



BOULDERS WIN OPENER AGAINST TROI RIVIERES

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On a Friday night, and not just any ordinary Friday night, but the Friday night of the USA 250th Birthday Celebration weekend, that looked like we might be seeing another two-hour rain delay as clouds massed and drifted over Clover Field, the NY Boulders were proceeding to defeat the Troi Rivieries Aigles.

It looked like the Aigles would score in the first after a John Montes double put him in scoring position but Boulders pitcher Garrett Peters was able to get out of the inning without that happening.

The home half of the 2nd was a different story for the Aigles, NY batted through the order sending 10 men to the plate and scoring five runs after a leadoff double by Fritz Genther, a walk issued to Kyle Hess and a 2 RBI double from John Schroeder. Morris McClure added a run with a 1 RBI doubler scoring Schroeder. Julian Boyd singled moving McClure to third and then stole 2nd putting two runners in scoring position. After a sacrifice fly by Santino Rosso which scored Mc Clure, Polk grounded out scoring Boyd giving the Boulders a 5 – 0 lead. It looked like the Boulders would add more to this after two walks to Jason Agresti and Aaron Simmons, but in his second plate appearance of the inning Genther struck out to end the inning.

The score stayed that way until the 7th inning. After back-to-back singles a comebacker to Pitcher Ethan Bradford was mishandled while trying to get the runner going to third which loaded the bases. Justin Farmer hit a double which scored three. It seemed that Troi Rivieries was going to get back more runs after Farmer moved to third on a Emmanuel Tapia 4 – 3 ground out. Bradford was able to stop the bleeding with a strike out of Jedier Hernandez. The Boulders lead was cut to 5 – 3.

The Boulders were unable to score in the 7th and 8th innings even after getting 2 runners into scoring position.

There were some scary moments in the 9th when it looked like the Aigles were going to at minimum tie it up and at maximum take the lead. Sam Franco led off the inning with a single, Conner Hicks walked and the runners were moved into scoring position with a Farmer sacrifice ground out. The bases were loaded on an intentional walk to Tapia, who is a major homerun threat. Tension was high as Pitcher Tyler Vail, looking for the save faced Hernandez and was able to strike him out. He was able to end the game by getting Cole Hill to ground out to short, giving the Boulders a 5 – 3 victory.