

Game 3 – Hit Parade



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against the Hawks*

Firebird sluggers get 13 hits
in season's first win

Chaparral's bats came through Saturday in the Scottsdale Invitational Tournament, shelling **Highland 10 - 4** for their first win of the season. **Adam Charnin-Aker** led the charge with 2 hits and 4 rbi in the outing.

The **Firebirds** started strong when **Dillon Bigcrane** & **Joey Bielek** each hit back-to-back doubles for a 2-run first inning lead. The bats stayed hot in the second when **AJ Shillinger** hit a two-run homer, scoring **Austin Singer** who had reached on a bunt single for a 4 – 0 lead.

But the **Hawks** answered with a three-run homer in the third, then tied the game with another run in the fourth.

Chaparral took the lead for good in the sixth when **Colby Targun** & **Jeremy Wolf** each singled then scored on a **Charnin-Aker** single. The Firebirds added another run when **Eric Brossart** doubled in Charnin-Aker with a line drive to left and a 7 – 4 lead.

The Firebirds put the game out of reach in the seventh with three more runs led by **Joey Bielek's** second rbi double of the game and **Charnin-Aker's** two-out single for the final two runs.

Alec Zeidler entered in the fifth to relieve starting pitcher **Nick Diamond** and held the **Hawks** scoreless through 1 1/3 innings to earn the win. **Dillon Bigcrane** struck out the final five **Highland** batters to secure the victory.

Colby Targun made the defensive play of the game with a diving catch of a ball in foul territory to end the fifth inning.

Scottsdale Invitational Tournament play continues Monday at home against Gilbert 3:45p start.

Go Firebirds!