

Wildcat bats come alive in sweep of Osawatomie



Louisburg senior Matt Madison makes contact with a pitch Thursday during the Wildcats' doubleheader against Osawatomie at Lewis-Young Park.

It all came together for the Louisburg baseball team Thursday when it hosted Osawatomie.

The pitching, the hitting, the defense – the Wildcats seemed to play well in every phase of the game as they came away with 15-0 and 11-1 victories over the Trojans at Lewis-Young Park.

“Our pitching was stellar,” Louisburg coach Kade Larson said. “We threw a ton of strikes and I was very pleased with how they did. The guys played very well all around. We put pressure on them from the beginning and didn’t look back.”

Louisburg did just that as the Wildcats’ bats exploded for 15 runs in the opener and won the game in four innings. The Wildcats were led on the mound by Brandon Doles. The Louisburg junior pitched the complete game shutout and gave up just three hits and struck out three.

The bats followed suit as junior Kolby Kattau and freshman Declan Battle each had three hits and 2 RBIs. Kattau scored four times and Battle three, while Battle also had a triple.

Junior Maverick Rockers, junior George Reichart and sophomore Mack Newell each had a pair of hits and 2 RBIs, while Reichart

also had a double.

The Wildcats (6-5) were also a threat on the base paths as they stole nine bases, including three from Kattau and two from Battle.



Shortstop Maverick Rockers tags out an Osawatomie runner sliding into second base Thursday.

In the nightcap, Louisburg led 1-0 in the bottom of the fourth, and with two outs, scored eight runs to blow the game open. The Wildcats ended the contest with two more in the fifth.

“The guys had a great approach at the plate and stuck to it the whole night,” Larson said. “When we got two outs in one of the innings we ended up plated eight runs with those two outs. The guys battled and found a way via walk or hit, and that was great to see.”

Trevin Lohse started the nightcap and kept the Trojan hitters

off-balance in his four innings of work. The Louisburg senior allowed no hits in those four innings and struck out seven.

Doles led the Wildcat offense as he was 3-for-4 with four RBIs, including a double. Kattau also added two hits, one of which was a triple, and two RBIs.

Lohse, Rockers and sophomore Cade Driskell each had two hits as well, while Rockers also scored three times. Seniors Matt Madison and A.J. Drew each added a double to their line, while Rockers had a triple.

Louisburg will try and build off the sweep tonight when it hosts Ottawa for a Frontier League doubleheader. It is a make-up contest from the postponement last week.