

Martin Trounces Colts 11-2

Martin March 15, 2010. The Arlington Colts JV team was soundly beaten by Martin for the second consecutive game. The game started well for the Colts, with a bobble by the third baseman being all that fleet Austin McKinney needed to reach base. Duane Hughes singled and a one-out double by Matt Juarez gave the Colts the early 2-0 lead. Pitcher Omar Frias then hit an apparent gapper, but the right fielder snagged the scalded spheroid and doubled Juarez off second to end the threat. The lead was short-lived as Martin used several hits and walks to take the lead back 5-2, with the key blow being a two-out bases clearing double by the number eight hitter. In the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th the Colts could not string hits together with a single single each inning, as only Tyler Rice, Adam Noonkester, and Lawrence Brandt managed to solve the Martin starter (called down from varsity for the game). By the time the Colts came to bat in the 5th they trailed 9-2. Looking to stage a late game rally, McKinney apparently beat out a grounder to third by a half-step but was called out. A two out single by Hughes was followed by a double over the center-fielder's head by Brandt. An excellent relay cut down Hughes at home—to the fervent Colt fans it was another obviously botched call, but video replay indicated that the Warrior backstop had effectively blocked the plate. Martin tacked on solo runs in the bottom of the 5th and 6th, and when the scoreboard operator innocently mistyped the score as 12-2, the umpires called the game. The 11-2 defeat dropped the Colts overall record to 7-5.