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Miners Offense Explodes, Takes Series Over ValleyCats *Sussex County scores 15 runs off of 17 hits*



Sean Roby, Jr. being congratulated by teammates after one of two home runs in victory over the ValleyCats (photo by Logan Winslow)

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Sussex County Miners Slug Five Home Runs, Set Stadium Record in Win Over Tri-City ValleyCats

Augusta, NJ — What began as a highly anticipated pitchers' duel turned into an offensive spectacle Thursday afternoon at Skylands Stadium, as the Sussex County Miners delivered their most explosive performance of the 2026 season.

Behind a record-setting five home runs, the Miners powered past the Tri-City ValleyCats, giving nearly 2,000 students on their school's field trip to see professional baseball in Sussex County an unforgettable and educational experience.

The matchup featured two of the Frontier League's top left-handed starters, with Rob Hensey taking the mound for Sussex County opposite Tri-City ace Stephen Still. Both pitchers worked scoreless first innings before the ValleyCats struck for runs to take an early 3–0 advantage.

Hensey settled in after the strong start by the Cats, finishing his outing with eight strikeouts while allowing three earned runs on four hits and two walks across five innings.

Still matched Hensey with five innings of work, but the Miners' offense broke through in the fourth inning and never slowed.

Sean Roby, Jr. ignited the rally with an opposite-field solo home run — his second in as many games — before Evan Berkey followed immediately with his first Frontier League home run, launching a shot to left field.

The power surge continued in the sixth inning. Roby Jr. delivered again, crushing a three-run homer to give Sussex County control of the game. Just three pitches later, Kiko Romero added another blast, lining a home run that narrowly cleared the right-field fence.

The record-setting afternoon continued into the seventh inning when Wyckoff, New Jersey native connected for his first professional home run. Ferrara also finished a triple shy of completing the first cycle in Miners history.

Sussex County continued to add insurance runs through disciplined, situational baseball, capitalizing on defensive miscues and maintaining offensive pressure. Although Tri-City plated four runs over the final four innings, the Miners comfortably maintained their lead to secure the victory.

The win clinched Sussex County's second series victory of the season and marked the club's strongest offensive showing of 2026.

The Miners now travel on an extended road trip, with their first stop in nearby Rockland County Rockland County, New York, to face the New York Boulders at Clover Field for a weekend series. First pitch for Friday's opener is scheduled for 7:00 p.m.

Fans can watch live on the Frontier League Network via HTN or listen on Mixlr, with both streaming options available at sminers.com.

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About the Sussex County Miners

Founded in 2015, the Sussex County Miners are one of New Jersey's winningest professional baseball teams and proud members of the Frontier League and the MLB Professional Partner League. The Miners were the 2025 Frontier League Atlantic Conference East Division champions.

The Miners play a 102-game regular season from May through September, hosting 51 home games at Skylands Stadium in Augusta, NJ. The award-winning Skylands Stadium is one of the region's premier sports and entertainment venues. Conveniently located in the heart of Sussex County, the Skylands Stadium Sports Complex features a 4,200-seat stadium, a new state-of-the-art turf field, the 17,000-square-foot indoor Champions Way Sports Academy, the acclaimed Barnyard Restaurant and Bar, the 3,500-square-foot Kids Zone and Party Deck, a spacious free parking lot, and more.