

Wriborg tosses no-hitter in Crowley's rout of Oranjestad

Game #5: Crowley, Louisiana 17 Oranjestad, Aruba 0



Hunter Wriborg's five-inning no-hitter of Oranjestad, Aruba headlined Game #5 of the Colt World Series in Lafayette, Indiana Saturday morning, as South Zone Champion Crowley, Louisiana won in dominating fashion 17-0.

Wriborg only threw 60 pitches, yielding only one walk and striking out two, as his offense gave him plenty of run support. With their starter throwing a gem on the mound, the Crowley offense did more than enough to back him up at the plate, as they plated 17 runs on 11 hits.

Kamran Richard led Crowley on offense, as he went 2-for-2 at the plate with a home run, a double, and three RBI. Richard's home run led off the game in the top of the first, and it was the first homer of this year's Colt World Series. Richard reached base in each of his four plate appearances, as he also drew a walk and was hit by a pitch.

Austyn Benoit also had a solid day at the plate, going 1-for-2 in four plate appearances, highlighted by a double with the bases loaded in the top of the fourth, scoring all three runners and making the score 16-0.

Crowley plated runs in each of the first four innings, but they exploded in the third and fourth innings. The South Zone Champions held a 4-0 lead going into the top of the fourth and subsequently scored seven in that frame, stretching the lead to 11-0.

In that inning, the Cajuns took advantage of four errors from Aruba and only needed two hits. The fourth was a similar story, as Crowley crossed the plate six times in the frame, while compiling six hits and stealing two bases.

Crowley starter Wriborg went into the bottom of the fifth carrying a no-hitter, and nearly lost it with one away in the frame when Reggie Eduarda hit a slow-moving grounder up the middle. Cajun shortstop Landon Lafleur tried to make the play, but he didn't squeeze the ball and the runner was safe at first.

After some deliberation, the play was ruled an error and Wriborg's no-hitter was still alive. He proceeded to retire the next two batters to complete a memorable outing on the biggest stage in PONY's Colt 16U age division.

Crowley plays tomorrow at 2:30 p.m. against the loser of today's Game #4 between Hoosier North, Indiana and Bay County, Michigan. With the loss, Oranjestad is eliminated from the competition, but will play a consolation game on Monday at 2:30 p.m.

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