

NATE GREEN HITS AND PITCHES DARBY TO A 12-1 VICTORY OVER DEFENDING DIVISION II STATE CHAMPION COLUMBUS DESALES

The starting lineup and batting order for Darby against DeSales was Chris Ramsey (CF), Connor Holdren (2B), Jake Chetock (SS), Stephan Hernon (C), Chase Longwell (3B), Nate Green (P), Hayden VanKirk (RF), Tyler Elavsky (1B), and Hunter McSweeney (LF).

Nate Green pitched a 1-run, 2-hit complete game for Darby to earn the win against the defending Division II State Champion Columbus DeSales Stallions 12-1. Green retired the side in order in 3 innings of the 6 inning game. The game only went six innings due to the Ohio High School mercy rule. Green had 4 strikeouts and 1 walk in six innings. His only walk came against the first batter of the game for DeSales, leadoff hitter Kienzie. Kienzie led off the bottom of the first for DeSales with a walk, was sacrificed to second, and scored on a rare Darby fielding error in what would prove to be the only DeSales run of the game.

Darby's offense was much more dynamic. The Panther offense exploded for 12 runs on 12 hits on the day. Darby's offense was led by starting pitcher Nate Green and shortstop Jake Chetock. Green was 3 for 3 at the plate with 3 singles, a walk, 3 runs scored and 1 RBI. Chetock was 2 for 4 with two singles and a stolen base. Chase Longwell, Hayden VanKirk, and Green each scored 2 runs for the Panthers. Stephan Hernon, Tyler Elavsky and Hunter McSweeney each drove in 2 runs for the Panthers. Chris Ramsey, Connor Holdren, Stephan Hernon, Chase Longwell, Hayden VanKirk, Tyler Elavsky, and Hunter McSweeney also contributed hits for Darby. In fact, everyone in the Panther batting order had at least one hit in Darby's balanced offensive attack. It is literally pick your poison for the opposing pitcher when facing the powerful Darby offense.

In the turning point of the game, Darby (2-0) broke open a 1-1 tie in the top of the third inning. With the top of the order up, Darby sent 10 batters to the plate, scoring 4 runs on 4 hits in the inning. The key hits for the Panthers were a 2-run single by Hernon and an RBI single by McSweeney giving Darby a 5-1 lead en route to their 12-1 victory over the defending Division II State Champion DeSales.