Tucker's RBI in fifth gives Bee Jays 4-3 win over Sox

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In a tight game Thursday at Brent Gould Field, the Bee Jays didn't allow the Colorado Sox to score after the fourth inning and escaped with a 4-3 win.

The intangibles made this a fun matchup with the Sox. Seward County sports information director Roy Allen assisted in coaching the Sox, which was probably key in them acquiring five Saints to put on the roster.

"It's definitely an honor coaching across two legends in Mike Hargrove and Galen McSpadden," Sox assistantcoach Allen said. "It's a little bit different being on the other side of things and in the other dugout, but we have more Seward County guys than they do, so maybe that helps me a little bit."

Liberal struck first on the night and went up in the first after Rindels hit a shot past a diving left fielder for an RBI double.

The Sox tied the game up in the second, but Liberal took back control after Chad Comer and Cameron Monger each got an RBI in the bottom of the second, and the Bee Jays took the lead 3-1.

After the Sox loaded the bases in the fourth, a sacrifice fly and a passed ball led to a 3-3 tie. Those were the last runs the Bee Jays allowed the Sox on the night.

After Mike Greco walked in the fifth, Steven Tucker hit a shot to the left center field fence. Tucker made it all the way to third for an RBI triple for a 4-3 lead.

“I thought we swung the bats well and hit the ball hard,” Bee Jays manager Mike Hargrove said. “We scored runs and gave ourselves chances. We pitched well, we got good work from (Matt) Hauser and

(Don) Lisi and (Austin)Terhune was good through four innings.”

Lisi came in the ninth and was able to leave a Sox runner stranded in scoring position to earn the save.

The Bee Jays record sits at 4-3 after the 4-3 win.

Tonight’s pitching matchup is between two former Seward County Saints — Liberal’s Bobby Doran and Colorado’s Corey Collins.

“Both guys are looking forward to it,” Allen said. “I think also it’s their last opportunity for something like this unless we meet up in the NBC.”

“It’ll be neat to see Galen’s players on opposite sides of each other,” Hargrove said. “We faced this guy (Collins) last year and lost so it ought to be fun.”

Tonight’s game is set for 7p.m., and sponsor First National Bank will be giving out prizes.