

MONTGOMERY, Ala. – Florida Memorial (21-25) used clutch pitching to blank Wiley (29-21) 3-0 and eliminate the Wildcats in Game 6 of the Black College Baseball World Series presented by Tyson Foods at Riverwalk Park – home of the of the Class AA Montgomery Biscuits – Thursday night and Friday morning.

Wiley starter Isaac Burciaga (5-5 pitching record with the loss) and FMU starter/winning pitcher Max Charnin (4-5) did not allow a run for the first four innings of the outing as the teams engaged in a somewhat rare pitchers' duel. Memorial scratched out the first run of the game in the fifth frame to grab the lead when the suspension occurred Thursday night.

Relief hurlers Ricardo Alvarez de Lugo (first save of the season) for FMU and Wiley's Nick Rodriguez finished the contest as the Lions Charnin and Alvarez de Lugo combined to allow just six hits with eight strikeouts (six by the relief ace in four frames) and just two walks.

Eduardo Perez (not related to the famed ESPN broadcaster and former Florida State star) sparked the Lions 12-hit attack with a double, single and RBI in three official times at-bat. Wiley's Jhan Carlos Javier led both teams with three of the Wildcats six team hits.

Thursday's slate was delayed throughout by rain in the area earlier in the morning, and that pushed back the scheduled 9 a.m. Game 4 to an 11:31 a.m. (CDT) first pitch. Two of the three scheduled games were completed.

FMU is now 7-2 in its last three years of competing in the BCBWS presented by Tyson with the 2023 title to its credit and two victories away from a possible run for the '24 championship.