

Kattau, Doles lead Wildcats to win over Eudora on Senior Night



Louisburg senior Kolby Kattau pitched five innings and recorded a pair of doubles in the Wildcats' 5-3 victory over Eudora on Tuesday at Lewis-Young Park.

Senior Night is always a special game on every team's schedule, but Kolby Kattau and Brandon Doles made sure it was a memorable one for the Louisburg baseball team.

The two Wildcat seniors combined for four doubles, five hits, 3 RBIs – and between the two – pitched a complete game in Louisburg's 5-3 victory over Eudora on Tuesday at Lewis-Young Park.

"I thought the guys played extremely well," Louisburg coach Kade Larson said. "We hit the ball well and found a way to win. A few untimely errors led to a couple runs, but overall we got the job done and we will clean up the small stuff for next game.

"Brandon and Kolby were huge for us. Both hit the ball hard and got us going and both were really locked in on the mound."

Doles and Kattau, along with seniors Maverick Rockers, George Reichart and Sam Hastings, were honored with their parents prior to the contest. It is a group that Larson has been impressed with since they first got into high school.



Junior Corbin Hamman tags out a Eudora runner at third Tuesday at Lewis-Young Park.

“These seniors have really set the foundation for this team moving forward,” Larson said. “They have done really well getting the freshman involved and making sure they do things the right way. They will be greatly missed.”

Kattau started the game for the Wildcats and went 5-plus innings, gave up one earned run and struckout four to get the win. Doles nailed down the save as he pitched an inning and two-thirds and gave up just one hit.

At the plate, both did damage as Kattau finished with three hits, two doubles and an RBI. Doles added a pair of doubles and 2 RBIs.



Louisburg seniors (from left) George Reichart, Kolby Kattau, Maverick Rockers, Brandon Doles and Sam Hastings were honored with their parents on Senior Night prior to the game Tuesday with Eudora.

Rockers added the other RBI, while Corbin Hamman, Brody McGreer and Jackson Howard also tallied hits on the night.

The game was tied at 1-all going into third inning, but Louisburg struck for two runs. Rockers hit a sacrifice fly to score Cade Driskell and then Doles doubled home Kattau to make it a 3-1 game.

The Wildcats (7-9) added a run in the fourth and fifth innings. In the fourth, Parker Hufferd scored on a single by Kattau, and then in the fifth, Hamman singled and allowed Doles to score on a Eudora error.



Louisburg junior Cade Driskell throws out a runner for the final out of the third inning Tuesday against Eudora.

Eudora added a pair of runs in the seventh inning, but Doles closed the door on the win.

Louisburg now enters the final week of the regular season as the Wildcats travel to Paola on Tuesday for a doubleheader. On Thursday, the Wildcats will host Piper for a doubleheader in the regular season finale.

“The next two doubleheaders are really important to us,” Larson said. “Paola is always a big game and with Piper being right before regionals start, it will be a big game as well. Both teams are solid and I like that going into regionals we are playing some good competition. I hope we can use this as a springboard into the playoffs to get going on the right track and play our best baseball to end the season.”