Wildcats win Olathe baseball league



The Louisburg Wildcats won the Olathe Recreation League 9-and-under baseball title Sunday at Black Bob Park in Olathe. Members of the team are (front row, from left) are Luke Hill, Blake Amren, Wyatt Holland, Cole Mynsted, Emmett Perrenoud-Moore; (middle row) Brady Hickey, Caden Caplinger, Jack Anderson, Declan Battle, Easton Harlan, Brock McEwen, Brock Vohs; (back row) coaches Kraig Hickey, Gabe Anderson, head coach Aaron Battle, John McEwen and Rob Vohs.

OLATHE – The Louisburg Wildcats, a 9-and-under baseball team, spent most of the summer playing against some of the best the Olathe Recreation League had to offer.

As it turned out, the Wildcats were at the top of that group.

Louisburg won the league crown Sunday at Black Bob Park in Olathe as it finished the league tournament with a 3-0 record, including a 12-7 win over the Olathe Eagles to complete what was a successful season. The Wildcats finished the season with a 16-6 record.

“I’m extremely proud of this group of young men,” head coach Aaron Battle said. “It was their first year of live pitching and their first year playing together in a competitive league.

The way these boys gelled together and improved each and every day was amazing. They were a lot of fun to coach and watch play. They had an outstanding baseball season together.”

The Wildcats faced off with the Eagles twice in the tournament, including a back and forth championship game. The Eagles held a one run lead in the third inning of the title game, but the Wildcats answered with four runs in their half of the third and three more in the fifth to pull away.

Luke Hill started the game for Louisburg and pitched four innings to hold the Eagles offense in check. In those four innings, Hill gave up seven hits, but struck out six batters.

Teammate Declan Battle came in for relief and pitched the final two frames and gave up just one run on one hit and also struck out a batter.

Offensively, Hill helped himself as he recorded three hits to go along with 2 RBIs. Brock Vohs had a pair of hits at crucial situations as he finished with a single, a double and also drove home four runs.

Caden Caplinger and Wyatt Holland also finished with a pair of hits and 2 RBIs each. Jack Anderson also added 2 RBIs of his own.

The Wildcat also flashed some leather and made plays on defense, including a couple of big stops from shortstop Brady Hickey and first baseman Easton Harlan.

To get to the championship game, Louisburg had to defeat the Eagles on Saturday and the Wildcats didn’t have much of a problem. The Wildcats won going away, 10-4.

Louisburg opened the game with five runs in the first inning and three in the third to help put the game away.

Hickey started the game for Louisburg and pitched four of the five innings. Hickey gave up just two runs on five hits and

struck out eight batters.

Holland led the Wildcat bats with a double and also recorded 4 RBIs in the win. Caplinger finished with two hits and an RBI, while Hickey finished with a single and two RBIs.

Blake Amren, Emmett Perrenoud-Moore and Harlan also finished with an RBI each in the win.

Louisburg opened the tournament with an easy 13-1 victory as it scored five runs in each of the first two innings to all but seal the win.

Battle pitched a complete game for the Wildcats as he allowed only one run on three hits and struck out eight batters.

Hill and Anderson had big days offensively as each finished with 3 RBIs, while Hill was 3-for-3 at the plate. Vohs added two hits and a pair of RBIs for the Wildcats.

Caplinger, Holland, Harlan, Hickey and Cole Mynsted recorded and RBI each, while Battle and Hill scored three times. Brock McEwen and Caplinger also scored twice.