

Crawdads Play Long Ball, Win 9-4

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The Hickory Crawdads, 1st-Half Northern Division Champions, scored early and often to earn a 9-4 victory over the visiting West Virginia Power, before 2,772 fans at L.P. Frans Stadium on Saturday night.

The Crawdads (42-29, 2-1) scored three times in the first inning off of Power losing pitcher Zack Von Rosenberg (3-5) after the Power put up a run in the top of the inning. Consecutive singles by Josh Richmond and Andrew Clark set the table for Alejandro Selen, who belted a three-run homer, his seventh of the year, over the right-center wall to give the 'Dads a 3-1 lead. Selen is tied with Tomas Telis and Christian Villanueva for the team lead.

Kellin Deglan blasted his third home run of the season in the second inning to make it 4-1. And Hickory tacked on another run in the third inning when Richmond led off the inning with a triple and scored on Clark's sacrifice fly to center field.

After holding the Power (36-35, 1-2) scoreless for consecutive innings, winning pitcher Matt Thompson (3-4) surrendered a run in the top of the fourth when Justin Howard scored on a passed ball. The 'Dads got that run right back in the bottom of the inning came right back in the bottom of inning on a run-scoring triple by Jurickson Profar and an RBI single by Jake Skole, putting the 'Dads up 7-2.

A pair of wild pitches from Thompson in the fifth inning allowed Eric Avila to score. Elias Diaz scored on a single by Avila in the sixth inning off Jorge Marban, making it 7-4.

But the 'Dads put it out of reach in the bottom of the sixth. Castillo had a run-scoring single in the frame that made it 8-4. Castillo drove in another run in the eighth to close out the scoring for Hickory.

NOTES: The Crawdads go for three in a row against West Virginia on Sunday at 5 p.m. Gates open at 4 p.m. All fans born in the 1960s get a HALF OFF Ticket just being born in one of the most important decades.