

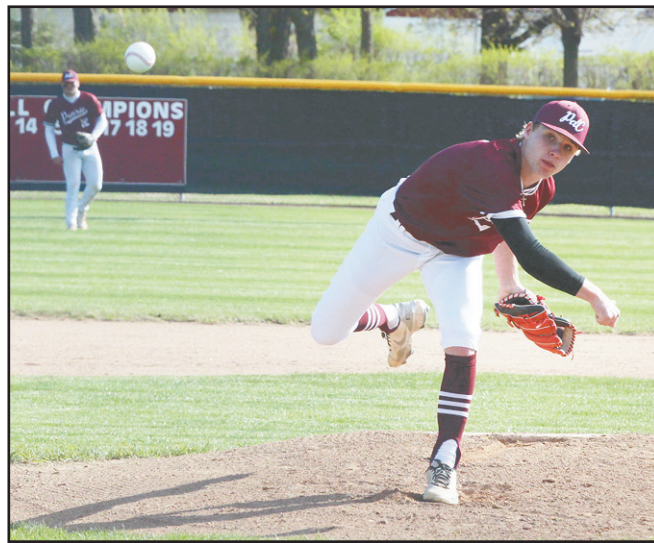
Prairie du Chien baseball rallies to win slugfest 15-7 over Golden Eagles

By Derick Kelly

On a day in which winds were gusting up to 40 miles per hour in the area, it was fitting that Prairie du Chien baseball's offense would use today's conditions to wake up. It was Fennimore though that would come out of the gates hot as the Golden Eagles scored two runs in the top of the first inning and five in the top of the second inning to take a 7-0 lead on Prairie du Chien after an inning and a half.

The Blackhawks began to chip away at their deficit in the bottom of the third inning. Prairie took advantage of two hit batters by Fennimore starting pitcher Ethan Sheckler and an error by the Golden Eagle defense behind him to push across two runs. After holding Fennimore scoreless again in the top of the fourth inning, PdC's offense really took off. Noah Pedretti led off with a walk which was followed by Keagan Dull hitting a single to center field and Dawson Eastman reaching on an error by Fennimore to load the bases with no outs. Following a force out at home for the first out of the inning, Maddox Cejka sent the third pitch he saw over the left field fence for a grand slam and cutting Fennimore's lead to one.

The Golden Eagles lead would not last too much longer as back-to-back singles by Tommy Mara and Ty Wagner and an error by Fennimore led to Mara scoring from second base to tie the game at seven. PdC pitcher Logan Kiesau retired the side in the top of the fifth inning



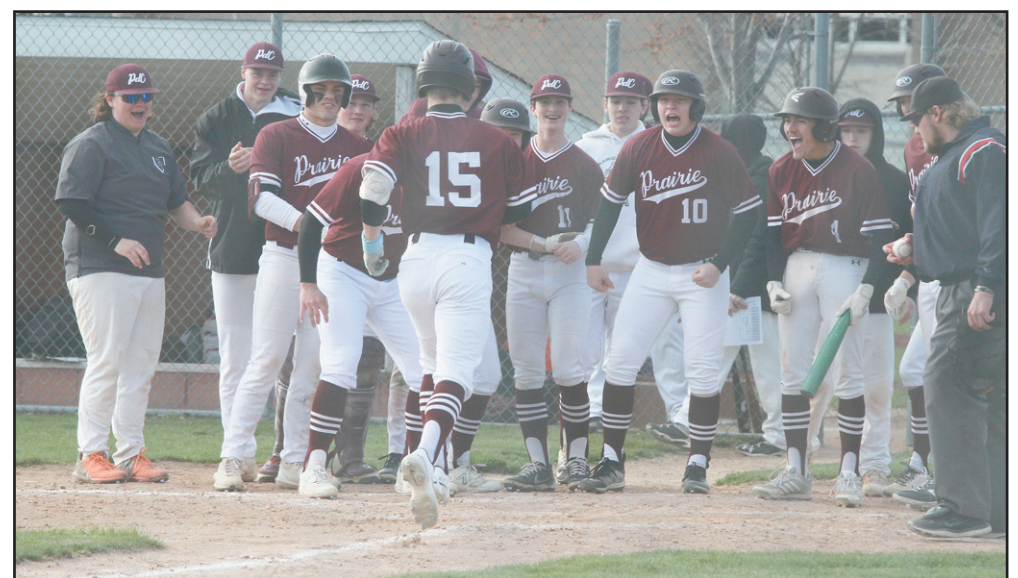
Starting pitcher Drake Ingham follows through on a pitch in the first inning of Monday's game. (Derick Kelly/Courier Press)

to keep the game tied despite issuing back-to-back walks to begin the inning.

Pedretti led off the bottom of the inning with a single and then stole both second and third base before Fennimore got back-to-back strikeouts to get two quick outs. The Blackhawks would not be denied though as they would use seven consecutive base hits to score six runs and put the game out of reach. The Hawks would add two more runs in the bottom of the sixth inning to make the score 15-7.

Kiesau would then cement the win for Prairie by shutting Fennimore down in the top of the seventh inning. Kiesau earned the win by pitching four innings with 3 hits allowed while giving up only 1 run with 3 walks and 3 runs. Prairie du Chien's offensive attack was spread evenly around the entire lineup as Cejka, Mara, Wagner, Ingham, Hunter Jones, and Bryce Lenzendorf all collected two hits each during the game. Seven different players also had at least one RBI during the game. Cejka led with 4 RBIs followed by Mara, Wagner, Jones with 2 RBIs each and Lenzendorf, Pedretti, and Ingham each had one RBI. Fennimore dropped to 8-4 on the season while Prairie du Chien improved their record to 4-5 overall.

Maddox Cejka (#15) is greeted at home plate by his teammates after hitting a grand slam during Monday's win over Fennimore. (Derick Kelly/Courier Press)



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