

## Miracle Comeback Falls Just Short in 7-6 RailCats Loss

**FARGO, ND-** In the series rubber match at Newman Outdoor Field in Fargo, ND, the Gary SouthShore RailCats (23-29) came up just short of an unthinkable seven-run comeback as the Fargo-Moorhead Redhawks took the series on their home field with a 7-6 final.

The third final score of the three-game set that ended in a one-run difference, the RailCats nearly notched a comeback victory after falling behind 7-0 in the third inning.

In each of the first two innings, the Redhawks would lead off the frame with a solo home run, first by Correlle Prime and then by Jordan George.

RailCats starter John Sheaks suffered the loss after allowing the aforementioned two runs in two innings as he faced ten batters in his second start of the year.

While the game felt manageable after two, Fargo-Moorhead cranked things wide open in the third as the Redhawks would score five against Cole Cook in his first inning of work to take a 7-0 lead.

Yet, after the third, Cook locked down the Redhawks for the entirety of the game. Cook threw six innings on the mound with five runs on nine hits, three walks and two strikeouts.

Down by seven in the fifth, the RailCats would crack the goose egg in the fifth as Hayden Schilling singled in Tom Walraven. On the ensuing batter, Jesus Marriaga roped a single over the 6-foot-5 first baseman Prime as Schilling raced into score.

Nearly halfway to the plate, Schilling twisted around to retreat to the third base bag as his foot caught the grass to send the starting third baseman tumbling to his knees in pain. In between third and home, Schilling would be tagged out and abruptly leave the game with a lower leg injury. That run proved to be crucial at the end of the game.

Daniel Lingua drove in one more run on a sac-fly in the sixth to cut the lead to 7-2.

Heading to the seventh, five of the eight RailCats position players that started the game were replaced by RailCats that had previously been on the bench. The RailCats would hold the lead going into the eighth, and then the replacement bats sparked a rally.

Lingua began the frame reaching base as a hit batsman as he extended his on-base streak to 29 consecutive games, the third longest active streak in the American Association.

The next three batters in the inning would draw a walk as the RailCats tallied another run to slice into the lead. With the bases loaded and one down, Ciaran Devenney drove a two-RBI single up the middle to bring the lead to 7-5.

Just two batters later, Billy Cooke laced a liner through the four hole to cut the lead to just one for Cooke's third hit of the day in just his third game of the season.

Yet, with Alex DuBord on the mound, the RailCats would leave three stranded in the eighth and two more left to hitchhike in the ninth to win 7-6 for the Redhawks.

Milkmen's Smith Quiets 'Cats in First Career Complete Game

**MILWAUKEE, Wis.-** Despite RailCats' starter Trevor Lubking's second complete game of the season in the Gary SouthShore RailCats' pitching performance of the year, the visiting RailCats fell in Milwaukee in the best pitcher's duel of the American Association's 2021 season.

Milwaukee Milkmen (33-20) starter Myles Smith threw a complete game, two-hit shutout to beat the Gary SouthShore RailCats (23-30) 1-0 in game one of a three-game slate on Friday at Franklin Field in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Lubking and Smith each allowed just two hits apiece as Smith tossed nine scoreless and Lubking went eight innings with no earned runs. Smith had 10 strikeouts while Lubking fanned six in his fourth straight quality start.

The sole run of the game scored in the third inning after Lubking issued a leadoff walk to Tony Roselli. The DH would steal second base and advance to third on a throwing error by RailCats shortstop Jose Mercado.

On a ground ball fielder's choice by the second baseman, the Milkmen would score the only run of the game for either team.

Down 1-0 in the fifth, Zach Welz laced a one-out triple down the right-field line to break up Smith's no-hitter, but the 'Cats couldn't keep the bats rolling as they stranded runners at the corners in their closest push for a run of the game.

Lubking threw a no-hitter into the sixth that was broken up by a Brett Vertigan single, the first of two hits recorded by the Milkmen.

## RailCats Swept By Milkmen in 8-3 Loss

**MILWAUKEE, Wis.-** In the series finale, the Gary SouthShore RailCats (23-32) fell to the Milwaukee Milkmen (35-20) by a score of 8-3 as the Milkmen pulled off the sweep at Franklin Field in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

While the Gary SouthShore RailCats jumped out to a 1-0 lead in the opening frame, the Milkmen would leap back in front after a two-run shot by Adam Brett Walker II in the bottom of the first, his league-leading twenty-third home run of the year. Walker II would go 2-for-5 in the win following a 4-for-5 effort the day prior.

Just two innings later, the RailCats would allow the first six batters of the third to reach safely, four of which got on base via singles. A six-run third inning was capped off by a Brett Vertigan two-RBI single to extend the lead to 8-1 after three.

Silber locked in for the rest of the game, but nonetheless suffered his first loss of the season after six innings on the mound, nine hits, eight runs, three walks and six strikeouts.

In relief, Sandy Lugo went the rest of the way with two innings of scoreless baseball, his first scoreless outing of an inning or more this season.

With two down in the seventh, the RailCats strung together three-straight hits to score a pair as Ryan Cash got the rally going with a double into left.

Tommy McCarthy added his second hit of the day to score Cash on a single before Tom Walraven laced a double down the left-field line to plate McCarthy.

Milkmen starter Misael Siverio had his best and longest start of the season as he threw seven innings, allowing three runs on nine hits and three walks with two strikeouts.