

Northwood-Lena outlasts Lakeview 13-8

LENA, La. - The Lakeview Gators got 12 hits from the first five hitters in their lineup, but it wasn't enough as the Northwood-Lena Gators picked up the win, 13-8, Thursday afternoon in district action at NWL.

Lakeview (5-9, 0-6 in 3-1A) was led by Loden Riddle and Gavin Spears with three hits each while Cruz Bandaries, Tyler Ritchie and Triston Lee-Johnson all had two hits to aid the Gators' 14-hit offensive attack. Northwood (4-7, 2-4 in 3-1A) scattered out 12 hits.

LHS took the early 4-0 lead in the first inning as Riddle hit a two-run double to right followed by a two-run single by Johnson.

After NWL tied the game at 4-4 in the bottom of the third, Lakeview regained the lead in the fifth inning as Bandaries singled home a run to make it 5-4. NWL tied the game in their half of the fourth inning at 5-5.

Lakeview scored two in the fifth to regain the advantage as Johnson scored on an error by the third baseman before Lynndon Erwin doubled home a run.

Northwood-Lena, however, scored four runs in the fifth to take a 9-7 lead as NWL collected three hits and three walks in the inning.

After LHS scored a run in the sixth inning, NWL scored four more in their half of the inning capped off by a three-run double to make it 13-8 and put the game away.

Next up, Lakeview will look to rebound when it faces Evans Friday at home at 5 p.m. in non-district action.