

## **Lemurs Pitching Befuddles AirHogs Hitters**

Laredo, TX - With every game a must win for the Lemurs, the pitching has to be strong and lead the way. That is exactly what happened in the second game of the four game series with the Texas AirHogs. Troy Marks had another great start and the bullpen was business as usual guiding the Lemurs to 1-0 victory. That lone run came with one swing of the bat from Denis Phipps in the sixth inning.

Marks had arguably his best performance of the year, as he continues to impress down the stretch for Laredo. The right-hander allowed just one hit and walked two batters while striking out a 2016 Lemur high 11 batters. All that in six innings of work, earning him his seventh win of the season. The lone hit he surrendered was a two-out single to Devon Rodriguez in the fourth inning.

The Laredo bullpen dominated as well. Danny Reynolds threw two perfect innings of baseball will striking out a pair of batters, coming in for Marks to start the seventh. Jeff Inman picked up his 16th save of the year, striking out two of the three hitters he faced. The Lemurs closed the game out retiring the last 16 batters that faced and never allowed a runner to reach second base all night.

The AirHogs pitching was good tonight as well. Derek Callahan got the start and pitched well despite struggling with his command at times. The lefty would walk four batters over six innings, yet he still surrendered just three hits and struck out five. Tyler Harris and Alan Oaks each tossed shutout innings in relief, with Oaks the only one to surrender a baserunner.

At the plate, the Lemurs had a couple of opportunities to bring runs in. The best came in the bottom of the third with Abel Nieves at third base and Drew Martinez at first with one out after a Texas error put them there. Denis Phipps was at the plate, but he would strike out looking before Zane Chavez flew out to right field. Phipps would redeem himself with a solo home run on the first pitch of the bottom of the sixth for the Lemurs. That would be the only run Laredo would score all night, but it proved to be enough.

The Lemurs still have two more games against the AirHogs before the Wichita Wingnuts come to town for four games. Wichita defeated Joplin, moving their Magic Number to one. Laredo did get some good news, Winnipeg lost 18-2. The Goldeyes loss plus the Lemurs win puts Laredo just one game behind Winnipeg for the Wild Card with six games left to play in the 2016 season.