

Boulders Roll, Stop Five-Game Slide

Win Behind Another Total Team Effort

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Kinston, NC – The New York Boulders took out their week of frustration on the Down East Bird Dawgs (34-53), ending a season-high five-game losing streak with an 11-3 rout at Grainger Stadium on Friday night.

New York (46-41) grabbed a 1-0 lead in the first inning on the first of LF **Fritz Genther's** two RBI singles, only to fall behind in the bottom half when RHP **Blaine Traxel** (W, 2-2 / 5.1 IP, 3 R, 6 H, 2 BB, 5 K) gave up a two-run homer to Down East 2B Jaylen Smith.

Genther got the visitors even in the third when he plated SS **Austin Dennis** for the second time, while DH **Alfredo Marte** put the Boulders ahead to stay, 3-2, with an RBI groundout that scored 1B **Jason Agresti**.

The game got out of hand when New York erupted for a seven-run top of the fifth, putting their first eight batters on base with a hit-by-pitch, two walks, an RBI single, two bases loaded walks, another ribby single, and a two-run double by 2B **Kyle Hess** that made it 10-2.

C **Jack Scanlon** connected in the sixth inning for his first home run on the road this year, putting the Boulders up 11-2, before LHP **Cobe Reeves** (Save #1) came out of the bullpen for the second time this week and, after giving up just a leadoff RBI single, retired the last 11 batters he faced – including six strikeouts – to notch his first career save.

Also of note:

- * The Boulders remain 4½ games behind Sussex County for first place in the East Division and still trail Ottawa by 1½ for the Atlantic Conference's final playoff spot
- * Dennis (4-for-6) has a seven-game hitting streak, a league-high 130 hits overall, and at least one hit in 30 of New York's 32 games since the All-Star Break ... it was his fifth 4-hit game of the season
- * Every Boulders batter reached base at least once – third time they've done that in the last seven games

The middle of the three-game series is tomorrow (Saturday) night, with first pitch once again scheduled for 7:00pm EDT.

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