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HOOKER, Okla.—Beaver's Andrew Linville pitched his way out of jams in three different innings, and spread five hits and four runs over five innings to lead the Beaver Dusters to a 10-4 win over the Hooker Bulldogs Tuesday at Hooker.

“Andrew did a good job battling back with runners on base and we came up with some plays when we needed too,” Beaver's coach Casey Jones said. “For a program that's been struggling like we have the past couple of years this is a big win for us. The kids have been working hard the past few years and it's nice to see it come together in a win.”

After a scoreless first inning, Beaver got on the board with a pair of hits and three walks to go up 4-0.

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Linville's first pinch came when Hooker's Brandon Gomez led off the bottom of the second inning with a triple. Linville struck out the next three batters to end the threat.

The Dusters added to their lead in the third when Gunnar Lansden sacrificed to right to score Chris Cates. Tomas Konkel reached on an error and Andrew Jesko by walk. Each added a run to put the Dusters up 8-0.

In the bottom half of the inning, Hooker got on the board after Jordan Kennedy reached base after being hit by a pitch when Hunter Brown doubled. Brown later scored, and the Bulldogs loaded the bases with two outs.

Linville again ended the threat with a strikeout to keep Beaver with a comfortable lead.

In the fifth Brown led the Bulldogs rally attempt with a lead-off triple. Hooker scored two runs, but could not muster anymore.

"We have to have some young guys step up for us," Bulldogs skipper Chad Hussey said. "Our guys who have experience have to stop making mistakes and our less experienced guys have to trust their athletic ability. It's been hard to get outside and get anything done, but Beaver's gotten a lot better, hit the ball and make plays."

Beaver's Chayce Davidson finished the game 3-4 at the plate; Hadley Skaggs was 2-3 with two runs scored, Andrew Jesko had three walks and three runs scored, Gunnar Lansden was 0-1 with two walks and one run scored, and Tomas Konkel scored twice.

For Hooker it was Hunter Brown finishing 2-3 with a double, a triple, and two runs scored. Brandon Gomez was 1-2 with a triple and a walk, and Jordan Kennedy was 1-2 with a walk and a run scored.

Beaver (1-1) will travel to Moscow today. Hooker (1-3) will travel to Laverne.

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