

Badgers Outlast Blue Hens in 13-Inning Thriller

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Tampa, FL – Wisconsin Club Baseball defeated the University of Delaware by a score of 8-7 in 13 innings on Sunday night at The University of Tampa Baseball Stadium.

The match-up was originally scheduled to begin at 7:30 that evening, but morning rain delays in earlier games pushed the tournament schedule back four hours for a start-time of 11:20 p.m.



The Badgers were hot out of the gate and loaded the bases in their first three at-bats. As Delaware's starter Steve Ahlbrandt struggled to locate his pitches, Wisconsin took advantage of two defensive errors and roped two singles to score three runs in the top of the first.

Wisconsin kept its 3-0 lead over Delaware through the next four innings as a pitcher's duel ensued. It wasn't until the bottom of the fifth that the Blue Hens were able to get to Badgers' starter Aaron Starr and string a few hits of their own together to score three runs and tie it up.

Ahlbrandt was able to shut down the Badgers for another inning but the Blue Hens kept scoring. As Starr began to lose control off the mound, a throwing error, a pass ball and a timely double from Delaware's Danny LeNoir scored one run and forced the Badgers to make a pitching change.

Freshman Adam Boben came in with one out and a runner at second and faced four batters and threw only nine pitches. Boben was able to retire one, but after a wild pitch, a hit-by-pitch, two walks and a run scored, the Badgers made their second pitching change of the inning and handed it off to Logan August. August walked in two more runs before the end of the inning as the Blue Hens put up a four-spot to go ahead 7-3.

Minutes after the sixth inning finished, the Badgers started a rally of their own. Wisconsin knocked around Delaware's Kevin OShea to score three runs in five at-bats on a walk, three singles and two wild pitches. With one out and runners at first and second the Blue Hens turned to Matt Bass to get out of the inning, but the Badgers managed to tack on one more before the end of the seventh.

In the top of the eighth inning, the battle off of the mound began. Wisconsin's Logan August and Delaware's Rob Seraita were stellar for each of their teams as the game went into 13 full innings. The Badgers' came through in the 13th and scored one run after Parker Sear struck a

lead-off double, Dylan Lawrence moved him over to third and Robby Wolfe hit one deep to right field to score him. The Blue Hens were unable to answer back.



In the end, it was August who earned the win after allowing no runs on one hit, two walks and seven strikeouts through seven and a third innings pitched.

Wisconsin is now 2-0 in tournament play and will face the winner of Florida vs. Utah State at 3:15 p.m. on Tuesday, May 27th. Delaware is 1-1 for the week and will face East Carolina in an elimination game on Sunday, May 26th at 7:30 p.m.

For more details about today's game, check out the complete [box score](#).

This is the second consecutive season that the National Club Baseball Association has hosted the season-finale event at the University of Tampa Baseball Stadium in downtown Tampa. Games will continue through Thursday, May 29th. For a full schedule of events, links to in-game broadcasts and play-by-play updates, head to the [NCBA World Series Website](#).