



Boulders Fall to Capitales Division Title Hopes Dashed

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Pomona, NY – The Boulders were four outs away from securing their fifth straight series win but couldn't hold a 4-1 lead and lost 7-4 to the Québec Capitales on Saturday night at Clover Stadium.

New York (54-46) fell behind 1-0 in the first inning and had their first 12 batters all set down by Québec (69-31) LHP Masatoshi Sakurai, but CF **Matt Polk** drew a leadoff walk in the bottom of the fifth, took third on a double by RF **Norris McClure**, and 3B **Josh Leslie** smashed a script-flipping two-run double.

Catcher **John Schroeder** added a two-run double in the seventh to send off LHP **Isaac Rohde** (ND / 7 IP, 1 R, 7 H, 1 BB, 6 K) with a three-run cushion.

RHP **Scott Harper**, who hadn't allowed a run since August 8th (11 innings over 11 outings), surrendered three runs – all with two outs -- in the top of the eighth, then RHP **Jalon Long** (L, 5-6) gave up three in the ninth, including a tie-breaking two-run single by Caps' 1B Torin Montgomery.

The final game of the regular season is tomorrow (Sunday) night, with first pitch scheduled for 6:00pm EDT.

Also of note:

* With New Jersey's 7-2 win followed by Ottawa's 6-0 victory for a Saturday doubleheader split at Hinchliffe Stadium, the Jackals clinched the East Division title while the Titans secured the #1 Atlantic Conference Wild Card

* Round One of the playoffs (best-of-3) is all set:

* Boulders vs Québec (Game 1 Wednesday night in Pomona)

* New Jersey vs Ottawa (Game 1 Wednesday night in Ottawa)

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