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Capitales Silence Miners Through Eight Innings in 7-3 Victory

QUÉBEC CITY, QC — The Sussex County Miners (5-10) dropped the second game of their series against the Québec Capitales (11-4) on Wednesday night, falling 7-3 at Stade Canac as the Capitales pitching staff held Sussex County scoreless through the first eight innings.

Québec starter Masatoshi Sakurai (3-0) delivered another strong outing, allowing just four hits and three walks while striking out five across 5.2 scoreless innings. Ian Villers followed in relief and continued the dominant effort, striking out two while surrendering only two baserunners over 1.1 innings of work.

The Capitales carried a shutout into the ninth inning before the Miners finally broke through against reliever Harley Gollert. First baseman Kiko Romero provided the biggest swing of the night for Sussex County, launching a two-run homer for his lone hit of the contest. Later in the inning, Hunter D'Amato added an RBI single as part of a two-hit performance, raising his league-leading batting average to .400.

Miners starter Rob Hensey (1-3) turned in a solid effort despite suffering the loss. The right-hander struck out eight batters over five innings while allowing three runs on five hits. Québec capitalized on timely offense early before adding insurance runs late against the Sussex County bullpen.

Relievers Jacob Widener and Chad Gartland each worked one inning in relief, with both allowing two runs. Widener was also charged with three hit batters during his outing.

The Miners will look to salvage the final game of the series on Thursday night against the Frontier League-leading Capitales. First pitch from Stade Canac is scheduled for 7:05 p.m. EDT before Sussex County returns home for a weekend series against the Brockton Rox.

Fans can watch all Miners games live on HomeTeam Network and listen to the Miners Radio Network broadcast on Mixlr.

Written by Collin Ferguson with Scott Davies

[Official Box Score](#)

About the Sussex County Miners:

Founded in 2015, the Sussex County Miners are one of New Jersey's most successful professional baseball teams and proud members of the Frontier League, an 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.