

'Dads outlast Intimidators, 10-8

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The Hickory Crawdads, 1st-Half Northern Division Champions, outlasted the Kannapolis Intimidators for the 10-8 win in 13 innings, before 1,299 fans at Fieldcrest Cannon Stadium on Monday night.

The Crawdads (43-30, 3-2) jumped out to an early 4-0 lead. Tomas Telis drove in Jurickson Profar for the 1-0 lead in the top of the first following three consecutive singles to start the game. Profar added a three-run homer in the second inning that gave Hickory a 4-0 lead. But Kannapolis (40-33, 3-2) scored six times in the bottom of the second against all-star Roman Mendez. The biggest blow in the frame was a two-run homer by Dan Black that gave the Intimidators a 6-4 lead. The Intimidators scored two more runs in the third taking an 8-4 lead and knocking Mendez out of the game.

Colby Killian took over with one down in the third and tossed 2.2 scoreless innings, giving the bats a chance to chip away at the deficit. An RBI single by Yefry Castillo and a sacrifice fly by Profar cut the Kannapolis lead at 8-6.

And Hickory scored again with two outs in the fifth. Jhonny Gomez was hit by a pitch, forcing in a run to make it 8-7, and Alejandro Selen belted his team-leading eighth home run of the season in the ninth, tying the game at 8-8. Joe Van Meter forced extra frames with a scoreless bottom of the ninth, and then kept the Intimidators off the board in the 10th and 11th as well. Odubel Herrera sparked the offense with a bunt single, his fourth hit of the game, to lead off the 13th. Telis chopped a base hit to right field, advancing Herrera to third base with nobody out. Christian Villanueva drove in Herrera with a sacrifice fly to left field as the Crawdads the lead 9-8. Telis advanced to second base on a wild pitch before Andrew Clark's RBI double brought him with an insurance run for a 10-8 lead.

Ryan Rodebaugh came on in the bottom of the 13th, and following consecutive singles to start the inning, escaped unscathed to close things out for his 12th save of the year. Ben Henry picked up the win in relief.

NOTES: The 'Dads continue the trip to Kannapolis on Tuesday at 7:05 p.m. Also be sure to order your tickets early for the Crawdads next home game - the 4th of July Fireworks Extravaganza on Monday, July 4 at 7 p.m. Don't miss out on the best 4th of July celebration in the area, presented by KICKS 103.3FM! All tickets are just \$10 and going quickly!