

## **ROCKETS RIP SHAMROCKS**

The Altamont Lutheran Rockets boys baseball team put 18 runs on the board Monday, August 29, en route to an 18-1 thrashing of the Effingham Sacred Heart Shamrocks in a game played at Effingham. For the second time this season, Adam Mayhaus posted a complete game victory over Sacred Heart, adding to his earlier shutout of the Shamrocks at the Beecher City Tournament.

In the earlier game, the Rockets came fast out of the gate, scoring 8 first inning runs and adding 6 more in the third. In this game, though, the Rockets offense built throughout the game, scoring 4 in the first, 2 in the third, 2 more in the fourth and then pounding out 10 runs in the fifth to apply the knockout blow.

Austin Kline and Brett Harmeier got the offense started, leading off the game with consecutive singles before Klaiton Wolff launched a triple off the center field fence 290 feet away from home plate. Devon Guerrettaz made it 3-0 with a hard single into left, and courtesy runner Jacob Sigg later scored the inning's fourth run on a double steal of home. Sacred Heart got one of those runs back in the bottom of the first when Joe Phillips reached on an error, went to third on Collin Hecht's ground rule double and then scored on a wild pitch. That would be the only run that Mayhaus would allow.

RBI singles by Guerrettaz and Christian Freezeland in the third made it 6-1, and the Rockets tacked on another pair in the fourth to make it 8-1. In the fifth, Mayhaus led off with an infield single, Travis Whitt walked, and Freezeland's hard hit ground ball went through the Shamrock third baseman's legs to make it 9-1. After a walk to Eric Wolff knocked Shamrocks' starting pitcher Hecht out of the game, Logan Deadmond greeted the Sacred Heart relief pitcher by drilling a run-scoring double to left. Hameier reached on another Shamrock error, Klaiton Wolff collected his third hit of the game, a run-scoring single, Mayhaus singled home a run, and Whitt's 2-run double with the bases loaded made it 16-1. Freezeland followed with a ringing single to left to plate Mayhaus, and Eric Wolff's RBI groundout made it 18-1.

The final line score showed the Rockets with 18 runs on 14 hits and 2 errors. Sacred Heart scored one run on three hits and committed 5 errors. Mayhaus got the win, improving to 3-0, by allowing one unearned run on three hits and one walk over five innings. He struck out six Shamrock batters and picked another off who was attempting to steal third.

For the game, Klaiton Wolff had three hits, including a triple and two singles, scored three runs and drove home another three to lead the Rockets' offense. Christian Freezeland had two singles, stole three bases, collected three RBI, and scored a run. Logan Deadmond doubled and singled, scored twice and drove in a run; and Travis Whitt doubled, walked twice, laid down a sacrifice bunt, stole two bases and drove in two runs. Devon Guerrettaz pounded out two RBI singles. Brett Harmeier had a single, stole a base, scored twice and picked up two RBI. Adam Mayhaus singled twice, scored twice, stole two bases and drove in a run. Austin Kline singled, scored twice, and stole two

bases. Jacob Sigg, serving as a courtesy runner for catcher Guerrettaz, stole three bases and scored two runs. Brennan Hutson walked and scored, and Eric Wolff walked, scored a run and drove home a run.