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With a 7-0 season record early this week, the Imperial junior girls' softball played its final game of the season Tuesday, a contest in Imperial against Paxton.

Imperial will likely have the top seed in the league tournament starting next Thursday, July 11, in Wallace.

In a game June 25 in Imperial against Wallace, Imperial had little trouble racking up its seventh win, taking the game 13-1.

It was a 1-1 tie after the first, but that's when Imperial's bats came alive.

Imperial put up seven in the second and five more in the fourth, and Wallace was never able to put another run across home. The game ended early on the 10-run rule.

Coach Heidi Wheeler said her team played well with a solid defense and hitting that continues to get better.

"Most importantly, the girls were focused and ready to play at the first pitch," she said.

The coach credited a new warm-up routine in which an invisible ball is used. She believes that led to an almost perfect game on defense.

Earning hits were Josie Peterson, three singles; Sarah Allen, single and double; Destiny Reinke, Mikaela O'Brien, Katelyn Wheeler and Megan Engbrecht, all with two singles; and singles from Kadyn Milner and Kelly Christensen.

Peterson and Milner shared the pitching duties. Peterson had three K's, while Milner struck out two.