

## Redskins battle for four innings, drop two to Great Bend

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For the first four innings of the first game of a double header, the Liberal Redskins appeared to be giving the Great Bend Panthers a game.

But the Panthers opened the flood gates in the fifth and seventh innings to take a 10-1 win to begins a sweep over the Redskins that ended with an 18-2 win in the nightcap.

Freshman Jared Hasik took the mound for the Redskins in the opener and pitched three innings of scoreless baseball.

Liberal batters were hitting the ball hard in the first three innings, but most of their drives landed in the glove of the Great Bend third baseman who prevented any drives down the line.

Great Bend finally broke through in the fourth with a run on an RBI single to left field, but the runner strayed off the bag when Liberal cut the throw to home and fired to first for the third out of the inning.

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The Redskins responded in the bottom of the fourth when Christian Hernandez hit a single and stole second. Lorenzo Pando roped a shot to left center that flew over the Great Bend fielder's head and scored Hernandez. Pando slid safely into third with an RBI triple.

The Redskins had tow chances to take the lead, but a lie drive to third was caught, and another line drive to the shortstop led to the third out.

In the fifth inning, two errors and three hits led to four runs for the Panthers. Hasik was relieved, but the Panthers were abel to add five more runs in the top of the seventh.

Liberal went down in order in the fifth, sixth and seventh innings to suffer the 10-1 loss.

In Game 2, the Redskins fell behind in the first inning and never recovered.

Hasik scored for the Redskins in the bottom of the first to cur Great Bend's lead to 2-1, but 14 batters came to the plate in the second and the Panthers added 11 runs to take a 13-1 lead.

The only inning the Redskins did not allow a run was the third, but another run in the fourth and four more in the fifth gave the Panthers an 18-1 lead. Hernandez scored a lone run in the bottom of the fifth for the Redskins, but the game ended by run rule 18-2.

Liberal will travel to Guymon Monday.