

## **The Beat rolls on for Kadish as Cincinnati drops Hamilton, 5-3**

**Kadish fanned seven in 6.0 shutout innings and is now 3-0 with a 0.29 ERA over his last five starts**

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WESTERN HILLS, Ohio—The Steam completed a season sweep of Hamilton Friday night at Western Hills High School, defeating the Joes 5-3 behind a 6.0 shutout innings from ace Ian Kadish (Marshall). Drew Schmidt (Xavier) went 2-for-3 with a double, two RBI, two walks, and run scored to earn player of the game honors, which included a pie in the face from Adam Clark (Lincoln Trail) after the game.

Kadish (4-1) continued his mastery of the GLSCL, striking out seven and giving up just three baserunners (two singles and a walk) in the start. He threw 76 pitches (48 strikes) and retired the Joes in order in five of his six innings. The numbers for Kadish over his last five starts are staggering: in 31.0 innings, he has allowed just one earned run (0.29 ERA) on 13 hits while striking out 39 and walking only five. Opponents are batting just .127 against Kadish over that stretch (and .140 on the year). Kadish lowered his season ERA to 1.16 and now leads the league in strikeouts with 44, which also marks a new Steam single-season record (breaking Ryan Kruzska's record of 39 set last season).

Wesley Rehmert (Urbana) started and took the loss (0-4), pitching just the first inning and giving up two runs on two walks and a single. Fellow Blue Knight Dustin Lacy (Urbana) relieved Rehmert and pitched 4.2 innings of one-hit ball, giving up just one unearned run despite walking six batters and plunking another.

Brad Gschwind (Miami) drove in the first two runs of the game with a two-out single in the first inning, and Ben Thomas (Xavier) went 2-for-4 with a double and an RBI. Bobby Freking (Xavier) scored twice, and Ryan Strausborger (Indiana State) walked twice and stole two bases (bringing his record total to 32) despite not recording a hit for just the fifth time in his 27 starts this season.

The non-starters carried the Joes in the game, as Macky Cianciolo (UConn-Avery Point) went 2-for-3 and scored a run off the bench and Tyler Schunk (Rio Grande) drilled a ninth-inning, three-run home run.

Cincinnati jumped out to a 2-0 lead in the first inning, making it a perfect 4-for-4 in scoring in the opening inning versus Hamilton this season. Strausborger worked an eight-pitch walk to begin the game and stole second base one-out later. After Jon Edgington (Miami) walked on four pitches, the Steam pulled off a double steal to put two runners in scoring position. Thomas struck out looking for the second out, but Gschwind lined a single up the middle to plate both Cincinnati speedsters. Strausborger and Edgington each made history in the inning: Strausborger set new Steam single-season records in stolen bases (16) and stolen base attempts (18), and Edgington tied the Steam single-season walks record (18).

Kadish retired the first seven batters of the game before walking Sam Mote (Wright State) with one out in the third. The inning ended quickly, however, as Mote was thrown out stealing and Kadish punched out Phillip Bauer (Xavier) to end the frame.

Tyler Elkins (Bowling Green) notched the first hit for the Joes with a two-out single in the fourth, and Kyle Weldon (Miami) followed with a sharp single to center. Patrick Jones (St. Catharine College) made it three straight hard hit balls off of Kadish with a line drive to left, but the ball held up for Edgington, ending the inning.

Lacy somehow escaped unscathed in the fourth despite walking three batters and uncorking three wild pitches in the inning. After back-to-back-to-back two-out free passes to Cody Elliott (Ball State), Strausborger, and Schmidt, Edgington swung at the first pitch—perhaps an ill-advised move considering Lacy's control issues—and skied to right to end the inning.

Cincinnati drew seven walks through four innings but also left seven men on base, as Gschwind's RBI single was the lone Steam hit.

Thomas broke an 0-for-10 string for the Steam with a double over the head of Weldon in left to begin the sixth, but Lacy dodged a bullet, as Gschwind lined out to a leaping Mote at second, who flipped to Bauer to complete the double play.

The Steam added to their lead with a single run in the sixth inning. Freking reached on an error by Bauer with one out, and after an Elliott walk, Schmidt grounded a two-out double past a diving Colton Cattani (Lincoln Trail) at third to bring home Freking and put the Steam up 3-0.

The Joes had little trouble figuring out Andy Dietz (St. Catharine College) to begin the seventh after struggling to get anything going against Kadish. Cianciolo, Weldon, and Jones all singled to load the bases with nobody out. Had you asked Dietz what he wanted from Schunk, Dietz might have said a 1-2-3 double play—and that's exactly what he got. Schunk hit a soft ground ball back to Dietz that led to the double play, and after a walk to load the bases, Dietz punched out Cattani looking to end the inning and keep the Joes off the board.

In the seventh inning, the Steam appeared to be on their way to scoring another run; Thomas was hit by a pitch to begin the inning, and Gschwind dropped down a beautiful bunt and was hit by the throw from pitcher Brandon Bouley (Mount St. Joseph), allowing Thomas to advance to third. However, Gschwind was called out for running inside the three-foot box along the first base line, and Thomas was told to return to first base, effectively ending the Steam's threat. First base coach Jordan Wolf argued the call to no avail and was ejected from the game.

Cincinnati did push across two more runs in the eighth to increase the lead to 5-0. Freking was hit by a pitch to begin the frame and advanced to second on a wild pitch. With two outs, Schmidt knocked an RBI single to plate Freking, and Edgington followed with an infield single to put runners on first and second. Thomas then ripped a single to right-center to score Schmidt and put the Steam up by five.

The two runs turned out to be huge, as Schunk tattooed a Dietz fastball for a one-out, three-run home run down the left-field line in the ninth inning. The scoring would be over for Hamilton, though, as Michael Schum (Wright State) relieved Dietz and fanned the final two batters for his sixth save, one off the Steam career and single-season records (held by Chase Stewart of Miami). Schum also lowered his season ERA to 0.71.

The Steam return to action Saturday for a doubleheader with the Southern Ohio Copperheads. First pitch of game one from Western Hills High School is scheduled for 5:35 p.m. Cincinnati boasts a current five-game winning streak versus the Copperheads, outscoring Southern Ohio 36-9 during that stretch.