

Watuaga A Team Drops Two

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The Watauga Junior American Legion A Team continues to struggle.

The A Team (5-7 in the Northwestern Junior American Legion Division; 5-9 overall) dropped a double-header against Hibriten in a rescheduled contest that was rained out last week. Hibriten won game one 5-1; and Hibriten won game two 2-1 in Lenior. The teams also endured a 2 1/2 hour rain/storm delay. The A Team, which was 4-2 and in second place only a week ago, has now dropped five of its last six games.

"We aren't playing well right now," said A Team coach Bradley Rudisill. "And we're doing it at the wrong time, down the stretch (Watauga only has two games left in regular-season play). We just left a lot of men on base, especially in the second game."

Watuaga's only run scored on a passed ball in game one; Nick Williams and Austin Wilcox each had two hits apiece in the loss. Jake Cody suffered the loss in game two. He went the distance. Tripp Taylor scored Watauga's only run. Brian Bolster brought him home with an RBI single in the fourth.

Watauga wraps up regular-season play Wednesday night in Sawmills against the South Caldwell B Team at 5 pm.

WATAUGA B TEAM SWEPT IN TWINBILL LOSS

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The South Caldwell A Team remained undefeated by sweeping the Watauga B Team in double-header Monday night in Sawmills.

South Caldwell won the opener 12-0 in 3 1/2 innings; and took the night-cap 10-0 in four innings. Steadman Sauls had Watauga's (2-8 in division play; 2-10 overall) only hit in game one; winning pitcher Nick Horning fired a no-hitter in game two, and he struck out eight men. Andy Gilliam, who walked, was Watauga's only base runner in the second game.

"We'll just go at it again tomorrow night," said Watauga coach Dustin Kerley. "I hope we can play at home (Tuesday) night. I thought the weather might affect us tonight, but we could have played up here. We'll see how it goes tomorrow."

Kerley moved Monday's game to Sawmills early Monday afternoon because of showers and thunderstorms in the forecast. There's a 60% chance of rain in the forecast for Tuesday. The B Team plays the South Caldwell B Team in a make-up game Tuesday at Pioneer Field at 5 pm.