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TURPIN, Okla.—The Turpin Cardinals picked up two more wins, taking two from the Tyrone Bobcats, 15-10 and 5-2.



“We made the plays we needed to win the games, and I was proud of that,” Cardinals coach Mario Mendoza.

Game 1 saw an offensive explosion by both teams in the third. Turpin scored 6 runs in the top half of the inning (The games were designated as home games for Tyrone even though they were played in Turpin) to take a 7-0 lead.

The Bobcats fired back with six runs of their own in the bottom half of the inning to cut the Cardinals lead back to just one.

Turpin scored three more in the fifth, which meant Tyrone had to have at least four in the bottom half to stay alive.

Tyrone got just what they needed, and almost more.

Payson Slater started the rally by leading off with a triple. The Bobcats followed with three base hits, and tied the game at 10 with only one out and a baserunner on first.

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Twice Turpin fielders dropped balls that would have ended the game. Kyler Musgrave, who pitched a complete game for the Cardinals got out of the jam and sent the game to a sixth inning.

Turpin scored five runs off of five hits, including doubles by Erik Rojas and Luis Pureco to go back on top by five.

Musgrave struck out the final two batters (11 for the game) to seal the victory.

Erik Rojas was 3-4 with 2 doubles. Matt Young was 2-2 with 2 walks and four runs scored. Kyler Musgrave was 1-2 with 2 walks and 2 runs scored.

For Tyrone, Chantz Reese was 2-4 with 2 runs scored. Payson Slater had a triple and three walks.

Game 2 featured much better defensive play by Turpin, and taking advantage of Bobcat errors to win, 5-2.

Turpin picked up two runs in the second without a hit, and led 2-1 heading into the fifth.

Bobcat pitcher Payson Slater was at both ends of the spectrum on the mound. Slater dominated when he had good control, striking out 13. But Slater's wild pitches gave the Cardinals most of their scoring opportunities.

Jordan Lujan started of the fifth with a single. Jake Jimenez and Musgrave both walked. All three scored to add insurance heading into the bottom half of the last inning.

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Slater singled and scored for Tyrone, but that was all the Bobcats could get.

“We put it in play,” Bobcats skipper Clay Witt said. “Turpin made the plays to get those guys out. Our pitchers were wild at times and that’s what cost us.”

Jordan Lujan was 2-2 with a run scored for Turpin.

Slater doubled and scored a run for Tyrone.

Turpin (9-1) will host the Liberal JV Saturday. Tyrone (1-3) travels to Moscow today.