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Dodge City Deals BJ's Another Loss

Former Saint Ty Thomas helped the Dodge City A's keep the Liberal offense off balanced Wednesday night in a 2-1 DC win at Brent Gould Field. The former Saint pitched six scoreless innings. The Bee Jays kicked it around defensively again with three errors leading to an unearned run and wasting Chad Nack's sterling performance on the mound. Nack was seven innings allowing one earned run, striking out seven with no walks.

Nack worked out of a first inning jam when the BJ first baseman lost a chopping ball in the sun for an error. But the BJ first baseman made another error in the third followed by an error at third. That led to Dodge City's first run. They scored again when the BJ's mishandled a double steal allowing a runner to score from third while throwing out an attempted base stealer at second.

The Bee Jays finally scored in the sixth when Texas State's Lewis Guilbeau tripled over the center fielder's head. Lubbock Christian's Tanner Rainey laid down a squeeze bunt for a single to score the run.

Liberal had a chance to tie in the ninth after Oklahoma City's Austin Murphy doubled to lead off the inning. Liberal elected to have Seth Stevens bunt with the tying run on second and he bunted to the pitcher so Murphy couldn't advance. Then two flyouts ended the game.

Liberal is 12-10 overall and 6-10 in the Jayhawk. Dodge City is 9-12 and 5-10 in the Jayhawk West with five different starters than when the Bee Jays played the A's two weeks ago.

The same two teams play again tonight at Dodge City for a non league game.

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