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Green, Heefner Shut Down Lakeshore as Pit Spitters Earn Split

Traverse City, MI – August 4, 2026 – Benjamin Green and David Heefner combined to hold Lakeshore scoreless over the final eight innings Tuesday night, leading the Traverse City Pit Spitters to a 4-1 victory over the Chinooks in front of 2,894 fans at Turtle Creek Stadium.

The win earned Traverse City a split of the two-game series and a victory in the final meeting between the teams this summer.

The Pit Spitters improved to 20-12 and momentarily sit a half-game behind Royal Oak in the Great Lakes East second-half standings, with the Leprechauns' game against Kalamazoo still in progress.

Four games remain for Traverse City to make up ground in the division race.

Lakeshore opened the scoring in the first inning when Sam Myers delivered an RBI single against Green.

It was the only run allowed by the right-hander, who completed six innings while surrendering six hits and three walks with two strikeouts.

Traverse City immediately responded with three runs in the bottom of the first, taking a lead it would not relinquish.

Zach Kucharczyk and Zach Carlson delivered RBI singles before Cade Collins drove in another run with the first of his two doubles.

The Pit Spitters added their final run in the sixth when Lucas Grantham lifted a sacrifice fly, extending the advantage to 4-1.

Collins led the offense with a 3-for-4 performance, collecting two doubles and scoring twice. Carlson was the only other Pit Spitter to record multiple hits.

The Chinooks placed at least one runner on base in eight of nine innings but stranded seven and had three others erased on the bases.

Grantham threw out one runner attempting to steal and picked another off first base, while Green recorded a pickoff at second during the sixth inning.

Heefner followed Green with three scoreless innings in his 17th relief appearance of the summer. The right-hander struck out two and earned his team-leading sixth save.

The victory was Traverse City's first against the Great Lakes West-leading Chinooks in four meetings this season.

The Pit Spitters will begin their final road trip of the regular season Wednesday night, opening a two-game series against the Rockford Rivets at Rivets Stadium.

Rockford enters the series two games behind Traverse City in the second-half standings. First pitch is scheduled for 6:35 p.m.

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About the Traverse City Pit Spitters: The Traverse City Pit Spitters are members of the Northwoods League playing their inaugural season of baseball in Traverse City in 2019. Since 2019, the Pit Spitters have won two Northwoods League Championships and delivered their unique brand of FUN to hundreds of thousands of fans. The Pit Spitters share Managing Partners and principal ownership with the West Michigan Whitecaps, the High-A affiliate of the Detroit Tigers, based in Comstock Park, Michigan. Pit Spitters home games are played in Traverse City's favorite multi-purpose outdoor entertainment venue, Turtle Creek Stadium. For more information visit <https://northwoodsleague.com/traverse-city-pit-spitters/> or contact (231) 943 0100 or email info@pitspitters.com.

The Pit Spitters Are Cashless: Beginning in 2025, Turtle Creek Stadium transitioned to a fully cashless operation to enhance fan safety, streamline transactions, and improve efficiency. All purchases, including tickets, concessions, and merchandise, will require contactless payments. Fans needing to convert cash can do so at designated locations. This move ensures a smoother, more convenient game-day experience for all. Read more [here](#).

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