

## 'Dads make it two straight vs. Tourists, 6-4

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The Hickory Crawdads won their second straight game to start the season against the Asheville Tourists, 6-4, before 2,552 fans at L.P. Frans Stadium on Friday night.

SS Jurickson Profar, who also homered on Thursday, led the way tonight, going 2-for-3 with a two-run home run and an RBI double.

The Crawdads (2-0) again jumped ahead in the bottom of the first frame. 2B Odubel Herrera led off with a single against RHP Albert Campos (0-1), before Profar belted the ball off a scoreboard panel for his two-run shot.

The Tourists (0-2) cut the deficit in half in the top of the fourth when RF Kyle Parker charged home on a double play ball induced by Crawdads starter RHP Randol Rojas (1-0), but Hickory promptly responded with tallies in the fourth and fifth to make it 4-1.

After back-to-back, two-out doubles by Parker and DH Bryce Massanari in the eighth to cut it to 4-2, the Crawdads answered again with a pair in the bottom of the frame. DH Andrew Clark led off with a single and gave way to pinch runner Teodoro Martinez. 3B Christian Villanueva followed with a base hit, after racking up two doubles previously in the game, putting runners at first and second. CF Jake Skole bounced into a fielder's choice, helped out by an error, that enabled all three to reach safely, loading the bases for 1B Jhonny Gomez. Gomez came through with a two-run single to left-center, padding the lead to 6-2.

Asheville refused to go down quietly against RHP Joe Van Meter in the ninth. A leadoff walk was followed by a two-run home run by 1B Mark Tracy, cutting the Crawdads lead to two. However, Van Meter responded by retiring the next three in a row to close the 6-4 win for Hickory.

□ **NOTES:** The Crawdads try to make it three straight against Asheville on Saturday for Magnet Schedule Giveaway, presented by North Carolina Education Lottery. Saturday is also Ladies Night at the ballpark! First Pitch is 7 p.m., gates open at 6 p.m.

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