

Feb. 28 Lamar Pounds Colts Freshman 13-8 to Earn 3rd Place in Martin Tournament

Lamar scored four first inning runs off starting pitcher Tyler Rice, who gave up three walks and two singles as the Vikings sent nine men to the plate (only eight of them batted as the inning ended with Tyler's nifty pick-off of the trailing runner in a first and third situation, with Lawrence Brandt applying the tag at first). The Colts have trailed early in all four games this season, and, for the second consecutive game, never were able to take the lead. This game, unlike the Martin game, was dominated by the hitters and the Colts got their share of hits.

In the bottom of the first, the Colts fought back with a single by Austin, walk by Kelsie, and a prodigious three-run clout down the left-field line (estimated at 318 feet) by Tyler. Needing a shutdown inning to maintain momentum, the Colts quickly got two outs, but were unable to get the third without giving the three runs back on an error, a couple hits, and a walk. Down 7-3 in the third, the Colts followed a rare 1-2-3 defensive inning with a two-out rally to get back in the game. Consecutive singles by Lawrence, Duane, Clayton (DHing for Brennan Kelly who got the defensive start in left-field) and Trevor Phillips, cut the margin to 7-5, once again giving the nearly 30 Colts fans in attendance hope of another rousing comeback. Reliever Nathan Rowe and the Colts were unable to keep Lamar off the scoreboard, however, as lots of hits, walks, wild pitches and a couple errors resulted in six runs. The Colts trailing 13-5, refused to go down meekly. Chris singled to lead-off the bottom of the fourth, Austin and Kelsie walked, Daniil Lysenco (pinch-hitting for Lawrence) hustled down the line to reach on an error by the shortstop, and Clayton got a two-out hit to draw the Colts to 13-8. Garrett Burk (in at third base for Trevor) hit a grounder into the hole, but the shortstop ended the rally, getting the force at second as time expired.