

# Mats Get Win Over Gaels

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The Miramonte Mats received the Dublin Gaels on Tuesday, April 24, in what turned out to be a hard-fought game. The Gaels began the game with heavy hitting, but it was Miramonte's pitching that kept the Mats in it to win, 8-6.

In the first couple of innings, the Dublin Gaels showed great prowess at the plate. Hit after hit, the Gaels sent balls into the outfield with what seemed like effortless swings. In addition to their batting force, the Dublin bench did not stopping chanting and yelling, trying to intimidate the Mats. In the second inning, the Gaels' Spencer Humphrey began an offensive attack with a booming double into left field. This inning would eventually bring in three runs for the Gaels and seemed to rattle the Mats.

The Mats, however, still had a chance to reply. In the bottom of the same inning, Mats' pitcher, John Vaccaro, hit a triple that rocked the Gaels. Thanks to this booming triple, the Mats gained the momentum to score an impressive five runs, which put them up by two, and silenced the Dublin bench for awhile.

In the fifth inning, both teams displayed stellar pitching. Miramonte's John Vaccaro and Dublin's Blake Townsend made the inning scoreless for both teams. At this point in the game, the score was 6-4, Miramonte. The sixth inning showcased another offensive performance by both teams. First up, the Dublin Gaels, thanks in part to Michael Corniola, who scored a total of two runs to put them at an even score with the Mats.

This soon changed when the Mats came up to bat. The Matadors managed to score two runs on Townsend thanks to some late-game heroics, which brought home a win in suspenseful fashion.

The Matadors are currently on a three game winning streak, after they beat College Park on April 26, 3-2, and St. Vincent the day after, 11-8. Up next is Mt. Diablo High School, at Mt. Diablo (Concord) May 1 at 4:00 pm.

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