

# Quick start lifts Carroll over Dal- las Center- Grimes

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Carroll scored five runs in the first inning and then held on for a 5-4 win over Dallas Center-Grimes Monday night.

It was a big Raccoon River Conference victory for the Tigers, who handed league-leading Saydel its only conference loss Friday night. Carroll moved to 16-7

overall and 9-4 in the league. DC-G fell to 14-10 with a 6-5 conference record.

"This was a big win for us," Carroll coach Dirk Troutman said. "We're solidly in third and pushing for the second place team."

The Tigers put on an offensive clinic early. Lead off batter Addison Patrick jumped on the first pitch and sent it over the left field fence for a solo home run. Ben Gossett sent the first pitch he saw to center for a double. Then Matt Fleshner and Greg Schulz hit rbi singles before Nick Behm drove in a run on a fielder's choice hit to give Carroll a 5-0 lead.

But DC-G ace Kyle Kuehl eventually found his groove and the Tigers collected just two more hits the rest of the way. Kyle Christensen singled to center in the fourth inning and Schulz singled to left in the sixth.

"We came out real aggressive, which was good to see," Troutman said. "It was good that we got on it right away and got some runs when we could."

Troutman said he knew the Mustangs, who lost 5-2 to Carroll in the first meeting, would not go easily.

"They are a good hitting team and I knew it was far from over," Troutman said of a Mustang team that collected five of its six hits in the middle innings.

Alex Adams and Matt Githen hit consecutive singles in the third,

Githen's scoring Adams. Githen scored on a misplayed ball at short on a hit by Nathan Comes. Matt Patrick closed the gap at 5-3 with a rbi single up the right side in the fourth.

Carroll's Kyle Semprini faced the minimum three batters in the fifth and sixth innings before DC-G made a final charge in the top of the seventh. With two outs, Adams reached on an error at third and scored on a rbi single to shallow left field by Githen. Semprini drew a fly out to left fielder Adam Klocke to end the threat.

Schulz finished 2 for 3 for the Tigers and was the lone multi-tipe hitter.

"I thought we kind of lost it at the plate there a little bit and took some at-bats off there. And let some real good pitches go by or just missed some real good pitches," Troutman said. "So it turned out to be very important for the top of the order to get things going early."

Carroll will get a few days rest and play again on Friday at home against Jefferson-Scranton. They will get another break and not play again until July 5 when they host Ballard.

"We're going to enjoy some time off," Troutman said. "We definitely have some things to work on and will get some arms some rest. We're trying to get on a streak right now and play our best baseball...We just want to play the best that we can at the end

of the year and get on  
a roll."

Game Statistics  
Carroll vs. DC-Grimes

	R	H	E			
DC-Grimes	0	2	1	0	14 6 2	
Carroll	5	0	0	0	0 5 6 3	
LOB — Carroll 2, DCG 5						
Doubles — Gossett						
Carroll RBIs — Fleshner, Schulz, Behm						
Carroll multiple hitters — Schulz 2-3						
	IP	H	BB	SO	R	ER
Semprini (WP)	7	6	0	2	4	2
Kuehl (LP)	6	6	0	3	5	4