

BROCKTON, MA – Rox Swept Away by Quebec for Third Straight Day

It felt like *Groundhog Day* at Campanelli Stadium on Thursday night, as the Quebec Les Capitales defeated the Brockton Rox 9-0 for their third consecutive dominant win, completing the series sweep.

Usual reliever **Joe Sprake** made his first professional start for Brockton and opened strong, tossing a clean 1-2-3 first inning—the first scoreless first frame of the series for the Rox.

Opposite Sprake, **Harley Gollert** got the nod for Quebec, and both starters retired the first six batters they faced through two quick innings.

The Les Capitales' offense wouldn't be denied for long. Catcher **Arturo De Fritas** opened the scoring with a solo home run in the third. Sprake, typically limited to two-inning relief outings, began to falter as his pitch count rose. Two walks, a single, and a double by Quebec outfielder **Justin Gideon** brought in three more runs. Sprake had issued three walks by the end of the inning.

Free passes continued to plague the Rox in the fourth. A hit-by-pitch, a fielding error on Sprake, and a wild pitch allowed Quebec second baseman **Emiles Boies** to score, extending the lead to **5-0**.

The Rox showed signs of life in the bottom of the fourth. **Jack-Thomas Wold** singled, and third baseman **Evan Giordano** drew a walk. However, both were stranded when Quebec third baseman **Anthony Quirion** made a sharp play on a hard-hit grounder by **Derek Bender**.

Quebec tacked on two more runs in the fifth on sacrifice flies from Gideon and Marc-Antoine Lebreux. Sprake exited after the sixth with a final line of seven runs (six earned) on six hits, with five strikeouts.

Gollert also exited after six dominant innings. The Quebec lefty earned the win, tossing **six shutout frames**, allowing just three hits and striking out six.

Rox reliever **Jared Henry** took over in the seventh and escaped a jam with a strikeout to end the inning. He struggled in the eighth, however, surrendering two more runs to push Quebec's lead to **9-0**.

Brockton's fourth-inning rally proved to be its final offensive momentum of the night. From that point on, the Rox managed just two baserunners. Quebec's bullpen was flawless, picking up where Gollert left off and adding three more scoreless innings to close out the game.

The Rox offense finished with just three hits—a fitting summary of the series. Quebec outscored Brockton **31-3** over the three-game sweep, underscoring why they sit atop the division and are considered strong title contenders.

The Rox will look to turn the page Friday night when they host the Trois-Rivières Aigles at Campanelli Stadium. First pitch is set for **7:00 p.m. EST**.