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Mud Monsters Split Sunday Twin Bill, Win Series Over Florence

Florence got one. We got four.

PEARL, Miss. (June 8, 2025) — The Mississippi Mud Monsters wrapped up their five-game series against the Florence Y'all's with a split doubleheader on Sunday — falling 4–0 in Game One before bouncing back with an 11–2 win in the finale. The series win brings Mississippi to **13–14** on the season and within a half game of third place in the Frontier League's **Midwest West Division**.

Game One: Villalobos Goes the Distance

Florence left-hander Jonaiker Villalobos delivered a complete-game shutout in the opener, limiting the Mud Monsters to just **three hits over seven innings** without issuing a walk. He struck out four and faced the minimum in three separate innings.

Kyle Booker went **2-for-3** at the plate, recording two of Mississippi's three hits.

Brayland Skinner added the other hit and stole his **11th base of the season**.

Mississippi starter **Luis Devers** also went the distance, striking out six and walking none in a seven-inning effort. He allowed **10 hits and four earned runs**, three of which came in the fourth inning — where Florence pulled away with a rally that included a two-run double from Hank Zeisler.

Game Two: Mud Monsters Respond with Emphatic Win

Mississippi responded in Game Two with its **highest run total of the season**, scoring **11 runs on 9 hits** while capitalizing on two Florence errors.

Kyle Booker opened the scoring with a **solo home run in the first inning** — his third of the season — and later added a **two-run single** in the third as part of a **six-run inning**. **Nick Hassan** went **3-for-4 with an RBI**, and every Mud Monsters starter either reached base or drove in a run.

Additional RBI came from **Travis Holt, Roberto Gonzalez, Karell Paz**, and **Kasten Furr**, who brought in a run with a sacrifice fly.

Rodney Theophile earned the win, allowing **one earned run over six innings** while striking out three. **Jeremy Peguero** pitched the final frame, allowing one run on two hits. Mississippi finished the game with **11 runs, 9 hits, 9 RBI, and no errors** — compared to Florence's 2 runs on 9 hits with two defensive miscues.

Standings Snapshot

With Sunday's win, the Mud Monsters hold a 13–14 record and continue to gain ground in a competitive Midwest West Division:

- Schaumburg Boomers — 19–8
- Gateway Grizzlies — 16–10
- Joliet Slammers — 13–13
- **Mississippi Mud Monsters — 13–14**
- Windy City ThunderBolts — 7–20

Mississippi has won **6 of its last 10 games** heading into a critical stretch of the season.

League & Team Leaders

Kyle Booker remains one of the Frontier League's top offensive threats:

- Batting Average: **.327** (Team Leader)
- RBI: **18** (Team Leader)
- Home Runs: **3** (2nd on Team)
- Stolen Bases: **9**

Travis Holt leads the team in home runs with **4** and is second in RBI with **15**. Other top performers include:

- **Brayland Skinner** (.291 AVG)
- **Victor Diaz** (.288 AVG)
- **Samil De La Rosa** (.284 AVG)
- **Karell Paz** (13 RBI)
- **Roberto Gonzalez** (12 RBI)

On the pitching side:

- **Tyree Thompson** is tied for **second in the league with 4 wins** and holds a **3.38 ERA**
 - **Zack Morris** leads the team with **29 strikeouts**
 - **Chris Barraza** owns a team-best **0.68 ERA**
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Up Next: 12-Game Road Trip Begins Tuesday

Mississippi now hits the road for a season-defining **12-game trip over 13 days**, with matchups against every divisional rival:

- **June 10–12** – at **Joliet Slammers**
- **June 13–15** – at **Schaumburg Boomers**
- **June 17–19** – at **Windy City ThunderBolts**
- **June 20–22** – at **Gateway Grizzlies**

The Mud Monsters return home to Trustmark Park on **June 24** for a six-game set against the Down East Bird Dawgs.

About the Mississippi Mud Monsters

The Mississippi Mud Monsters bring high-energy baseball, community engagement, and fierce competition to Central Mississippi, creating an electrifying game-day experience that blends toughness, teamwork, and tradition with the excitement of America's pastime. Inspired by classic monster movies and driven by a passion for the sport, the Mud Monsters are set to thrill fans of all ages throughout their inaugural season at Trustmark Park.