

Tri-City Sweep Twin Bill Against Brockton, Winning Both Games 5-1

TROY, NY. – Tri-City swept the doubleheader Saturday night at the Joe over the Brockton Rox, winning game one 5-1 and again in the second game, same score. Tri-City's record increased to 20-10, while the Rox's dropped to 14-17 on the campaign.

GAME ONE

Tri-City's starting pitcher, Cam Jones, had a no-decision after pitching two innings and allowing one hit. Austin Dill came in to relieve and earned his first win of the season. He pitched three innings, giving up two hits, one earned run, and striking out three batters.

Brockton's starting pitcher, Santiago Ramirez, took the loss, bringing his season record to 0-4. He pitched five innings, allowing five hits and three earned runs while walking four batters and striking out two.

After a scoreless first inning, Tri-City took the lead in the bottom of the second inning. They started the inning with two consecutive hits, setting the stage for Ian Walters, who drove in the first run of the game with an RBI single, giving Tri-City a 1-0 edge.

Brockton responded in the top of the third when they loaded the bases for Jack-Thomas Wold, who delivered a sacrifice fly that scored Brett Young from third, tying the score at one.

Tri-City quickly answered back in the bottom half of the inning. Javeyan Williams walked, advanced to second on a wild pitch, and moved to third on a balk. Kyle Novak then flew out to Tommy Kretzler in left field, scoring Williams from third. Tri-City held on to a 2-1 lead until the sixth inning, when the ValleyCats added three more runs to extend their lead.

The scoring began when Novak hit a double to center field. He stole third, and Jake Reinisch walked. Novak scored on a groundout by Walters, which resulted in a double play. Tri-City added their fourth run on an RBI single by Amani Larry, making it a 4-1 game. They tacked on one more run in the inning and went on to win the first game of the doubleheader by the final score 5-1.

GAME TWO

In the second game of the twin bill, Brockton starting pitcher Zach Eldred took the loss, dropping his record to 0-1 for the season. He pitched 4.1 innings, allowing eight hits and two runs (both earned) while walking two batters.

For Tri-City, Mikell Manzano took the win, improving to 3-1 in the season. He pitched a complete game, allowing four hits, one earned run, two walks, and five strikeouts.

Brockton struck first when Derek Bender led off the second inning with a home run, marking his third home run of the season.

In the third inning, Tri-City answered back. Leslie singled to right field, advanced to second on a passed ball, and stole third base as the tying run. Dylan Broderick walked, setting the stage for Julian Boyd, who evened the score at one apiece with an RBI single.

The game remained tied until the fifth inning when the ValleyCats took the lead by scoring four runs. Tri-City loaded the bases with one out when Jake Reinisch walked, forcing home one run. Walters then cleared the

bases with a three-run double, extending Tri-City's lead to 5-1.

A highlight in this game was the arms of the Rox outfielders. In the second inning, Kretzler caught a fly ball and threw out Reinisch trying to score the tying run. Then, in the fifth inning Keagan Calero fielded a single to right field and threw out David Glancy attempting to score.

Brockton will be looking to bounce back tomorrow evening when these two teams wrap up their four-game series, beginning at 5:00 PM at Joseph L. Bruno Stadium.