



Boulders Pushed to Brink Drop Game 2 of Atlantic Conference Finals

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Pomona, NY – The Boulders brought the tying run up twice in the bottom of the ninth inning, but lost Game 2 in the best-of-five Frontier League Atlantic Conference Finals 6-3 to the Ottawa Titans Wednesday night at Clover Stadium and now face playoff elimination Friday night north of the border.

New York fell behind in the first inning for the third straight home game in this post-season, as Ottawa got an RBI double from 2B Jackie Urbaez, who moved to third on a throwing error and scored on 3B AJ Wright's sacrifice fly.

The Boulders cut the deficit to 2-1 in the bottom of the third on 1B **Jacob Tobias**'s RBI single, only to see the Titans respond in the fourth; DH Kaiden Cardoso went the other way for a three-run dagger home run off RHP **Garrett Cooper** (L, 0-2 in playoffs / 3.1 IP, 4 ER, 6 H, 1 BB, 3 K) that gave the visitors a 5-1 lead.

RHP **Anthony Leak** got tagged for a solo homer in the top of the fifth by CF Jake Steels, making the score 6-1.

And it stayed that way until the bottom of the ninth, when C **Jason Agresti** followed 2B **Santino Rosso**'s leadoff single with a two-run homer.

With the home team down 6-3, RF **Norris McClure** had a one-out double and moved to third on 3B **Josh Leslie**'s infield single. But they were stranded on the corners when DH **Aaron Simmons** fouled out and LF **John Schroeder** struck out.

After an off day tomorrow (Thursday), the series resumes at Ottawa Stadium on Friday night, with first pitch scheduled for 7:00pm EDT.

The Boulders are down 0-2 in the series but did climb out of this hole before when they pulled off a "reverse sweep" vs. the Québec Capitales in the 2016 Can-Am Semifinals.

Also of note:

Simmons (2-for-4), Leslie (2-for-4), and RF **Norris McClure** (2-for-3) have combined for 9 of the Boulders' 15 hits so far in the series

Agresti's home run was his third of the playoffs and he leads the team with 8 RBI