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Rapids Injuries Hurt Them in Season's Third Loss

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Houghton, NY 6/13/2019- The Genesee Rapids played against the Niagara Power on June 12th and had lost by a score of 5-3. The game was played at a slower pace and the Power had shocked the Rapids with 5 runs in 4 innings. Innings 2-5 the Power had put up every run they had and it seemed to give them the momentum to finish off the game on top of the Rapids. The Rapids have three players injured on their roster after the game against the Power as well.

Rapids DH Javier Santiago left the game on his first at bat due to an apparent injury. Santiago went to swing and missed the ball causing him to go 2-2, but, it was only seconds after the umpire called a strike that Santiago was seen in pain. The injury was in his wrist but the extent of the injury is still unknown. 3rd baseman Anthony "Blake" Johnson is also injured right now with a hand injury, this injury occurred last game against the Silversmiths. Rapids pitcher Michael Pyers is also currently out with an arm injury as he had injured it prior to game one. With the early season injuries on the team, the Rapids are looking for depth in the batting order along with depth in the field. Rapids are going to have to push through the injuries and look forward to the games ahead of them if they want to continue the success they were having a few games ago. Though there are injuries, the team looks to fill in those spots and excel in those spots as well. With the depth the team already has, the Rapids look to rebound after the 2 straight losses they have had.

Speaking of filling in spots, Jose Ramos filled in for Santiago as DH and had a good performance. Ramos lead the team in runs (2), while also having an RBI and a hit. Another player who had a good night was 1st baseman Daniel Manion, from St. Bonaventure University. Manion had 3 at bats, 2 hits and an RBI in the game against the Power. While the Rapids continue to work out injuries, many different players are starting to find their groove early on this season. With the players finding their groove, the team will continue to get better and feel more confident. This season is far from over as the Rapids still have 35 games left to play.

“Every game we start off with a clean slate” Head Coach Thaddeus Johnson has said once or twice this season. It is very true and effective for the mindset of the players and the team. With this mindset the Rapids look to rebound in their next game with a win.

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