

Blast Mired In 4-Game Slide

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The Watauga Blast is going through something it never experienced before----a losing streak.

The Blast (3-5), which won the Happy Valley High School Summer League title last season going 13-1, is currently mired in a four-game losing streak. The Blast dropped a double-header to Johnson County, TN, Thursday night. Johnson County took advantage of four Watauga errors in the opener and defeated the Blast 6-0; and despite a seven-run outburst by Watauga in the second inning in game two, Johnson County rallied to beat the Blast 10-7 in Elizabethton, TN. The Blast made five errors in that second game.

Kim Robinson suffered her second straight loss in game one. She went six innings and only gave up two earned runs on four hits with eight strikeouts. Watauga only made five hits in the opener. Robinson, Rachel Cox, Hallie Leonard, Riley Pudney and Hope LaPointe each had a hit.

In game two, Robinson had two doubles, drove in two runs and scored twice; Hawkins went 2-2 with an RBI and scored a run; Shelby Winebarger was 2-3 with an RBI. Mariska Watts, Kaitlin Stillwell, Hope LaPointe, and Cox 1 each had a hit. Cox doubled; Cox and LaPointe each scored a run.

Pudney suffered the loss. She gave up ten runs, but only three were earned in four innings with a walk and a strike out. Watauga wraps up the regular season against South Greene July 21.

NOTES: The Blast will have a fundraising car wash Saturday, July 16 at parking lot across street from Greenway Church from noon to 3 pm.