

Seoul wins stunner over Greensboro

Game #2 Recap: Seoul, Korea 9 Greensboro, North Carolina 8



Trailing 8-3 going into the bottom of the seventh inning, Asia-Pacific Zone Champion Seoul, Korea was staring down defeat against East Zone Champion Greensboro, North Carolina in Game #2 at the Colt World Series. But, thanks to a six-run, come-from-behind rally, Seoul pulled out a 9-8 walk off victory.

Greensboro got on the board first after lead off hitter and starting pitcher Jacob Edwards singled to center and the proceeded to steal second. After Isiah Rehm was struck out swinging, CJ Neese lined a single to left, which was enough to score Edwards, making the score 1-0. Isiah Hairston flew out to center and Grayson Chaney grounded to second to end the inning.

Both offenses were held in check until to top of the fourth, when Clay Dilday roped a two-out single to left, then advanced on a wild pitch. Derek Martinez then singled to left, putting runners at the corners with two out. Gus Hughes followed with a single to left, scoring Dilday and making it 2-0. Cade Darnell continued the two-out rally with a single of his own, and Martinez was able to score after a fielding error by center fielder Lee Jong Min.

Jacob Edwards singled on a play in which he hit a dribbler back to the pitcher and beat the throw, which scored Hughes, making it 4-0 Greensboro. After advancing to third on the single from Edwards, Cade Darnell scored on a wild pitch to make the score 5-0.

Greensboro added to it lead in the top of the fifth, when CJ Neese was hit by a pitch to lead off the inning. Isiah Hairston followed by smashing a triple to deep center, scoring Neese and stretching the Greensboro lead to 6-0.

Grayson Chaney was hit by a pitch and then advanced to second on defensive indifference. Clay Dilday hit into a fielder's choice and advanced Chaney to third. Mason Canoy stuck out, but the catcher Young dropped the ball, forcing him to throw down to first to complete the play. The throw allowed Chaney to advance to third and Hairston to come home, extending the Greensboro lead to 7-0.

The runners were able to advance again on a wild pitch as Grayson Chaney came home on the play to make the score 8-0.

Korea found its offense in the bottom of the fifth, as Jang Ye Jun laced a double to left, then was driven home by Kim Tae Ho's single to center, making the score 8-1. Ho then stole third and scored when Lee Gyu Min grounded into a fielder's choice, closing the gap to 8-2. No Jee Woo singled to right and stole second, then was brought home as Shim Jae Young singled to center, making it 8-3.

After a quiet 6th inning, Korea really made things interesting in the bottom of the seventh, as Kim Tae Ho doubled to left and Lee Gyu Min, putting runners at first and second with no outs. No Jee Woo doubled to left, scoring Ho and moving Min to third. Min then scored on a wild pitch, making the score 8-5, with still no one out.

After Woo advanced to third on the wild pitch, Shim Jae Young single to center, bringing in Woo and making it 8-6 in favor of Greensboro. After Heo Chan Min lined out, Na Seung Yeup singled to right, putting two runners on. Following Yun Jae Yeong's strikeout, Lee Jong Min drove a pitch to deep right that came off the glove of Chaney and dropped to the grass, scoring both Young and Yeup, tying the game at eight.

Jang Ye Jun followed with a single up the middle and Min beat the throw home to give Seoul, Korea a walk off 9-8 win. Jang Ye Jun was the star of the game at the plate, as he went 2-for-3 with a double and the game-winning hit and RBI.

With the win, Seoul advances to Game #8 tomorrow at 6:30 p.m. in the winner's bracket to face Mexico Zone Champion Los Mochis, Sinaloa. After the loss, Greensboro drops into the loser's bracket and will play tomorrow at 1:30 p.m. in an elimination Game #5.