

## **Brother Martin takes 3-1 District 10-5A baseball victory against Rummel**

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Clinging to a one-run, fourth-inning lead with Rummel runners on second and third bases and no outs, Brother Martin pitcher Logan Riddell did the only thing he could to ensure the Crusaders' lead remained intact: He struck out three straight batters.

Brother Martin went on to win 3-1 on Saturday night at Mike Miley Stadium.

"I just put it in my mind, I'm not going to let them score right here," said Riddell, a 6-foot-1 senior. "We're up. I'm not going to let them score. I'm going to hold them. I'm going to keep the damage minimal. I was lucky enough to get them to swing at bad pitches and struck them all out."

Said Crusaders Coach Mark Wisniewski: "I thought that was huge. I absolutely agree that was the turning point of the game when you go strikeout, strikeout, strikeout with second and third."

The victory allowed Brother Martin (17-8, 4-2 District 10-5A) to gain valuable ground on Rummel (16-10, 5-2), which entered the day leading the district.

After winning its first five Catholic League games, the Raiders, who lost on Friday to Jesuit, have dropped two straight.

Riddell earned the complete-game victory, allowing one run and four hits over seven innings. He struck out nine and walked two. Riddell also accounted for two of his team's three hits and scored a run.

Sean McMullen had the Crusaders' only other hit.

Rummel hurt itself by committing six errors. The Raiders committed three errors in the first inning, one in the second and two in the third.

Those defensive miscues spoiled a strong outing by starter Taylor Hart, who pitched five innings, allowed three runs (one earned) and struck out 10.

"Anytime they give you extra outs in an inning, you've got to take advantage of it," Wisniewski said. "And fortunately enough, we did tonight."

Brother Martin scored one run each in the first, second and fifth innings.

In the first, Riddell scored when Rivers Fredrick reached base on an error. An inning later, Casey Rodrigue's groundout plated Brandon Pickett.

Myles Rodrigue drove in another Crusaders run in the fifth when he grounded out to score Casey Rodrigue.

Rummel's lone run came in the second inning. Albert Hotfelter hit a high flyball that was misjudged by the Brother Martin right fielder. It fell for a double. Two batters later, Hotfelter came around to score on a groundout by Jared Dahmer.

The Raiders threatened again in the sixth inning, placing runners on first and second bases with one out. But Riddell struck out Ray Veit and forced Dahmer to fly out to center field.

Rummel's Jason Sinibaldi was 2-for-3. Hotfelter was 1-for-3 but reached base all three times.

Dahmer pitched two perfect innings of relief, striking out four.