

Rox Pitching Struggles as Les Aigles Dominate Game 2

The Brockton Rox were far from their best Wednesday night, falling in lopsided fashion to the Trois-Rivières Aigles, 14–2, at Campanelli Stadium.

Trois-Rivières wasted no time getting to Heisell Baro, who has consistently struggled in early innings this season. In the top of the first, Brandon Hylton crushed a two-run homer to right-center to open the scoring. Moments later, Juan Carlos Negret went deep to left, making it back-to-back home runs. James Smibert followed with an RBI single, stretching the early lead to 4–0 before Baro could escape the frame.

After loading the bases with one out in the second, Baro exited the game with a trainer, appearing to suffer a lower-body injury. Chic DeGaetano came on in relief, walking in a run before inducing an inning-ending double play to minimize further damage.

Things remained rocky in the third. Trois-Rivières added two more runs on RBI singles by Omar Meregildo and James Montes before an out was recorded. DeGaetano settled in to retire the next three hitters and limit the damage.

The Rox found a glimmer of life in the bottom of the third when Zach Eldred ripped a double into the right-field corner. He later scored when a potential double play ball slipped off the glove of Hylton at first, giving Brockton its first run.

With a 7–1 lead entering the sixth, Les Aigles broke things wide open. Facing Rox pitcher Ethan Bobo, Trois-Rivières strung together three singles and a double to plate four more runs, extending the lead to 11–1.

Brockton had a chance to respond in the seventh, loading the bases with one out. But in an uncharacteristic moment, Hemmanuel Rosario grounded into a double play to end the inning. The at-bat summed up the night for the Rox, who have otherwise been one of the league's more consistent teams of late.

In the ninth, shortstop J.R. DiSarcina made his second relief appearance of the season, continuing to provide utility on the mound. He allowed just one run in his inning of work and has now surrendered just a single run over two innings pitched this season.

The Rox and Aigles will meet again for the series finale Thursday night at 7:00 p.m. EST.