

Miller City's Kern Wins 400th

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Miller City baseball coach Dan Kern started his 25th season in a big way Tuesday afternoon.

The veteran baseball coach collected his 400th career win as his Wildcats downed Continental 9-5 in non-league action at Miller City. Kern now has a career record of 400-140 in his many years of coaching.

“I guess this means you have been around a long time,” Kern said referring to a quote by Perry coach Phil Krouskop after getting his 400th win on Monday.

“It's the longevity of the thing. We've always had some good baseball teams, but to coach this many years is quite unique.”

The Wildcats had to rally to get Kern his 400th win as they took a 3-1 lead after two innings, but the Pirates (0-2) took the lead with three runs in the top of the third inning.

Miller City then came back with two runs in the bottom of the third before adding two runs in each of the fourth and fifth innings. Continental closed their scoring with a single run in the sixth inning.

Benjy Pester picked up the win as he went the distance allowing five runs on eight hits with seven strikeouts and a walk.

Scott Niese went 3 for 4, all singles, with two RBI's and Mark Burkhart had a fourth inning two run home run and a single as he went 2 for 4. Pester added a double and a single and Tony Hermiller had two singles and three RBI's. Jordan Streicher took the loss for the Pirates and Chris Hunter worked in relief. Brian Ladd had a single and a double and Andy Smith had a single and a third inning three run home run.