

Bay County's Brown blanks Aruba's bats in Game #3 1-0 victory

Game #3 Recap: Bay County, Michigan 1 Oranjestad, Aruba 0



Pitching and defense ruled in Game #3 of the Colt World Series as North Zone Champion Bay County, Michigan defeated Oranjestad, Aruba 1-0 in a true pitcher's duel.

Bay County's Branden Brown highlighted the game, as he turned in a dominating performance in a complete game one-hit shut-out, while striking out eight. Brown's counterpart, Aruba's Norangelo Jacobus, was nearly as dominant, as he went six innings, giving up only one run on four hits, while striking out four.

The only scoring in the game took place in the bottom of the third, as Bay County's Alec Prokopenko led off the inning with a walk and was moved over to second on a sacrifice bunt from Garrett Glysz. Carson Kwapiszewski reached on a grounder to short that was bobbled by Raibiently Mercalina. Prokopenko advanced to third on the play, and the bases were loaded, after John Dorman drew a walk, giving Bay County a great opportunity to score.

The North Zone Champions' Cooper Kauffold attempted to squeeze the run home with a bunt, but Oranjestad's pitcher Norangelo Jacobus fielded the bunt and flipped home to get the force out.

However, Jacobus threw a wild pitch to the next batter and Kwapiszewski came home, scoring the only run of the game.

The wild pitch in the bottom of the third was the only blemish on Jacobus' record. Brown threw 105 pitches in his outing, and kept the Aruba hitters off balance all day, as he seldom gave up solid contact.

Brown also went 3-for-3 at the plate with two singles and a double, rounding out a stellar day both in the batter's box and on the pitcher's mound.

With the win, Bay County advances to play in a winner's bracket Game #7 Saturday at 4:00 p.m. ET/US against Harry Bradway Classic Area Host Winner Hoosier North, Indiana. After the close loss, Oranjestad will face Crowley, Texas in an elimination Game #6 tomorrow at 11:00 a.m. ET/US.

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