



WINDY CITY BLOWS THROUGH THE BOULDERS

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August 6 was the 81st anniversary of the USA dropping the atomic bomb on Hiroshima. It was also a day when the Boulders got nuked by the Windy City Thunderbolts 7 – 1.

The night began with speeches for the Night Out celebration by Congressman Mike Lawler, County Executive Ed Day, Sheriff Lou Falco and Ramapo Town Supervisor Michael Specht.



Ramapo Town Supervisor Michael Specht giving his speech

Windy City got off to a 1 – 0 lead in the first inning when Justin Fogle hit a two out solo homerun. The Boulders went down quietly 1 – 2 – 3. In the second inning Robbie Ayers opened the inning with a ground rule double as his hit bounced over the short porch wall in right field. It looked like Boulders pitcher Gabriel Barrett was going to get out of the inning with no runs until Tony Livermore hit an RBI single giving Windy City a 2 – 0 lead. With 3rd baseman Norris McClure on 1st, it seemed that the Boulders would tie it up when John Schroeder hit a drive to right field and that looked like it was going to be a tying 2 run homerun but Right fielder Michael Sandle jumped up and appeared to catch the ball as he fell over the short porch wall landing in the seats, much to the amazement and disappointment of the crowd to end the inning. Boulders manager TJ Straton came out to argue the call, but to no avail. This was the way the rest of the night went for the Boulders. They could not catch a good break.

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The shellacking continued in the third with Sandle leading off with a triple and DH Carlos Pena hitting a 2-run home run. The Boulders were unable to answer and left 2 men on base.

The Bolts went down quietly in the 4th and the Boulders seemed to be on the verge of scoring when Windy City pitcher Ramon Rodriguez loaded the bases with three walks, but they stranded all three on base.

The terrible night continued in the 5th when the Bolts scored 2 more runs after a single by Liam McArthur and three walks by Barrett giving Wind City a 6 – 0 lead.

In the 6th the Boulders showed some life after Right fielder Aaron Simmons was given first base on a Pitch Clock Violation by Rodriguez and after two outs, Schroeder doubled scoring him making the score 6 – 1.

The final nail in the coffin came in the Bolts half of the ninth when Pena hit another solo homerun. The Boulders went three up and three down in their half giving the Bolts a 7 – 1 victory.



L to R William McDermot, Jack Tully, Leah Shaw, Nate Deliberately

During one of the inning breaks the Boulders announced 6 scholarship recipients. Four of them were present to receive theirs. Jack Tully will be attending Marywood College Nate Deliberately and Leah Shaw Indiana University and William McDermott University of Maryland.