

OKLAHOMA CITY - Cumberland University split a pair of games against Southern Nazarene and Oklahoma Christian Tuesday in the Sooner State, picking a 9-5 win over the Crimson Storm and dropping a 13-10 decision to the Eagles.

In the two games the Bulldogs (13-2) had two four-run innings and a five-run frame but also gave up innings of three (twice), four and six runs.

Cumberland scored four runs in the fourth inning of the Southern Nazarene game, building on a 2-1 advantage. David Fanshawe singled through the left side, plating Kris Miller, who reached on an infield single. Danny Gallinot followed with a bloop single over Nick Spears' head in shallow left-center and center fielder Chase Roten's throw to the infield was wild, allowing a run to score. Two more runs came home on Greg Appleton's double to the gap in right-center.

Southern Nazarene came back with three in the bottom of the frame with a solo home run and two-run dinger, making it a 6-4 game.

The Bulldogs hit two home runs in the contest, with Miller knocking in two with his blast and Appleton hitting a solo shot.

Appleton finished the game 3-for-4 with three RBIs, while Fanshawe also drove in three, going 3-for-5. Troy Frazier, who went 2-for-3 and earned two walks, tripled and scored in the fifth inning.

Ok. Christian 13, CU 10 -- The Bulldogs came back from five runs down to tie Oklahoma Christian in the fifth inning and took the lead in the sixth before giving up a four-spot in the bottom of the frame in the loss to the Eagles.

Miller started the CU scoring with a three-run homer and Frazier sent a solo shot out of the park, going back-to-back and putting Cumberland up 4-0 after the top of the first before the Bulldogs gave up three runs in the second inning. Jeff Davis singled to left field to drive in the

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first run and a bases-loaded triple by Dillon Andrews plated two more runs. The would-be fourth run of the inning was prevented when Davis was tagged out on a perfect relay throw from Frazier and T.J. Murphy to Fanshawe, who applied the tag.

The Eagles (8-6) added six runs in the third inning, sending 10 batters to the plate. Dustin Andrews and Jay White each had two-run home runs sandwiched around a Tyler Gipson single and an RBI single by Davis. Jordan Price also had a run-scoring single in the inning, which put OCU on top 9-4.

Miller opened the fifth inning reaching on a dropped popup to first base and came home on a Brian Karahalios single. Max Kautz beat out an infield single with the bases loaded to plate the second run of the inning and Sam Kikla followed with a double down the left field line to clear the bases and tie the game at 9-9.

Cumberland retook the lead in the sixth with an RBI single from Appleton, which scored Frazier, who singled and stole second.

A big bottom of the sixth gave the Eagles the lead for good as they scored four runs on four hits.

The Bulldogs have one more game scheduled on the road trip to Oklahoma, with a contest against Oklahoma Baptist set for 6 p.m. Wednesday night.