Titans' Kaufman Spins Perfect Game

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With the sizzling problems Ottawa-Glandorf's baseball has faced the last two weeks senior southpaw Mark Kaufman finally came up with a solution.

Kaufman pitched one of baseball's rarities, a perfect game, against Patrick Henry in the second game of a twin bill Saturday as the Titans salvaged a split 5-0. The Patriots took the opener 10-2.

Patrick Henry's only chances at hits came when Haas lined to Chad Wischmeyer at third base in the fifth and in the seventh when shortstop Ron Ruhe backhanded a ground ball deep in the hole and threw out batter Lonnie Phillips for the final out.

OG did not waste any time to grab a lead, as with the help of six walks, they plated four quick runs. Kaufman had the only hit and Ron Ruhe cracked a sacrifice fly. The final run came in the sixth on a single by lead off man Steve Stechschulte, a stolen base, an error on the catcher and a passed ball.

The winners had only four hits, two by Kaufman and one each from Stechschulte and Ruhe, but were aided with 12 free passes.

On the other hand the Titan ace forced PH into eight ground outs, and five pop ups to go with the two fly balls and six K's.

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