

Boulders Come Back Late Again

Ninth Inning Explosion Punctuates 4th Straight Win

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Paterson, NJ – The New York Boulders used a five-run top of the ninth inning to defeat the New Jersey Jackals, 5-1, in the series opener at Hinchliffe Stadium Friday night, extending their winning streak to four games.

The Boulders (34-28) left eight runners on base across the first eight innings, managing just five hits before coming alive in the ninth.

One night after his walk-off HR vs. Sussex County, 1B **Christian Ficca** smashed a game-tying single, while 2B **Kyle Hess** delivered a go-ahead sacrifice fly, and DH **Jason Agresti** put the cherry on top with a three-run blast over the left field fence.

RHP **Blaine Traxel** (ND / 5 IP, 4 H, 1 R, 0 ER, 3 BB, 2 K) made his season debut, hurling four scoreless innings after allowing an unearned run in the bottom of the first.

LHP **Ethan Bradford** combined with RHPs **Nolan LaMere** and **Tyler Vail** for four hitless frames (4 IP, 0 H, 0 BB, 3 K) in relief of Traxel, with LaMere (2-0) picking up the win.

Also of note:

****** It was the third straight game the Boulders scored their winning run(s) in the 9th inning

****** New York is now a season-high six games over .500, 9-1 against the Jackals this season, and 6-1 during their current stretch of 9 straight games against New Jersey opponents

The Boulders conclude their series against New Jersey with a double header tomorrow (Saturday), with game one in Paterson scheduled for 5:00 PM EDT.

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