

Shoremen sweep past Pioneers

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ELYRIA - Avon Lake improved to 3-1 on the year sweeping a non-conference double-header against Elyria, winning the first game 8-4 before pulling out a 16-14 comeback win in the night-cap.

The Shoremen rode the hot bat of second basemen Joe Latsko in the opener as he went 4-for-4 with a home run, a pair of doubles, three RBI and three runs scored.

Latsko's bomb came in the first inning to stake starting and winning pitcher, Pete Hart, to an early lead. Hart went four innings, giving up three runs on four hits while striking out three.

The second game was a wild affair as both teams scored eight runs in a 50-minute opening frame. Ryan Kirkpatrick and Kevin Morrissette helped stake the Shoremen to the early lead with home runs. Kirkpatrick finished with four

hits and five runs batted in.

Nolan Neuschaefer picked up a pair of hits in the bottom of the first to help the Pioneers come right back. Neuschaefer had three hits. Jon Koepf knocked in a pair of runs with four hits, including a double.

Elyria grabbed a 14-13 lead in the bottom of the sixth on a two-out hit by Dan Poskocil, but Ben O'Connor tied the game in the 7th with a two-out hit scoring Kauffman to send the game into extra innings.

In the 8th inning, Nick Brady and Kauffman provided the winning runs with run scoring doubles. Brady finished the game going 3 for 5 with three doubles and four RBI. Kauffman also finished with three hits for the victorious Shoremen.

Junior Dan Becks (1-0) picked up the win for Avon Lake pitching the last two innings striking out three and setting down all six batters faced.

Avon Lake 8, Elyria 4

Non-Conference

Game One

Avon Lake (2-1) 310 011 2 — 8 12 3

Elyria (1-3) 001 210 0 — 4 6 2

TWO HITS OR MORE - Avon Lake: Joe Latsko (4), Ryan Kirkpatrick, Tyler Jeske; 2B - AL: Latsko (2), Kirkpatrick, Jeske, Tyler Beck; E: Derrick Monk; HR - AL: Latsko; WP - Pete Hart; LP - Jon Koepf.

Avon Lake 16, Elyria 14

Non-Conference

Game Two

Avon Lake (3-1) 803 200 12 — 16 20 2

Elyria (1-4) 813 002 00 — 14 13 0

TWO HITS OR MORE - Avon Lake: Ryan Kirkpatrick (4), Jamie Kauffman (3), Ben Kauffman (3), Nick Brady (3), Connor DeLong, Tyler Beck; Elyria: Jon Koepf (4), Nolan Neuschaefer (3), Dan Poskocil, Jacob Neuschaefer; 2B - AL: Brady (3), Kauffman, Beck; E: Koepf, J. Neuschaefer; HR - AL: Kirkpatrick, Kevin Morrissette; WP - Danny Becks (1-0); LP - Brandon Grunda.