Recap: Kenosha 15, Royal Oak 14

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ROYAL OAK, MI – Jadan Boyce's six hit performance leads the Kenosha Kingfish back from a 12-4 deficit to win 15-14, Saturday night.

For the second straight game Kenosha did not get much length out of a starter with Brandon Newland making it through just two innings. He struggled, allowing six hits, five earned runs, four walks and only struck out one. He left with the fish trailing 5-3, however pitching would continue to falter.

Cooper Cooksey could only record two outs and after the third inning was over the Kingfish saw themselves behind 10-3. Sotaro Ishida relieved him and gave the Kingfish much needed length. He went four and a third innings, allowed three hits, two runs, one walk and struck out seven. Those two runs both came in the third for Royal Oak as they opened up a 12-4 lead.

However, the Kingfish did not give in. The top of the fifth was the start of the comeback. Kenosha scored four in the inning, highlighted by a two-RBI triple from Ryan Bakes.

The comeback became real in the top of the eighth. The Kingfish scored six runs and took a 14-12 lead. The catalyst was Jadan Boyce who went 6-6, which is the first game of its kind in Kingfish history.

The majority of the damage came with two-outs. 10 of the 16 hits for the fish came with two-down. For reference, they did not have more than three two-out hits in any game prior. Royal Oak did their best to help Kenosha rally, dishing out 18 free passes.

Kenosha didn't have the best command either though, walking 12 leprechauns and two in the bottom of the eighth that resulted in Royal Oak tying the game at 14.

The Kingfish were resilient though and added a game deciding 15th run in the ninth on AJ Garcia's fifth walk of the game.

Jackson Prentice was tasked with locking down the bottom of the ninth and worked around two walks of his own to get the save.

Royal Oak drops to 4-2, while Kenosha improves to 3-3 and has now won all three series finales this season. The Kingfish are back in action Sunday at Historic Simmons Field where they will host the Rockford Rivets at 1:35 p.m. CST.