

Matt Riebesell Leads Hudson to 5-4 Win Over Northern Valley

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PARAMUS, NJ- In an early season matchup between the Hudson River Hawks and the Northern Valley Patriots, it was Hudson improving to 2-3 on the year after a game-winning single by Riebesell in the 9th inning. In the Patriot half of the inning, Riebesell gunned down Peter Knights at second base to end the game in exciting fashion. With the loss, the Patriots fall to 2-6 on the young MCBL season.

Michael Pustroem got his first win of the season for the River hawks going 2 scoreless and hitless innings. Jason Patton took the loss for the Patriots.

The afternoon began when Alex Sica drove in the game's first run in the bottom of the first inning which plated Riley lafrate.

Hudson leveled up the score in their very next frame when Guy Izzo hit a grounder passed the diving second baseman off Patriot starter Brett O'Connor.

Those were the only runs either starter gave up in this one as they both pitched very well. O'Connor went 5 innings allowing 5 hits and 4 strikeouts with just the 1 run allowed. Jake Manke for Hudson went 4 innings allowing 1 run on 4 hits while striking out 2.

We were 1-1 into the 7th inning when both offenses came alive off the bullpens. Hudson's 9 hitter Jeffrey Disla manufactured his own run after hitting a double on a full count. On the next pitch he stole 3rd base and the throw got away from Brandon Rivera allowing Disla to score the go ahead run. 3 straight singles by the River hawks pushed the lead up to 4-1 with the big hit coming from who else, Matt Riebesell, who delivered a 2-run single.

The Patriots responded with a 3-run 7th themselves with Ryan Carr delivering a huge game-tying single with 2-outs.

Both teams will retake the field on Wednesday when Northern Valley takes on the DiMaggio Bombers and Hudson plays the North Jersey Horned Frogs.