Van Scoyoc no-hits Prairie

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Spencer Van Scoyoc watched younger brother Connor throw a gem in Jefferson's opening-round win over Mount Vernon in the Bob Vrbicek Metro Baseball Tournament on Monday.

Connor, a freshman, tossed a five-hit shutout as the J-Hawks advanced with a 5-0 win.

That left Spencer with a tough act to follow in Monday evening's semifinal match-up with a highly regarded Prairie team. The Hawks rolled to a 15-0 win over Washington in their first-round game.

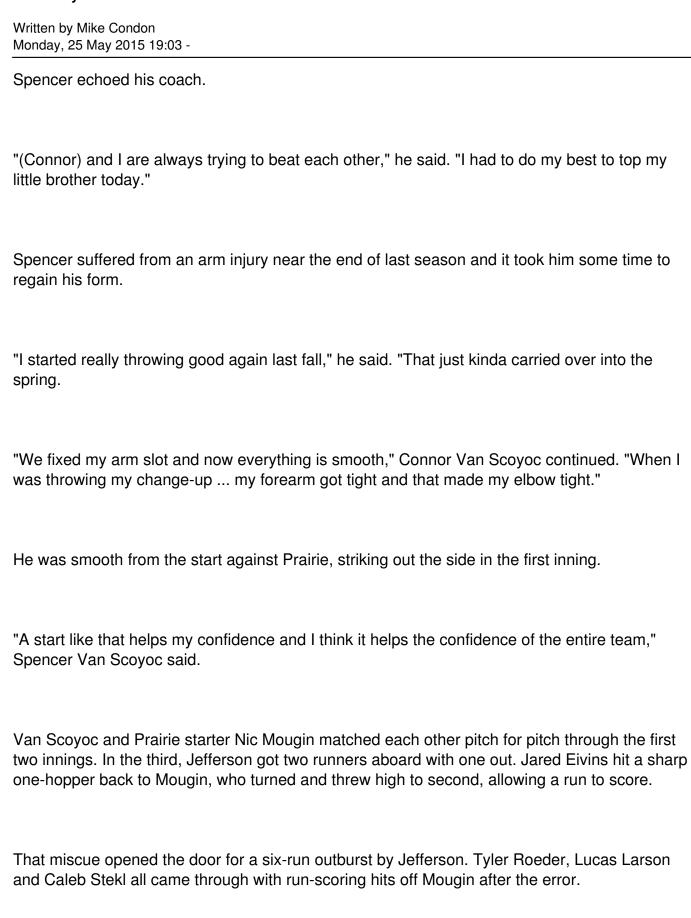
Not only did Spencer Van Scoyoc follow up his brother's effort, he bettered it. The junior left-hander tossed a no-hitter, striking out eight as Jefferson advanced to the title game for the second straight year with an 11-0, five inning win at Washington.

To say there is a little competition in the Van Scoyoc household would be an understatement.

"They are both real competitive kids," said Jefferson Coach Chad Rodenkirk. "The Van Scoyoc boys are tough. They are in midseason form already. It's nice as a coach to be able to put them out there.

"They are always trying to one-up each other," continued the J-Hawks' coach. "I'm blessed to be able to coach a couple of guys of that caliber."

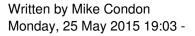
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"We've been preaching all year it is about momentum," Rodenkirk said. "It was a dogfight those

first two innings. It could have gone either way.

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"Our guys responded once they got the chance."

Eivins and Roeder had two hits apiece as Jefferson banged out 10 hits against two Prairie pitchers.

Mount Vernon downed Washington, 10-9, in the consolation semifinal.

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Nic Mougin, Brady Alberts (4) and Corbin Day. Spencer Van Scoyoc and Caleb Stekl. WP - S. Van Scoyoc (1-0). LP - Mougin (0-1)