

Miller Wins 400th Career Game as Viking's Skipper

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Leipsic coach Ted Miller knows you don't reach milestones without some great players.

Last Monday the veteran coach reached another milestone in his 27 year coaching career as he won his 400th game. The victory came as one of his players achieved something he will always remember.

Troy Parker tossed a no-hitter at Holgate as the Vikings downed the Tigers 11-0 in a five inning non-league game. The win gave Miller a 400-172 record as the Vikings moved to 10-3 this season.

"It was exciting," Miller said of his 400th win. "This is a compliment to the program as well as all the players and coaches I have been associated with at Leipsic in my 27 seasons."

"It's been a lot of fun. I have enjoyed working with all the kids and basically I just love the game of baseball and enjoy the competition and that is what has kept me in the game this long."

Miller took over the Leipsic program in 1974 and two years later guided them to a Class A state championship

with a 29-1 record. To go with all the wins he has captured nine Putnam County League titles and 13 Blanchard Valley Conference titles and may be looking to add to those totals this season.

However Monday the focus was Holgate and notching any victory in what is his last season as a coach for the Vikings.

Parker (5-0) took care of business for the Vikings as he threw a five inning no-hitter, Leipsic's second straight no-hit game. Prior to Parker's no-hitter, teammate Dustin Funk hurled one against Arcadia in a BVC contest.

Monday Parker struck out two Holgate batters and didn't walk one. He lost his perfect game when he hit a Holgate batter in the fourth inning.

As for the offense Sean Steffan and Kevin Niese gave the Vikings all they would need with six RBI's between them.

Steffan clubbed a home run and a double driving in three runs, while Niese also had a home run and a single with three RBI's.