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First Place Seward Takes Down Second Place Grizzlies

The Seward County Saints took three of four over Butler at Brent Gould Field Saturday and Sunday. Saturday the Saints and Grizzlies split with Seward winning game one 6-5 and Butler taking game two 13-11. Sunday, the Saints swept Butler 6-2 and 10-9.

Saturday, Seward catcher Eddie Williams had six hits including the game winning hit to win game one 6-5. "It felt great," the sophomore from Castle Rock, Colorado said. "It was just good to get a win for the guys. We needed that one. Early in the year we weren't winning the first game of double headers so we needed that one."

The Saints built a 9-4 lead in game two but mental and physical errors were costly. JT Bean was 5-9 on the day.

Sunday, game one starter Paul Pulley was pulled due to a cut and blister on his pitching hand. Dodge City lefty Ty Thomas made a spot appearance in the first and whirled a beauty at Butler. He went six and one third innings striking out three and walking one in the win. What does he enjoy most about this experience? "Just being able to compete in the Jayhawk Conference that I've grown up watching every spring," Thomas said. "It was pretty exciting to get a win in it."

Jake Barrios powered the Saints offense. He hit a two run homer in game one for his second homer of the season. In game two with the bases loaded and Seward trailing 7-5 in the bottom of the eighth, Barrios slammed a three RBI double to right center to give Seward the lead. The Saints added another run off a Tyler Hill single but Butler hit two homers in the ninth to tie it at nine. Tanner Rainey drove home the game winning run with two outs in the bottom of the ninth. Ben Wainright hit his second homer of the season in the win.

Seward is 20-12 overall and 9-3 in the Jayhawk West. Butler is 13-10 overall and 6-6 in the Jayhawk West. Seward plays at Barton Saturday and Sunday at 1 p.m. Saturday's games will both air on Talkradio 1270 and kscbnews.net.

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