

Spencer Smit

Augusta, NJ — The Sussex County Miners were unable to generate offense Sunday afternoon at Skylands Stadium, falling 3–0 to the Quebec Capitales in a game defined by early power from Quebec and elite pitching. Quebec's offense got rolling in the top of the second inning when Marc-Antoine Lebreux singled and scored on a Cristian Inoa two-run home run, putting the Capitales ahead 2–0. Later in the 5th, Will Riley extended the lead with a solo home run to right field, capping Quebec's scoring at three runs.

Miners starter Jackson Balzan went five innings, allowing all three earned runs on eight hits while striking out two. After Balzan exited, the Miners' bullpen was lights-out. J.C Ariza tossed two scoreless, hitless innings with two strikeouts. Dan Kiritsis and Matt Stil each delivered a clean inning to keep the game within reach.

Unfortunately for the Miners, Quebec starter Cleiverth Perez was dominant, holding Sussex County to just four hits over seven shutout innings. He walked two and struck out three, and the Quebec bullpen closed the door with scoreless frames from Gilberto Chu and Harold Cortijo.

The Miners look to regroup on the road Tuesday vs the Ottawa Titans with first pitch scheduled for 630pm.