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Syris Dunlap hits a home run that cleared the outfield fence and landed in the parking lot behind Rosel Field Monday in the District 1 championship. The Rattlers won 17-0. L&T photo/Chris Linenbroker

DUNLAP GOES BEYOND YARD

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The District 1 championship didn't last long Monday at Rosel Field.

The Cimarron River Rattlers crushed Scott City in a 17-0 run-rule win to advance to the state tournament in Wellington.

The game may have been shortened because of the run differential, but it was not short on big plays.

After Braxton Hyde allowed one hit in the first inning and only needed 13 pitches to get out of the inning, the Rattlers opened the floodgates in their first at-bat.

With two runners on, Syris Dunlap stepped to the plate and worked a full count. On the payoff pitch, Dunlap sent a rocket to deep center field that cleared the fence, the drainage ditch, the grass and landed on the parking lot. Unofficially, the shot cleared the 225-foot fence and landed about 300 feet away from home plate.

The home run gave the Rattlers a 3-0 lead, but it was just the start of a big inning.

The Rattlers added four more runs as 11 batters came to the plate in the first inning.

With a 7-0 lead, Hyde returned to the mound and again only needed 13 pitches to retire Scott City.

The Rattlers added two more runs in the second for a 9-0 lead.

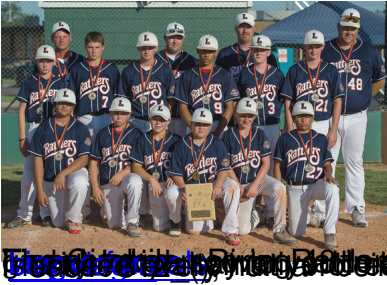
In the top of the third, Scott City put together a scoring threat by getting a runner to third with only one out, but Hyde was able to strike out the next batter. With two outs, Scott City hit a hot shot back to the mound that caromed off Hyde's glove, but he picked up the ball and while falling to the grass made a throw to first for the out and preserved the shutout.

The Rattlers added eight more runs, and Scott City could not respond in the run-rule win.

The Rattlers will face Conway Springs at 2 p.m. Friday in Wellington.

Rattler 12s advance to state with run-rule championship

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[The 12s team, including pitcher Ryan Ballew, won the championship by a run-rule victory over the Mustangs at the state tournament on Tuesday.](#)