

HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL, FAIRVIEW 8, BROOKLYN 2

Fairview baseball no hits Brooklyn

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It isn't often that a team can no-hit its opponent while still giving up runs – yes, runs, not a run. But that was exactly the case for the Fairview baseball team Saturday when it came away with an 8-2 victory over Brooklyn.

Two Warriors pitchers combined to toss the no-no with starter Burke Lowry pitching five innings, allowing two runs (both earned) on six walks with three strikeouts, and reliever Ben Leslie pitching the final two frames, giving up one walk and striking out two.

Brooklyn's two runs came on a string of walks, wild pitches and passed balls from Lowry in the second inning. Fairview coach Zak Broschk said while the no-hit victory was a unique one, it was nonetheless a great experience for the team and coaching staff.

"Burke Lowry went in there and once he got comfortable he started throwing strikes and pitching to contact, letting our guys do the work for him," Broschk said. "It was smooth sailing for him. I brought Ben Leslie in to close it out and he did a great job."

Numerous times when the Hurricanes put balls in play, it took some strong efforts defensively from Fairview to keep Brooklyn out of the hit column.

"Dylan Sather at shortstop had three good plays up the middle," Broschk said. "He bobbled one but recovered it smoothly and got it over to first. Our outfielders were out there and tracked a couple of fly balls. For once, the chips fell in our directions. It felt good and I'm so happy for the kids."

Offensively, the Warriors scattered just six hits throughout the game. What stood out, though, was Fairview's patience at the plate and smart baserunning. Against Brooklyn's Nate Wilson (four innings, three hits, seven runs (six earned), six walks and five strikeouts) and Jackson Diller (two innings, three hits, one earned run and two walks), Warriors walked eight times, stole 12 bases and took advantage of numerous wild pitches and passed balls to advance runners.

"They're a great group of hard-working kids," Broschk said. "They're very coachable and that's what we love about this group. They just played really smart. They stuck with the gameplan, they worked some counts, they got on base, we were able to move some runners and it was a fun game to coach. I'm so happy for them."

Combining for the Warriors' six hits were Leslie, Nolan Reis, Josh Hill, Avery Bruening, Jack Burke and Sal Rizzo. Hill and Burke drove in a run apiece, while Bruening had two RBI of his own. Sather also had an RBI on a sacrifice fly.