

Lafayette (All-Stars) win wild one in extras, eliminate Greensboro

Game #6: Lafayette (All-Stars), IN 11 Greensboro, North Carolina 10



Host Lafayette (All-Stars), Indiana knocked off the East Zone Champion Greensboro, North Carolina 11-10 in an 11-inning marathon in Game #6 of the Colt World Series in Lafayette, Indiana, thanks to an eight-run comeback in the bottom of the seventh inning.

Greensboro took the lead in the fifth, when Gus Hughes led off the inning with a single and scored on Jacob Edwards' single to center. After Edwards advanced to third, he came around to score when CJ Neese helped his own cause when he singled up the middle to score Edwards and give Greensboro a 3-2 lead.

The visitors from North Carolina added to their lead again in the sixth, when Isaiah Rhem hit an infield single that TJ Preston tried to barehand, but couldn't make the throw in time. Rhem advanced to third and then was brought home when Jacob Edwards grounded to second and the only available play was at home, extending the Greensboro lead to 4-2.

After yet another shutout inning from starting pitcher CJ Neese in the bottom of the sixth, Greensboro exploded for eight six runs in the top of the seventh. A single, an error, and a walk loaded the bases before Jake Bloss was able to cross the plate on a wild pitch.

Gus Hughes later drew a walk to score another run and bring the tally to 6-2. A two-run single from Cade Darnell brought the score to 8-2 and a fielder's choice and a single from Clay Dilday brought home two more runs and Greensboro headed to the bottom of the seventh leading 10-2.

Neese began the last frame by hitting TJ Preston and later walking Jack Ross. At that point, he was removed in favor of Nate Cantor, who gave up two singles to load the bases and allow Lafayette to close the gap to 10-3.

Back-to-back walks from Cantor and then Gus Hughes brought home two more runs, making the score 10-5. Rowan Ferrell then scored on a wild pitch and two more walks brought in another run, narrowing the score to 10-7 and bringing the possible winning run to the plate.

TJ Preston struck out and Jacob Kyle hit a comebacker to Greensboro pitcher Jackson Hartley, but Hartley threw the ball away into right field and three runs scored, tying the game at ten and putting the winning run at third. Hartley was able to retire Jack Ross to end the inning, but the damage had been done and the two teams were heading to extra innings.

Greensboro loaded the bases with one out in the top of the tenth, but Lafayette pitcher Trey Cochran retired the next two batters to retire the side. Lafayette had a bases loaded opportunity with two outs in the bottom of the tenth, but Cole Bridge went down on strikes to force an eleventh inning.

Lafayette found themselves with runners at second and third with no outs in the bottom of the eleventh after TJ Preston drew a walk and Owen Walbaum reached on a throwing error from the pitcher Jackson Hartley. Jack Ross ripped a single through the left side to bring home Preston and deliver a win for the Lafayette All-Stars 11-10 in eleven innings.

With the win, Lafayette (All-Stars) advances in the loser's bracket to play in Game #9 Sunday at 11 a.m. ET/US against the loser of Game #8 between Los Mochis, Sinaloa, Mexico and Seoul, Korea. After the loss today and yesterday, Greensboro is eliminated.

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