

2013 Playoffs: Norwich vs Hotlanta

In what was ballyhooed as a pitching showdown, both teams hit over .300 for the series! Would the slick-fielding of Hotlanta offset the Earl-Weaveresque Navigators? Stories below...

Game 1

In an entertaining game at Possums Park the final score was the Hotlanta Possums 4, the Norwich Navigators 1. Hotlanta won the game with a rally in the 8th inning plating 3 runs on 3 hits. Kevin Frandsen led off and started the rally when he ripped a base-hit. Michael Cuddyer stepped into the batter's box and he cracked a two-run shot. Austin Jackson then cracked a solo homerun. After an out was recorded, Adrian Beltre came up and he was hit by a pitch. Norwich was out-hit by Hotlanta, 11 hits to 6.

Kris Medlen(1-0) picked up the victory, allowing 1 run in 8 and 2/3 innings. Clayton Kershaw(0-1) was tagged with the loss. He got hammered, allowing 10 hits and 2 walks in 7 innings.

Game one

Navigators..... 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 - 1 6 0
Possums..... 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 3 - 4 11 0

Game 2

Jimmy Rollins cracked a homer and had 4 RBI as the Hotlanta Possums topped the Norwich Navigators in 10 innings by a score of 8 to 5 at Possums Park. Both teams had scored 5 runs after nine full innings. Finally, Hotlanta prevailed in the 10th inning. After an out was recorded, Wil Nieves began the rally when he ripped a base-hit. David Dejesus was next and he was hit by a pitch. Rollins then rifled a three-run blast resulting in a mighty exciting win for Hotlanta and the 49,869 home town fans in attendance. Both teams ended up with 12 hits on the night.

The victory went to Kenley Jansen(1-0) who went 3 innings, allowing 1 run. Jared Burton(0-1) was tagged with the loss in relief. He pitched 1/3 of an inning allowing 2 hits and no walks.

Game Two

Navigators..... 3 0 1 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 - 5 12 1
Possums..... 0 0 0 1 0 1 1 2 0 3 - 8 12 0

Game 3

Jimmy Rollins had 2 base hits and 2 RBI at Garmin Park where the Hotlanta Possums beat the Norwich Navigators by the score of 8 to 6. Hotlanta won the game with a rally in the top of the 8th inning scoring 3 runs utilizing 3 base hits. David Ross got things going when he delivered a one-base hit. Michael Cuddyer followed next and he laced a base-hit. One out later, Rollins came to the plate and hit a deep fly. Gordon Beckham came up and he cleared the fences for a

two-run home run. This was a game of many highs and lows for the home town fans, as the lead kept changing - 5 times in all.

Kenley Jansen(2-0) got the win allowing no runs in 1 and 2/3 innings. Wilton Lopez gained credit for his 1st save. Derek Holland(0-1) was charged with the loss in relief. He was knocked around, surrendering 3 runs in 2 innings.

Possoms..... 2 0 0 1 0 0 2 3 0 - 8 12 0
Navigators..... 0 0 0 1 3 0 2 0 0 - 6 12 0

Game 4

In an entertaining game at Garmin Park the final score was the Norwich Navigators 6, the Hotlanta Possums 3. Norwich scored 3 runs in the 4th inning with the help of 5 hits. The key offensive moment was provided by David Ortiz who brought the crowd to their feet when he cracked a two-run shot. Norwich out-hit Hotlanta for the game, 9 hits to 6.

Clayton Kershaw(1-1) allowed 3 runs in 7 innings, and picked up the victory. Santiago Casilla recorded the save, his 1st. Wade Miley(0-1) was the loser. Norwich scored big getting 4 runs off him in 3 and 2/3 innings.

Possoms..... 0 1 0 2 0 0 0 0 0 - 3 6 0
Navigators..... 0 0 1 3 1 0 0 1 - 6 9 0

Game 5

Jose Bautista went yard and scored 3 times at Garmin Park as the Norwich Navigators beat the Hotlanta Possums in 11 innings by the count of 9 to 6. Both teams were tied at 6 runs apiece after nine innings. Norwich won it in the 11th inning. Robert Andino led off the inning for Norwich when he slapped a base-hit. After an out was recorded, Bautista stepped up to the plate and he drew a walk. Mike Moustakas then clubbed a three-run home run giving Norwich the victory and sending the 45,794 home-town fans home happy. Hotlanta was out-hit by Norwich, 17 hits to 13.

The victory went to Jared Burton(1-1) who went 2/3 of an inning, allowing no runs. Brandon Lyon(0-1) was given the loss in relief. He surrendered 3 runs and 3 hits in 1 and 2/3 innings.

Possoms..... 0 0 2 0 0 1 3 0 0 0 0 - 6 13 0
Navigators..... 0 0 0 0 0 1 0 3 2 0 3 - 9 17 0

Game 6

Left fielder Alex Gordon had 3 base hits and 2 RBI as the Hotlanta Possums outscored the Norwich Navigators 6 to 5. Hotlanta scored the deciding run in the 8th inning. After an out was

recorded, Jimmy Rollins smacked a single. Gordon Beckham stepped into the batter's box and he lined a single. Irving Falu then hit a sacrifice fly. Gordon was next to bat, but he was a strikeout victim. The Norwich batters didn't put up a fight in the 9th.

Jesse Crain(1-0) allowed no runs in 2/3 of an inning, and picked up the victory. Craig Kimbrel got the save, his 1st. Antonio Bastardo(0-1) ended up with the loss in relief. He gave up 1 run and 1 hit in 1/3 of an inning.

Navigators..... 2 0 0 3 0 0 0 0 0 - 5 10 0
Possums..... 1 3 0 0 0 1 0 1 - 6 13 0

Hotlanta wins 4-2, with Clayton Kershaw and 9ips waiting for the G7 that did not happen....Congrats to Jim, and GL the rest of the way, Jim, the games were all good, and that's about all you can ask for!

Stats, boxes, and results are in the lzp, just open it, and it will all be there (Including a sim where KLEE's wiped out Allyn St, sorry Roland, lol!)

Thanks, Don D.