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Bruins split final doubleheader

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SEDALIA, Mo. - Beatrice's Bruins summer collegiate baseball team closed out its season by splitting a doubleheader with the Sedalia, Mo., Sluggers Saturday.

The Bruins won the opener, 4-0, but fell in the nightcap, 4-3.

The games were the last for the Bruins program, which celebrated its 40th anniversary this year.

Bruins manager Bob Steinkamp had decided to retire and disband the team. "It was good to get a win in one of the final two games," Steinkamp said.

Following the contests Steinkamp said he thanked the players for playing hard to the end.

The final postgame meeting with the players was "a bit emotional," Steinkamp said, adding he choked up a little talking to the team.

"But I'm happy with my decision," Steinkamp said. "It's been a good ride for 40 years, but it's time for it to be over."

The Bruins opened the scoring in the opener with a single run in the first inning.

Randall Thorpe singled, advanced to second on a sacrifice bunt by Jordan Etier and stole second. Thorpe then scored on a wild pitch, giving the Bruins a 1-0 lead.

In the second inning, Adam Smith hit a two-out double for Beatrice and scored on a single by Anthony Bemboom.

The Bruins went up 3-0 in the top of the third as Thorpe scored for the second time in the game.

Thorpe led off with a triple and scored on a sacrifice fly by Etier.

In the fifth inning, the Bruins plated their final run of the contest. Etier singled, stole second and scored on a single by Tyler Farst.

The Bruins scored four runs on 12 hits. Thorpe led the team with a triple and two singles, while Tyson Parks had three singles.

Etier had two singles, Smith a double and Farst, Ryan Morgan and Anthony Bemboom had a single each.

Jordan Roulades earned the complete-game shutout win for the Bruins. He allowed just three hits.

Steinkamp said Roulades pitched well, keeping control of the game.

In the nightcap, the Bruins fell behind 2-0 in the bottom of the third inning as Sedalia scored two runs on three hits.

The Sluggers added a single run in the fourth inning, going up 3-0.

Beatrice rallied in the top of the fifth, tying the score at 3. Shane Minks was issued a one-out walk and scored on a double by Travis Parker.

After Thorpe walked, Etier reached base on an error.

A single by Tyson Parks scored Parker and Thorpe.

The score remained tied heading into the bottom of the seventh inning, but Sedalia was able to take advantage of a Bruins error to score the game-winning run.

The Bruins had just five hits in the game.

Parks led the way with a double and two singles, while Bemboom and Parker each had a double.

Minks took the loss in the game, throwing in relief of starter Michael Mariot.

The Bruins also split a doubleheader Friday night, winning the opener 4-1 against the Ozark Generals in Springfield, Mo., and losing the nightcap, 7-1.

Overall, the Bruins finished their season at 22-14. "It's good to finish out with another 20-win season," Steinkamp said.

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