

Morrow Upsets Panthers

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MORROW — Morrow pitcher Chris Cecil led his team to a 5-2 upset over the Forest Park Panthers Friday afternoon as the Mustangs leaped from seventh to fifth place in the Region 6-AAAA standings.

"We got a couple of breaks, I suppose, and we got a big hit here and there when we needed it," said Morrow coach Mike Creasman. "But the biggest thing was the pitching effort."

Cecil prevented the Panthers from scoring until the sixth inning, when Scott Baker brought teammates Scooter Digsby and Pat Goodman home on a double. Cecil allowed the Panthers only three hits during the first five innings.

But Forest Park's sixth-frame gains were purely decorative as the Mustangs had already rounded up five runs by the end of the fourth inning.

Morrow's Andy Davenport and Kevin Taylor opened the attack with a single each in the bottom of the first inning. Larry Drake brought Davenport home from his perch on third base, attained after Kevin Taylor's drive deep into right field was fumbled by Panther center fielder Pat Goodman.

INNING TWO proved barren for both teams, but the Mustangs dominated third-frame action with two runs scored by Craig Walters and Drake.

Walters gained first base with a drive to centerfield. Drake hit a double into deep left field, putting Walters on third.

Walters came home on Greg Lovvorn's pop fly to Panther left field and Drake scored when Billy Adkins reached first on an error by Scott Baker.

Panther pitcher J.P. Connelly picked off Adkins to get out of



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FOREST PARK'S SCOOTER DIGSBY TRIES DOUBLE-PLAY
Chris Cecil, Sliding, Pitched Win For Morrow

the inning.

Davenport and Cecil served up two additional runs in the fourth inning for the Mustangs.

Connelly opened the inning by walking Cecil. Billy Hayes put Cecil on second with a sacrifice. Cecil traversed the second-third baseline when Davenport got on via another Panther error. Davenport then stole second.

WHEN CONNELLY overthrew a pick-off attempt at third, Cecil and Davenport both crossed the plate to make it 5-0.

"We played awful," said Panther Head Coach Mike Parris.

"We had bad defense, and we got five hits off of a guy throwing a little dinky curve ball, and we didn't even touch it. We looked terrible," he said.

Aided by Riverdale's win over North Clayton, Morrow (5-6, 6-8-2) moved up two notches in the region. Forest Park (6-4, 9-7) dropped from second to third place.

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Connelly and Statham; Cecil and Hayes. WP — Cecil (3-1). LP — Connelly (5-4). 2B — Baker (FP), Drake (M).