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Scorpions remain undefeated in 5A

The Miyamura Patriots jumped out to an early lead April 14 against the Farmington Scorpions, but ended up falling to the Scorpions 10-4 in a baseball game played at Patriots Field.

With the win, Farmington improved to 14-5, 5-0 on the 2018 baseball season and Miyamura dropped to 10-7, 3-1. The Scorpions scored a slew of runs in the fourth inning and Miyamura was unable to answer.

"They got hots and we weren't able to get ourselves back on the scoreboard," Patriots' head coach Brian Silva said. "We gave up too many runs and hits in the fourth." One of the things that proved detrimental this week for the Patriots was the fact that there were some strong winds in

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the Gallup area that didn't allow for smooth practices, Silva added.

A game that was supposed to be played last week with Kirtland Central High School was postponed to a later date due to the high wind speeds. Gallup and the surrounding areas experienced wind speeds upwards up 50 mph the past week, which made things difficult for outdoor sports. The Patriots are tied with the Broncos this season for second place in District-1 5A.

Looking at the game chart

The Patriots went up 2-0 in the first inning on a single to left field by junior outfielder Jason Cordova. Senior infielder Brandon Vidal brought Cordova home on a subsequent triple and Vidal himself scored on a single hit by senior catcher Giovanni Chioda.

The Scorpions were able to get hits in the opening inning but weren't able to score due to some stingy defense by Miyamura. Starting senior pitcher A.J. Silva of the Patriots helped complete a double play in the second inning by throwing a force out at home plate and then throwing Farmington runner Josh Spellbring out at first. Silva recorded three straight strikeouts in the second and third innings which helped the Patriots.

"We played well," Farmington head coach Sean Trotter said. "We got hits when we needed them and we played well on defense when it counted."

Miyamura made some bad plays in the fourth inning that turned into several runs for the Scorpions. Sophomore shortstop Emilio Pardo of the Scorpions hit a single to right field and junior third baseman Marcus Maldonado and junior Isaiah Royce took bases on walks. At that point, the bases were loaded for the Scorpions and junior outfielder Brandon Zastrow hit a deep double to left field to score Royce and Maldonado.

The Scorpions scored three more runs in the fifth inning and things turned dismal for the Patriots. When senior Gavin Martin scored in the sixth that put Farmington up 10-2 and the game and the Patriots were just about done.

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Chioda and Dominic Stewart later scored on a Cordova hit, but it was too little too late for Miyamura.

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