

GreenJackets buzz by Crawdads

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The Augusta GreenJackets topped the 1st-Half Northern Division Champion Hickory Crawdads, 5-0, before 2,759 fans at Lake Olmstead Stadium on Friday night.

The GreenJackets (49-54, 18-15) took the early lead on Jeff Arnold's two-run homer in the bottom of the second inning. Winning pitcher Shawn Sanford (8-6) turned in a marvelous performance as he scattered three hits through eight innings.

Augusta added to its lead with three unearned runs in the bottom of the eighth inning. With runners at the corners and two outs, Rafael Rodriguez pulled an RBI double inside the left-field line, scoring Josh Mazzola from third. Arnold then struck again, driving in both runners with a two-run single up the middle that gave the GreenJackets a 5-0 lead.

The Crawdads (61-41; 21-13) got their first two batters on to start the top of the ninth, but Drew Bowlin retired the next three in order to close the win for Augusta.

NOTES: The Crawdads take on the GreenJackets in Augusta on Saturday at 7:05 pm.....The 'Dads will return home for a four-game set against the Hagerstown Suns at L.P. Frans Stadium from Mon., Aug. 1 - Thurs., Aug. 4. The series gets going with 2-for-1 Senior Night and Bingo on Mon., Aug. 1. First Pitch is scheduled for 7 p.m., gates will open at 6 pm.....That night will also be Kids Eat FREE Night, with all kids getting to chow down for free with the purchase of a ticket. The Crawdads Interns will also be competing throughout the game in Intern Olympics to win fans great prizes!