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PATERSON, N.J.- The New Jersey Jackals (11-19) fell to the Down East Bird Dawgs (9-20) 6-5.

In the second inning, with Trevor Sheehan on base after a single, Arbert Cipion hit a home run in his second straight game to give the Jackals a 2-0 lead.

Down East jumped on the board to tie it in the fourth. With Yassel Pino on third and Cameron Masterman on first, Trotter Harlan hit a single to make it 1-0. Cole Hill drove in Masterman to make it 2-2.

New Jersey broke the tie in the fifth. After Jimmy Costin singled to get on, Bryson Parks came through with a home run to give the Jackals a 4-2 lead.

In the eighth with Costin on third, Parks hit a sacrifice fly, increasing the lead to 5-2.

The Bird Dawgs stormed back in the ninth when Pino stepped up to the plate with the bases loaded and two outs, he hit a grand slam to put Down East ahead 6-5. In the bottom of the ninth, Patrick Sanchez led off with a single, but was picked off at first as a part of a strikeout throw out double play.

Jackals' starter Kevin Zarnoch (ND, 0-2) tossed 6.1 innings, giving up two runs on five hits and two walks, while striking out five. He was relieved by Ryan Hynes who threw two thirds of an inning, allowing zero runs. Dusty Baird entered next, putting up a zero in the eighth inning, and walking one. Anthony Leak (L, 0-1) entered in the ninth. He threw one inning, giving up four runs, on two hits and two walks. He struck out two.

Bird Dawgs' starter Danny Beal (ND, 0-2) threw six innings, surrendering four runs, on six hits and three walks. He struck out five. Axel Andueza (W, 2-1) tossed two innings. He gave up one run and one hit. Greg Martinez entered and threw two pitches before exiting due to injury. He was relieved by Nate Roof (S,1) who threw one inning, striking out two and giving up one hit.

The Jackals are back in action tomorrow night for game two of the series against Down East. First pitch is scheduled for 6:35 PM E.T.