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PATERSON, N.J. - The New Jersey Jackals (2-5) fell to the Down East Bird Dawgs (2-4) 4-3 Saturday night.

Emmanuel Tapia broke up the scoreless tie in the fourth inning with a solo home run, his first of the season, putting Down East up 1-0. The Jackals responded in the fifth with a bases-loaded Luis Acevedo sacrifice fly. The next hitter, Ryan Ford, notched his team-leading 11th RBI with a single that plated Richel Del Rosario. Later in the frame, Bryson Parks scored on a delayed steal, making it a 3-1 game in favor of New Jersey.

In the seventh inning, Joe Johnson scored on a throwing error, slicing the margin to 3-2. In the eighth, Emmanuel Tapia, for the second time in the game, put his team in the lead with a two-run home run, pushing the Bird Dawgs ahead 4-3.

Jackals pitcher Jalon Long (ND) went six strong innings, allowing one run on four hits. He also struck out four.

For Down East, Danny Beal (ND) threw five innings, surrendering three runs on three hits, while striking out seven.

The Jersey Jackals are back in action tomorrow as they wrap up their extended series with the Bird Dawgs in the rubber game. First pitch is scheduled for 2:05 pm EST.