

New York Double Up Brockton 4-2, Take Second Series in Campanelli

BROCKTON, MA. – First baseman Christian Ficca led his Boulders squad to a 4-2 victory over Brockton with a 1 for 3, two RBI performance. The Boulders uptick their record to 19-21, while the Rox dropped to 19-22 on the season.

“Good baseball game,” Brockton Rox skipper Jerod Edmondson said. “They got a couple of big hits and that inning when they really needed them, and they were able to capitalize and get a couple of runs.”

It was exciting to get Brockton starter Bryan Marrero back on the mound, and he looked promising in limited pitches. Going just 3.1 innings in a no-decision, allowing two hits and two earned runs, while walking four batters and striking out one. Trevor Anibal took the loss, dropping to 1-2 for the season, after pitching one inning and giving up two hits, two earned runs, striking out one batter.

New York's starting pitcher, Aidan Risse, earned the win in an impressive showing, improving his record to 1-2 for the season. He pitched six innings, allowing three hits and two earned runs, while walking two batters and striking out four.

“Their starter pitched really well. He kept us off balance. I thought we did a good job just to grind out two runs, he was mowing us down,” said Edmondson.

Austin White started the game with a lead-off single in the first inning and stole second base, marking his 20th stolen base of the season. However, the next three hitters from the Rox were retired.

Brockton loaded the bases in the second inning for Trey Ciulla-Hall, who grounded into a double play, but managed to bring in the first run of the game for the Rox. J.R. DiSarcina then grounded out to third baseman Fritz Genther, ending the inning.

Marrero came out strong, not allowing a hit in the first three innings. However, he gave up a lead-off triple to Issac Bellony in the fourth. Genther then flew out to Tommy Kretzler in left field for a sacrifice fly, tying the game at one run each. Christian Ficca followed with a solo home run to right field, for his fourth home run of the season. It traveled 343 feet, coming off the bat at 101 MPH.

Risse retired the first two hitters in the bottom of the fourth, and Kretzler was hit by a pitch and went to second base on a stolen base. Two-way player Zach Eldred then delivered a ground rule double to even up the score at two runs apiece.

New York took the lead in the seventh when Kyle Hess led off with a double and advanced to third base on a sacrifice. Austin Dennis then doubled to right field, giving the Boulders a 3-2 lead. The Boulders added another run when Dennis stole third base and scored on a wild pitch, doubling their lead to 4-2.

Risse retired seven consecutive batters after Eldred's double in the fourth inning, and he and Reeves combined to retire 10 batters in a row after DiSarcina led off the bottom of the eighth inning with a base hit.

“We just weren’t able to put anything together,” said Edmondsdson. “Our lineups have been so good all year. It’s a good thing, and you have a good offense when you know you're expecting them every night to go out and score seven, eight, nine runs...”

The Brockton Rox conclude their nine-game homestand as they begin a three-game road trip, taking on the Quebec Capitales on Friday night at Stade Canac. First pitch is scheduled for 7:05 p.m.