

McBride Wins 200th Career Game

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Kalida baseball coach Jim McBride reached a milestone Thursday night as his Wildcats rallied for a non-league win at Ottawa.

The Wildcats 8-7, eight inning win over Ottawa-Glandorf gave the veteran Kalida coach his 200th career coaching win.

McBride entered the season with a 195-107 career record in 13 seasons and reached the 200 win milestone as his '98 team moved to 5-6 on the campaign.

Getting the milestone wasn't easy as the Wildcats led 4-0 early but found themselves trailing 7-5 going into their final at bat.

In the top of the seventh the Wildcats rallied as Joel Rampe reached on an error and Keith Fortman bounced into a fielder's choice out. Darrin Niemeyer then doubled home a run and pinch runner Al Cygan scored as Troy Ellerbrock singled home the tying run. After O-G went quietly in their half of the seventh inning, Kalida pushed home the winning run with two outs in their half of the eighth inning.

With one out in the eighth Brad Ellerbrock singled. After a fly out, Fortman drove home Ellerbrock with a triple to right-centerfield.

In the bottom of the eighth the Titans got the first two runners on and eventually loaded the bases before a strikeout ended the game. All three outs in the eighth inning were recorded on strikeouts.

Troy Ellerbrock was the winning pitcher for Kalida as he was the third of three pitchers

used by McBride. Mike Krouse started and worked five innings before giving way to Brad Ellerbrock.

Krouse and Brian Grime both had three hits for the Wildcats, while Fortman had two hits and three RBI's. Fortman had a triple for Kalida and Niemeyer had a double.

Jay Tousley (1-2) took the loss for O-G as he worked a total of six innings. Tousley started the game and worked five innings before Tyson Kerner and James Ricker combined to work two innings. Tousley then pitched the eighth inning.

Nick Miller had four hits and three RBI's in the game, while Tousley had three hits. Sean Brown had two hits and an RBI.

Kalida took an early 4-0 lead as they scored two runs in each of the first two innings. In the first inning Fortman had a two run single; then in the second inning Jody Selhorst and Krouse had RBI hits.

The Wildcats scored in the fifth inning as Krouse scored on a fielders choice play after leading off the inning with a single.

O-G scored three times in the third inning as Brett Myers, Ricker and Miller all had RBI singles. They took the lead with three runs the fifth as Miller scored two runs with a double and Brown had an RBI single.

In the sixth O-G added an insurance run as Chad Killen stole home plate as part of a double steal with Kyle Leatherman.