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The Imperial Republican

Imperial's 16-and-under baseball team ran their undefeated streak to 12 games Monday before suffering their first loss in the back side of a doubleheader at McCook.

The boys defeated Wauneta 22-2 on Wednesday, June 24 and added another win over McCook, 9-3, Monday night.

However, in the second game of the doubleheader at McCook, the boys gave up their first loss 10-4.

In their game with Wauneta last week, Imperial put 13 batters to the plate in the top of the first, scoring nine of them.

Six of those batters got passes to first on walks while Daniel Regier and Charlie Haarberg each collected hits in the rally.

Imperial retired Wauneta in order in the bottom of the first and came back to put up six runs on singles by Adam Moline, Alec Spady, Paul Gaschler, Grant Lenner, Haarberg and Regier. Alex Strand added a double.

After giving up a run in the bottom of the second, Imperial added three more runs, aided by a double by Moline.

The defense put Wauneta down in order in the bottom of the third and posted three more runs off hits by Strand, Moline and Trei Frier.

Wauneta got one more run in the bottom of the fourth to make the final 22-2.

Moline led the team at the plate, going 3-3. Strand and Regier were 2-2. Shane German got the win on the mound.

McCook

On Monday, the young men took the first game of a doubleheader at McCook 8-3.

Imperial didn't allow a McCook run across the plate until the bottom of the fifth.

After going down in order in the top of the first, Imperial came back in the second to score five runs.

In the third, Jeff Banks cracked off a lead-off double, scoring Imperial's only run of the inning on a single by Cody Cravey. Spady also added a single.

Moline scored in the fourth after a lead-off single and a hit by Regier.

Moline drove in another run in the fifth on a single, which was followed by a hit by German.

Moline led the hitting with a 2-4 effort with German getting the win on the mound.

In the nightcap, McCook took advantage of Imperial errors to hand the locals their first loss.

Imperial put up three runs to open the game with singles by German, Cravey and a double by Jeff Banks.

Still, Imperial left the bases loaded when the inning ended.

McCook answered with four runs of their own to pull ahead 4-3.

In the second, Imperial added another run to tie the game, 4-4, but stranded three more base runners.

However, that would prove to be their last run as McCook added three more in the bottom of the second, two in the third and one more in the fourth.

Banks led Imperial at the plate, going 2-3 with a pair of doubles. Spady took the loss on the mound.