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Elite Eight: R'Dogs Close Perfect Homestand with 7-3 Win Over GreenJackets

RiverDogs score six-unanswered runs over final three innings for eighth straight win

CHARLESTON, S.C. -- The Charleston RiverDogs finished their homestand seven-for-seven and upped their season-high winning streak to eight games, as they came from behind to beat the Augusta GreenJackets 7-3 Sunday evening in front of 4,391 fans at Joseph P. Riley, Jr. Park.

Charleston (26-30 second half, 60-66 overall) trailed 2-1 after the first five and a half innings. Austin Aune stepped in with runners on first and second with one out in the bottom of the sixth and belted a triple to dead center field, which plated both Bo Thompson and Billy Fleming to tie the game at 3-3. Isaias Tejeda followed with an RBI single, which brought home Aune and gave Charleston a 4-3 lead.

The RiverDogs added three more runs of insurance over the next two innings. Bo Thompson hit a ground-rule double that one-hopped over the fence onto Shoeless Joe's Hill and Vince Conde scored to make it 5-3.

Devyn Bolasky hit a sacrifice fly to score Tejeda in the eighth and Angel Aguilar followed with a two-out RBI single to increase the lead to 7-3.

Both starting pitchers lasted six innings. Joey Maher (6-4) won his fifth straight start as the RiverDogs rallied to take the lead in the bottom of the sixth. Sam Coonrod (6-5) gave up the lead in the sixth and took the loss for Augusta.

Charleston's bullpen kept the GreenJackets off the board for the final three innings. Sean Carley pitched five scoreless outs and Garrett Mundell recorded the final four outs to earn his first save with the RiverDogs, the second in his first professional season.

Augusta (28-27, 61-63) jumped in front early only a two-out, opposite field solo home run by Dylan Davis in the first. Charleston evened the score in the third on Thompson's RBI groundout to first. The GreenJackets grabbed a two-run lead in the fourth when Chuckie Jones hit a two-out, two-run double to put the visiting team in front 3-1.

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The RiverDogs are a Class A affiliate of the New York Yankees in the South Atlantic League.

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BOX SCORE: http://atmilb.com/1hUodFh

GAME HIGHLIGHTS: https://youtu.be/nMneJYuvppk

BALLPARK FUN: RiverDogs fans braved the rain once again as showers hit The Joe in the late innings. Majority of the fans still remained in their seats and cheered the RiverDogs on to their eighth straight victory at home and overall. Many kids were in attendance as well for Kids Club Sunday, and they celebrated by receiving free food at the ballpark. The carrot sped back-and-forth around the outfield narrowly beating the shark in the mascot race.

COMING UP: The RiverDogs have an off day Monday before heading to Hickory for a four-game series beginning Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. Charleston will send LHP Justin Kamplain (4-13, 4.70 ERA) to the mound against RHP Collin Wiles (11-3, 2.67 ERA) for the Crawdads. You can listen to the action on "The Big Talker" 1250 WTMA, WTMA.com, and RiverDogs.com.

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