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Lamar tied for third after romping to win

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Lamar baseball coach Paul Kino had a little bit of apprehension entering Tuesday's game with Arlington.

The Vikings, who are fighting for a playoff spot in District 7-5A, were coming off a practice that didn't go as well as Kino had hoped.

As it turned out, Kino had nothing to worry about.

Clint Dunham had two doubles and two RBI as the Vikings defeated Arlington 11-1 in six innings.

The Vikings (10-8, 4-3) are tied for third place with DeSoto and Bowie, two games behind Duncanville (6-1) and a game behind Martin (5-2).

"It feels good, but it was nerve-racking," Kino said. "We did not have a good practice [Monday], and, after beating Duncanville, sometimes you fear a letdown."

Not this time.

The Vikings had just about everything working right against the Colts (5-12, 2-5).

Dunham and Jowel Rodriguez each reached base four times and scored three runs.

Lamar committed only one error and got great catches by outfielders Chris Smith and Nick Lee.

"Chris is probably our best defensive outfielder," Kino said. "And this is Nick's first year in the outfield for us."

Lamar pitcher Zach Sperry scattered five hits and struck out four, improving to 4-1 this season.

"That was good to see," Kino said. "He always comes out to compete."

Arlington, meanwhile struggled.

The Colts used three pitchers, none of whom found consistent success, and the team committed errors on which Lamar capitalized.

Chase Wheeler scored the Colts' run, driven in by Kevin Tilley.

The Vikings, who finished with 12 hits, scored four runs in the bottom of the first, with Derek Green, Rodriguez, Dunham and Garrett Buechele scoring.

Buechele ended up with two RBI.

Lamar scored two more runs in the fourth.

Rodriguez reached base, stole second and scored on Dunham's double to the right-center field gap. Dunham later scored on Buechele's groundout.

The Vikings made it official on the 10-run rule in the sixth inning, as their first five batters reached safely.

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