

CP Royals and Randolph End in Tie Due to Darkness

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RANDOLPH, NJ- The Chiefs found their bats late on at CCM on Wednesday evening after trailing 5-1 heading to the bottom of the 6th inning. The first four batters reached safely with Vincent DiNicola driving in Eric Schnepf on a RBI single to cut the deficit to 3. Next batter was Sal Lombardo, who grounded into a 4-6-3 double play but drove in Jake Hall to make it 5-3 Royals. Zac Balz came up next and chopped an infield single to short which scored Brian Bohlander.

In the 7th Hall hit a RBI double down the 3rd base line which tied the game up at 5 apiece. After the inning the umpires gathered together and decided to end the game after 7 innings due to darkness. Randolph has started the season with 2 of their first 3 games resulting in ties, with a loss thrown in there as well. The Royals are 1-0-1 to begin the campaign.

The contest started off well for the Royals with Pete Yarem driving in Alex Kokos for the first run of the game off Randolph starter Chris Quijano. In the top half of the 2nd, Kokos had his 2nd hit of the evening plating Joe Ferolie making it 2-0 Royals.

The Chiefs got on the board against Chris Martucci in the bottom of the 2nd on a Lombardo singled to center, which scored Hall.

After Quijano was pulled after 3.0 innings, AJ Ferrara was summoned in the 4th, before getting into some trouble in the 5th. With 2 on and 2 out in the 5th, Jack Carroll smacked a double to left scoring both runners and giving the Royals a 4-1 lead.

The Royals added another in the 6th when MCBL RBI leader Matty Valente drove in his 6th of the year on a single to right field.

Both teams are scheduled for doubleheaders on Saturday, with Randolph facing the Dimaggio Bombers and the Royals scheduled to play the Nationals.