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## Lamar: Weekend means weak end

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**ARLINGTON** - It's understandable if Lamar's baseball team doesn't look forward to Fridays.

For the second consecutive week, the beginning of the weekend was difficult for Lamar, as it lost 9-2 to Duncanville on Friday and fell out of a first-place tie in District 7-5A. A week before, a similar effort at home against Martin resulted in Lamar's first district loss.

Against the Panthers (12-6, 5-1), the Vikings (11-9, 4-2) stumbled early, allowing a lead-off walk to Ryan Hardy and an Anthony Washington home run for a 2-0 Duncanville lead after two batters. Duncanville piled on eight runs in the first three innings, taking advantage of three Lamar errors and four walks.

The Vikings left nine men on base and made five total errors. They lost despite matching the Panthers in hits, with eight.

"We need to put some consistency together," Lamar coach Paul Kino said. "Errors hurt us; walks hurt us. We weren't as focused as we needed to be."

Clint Dunham left after 2 2/3 innings, allowing eight runs -- six earned -- on seven hits. Sophomore reliever Zach Sperry cooled off the Panthers, yielding one earned run over 4 1/3 innings, but the Vikings' offense struggled against Duncanville starter Derek Hill (4-2), who struck out nine.

The top two batters in the Panthers' order, Hardy and Washington, combined to score five runs in the first three innings.

"This is a big week for us," said Duncanville coach Bob Rombach, whose team defeated Arlington on Tuesday. "I'm real pleased with those eight runs in the first three innings. That relieved the pressure a little bit. Give [Hill] credit -- he mowed them down and didn't give them much."

Lamar designated hitter Jonathan Moore drove in both of his team's runs. With one out in the first, Dunham singled and scored on Moore's infield single up the middle. In the fifth, Andrew Acker led off with a double and scored on Moore's sacrifice fly.

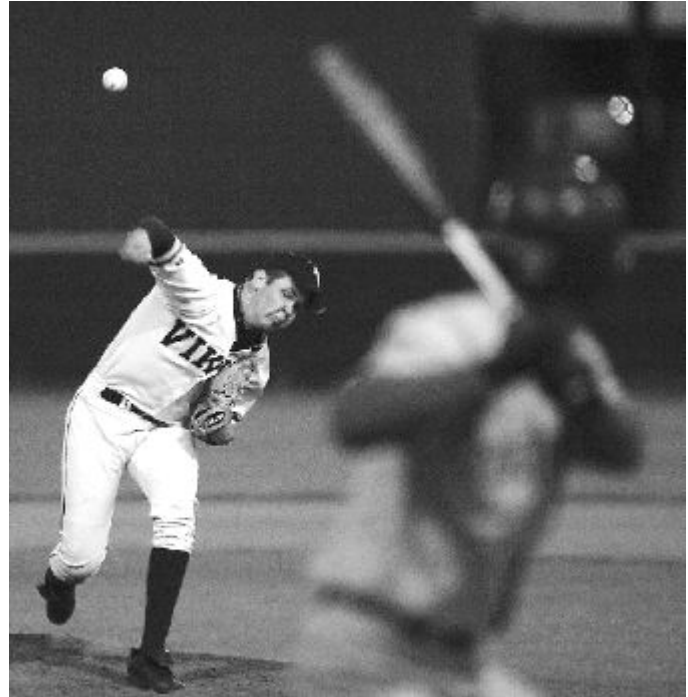
### BREAKDOWN

#### Leading hitter

Anthony Washington, Duncanville, 1-for-3, 3 R, 1 HR, 2 RBI.

#### Leading pitcher

Derek Hill, Duncanville, 7 innings, 8 hits, 2 runs, 2 earned, 1 walk, 9 strikeouts.



Lamar's Clint Dunham and his team struggled a bit Friday, losing to Duncanville 9-2. Dunham was the losing pitcher, but didn't get a lot of support in the field, or offensively.