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## **Bird Dawgs fast start spoiled in loss to Boulders** *Seven-run fifth inning dooms Down East in 11-3 defeat*



**KINSTON, N.C** (August 22, 2025) –The Down East Bird Dawgs struck first on a two-run homer in the opening inning, but the New York Boulders answered with a decisive seven-run fifth to pull away for an 11-3 win Friday night at Grainger Stadium.

New York plated a run in the first when Fritz Genther hit an RBI single to take a 1-0 lead.

The Bird Dawgs answered in the bottom half as Jaylen Smith launched a two-run homer to move in front 2-1.

New York regained momentum in the third, bringing home two runs, and then broke the game open in the fifth with seven runs to extend the lead to 10-2.

The Boulders added another in the sixth before the Bird Dawgs scratched across a run on a Yeniel Laboy RBI single to cap the scoring at 11-3.

Axel Andueza (2-3) took the loss, allowing six runs on six hits over four innings.

Blaine Traxel (2-2) earned the win, giving up three runs on six hits while striking out five across 5 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>3</sub> innings. Coby Reeves notched his first professional save, tossing the final 3 <sup>2</sup>/<sub>3</sub> innings scoreless while striking out six.

The Bird Dawgs drop to 34-53 and will take on the Boulders for game two of the series on Saturday, August 22, with first pitch set for 7 p.m.

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### About the Down East Bird Dawgs

The Down East Bird Dawgs are a brand-new professional baseball team in the Frontier League, an MLB Partner League. The team began their inaugural season in May 2025 at Historic Grainger Stadium, in Kinston, NC. The team aims to continue baseball traditions in the Kinston community with competitive play, captivating promotions, and top-notch community involvement & events. For more information, visit [DownEastBirdDawgs.com](http://DownEastBirdDawgs.com).

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