

RED HAWKS RELIEF HELP STOPS THE PIONEERS FOR A 7-6 VICTORY

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Wayne, NJ- Montclair State averted a home-and home sweep from William Paterson, thanks in part to a combined 3 innings of solid relief from sophomore southpaw John Silvestri and junior Jake Campbell. The victory at Jeff Albies Field enabled the Red Hawks to maintain sole possession of first place in the New Jersey Athletic Conference.

Silvestri earned his first win of the season (1-0) tossing 2.2 innings, yielding two hits and fanning two. Campbell garnered his second save of the year, throwing a scoreless ninth. Starting pitcher Zach Brown labored for 5.1 innings for Montclair State, hurling 5.1 innings, surrendering six earned runs on nine hits, striking out two, for the no-decision.

William Paterson wasted no time getting on the scoreboard on Friday evening. Junior outfielder Ryan Gibbons led-off the Pioneer bottom of the first with double to left-center. Gibbons advanced to third on a wild pitch. Scott Ptaszynski chopped an infield single up the middle to score Gibbons. The following inning, junior third baseman James Lauer clubbed a two-out double to left-center. A.J. Flores singled to left to score Lauer to provide the Pioneers with a 2-0 lead.

Anthony Bowens initiated the Red Hawk offense in top of the third with a single to right. An overthrow on a pickoff attempt placed Bowens at third. It became a 2-1 contest as Bowens scored on a passed ball. Ptaszynski singled to right to commence the Pioneer third inning. Senior first baseman Jack Montanile advanced the runner with a sacrifice bunt. Senior Rob Somers slammed a ball to right field to score Ptaszynski to give the Pioneers a 3-1 cushion.

Pioneer starter James Young began the top of the fourth by walking designated hitter Kevin Bond on a full count pitch. Red Hawk junior third baseman Steven Nappe bludgeoned his first home run of the season to tie the score at 3-3. Scott Glozzy followed with a double to left center and advanced to third on a sacrifice bunt by Jason Chesterman. Sophomore second baseman Lou Martini lofted a single to shallow left to score Glozzy to provide Montclair State with its first lead of the contest, 4-3. In the Pioneer bottom of the fourth, Brown surrendered a leadoff single to Lauer and advanced to second on a wild pitch. After an intentional walk to Gibbons, Montanile stroked a two-out, two-run double to right-center. The Pioneers regained the lead, 5-4.

In the fifth frame, Bond would tie the score at five with a one-out homer to left field off Young. In the sixth, Martini laced a one-out double down the right field line off Pioneer senior Glenn Flora. Mickey McGraw singled to shallow right, to place Red Hawk runners at the corners. Martini would score after McGraw stole second on a throwing error by Pioneer catcher Vin Fondacaro. Montclair State led at 6-5.

Gibbons coaxed on leadoff walk and advanced to second on a wild pitch, in the William Paterson sixth. Ptaszynski smashed a ground ball through the left side to score Gibbons and tied the contest at 6-6.

Glozzy and Chesterman singled with one-out in the Red Hawk seventh. Both runners advanced a base on a passed ball. Junior right fielder Timothy Byron capped the scoring with a single to center to score Glozzy, as Montclair State led 7-6. Campbell worked around a leadoff ninth inning double to preserve the Montclair State victory.

Pioneer junior Glenn Flora (1-2) suffered the loss yielding eight hits, and striking out five. Tom Giaccione hurled 1.2 innings, striking out one. Young tossed the first 4.1 innings, yielding four earned runs, punching out two.

RED HAWK NOTES: Martini had his first four-hit NCAA game with an RBI and a run scored... Glozzy was 3-for-5 and plated a pair of runs...Bond is the first Red Hawk this year to have consecutive homers in two games and now leads Montclair State in the power department with HRs (7) & RBIs (21)...

William Paterson (21-9) will host Ramapo, Saturday afternoon at 1pm. Montclair State (21-11; NJAC 9-3) is a full game ahead of Ramapo, Kean, and the College of New Jersey in the NJAC standings...Saturday features a 1pm doubleheader as the Red Hawks host Richard Stockton, at Yogi Berra Stadium. The scheduled starters for the Ospreys are Mark Crescenzi (2-4) and Drew Holt (4-3) while the Red Hawks will send Jack Mc Donough (4-0) and Travis Della Volpe (1-1) to the mound. Listen to the live webcast on <http://www.ustream.tv/channel/montclair-state-baseball>