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POPLAR BLUFF, Mo. – Brad Potts had another excellent start on Monday (April 18) afternoon against the Mules. Despite Potts’ best efforts on the mound – the sophomore gave up only three hits in the contest – the Bearcats fell 1-0. “We played really good baseball, we just didn’t hit the ball very well,” head coach Brian Becker said. “It was a disappointing loss, but at the same time, it was positive for our team b/c we pitched so well and we got good defense. That was pleasing for me as a coach to see that we could play that well, but at the same time, we need to swing our bats a little better.”

Potts had pitched a great game going into the bottom of the seventh – giving up only two hits with three K’s – but gave up a walk-off home run to Logan Faith, the first batter Potts faced in the last half inning.

“Brad Potts threw a heck of a game, and deserved a better fate than what he got. We just didn’t hit the ball very well,” coach Brian Becker said. “There in the bottom of the seventh, Brad threw a good pitch and that kid put a good swing on it and hit it out of the ballpark for the game-winner.

Cody Neldon, and Daniel Fitts both went 1-3 at the plate, and along with Potts’ 1-2 performance, accounted for all of Dexter’s hits in the contest.

JACKSON, Mo. – Owen Flowers took to the mound on Tuesday (April 19) afternoon against the Jackson Indians. Despite throwing a great game against an outstanding Jackson team, the Bearcats fell to the Indians 5-3.

“That’s two games in a row that we had pitchers come out that we had a chance to win,” Becker said. “Owen Flowers stepped up and threw an outstanding game against a very good Jackson ballclub.”

The ‘Cats bats were hot in the contest – racking up 12 hits – but couldn’t seem get hits in clutch situations.

“We hit the ball well all day, but we didn’t hit in crucial RBI situations, and that ended up biting us in the end,” Becker continued.

D.J. Dowdy was 2-3 in the contest with one RBI, and Chase Young had another great day at the plate for the ‘Cats, going 4-4 with an RBI and one run scored.

“Chase Young is starting to put it all together,” Becker said. “Whenever you get your leadoff hitter rolling in your offense, most of the time everything else will come around and start rolling too. We just didn’t hit well in crucial situations, and that ended up getting us in the end.”

The ‘Cats will be in action again on Friday (April 22) at Kelly. “[Kelly has] had their struggles this year, but they’re capable of putting the ball in play and making it tough on us,” Becker added. “They’ve got a decent pitcher over there, and its possible that we’ll face him. We’ve just gotta come and keep playing like we’re playing, and hopefully we’ll get some wins.”

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