

Brockton Falls to Late Game Heroics vs Ottawa

Jeremy Piatkiewicz played the hero Wednesday night, delivering a walk-off single in the bottom of the ninth as the Ottawa Titans defeated the Brockton Rox, 6-5.

Piatkiewicz's game-winner brought home pinch runner Dazon Cole with one out in the inning. Rox closer Mike McKenna took the loss—his first of the season—in an outing that surprised many, given his strong performance so far this year.

The walk-off was especially deflating for Brockton, as it came moments after a heroic ninth-inning rally. Rox catcher Hemmanuel Rosario came through in the clutch with a two-run double that tied the game. Rosario now leads the team with 20 RBIs, with the next closest total at 13.

The Rox offense struck early, scoring in the first when third baseman Evan Giordano grounded into a double play, bringing home leadoff man Austin White. Brockton added two more in the second, courtesy of Tommy Kretzler, who crushed a two-run homer—his third of the year.

Kretzler continues to be one of the most impactful bats in the Rox lineup, bringing unexpected power and consistent contact from the bottom of the order. Despite collecting only one hit in the loss, he maintains a .301 batting average, which ranks second on the team among players with at least 70 at-bats.

Not to be outdone, the Titans responded quickly in the bottom of the first. RBI singles from Sam Abbot and Jonah Sebring drove in two runs, and a fielder's choice added another, giving Ottawa an early 3-2 lead.

The early damage came off Brockton starter Trevor Nelson, who had an up-and-down outing. He exited after 5.1 innings, allowing five runs (four earned) and walking seven.

Ottawa starter Shane Telfer had a smoother outing, allowing just three runs and striking out six over six innings of work.

The Titans extended their lead in the sixth. Taylor Wright scored on a fielding error by Brockton shortstop J.R. DiSarcina, and Michael Mulgan doubled in Trevor Casillas to make it 5-3, a score that held until the ninth.

Despite Rosario's late-game heroics, the Rox comeback was undone by Piatkiewicz's walk-off single, as Ottawa evened the series at 1-1.

The third and final game of the series is scheduled for June 5 at 11:00 a.m.