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### **PIONEERS CRUSH GOLDEN EAGLES IN CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES' OPENING GAME**

**ELMIRA, N.Y.** – Shane Wolf (Ithaca) pitched a five-hit shutout through seven innings and the Elmira Pioneers scored 14 runs on 14 hits to defeat the Glens Falls Golden Eagles, 14-4, in the opening game of the 2007 New York Collegiate Baseball League Championship Series. Elmira leads the best-of-three series, 1-0, and can clinch the league championship with a victory on Monday in Glens Falls, N.Y. Game two of the series will be played Monday at East Field beginning at 4:00 PM. If a decisive third game is necessary, it would be played at 7:00 PM, or 30 minutes following the conclusion of the 4:00 PM game.

Wolf struck out seven and forced Glens Falls to leave seven runners on base in his second victory of the playoffs. After walking Jake Shaffer (Northern Kentucky) in the first inning, Wolf set down 13 of the next 15 batters he faced.

Eight of nine Elmira starters recorded hits and the Pioneers scored runs in six of eight at-bats against Glens Falls pitching. For Elmira, Andre Licinsky (Pace) was 3-for-6 with three RBI, Jake Wells (Western Kentucky) was 3-for-6 with three runs scored and David Valesente (St. Joseph's PA) collected two hits, drove in two runs and scored two runs. Phil Cahill (Siena), Wade Gaynor (Western Kentucky) and Ryan Giblin (Mansfield) all drove in two Pioneers runs.

Dan DeGeorge (Princeton) led the Golden Eagles 11-hit attack with three hits in five at-bats. Kevin Mahoney (Canisius) was 2-for-5 with one RBI and Rick Seltzer (Siena) drove in two Glens Falls runs. Barry Keiffer (Midland) started and took the loss. He allowed eight runs on eight hits, walked four and struck out two in four and two-thirds innings.

The Pioneers opened the game with a two-out, four-run rally in the first inning. Wade Gaynor walked, moved to third on a Jake Wells single and scored on a wild pitch. David Valesente singled home Wells to put the Pios ahead, 2-0. After a base-on-balls to Brad Bonney, Phil Cahill ripped a two-run double to left field, increasing Elmira's lead to four.

Elmira tacked on a fifth run in the third inning on a Ryan Giblin (Mansfield) sacrifice fly. Andre Lincinsky pushed the Pioneers lead to eight with a three-run double in the fifth inning. The next frame, Giblin was hit by a pitch with the bases loaded to bring in Elmira's ninth run. David Valesente pushed the Pios into double digits with a seventh-inning RBI single and a Glens Falls error brought home Elmira's 11th run..

Glens Falls broke through against Elmira reliever Garrie Krueger (Western Kentucky) in the eighth inning. Kevin Mahoney ripped a RBI double for the Golden Eagles first run and Rick Seltzer smashed a two-run double later in the frame to cut Elmira's lead to 11-3. Mike Perkins (UNC-Charlotte) belted in a RBI single in the bottom of the eighth and Wade Gaynor followed with a two-run double to close out the Pioneers scoring. Jake Shaffer (Northern Kentucky) singled home a run in the ninth for Glens Falls.

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Glens Falls	4	11	2
Elmira	14	14	0

Glens Falls: Barry Keiffer (L, 0-2), Justin Latta (5) and Joe Mercurio.  
Elmira: Shane Wolf (W, 2-0), Garrie Krueger (8), Tom Buckler (9) and Phil Cahill

Time: 2:40  
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