

Well-Matched Single A Angels, Dodgers Meet in 2nd Game of the Season

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Game number two of the season got underway for the Single A Angels and Dodgers on a dry Sunday morning — after a night of rain, everyone was happy the fields were open for the second game of the season. After two rained-out practices that week, the Angels were excited to finally get a chance to play together.

The Dodgers started at bat. Clive donned the catcher gear for his first attempt as catcher. This was also the first time of the season the teams turned to a pitching machine. For this game, players were given eight attempts to hit off the machine before a strike out. Given this was the first game with the machine, this was a mighty challenge.

At the top of the first inning, the Dodgers quickly scored a run. However, with the bases loaded, the Angels managed to strike them out. At the Angels very first at bat, Wilder led with a single. Quickly Shawn repeated with a beautiful single. Then Kingston followed that with a single and soon the bases were loaded. Jack swung big and got a pop fly towards right field, which a Dodgers' fielder miraculously caught. Sean got a line drive, bringing Wilder home and scoring the Angels' first run of the game. Michael singled to bring in Shawn and the Angels took the lead at the end of the first inning.

The second inning was just as exciting, with Zach taking the pitchers' mound. However, the Dodgers were really warming up to the pitching machine by now and a stream of runs followed. Fortunately, when the Angels were back at bat they too had mastered the pitching machine and were quick to catch up. Eero hit a powerful fly ball towards left field and singled, and Zach hit a huge fly ball and singled. Omri also singled to load the bases. Then Wilder singled as well.

The third inning started with the Angels trailing but the Dodgers barely had time to notice: They were 1-2-3 and OUT due to some great fielding between Zach at first base and pitcher Sean. The Angels kept the Dodgers completely scoreless in the top of the third.

The bottom of the third was an amazing stream of hits. First Kingston hit great line drive with a super fast run to first base. He was quickly followed by solid singles from Jack and Sean. With the bases loaded, Michael hit a single and brought in Kingston for a run. Cyrus had a line drive and brought Jack home. Eero followed with another line drive. Then Zach hit a huge ball way out to the outfield, bringing Cyrus home and allowing the Angels to tie the game.

The fourth inning was incomplete as it started shortly before game time ended. Nonetheless, the game was an exciting one for these ballplayers! Final score: 7-7