

# SPORTS



THE OV JV baseball team hit three homers in a row last Saturday at home to notch a deciding win against Rutland. There were few dull moments as Head Coach Paul Lathrop, above, waved his player around third base to home; standing on deck to hit; and sliding safely into second.

## OV beats rival Rutland with great pitching

RUTLAND — You never would've known it was Fraser Pierpont's first varsity start for Otter Valley on Saturday as he pitched a 7-2 win against rival Rutland at Giorgetti Park.

Pierpont went 4 2/3 innings, allowing two runs and four hits. OV batters were thwarted by Rutland righty Jevan Valente, who struck out 11 batters, and gave up just one run on two hits.

It wasn't until Valente was taken out in the fifth that the Otters really stepped up.

Rutland was leading 2-1 going into the sixth when Caleb Whitney led off with a single and stole second base to get into scoring position.

Alex Polli earned a walk and Jordan Beayon singled to tie the game, scoring Whitney.

Ethan Blow came up next and grounded out to second base, scoring another run. Beayon came around to score later in the inning.

The Otters just kept hitting in the top of the seventh.

Whitney got on base again with a walk, Pierpont singled and Polli was hit by a pitch and just like that, the bases were loaded. All three would score with Blow hitting a sacrifice fly run batted in the inning.

Rutland had plenty of chances but couldn't capitalize on missteps and errors.

Same story in the second inning, where an error at third, hit by pitch and walk

Lane Eddy was the only Otter to have a multi-hit game.

Blow got the win in relief for Otter Valley

### WEST RUTLAND 15, OV 5

WEST RUTLAND — The Westside girls won its season opener handily over Otter Valley, 15-5.

The Horde locked up the game in the fifth inning, scoring seven runs.

Elizabeth Bailey started at pitcher West Rutland, allowing two hits and striking out seven.

OV's Jaydynn Pope had both of those hits, a home run and a double.

Bailey was strong at the plate as well. She had three hits, including a homer. Kiana Grabowski had three hits, including a double, while Samara Raiche and Emily McLaren both had two hits.

MacKenzie McKay pitched the loss for the Otters, striking out eight.

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