

Steamed Bullpen and Freking's Hit Pulls Steam Over Scouts 6-4

Bullpen pitches six scoreless innings in relief of Ian Kadish. Fans leave pleased on Fan Appreciation Night!

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WESTERN HILLS, Ohio—Ian Kadish (Marshall) was the starting pitcher on the mound for the Steam, but gave up three hits and four earned runs in only three innings of work. It was the Steam bullpen and late inning hits that pulled the Steam over Scouts. Case Rigby hit a deep shot into left field in the third inning that put four runs on the board for the Scouts. Cincinnati (22-12) improves to 3-0 this season against Xenia (14-19).

The Steam bullpen was strong with appearances by Mike Jefferson (Louisiana Tech), Kevin Jordan (Northern Kentucky), Cody Elliott (Ball State), and Michael Schum (Wright State) with six innings of work and scoreless baseball. They faced 20 batters and allowed one hit, one walk and two base runners.

Case Rigby struck in the third inning for the Scouts with a wall scraping home run into left field to make a score of 4-0. The bats started to Steam in the fourth inning for the Steam with back to back hits by Ben Thomas (Xavier) and Brad Gschwind (Miami) that led to the Steam's first run, 4-1. The Steam struck again in the sixth inning with a one out double by T.J. Jones (Cincinnati), Bobby Freking was hit, then Trace Voshell (Ohio) single led to one more Steam runs. That was followed by a Ryan Strausborger (Indiana State) triple that also plated two runs for the Steam, 4-4.

The tie was broken by a struggling Steam hitter, Bobby Freking (Xavier), who was hitting .174. However Freking delivered with a double into left center field that scored Travis Shaw (Kent State) and T.J. Jones (Cincinnati). The game ended up with this score of 6-4.

Ben Thomas (Xavier) led the Steam by going 2-for-4 with two singles and a run scored. T.J. Jones (Cincinnati) went 1-for-3 with a double and two runs scored. Bobby Freking (Xavier) went 1-for-2 with a double, run scored, two RBI's, which won the game. Trace Voshell (Ohio) went 1-for-3 with a base hit, one run, and two RBI's.

Final home game for the Steam this season turns into a 6-4 victory. The Steam will play at Grand Lake on Saturday, August 1, 2009 and play in the Great Lakes Summer Collegiate League Playoffs starting Tuesday, August, 4, 2009 up at Athletes in Action Sports Complex in Xenia, Ohio. Come join the Steamboat tour in Xenia as they will defend their championship.