

## "Cycling hit, I guess it's not fate."

The Doosan Bears won 11-1 in the final match of the season (Game 16) against the NC Dinos of the 2023 Shinhan Bank SOL KBO League at Jamsil Stadium in Seoul on the 12th. Fifth-ranked Doosan escaped its second straight loss and narrowed its gap with fourth-ranked NC to 0.5 games. 72 wins, 2 draws and 65 losses in the season. In addition, he finished this year's game against NC with 8 wins and 8 losses.

The winner was Rojas. He took the second designated hitter and led the team to a landslide victory by 10 points by swinging three hits in four at-bats (one homer) with two RBIs and three runs scored. Doosan manager Lee Seung-yeop said, "I gave up the first point, but I was able to regain the flow of the game as Rojas' equalizer came out quickly. Rojas not only praised this home run, but also set the stage for the big inning by making a surprise bunt in the third inning with no outs and first base.

Rojas hit a home run from his first at-bat. After one out in the first inning when he was trailing 0-1, he hit NC starter Lee Jae-hak's first fastball (143 kilometers) and hit a superior tie home run. It was his 18th home run of the season after eight games since the game against LG on Sept. 29.

In the third inning with a 2-1 lead, he attempted a bunt that caught the opponent off guard from the first base to the third base with no outs to achieve a multi-hit. He even stepped home when Yang Eui-ji hit a three-run home run.

Rojas' bat didn't stop. First baseman Jung Soo-bin hit an RBI triple while stealing second base in the fourth inning with one out and a runner on first base, leading 7-1, and scored once again when Yang Seok-hwan made a sacrifice fly.

Rojas appeared as the leader in the seventh inning and challenged for a cycling hit, but unfortunately, he met NC Shin Min-hyuk and struck out. Rojas was not convinced by the referee's strikeout call and appealed the decision before turning to the dugout. Rojas said after the match, "The ranking fight is fierce and every game is important, but I'm happy to end the losing streak. "The team was able to win as the whole team was hit hard," he said. I was able to hear your thoughts on the failure of Cycling Hit Rojas said, "I focused from the first at-bat and somehow got on base and luckily led to a home run," adding, "I wasn't very conscious of the cycling hit." I guess it's not my destiny. Team victory takes precedence over my record now," he said, showing off his team-first spirit.

Rojas, who became a Doosan man with a total of \$1 million, was on the verge of being kicked out by the end of June, suffering from a severe slump in 55 games with a batting average of 192.2 with 10 home runs and 27 RBIs and OPS.678. However, under coach Lee Young-soo's special mental management, he finally began to adapt to the league in July, and starting with a monthly batting average of .35 in August, when the ranking battle began in earnest, he is performing 273 in September and .38 in October.  $\exists | \exists r \in I$ 

Rojas' goal for the rest of the season was simple and heavy. "I will try to help the team win the rest of the game like today," he said.