



Indians Baseball team wins Keno Fitzgerald Tournament

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Indians comeback defeats Mildred 12-7 for Fitzgerald Tourney title

The Frankston Indians varsity baseball team won the championship of the Keno Fitzgerald Memorial Baseball Tournament, coming from behind to defeat the Mildred Eagles 12-7 on Saturday, March 5 at the FHS baseball field, according to information made available by the team statistician.

Named to the All-Tournament team from Frankston were Matt Metzgi, Ryan Harper, Robert Walker, and Clayton Merritt.

Mildred took a 4-0 lead in the first two innings before the Indians scored their first run in the bottom of the third. In the top of the fourth, Mildred added another three runs to increase their lead to 7-1, but that's when the Tribe began their comeback.

In the bottom of the fourth, the Indians scored five runs to narrow the Eagles lead to 7-6. That big inning for the Indians began with a single by Conlan Lemay. Then Clayton Merritt singled to center field. Jared Cook followed with a single which scored Lemay. A Tribe single by Trip Hallmark scored Merritt.



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Ryan Harper singled to center field and courtesy runner for Cook, Jayden Singletary, scored. Austin Carr walked. After a pop fly out, Robert Walker got an infield single scoring both Hallmark and Harper.

The next two Tribe batters struck out to end the inning and narrow the Mildred lead to 7-6.

Neither team scored in the fifth inning and Tribe pitcher Matt Metzsig retired the Eagles in the top of the sixth.

In the bottom of the sixth, Indians bats went to work scoring six runs to take the lead 12-7.

The winning runs started with walks by Harper and Carr. Then Walker London doubled to left field, scoring Harper. On the next play, a fielder's choice grounder scored Carr. Then Metzsig singled to left field scoring London. Singletary came in to run for Metzsig. Lemay hit a hard grounder to reach first on an error.

After a fly out, Cook singled to right field scoring Walker and Singletary. Then a fielder's choice allowed Lemay to score.

The Eagles were retired in the top of the seventh to secure the Tribe win.

Harper, Walker and Cook had two hits and London, Metzsig, Lemay, Merritt and Hallmark each had one. London's hit was a double. Walker and Cook had 3 RBIs and London and Hallmark 2.

Metzsig got the win, pitching six innings, allowing six hits, striking out 6 and walking 2. Christian Hernandez threw an inning in relief.

Score by Innings:

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E
Mildred	2	2	0	3	0	0	0	7	8	3
Indians	0	0	1	5	0	6	x	12	11	3