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Fire Frogs a Hit with Miracle League

Players spend afternoon giving back to Central Florida community

KISSIMMEE, Fla. (Aug. 13, 2018) – The Florida Fire Frogs competed against the Fort Myers Miracle in a contest between two Florida State League teams on at Osceola County Stadium, but it was a different kind of miracle that brought a joyous atmosphere to Kissimmee on Saturday.

The Atlanta Braves' Advanced-A affiliate spent the afternoon with the Miracle League of Central Florida prior to taking on Fort Myers for a day of fun. According to the league's mission statement posted on its website, the purpose of the Miracle League is to, "help individuals with disabilities build self-worth, overcome boundaries, and achieve their dreams by participating in America's past-time: Baseball."

Florida's team president, Erik Anderson stated, "We want to let the community know that the results of this team aren't always based on what happens on the diamond. It's about winning in life and doing the right thing."

Every player from the Fire Frogs roster participated with the children in attendance from the Miracle League. The club's home run leader, Braxton Davidson, saw the occasion as a special opportunity.

"I like to give back to the community. That's something that I've always been a part of ever since I was in high school," the 2014 first-round draft pick said. "I wear a bracelet that says, 'Autism Speaks,' I have family members that are disabled.

"It's a great opportunity for all the guys to put themselves out in the community in a good way."

Fire Frogs manager Luis Salazar had a pleasure teaching the children of the Miracle League not just about the fundamentals of the game, but to always have fun while playing.

"It's always a pleasure, and I enjoy the time with the Miracle League," the skipper said. "To get those kids on the field, running, sliding...It's a very special day for those kids.

The main thing is to have fun, and to give those kids the best that we can do for them. When they leave here, they know they can go home and say, 'We played for the Fire Frogs.'"



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About the Florida Fire Frogs

The Florida Fire Frogs are the Advanced-A affiliate of the Atlanta Braves and compete in the Florida State League. The Fire Frogs play their home games at Osceola County Stadium, located at Osceola Heritage Park in Kissimmee, Fla. For more information, please visit www.FloridaFireFrogs.com, and follow the team on Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat and YouTube.

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