

Feb.26: Colts Freshman Use Last Minute Rally to Nip Seguin 8-6 in Martin Tournament Opener

After going in an early 2-0 hole, the Colts manufactured a run in the bottom of the first with lead-off hitter Austin McKinney drawing a walk, moving around and scoring due to the deep backstop at the Martin field, which turned every wild pitch/passed ball into an extra base. They pulled even in the third on the strength of Chris Burnett's lead-off double, again scoring on a passed ball. The Cougars took advantage of three Colts errors in the 4th to pull ahead 5-2, giving back a couple runs in the 5th as Kelsie Dancer, Tyler Rice, and Clayton Johnson drew walks following a leadoff single by Austin. The Colts thus found themselves in a dire situation down 5-4 with minutes left in the game. Needing a fast inning to get a last chance to bat, reliever Jordan Miller and the Colts defense were up to the challenge, quickly dispatching the Cougars with their second 1-2-3 inning of the day. The Colts did not squander the opportunity, rallying for four runs in the top of the sixth. Chris drew a one-out walk, and Austin, Kelsie, Tyler, and Clayton all followed with hits to give the Colts a lead they would not relinquish. The game ended on a caught stealing at second, with Chris rifling a throw to Kelsie, who applied the tag (the second 2-6 of the game). The Colts pitching was outstanding with starter Jake Landrith and Jordan combining to only give up four singles, two walks, and a hit batter, with Jordan pitching the final four innings.