

Fast Start Carries Hawks past Port in NSC Baseball

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The Grafton baseball team rode an early lead to an 8-5 win over Port Washington in a North Shore Conference game Monday.

The host Black Hawks jumped ahead, 4-0, in the first inning and were never seriously challenged until the seventh, when Port did all its scoring.

Conor Fisk no-hit the Pirates for 4-2/3 innings and allowed only one hit in six innings before exiting the game. He struck out nine and walked two.

Grafton took an 8-0 lead into the seventh when Port made things interesting. The Pirates scored five times against reliever Alex Nennig, including a two-run double by Max Kaske, before Dylan Mayer came in to retire the final batter and earn a save.

The win improved the Hawks' league record to 6-2 and gave them sole possession of second place.

"It was Parents Night, and we really came out with a lot of energy," Grafton coach Brian Durst said.

"All 16 of our kids got in the game. It was fun."

In addition to his strong mound work, Fisk was one of four Grafton players who had two hits. He had a two-run double in the first inning and a solo homer in the fourth.

Mayer, B.J. Weisflog and Sam Birch also had two hits apiece.

Port (2-8) was led by Kaske's 2-for-2 effort. He had two RBI and scored a run.

CG-Belgium 6, Sheboygan Luth./Kohler 3

A five-run sixth inning propelled Cedar Grove-Belgium to a Central Lakeshore Conference road victory Monday.

The Rockets' rally allowed them to overcome a deficit and made a winner out of Taylor Klopatek. The sophomore pitched a complete game, allowing three hits, walking six and striking out six.

Klopatek outdueled Jess Kanz, who also went the distance for Lutheran/Kohler.

Josh Ruppel was 2-for-4 to lead the Rockets' offense.

Cedar Grove-Belgium snapped a three-game losing streak and improved to 3-4 in CLC play.