

Day Three Recap

Columbus, Neb. – A combined 14 errors by each losing team provided plenty of base runners in Sunday's Area A6 Junior Legion Baseball Tournament Sunday afternoon. Grand Island Five Points Bank used eight Columbus Reds Errors to attain a 13-1 run-rule victory, followed by the Columbus Blues capitalization on six South Sioux City errors en route to a 14-7 win.

Grand Island Five Points Bank struck early and often in their elimination game against the Reds, scoring at least once in each of the five innings of play. Five Points took full control of the contest in the top of the second inning, as the Columbus Reds made six errors in that frame alone, helping G.I. grab a 7-0 lead. In fact, eight of Grand Island's first nine runs were unearned.

Jaden Johnson earned the victory for Five Points, scattering three hits over four innings, and striking out five. The lone run allowed by Johnson in the fourth inning was inconsequential, as the Reds did not advance another base runner past second base after the tally.

Game two featured an offensive outbreak for each team, but South Sioux's defensive miscues led to their ultimate defeat. SSC's pitching combination of Sean Harral and Brian Kahler allowed 14 runs to cross for the Columbus Blues, yet Harral and Kahler will see their ERA's largely unaffected, as only three of those that scored were earned runs. In fact, Columbus did not post an earned run after the first inning.

However, Columbus still needed to capitalize on SSC's mistakes to win the game, and the Blues were able to do so thanks to a solid on-base percentage. Out of a possible 40 men to reach base, 23 did so successfully for Columbus through a combination of the six SSC errors, six walks and eleven hits. Sam Mancuso led the charge for the Blues with three hits, and both Cole Alexander and Austin Patzel each drove in three to stave off elimination.