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PATERSON N.J.- The New Jersey Jackals (11-20) fell to the Down East Bird Dawgs (10-20) 7-2.

Down East jumped on the board first in the third. With two runners on, Emmanuel Tapia hit a home run to give them a 3-0 lead. The next batter, Cameron Masterman hit a solo home run to make it 4-0. In the fourth, the Bird Dawgs added two more on Jaylen Smith's first home run of the night, making it 6-0.

The Jackals got on the board in the fourth when Kenneth Jimenez scored on a Sam Seeker sacrifice fly to make it 6-1.

In the sixth, the Jackals added another on a Miguel Gomez RBI-groundout which scored Jake DeLeo, making it 6-2.

The Bird Dawgs added an insurance run in the ninth, courtesy of Smith's second home run of the game, making it 7-2.

The Jackals' only hit came from DeLeo, who had a double in the eighth.

Jackals' starter Joe-Joe Rodriguez (L, 2-4) tossed six innings, surrendering six runs on six hits and two walks. He struck out four. Frankie Guliano entered first from the bullpen. He threw one inning and walked one. Logan Watz threw one inning and struck out one. Colt Webb threw one inning, giving up one run on two hits.

Brandon Kaminer (ND, 0-1) got the start for the Bird Dawgs. He threw four innings, giving up one run on three walks, while striking out seven. He was relieved by Ian Lawson, who threw 1.1 innings, walking four and striking out three. Andrew Baker (W, 1-2) tossed 2.2 innings, giving up one hit and three walks, while striking out one. Drew Henderson threw the last inning, striking out two.

The Jackals look to salvage a split tomorrow in the final game of the set. First pitch is scheduled for 2:05 PM E.T.