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Bruins earn 'big' victory

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On the night the team celebrated its' 40th birthday with a number of special events, the Beatrice Bruins baseball team made it a little more memorable with a win over the visiting St. Joseph, Mo., Mustangs.

The Bruins downed the Mustangs, 9-5, Sunday night at Christenson Field.

"This was a big, big win," Bruins manager Bob Steinkamp said. "It got us back to even in the league and we beat them (St. Joseph) for the first time."

Steinkamp said for the first seven innings, it was the best game the Bruins had played overall this season.

Stephen Kohlscheen started the game for the Bruins, going six innings. He allowed one earned run on three hits, while striking out five.

"Kohlscheen threw well before he ran out of gas," Steinkamp said.

Sean Potter and Brian Feekin both saw action in middle relief for the Bruins with Shane Minks earning the save. Minks struck out three of the seven batters he faced.

The Bruins continued to hit the ball well, Steinkamp said, finishing with 16 hits in the game.

Former Lincoln Saltdogs player Josh Patton is continuing to work with the Bruins on hitting, Steinkamp said, and "has been a big help."

"The two games he's been here, we've had about 30 basehits," Steinkamp said. "The guys who are suppose to be our big-time hitters are starting to come around."

A number of Bruins players finished with multiple-hit games.

Beatrice plated their first runs in the bottom of the first inning.

Randall Thorpe led off with a double, advanced to third on a single by Mark Ramos and scored on a groundout by Scott LeJeune.

Ramos advanced to second on LeJeune's groundout and scored on a single by Tyson Parks.

The Bruins went up 3-0 in the bottom of the fourth inning with a single run as Parks singled and scored on a double by Travis Parker.

St. Joe scored one run in the top of the sixth, but the Bruins answered in their half of the inning.

Parks doubled to get things started for Beatrice. He advanced to second on a double by Trevor Adams and scored on a sacrifice fly by Parker.

A single by Keegan Morrow scored Adams, making it a 5-1 game.

Thorpe singled, putting two runners on.

A double by Ramos scored both Morrow and Thorpe and put the Bruins up 7-1.

LeJeune then went deep, hitting a home run which scored Ramos and made it a 9-1 game.

The Bruins gave up four runs to St. Joe in the top of the eighth inning, but were able to remain in control, earning the 9-5 victory.

Hitting for the Bruins in the game were Thorpe, double and two singles; Ramos, double and two singles; LeJeune, double and home run; Parks, double and two singles; Adams, double; Anthony Benboom, single; Parker, double; and Morrow, single.

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