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Defiance opens WBL play with 8-0 win over Elida

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Defiance opened up Western Buckeye League baseball play on Tuesday just like it had the previous 41 times it took to the field in league play ... with a victory. The Bulldogs made it 42 straight in WBL action following an 8-0 victory over visiting Elida at Defiance's Booster Field.

Defiance (4-0, 1-0 WBL), the four-time defending league champs, got a combined no-hitter by four pitchers, pounded out 12 hits, and scored four runs in the fourth inning with two outs already in the books in the lopsided win.

Elida mentor Mark Thompson admitted to having a feeling of deja vu after the game.

"I told Tom (Held) after the game that for him to have four guys throwing in the eighties like that today was pretty impressive," said Thompson. "But that's always been Defiance to me, they always have pitching and Tom does a great job of developing them."

Defiance coach Tom Held was also impressed with starter Anthony Kidston, as well as relievers Jake Sanchez, Robert Zeigler and Cody Barratt for finishing off the no-no.

"That's just awesome," Held said. "It's tough for one guy to throw a no-hitter, to have four combine to do it is almost unheard of. I don't know if it's ever been done around here to be honest."




Said Kidston: "It felt great to get out there and get that first start. The adrenaline was flowing even though it was cold. I didn't have the best control, but I felt good. I don't know if I've ever been a part of no-hitter ... it was just a great day for our pitchers."

While the pitching and hitting got the job done for Defiance on Tuesday, it was senior Ryan Cordray who turned in the play of the game in the top of the third inning to keep Elida off the scoreboard in what was a 0-0 game.

A pair of walks sandwiched around a strikeout by Kidston put runners at first and second for Elida in the frame. When Austin Zuber hit a grounder to short that was bobbled for an error by Cordray, suddenly Elida had the bases loaded with just one out.

It didn't take long for Cordray to redeem himself.

Dalton Martz followed with a grounder up the middle that looked like it had "single" written all over it. But, Cordray ran it down past second, made a great flip to Jacob Moore, who turned and fired to first to complete an impressive 6-4-3 double play to end the threat and keep the

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visitors without a run.

"What I really liked about it was that Ryan didn't worry about the play before, he just went after it and made a great play," said Held. "After the flip by Ryan, J-boy (Moore) made an unbelievable turn. Mark (Thompson) said to me after the game that he'd never seen a double-play turned like that in high school. That was a big-league play."

Said Thompson: "I'm not sure we could have held them down the whole time, but it would have been huge momentum for us to score there. The kid just made a great play, both kids made great plays. After making that error, it was a great job by him."

Defiance didn't take long to capitalize on the momentum, scoring four runs in the bottom of the third inning. A RBI double by Cordray scored Kidston, before Gabe Vittorio followed with a two-run blast to deep left-center field to give the home team a 3-0 lead. Mike Ramirez followed with a RBI double off the top of the wall two batters later, and just like that Defiance was in control.

"I didn't know it was going to be out or not, I can tell you I was running hard when I hit it," said Vittorio about his two-run blast. "I hadn't been hitting the ball very well, so when I hit it I was thinking double. When the outfielder looked up, I knew it was gone."

In the bottom of the fourth, the home team added four more runs, this time with two outs already in the books.

With Cordray, Joe Gentile and Vittorio all reaching to load the bases, Kurt Belau unloaded them with a blast off the wall in right-center to make it a 7-0 game. Ramirez followed with a single to plate Belau and Defiance was in front, 8-0.

"Once someone got a hit, it was contagious. Everyone thought they could hit," Belau said. "It just seemed like everyone went up to the plate with a lot of confidence and we just starting putting hits together in bunches."

Held couldn't have agreed more.

"I think our kids do a good job of just going to the plate not worrying about how many outs we have, and today once we got that first hit or so, we just started stringing them together," concluded Held. "I was proud of our guys for getting it done in all phases of the game and it's good to start league play with a win. We've just got to keep getting better."

Defiance returns to action Thursday when it hits the road to face Wauseon at 4:45 p.m.

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Records: Defiance 4-0 (1-0 WBL), Elida 2-4 (0-1 WBL).

Winning pitcher: Anthony Kidston (4 innings, 0 runs, 0 hits, 10 strikeouts, 4 walks). Others: Jake Sanchez, Robert Zeigler, Cody Barratt.

Losing pitcher: Adam VonSossan (3 2/3 innings, 9 hits, 8 runs, 1

strikeout, 2 walks). Other: David Diller.

Leading hitters: (Elida, 0 hits). (Defiance, 12 hits) - Ryan Cordray double; Gabe Vittorio home run; Kurt Belau single, double, 3 RBI; Mike Ramirez single, double.

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