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Skipper Lemieux Pulls the Bullpen Strings in 7-3 Route of Titans



Avon, OH - May 17, 2025 - The Lake Erie Crushers (5-2) took a 7-3 victory over the Ottawa Titans (3-4) on Saturday night in a bullpen game featuring the Crushers debuts of a pair of new righties.

The Titans got to work quickly in the opening frame against new Crushers **RHP Corbin Foy**, who was acquired on Friday. SS Aaron Casillas lifted a sacrifice fly to give Ottawa a 1-0 lead. Lake Erie cut down a run at the plate later in the inning thanks to a perfect throw from **3B Logan Thomason** on to **C Derek Vegas**. The former ASUN Defensive Player of the Year continued his excellent defensive start to 2025 and kept the deficit at just a run.

Lake Erie loaded the bases in the bottom of the 3rd against LHP Shane Telfer. **CF Sam Franco** worked an excellent at-bat and drew a walk to get the Crushers on the board. Then, **DH Scout Knotts** cranked a ball off the left field wall to drive in a pair. **LF Burle Dixon** got in on the RBI party with a single of his own moments later. When the dust settled, Lake Erie enjoyed a 4-1 lead after three innings.

Corbin Foy settled in after a rocky first inning and got through 3 $\frac{1}{3}$ innings in his Crushers debut. His final line: 3 $\frac{1}{3}$ IP, 1 H, 1 ER, 1 BB, 1 K, 71 pitches. Foy handed the ball to **RHP Austin Mora**, a local product from Notre Dame College, who was also making his Crushers debut. Mora notched a pair of strikeouts to finish off the top of the 4th and worked a scoreless outing in 2 $\frac{1}{3}$ innings.

RHP Dylan Spain continued the bullpen carousel and his consecutive scoreless innings streak to start the season. He pitched 1 $\frac{1}{3}$ innings, gave up a hit and a walk, and logged his sixth strikeout of the season.

In the 7th, **SS Jarrod Watkins** came up limp on the basepaths and had to be lifted for a pinch runner. The injury bug continues to plague Lake Erie early in the season. The Crushers loaded the bases in the frame and the team leader in RBI's **2B Davie Morgan** cashed in a 2-RBI single. Already in his young professional career, Morgan has 9 RBIs in just three starts. **1B Seth Strong** added on another run with a dump-in single of his own and the Crushers led 7-1.

Ottawa pushed across a pair of runs in the dying innings, but it was not enough as Lake Erie came away with the 7-3 win. Austin Mora (1-0) in his Crushers debut was awarded the win as the most effective reliever.

The rubber match is tomorrow, May 18th - the first Kid's Eat Free Sunday of the season! Bring the kiddos to the Vineyard to enjoy an afternoon of baseball, good food, pre-game catch on the field, and postgame autographs from all your favorite Crushers players! First pitch is at 1:05pm.

Get your tickets online at lakeeriecrushers.com/tickets.

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About the Lake Erie Crushers

The Lake Erie Crushers are a professional baseball team that plays just 18 miles outside Cleveland at the 5,000 seat *Crushers Stadium* in Avon, Ohio. They compete in the Frontier League - a prestigious MLB Partner League. Since its founding in 2009, the Crushers have been dedicated to delivering exciting baseball and family-friendly entertainment to fans in Northeast Ohio.