

Boulders Score Early, But Not Often Enough

Reach All-Star Break with Rubber Game Loss

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Kinston, NC — The New York Boulders jumped out to a 3-0 first inning lead Sunday afternoon at historic Grainger Stadium, then rallied from 5-3 down before losing their rubber match with the Down East Bird Dawgs, 6-5.

New York (28-27) benefited from four walks and a hit batter against Down East (25-30) opener Caden O'Brien, who lasted just two-thirds of an inning. But the Boulders didn't score again until the top of the sixth, by which time the Bird Dawgs had nosed their way in front.

LHP **Mitchell Senger** (ND, 0-0 / 3.2 IP, 2 R, 4 H, 4 BB, 4 K) saw his day end after a two-out, two-run single by C Tyler Blaum in the bottom of the fourth, while RHP **Scott Harper** gave up the lead in the fifth, getting tagged for a go-ahead two-run single by 3B Jaylen Smith and an RBI knock off the bat of LF Cameron Masterman.

All-Star 1B **Jason Agresti** delivered an RBI single in the sixth to make it 5-4 Down East, and the Boulders scratched out the tying run in the top of the ninth, thanks to 3B **Santino Rosso**'s one-out sacrifice fly.

But All-Star closer **Tyler Vail** (L, 3-2) could not preserve the tie in the bottom of the ninth, giving up a leadoff single to DH Yassel Pino, who moved to third base on a throwing error by Rosso and scored the walk-off winner on a one-out wild pitch.

Also of note:

* All-Star RF **Ryan McCoy** (1-for-3, two walks) extended his Frontier League season-high on-base streak to **42** consecutive games

* Every Boulders batter reached base at least once for the second straight game (and 11th in the last 20)

The Boulders are sending four All-Stars (Vail, McCoy, Agresti, and SS **Austin Dennis**) to the Frontier League's midsummer showcase, which is scheduled for 7:05pm EDT on Wednesday, July 16th at Joseph L. Bruno Stadium (aka "The Joe") in Troy, NY – home of the Tri-City ValleyCats – then resume their regular season with a six-game homestand that begins Friday night, July 18th, with a 7:00pm EDT first pitch against the New Jersey Jackals.

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