

Fifth Inning Rally Leads Blue Crabs to 4-3 Victory

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Waldorf, MD – June 23, 2019 - The Blue Crabs came into game two of a three game series with the High Point Rockers looking for their fourth series win in five tries. Michael Kelly (W, 3-3) took got the job done as tossed a quality start and the Blue Crabs runs exploded in the fifth inning, leading to a 4-3 victory.

In the top of the second inning, High Point jumped on the board first. With one out, Vioseergy Rosa lined a single into right field before Matt Jones hammered a double into left-center. With two outs, Kalian Sams singled on a ground ball into left field, scoring Rosa and Jones, giving the Rockers a 2-0 lead.

In the top of the third inning, High Point had runners on second and third base with two outs. Michael Kelly threw a wild pitch, scoring a run, and giving the Rockers a 3-0 lead. He settled down from there, not allowing another run in six and two-thirds innings of work.

Dominic DeMasi (L, 1-1), the starting pitcher for the Rockers, was outstanding for the first four innings, allowing no runs and only one hit.

But in the fifth inning, the Blue Crabs' offense exploded. After a pair of base hits and a walk, Southern Maryland had the bases juiced with one out. Edwin Garcia grounded into a fielder's choice, scoring one run and advancing the runners to second and third base. The next batter, Kent Blackstone, lined a single into right field, scoring two and tying the tally at 3-3. After Blackstone stole second base, Rubi Silva drove a single into left field, giving Southern Maryland a 4-3 lead.

Both bullpens pitched incredibly well. The Rockers' relievers allowed no runs and no hits in three innings. The Blue Crabs bullpen also thrived as John Hayes and Adam Choplick did not allow a run in the seventh or eighth innings.

In the ninth, James Dykstra (S, 2) allowed a leadoff single. He would recover and retire the next three batters in order, giving the Blue Crabs a 4-3 win.

The Blue Crabs will return home tomorrow, June 23th for the third game of a six-game homestand with a matchup against the High Point Rockers with a 6:35 p.m. first pitch.

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