



BOULDERS BLANK ROX

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Saturday's game was a contest between the "dark side" (Brockton Rox) and the "light side" of the force (NY Boulders) on Star Wars Night at Clover Stadium. Many people came dressed in Star Wars costumes ranging from Princess Leia to Boba Fett, Jango Fett, Rey, Kylo Ren and Storm Troopers. There was even a Jedi Training session. A local Star Trek fan club, the USS Abraham Lincoln, which is part of an organization called Starfleet International beamed in and received a visit from Boulder Bird.



Unlike the Saturday game, the Boulders struck first with DH Aaron Simmons who walked and stole second, moved to third on a fielder's choice which got Catcher Jason Agresti out at second and then scoring on an error by Rox Shortstop Eddie Javier Jr.

That was all they needed to win this one but from that point on the Boulders did not let up. They scored two more in the second on Left fielder Matt Polk's two run homerun with 3rd baseman Norris McClure on second after stealing that for the second of the Boulders three successful steals of the night. This gave the Boulders a 3 – 0 lead

The Rox could not get anything going. In their half of the second, 1st Baseman Jack-Thomas Wold hit into an inning ending unassisted Double play by Boulder's 1st Baseman Jacob Tobias.

The Boulders kept the pressure on the Rox with fantastic fielding like the sliding catch made by Polk in left field in the third and picking off of Javier Jr at second in the fifth. The Boulders added another run in their half of the 5th when Right Fielder Matt McDermott drove in Polk giving the Boulders a 4 – 0 lead. They could Have scored more but Simmons got picked off on his way to third on a ground ball to short.

The scoring finished in the 6th after Center fielder Julian Boyd stole the third base of the evening and was knocked in by a McClure hit that resulted in an error by Wold which was the second of the night for the Rox. Boulders now led 5 – 0.

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Between the 7th and 8th innings a fan ran out onto the field during a Clarkstown Coin and Jewelry contest. Security chased him down and escorted him out of the stadium.

RHP Garrett Cooper got the win and now has a record of 6-2 pitching 7 stellar innings allowing no runs, seven hits, walking two but striking out five. RHP Anthony Leak came in in relief in the 8th and threw two scoreless innings, working around a two-out hit batter in the eighth and a one-out walk in the top of the ninth to secure the win for Cooper, who tied for the team lead with his sixth victory of the season.

This series winning game keeps the pressure on the New Jersey Jackals who the Boulders were tied with for first in the East Division going into last night's game. With New Jersey's 2-1 win vs Tri-City, the Boulders and Jackals remain tied for first place.

The Boulders are looking to complete the three-game sweep this afternoon on "Fan Appreciation Day," which will feature the induction of the franchise's inaugural Hall of Fame class. First pitch is scheduled for 4:00pm

The Boulders magic number to make the playoffs is down to 8 after Sussex County's 8-5 loss vs Québec.