



Boulders Roll in Brockton Magic Number for Playoff Spot Down to 2

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UNDATED – The Boulders made it three wins in a row Friday night, taking their series opener at Campanelli Stadium in Brockton, MA, 10-5 vs. the Rox.

New York (50-43) reached the 50-win plateau for the fifth year in a row under 6th year manager **TJ Stanton**, and 10th time in the franchise's 15 seasons.

Catcher **John Schroeder** got the scoring started with a three-run, second inning double, then crossed the plate on an error three batters later to make it 4-0.

3B **Josh Leslie** added a two-run double in the third, while DH **Jason Agresti** smacked a two-run homer in the top of the fourth that extended the Boulders' lead to 8-0.

LHP **Garrett Peters** (W, 6-5 / 5 IP, 5 R, 10 H, 0 BB, 2 K) gave up four runs in the bottom of the fourth and one more in the fifth before the bullpen trio of RHP's **Emmett Bice**, **Scott Harper**, and **Jalon Long** recorded the final 12 outs, giving up just three singles over the final four frames.

The visitors capped the scoring with two runs in the eighth, getting an RBI single from Schroeder – who tied his season high with four ribbies (also 5/18 vs. Sussex County) -- while Leslie raced home on a wild pitch.

The middle game of the Boulders' final road series of the season is set for a 6:30pm EDT start tomorrow (Saturday) night.

Also of note:

- * LF **Matt Polk** extended his hitting streak to 10 games (15-40 / .375) with a third inning single
- * Ottawa lost 6-3 at Québec, so the Boulders trail the Titans by just ½ a game for the top Wild Card spot in the Atlantic Conference
- * Down East was beaten 10-4 at Tri-City, leaving the Boulders' "magic number" at 2 to clinch their second straight playoff appearance – which would be a first since joining the Frontier League
- * The NJ Jackals extended their East Division lead to 2 full games with a doubleheader sweep of Sussex County (5-4 in 8 innings and 8-1), which eliminated the Miners from playoff contention