



COMMODORE ATHLETICS

Week of April 9 - 15, 2018

VARSITY ATHLETICS

The **BASEBALL** team won three and lost three this week, splitting Thursday's doubleheader at OSU-Mansfield, then sweeping Saturday's twin bill at Westmoreland County CC before losing a pair of games on Sunday at CCAC-Boyce. The Commodores nearly swept two at OSU-Mansfield but settled for a split behind sophomore Kevin Simon's complete-game, one-hitter in the opener, winning 3-1. Simon struck out 13 and walked just two in his seven-inning gem. Mansfield's only hit was a single in the fourth inning and the second-inning run was unearned. Simon now owns a 4-0 record, all complete games. His four complete games rank second-best among all pitchers on the 97 teams in the NJCAA, D-III. Sophomore catcher Tyler LaGuardia tied the game at 1-1 with a solo home run in the top of the third and sophomore third baseman Dalton Welty blasted what turned out to be a game-winning two-run homer in the sixth inning following a single from sophomore DH Ryan Danszczak. LCCC outhit Mansfield, 7-1.

The Commodores then raced out to a 6-0 lead in the top of the second inning of game two behind a pair of two-run round-trippers from freshman shortstop Jesse Barrios and sophomore first baseman Nate Colbert. LCCC belted six home runs in the game; three by Colbert, accounting for seven runs-batted-in but OSU-Mansfield bounced back and won the slug fest, 14-13. Colbert was 4-for-4 in the game with a total of eight RBI's. Freshman center fielder Noah Henderson and sophomore second baseman Nate Bonacuse both added homers for the Commodores, giving LCCC eight home runs in the doubleheader.

At Westmoreland, the LCCC sluggers erased a 10-6 deficit going into the seventh and final inning by scoring seven runs on seven hits and a critical passed ball to earn a 13-12 victory in another slug fest that featured 36 total hits, 18 by each team. The Commodores strung together five consecutive hits, including RBI singles from freshman third baseman Richard Vandervort, freshman outfielder Justin Ciccone, freshman outfielder Noah Henderson and a two-run double by sophomore catcher Tyler LaGuardia that put LCCC in front, 11-10. Henderson and Barrios scored the final two runs on a passed ball with two outs. Freshman shortstop Jess Barrios led an 18-hit attack with four singles and three RBI's in five trips to the plate. In the second game, trailing 14-9 in the seventh inning, LCCC rallied for six runs to take a 15-14 lead into the bottom of the seventh. Henderson pitched the final inning and struck out the last two batters with two runners on base, earning his second save of the afternoon. Barrios again led the hitting, going 5-for-5, including three doubles and four RBI's (9-for-10 with seven RBI's in the doubleheader). Bonacuse turned in a 3-for-5 performance with a triple, a double and a single with two RBI's.

Boyce swept LCCC on Sunday, 6-3 and 12-5. In the first game, LCCC scored two runs on three hits in the first inning and another run on two hits in the second frame to take a 3-1 lead, But those would be the last hits for the Commodores in the first game. Sophomore third baseman Dalton Welty and sophomore second sacker Nate Bonacuse each delivered RBI singles to open the game. Freshman center fielder Noah Henderson doubled home a run in the second inning. LCCC opened a 5-1 lead after three at-bats in game #2 on two RBI singles from Henderson, an RBI single by freshman shortstop Jesse Barrios, and RBI doubles from sophomore first baseman Nate Colbert and sophomore left fielder Kevin Simon. But Boyce bounced back with a big bottom of the third inning, scoring seven runs on seven hits and two LCCC errors. Barrios is hitting .441, ranking 31st in NJCAA, D-III. The team is now batting a strong .333; 15th in NJCAA, D-III rankings.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wed, 4/18	Baseball	@ Schoolcraft (MI), 1 pm
Sat, 4/21	Baseball	vs Washtenaw (MI) CC, 1 pm @ The Pipeyard
Mon, 4/23	Baseball	@ Oberlin JV (9 innings), 5 pm