

Pitching was the name of the game in the 2008 Indiana Mr. Baseball Classic held at North Central High School. You would have to say that.

Well, maybe. The pitching of the Blue Team was awesome.

But, the Blue Team also pounded out a total of 24 hits while sweeping a pair of 8-inning games from the Red, 10-2 in the opener and 9-7 in the nightcap.

Yes, there was offense, but the pitching show put on by the Blue Team in the opener stole the spotlight.

Blue Team coaches Dick Alter of Indianapolis Lutheran and Kyle Kraemer of Terre Haute South sent eight different hurlers to the mound in the opening game. Combined, they allowed only three hits and they fanned 17 batters. The two runs scored by the Red Team came in the eighth and both were unearned.

Crawfordsville's Andrew Swart started the strikeout parade by fanning three in the opening inning. Benjamin Walters of Beech Grove struckout two in the second, Cameron Hobson of Crawfordsville three in the third, Joe Goodman of Paoli two in the fourth, B.J. Sieverding of South Ripley two in the fifth, Daniel Bollenbacher of South Adams two in the sixth, Tyler Ware of Seeger two in the seventh. and Dominic Spadafora of Carroll two in the eighth.

The hurling by the Blue was some kind of show as Hoosier Diamond brought together the state's top seniors just hours before Mr. Baseball ballots were distributed by HD president Jeff Jellison to coaches throughout the state.

The Blue Team did well at the plate, too, hammering out 12 hits. Koby Kraemer, an infielder from Terre Haute South, belted two doubles and drove home three runs. Spadafora, the pitcher from Carroll, hammered a home run. Indianapolis Lutheran infielder Jared Broughton and Rhett Goodmiller, a catcher from Norwell, each slammed a double.

There also was impressive pitching by the Red Team, coached by Phil McIntyre of North Central and Al Cooper of New Palestine. Greensburg's Alex Meyer fanned the side in order in the first. New Palestine's Patrick Kraft had strong innings in the second and third.

For the Red Team, Ian Nielsen of LaPorte hit a double and Jake Hansen of Westfield and Tyler Calder of Yorktown each had a single.

There was more offense from both teams in the second game.

Leading the Blue Team to victory with two hits each were Radley Hdaddad of Brebeuf and Spadafora of Carroll. Spadafora, who was 3-for-4 in the in double header, added a double to go along with his first-game homer. Also doubling for the Blue Team were Joshua Ludy of Jay County and Broughton of Luterhan.

Leading the Red Team at the plate were Heritage Christian catcher Josh Lyon with a triple and single, Fishers catcher Matt Hitt with a three-run double and Franklin's Brad Hook with a pair of singles. Tyler Spillner of Fort Wayne Northrop hit a double.

Following voting by Indiana's high school coaches, Hoosier Diamond will name Mr. Baseball and present him a plaque at

the Indiana High School Baseball Coaches Association's North-South banquet in South Bend on July 11.

### Mr. Baseball Classic Rosters

**Red Team:** Ryan Wides, Noblesville; Jake Hansen, Westfield; Cal Bowling, Yorktown; Tyler Calder, Mt. Vernon (Fortville), Matt Hitt, Fishers; Justin Zeller, North Central; Jordan Shepherd, Carmel; Trent Barrett, Pike Central; Matthew Bezy, Washington Catholic; Brad Hook, Franklin; Patrick Kraft, New Palestine; Hobs Donovan, North Central; Michael Tucker, Zionsville; Tyler Spilner, Ft. Wayne Northrop; Andrew Spleth, Lawrence North; Ian Nielsen, LaPorte; Josh Lyon, Heritage Christian; Alex Meyer, Greensburg.

**Blue Team:** Matt Serfling, Bloomington North; Koby Kraemer, Terre Haute South; Zachary Tanner, Yorktown; Griffin Richeson, Lafayette Catholic; Jared Broughton, Indianapolis Lutheran; Rhett Goodmiller, Norwell; Joshua Ludy, Jay County; Benjamin Walters, Beech Grove; Joe Goodman, Paoli; B.J. Sieverding, South Ripley; Andrew Swart, Crawfordsville; Daniel Bollenbacher, South Adams; Radley Hdaddad, Brebeuf; Ryne Otis, Norwell; Dominic Spadafora, Carroll; Jacob Low, Eastern Hancock; Tyler Ware, Seeger; Cameron Hobson, Crawfordsville; John Dury, Indianapolis Chatard.

### Opener

<b>Blue (10)</b>	<b>AB</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>RBI</b>
Serfling	3	1	1	0
Kraemer	3	1	2	3
Tanner	1	0	0	1
Richeson	2	0	0	0
Broughton	3	1	1	0
Goodmiller	2	0	1	0
Ludy	2	0	0	0
Walters	2	0	0	0
Goodman	2	0	0	0
Sieverding	0	2	0	0
Swart	2	0	1	1
Bollenbacher	2	0	1	1
Hdaddad	2	0	1	0
Otis	2	0	1	0
Spadafora	2	1	1	1
Low	2	1	1	0
Ware	0	0	0	0
Hobson	1	1	0	0
Dury	2	2	1	1
Totals	35	10	12	8
<b>Red (2)</b>	<b>AB</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>RBI</b>
Wides	2	0	0	0
Hansen	2	0	1	0
Bowling	2	0	0	0
Calder	2	0	1	0
Hitt	2	0	0	0
Zeller	2	0	0	0
Shepherd	2	1	0	0
Barrett	1	1	0	0

Bezy	2	0	0	0
Hook	1	0	0	1
Kraft	2	0	0	0
Donovan	2	0	0	0
Tucker	0	0	0	0
Spiner	1	0	0	0
Spleth	1	0	0	0
Nielsen	1	0	1	0
Lyon	1	0	0	0
Meyer	1	0	0	0
Totals	27	2	3	1

Score by Innings:

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**HR:** Spadafora 1. **2B:** Kraemer 2, Nielsen 1, Broughton 1, Goodmiller 1. **SB:** Kraemer 2. **SAC:** Hook 1. **HBP:** Lyon by Hook; Ware by Donovan.

Red Pitching	IP	R	ER	H
Meyer	1	0	0	0
Kraft	2	1	1	3
Hook	1	3	3	3
Bowling	1	1	0	1
Donovan	2	2	2	3
Calder	1	3	1	2

Blue Pitching	IP	R	ER	H
Swart	1	0	0	0
Walters	1	0	0	1
Hobson	1	0	0	0
Goodman	1	0	0	0
Sierending	1	0	0	1
Bollenbacher	1	0	0	1
Ware	1	0	0	0
Spadarfora	1	2	0	0

**Strikeouts:** Swart 3, Walters 2, Hobson 3, Goodman 2, Sierending 2, Bollenbacher 2, Ware 2, Spadarfora 2, Meyer 3, Kraft 3, Tanner 1, Donovan 1, Calder 1.

**Second Game**

Red (7)	AB	R	H	RBI
Tucker	4	1	1	0
Spilner	3	1	1	0
Spleth	3	1	1	0
Lyon	3	1	2	0
Meyer	2	0	1	1
Wides	2	1	0	0
Hansen	1	1	0	1
Bowling	2	0	0	0
Barrett	1	0	0	0
Calder	1	1	0	1
Hitt	2	0	1	3
Zeller	2	0	0	0
Shepherd	2	0	0	0
Bezy	2	0	0	0
Hook	2	0	2	0
Donovan	2	0	0	0
Totals	34	7	9	6

Blue (9)	AB	R	H	RBI
Goodmiller	3	0	1	0
Ludy	1	1	1	0
Walters	2	0	1	0
Goodman	2	0	0	0
Severding	2	1	0	1
Swart	2	1	0	0
Bollenbacher	1	0	0	0
Hdaddad	2	1	2	1
Otis	2	1	1	1
Spadafora	2	1	2	2
Low	2	0	0	0
Ware	1	0	1	1
Hobson	2	0	0	0
Serfling	2	1	1	1
Kramer	1	0	0	0
Tanner	2	0	0	0
Richeson	0	1	0	0
Broughton	2	0	1	2
Totals	32	9	12	9

Score by Innings:

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**3B:** Lyon 1. **2B:** Spilner 1, Hitt 1, Ludy 1, Spadafora 1, Broughton 1. **SB:** Goodmiller 1, Ludy 1, Swart 1, Dury 1, Serfling 1, Richeson 1. **HBP:** Wides by Bollebacher, Dury by Calder, Richeson by Calder.

Red Pitching	IP	R	ER	H
Kraft	2	4	4	5
Calder	1	3	3	2
Hook	1	1	1	2
Bowling	1	1	1	2
Donovan	1	0	0	1
Spleth	1	0	0	0

Blue Pitching	IP	R	ER	H
Swart	1	0	0	0
Walters	1	1	1	2
Hobson	1	0	0	0
Goodman	1	0	0	0
Sieverding	1	0	0	1
Bollenbacher	1	5	4	3
Ware	1	0	0	1
Spadafora	1	1	0	2

**Strikeouts:** Swart 1, Hobson 2, Goodman 2, Severding 1, Bollenbacher 1, Ware 2, Kraft 3, Calder 1, Hook 1, Bowling 2, Donovan 1, Spleth 2.