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[Jasek closes out Falls](#)

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NIAGARA FALLS — Monday night at Sal Maglie Stadium once again proved an old baseball truism: Pitchers always want to finish their games.

Grand Island and Niagara Falls each had their starters throw into the seventh, but it was A.J. Jasek of the Vikings who came out on top in a 5-4 comeback win over the Wolverines after their ace Cam Carney took a 4-2 lead into the inning.

A Ben Tomkins single and C.J Fadel walk put the tying runs on for Grand Island (6-4 NFL), and an error at third loaded them up and sent Falls coach Joe Contento to the mound for a visit.

Contento's brief visit was a simple pat on the chest, and Carney would stay in the game and face Dylan Kelly, who singled to left to drive home the tying runs and knock Carney from the game.

Two batters later Jon Voyzey lifted a ball to left that was misplayed by Andrew DeWitt, and the go-ahead run scored to give Jasek a chance at the win.

DeWitt led off the bottom of the seventh looking to make amends for his error and laced a rocket right up the middle that stuck a spinning Jasek on the mound.

The pitcher fell to the ground as the Maglie crowd gasped, then found the ball and tossed to first in time to get the Wolverines leadoff batter at first.

"I thought for sure it was a base hit but I stopped it," Jasek said. "I was shocked it hit me but then I just had to make the play."

The rest of the Vikings infielders raced to the mound to check on their starter, but he wasn't going anywhere but back on the mound.

"Right away he just said 'I'm OK, I'm OK,'" Vikings coach Dean Santorio said. "That's a huge play, obviously. If that gets through somehow get the leadoff guy on, you never know."

Jasek shook off the hard hit and induced a fly ball to right from Rich DeMarco, then struck out swinging as the Vikings celebrated the come-from-behind win.

“I definitely I needed to finish those two outs,” Jasek said. “I wasn’t going to give it to another pitcher.”

Adam Grana hit a two-run single in the second to give the Wolverines the early lead and a passed ball and error plated a pair in the fourth for the Falls (4-4 NFL), who took the loss under the lights at home despite 11 strikeouts from Carney.

“It’s a tough loss for our kids but,” Contento said. “Hand it to Grand Island coming back.”

