Rettenmeier tosses shutout for Red Top

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Ben Rettenmeier pitched a shutout as Red Top blanked Norway, 2-0, in the first game of their lowa Valley League doubleheader in Norway Sunday.

Norway rebounded with a 6-3 victory in the nightcap to split the twin-bill.

Elsewhere, Williamsburg and Watkins split their doubleheader in Williamsburg.

RED TOP 2-3, NORWAY 0-6

NORWAY - Rettenmeier is normally the closer for Red Top, but he tossed all seven innings in the complete-game victory.

Rettenmeier allowed seven hits in the ballgame. Norway bunched three of those hits in the second inning, but failed to score.

Red Top took a 1-0 lead in the opener on a single by Reid Bonner, a walk and an RBI single by Tyler Howe. Red Top made it 2-0 in the sixth on a double by Cale Henke and an RBI single by Ryan Rumpf, who had two hits for the winners.

Brady Corson pitched five strong innings for Norway and allowed only one run on four hits. Mitch Walser had two hits for the Bandits.

Brandon Brittain collected a two-run single in the first inning to give Norway an early 2-0 lead in the second game. The Bandits made it 4-0 in the second inning and made it 5-0 in the fifth on a double by Walser and an RBI single by J.T. Sole.

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Norway got only five hits in the nightcap, but Red Top pitchers helped the Bandits with eight walks and two hit-batters.

Pedro Garcia pitched five innings for Norway and got the victory. Dakota Freese made his debut for the Bandits this season and struck out four batters in two innings for a save.

WILLIAMSBURG 1-2, WATKINS 0-5

WILLIAMSBURG - Jack Rasmussen and Lucas Robbins combined for a one-hitter as Williamsburg trimmed Watkins, 1-0, in eight innings in the first game of their doubleheader in Williamsburg.

Rasmussen pitched the first three innings and Robbins tossed the final five frames for the victory.

Luke Franzenburg, the starting pitcher for Watkins, took a shutout into the eighth inning but was the hard-luck loser when Williamsburg strung three hits together for the victory. Joe Anton got the rally started with a double, Cam Frazier hit a single and Nolan Arp collected a walk-off RBI single to end the ballgame. It was Arp's second walk-off hit of the season.

Anton had two hits for Williamsburg in the opener.

Danny Bales tossed six strong innings for Watkins in the second game and got the victory in the 5-2 affair. Evan Boddicker tossed the seventh inning for a save.

Jonny Frese, Jack Strellner and D.J. Utley had two hits for Watkins and Utley had a two-run double. Steve Jensen had three hits for Williamsburg.

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STANDINGS THROUGH JULY 3

Red Top10-2Walford7-5Fairfax5-5Norway5-5Williamsburg5-7Watkins2-10

PITCHER OF THE WEEK - Ben Rettenmeier, Red Top **PLAYER OF THE WEEK -** Corbin Woods, Walford

SATURDAY, JULY 9

Norway at Watkins, 5 p.m.

SUNDAY, JULY 10

Fairfax at Red Top, 1 p.m. Williamsburg at Walford, 1 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS FOR JULY 3

NORWAY: Add Dakota Freese. Drop Brayton Carlson.

RED TOP: Add Noah Dostal. Drop Austin Christensen.

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WILLIAMSBURG: Add Zach Brown and Lucas Robbins. Drop Mike Hackett and Brent Parker.