



## Overpeck Creek Monsters and the CP Royals ended their opener in a 3-3 tie

PARAMUS, NJ - The Overpeck Creek Monsters and CP Royals both played their first game of the 2017 MCBL season Wednesday night at Petruska Park. The game went a total of 10 innings but no winner was decided.

The CP Royals jumped out to an early lead with 2 runs in the 1st inning. It began with a lead-off single from Alex Kokos (3 for 5). Kokos was brought in by the next batter [Brian McHale](#) (2 for 5) who hit a double to deep left center bringing Kokos all the way around from first. The next time the Royals would score would be the very next inning when John Klimowich would reach 1st base on a fielder's choice. He would then go on to steal 2nd base and be driven in by a hard ground ball through the infield hit by [Mike Muentener](#) (1 for 2).

[Jack Defouw](#), the starter for the Overpeck Creek Monsters would find his groove in the 3rd inning. After giving up 3 earned runs in the first 2 innings, he threw up zeros in the three following frames. He finished the day with giving up 1 walk, 6 hits, and striking out 2. Gavin Niland would come in relief and was able to keep the Royals off the board for the rest of the game. He ended the game allowing 1 walk, 2 hits, and 3 Ks.

The Overpeck Creek Monsters jumped on the board in the 3rd inning when [KJ Martoral](#) (2 for 3) reached 2nd base on an error that was made on his hot shot to the second baseman that was unable to be handled and thrown away. He was moved over by [Joe Paladino](#) who grounded to first. Then KJ was brought in by a double off the bat of Jonathan

Fleck. Fleck would be later brought in on a groundball to short hit by [Matthew Converse](#). The Creek Monsters would score one more time in the 6th when Burger was brought in on a single hit by KJ Martoral.

The CP Royals had a staff day to start the opener. They pitched 5 pitchers that combined for 8 Ks and allowed 7 hits. Having the best day on the mound was Ryan Moore who pitched 2 innings not allowing any hits or walks. Moore also struck out 2 Royals.

The game was called due to time constraints in the 10th inning at a 3-3 stalemate. It proved to be an exciting first game for these two MCBL baseball teams.

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