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Braves pull away late, trounce the Twins

DANVILLE, Va. – A pitchers' duel through seven and a half innings turned into a runaway affair at Dan Daniel Memorial Park on Sunday, as the Danville Braves used a big 8th inning to defeat the Elizabethton Twins 7-1. The loss snapped Elizabethton's four game winning streak and evened this weekend's series at one game apiece.

Charlie Barnes and Dilmer Mejia squared off for Elizabethton (7-4) and Danville, respectively, and both starters pitched masterfully, although both of them would exit the game with no decisions to show for their efforts. Danville (7-4) opened the scoring on a warm Sunday afternoon when Bradley Keller lined a solo home run, his third of the year, over the left field fence.

Going into the 5th, Mejia had cruised through the Twins' lineup with little difficulty, until a double, a walk, and a single had tied the game for the Twins and chased Mejia (4.2 IP, 3 H, 1 ER, 2 BB, 6 SO) from the game. Cutter Dyals (1-0) pitched 2.1 innings in relief of Mejia and would become the winning pitcher when the Braves took the lead for good in the bottom of the inning. Derian Cruz swung on the first pitch he saw to lead off the inning, and the resulting solo home run gave the Braves a 2-1 lead.

The score would remain the same until the bottom of the 8th, when the Braves put together a four hit, five run inning, highlighted by Keller's two run double. In all, the Braves would send 10 hitters to the plate in the frame. John Curtis pitched two scoreless innings to record his first save. Keller would finish the day 3-for-4 with 3 RBIs, missing the cycle by a triple.

WHAT'S NEXT:

The Braves and Twins square off for the final time in 2017 tomorrow night at Legion Field. Tomorrow's 7:00 game will be followed by an Independence Day fireworks display, courtesy of Comfort Inn and Suites. It's also Dollar Monday at the ballpark. Edwar Colina (1-0, 3.86) gets the start for the Twins, while Odalvi Javier (1-0, 4.00) is expected to take the mound for the Braves. For tickets, call 434-797-3792 or go online to dbraves.com.

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About the D-Braves

The Danville Braves are the Rookie (Advance) affiliate of the Atlanta Braves. The D-Braves play in the Appalachian League, which consists of 10 teams across North Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, and West Virginia. The D-Braves began play in 1993 and call American Legion Post 325 Field at Dan Daniel Memorial Park home. For more information about the Danville Braves, please visit www.dbraves.com or call 434.797.3792. You can follow the D-Braves on Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, and Snapchat.