

## Steam “walk” off in 6-5 win over Anderson

Ian Kadish fanned 11 in 5.0 shutout innings to lower his ERA to 1.38

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WESTERN HILLS, Ohio—Ian Kadish (Marshall) punched out 11 batters in 5.0 shutout innings, but the Steam needed three walks and a hit batter to score the game-winning run in the bottom of the ninth to defeat the Anderson Servants 6-5 Friday night at Western Hills High School. Cincinnati (14-9) improves to 6-0 all-time at home against Anderson, outscoring the Servants 59-15 in the process.

After falling behind 4-0, the Servants cut the lead to 5-3 entering the top of the ninth. Michael Schum (Wright State) came into the game to try for the save, but poor Steam defense allowed Anderson (7-17) to tie the game. Schum allowed an infield single to Jimmy Roesinger (Dayton) to begin the inning and then walked Riley Diaz (Salve Regina) on four pitches. Schum (2-0) then rebounded to strike out James Harding (Clearwater Christian) on three pitches. With Langford at the plate, a passed ball by Trace Voshell (Ohio) allowed both runners to move up. Schum struck out Langford looking, but the passed ball proved to be crucial. Next batter Gant Elmore (Yale) hit a ground ball to Travis Shaw (Kent State) at third that would have ended the game, but Shaw threw the ball over the head of Ben Thomas (Xavier) at first, allowing both Roesinger and Diaz to score.

The Servants elected to send James Gerlach (Iowa Western C.C.) out for the bottom of the ninth, a questionable move considering Gerlach had walked 10 batters in 8.2 innings coming into the game. The Steam did not have to do much to cross the plate with the game-winning run, as Shaw worked a walk to begin the inning and trotted around the bases after Brad Gschwind (Miami) was hit by a Gerlach (0-3) pitch and both Bobby Freking (Xavier) and Voshell walked to force in the winning run with still nobody out.

Kadish gave up just one hit in the game and walked three batters but was denied his fourth win after the Servants tied the game. He lowered season ERA to 1.38, including 0.36 over his last four starts. After Tyler Langford (Emmanuel College) doubled to begin the game, Servants batters went 0-for-15 the remainder of Kadish's outing. He retired eight batters in a row at one point, which included five consecutive strikeouts (four of which were looking). Kadish now leads the GLSCL in innings pitched (32.2), strikeouts (37), opponents' batting average (.145), and shutouts (1). He is also just two strikeouts away from tying the Steam single-season strikeout record, set by Ryan Kruzka of Butler last season (39 strikeouts in 38.0 IP).

Ricky Parrish (Marion U.) lasted 7.0 innings in the start for Anderson, giving up four earned runs on ten hits. Parrish struck out three and walked four in his first career GSLCL start.

Ryan Strausborger (Indiana State) led the Steam by going 2-for-5 with a double and a run scored. Strausborger extended his hitting streak to 14 games and scored his league-leading 27<sup>th</sup> run. He is batting .444 (12-for-27) over his last six games with an .851 slugging percentage. Voshell entered the game with just one RBI but drove in three on the night and also collected his first double of the season. Shaw went 2-for-4 and scored twice and Cody Elliott (Ball State) went 2-for-3 and drove in a run. Shaw is now batting .412 (7-for-17) over his past four games.

Zachary Kreeger (U. of Indianapolis) recorded all three of Anderson's RBI on a sixth-inning single and a two-out, two-run home run over the high right-field wall in the eighth inning. Roesinger was the only other Servant with multiple hits, going 2-for-3 and scoring a run.

Kadish worked around a leadoff double in the first inning by inducing two strikeouts and a groundout. The All-Star Game starter did walk Reid Spitaels (Bethel) with two out, snapping his streak of 52 consecutive batters faced without issuing a base on balls. The streak spanned 14.2 innings during which Kadish struck out 16 batters.

The Steam squandered an opportunity to take an early lead in the bottom half of the inning, leaving two runners on base. Strausborger led off the inning with an infield single, and Drew Schmidt (Xavier) walked on four pitches to give the Steam two on with nobody out. But Jon Edgington (Miami) grounded into a 5-4-3 double play on the next pitch and Shaw struck out after a Thomas walk to keep the game scoreless.

Parrish's fourth walk of the game in the third inning was the first one to hurt him, as the Steam exploded for four hits and four runs in the inning after the free pass. Edgington walked with one out, and after Parrish hit Thomas with an 0-2 pitch, Shaw hit a ground-ball base hit up the middle to plate Edgington and give the Steam a 1-0 lead. One out later, Freking singled to load the bases, and Voshell followed with a clutch two-run single to center to put the Steam up 3-0. Elliott then doubled off the wall in right to score Freking and cap off the four-run inning.

The Servants plated an unearned run in the sixth inning off of new pitcher Andy Dietz (St. Catharine College) to get on the board. Spitaels reached on an error by Shaw with two outs and advanced to third on back-to-back balks by Dietz. Spitaels coasted home when Kreeger lined a base hit to left field. The two balks in the inning made Dietz the first Steam pitcher to balk twice in an inning, the first to balk twice in a game, and the first to balk twice in a season. Dietz also became the Steam's all-time leader in balks in a matter of minutes.

Kevin Jordan (Northern Kentucky) did not fare well in his Steam debut, giving up a long two-run home run in the eighth inning to Kreeger to cut the lead to 4-3, but he still earned a hold by keeping the Steam on top. Jordan caught a break in the inning when, after walking Elmore to begin the frame, he threw a ball past Voshell that bounced off the backstop and right back to the Steam catcher, allowing him to easily toss out Elmore in his attempt to advance to second base.

Cincinnati added what turned out to be an important run in the ninth inning when Strausborger doubled to right-center with one out and Edgington brought him home with a double of his own to extend the Steam lead to 5-3. Edgington is now batting .467 (7-for-15) this season against the Servants.

Cincinnati returns to action Saturday afternoon for a twinbill with the Licking County Settlers at Western Hills High School. First pitch of game one is scheduled for 4:35 p.m. The Steam are 7-7 all-time against the Settlers, one of just two teams against which Cincinnati does not sport a winning record (the Steam are 5-5 versus Stark County).