

Wellsville sweeps Louisburg baseball



Louisburg second baseman Michael Rogers looks in a throw while a Wellsville runner tries to steal a base Thursday in Wellsville. Louisburg came up short in the doubleheader as they suffered a pair of losses, 5-1 and 11-7.

WELLSVILLE – The road wasn't too kind to the Louisburg High School baseball team Thursday when it traveled to Wellsville for a doubleheader.

The Wildcats just didn't have enough pitching to keep up with the Wellsville bats.

Wellsville chipped away at the Wildcats in the opener and eventually pulled away for a 5-1 victory. Louisburg had a five-run lead late in the nightcap, but the Eagles responded for 10 runs in two innings to steal an 11-7 win from the Wildcats.

In the opener, Louisburg (3-5) took a 1-0 lead in the top of the second inning after three straight walks and Gabe Rader eventually came around to score on a groundout by Beckett Rasmussen.

That would be all the offense the Wildcats could muster as they recorded five hits overall on singles from Jakob Krause, Garrett Caldwell, Madden Rutherford, Garrett Harding and Chase

Norton.

Krause got the start for Louisburg and pitched 2 1/3 innings and gave up three runs, but just one of them were earned as the Wildcats committed four errors in the game. Logan McClellan pitched three innings of relief and gave up another earned run, before Andrew Krause pitched the final inning.

Wellsville tied the game in the bottom of the second and then scored two more in the third and one in the fifth and sixth innings to seal the win.

Louisburg was able to get the bats going in the second game as they took a one-run lead into the top of the fifth inning and scored more four more times to go up 6-1.

In that inning, Louisburg took advantage of two Wellsville errors and a walk to load the bases. Nate Swenson reached on another Wellsville error to score Caldwell.

Norton then came through with an RBI single to score Rutherford and Michael Rogers singled home two more runs to give Louisburg a five-run lead.



Louisburg catcher Chase Norton tags out a leaping Wellsville runner Thursday.

That lead didn't last long as Wellsville responded with six runs in the bottom of the fifth and four more in the sixth to take a 11-6 lead. Louisburg added a run in the seventh, but the Wildcats could get no closer.

Rogers led the Wildcat bats in the nightcap with a pair of singles and 2 RBIs, while Rutherford and Caldwell each had a double. Norton also had two RBIs for Louisburg.

Noah Larson started the game for Louisburg and struck out six batters in four innings of work, while giving up six earned runs. Andrew Krause pitched the final two innings for the Wildcats.

Louisburg will try and snap its four-game losing streak

tonight when it hosts Baldwin for its home opener at Lewis-Young Park. First pitch is set for 4:30 p.m.