

April 9: Lamar Tops Colts Again 5-3

For the third time this season the Colts came up short in a winnable game against Lamar falling 5-3. Lamar grabbed the early lead on unearned runs in the first and third, but Colts starting pitcher Tyler Rice minimized the damage and set down the side in order in the 2nd and 4th giving the Colts a chance to rally. Kelsie Dancer singled and scored in the 4th to pull the Colts to 2-1, but Lamar tacked on two runs in the 5th. Austin McKinney singled to lead-off the 6th, and scored on Kelsie's third hit of the day, but a great relay thrown from center to short, nailed Kelsie at third base trying to stretch the double into a triple, short-circuiting the rally. It was the third out on the basepaths for the normally sure-footed Colts, negating their 8 to 6 advantage in hits. Lamar added another unearned insurance run in the 6th to extend the lead to 5-2. The Colts attempted a late rally with pinch hitter Gavin Hawbaker drawing a walk to open the final frame. Jake Landrith reached on a fielder's choice (with Gavin out at second), and scored on Omar Frias's double. With two outs Austin, who had five put-outs in center and right field, had the tables turned on him, as the Lamar center fielder made a nice running catch of his deep drive, ending the game with the dangerous Dancer on-deck.