

Ottawa hits five home runs to sweep Louisburg baseball



Louisburg sophomore Madden Rutherford makes a pitch Tuesday during the first game of the Wildcats' doubleheader with Ottawa.

OTTAWA – The Louisburg baseball team hit the road for the final time in the regular season Tuesday when it traveled to Ottawa for a doubleheader.

It didn't go as the Wildcats would have hoped as they fell 11-4 and 12-1 to Ottawa and are now 7-11 on the season.

Louisburg nearly picked up a win in the opener as it took an early 3-1 lead into the fourth inning before the Cyclones struck for three runs in the fourth inning to take a one run lead.

The Wildcats tied the game in the fifth inning when Madden Rutherford opened the inning with a double and then scored on a single by Garrett Harding. That momentum didn't last long as Ottawa scored a run in the bottom of the fifth and then scored six times in the sixth to seal the win.

Rutherford got the start for Louisburg and limited Cyclones to five runs over five innings and struck out four. Harding led the Wildcat offense with a pair of hits to go along with 3 RBIs.

Jakob Krause, Beckett Rasmussen and Logan McClellan each finished the game with two hits, while Krause and Garrett Caldwell each added a double to their line.

Louisburg had a tough time keeping in the Cyclones in the park as Ottawa combined for five home runs between the two games, including three in the nightcap, in which the Cyclones jumped out to a 9-1 lead after two innings and never looked back.

Harding had two of the three Wildcat hits in the second game and Krause added the other. For the game, Ottawa pounded out 11 hits to go along with its 12 runs.

The Wildcats will try and end their regular season on a good note today when they host Spring Hill for a senior night doubleheader. First pitch is set for 4:30 p.m.