

## Junior Legion Takes Two From West

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The Watauga Junior American Legion baseball team made its way back to the .500 mark in league play as it swept a double header from West Caldwell Tuesday night at Pioneer Field. Watauga (4-4 in Area 4 and 4-5-1 overall) defeated West Caldwell 3-2 in the first game, and put together a three-run

rally in the bottom of the fifth to win game two, 4-3.

A two-out, two-run double by Tyler Sturgill tied the game; Justin Greer won it with a drive to the wall in left field after West Caldwell issued an intentional walk to Adam Greene.

"I had to get on them a little bit in that second game," said Watauga coach Bradley Rudisill.

"Jesse (Ilich) pitched his tail off, and we had to pick him up. We came through with some timely hits, and we took advantage of what they gave us in that last inning."

Watauga only made three hits in that second game, but West Caldwell walked three men in the bottom of the fifth fueling Watauga's rally. Ilich, who went the distance, gave up five hits and no earned runs. But Watauga made three errors behind him.

"We didn't make the plays behind him early on," Rudisill said. "But he hung in there. He did a good job. I'm glad we came back and won the game. He deserved the win."

Greene had an RBI double in the second game. Hunter Isaacs got the win in game one. He went the distance, gave up five hits, struck out two and walked two. Carson Isaacs was Watauga's most productive hitter in game one, going 3-3 with a run scored and an RBI. Greer had a sacrifice fly that drove in a run; Tyler Nigro doubled; and Sturgill had a pinch hit run-scoring double. Sturgill had three RBI in the double-header sweep.

Watauga takes on South Caldwell at home tonight at 6 p.m. South Caldwell took a double-header from Watauga last Saturday. The Junior Legion wraps up the week with a make-up game against Hibriten Friday night at 6 p.m. That game was rained out Monday night. The Saturday game against the Hibriten "B" Team in Lenior has been canceled because the team has disbanded due to a lack of players.