

Saints Split with Champs

The Seward County Saints Baseball team picked up a win against the defending National Champions for the second time in two seasons Monday afternoon at Brent Gould Field as they knocked off the 2010 NJCAA World Series winners, the Iowa Western Reivers 8-2 in game two of their double header. In game one it was all Iowa Western as a 0-0 tie into the 3rd was broken by the Reivers with 5 in the 3rd and 7 in the 4th before going on to win 12-0 in five innings. Game two was a different story as Seward picked up 12 hits and took advantage of 3 Iowa Western errors en route to an 8-2 win. The Saints got on the board first in the 2nd inning to take a 1-0 lead but Iowa Western tied things up in the top of the 4th with a run to make it 1-1. The Saints would explode for 5 in the bottom of the inning to go ahead 6-1 and would trade runs with the Reivers in the 5th and then tack an insurance run on in the 6th to go ahead 8-2. Bryce Ruff would shut the Reivs down in the 7th and would secure his first career victory for the Saints as they went on to win by the count of 8-2. Ruff pitched 2 2/3 innings, allowing just one base runner and picking up his first career win in relief of starter Austin Beisel who gave up just 2 hits in 4 1/3 innings of work. Every Seward starter had at least one hit as Steve Polito had 3 hits at the top of the Saints order and Ben Wainwright had a pair of hits in his first start behind the plate for Seward. (Roy Allen)