

Over the course of six days, the Imperial Pee Wee team won against Hershey 1 (8–3) and Wallace (26–2), then lost to Paxton 1 (13–3) to bring their record to 7–2.

Last Wednesday in Hershey the Imperial team got a three-run lead in the first inning then were shut out in the second and third while Hershey came back, tying the game at three in the bottom of the third.

With a runner on third and one out, Hershey looked poised to take the lead when Scott Wheeler, playing second base, caught a hot line drive, then fired it to third to catch the runner off base and end the inning on a double play.

Imperial put up five runs in the top of the fourth, highlighted by Will Kuene's two-out, two RBI double up the middle that put the game out of reach.

Bryce Zuege pitched five innings, giving up only five hits and three walks.

On Friday, after an intense Thursday morning batting practice, Imperial opened up on Wallace, scoring 26 runs on 22 hits, eight walks and one hit batter. Every player on the team got on base at least once, and several players circled the diamond four times.

Imperial pitchers Jack Bauerle and Cody Hamilton held Wallace to two runs, scoring six strikeouts and allowing one hit and five walks.

On Monday, the team traveled to Paxton 1 to make up a game they canceled early in the season.

After a sprinkler malfunction delayed the start an hour, Paxton took an early 3–0 lead mostly off walks in the first. Imperial scored one in the second, and stayed in contact, keeping Paxton to one run in the second, three in the third and one in the fourth.

Imperial threatened but fell short: they left the bases loaded in the second, a Paxton outfielder snagged a long hit by Jorge Cervantes in the third and another made a great throw in to catch Cody Hamilton stretching a double to a triple in the fourth.

Landis Beverly led off the fifth with a hit, Scott Wheeler walked, then, after two strikeouts, Cervantes hit them home and Zach Space walked.

But that would be all they got, with Cervantes and Space left on base. Paxton got five across in the bottom of the fifth to end the game.

"We had heard that Paxton had good pitchers," said Coach Larry Peterson. "And they did, but instead of coming out swinging, we folded our tents and watched too many strikes go by."

While the loss was disappointing, Peterson said, "We got beat, but our fielding play was pretty solid, and we're doing better at holding runners on base."

The PeeWees have a final regular season game against Ogallala Black July 3 in Ogallala. The league tournament is July 10–14 in Paxton.