



Boulders lose season opener, win season finale - Winning 5th Straight Series

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The NY Boulders 2026 season saw them win a lot of great games with a few blowouts in the mix. It also saw them lose a few heartbreakers in the process. They even had a game canceled due to the lights at Clover Stadium deciding not to work. They ended with a 55 – 46 record. Since taking the reigns as manager, TJ Stanton's teams have not won less than 52 games in a season. They closed out the 2026 regular season by doing something they hadn't since joining the Frontier League in 2021, clinching a fifth straight series win with Sunday night's 10-7 victory over the visiting Québec Capitales in the regular season finale.

The Capitales struck first with two runs in the top of the second taking a 2-0 lead. New York answered with four in the bottom half to take the lead with a game-tying two-run double from LF **Daniel McElveny** and two-run homer from 1B **Jacob Tobias**.

Québec made it a 4-3 game with a run in the fourth, from back-to-back doubles by C Nicholas Deschamps and LF Jordan Smith it looked like they were going to tie it up, but P Emmett Bice got 3B Nick Groves to strike out ending the inning and leaving Smith stranded on second.

The Boulders put the game out of reach with a four-run fifth, batting through the order, McElveny and SS **Josh Leslie** had one run RBI singles, Tobias added two more runs with a single.

In the seventh; the Caps got a RBI groundout from SS Kyle Crawl – his 102nd RBI of the season – The Boulders added two more to their 8 making it a 10 – 4 game on RBI doubles by McElveny and CF **Julian Boyd**.

The Capitales scored three in the ninth to make it a 10 – 7 game and looked like they were going to tie up the game with bases loaded and two outs. Pitcher Kristian Scott was able to get leadoff batter RF David Mendham to strike out ending the threat and leaving three on base

Emmett Bice (W, 5-3 / 3 IP, 1 R, 2 H, 1 BB, 3 K) picked up the win in relief of fellow RHP **Anthony Leak**, with RHP **Ray White** (2 IP), LHP **Ethan Bradford** (1 IP), and RHP **Kristian Scott** (1 IP) recording the final 12 outs.

The Boulders head into the Frontier League Playoffs for the second year in a row and will face the four-time defending champion Capitales in a first-round rematch from 2025. Game One in the best-of-three is set for 7:00pm Wednesday night at Clover Stadium, with Games 2 and (if necessary) 3 at Stade Canac in Québec City on Friday and Saturday.

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Also of note:

Tobias tied his season high with 4 RBI (also 5/19 {for Lake Erie} at Joliet)

McElveny's 4 RBI equaled his season high (also 8/13 at Trois-Rivières)

2B **Matt Polk** (3-5, 2 runs) had 3 hits in a game for the 5th time this season (last 8/16 @ QBC)

Every Boulders batter reached base at least once