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BJ's Down Dodge in Jayhawk Opener

Liberal broke out the bats in a 9-4 Jayhawk League opening win over the Dodge City A's Sunday night at Cavalier Field in Dodge City. In a rare outburst of offense for this early in the season, Liberal scored three in the second, one in the fifth, four in the sixth, and one in the ninth. Liberal built an 8-1 lead in the sixth.

Seward lefty Keegan Hucul pitched six strong innings for the win. He struck out six and walked two. The St. Albert, Alberta sophomore signed at Texas-Arlington this offseason. Tennessee Martin's Trever Lundgrin pitched one and 2/3 innings before John Branum pitched one and 1/3 scoreless to close out.

Liberal scored three in the second when Oklahoma State's Ryan Schilhab doubled home a run and OCU's John Sigado singled home two. Wichita State's Tyler Baker hit a sacrifice fly in the fifth scoring Louisiana Tech's Stepen Gandy. Schilhab, Sigado, and Baker all doubled in a four run sixth. Baker scored after he doubled in the ninth.

Sigado was 2-4 with three RBI's in his first game with the BJ's. Baker was 2-4 with two doubles and two RBI's. Schilhab was 2-3 with two doubles. Liberal slugged five doubles in the win.

Liberal's only downfall was defense committing four errors.

The Bee Jays are 3-0 and 1-0 in the Jayhawk as the A's are 1-1 and 0-1.

Liberal hosts Hays Tuesday night at 7 p.m. on Brent Gould Field. Cowboy Custom Cabinets is the buyout sponsor. The game will air on Talkradio 1270 and kscbnews.net.

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