



pitcher-to-catcher-to-first double play. Leftfielder Jeremy Scaldoni made a fine catch in the fifth inning.

After Ravetier hauled in leadoff hitter Zazzali's line drive in the first, Gibbons singled and stole second, Maxwell reached on an error and Marino looped an RBI

single into shallow right. The Cougars tied the score in the second when Gamba legged out an infield single, advanced to third on an error and scored on a wild pitch.

The Cougar fourth presented some clever base running. Ravetier slashed a single past

first, advanced to second on Knight's sacrifice bunt, sped to third on Scheer's single past first and came dashing home on Gamba's suicide squeeze bunt, making the score, 2-1.

"The coaches on a lefty, as soon as he lifts his leg, we go. Gamba squared around and I took off for the plate," Ravetier explained.

"They had that squeeze. Tossed it to JT. I thought JT had the plate blocked, but the umpire said it wasn't. It was a half a second late on the toss. Just enough! You give them an inch, they are going to take it," Raider Head Coach Tom Baylock said.

"We will run on anyone, any catcher in the state. We like to make the catcher throw," Trotter said.

The Raiders added some tricks of their own in the fifth. Lipshitz walked and stole second. Maxwell singled to right then stole his second of three bases, but the throw from the catcher got by the second baseman and Lipshitz scored to tie the score. Small ball continued in the bot-

tom of the inning. McCaffrey beat out a bunt single then both runners advanced on a pitch into the dirt at home. Gargiulo's little chopper was just off the glove of the diving Marino, as Trotter trotted home. With Ravetier at the plate, another squeeze play was on the menu, but McCaffrey got caught in a rundown between Beirne and third baseman Tyler O'Brien.

"Jack took off for the plate. I looked to get the bunt down, but the pitch was well out of the zone. There was nothing that I could really do. I was upset with myself that I didn't make an

attempt at it at least," Ravetier said.

Ravetier answered, however, with a single and Knight launched his RBI sac fly to give the Cougars a 4-2 lead.

Zazzali led off the seventh with a long double to right-center. Gibbons attempted to bunt for a single but was thrown out as Zazzali dashed to third.

"He was trying to go to third, and the pitch ran in on him. He couldn't get it to third. We thought we could sneak one in there and get the tying run on for Maxwell," Coach Baylock said.

Zazzali then scored on Lipshitz's groundout to short. Ravetier fanned the fifth batter of the inning for the final out.

"They made like three or four diving plays and a couple of them saved runs. I thought the game was well played by both teams, pitched well by both teams. I think our best baseball is still going to come," Coach Baylock said.



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