

## NEK League Legion Roundup -- July 18th

As the regular season and league season wraps up for legion baseball some Northeast Kansas league meet up on the diamond last night.

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### **Sabetha Sweeps Double-Header at Home Over Royal Valley**

The double-header league matchup last night between Sabetha and Royal Valley was all in the favor of Sabetha as they took game one 11-1 in four innings and the nightcap 5-2.

In the first game Sabetha would waste no time on getting on the board scoring one run in both the first and second innings. Then the game would open up heavily in favor of Sabetha as they used four walks and a pair of hits to plate five runs in the third and take a 7-0 lead. The offense was sparked in the inning by a three run double from the bat of Issac Russell who finished the night with two hits both doubles, two runs scored and four RBI, to earn the McDonald's "Player of the Game." Royal Valley would finally get on the board in the top of the fourth with their lone run of the game, but Sabetha would answer in the bottom of the fourth to run-rule the game adding four runs on four hits that inning.

Benji Stoller earned the pitching victory giving up only five hits to Royal Valley on the night with one walk and four strikeouts. Gino Vicchiullo was the only Royal Valley player to notch multiple hits with two in the loss. Craig Thurber countered Stoller on the mound for Royal Valley and went three innings giving up seven runs on six hits, before being ejected and would have to sit out the second game of the double-header. Sabetha's offense was lead by Russell and his performance but Kyle Stallbaumer notched two hits in the game, also, while eight of the nine Sabetha batters had at least one hit.

Sabetha would go on in game two to recorded its 30th win of the year in the nightcap 5-2. Kyle Stallbaumer & Graham Howard combined for 11 K's in the five-inning game. Stallbaumer got the win and Howard recorded his first save. Isaac Russell picked up where he left off game one by driving in a pair of runs with a single and groundout. Nolan Keim added a two run double.

Sabetha now 30-11 on the season with the wins, while Royal Valley fell to 11-22 on the year. Sabetha will vie for the league title tonight when they play Atchison at 7:30pm.

### **Doniphan County Notches Two League Wins Via Forfeit**

It was a scheduled double-header last night, between Holton and Doniphan County in Northeast Kansas league action, but it didn't take place as Holton didn't have enough players to play the games, giving Doniphan County two forfeit wins.

Doniphan County now 15-17 and Holton 7-22 will gear up for their respective zone tournaments next week.