

Miners continue their hot start at home

AUGUSTA, N.J. — The Sussex County Miners bats stayed hot, and late-inning insurance helped power past the New Jersey Jackals 9–6 on Saturday night at Skylands Stadium.

Hunter D’Amato ignited the offense with a three-hit, three-run performance, scoring the Miners' first run in the second inning before later coming home twice more, once on a passed ball and again on a sacrifice fly by Sean Roby Jr. The second baseman also doubled and stole a base in a game that saw contributions from across the Miners' lineup.

The Jackals and Miners exchanged early leads until the Miners bats woke up and never looked back. Will Zimmerman broke a 3-3 tie with a 2 out single in the 7th to give Sussex County a 5-3 lead. Jackals added one in the 8th but a costly error led to three unearned runs giving the Miners much needed insurance.

On the mound, Mike Reagan earned a no decision going six strong innings, allowing three earned runs while striking out seven earning a quality start, the Miners third in their last four games. Matt Stil earned the victory, tossing the final three frames to close it out.

Despite a three hit performance from Luis Acevedo and a three RBI day by Walner Espinal for New Jersey, the Jackals couldn’t overcome defensive miscues and missed opportunities, leaving nine runners on base.

The Miners will look to complete the sweep tomorrow during the *BBQ for the Red, White, and Blue* celebration, with first pitch set for 2:05 PM at Skylands Stadium.

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