

University of Rhode Island



Rhode Island Falls to Dallas Baptist in Late-Night Baseball Game
Baseball

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Rhode Island Starters (38-21)

DePino (3B), Genther (RF), Moroney (SS), Hopko (DH), Perron (1B), Notarangelo (LF), Penney (2B), Toro (C), McKenzie (CF), Levesque (P)

Dallas Baptist Starters (41-16)

Dattalo (3B), Humphreys (CF), Jay (LF), Poole (DH), Krauss (1B), Grady (2B), Tryon (RF), Berghult (C), Heefner (SS), Borberg (P)

How it Happened

Playing in its first NCAA Baseball Championship game since 2016, Rhode Island Baseball battled into the wee hours of the morning before falling to No. 20 Dallas Baptist 6-2 in its first game at the Baton Rouge Regional.

A four-run first inning was the difference in the Rams' loss, as they matched the Patriots in scoring over the remainder of the game. After getting touched up by a double and back-to-back home runs in the opening frame, starter [Trystan Levesque](#) settled in and held Dallas Baptist scoreless over the next five innings.

Offensively, Rhode Island got something going in the third inning after a black cat scampered through Alex Box Stadium in the middle of [Eric Genther's](#) at-bat. The senior singled to move [Anthony DePino](#) over to second before [Reece Moroney](#) drove in the lead runner with a single through the left side (4-1). Two innings later, DePino

scored again when he drove a ball deep to left center field for his 20th home run of the season, cutting the Patriots' lead in half.

Following five quiet frames, Dallas Baptist plated an insurance run in the bottom of the seventh when Luke Heefner took what wound up being Levesque's last pitch of the game out to right field (5-2). [Parker Aikens](#), who retired the only batter he faced in the seventh, got into some trouble in the next inning when a pair of walks allowed the Patriots to score another run (6-2), but he eventually ended the threat with two runners left on the bases.

Rhode Island left five base runners of its own stranded over the final three innings, negating any comeback.

Inside the Box Score

- Lightning in the Baton Rouge area caused the game's first pitch, originally scheduled for 6:30 p.m. CST, to be thrown at 10:59 p.m. CST. The NCAA had issued an ordinance that the game must start by 11:00 p.m. and Dallas Baptist's starting arm fired off the first pitch seven seconds before the deadline.
- Senior [Anthony DePino](#) broke Mike Corin's single-season home run record of 19 from 2017 when he went deep to left center in the top of the fifth.
- The third baseman went 2-for-4 at the plate and scored both of the Rams' runs.
- Senior [Eric Genthner](#) singled twice and worked a pair of walks.
- Sophomore [Reece Moroney](#) singled and doubled, registering one RBI.
- Freshman [Parker Aikens](#) made his 28th pitching appearance of the season, breaking URI's single-season record previously held by Blaise Whitman (28, 2017).
- Graduate student [Trystan Levesque](#) was the pitcher of record for Rhody, moving his season record to 8-2. He allowed five runs on nine hits in 6.2 innings and fanned five batters.

Up Next

The three-seed Rams will turn around and play four-seed Little Rock at 3 p.m. ET on Saturday, May 31 in an elimination game. The game will be carried on ESPN+. Two-seed Dallas Baptist and host LSU will face off at 9 p.m. ET at Alex Box Stadium.