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The Wildcats got a runner to third in the top of the first — Jace Stockwell (3-for-5, 2 runs) —

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with a 1-down throwing error and a groundout by Hunter Binkley but no farther.

The Bulldogs got to Binkley (5 innings, 6 hits, 2 earned runs, 1 walk, 6 strikeouts; 80 pitches, 54 strikes) in the bottom of the first. With one out, Austin Morrison, Travis Watkins (3-for-4), Logan Frysinger and Kyle Hambleton had consecutive base hits, the last two knocking in Morrison and Watkins.

The Red and White got runners on first and third to lead off the second: an error on Gage Mercer's (2-for-5, 2 runs batted in) grounder and a walk to Jordan Herron (3 walks); but they were left there as Elida starter Hambleton (6 2/3 innings, 11 hits, 11 runs, 3 earned, 3 walks, 6 Ks; 135 pitches, 83 for strikes) struck out the next three.



The Wildcats took the lead for good with a 3 spot in the third. Josh Teman (2 runs) and Stockwell had back-to-back triples to left to lead it off. Binkley's bouncer scored Stockwell; an error allowed the batter to be safe. He stole second, advanced on a grounder by Tyler Talboom and scored on a miscue on the sequence. Mercer sliced a single to left, Herron walked and an out later, Ryan Bullinger walked to load the sacks. However, they became three of the 11 men left on base.

Elida had a 2-out chop single to center and a throwing error on Hambleton's grounder but could not score.

Binkley beat out an infield hit to short with two outs in the fourth.

The visitors made it 4-2 in the fifth. With one down, Herron walked, stole second and scored on a 2-out throwing error on a grounder hit by Ryan Goergens.

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The Orange and Black had a threat in the home half. With one gone, Morrison walked and Watkins singled to left. An out later, on a 3-2 count and the runners going, Hambleton grounded to third and Herron tagged out Morrison.

Jefferson made it 5-2 in the sixth. A throwing error on Teman's grounder got him aboard. He burgled second and moved up on Stockwell's single to left. Stockwell was thrown out by Watkins trying to snatch second but another error on Binkley's grounder plated Teman.

Delphos finished it with a 6-run seventh by sending 11 to the plate. Herron's shot to center got it rolling. He stole second, went to third on an error on the play and came home as Damien Dudgeon singled to left. Goergens was safe on an error and the runners pulled off a steals. An out hence, Teman launched a sacrifice fly to center to get Dudgeon home for a 7-2 spread.

Stockwell was safe on a bad-hop infield single and Jake Pulford singled Goergens home. Tyler Talboom doubled to right center to get Stockwell home and put Pulford at third. That finished Hambleton and Mercer greeted reliever Garrett Brinkman with a 2-run knock to left for the final runs.

Elida tried to get something going against reliever Talboom, in his second frame of work. With one gone, Josh Bull ripped a knock to left and Morrison walked. Watkins singled to left but strayed too far off third rounding the base and was tagged out by Herron on an alert throw by leftfielder Dudgeon. Frysinger forced Watkins at second to end the game.

Jefferson starts tourney play 4 p.m. Monday versus St. John's at Wildcat Field.

**JEFFERSON (11)** 

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Josh Teman cf 4-2-1-1, Jace Stockwell ss 5-2-3-1, Hunter Binkley p 3-1-1-1, Jake Pulford 1b 2-1-1-1, Tyler Talboom If/p 5-1-1-1, Gage Mercer c 5-0-2-2, Jordan Herron 3b 2-2-1-0, Tyler Rice rf 2-0-0-0, Damien Dudgeon rf/lf 3-1-1-1, Ryan Bullinger 1b 1-0-0-0, Ryan Goergens 1b/rf 2-1-0-0, Adam Rode 2b 2-0-0-0, Kurt Wollenhaupt 2b 2-0-0-0. Totals 38-11-11-8.

# ELIDA (2)

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Josh Bull 1b 4-0-1-0, Austin Morrison of 2-1-1-0, Travis Watkins c 4-1-3-0, Logan Frysinger rf 4-0-2-1, Kyle Hambleton p/3b 3-0-1-1, Riley Overholt 2b 3-0-0-0, Tristan Edwards 3b/ss 3-0-0-0, Garrett Brinkman ss/p 3-0-0-0, Justin Murphy If 3-0-0-0. Totals 29-2-8-2.

# Score by Innings:

Jefferson 0 0 3 0 1 1 6 - 11

Elida 2 0 0 0 0 0 0 - 2

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E: Edwards 5, Overholt 2, Stockwell, Watkins, Brinkman; LOB: Jefferson 11, Elida 8; 2B: Talboom; 3B: Teman, Stockwell; SB: Herron 2, Teman, Binkley, Dudgeon, Goergens; CS: Stockwell (by Watkins); SF: Teman.

# IP H R ER BB SO

# **JEFFERSON**

Binkley (W) 5.0 6 2 2 1 6

Talboom 2.0 2 0 0 1 1

## **ELIDA**

Hambleton (L) 6.2 10 11 3 3 6

Brinkman 0.1 1 0 0 0 1