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The Liberal Bee Jays took on Junction City for the second time Tuesday in pursuit of their fourth consecutive win. That was not attained. Liberal was run ruled by Junction City in the seventh inning. The Bee Jays struggled at the plate and had a rough night on the defensive side in the 15-5 trouncing.

“It was just one of those nights,” manager Mike Hargrove said. “We didn’t hit well, we didn’t pitch well, we didn’t field well, we didn’t do any aspect of the game well. You’re going to have those games early, just have to be patient. Till tonight we’ve played pretty well.”

Tuesday was a struggle for the Bee Jays as Junction City scored nine runs in the first four innings. There were two two-run homers in the first four innings via some sloppy pitching. Though Junction City was rolling, Liberal scored two to Junction City’s nine off of a Will Baez single to drive in a run in the first along with an Aaron Mees sacrifice in the second that scored Steven Tucker.

In the sixth inning errors, errors, and errors along with a couple timely hits let Junction City put up five more runs. The Bee Jays went to the bottom of the sixth inning trailing 14-2.

After Tucker reached first on a throwing error, the bases were loaded in the sixth when Chad Comer drove one in on a sacrifice fly and Liberal headed into the seventh trailing 14-3.

After Junction City scored another run in the seventh a Tanner Rindels triple off the center field

Errors mount in Bee Jays loss

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wall scored a run along with a Mike Greco sacrifice fly that scored Rindels. Liberal trailed by 10 after the seventh which ended the game due to the run rule.

Liberal (3-3) will look to turn things around in Dodge City tonight in a Jayhawk League game. The first pitch is scheduled for 7 p.m., and the game will be broadcast on Talkradio 1270 AM.