

Power zaps Crawdads, 3-2

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The West Virginia Power edged the Hickory Crawdads, 3-2, before 5,570 fans at Appalachian Power Park on Tuesday afternoon.

The Power (25-25) got out to an early lead, plating a pair in the bottom of the first against losing pitcher Luke Jackson (0-1). Drew Maggi and Mel Rojas, Jr led off with back-to-back singles. Dan Grovatt then belted an RBI double to right-center field, bringing in Maggi and moving Rojas to third. One out later, Rojas came in on an RBI ground out by Cole White for an early 2-0 lead. The Crawdads (27-24) came racing back to tie it in the top of the third against winning pitcher Colton Cain (4-4). Jonathan Roof doubled to lead things off and went to third on a sacrifice bunt. Jurickson Profar then was hit by a pitch, putting runners at the corners. During Odubel Herrera's at-bat, Cain threw a wild pitch allowing Roof to score from third. And some nifty base running by Profar on the play allowed him to score the tying run all the way from first base. A bad throw to third by catcher Elias Diaz that sailed into left field aided the issue.

But West Virginia pushed the eventual winning run across in the bottom of the fifth. With two outs and nobody on, Rojas, Jr. walked, and then scored all the way from first on Grovett's second RBI double of the game, giving the Power a 3-2 advantage.

Ben Rowen, who threw three scoreless innings in relief along with Vincent Payne and Zach Fuesser (who got his first save) closed out the win.

NOTES: The Crawdads kick off their series against the Shorebirds in Delmarva on Wednesday at 7:05 p.m. The 'Dads will be back home to face the Lakewood BlueClaws on Sunday, June 5 at 5 p.m. It will be Carnival Day at the ballpark, preceded by a Faith and Family Day service by Lower Creek Baptist Church from 3:15 - 4 p.m., open to all fans with a ticket to this game.