

# Recap: Baseball at SNHU

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The excitement from an early lead quickly turned to anger and frustration for the FPU baseball team on Tuesday as they fell to rivals Southern New Hampshire in an important conference game which was televised live on NESN.

The Ravens start out strong with a RBI double by junior third baseman John Friday, followed by a RBI to bring Friday home and put the Ravens up 2-0 in the third inning.

The Penmen got lucky in the fourth inning, after the umpire called the runner safe. With the call came outrage from the Ravens dugout. A conference on the field followed to discuss whether or not junior first basemen Dalton Davis had his foot on the bag.

For viewers at home, while the umpires were conversing, they were watching replays, which showed Davis' foot clearly on the bag. According to the replay, the runner was out, which would have been the third out to end the inning. "They showed it a few times and the commentators were in disbelief how the umps could have gotten it wrong," said junior Sean Ellertson, who was watching on NESN from his dorm.

However, the umpire was sure Davis did not have his foot on the bag and called safe. With two batters already on base, the Penmen were able to capitalize on the incorrect call. The next batter hit a two-run single to tie the game.

The Ravens were never able to regain the momentum. "The missed call was something that the commentators kept referring back to as the turning point in the game," said Ellertson.

In the fifth inning, the Penmen increased their lead to 5-2 after senior Mike Lundin gave up a two-run home run. The sixth inning did not go much better for Lundin, as SNHU junior Caleb Potter hit a solo homerun.



TODAY'S LINEUPS		
1	1	Zach Goldstein SS
2	2	Kyle Mangels SS
3	11	Derek Bauer DH
4	21	Ryan Sullivan 1B
5	3	John Stanton RF
6	23	Caleb Potter LF
7	6	Cam Olivera C
8	35	Kyle Ruhl 2B
9	4	Sean Webster CF
P	32	Mitchell Brown P
VISITOR		
1	7	Lucas Lucapa CF
2	5	Adam Chase RF
3	2	John Frano SS
4	1	Stephan Octave C
5	21	Dalton Davis 1B
6	6	Dylan Jones DH
7	24	Anthony DeDona LF
8	11	Kyle Hood 2B
9	24	Joe Napieran SS
P	36	Mike Lundin P

Another controversial call came in the seventh inning, as the umpire called ball on what the Ravens seemed to think was a strike on what would have been the third out of the inning. Half of the Ravens had already started returning to the dugout.

The frustration with the umpires became increasingly obvious. Head coach Mike Chambers was visibly frustrated as were the pitchers in the bullpen, who could be heard yelling from the pen located all the way behind outfield.

Junior catcher Stephen Octave was in perfect view of every call and felt the game could have ended very differently had the calls gone the way he saw them. "We really felt like the umpires cost us the game. SNHU is leading our division right now and to lose the way we did leaves a sour taste," said Octave.

The rest of the game proved to be uneventful. Neither team scored another run and the Ravens lost to 8-2, the second time this season the Ravens lost the Penmen. The two teams meet once more this regular season on May 2<sup>nd</sup> at SNHU.