

Wingnuts Unscrewed By Lemurs

Laredo, TX - With every game becoming more and more important down the stretch, the Lemurs faced a tough challenge in the Wichita Wingnuts. The Wingnuts tossed their top starting pitcher, Alex Bosher, in the first game of the four-game series in Laredo. The Lemurs countered with Gabe Perez and some excellent hitting to carry them to a 10-4 victory.

The Lemurs offense started clicking quickly. After scoring just seven runs in their last five games, the Lemurs plated four runs in the first four innings tonight. JD Pulfer scored the first run of the game, running home after Burt Reynolds stole second base while he himself was on third. Denis Phipps hit another big home run for the Lemurs, a two-run shot in the third inning, making it 3-0. Then Alvaro Rondon would drive in Reynolds in the fourth inning.

Perez threw five dominant shutout innings for the Lemurs. However, he ran into some trouble in the sixth. With the top of the Wingnuts order due up in the sixth inning, Perez started to struggle. He walked Christian Stringer to start the inning. Then, he gave up a double to Zack Cox. That would be followed by hitting Brent Clevlen with a pitch and loading the bases after the Laredo offense had worked up a 4-0 lead. Perez would be pulled and Danny Reynolds would come in. He'd walk TJ Mittelstaedt and then give up a single on a shallow fly ball that resulted in a throwing error allowing two more runs to come across to tie the ballgame.

It would not stay tied long. After loading the bases themselves, the Lemurs would score three runs in the bottom of the sixth. Chase Johnson walked four batters that inning for the Wingnuts and the Lemurs made him pay, taking a 7-4 lead. Laredo was not done yet though. They would tack on three more runs in the eighth inning after Jeff Inman came into the ballgame in the top of the eighth to put out a bases loaded firestorm created by the Lemurs defense. The Lemurs then led 10-4 going into the ninth and shutdown the Wingnuts.

Perez would end up allowing three runs on two hits and two walks while striking out seven batters over five innings. Danny Reynolds came in and gave up an unearned run in his inning of work and got the win for the Lemurs. Luis De La Cruz hurled a shut out frame for Lemurs out of the pen, while Manny Martinez could not finish off his inning of work in the eighth as the Lemurs called on Jeff Inman. Luis Pollorena tossed a perfect ninth inning for Laredo as they won 10-4 tonight.

The Lemurs entered the night half a game behind the Winnipeg Goldeyes. Winnipeg torched Fargo-Moorhead and remains a half game ahead of Laredo with three games left to play. Over the next three days, the Lemurs just need to win one more game than the Goldeyes in order to get in the playoffs.