

BROCKTON, MA – Quebec Dominates on the Road as Rox Fall in Game 1 of the Series

The Quebec Les Capitaux had it all working Tuesday night as they shut out the Brockton Rox, **10-0**, in the series opener at Campanelli Stadium.

Quebec starting pitcher **Ty Buckner** went six innings, allowing just one hit and no runs, recording his third win of the season. Buckner's dominant outing was a continuation of what the Quebec pitching staff has done all year—shut down opposing offenses.

The Brockton bats, which had been hot in recent games, were extinguished by the Les Capitaux staff, who held the Rox to just three hits all night.

It was a tale of two offenses, as Quebec found success early and often. Starting on the mound for Brockton was **Santiago Ramirez**, who struggled with command throughout the night. Ramirez worked in fives—walking five, striking out five, and surrendering five runs in the loss. He now holds an 0-2 record through three starts.

Quebec started fast in the top of the first. First baseman **Jarrod Belbin** singled home shortstop **Kyle Cowl** on a hit-and-run. Les Capitaux then loaded the bases, and Ramirez walked in the second run of the inning. Though Ramirez limited the damage to two runs, he threw 40 pitches in the first frame alone.

With one out in the bottom of the first, Rox third baseman **Keagan Calero** tripled to the left-center gap but was stranded at third. That would prove to be Brockton's only hit until the eighth inning.

Quebec added to its momentum in the second. Left fielder **Will Riley** worked a walk, and Belbin stayed hot, scorching one down the right-field line to score Riley. Ramirez once again avoided a big inning, striking out Quebec third baseman **Anthony Quirion** to strand Belbin in scoring position.

The next two innings passed quietly, but in the top of the fifth, Quebec broke through again.

Cowl led off with a walk and promptly stole second and third on back-to-back pitches. Quirion followed with a deep sac fly to center, scoring Cowl. Ramirez nearly escaped again but, with two strikes and two outs, center fielder **Marc-Antoine Lebreux** launched a solo home run to right field. That ended Ramirez's night. Reliever **Chic DeGaetano** entered and escaped further damage, snaring a comebacker just inches from his face to end the inning.

Brockton remained within reach until the top of the sixth, when Quebec blew the game wide open. With two outs and a runner on first, DeGaetano struggled to record the final out. Les Capitaux strung together two RBI singles with two outs, then Quirion followed up with a deep three-run homer. The five-run sixth inning extended Quebec's lead to 10-0, and the wind was effectively taken out of the ballpark as Brockton went down in order in the bottom half.

From that point forward, it was cruise control for Quebec. Relief appearances by Ito and Para closed out the game as Brockton's offense continued to struggle.

Rox shortstop **J.R. DiSarcina** made a surprise relief appearance in the ninth inning. He struck out one batter and retired the next two on fly balls.

Brockton will hope not to bring DiSarcina out of the bullpen again when they face Quebec in Game 2 on Wednesday morning. First pitch is scheduled for **10:30 a.m.**