

2021 AL DIVISIONAL SERIES

#4 Hotlanta Posums at #1 Milford Dogfish

Game 1

Jedd Gyorko slammed a homerun and Yu Darvish mowed down 10 Hotlanta batters as the Milford Dogfish defeated the Hotlanta Possums in 13 innings 4 to 3 at Silver Sands Park.

The score was tied at 1 after nine. Milford was victorious in the 13th inning. After an out was recorded, Jason Heyward cracked a solo homerun giving Milford the win much to the delight of the home town crowd. Milford finished with 9 hits in the victory.

Thomas Hatch(1-0) went 2/3 of an inning allowing no runs for the victory. The losing pitcher was Lucas Sims(1-1) in relief. He allowed 1 run and 1 hit in 1 and 1/3 innings.

Possums.....	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	-	3	11	1
Dogfish.....	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	-	4	9	0

Win:Hatch(1-0) Loss:Sims(1-1)

Homeruns- B.Lowe(1st), J.Gyorko(1st), J.Heyward(1st)

CONDENSED PLAY LOG

TOP 1- Winker-K, Dalbec-W, Arraez-Si, Higashioka-P, Guzman-G

BOT 1- Barnes-Si, Lowe-F, Dozier-F, Gyorko-G

TOP 2- Kepler-HBP, Merrifield-Si, Moncada-W, Ahmed-G-DP, Winker-G

BOT 2- Rios-F, Bregman-G, Heyward-F

TOP 3- Dalbec-K, Arraez-Do, Higashioka-K, Guzman-K

BOT 3- Bellinger-G, Correa-K, Barnes-G

TOP 4- Kepler-K, Merrifield-K, Moncada-Si, Ahmed-K

BOT 4- Lowe-K, Dozier-G, Gyorko-HR, Rios-K

TOP 5- Winker-F, Dalbec-Do, Arraez-G, Higashioka-G

BOT 5- Bregman-W, Heyward-Force, Bellinger-Force, Correa-F

TOP 6- Guzman-G, Kepler-G, Merrifield-K

BOT 6- Barnes-K, Lowe-HBP, Dozier-Do, Gyorko-IW, Rios-K, Bregman-FO

TOP 7- Moncada-K, Ahmed-K, Winker-HBP, Dalbec-Si, Urias-K

BOT 7- Heyward-K, Bellinger-G, Correa-E-1B, Barnes-Si, Lowe-F

TOP 8- Kratz-G, Walker-F, Kepler-W, Merrifield-Si, Moncada-Si, Ahmed-F

BOT 8- Dozier-L, Gyorko-K, Betts-K

TOP 9- Winker-K, Dalbec-F, Kemp-P

BOT 9- Bregman-F, Heyward-F, Bellinger-K

TOP 10- Kratz-W, Walker-Force, Kepler-Do, Merrifield-Si, Moncada-F

Ahmed-K

BOT 10- Moreland-F, Kirk-Si, Lowe-HR, Dozier-Si, PkOff, Gyorko-Si, Betts-L

TOP 11- Hilliard-K, Dalbec-G, Kemp-W, Flowers-K

BOT 11- Bregman-W, Heyward-K, Bellinger-W, Torres-K, Kirk-Force

TOP 12- Walker-G, Kepler-G, Merrifield-K

BOT 12- Lowe-W, PkOff, Dozier-F, Gyorko-W, Betts-F

TOP 13- Moncada-K, Ahmed-G, Hilliard-Si, Dalbec-K

BOT 13- Bregman-G, Heyward-HR

Game 2

At Silver Sands Park, the Milford faithful were treated to an intriguing pitcher's duel. Ian Anderson (2-0) finally bested his Milford counterpart, Jacob Degrom (0-1), by the score of 1 to 0.

The game's only run was scored in the top of the 5th inning. Degrom struck out the first two batters. Kemp lifted a fly to center that was played into an error. Winker then doubled to bring in the only run. Hotlanta won despite being out-hit by Milford 7 hits to 2.

Anderson was helped out by Chris Martin who recorded his 3rd save. Degrom absorbed the loss. He was the victim of a defensive lapse and did not allow an earned run in the game.

Possoms..... 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 - 1 2 1

Dogfish..... 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 - 0 7 2

Win:Anderson(2-0) Loss:Degrom(0-1) Save:Martin(3rd)

CONDENSED PLAY LOG

TOP 1- Winker-F, Moncada-E-1B, Guzman-K, Higashioka-F

BOT 1- Heyward-Si, Betts-P, Lowe-K, Dozier-Force

TOP 2- Kepler-P, Merrifield-Si, Hilliard-F, SB(Merrifield), Ahmed-K

BOT 2- Moreland-G, Bregman-K, Bellinger-W, Varsho-K

TOP 3- Kemp-K, Winker-W, Moncada-K, Guzman-K

BOT 3- Correa-Si, Heyward-Si, Betts-Si, Lowe-F-DP, Dozier-K

TOP 4- Higashioka-K, Kepler-K, Merrifield-G

BOT 4- Moreland-K, Bregman-G, Bellinger-L

TOP 5- Hilliard-K, Ahmed-K, Kemp-E-CF, Winker-Do, Moncada-K

BOT 5- Varsho-Tr, Correa-FC, Heyward-Force, Betts-K

TOP 6- Guzman-K, Higashioka-F, Kepler-G

BOT 6- Lowe-K, Dozier-Si+E-P, Moreland-G, Bregman-F

TOP 7- Merrifield-G, Hilliard-K, Ahmed-K

BOT 7- Bellinger-K, Varsho-K, Correa-Si, Heyward-G

TOP 8- Kemp-F, Winker-K, Moncada-F

BOT 8- Betts-G, Lowe-K, Dozier-W, Moreland-L

TOP 9- Guzman-G, Higashioka-G, Kepler-G

BOT 9- Bregman-F, Bellinger-F, Varsho-W, Rios-K

Game 3

Series moved to HOTLANTA

Lucas Sims slammed the door on Milford and Max Kepler went deep and had 2 RBI as the Hotlanta Possums topped the Milford Dogfish by a score of 8 to 5 at Possums Park.

Hotlanta went ahead for good in the 3rd inning when they scored 3 runs on 3 hits. The biggest moment was provided by Ronald Guzman who thrilled the crowd when he bombed a two-run dinger. Hotlanta out-hit Milford for the game, 13 hits to 7.

J.A. Happ(1-0) picked up the victory, allowing 5 runs in 6 innings. Happ got help from Sims who earned his 1st save. Corbin Burnes(0-1) was given the loss. He was unable to control the Hotlanta offense and allowed 11 hits and 2 walks in 5 and 1/3 innings.

Dogfish..... 0 0 1 0 1 0 3 0 0 - 5 7 0
Possums..... 0 1 3 3 0 1 0 0 x - 8 13 1

Win:Happ(1-0) Loss:Burnes(0-1) Save:Sims(1st)
Homeruns- R.Guzman(1st), M.Kepler(1st)

CONDENSED PLAY LOG

TOP 1- Barnes-G, Lowe-F, Dozier-Do, Gyorko-W, Rios-F
BOT 1- Kemp-K, Winker-F, Guzman-K
TOP 2- Bregman-F, Heyward-G, Bellinger-L
BOT 2- Kepler-W, SB(Kepler), Moncada-Si, Merrifield-Sac, Hilliard-K
Ahmed-F
TOP 3- Correa-G, Barnes-W, Lowe-F, Dozier-W, Gyorko-Si, Rios-K
BOT 3- Flowers-K, Kemp-Si, Winker-K, Guzman-HR, Kepler-HR, Moncada-K
TOP 4- Bregman-F, Heyward-G, Bellinger-K
BOT 4- Merrifield-W, Hilliard-Si, Ahmed-Si, SB(Ahmed), Flowers-K, Kemp-FC
Winker-Do, Guzman-F
TOP 5- Correa-Si, Barnes-Force, Lowe-E-3B, Dozier-W, Gyorko-SF, Rios-FO
BOT 5- Kepler-G, Moncada-Si, Merrifield-F, Hilliard-Si, Ahmed-F
TOP 6- Bregman-Si, Heyward-K, Bellinger-G-DP
BOT 6- Flowers-K, Kemp-Si, Winker-Si, Kratz-K, Kepler-Si, Moncada-W
Merrifield-F
TOP 7- Correa-Si, Barnes-Do, Lowe-Si, Dozier-W, Moreland-Force, Rios-SF
Bregman-W, Heyward-F
BOT 7- Hilliard-G, Ahmed-G, Flowers-K
TOP 8- Bellinger-F, Correa-G, Barnes-K
BOT 8- Kemp-K, Solak-F, Walker-Si, Kepler-G
TOP 9- Lowe-K, Dozier-G, Moreland-K

Game 4

49,757 fans were treated to a fine game at Possums Park as only one run separated the combatants at game's end. The Hotlanta Possums won by the slimmest of margins, 4 to 3.

In the bottom of the 7th inning Hotlanta scored 2 runs when they came up with 4 base hits. The key at-bat was by Ramon Urias who elicited a roar from the hometown fans when he laced a base-knock bringing home two baserunners.

Milford had a chance in the 9th but they came up short.

The victory was credited to Zach Davies(1-0) who went 7 innings, allowing 3 runs. Davies got relief help from Chris Martin who gained credit for his 4th save. Yu Darvish(0-1) was tagged with the loss.

Dogfish..... 0 2 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 - 3 8 0
Possums..... 0 0 0 0 1 1 2 0 x - 4 11 0

Win:Davies(1-0) Loss:Darvish(0-1) Save:Martin(4th)
Homeruns- M.Betts(1st)

CONDENSED PLAY LOG

TOP 1- Heyward-G, Lowe-Tr, Betts-K, Moreland-K
BOT 1- Kemp-K, Winker-K, Merrifield-Si, SB(Merrifield), Guzman-K
TOP 2- Dozier-F, Bregman-Do, Kirk-IW, Bellinger-Si, Correa-G, PB, Heyward-F
BOT 2- Kepler-G, Moncada-G, Ahmed-F

TOP 3- Lowe-G, Betts-Si, SB(Betts), Moreland-K, Dozier-W, Bregman-L
 BOT 3- Hilliard-F, Flowers-K, Kemp-L
 TOP 4- Kirk-G, Bellinger-G, Correa-K
 BOT 4- Winker-Si, Merrifield-L, Guzman-K, Kepler-K
 TOP 5- Heyward-K, Lowe-FO, Betts-HR, Moreland-K
 BOT 5- Moncada-Si, Ahmed-K, Hilliard-F, Flowers-Do, Kemp-G
 TOP 6- Dozier-K, Bregman-W, Kirk-F, Bellinger-W, Correa-F
 BOT 6- Winker-Do, Merrifield-G, Guzman-G, Kepler-Si, Moncada-G
 TOP 7- Heyward-Do, Lowe-K, Betts-F, Moreland-G
 BOT 7- Ahmed-Si, Hilliard-Do, Urias-Si, Kemp-Sac, Winker-Si, Merrifield-P
 Arraez-K
 TOP 8- Dozier-G, Bregman-Do, Kirk-IW, Bellinger-G-DP
 BOT 8- Kepler-K, Moncada-Si, Ahmed-G-DP
 TOP 9- Rios-K, Heyward-Si, Lowe-G-DP

Game 5

The Hotlanta Possums nipped the Milford Dogfish 3 to 2 at Possums Park in a hard fought contest. Chasen Shreve(1-0) did the job in relief, and he got credit for the win. He surrendered 1 hit and 2 walks in 2 innings. The Milford offense proved no trouble in the 9th.

Chris Martin was credited with his 5th save. Thomas Hatch(1-1) was charged with the loss in relief. He allowed 2 hits and 1 walk in 2 and 1/3 innings.

Hotlanta wins their F4S and moves onto the ALCS to face Lake Wobegon. Series to be played by Nov.15th.

MILFORD AT HOTLANTA

Dogfish.....	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	-	2	10	1
Possums.....	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	-	3	5	1

Win:Shreve(1-0) Loss:Hatch(1-1) Save:Martin(5th)

CONDENSED PLAY LOG

TOP 1- Barnes-K, Lowe-G, Dozier-P
 BOT 1- Kemp-HBP, SB(Solak), Winker-L-DP, Arraez-G
 TOP 2- Gyorko-G, Rios-K, Bregman-Do, WP, Heyward-F
 BOT 2- Guzman-K, Kepler-K, Moncada-F
 TOP 3- Bellinger-Si, Correa-G-DP, Barnes-Do, Lowe-K
 BOT 3- Hilliard-E-3B, Ahmed-G, Flowers-HBP, Solak-Force, Winker-L
 TOP 4- Dozier-L, Gyorko-Si, Rios-F, Bregman-Si, Heyward-Force
 BOT 4- Arraez-Do, Guzman-K, Kepler-G, Moncada-F
 TOP 5- Bellinger-W, Correa-Si, Barnes-Si+E-1B, Lowe-K, Dozier-K, Kirk-IW
 Rios-K
 BOT 5- Hilliard-K, Ahmed-Si, SB(Ahmed), Flowers-P, Solak-W, Winker-Tr
 Arraez-F
 TOP 6- Bregman-L, Heyward-K, Bellinger-K
 BOT 6- Guzman-F, Kepler-P, Moncada-K
 TOP 7- Correa-Si, Barnes-HBP, Lowe-Si, Dozier-G-DP, Kirk-IW, Rios-K
 BOT 7- Hilliard-G, Ahmed-F, Flowers-HBP, Solak-Si, Kratz-Si, Urias-F
 TOP 8- Bregman-Do, Heyward-W, Bellinger-K, Correa-G-DP
 BOT 8- Walker-G, Kepler-F, Moncada-G
 TOP 9- Varsho-K, Lowe-K, Dozier-G