

# Wildcats fall to Wellsville in home opener



Louisburg freshman shortstop Maverick Rockers tries to turn a double play Thursday during the Wildcats' home opener against Wellsville.

The Louisburg baseball team had hoped a change of scenery might turn around their recent string of bad luck.

Louisburg hosted Wellsville on Thursday in its home opener after playing six consecutive games on the road. Unfortunately for the Wildcats, they weren't able to turn it around.

The Wildcats are still looking for their first win of the season after a pair of 5-0 and 7-3 losses to the Eagles at Lewis-Young Park. Louisburg was also missing a couple starters due to a class trip, which made a young team even younger.

Wellsville took a two-run lead in the opener and never looked back and the Eagles had a perfect going until the sixth inning when junior Kaden Oehlert broke it up with a single. Kolby Kattau, a freshman, added another single later for the Wildcats' only two hits.

Freshman Maverick Rockers provided the Wildcats with a quality start as he gave up three earned runs on five hits and struck out two over five innings.

In the nightcap, the Wildcats had a 2-1 lead going into the fifth inning after an RBI single from Kattau scored Michael Rogers in the third. A.J. Drew then tripled in the fourth inning and scored on a wild pitch to give the Wildcats the lead.

Wellsville then answered with three runs in the fifth and three more in the seventh to secure the win.

Louisburg scored another run in the fifth when Oehlert scored on a Wellsville error, but the Wildcats could get no closer.

The Wildcats (0-8) were able to pound out 11 hits, but stranded several of those runners. Five errors also cost the Wildcats.

Freshman Brandon Doles led the Wildcat bats with three hits, while Andrew Krause and Kattau each finished with two.

Junior Garrett Harding provided the Wildcats with a strong start as he didn't allow an earned run in his four innings of work, gave up two hits and struck out two. Krause gave up two earned runs in three innings of relief and struck out four.

Louisburg will try for that first win tonight when it hosts Bonner Springs in a doubleheader at Lewis-Young Park.

First pitch is set for 4:30 p.m.

## **LOUISBURG DROPS TWO GAMES TO SPRING HILL**

The Louisburg baseball team continued its long road schedule on April 2 when the Wildcats traveled to Spring Hill for a Frontier League doubleheader.

Although the Wildcats put up a fight in both games, they fell to the Broncos, 5-2 and 4-2.

The Wildcats got good starting pitching in the opener as Andrew Krause and Brandon Doles combined to allow just three earned runs in nearly six innings and gave up nine hits.

Offensively, the Wildcats just couldn't get much going. Junior Madden Rutherford finished with a pair of RBI doubles to lead the Louisburg offense, while Beckett Rasmussen and A.J. Drew also had two hits.

Spring Hill jumped out to a 4-0 lead after four innings and never looked back.

In the nightcap, the Wildcat offense racked up 10 hits, but couldn't the big one when they needed it. Kolby Kattau had the lone extra base hit with a double and finished with two hits for the day.

Doles and Krause also had two hits each to help the Louisburg cause and Doles drove home the Wildcats' other run.

Logan McClellan, Maverick Rockers  
and Drew combined to throw six innings as they gave up three  
earned runs on  
just five hits.

Louisburg held a 2-1 lead going  
into the bottom of the fourth inning, but the Broncos scored  
two in the frame  
and another in the sixth to get the win.