an RBI. Longwell also was 2-3 with a double and a run scored. Stephan Hernon led the Panthers with 2 RBI's. Connor Holdren, Jake Chetock, Hayden VanKirk and Hernon each had a single for Darby to contribute to the Panther's balanced 8-hit offensive attack.

The key inning for Darby was the bottom of the second inning when the Panthers scored two runs to extend their lead to a very comfortable 3-0 margin with the way Longwell was pitching. Longwell led off the third inning with a

single to right center. VanKirk roped a single to right field giving Darby runners on first and third with no outs. Elavsky followed with a sac bunt that plated Longwell and advanced VanKirk to second. Norton followed with a fly ball to right field. With two outs, Ramsey hit an RBI double to deep left field for a 3-0 lead and, with Darby's pitching, the Panthers would never look back.

Darby continues its 2013 campaign this week with neutral site games against DeSales (Wednesday, 4/3) and Watterson (Thursday, 4/4) at Chillicothe Paint Stadium followed by a doubleheader at home against Olentangy Liberty (Saturday, 4/6).