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PATERSON, N.J. - The New Jersey Jackals (2-4) fell to the Down East Bird Dawgs (1-4) 8-2 on Friday night. The Jackals also honored legendary coach Ani Ramos, with an on-field ceremony to commemorate his induction into the Jackals Hall of Fame, as well as to retire his long-worn #1 jersey.

The Bird Dawgs started the scoring early, bringing five runs to the plate. Following two Jackals' errors, Cameron Masterman singled, giving the Bird Dawgs a 1-0 lead. Two hitters later, another run scored on a passed ball making it 2-0. Cole Hill came up with two runners and hit his first home run of the season, bringing the game to 5-0 before the Jackals came to bat.

In the fourth, Stephen DiTomaso drove in two more for the Bird Dawgs on a bases loaded double, bringing the score to 7-0. Down East tacked on another run in the fifth inning, courtesy of a Hill RBI single, expanding their lead to 8-0.

The Jackals got on the board for the first time in the sixth inning when Ryan Ford scored on a passed ball, slicing the margin to 8-1. They added another in the ninth when Bryson Parks plated Xavier Vargas on a fielder's choice.

Jackals starting pitcher, Joe-Joe Rodriguez (0-2) went four innings, surrendering seven runs, two of which were earned, on five hits. He also struck out four.

For the Bird Dawgs, Spencer Johnston (1-1) tossed six innings, only allowing one run and six hits with six strikeouts.

The Jackals resume their series tomorrow night against the Bird Dawgs. First pitch is scheduled for 6:35 p.m. ET.