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Lander sweeps Benedict in doubleheader

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GREENWOOD----The Lander baseball team stretched its early season winning streak to six games Sunday when the Senators swept a non-conference doubleheader against Benedict College at Legion Field. The Senators won the first game, 9-5, and took the second, 7-3.

Lander improves to 6-1, while Benedict begins its season at 0-2

In the first game, Corey Watkins earned his first victory, striking out six, walking one and allowing two runs on three hits in six innings pitched. Mark Ray picked up his second save of the year, striking out four, walking one and allowing three runs on four hits.

Lander third baseman Bob Fenn went 2-for-3 with one homerun and three RBI. Juan Adriatico, who went 1-for-4, and Jeff Whitfield, who went 3-for-4, both doubled.

Benedict took a 2-1 lead in the top of the third inning before the Senators scored two runs in third, one in the fourth and two more in the fifth to take a 6-2 lead. Benedict cut the margin to 6-5 with a three-run eighth inning, but Lander answered with three runs of its own in the bottom of the inning.

William Lenard (0-1) took the loss for Benedict, striking out four, walking three and allowing six runs (five earned) on nine hits in seven innings pitched.

Benedict's Dean Rudolph went 1-for-3 with a double.

In the second game, David Wilson (2-0) earned the win, striking out 11, and allowing three runs (two earned) on six hits in seven complete innings. Eric Jones (0-1) took the loss, striking out two, walking three and allowing seven runs (four earned) on nine hits in the complete game.

Lander's Jason Spivey went 2-for-4 with one solo homerun and two RBI and James Scrubbs went 1-for-2 with one double and two RBI. Fenn went 2-for-3 with one RBI.

For Benedict, Jones went 1-for-2 with one homerun. Jamaal Negron went 2-for-3 with one RBI.