

## Princeton 5, Lawrence 4 (High school Baseball scores and results)

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The clock is ticking for the Lawrence and Princeton baseball teams.

With the NJSIAA qualification deadline looming, if either team is to make a run at reaching the NJSIAA Group III Central tournament, that run needs to commence now.

The Little Tigers are hoping their 6-5 win over the Cardinals at Valley Road Field yesterday afternoon is the game that will ignite that run.

"It's a good feeling, especially to win a close one like this," Princeton starter Benito Gonzalez said. "This was a mentally taxing game."

Gonzalez tossed a complete-game, one-hitter, walking two and striking out four in earning his first victory of the season while helping snap the Little Tigers' four-game skid.

He hit three batters – all of which came around to score – a product he said of his two-seam fastball running more inside than he intended it to.

"When my elbow is up, that's when it starts getting down and in instead of high and in," Gonzalez said.

Gonzalez's counterpart, Lawrence's Kevin Fitzell, was equally impressive. The right-hander scattered six hits and two earned runs over seven innings while striking out seven.

"This is a team we've been working on for the last three years," a disappointed Fitzell said. "It's pretty much the same team since I've been a sophomore. The core is practically the same. We were really looking forward to this year as the year we were going to break out. We have the team, we're good, we just haven't gotten the results."

The early results appeared to be good ones as the Cardinals pushed a pair of unearned runs across in the first two innings. But Princeton answered back with three runs in the bottom of the second inning, highlighted by Nico Mercurio's two-run double.

Max Russo's single in the fourth knotted the game at four and Ryan McMichael came around to score on a wild pitch two batters later after getting hit by a pitch to help Lawrence regain the lead, 4-3.

But Ben Harrison squared the game up at four in the bottom of the fourth and Colin Graydon's pinch-hit, RBI groundout in the bottom of the sixth helped propel Princeton to the win.

"I told them what happened in the bottom of the sixth, us scoring a run and then coming out and shutting them down in the top of the seventh is something that normally happens to us," Princeton head coach David Roberts said.

McMichael scored two runs for Lawrence, which lost its ninth straight game.

"At this point we're searching for answers," Fitzell said. "We're trying new things at practice every week. We just have to come out here and play because we love baseball. I think we're a little too worried with the results. We just have to come out here and have fun and get the stress out."

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### Lawrence

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Jason Adams	4	0	0	0
Pat Fedorko	2	1	0	0
Kevin Fitzell	0	0	0	0
Paul Grant Jr.	1	0	0	0
Charlie Morreale	2	0	0	0
Chris Coyle	2	1	0	0
Nick Kageł	3	0	0	0
Ryan McMichael	1	2	0	0
Max Russo	3	0	1	1
Connor Springsteen	3	0	0	0
Totals:	24	4	1	1

### Princeton

Player	AB	R	H	RBI			
Nick Miranda	2	0	0	0			
Will Greenberg	3	0	0	0			
Colin Graydon	1	0	0	1			
Matt Weidner	4	0	0	0			
Trevor Barsamian	3	0	2	0			
Luke Cordonnier	3	1	1	0			
Mike Van Itallie	2	1	0	0			
Kethan Dawar	0	0	0	0			
Benito Gonzalez	2	0	1	0			
Nick Rowlin	0	3	0	0			
Nico Mercurio	2	0	1	2			
Ben Harrison	3	0	1	2			
Totals:	25	5	6	5			
Lawrence (2-9)	1	1	0	2	0	0	0
Princeton (3-10)	0	3	0	1	0	1	X

Errors - Lawrence 1, Princeton 2.

### Lawrence Pitching

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Kevin Fitzell L, 1-3	6	6	5	2	4	7

### Princeton Pitching

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Benito Gonzalez W, 1-4	7	1	5	2	2	4

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