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## **Ponies Score Six in the Eighth and Discard the Fightins on Saturday Night**

READING, PA – After falling behind 2-0 after six, the Binghamton Rumble Ponies (19-30, 47-71) scored eight runs over the seventh and eighth and came back to defeat the Reading Fightin Phils 8-3 on Saturday night at FirstEnergy Stadium. The Ponies have now taken four out of five games in the series.

Entering the seventh inning trailing 2-0, Carlos Cortes led off the frame with a triple into right field bringing Luke Ritter up to the plate. On a 1-2 pitch, Ritter launched a homerun into left field off Reading starter Andrew Painter to tie the game at two. It was Ritter's 12<sup>th</sup> long ball of the season.

In the eighth, the Ponies exploded for six runs. Jake Mangum reached on an infield single and got to second on a throwing error. Cortes singled and Ritter walked which loaded the bases for Brandon McIlwain. McIlwain was hit by a pitch and the Ponies had a 3-2 lead. Hayden Senger worked a walk to increase the lead to 4-2 then the dagger came from Jeremy Vasquez. His bases clearing double to left centerfield off Taylor Lehman (1-1) put Binghamton ahead 7-2. Then Nic Gaddis finished the frame with an RBI single of his own.

Reading (24-26, 53-66) scored its first two runs in the fourth on a sacrifice fly from Jhailyn Ortiz and an RBI single from Aldrem Corredor in the sixth. Corredor also added a long homerun to right in the ninth.

Ponies starter Garrison Bryant went six innings giving up four hits and two runs with a walk and strikeouts. Jesus Vargas (2-8) pitched the final three innings surrendering two hits and a run with two strikeouts.

The Ponies will conclude their series against Reading. Sunday's game is scheduled for 5:15 PM with pregame coverage beginning at 5:00 PM on the WNBFF Rumble Ponies Radio Network.

**POSTGAME NOTES:** Cortes extended his hit-streak to nine games with another multi-hit game... Ritter and Cortes each scored two runs...

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