

# Austin Swift Throws Perfect Game with 15 Strike Outs!

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## Kalida Run Rules Pandora-Gilboa 11 – 0 to Win Sectional Championship

It was hard to find the appropriate word to describe Austin Swift's pitching performance against Pandora-Gilboa Wednesday afternoon.

Dominating was probably the most appropriate word to use after Swift fanned all 15 Rocket batters he faced on fashioning a five inning perfect game in their Division IV tournament game at Kalida's Historic Holy Name Ball Field. This was the second perfect game in Kalida baseball history as Brad Niemeyer had one back in the 1990 season according to records.

Swift, a senior left-hander, not only handcuffed P-G batters, but drove in a run and scored twice in the Wildcats 11-0 five inning win.

With the win, Kalida (19-1) advances to the Division IV District Semi-finals at Ottawa-Glandorf Wednesday at 2 p.m. to face Miller City (14-5).

Swift (5-0) was dominating on the hill against a young Rocket squad as he threw only 55 pitches in the perfect game. The most pitches he threw in any one inning was 11 and he had one inning in which he threw only nine pitches in striking out the side. The performance left Kalida head coach Joe Recker nearly speechless.

"I'm out of superlatives," Recker said. "This is beyond my wildest dreams. The last couple games, he had the flu. While pitching against Leipsic, he was uncommonly wild and got himself into a couple of mechanical things that was a little bit out of whack. We noticed them in the Miller City game we talked to him about

it. He worked on it and obviously made the adjustment."

"I've never seen anything like this. I've seen some little league game where pitchers have stuck out a lot of hitters, but not every single batter. I think they may have only fouled off two pitches all day. It was an incredible effort by that young man."

Swift said throwing a 15-strikeout, perfect game was beyond his wildest dreams going into Wednesday's contest.

"I just came out and tried to do my best," Swift said. "This was my last game here at Kalida and I tried to make something special out of it and do the best I could. I started pounding the strike zone and they were swinging at a lot of stuff. I brought my 'A' game today. I think this was the best I pitched in all four years of high school. I had everything going today."

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