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Miners Take First Game in Rivalry Series with Jackals

Sussex County's Bullpen Key to Victory

PATERSON, NJ – Backed by a huge performance from the Miners bullpen, Sussex County pulls through with a 4-3 win on the road.

Sussex County Miners (5-5) win game one of a mid-week series from in-state and division rival New Jersey Jackals (5-5). Sussex County lead wire-to-wire, but there were some scares down the stretch.

Kellen Brothers (4.91 ERA) made his second start of the season and turned in a quality outing. He went six innings, had six strikeouts and allowed 3 runs off 8 hits.

After Hunter D'Amato got on base by way of an error, Mahki Backstrom drove in the first run of the game with an RBI double. Kiko Romero added to the explosive first inning with his fourth home run of the season. His two-run shot to made it a 3-0 contest.

Outside of a leadoff double from Gustavo Sosa in the 3rd inning, New Jersey's bats remained silent for the first third of the game. Gabriel Maciel extended the Miners' lead to four runs after another RBI double in the fifth inning.

Duante Stuart of the Jackals drove in their first run of the game with a two-bagger in the home side of the 6th inning. The inning started with two infield singles by the top of the Jackals batting order. It ended with the Jackals scoring two more runs to shrink the Miners' lead to just one run.

After the 6th inning, Sussex County used a variety of bullpen arms to keep the game in their favor. Jacob Widener (13.50 ERA) came in for Brothers, pitched an inning and a third, held the trending Jackals bats to a halt and was then taken out for Parker Primeaux. Primeaux (1.35 ERA) used his velocity to get out of a bases-loaded jam in the bottom of the eighth inning to keep the score at 4-3 heading into the final frame.

During the last licks for the New Jersey Jackals, Miles Langhorne (2.08 ERA) came in as the closer. With two outs and the tying run in scoring position, Sussex County capitalized from confusion on the basepaths to get the final out and secure the W.

The next game will be tomorrow at 10:35AM at Hinchliffe Stadium. Watch all Miners games live on HomeTeam Network and listen to the Miners Radio Network broadcast on Mixlr.

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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.