

MONTGOMERY, AL -- Jake Collier tossed a complete game, scattering seven hits and striking out five, while Craig Monson and Robert Gonzalez each collected two hits and Monson added a two-run single in the ninth inning in Cumberland's 4-1 victory Tuesday over No. 9 Faulkner.

Collier (1-0) retired the final 10 batters of the game and worked out of jams in the second, fourth, fifth and sixth innings, three times retiring Luis Sanchez with a pair of runners on base and getting a line drive doubleplay to end another frame. The righthander walked three and kept the Eagles hitters at bay, allowing just one extra-base hit, a double to Dauris Holguin in the second inning.

Gonzalez reached on an error and scored in the first inning and then doubled and scored on Monson's single in the ninth, as the Bulldogs (6-3-1) added insurance runs in the final inning for Collier. Cumberland collected 10 hits but stranded 12 runners in the game, including the bases loaded in the first and ninth innings and two in the fourth and sixth.

The loss ended a nine-game winning streak for the Eagles (12-2), who left eight people on base. Faulkner starter Tyler Carter (0-2) took the loss, giving up two runs on five hits with one walk and eight strikeouts in five innings. Three relievers worked the final four innings, with Justin Hallmark allowing two runs on three hits in the ninth inning.

Cumberland begins Mid-South Conference play this weekend with a three-game series against 20th-ranked Georgetown College.

The two teams play a single game Friday at 2 p.m. and a doubleheader Saturday at Noon at Ernest L. Stockton Field-Woody Hunt Stadium.

**ON MONDAY** -- Auburn Montgomery tied the game with four runs in the seventh and plated the winning run in the bottom of the eighth in the 18th-ranked Warhawks come-from-behind 5-4 victory Monday over Cumberland Monday afternoon.

Cory Urquhart collected two hits and Richie Seaton drove in a pair of runs for the Bulldogs (5-3-1), who were unable to hold a 4-0 advantage heading to the bottom of the seventh, with a costly two-out error allowing the Warhawks (9-5) to score four unearned runs in the inning. The winning run came across on an infield single by Shelby Nobles in the eighth, as AUM won for the sixth time in its last seven games.

Tyler Adams pitched well for Cumberland, allowing no earned runs and five hits in seven innings, walking two and striking out three. Craig Monson (0-1) took the loss, giving up a run and two hits with a walk in one inning of work.

Erik Lawrence (1-0), the third of three AUM hurlers in the game, picked up the victory with two scoreless innings, allowing one hit and striking out two. Warhawks starter Spencer Youmans gave up three runs on three hits in six innings with four walks and five strikeouts.

Robert Gonzalez walked to leadoff the game, stole second and scored on a single up the middle by Josciel Veras. The Bulldogs loaded the bases with a single by Urquhart and a walk to Monson, but Daniel Harrison struck out and Tyler Anderson fouled out to end the inning.

Adams worked around doubles for the Warhawks in the first and second innings and a walk in the third to keep Cumberland in the lead, 1-0. The righthander retired 10 of 11 batters before running into trouble in the seventh.

Meanwhile, CU extended the lead with two runs in the sixth after Urquhart led off with a single and Veras reached when the throw to second from Youmans was errant. Monson moved the runners with a bunt and Anderson walked with two outs before a two-run single to right by Richie Seaton.

In the seventh Justin Johnston led off with a single and went to second on a sacrifice bunt by Hunter Bartlett. Urquhart's two-out single to left pushed the Bulldog lead to 4-0.

But it all unraveled in the bottom of the inning after two outs. Adams hit the leadoff batter Hayden Hillyer but then recorded a pair of outs before a walk to Wes Hughes. He induced a ground ball that should have ended the inning, but Veras booted the ball, allowing the Warhawks to load the bases.

Josh Thompson doubled home two runs and Chad Mansmann scored two more with a single to

center, tying the contest at four. Blake Bearden grounded back to the pitcher to end the inning, but not before the damage was done.

In the eighth Shane Turner drew a leadoff walk and went to second on Hillyer's sacrifice. Young then singled to right, putting runners on the corners, before Nobles grounded out to short, pushing across the go-ahead run for AUM.