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Bullpen Dominates in Derby

The Liberal BJ bullpen saved the day Saturday night in Derby. Three relievers went five and one-third innings scoreless in a 5-4 win at Panther Field in Derby. The Bee Jays have won the first two games of the three game series.

Liberal got off to a flying start as Nicholls State's Seth Stevens smashed a two run homer over the right field wall. Derby responded with two in the first on a suicide squeeze attempt which resulted in a wild pitch from starter Austin King allowing two runs to score. The Twins added a run in the second.

The Bee Jays tied the game 3-3 in the third when South Dakota State's Sam Pack looped a two out single down the right field line.

The Twins added a run in the third to lead 4-3 . King lasted three and two thirds allowing four runs on seven hits.

The BJ bullpen took over from there. Arizona Western's Jose Rosales-Rodarte pitched three and one third scoreless innings with three strikeouts and no walks. The Jays finally tied the game in the seventh when Pack singled home a run.

Tennessee Martin's Trevor Lundgrin pitched a scoreless eighth. He got out of a second and third with no outs jam.

The BJ's came through in the ninth. Grayson's Zach Reding ripped a double off the wall in left with one out. Wichita State's Tanner Kirk singled to right to score Reding and make it 5-4. Cal State Fullerton's Tyler Peitzmeier worked a scoreless ninth for the save.

Kirk was 3-6 for the Bee Jays who are 14-10 overall and 8-10 in the Jayhawk League. Derby had five errors in the loss and falls to 10-11 and 8-11 in the Jayhawk. The teams meet tonight at 7 in Derby on 1270 and kscbnews.net.

elsewhere in the Jayhawk, Wellington won at Hays 6-5 and El Dorado won in 12 innings at Dodge City 5-4.

standings

Hays 13-4

el dorado 11-8

Wellington 9-9

Liberal 8-10

Derby 8-11

Dodge City 5-12

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