



Boulders Drop Playoff Opener Shut Out by Four-Time Defending Champs

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Pomona, NY – The Boulders opened the best-of-three Frontier League Atlantic Conference Wild Card Round of the playoffs with a 3-0 Wednesday night loss at Clover Stadium against the four-time defending champion Québec Capitales.

New York fell behind 2-0 just two batters in, as Caps CF Chavez Young led off with a single and scored two pitches later on a home run by SS Kyle Crowl.

Québec RF Ruben Castro capped the scoring with a leadoff shot in the top of the third against RHP **Garrett Cooper** (L, 0-1 in post-season / 3 IP, 3 R, 6 H, 1 BB, 4 K).

LHP **Riley Cooper** followed with five shutout innings, giving up just three walks while striking out five before RHP **Scott Harper** worked a scoreless ninth.

But the Boulders' offense was kept in check all night by LHP Miguel Cienfuegos (W, 1-0 in post-season / 6 IP, 0 R, 7 H, 0 BB, 7K) and the relief trio of RHP Ian Villers, LHP Cooper Morgan, and RHP Conner Floyd (Save #1 in post-season), who combined to retire the final 12 batters they faced.

RF **Matt Polk** and 3B **Josh Leslie** each went 2-for-4, combining for four of the home team's seven hits.

Game Two of the series is set for Friday night at Stade Canac in Québec City, where the Boulders went 4-2 this season – including a first-ever three-game sweep June 26-28.

First pitch for New York's must-win is scheduled for 7:05pm EDT and can be seen on Frontier League TV powered by HomeTeam Network.

Game Three, if necessary, will be Saturday night at 7:05pm EDT.

