

Inside CT Baseball: June 16

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In other games around the state, the Connecticut Defenders rode the arm of Dave McKae to a 5-1 victory over the Altoona Curve, the Bowie Baysox edged the New Britain Rock Cats 5-4, and the Atlantic City Surf rallied past the New Haven County Cutters 10-4 on Friday.

Photo courtesy of Connecticut Defenders

Defenders Throw Altoona a Curve

ALTOONA, Pa. - Dave McKae pitched eight strong innings to lead the Connecticut Defenders past the Altoona Curve, 4-1, before 5,140 on Friday. McKae (2-0) allowed an unearned run on six hits while striking out four to lower his ERA to 0.39 after three starts. Since joining the Defenders at the beginning of the month, he has given up just one earned run in 23 innings. The 25-year-old right-hander went 5-1 with a 1.93 ERA in 11 starts for Class A Advanced San Jose.

Brian Anderson worked a 1-2-3 ninth for his 12th save. Simon Klink went 2-for-4 with an RBI single in the third and Jake Wald hit a solo homer, his third, in the fourth for the Defenders (25-39), who snapped a four-game losing streak.

For more information, go to: [DEFENDERS SNAP FOUR-GAME SKID.](#)

Baysox Rally past Rock Cats

BOWIE, Md. - Oscar Salazar drove in two runs as Bowie held off New Britain, 5-4, before 6,143 fans at Prince George's Stadium Friday night. Salazar drove in the game's first run with a single in the first inning, then sparked a three-run eighth with a RBI fielder's choice ground ball.

For more information, go to: [BOWIE STOPS 'CATS.](#)

Surf Rally Past Cutters

Atlantic City, N.J. - The Atlantic City Surf broke open a scoreless game with a nine-run fourth inning to dispose of the New Haven County Cutters, 10-4, in the second of a four-game series before 3,315 at Bernie Robbins Stadium on Friday night.

Returning to the Cutters' rotation for his first start of the season, LHP Rolando Valles (0-2) was sharp through his first three innings before the Surf bats unloaded in the fourth.

For more information, go to: [CUTTERS FALL TO SURF](#).