

P-G Claims PCL Baseball Title

“The PCL title is the first in school history for P-G.”

Putnam County Sentinel – May 15, 2002

Pandora-Gilboa didn't have any big offensive innings against Fort Jennings Tuesday afternoon. Instead they scratched out a run here and there.

That was enough as the Rockets downed the Musketeers 5-3 to win the Putnam County League baseball title. P-G claimed the title outright as Kalida lost to Miller City Friday giving everyone else in the PCL at least two league losses.

The win allowed the Rockets to finish 6-1 in the league and they were 11-5 overall. The PCL title is the first in school history for P-G.

Fort Jennings dropped to 4-3 in league play and they were 6-9 in the season.

P-G scored single runs in their first three at bats, and then added a pair of solo runs late. The offensive output was enough to hold off a seventh inning rally by the Musketeers.

The Rockets scored a run to the first inning as Adam Basinger walked and stole second base. After a fly out Jay Tadena walked putting runners at first and second base.

Nick Tadena then hit a groundball to shortstop which the Musketeers turned into a force play getting Basinger at third base. Joe Hochstettler then plated Jay Tadena with a single to center.

In the seconding inning, a Fort Jennings error helped P-G plate a run.

With one out in the inning, Steve Gill singled. After a strikeout, Basinger lined a single to center field with Gill going to third base. The Musketeers attempted to get Gill at third base, but the throw was off the mark and went into the dugout allowing Gill to score with Basinger moving to third base. A strikeout ended the inning.

In the third inning, P-G scored as Hochstettler singled with two outs and Michael Gill tripled over the left fielders head.

Jay Tadena added a fifth inning solo home run that landed deep in the play ground area in right field. The Rockets also had a runner thrown out at the plate in the inning after a throwing error gave them a chance to add a run.

In the sixth inning, P-G stole a run as Curt Davis reached on a two out error and Jay Tadena followed with a single to right field putting runners on the corners. Tadena then stole second base and Dave came home on the throw to second.

The Musketeers gave the Rockers a scare in the top of the seventh inning as Scott Gerdeman led off the frame with a double high off the playground wall.

Joe Askins then followed with an RBI single before Brandon Norbeck bounced into a fielder's choice play as Askins was out at second base.

Heath Stechschulte then lined a single to right field putting runners on the corners. Stechschulte then attempted to steal second base. When the throw went to the shortstop, Norbeck broke for home scoring on a wild relay throw home. The throw then went out of play allowing Stechschulte to come around and score on the error.

After a popup to second base, Troy Weber walked before Sam Young bounced out to third base ending the inning. Hochstettler picked up the win for P-G as he went the distance allowing three runs.