

Orioles Complete Season Sweep of Braves

7/13/08 The Youse's Maryland Orioles defeated the visiting Herndon Braves on Sunday afternoon, 8-3, to finish a perfect 6-0 versus Herndon this season. Orioles' starter Quinton Miller threw five scoreless innings, striking out nine Braves, to earn his first win of the year. He is now 1-1. The Braves' pitching staff surrendered a season-high twelve walks to Orioles' batters, along with eight hits. Herndon (11-19) also recorded eight hits, including four doubles, but did not earn a single walk. Designated hitter Matt Simone turned in a stellar performance in defeat, going three-for-four with two doubles, and scoring two runs. He also pitched the seventh and eighth innings, and did not give up a run. Right fielder Shane Davis also had a strong game, matching Simone with two doubles and a single of his own. Davis also scored a run, and drove in Simone in the ninth inning for the Braves' third and final run of the day. Pat Devlin started for Herndon, but was pulled with two outs in the third inning after giving up six runs on five walks, four hits, and a hit batsman. He took the loss, falling to 0-1 on the year. The Braves trailed 8-0 after seven innings, but managed to avoid being shut out by the Orioles (24-5) for the fourth time this season thanks to three runs in the final two innings. Infielders Sean Lamont and Alex Ferrera recorded the other two Braves' RBI, knocking in Simone and Davis on a single and a fielder's choice, respectively, in the eighth. The game, while disappointing from an outcome standpoint for Herndon, did provide at least one form of entertainment: due to an injury to Joe Charron, and the lack of available position players on the Braves' bench, relief pitcher Vinny Lally played the seventh and eighth innings in left field, and got his first at-bat of the season. Lally worked a seven-pitch at-bat against Orioles' reliever Greg Davis, but did eventually strike out looking. No further information was available on Charron's injury. The Braves will host the Bethesda Big Train, who trail Youse's by two games for first place in the Cal Ripken League, at 7 PM on Monday evening. Derek Anderson (0-2, 5.49 ERA) is the probable Herndon starter.