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Seward earned a split with Clarendon Wednesday at Brent Gould Field after dropping the early game 7-5 in an error-filled affair but rebounding in Game 2 with a dominating 12-3 victory.

Clarendon scored three runs in the top of the first and added another in the second to jump out to the early 4-0 lead.

Seward responded in the bottom of the third with a single run, but the Bulldogs added two more in the top of the fourth to take a 6-1 lead.

The Saints pounded out four runs in the sixth to cut the lead to 6-5, but Clarendon added an insurance run in the top of the seventh and held on for the 7-5 victory.

Seward didn't help their cause with errors committed by Jacob Fuller, Garret Smith and Adam Guay. Those allowed Clarendon to extend innings which eventually led to the Seward loss. Smith and Guay committed their errors while pitching.

Smith was pulled after only two innings to start the game after giving up three walks, three hits, committing an error and allowing four runs.

Fuller made up for his fielding miscue with a two-for-three performance at the plate. Fuller scored a run and had an RBI in the loss.

Johnny Griffith hit a double for the Saints.

Seward turned around in the second game and scored in five of the seven innings while coach Galen McSpadden practiced a pitch-by-committee approach on the mound to earn a 12-3 win.

Seward scored two runs in each of the first three innings and added four more in the fourth to take a 10-3 lead.

Seward added two more in the sixth to earn the win..

Clarendon's only highlight of the game came in the fourth inning when Victor Bautista hit a two-run home run off a pitch from Griffith.

Other than that, the Saints dominated.

Seward's TJ Looney pitched the first inning and was relieved in the second by Austin King.

Griffith took over in the third and fourth, and after surrendering the home run, Keenan Hall pitched the fifth.

Tyler Wiedenfeld received an inning of work in the sixth, allowing two hits and striking out three, and Hayden Howard finished off the game in the seventh with two strike outs and no runs allowed.

The six Saints pitchers combined to strike out 11 Clarendon batters. Five Clarendon pitchers took the mound in the game but did not earn one strike out on a Saints batter.