

Game 9 – Slug-a-thon

Firebirds roll over Chavez in slugfest



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The Firebirds offense was on fire Friday as they hammered out 22 hits to roll over **Cesar Chavez 19 -3** in 5 innings. The slugfest included eight extra base hits, with every position player registering a hit.

Nick Diamond led the charge going 3-3 with a single, HR, triple, and 5-rbi. The **Firebirds** came out of the gate fast, putting up four runs in the first inning. The heart of the order was impressive - **Colby Targun & Jordie Hein** had four hits each, **Joey Bielek** added a single & two doubles, and **Dillon Bigcrane** produced two hits to account for several of the runs in the outing.

Chavez tried to stay close by scoring three runs in the first inning off hits by **Mike Sordia, Eduardo Romero, & Victor Virgilio**. But that was it for the **Champions**, as **starting pitcher Peter Lenstrohm** settled in and held **Chavez** scoreless for the next three innings to earn his second win of the season.

Chaparral had several opportunities to extend their lead, but three base-running errors, which continue to plague the team, ended threats in the early innings. But the **Firebirds** took control in the fourth when they brought 16 batters to the plate. **AJ Schillinger** had two doubles in the inning, and **Adam Charnin-Aker** added a single for a team total 10 hit / 11 run thrashing.

Chaparral put up four more runs in the fifth inning that included a **Jeremy Wolf** pinch-hit rbi double. **Dillon Bigcrane** relieved **Lenstrohm** in the fifth to secure the final three outs.

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Go Firebirds!