

## 1st-Place 'Dads top RiverDogs, 5-1

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Luke Jackson struck out 10 through his five-innings of work, pacing the Hickory Crawdads to the 5-1 win against the Charleston RiverDogs, before 3,113 fans at L.P. Frans Stadium on Thursday night.

Hickory has won five in a row and nine of its last 10 games to remain tied with Greensboro for 1st place in the Northern Division with only three games left in the first half.

After Jackson (2-1) had eight strikeouts through the third inning. The Crawdads (38-27) took the lead with three runs against losing pitcher Nik Turley (3-6) in the bottom of the third. With one out, Jurickson Profar got all the way to second base on a two-base throwing error. Profar proceeded to steal third base before scored on another throwing error that gave the Crawdads a 1-0 lead. The 'Dads added to their lead with a pair of two-out tallies later in the frame. Tomas Telis singled and moved to second when Christian Villanueva was hit by a pitch. Andrew Clark brought them in with a two-run double to right field, capping the frame with the Crawdads leading 3-0.

Charleston (25-42) scored its only run in the fifth, thanks to a solo home run by Gary Sanchez. But Hickory responded by scoring single runs in the sixth and seventh innings. Jake Skole drove in Josh Richmond, who had tripled, with a sacrifice fly in the sixth; Villanueva stretched it to a four-run lead with an RBI single in the seventh.

NOTES: The Crawdads look for their sixth straight win against the Charleston RiverDogs on Friday at 7 p.m. Don't miss the phenomenal Friday Night Fireworks after the game, presented by Hickory Orthopaedic Center and KICKS 103.3FM, as well as the timeless baseball entertainer Myron Noodleman entertain fans of all ages all night long! Gates open at 6 p.m.