Legion Baseball Recap from Weekend Action (June 8th-10th)

There was plenty of action in Legion baseball this past weekend with many of the Northeast Kansas League teams involved in games. For up to date NEK League standings (<u>click here</u>)

## Marysville Tournament (Sabetha & Frankfort)

Sabetha and Frankfort both participated in the Marysville tournament; due to Republic County and Adams/Sterling withdrawing from the tournament it change the format to pool play, with Sabetha playing Fairbury and Marysville and Frankfort playing Beloit and Wamego.

Sabetha played both their pool play games on Friday night splitting with Fairbury & Marysville.

In game one, Kyle Stallbaumer pitched 5.2 innings for Sabetha and allowed only three hits to Fairbury. Stallbaumer did walk three batter and hit a couple others, but struck out five on the night. Nolan Keim led the fifth inning off with a walk, stole second and scored courtesy of hard hit groundout by Riley Wells, to tie the ball game at 3-3 going into the sixth. In the sixth Fairbury manage to notch the go ahead run and decisive run to lead it 4-3. But Sabetha would try and make the comeback having the a base runner on second with one out in the seventh but coming up short, falling 4-3 to Fairbury. Sabetha only tallied five total hits in the match.

Game 2, was a lot kinder to Sabetha and they capitalized on their opportunities that Marysville gave them. Sabetha notched an 8-0 win courtesy of 12 walks, a hit batter, five hits and a complete game three hitter from Brendon Garrett. Keim and Benji Stoller each finished with a pair of hits apiece in the game; Keim tallying two doubles.

Fairbury beat Marysville 8-7, which meant Sabetha earned second its pool and would play for third place.

They would meet a familiar foe in fellow Northeast Kansas League team, Frankfort. Frankfort, like Sabetha split their games in pool play, earning a spot in the third place game, after beating Wamego and falling to Beloit. (Scores for Frankfort yet to be reported to the station)

The story of the third place game was Sabetha's stellar pitching outing from Riley Wells, who gave up on three-hits, one-run and faced only two batters above the minimum, while only throwing 81 pitches. Wells' pitching outing was backed by the Sabetha bat's as they tallied 12 total hits in the game, to Frankfort's three. Stoller, Graham Droge, Tate Steinlage, Tyler Edelman and Wells each had a pair of hits in the matchup. Sabetha came away with the 4-1 win and third place in the Marysville tournament.

## Ottawa sweeps Doniphan County in double-header

On Saturday Doniphan County played host to Ottawa for a double-header and Ottawa made sure they brought their bats, knocking out 14-0 and 6-0 wins to sweep Doniphan County in the two games. Doniphan County was shorthanded on the day not having any available substitutions, thus just having enough guys to field a team on the day. To go along with being shorthanded Doniphan County was only to muster five total hits combined in the double-header.

One-day after falling in a double-header to Ottawa, Doniphan County suited up to face Northeast Kansas League foe, Seneca on the road in a double-header. In game one the woes continued for Doniphan County as Dylan Kramer pitched a great game striking out eight to help Seneca earn an 8-2 win.

Game two the offense awoke for Doniphan County as they scored 11 runs to take game two 11-2 over Seneca on the road. Cody Bennett provided a big spark to the Doniphan County offense belting two home-runs and tallying three RBI's, while Caleb Winkle tallied two RBI's, too. Zach Halter earned the win pitching a complete game giving up two runs on six hits with five strikeouts.

## Atchison sweeps Hiawatha in league double-header

Hiawatha still in search of their first win of the season jumped out to an early 3-0 lead on Atchison, behind the offense of Dalton Lehmkhul, Brendan Steele, Josh Hinkle and Jeff Costa. After that the game would seesaw back and forth somewhat as Atchison tied the game up with three of their own after the third inning, Hiawatha would then have its second three run inning of the game coming in the top of the fifth to gain the lead. But Atchison would tie it again in the bottom of the fifth with one run, then go on to score three more in the sixth to lead it 9-6 and ultimately win by that margin. Austin Gaben went 3-4 with two RBI's while Dustin Gosa went 2-4 with two runs scored for Atchison. Costa and Hinkle for Hiawatha each had multi-hit games for Hiawatha, while Costa tallied three RBI's and a run scored, also, with Hinkle scoring two runs and notching one RBI.

Game two was all Atchison as they pounded out 12 hits, scoring 11 runs, 10 of which came in the first two innings, as the game ended after four innings with a score of 11-1. Pitching was great for Atchison, also with Thad Hawk only giving up two hits to Hiawatha and striking out six. Steele, was the only Hiawatha player to register a hit going 2-2 during the game, also scoring the lone Hiawatha run. While Atchison's, Gosa had another good game going 3-4 with an RBI and run scored, with his teammates Eric Cumming, Austin Gaben & Jimmy Priest each tallying two-hits each in the game, as well.

## Rock Creek swept Royal Valley in a non-league double-header

Royal Valley was swept at home by Rock Creek in a pair of tough games 14-8 and 12-2.