



BOULDERS CLINCH PLAY OFF SPOT ROLL AGAIN OVER ROX IN BROCKTON

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UNDATED – For the first time since the Can-Am/Frontier League merger in 2021, the Boulders are playoff bound in back-to-back seasons. They punched their tickets with a 6-2 win Saturday night in Brockton, while the Down East Bird Dawgs were eliminated from contention with a 4-3 loss at Tri-City.

It was the “**Josh Leslie** Show” at Campanelli Stadium, where the Boulders 3B launched a seal-breaking grand slam in the top of the third, then collected his season-high fifth RBI with a solo homer that made it 5-0 New York (51-43) in the fifth inning.

Catcher **Jason Agresti** extended the lead to 6-0 in the eighth with his team-high 69th RBI of the year, singling home 1B **Jacob Tobias**, whose leadoff double meant that every Boulders batter reached base at least once.

RHP **Garrett Cooper** (W, 7-2 / 6.2 IP, 0 R, 10 H, 0 BB, 5 K) collected his team-leading seventh win of the season, departing with two on and two out in the bottom of the seventh.

LHP **Ethan Bradford** recorded the next four outs before RHP **Kristian Scott** got touched for a two-run homer by Rox SS Eddie Javier, Jr, with two down in the bottom of the ninth.

The Boulders have their first four-game winning streak since reeling off seven in a row to end the month of June, and will look for their first three-game series sweep since June 26-28 in Québec when they play their final road game of the regular season tomorrow (Sunday) afternoon. First pitch is scheduled for 3:30pm EDT.

Also of note:

* Ottawa won 5-2 at Québec, so the Boulders remain ½ game behind the Titans for the top Wild Card spot in the Atlantic Conference

* The NJ Jackals maintained their two-game East Division lead with a 9-2 win vs. Sussex County

