

Aviator Field

### **The Box Score**

Westhampton got back in the win column, defeating Long Island by a score of 10-3. The Aviators had quite the day on offense as they pounded out nineteen hits. Eight of the nine starters recorded at least one hit, and one third of the starting lineup hit home runs. Bailey Peterson and Ryan Kuskowski each hit their third home run of the season, while Landon Gray hit his second. With the win Westhampton closed the gap on first place by improving to 20-10-1. Long Island, on the other hand, fell to 9-20-1.

### **More Than the Box Score**

Shortstop Eric Callahan acted as a catalyst for Westhampton in this one. Early on, it was easy to see that Callahan takes on the full responsibility of a shortstop. He was a clear team leader. He was loud on the infield keeping his fellow infielders engaged and his pitcher upbeat. Callahan did it at the plate as well. He maintained a very calm demeanor throughout, dictating each at bat. He took his time in order to make sure he was prepared properly between each pitch. Callahan went 3-4 with two runs and an RBI because of his opposite field approach. He hammered to fastballs to right field for singles and adjusted on a breaking ball, taking it down the left field line for a double. One of his singles was an infield hit to second base and on the

other his heads-up base running allowed him to take an extra base. The Millersville University product has excellent game awareness and is a perfect guy to hit at the top of the order to set the table for the big sluggers to come.

### **Playing with House Money**

A catcher that could do damage offensively is a rarity in today's game. However, Ryan Kuskowski is just that. The 6'3" righty has a powerful swing that allows him to be in scoring position every time he comes to bat. He has a simple swing that generates a lot of power, but the most impressive thing about him is his ability to play the count. He hammered a 3-1 fastball into left field in his first at bat and later took a ball over the left center field wall ahead in the count. In his lone at bat in which he fell behind, Kuskowski shortened up and was still able to hit the ball to deep right field. Put simply, he is a line drive hitter that will open up and go for more when he has count leverage. Kuskowski is another piece in NYIT's vaunted lineup for years to come.

### **In a Losing Effort**

John Marti has proven to be the Road Warriors best player throughout this season and had another solid game today. He finished 2-4 and scored one of his team's three runs. Marti started at third base today but has shown the ability to play all four infield positions. His ability to keep his bat in the zone for a long time is what makes it hard for him to swing and miss. He

had equally impressive line drives of a righthander and a lefthander for his two singles. On base, Marti was heady and knew how to pick his times. He stole second base off of a lefthander and then scrambled to third base when the throw went into centerfield. The University of Delaware rising junior puts together a hard-nosed battle every time he is at the plate and is a team leader on the field and in the dugout.

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