

Weather holds as Bloomington Blitz and Lakeville Panthers 12AAA's Provide Thriller under the Spotlight

Bloomington, MN (June 6th, 2007) – It's Minnesota and youth baseball – anything can happen and change is the norm. The first Spotlight Game of the Week played at Kent Hrbek Field in Bloomington, MN last night clearly proved the point. The skies threatened rain all day and the stage was set as the Bloomington 12AAA Blitz hosted the Lakeville 12AAA Panthers in league action. The Blitz had been struggling to find their rhythm in the first part of the season bringing a 3-5 record to the contest. The Panthers (4-2) came with a 3-0 winning streak. The stage was set and the game proved to be a classic. The game went the distance with the Blitz edging out the Panthers in the bottom of the 6th.



Lakeville jumps out to early lead

Lakeville jumped out to a 5-0 lead in the first inning behind some strong bats. The Blitz seemed undaunted and answered with 3 runs in the second and added another in the third to pull within one.



Garrison Squealer Makes Debut

In the bottom of the 5th with the Blitz trailing 5-4, Ryan Johnson

stepped up and crushed the ball to center field to score two runs and start a small rally that gave them the lead 8-6. After the game Ryan said that "the pitcher threw me a fastball and I just stuck my bat out there and got a good hit, it was really nice to help my team win especially when we were the main focus of the game." The Panthers, not to be outdone, tied it up in the top of six at 8-8. This set the stage!



Blitz Rally in Bottom of sixth to edge Panthers in first Spotlight Game of the Week



Blake Lundeen started off the bottom of the 6th with a walk and then stole second. Luke Palmer of the Panthers then threw a pitch that got past the catcher and Lundeen took off to third. On the ensuing pitch Joe Carlson laid down a picture perfect bunt that scored Lundeen and the Blitz protected their turf with a 9-8 victory.

The Blitz had 12 hits with R. Thoen and M. Murray leading the charge going 2-3 with two RBIs each. The Panthers 7-hit attack came from seven different batters, a solid balance. G. Erickson and Z. Creighton each had two RBIs in the Panther scoring attack.

Gallery - Spotlight Game of the Week, June 6, 2007

Bloomington 12AAA Blitz hosts Lakeville 12AAA Panthers at Kent Hrbek Field, Bloomington



Presenting the Colors and the National Anthem



Mudonna adds her special flair to the game

Spin on the Bat, a Saints tradition, was a popular event



The boxing challenge!



Everyone gets in involved in the fun at Spotlight Games



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Lakeville 12AAA Panthers at Bloomington 12AAA Blitz
June 6th, 2007 at Kent Hrbek Field

Lakeville 12AAA Panthers

	AB	R	H	RBI
G.Erickson	3	1	1	2
C. Christenson	3	1	1	1
D. Olson	3	1	1	1
G. Gillard	3	1	1	0
Z. Creighton	2	2	1	2
J. Braun	3	1	1	1
M. Perry	3	0	1	1
L. Palmer	1	0	0	0
M. Ostdiek	2	0	0	0
B. Blake	0	1	0	0
C. Nonweiler	2	0	0	0
Totals.....	25	8	7	8

Bloomington 12AAA Blitz

	AB	R	H	RBI
E. Monson	3	0	1	0
J. Lovestrand	3	0	1	0
R. Thoen	3	1	2	1
B. Fritzlar	3	1	1	1
M. Murray	3	2	2	1
R. Johnson	3	0	1	2
A. Pritchard	3	1	1	0
B. Lundeen	1	2	0	0
J. Carlson	3	0	1	2
M. Krysiak	2	0	1	2
M. McNutt	2	2	1	0
Totals.....	29	9	12	9



Score by innings:

	R	H	E
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Bloomington 12AAA Blitz	031	041	9 12 2

Lakeville 12AAA Panthers

	IP	H	R	BB	SO	WP
G. Gillard	2	1	4	0	2	2
Z. Creighton			2	6	1	0 0
L. Palmer	2	1	5	0	0	1

Bloomington 12AAA Blitz

	IP	H	R	BB	SO	WP
B. Fritzlar	1	4	5	0	0	0
E. Monson	3	0	0	0	1	0
J. Lovestrand		2	1	3	0	2 0