

Stars cling to top spot in IVL

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The Stars surprised a few folks in the Iowa Valley League last season by winning the regular-season title and capturing the IABA state crown a short time later.

They could be doing it again, but this time it's not a surprise.

The Stars split their showdown with Red Top on Sunday at Iowa City West High School to stay in first place in the IVL standings with three weeks left in the season.

The Stars have a 9-5 record, followed by Williamsburg (7-5), Red Top (7-7), Norway (6-8), Walford (6-8) and Watkins (5-7) in the compact standings. The Stars have another big twin-bill on tap this Sunday at Williamsburg in another showdown.

Austin Czerwiec, the Pitcher of the Year in the Iowa Valley League last season, tossed another complete game Sunday as the Stars trimmed Red Top, 2-1, in the first game of their doubleheader.

Cody Williams and Matt Berst had two hits for the Stars in the victory. Berst collected an RBI and Alex Hayden had a key double. Connor McCaffery socked a solo home run for Red Top for his third homer in three weeks.

Red Top won the second game, 4-2, on the strength of a big three-run homer by Ross Kramer in the sixth inning. Ethan Copeland hit a solo homer for Red Top and Chico Lizarraga connected for a solo round-tripper for the Stars.

Tanner Lohaus got the victory for Red Top with two innings in relief. Darren Kilpatrick tossed five strong innings for the winners.

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WILLIAMSBURG, WALFORD SPLIT

The Williamsburg Red Sox exploded for seven runs in the seventh inning to erase a 2-0 deficit and defeat Walford, 7-2, in the first game of their doubleheader at Walford.

Neil Marshall of Williamsburg tied the game, 2-2, with an RBI single in the seventh and Cam Frazier delivered a two-run single to give the Red Sox a 4-2 lead.

Jamison Steege pitched six shutout innings for Walford before yielding to a relief pitcher in the seventh.

Kevin Delzell tossed a shutout for Walford to give the Hogs a 2-0 victory in the nightcap. Jake Stenberg had a key RBI single for Walford and the Hogs scored their other run on a bases-loaded walk.

Williamsburg loaded the bases against Delzell with one out in the seventh, but could not score.

STANDINGS

Stars	9-5
Williamsburg	7-5
Red Top	7-7
Walford	6-8
Norway	6-8
Watkins	5-7

SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAY, JULY 15

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Norway at Walford, 1 p.m.
Stars at Williamsburg, 1 p.m.
Red Top at Watkins, 4 p.m.

PITCHER OF WEEK - Kevin Delzell (Walford)

PLAYER OF WEEK - Jonny Frese (Watkins)