

Miller City's Aluminum Stinging Opposing Hurlers Will Attest Too

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On Saturday the Wrigley Field like conditions at Leipsic (windy, very windy) gave the Wildcats ample opportunity to flex their muscles.

In a doubleheader Miller City collected 37 hits and 51 runs. In their last four games the Wildcats have scored 76 runs and collected 52 hits, so they have taken advantage of everything they have been handed. Also during this stretch they have limited their opponents to just 23 runs.

The victim of Miller City's 26-12 outburst was Hicksville (14-4). In the second game Miller City found some leftover hits to down Leipsic 25-6. In the first game of this annual tripleheader, between former state champion Hicksville defeated Leipsic 11-3.

Miller City got off to a quick start against Hicksville as they scored 19 times before the Aces picked up a bat.

Cary Melia was the hitting star as he had two hits and seven RBI's in the first inning. Melia in his first at bat hit a two run shot and then the next time up connected for a grand slam. He garnered his seventh RBI in the inning when walked with the bases loaded.

Hicksville changed pitchers twice in the first inning and each of them had trouble finding the plate as the Wildcats collected several walks in the inning. Ironically the inning started rather calmly for Hicksville as Russ Wenzinger struck out to start the game.

In the game Miller City hit six homeruns and had a runner in every inning. Hicksville finally got to Wildcat starter Russ Wenzinger late in the game scoring three in the fifth. They added four runs each in the sixth and seventh, which forced the Wildcats to change pitchers.

Hitting heroes for the Wildcats were Russ Wenzinger with a single and two doubles, Melia two home runs, Doug Ruhe a double and home run, Deitering had two doubles, Okuley two singles and a home run, and Brian Ruhe a single and home run with six RBI's. Hicksville got four hits from Evans, three from Shock and two each from Doeden and Collins.

In the second game Miller City scored 20 times in the first three innings to take a commanding 20-1 lead. The big innings was the third when they scored 11 times, to basically put the game away.

Brian Ruhe picked up his second win of the season, while Chad Fenbert absorbed the loss, his fifth of the season.

Miller City had 18 hits as Russ Wenzinger had a single and double, Roy Wenzinger had three singles, Niese a home run, Doug Ruhe two singles and six RBI's. Jon Thornton had two singles and Steve Brown had two home runs and eight RBI's, while Brian Ruhe had a single and double.

Dan Kimmet had two doubles and two RBI's, while Fenbert had two singles.