

'Gnats nip 'Dads, 2-0

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The Savannah Sand Gnats squeezed by the Hickory Crawdads, 2-0, before 1,187 fans at Historic Grayson Stadium on Wednesday night.

The game remained scoreless until the fifth as Randol Rojas of the Crawdads and Taylor Whitenton of the Sand Gnats hooked up in a pitcher's duel. Savannah (15-17) finally broke through with a run in the fifth. Rafael Fernandez led off with a single, Blake Forsythe walked, and both runners advanced on a sacrifice bunt to second and third. Fernandez scored on a sacrifice fly by Albert Cordero, giving Savannah the lead.

Savannah added an insurance run in the eighth, thanks a two-out triple by Robbie Shields and a run-scoring single by Fernandez.

Josh Edgin came on and pitched a scoreless ninth for his sixth save. Gabriel Zavala went 2 1/3 innings in relief and picked up his first win of the year; Rojas suffered the loss.

NOTES: The Crawdads take on Sand Gnats in Savannah on Thursday at 7:05 p.m. Hickory will return home to start a seven-game homestand on Friday, May 13 against the Augusta GreenJackets at 7 p.m. Don't miss a special appearance by Breakin' BBoy McCoy as he entertains fans of all ages during the game! It will also be Friday the 13th and Halloween Night, with all fans wearing a Halloween costume receiving a FREE ticket to the game!