

THORNTON DOMINATES ON THE BUMP, MINERS POUR IN 10 RUNS IN THE RAIN

After leaving runners in scoring position in both of the first two innings, Sean Roby Jr opened up the scoring with a two-out RBI single to left field in the bottom of the third to give the Miners a 1-0 lead.

After the fourth scoreless inning by Thornton, the Miners' aggressive base running was effective. Dom Johnson singled, as a result O'Brien traveled from first to third, which allowed Johnson to extend and reach second on the throw-in. When Zimmerman's bunt attempt was caught by a diving Long, it appeared to be a routine double play to end the inning with O'Brien sprinting home. Yet, a wild throw from Long towards third allowed both advancing runners to return to their bases, tag and advance, scoring O'Brien and extending the Miners lead to two.

The Miners didn't wait long to give the error right back to the Jackals. As in the top half of the fifth with a runner on second, an infield single by Parks turned into a wild throw by D'Amato, scoring the runner and the Miners lead was cut to one (2-1).

The Jackals called to the bullpen for the sixth, bringing in Dusty Baird for his fourth appearance of the year. The Miners gave Baird a warm welcome to Skylands Stadium, as Keenan O'Brien kicked it off with a ground rule double to left center. With runners on the corners, an RBI sac fly by Will Zimmerman doubled the Miners lead. That wasn't all however, as a wild throw advanced Johnson to third, and a balk by Baird scored him to end the inning with the Miners ahead 4-1.

Thornton kept up an incredible performance with a 1-2-3 inning in the seventh, still without a run earned, allowing only four hits, one walk, and seven straight batters retired.

The Jackals turned to Will Lopez for the bottom of the seventh, but their fielding woes continued. Backstrom reached on an infield single, followed by a double by Roby Jr to score Backstrom and provide the Miners a 5-1 lead. Roby Jr improves his night to 3-4 and two RBI's at the plate. The inning wasn't done there, as Dom Johnson hit a 2 RBI triple to right center and the lead sprung to six. Johnson improves to 3-4 with two RBI's, right alongside Roby Jr.

The Miners looked toward their bullpen to backup seven strong innings from Thornton and called for Chad Gartland for his 4th appearance of the season, allowing two runs total in his first three showings. However, after a single and a strike out, Gartland left the game due to injury, bringing Dan Kiritsis with the Miners up six and five outs away from a win. Kiritsis struggled with command early, but got out of a jam with two runners in scoring position without a scuff on his resumé.

New Jersey turned to Andrew Vail to weather the storm, but the Miners were still unsatisfied in the 8th, as an RBI double from Jordan Smith, RBI sac fly from Gionti Turner, and RBI double from Keenan O'Brien scored 3 more adding cushion for the 9th and improving the score to 10-1 Miners.

Kiritsis struck out 3 of 4 batters faced in the 9th to finish the game with a Miners 10-1 victory. The Miners raked 13 hits, and allowed zero earned runs as they improve to 7-1 at home.

The Miners will face off with the Jackals for Game 2 of the Memorial Day Weekend series tomorrow. The first pitch is scheduled for 6:35 PM.