

## **Boulders Roll Over Down East**

Traxel Dazzles in 2025 Home Debut

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**Pomona, NY** — The New York Boulders improved to 10-2 since the Frontier League All-Star Break, rolling past the Down East Bird Dawgs, 9-1 at Clover Stadium on Friday night, and grabbing sole possession of their division lead for the first time this season.

Down East (29-40) grabbed the lead in the top of the second inning on an RBI single by RF Ali LaPread off RHP **Blaine Traxel** (W, 1-0 / 7 IP, 5 H, 1 R, 0 BB, 4 K), but New York (38-29) answered right back with a three-run bottom half, getting ribby singles from 1B **Christian Ficca** and 2B **Kyle Hess** that sandwiched a sacrifice fly off the bat of SS **Austin Dennis**.

The Boulders' offense erupted for five more runs in the fourth, highlighted by Hess's three-run HR, while 3B **Santino Rosso** capped the scoring with an RBI single in the bottom of the sixth before RHP **Cole Patten** recorded the final six outs in his Frontier League debut.

Also of note:

\* The Boulders are all alone atop the East Division, thanks to Brockton's 4-3 win at Sussex County

\* For the 6<sup>th</sup> time in their last 12 games, every New York batter in the starting lineup reached base at least once

\* Hess and fellow rookie **Enzo Apodaca** extended their hitting streaks to seven games

\* Traxel earned his first win since September 1, 2024, and went 7 innings for the first time since last August 21<sup>st</sup>

The three-game series continues tomorrow (Saturday) night, with first pitch on "Country Night" in Pomona scheduled for 6:30pm EDT.

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