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MHS finishes with No. 8 5A ranking

ALBUQUERQUE – The No. 8 Miyamura Patriots scored two runs in the latter innings, but weren't able to overcome No. 1 Goddard in a 7-5 lost on May 10 in a 5A state quarterfinals game at St. Pius X High School.

The late Miyamura rally came after the Patriots (15-12, 6-4) exploded for a 3-0 lead in the opening inning. But the early momentum waned.

"We were able to make a run, but came up a little short," Patriots' head coach Brian Silva said. "We played a good game, just couldn't come out on top."

Miyamura went into the top of the seventh inning with the bases loaded and just one out against Rockets senior relief pitcher Ty Hardwick. Sophomore centerfielder Lance Evans of the Patriots hit a single and senior catcher Giovanni Chioda doubled. Freshman Marc Rios hit in Evans and it looked as though the momentum was coming Miyamura's way. And it did.

Senior outfielder Jason Cordova wasn't able to get a hit off of Hardwick, and senior A.J. Silva came up short on a full count.

The game didn't start off so close, though. In spite of the early lead by Miyamura, the Rockets (24-5, 10-2) got back in it with four runs off of Miyamura senior pitcher Brandon Vidal. Goddard's sophomore outfielder Ty Villareal hit in three runners and another run was scored when Hardwick hit a home run in the fourth. Hardwick continued the strong hitting when he hit in two more runs in the fifth inning.

"A well-played game by both teams," Rockets' head coach Gilbert Alvarado said. "They made a run near the end, but we maintained things and came out on top."

Vidal pitched five innings and gave up nine hits. Relief pitcher Rios came in at the fifth inning and gave up one hit.

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