

Boulders Back in Wild Card Lead

Vault Over Ottawa After 10-Inning Win at Sussex

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Augusta, NJ – Thanks in part to a big-time assist from the Tri-City ValleyCats, who trounced the Ottawa Titans 15-0, the New York Boulders have regained the final playoff position in the Frontier League's Atlantic Conference by ½ a game with two to play.

The Boulders (50-43) outlasted the East Division champion Sussex County Miners (53-41), 4-3 in 10 innings Friday night in the series opener at Skylands Stadium and now have a magic number of **2** to reach the post-season for the first time since 2022.

It was a game that saw the visitors fall behind, 2-0, in the bottom of the third, then bounce right back as they've done so often this season, scoring three runs in a top of the fourth highlighted by SS **Austin Dennis**'s script-flipping two-out, two-run triple.

Sussex County tied it in the bottom of the sixth, and the score stayed 3-3 until the top of the 10th when Dennis smacked the first pitch of the frame up the middle for an RBI single.

The league's relief pitcher of the year, **Tyler Vail** picked up his fifth win this season, recording the final eight outs – including a pair of strikeouts in the bottom of the eighth inning to leave the bases loaded – and got some much-needed help from his third baseman in the bottom of the tenth as **Santino Rosso** threw out the potential tying run at home plate.

Also of note:

* LHP **Cobe Reeves** made it a total of 11 innings over four outings since returning from IR without giving up a run – a span in which he's struck out 19 and issued three walks

* RHPs **Emmett Bice & Scott Harper** and LHP **Ethan Bradford** added to the bullpen brigade's combined six innings of one-run ball in relief of RHP **Blaine Traxel**

The Boulders can punch their playoff tickets tomorrow (Saturday) night, with first pitch at Sussex County scheduled for 6:35pm EDT, while Ottawa's home game vs. Tri-City gets underway at 6pm.

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