

POMONA, NY — It was a back and forth effort throughout, but the New York Boulders were ultimately able to stave off the feisty Miners with a walk-off victory in the bottom of the seventh.

Following their 6-3 win in game one, the Miners picked up right where they left off, jumping out to an early 1-0 lead in the top of the first. Gabriel Maciel came home on a fielder's choice off the bat of Sean Roby Jr., granting Maciel his 26th run of the season.

Rob Hensey would then take the mound, showcasing his usual electrifying stuff until Ryan McCoy struck back in the bottom of the third. With a hard hit single, he brought home Kyle Hess to tie things up at one.

The fourth inning proved eventful as well. Sussex County came close to regaining the lead, but Boulders' pitcher Emmett Bice was able to work out of trouble and strand two Miners in the top of the inning. Former major leaguer, and now Boulder, Alfredo Marte, made the black and gold pay immediately as he turned on the first pitch he saw and drove it out of the ballpark, giving his squad a 2-1 advantage.

Excitement ensued in the following frame as well, as speedy star shortstop Gionti Turner hustled out of the box on a ground ball and was just barely able to reach first safely on a bang-bang play. This effort meant Jordan Smith, who was on third, reached home safely and we were all knotted up in Pomona once again.

Much like the rest of the game up until this point, New York fought right back. Austin Dennis replicated the aggressiveness at the plate he saw with Marte and crushed a ball into the gap, rounding the bases and turning his hit into a triple. Jason Agresti then did his job, tallying an RBI single and, yet again, regaining a one run lead.

After a scoreless sixth, the Atlantic East rivals headed to the final frame, where the Miners looked prime for yet another comeback.

Facing Tyler Vail, one of the most dominant closers in the Frontier League, Sussex County managed three hits off of him. That third hit proved extra costly for New York, as Gionti Turner showcased his clutch gene for the second time and brought home the tying run with an RBI single. Not only was this the most hits Vail has allowed all season, but also the first run he's given up since May 16th.

Unfortunately for the Miners, the comeback bid would end there. Agresti once again matched the efforts of Turner with a walk-off sacrifice fly to take game two of the doubleheader and even the series at one.

Sussex County will look to bounce back and secure their second series victory over the Boulders tomorrow night at 6:30pm.