

LITTLE LEAGUE SR. BASEBALL Brunswick stays alive in states

■ Brunswick 3, Rising Sun 1

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After dropping its opening contest of the Maryland State Little League Senior Baseball Tournament on Sunday, it became more urgent for Brunswick Railroaders Little League to effectively manage its pitching staff.

Now in the elimination bracket, Brunswick would have to win five games in as many days in order to claim the state title. With a 95-pitch limit and required rest, manager Jason Ricketts figured his best course Monday was riding starter Jaden Purks as long as possible while saving his other arms for later.

Purks made good on his end of that arrangement. He tossed a complete game, surrendering just an unearned run as Brunswick survived its first do-or-die game in a 3-1 victory over Rising Sun Little League at McCurdy Field.

"We have a lot of trust in Jaden, and we were hoping that he could get us potentially through the whole game," Ricketts said. "We needed to get the most out of everybody we could.

"He is burnt for the rest of the week, but he did an incredible job."

Purks struck out four while scattering three hits and a walk, efficiently pitching to contact.

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