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Fairport sluggers improve to 10-1 overall

Pittsford Sutherland hands Fairport its first loss of the season.

The baseball season really heated up last week as the Fairport Raiders played four games in a five-day span.

Fairport improved to 10-1 overall with three wins and one loss in last week's action. The squad remains undefeated in conference play at 5-0.

The excitement began on Monday, April 24, as Fairport visited Webster Schroeder and won 5-1 behind the one-hit pitching of Aron Meindl.

"It was a masterful performance," said Fairport coach Pete Granger. "He was perfect through three innings. The only hit was a leadoff home run in the fifth. He was in total control at all times."

That home run tied the game 1-1 after Fairport had scored once in the second inning.

Fairport scored twice in the sixth and twice in the seventh for the 5-1 final. In the sixth, Andy Gardner and Nick Alongi led off with back to back walks. Ryan Kenney's long single drive both base runners home.

In the seventh, Mark Bruce and Kody Bednarczyk led off with walks. Corey Goeggelman plated one run with a single. Gardner then singled to plate the second runner.

Wednesday, the Raiders were back on the road to Gates Chili. The bats were hot all afternoon as Fairport scored one run in the second, six in the fourth, one in the fifth, eight in the sixth and one in the seventh for the 17-5 victory.

Leading the hitting parade were Gardner 2-for-3 with one home run and two RBI and Nick Cailguiri 2-for-3 with one home run and four RBI.

Dan Martin and Justin Valle also added two hits apiece.

On the mound, Brandon DeRosa worked the first five innings, scattering five hits, walking four, striking out seven and allowing three runs. Jon Lopez pitched the final two innings giving up two hits on two runs and striking out two.

Thursday Fairport visited Pat Sargent Field at Pittsford Sutherland High School for a matchup with the defending Section 5 Class A champs, coached by Fairport grad Jim Capellupo.

The game was a classic pitcher's duel. Sutherland sent junior Mike Weingarten to the hill and Fairport chose Josh Michalko. Both teams scored in the first inning and then the pitchers took over until Sutherland scored in the bottom of the ninth for the 2-1 win. It was the first loss of the season for the Red Raiders.

Fairport got on the scoreboard first as Meindl led off with a walk. He moved to second on a ground out and then stole third. He came home on Gardner's ground out to first.

Pittsford tied the score in the bottom of the first.

Michalko worked five innings and scattered seven hits. He struck out four. Joel Hoose came in and pitched the final four innings. He gave up five hits and struck out three. Weingarten only allowed three hits.

Friday, Fairport played its first home game hosting Rush-Henrietta.

Fairport scored in four different innings for a 6-3 victory.

In the first, Meindl led off with a single and moved to second on a wild pitch. Gardner drove him home with a single.

In the second inning, Fairport added two more runs. Ryan Kenney walked and Brandon DeRosa followed with a long home run over the left field fence into the student section.

In the fourth, Fairport got another run as DeRosa walked and Brian Connell reached on an error. The Meindl walked to load the bases. Corey Goeggelman hit a sac fly to give the Raiders a 4-0 lead.

R-H rallied for three runs in the top of the fifth to make it a 4-3 contest.

Fairport added two insurance runs in the bottom of the fifth. Nick Alongi led off with a double. Michalko singled and two runs came home on a wild throw by the shortstop.

Alongi pitched 4 1/3 innings and gave up four hits and allowed three runs while striking out four.

Erik Miller finished the final 2 2/3 innings allowing two hits and one strikeout.

"Erik Miller was masterful in relief," Granger said. "He came in with the bases loaded in the fifth and one out. He got a 6-5 force and a 5-3 out to close out the inning. He shut them down the rest of the way."

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