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Renegades Use Giant 6th Inning, Top IronBirds 7-3 *Moquete homers in lose*

By Zack Frink

Aberdeen, MD - The Hudson Valley Renegades won the second of their brief two game set with the Aberdeen IronBirds 7-3. The game marked the ninth straight win over the IronBirds this season.

After an uneventful first inning, both teams got on the board with a run apiece in the second inning. For Hudson Valley, Hunter Lockwood led off with a triple before being hit home on a sacrifice fly from Bralin Jackson. Federico Castagnini would garner a two-out single for the IronBirds and then cross home plate courtesy of an RBI triple from Randolph Gassaway.

Hudson Valley would then explode for six runs in the fourth to put the game out of reach for the IronBirds. The Renegades batted through their entire order as they doled out six hits throughout the inning.

Gulf Coast League call-ups Zeke McGranahan and Michael Burke made their IronBirds debut with impressive outings from the mound. McGranahan relieved Luc Rennie during Hudson Valley's huge fourth inning and gave up a walk and a hit before getting a strikeout to get out of the inning. McGranahan then registered another strikeout in his next inning of work before Burke relieved McGranahan sixth. Burke finished his night with one walk against four strikeouts over the next two innings.

The highlight of the night for the IronBirds came in the sixth inning from a Jamill Moquete homerun. Moquete hit a low flying ball over the left field wall that went past the visitor bullpen. Moquete finished with 2-4 with a run scored and an RBI on the night. Riley Palmer scored the last run of the evening when he reached on a walk after Moquete's homerun and then raced home from an RBI triple from Hector Veloz.

The IronBirds will welcome the Lowell Spinners to Ripken Stadium for a three game series to close out the home stand. John Means (0-2, 3.76 ERA) will get the start for Aberdeen while Lowell will send Kevin McAvoy (0-2, 2.79 ERA) to the mound. First pitch is scheduled for 7:05 pm.

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