

MINERS OFFENSE GOES STAGNANT TO END WIN STREAK

SAUGET, Ill. — The Gateway Grizzlies dominated on both sides of the ball to defeat the Sussex County Miners by a score of 9-2 and even up the series at one win a piece.

The first inning proved indicative of the rest of the ballgame, as the Grizzlies' starting pitcher, Sam Rochard, retired the side and Gateway followed with a solo shot off the bat of Victor Castillo, as well as an RBI single from Edwin Mateo to give their squad an early 2-0 lead.

Rochard wouldn't stop there, however. The Tennessee Wesleyan alum went a career high eight innings pitched without allowing a single run in that span.

After the first, Miners' starter Rob Hensey bounced back with just one earned run over the remainder of his six innings. Bobby Curry would then enter in relief.

With Curry in, the Grizzlies totaled a whopping six runs in the seventh, four of which were tallied on a grand slam from Mark Schellenberger.

In the final frame, Sussex County finally scored, putting together some hits and notching two runs on a Keenan O'Brien single and a Will Zimmerman bases loaded hit-by-pitch, but it was much too late.

On the heels of their eight-game winning streak coming to an end, the Miners will look to win the series tomorrow afternoon at 1:30.