

Crawdads Release 2013 Opening Day Roster

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The Hickory Crawdads, South Atlantic League affiliate of the Texas Rangers, have announced their Opening Day Roster for the 2013 campaign. The 21st

season of Crawdads baseball opens with a four-game home series against the Greensboro Grasshoppers starting on Thur., April 4.

The majority of the 2013 Crawdads will be spending their first season in Hickory, with only three players returning from the 2012 squad - C Jorge Alfaro, C Joe Maloney and OF Jordan Akins. Akins, a 4th-round draft pick by the Rangers in 2010, finished last season with 11 home runs, fourth best among Crawdads hitters, and tied for the club lead with 5 outfield assists. Alfaro, signed out of Sincelio, Colombia in 2010, returns for his second season behind the plate with the 'Dads. He enters the 2013 campaign as the #5 catching prospect in baseball, and #88 overall, according to MLB.com.

Four Crawdads, OF Lewis Brinson (1st), 3B Joey Gallo (1st), OF Nick Williams (2nd), and OF Preston Beck (5th), were all selected in the first five rounds by the Rangers in the 2012 MLB Draft. Additionally, Alfaro (#5), Gallo (#9), OF Nomar Mazara (#12), Brinson (#15) and RHP C.J. Williams (#20) were all ranked among the top 20 prospects in the Texas Rangers system, according to MLB.com.

For more information on the 'Dads roster, visit Hickorycrawdads.com or call the Front Office at (828) 322-3000.

Media Day and Open Workout Scheduled for Tues., April 2

Tues., April 2 will be the Crawdads Media Day and Open Workout at L.P. Frans Stadium. Media Day will run from 4 - 5 p.m. in the Home Clubhouse and is only open to members of the media. Please RSVP to Media Relations Assistant Sam Sigal at ssigal@hickorycrawdads.com or call (828) 322-3000.

Following the Media Day event, all fans will have their first chance to catch this year's team in action during the Open Workout on the field at L.P. Frans Stadium. The Open Workout will start at approximately 5:30 p.m. and is FREE to attend. Call the Front Office at (828) 322-3000 for more info.

Crawdads Clippings:

The Crawdads are holding the 2013 Open House THIS Saturday! Don't miss all the FREE FUN at L.P. Frans Stadium from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.! Fans in attendance on Saturday can take advantage of a special ticket deal, available ONLY at the Open House. The ticket deal includes 4 grandstand ticket vouchers for Opening Weekend, as well as two parking passes, good for any game in 2013, all for just \$21! For each package purchased, fans get to select an egg out of the Crawdads Easter basket. Eggs are filled with valuable prizes, including meal vouchers, t-shirts, tickets, novelty items, and a wide variety of other goodies. For more information on the 2013 Open House, [click here](#) or call (828) 322-3000.

Opening Night is coming up on Thursday, April 4, when the 'Dads take on the Greensboro Grasshoppers at L.P. Frans Stadium at 7 p.m.!

Get ready for all the season's FUN with your Early Bird Ticket Book! Order your 2013 Ticket Book right now and receive 2 FREE tickets for Opening Night! This offer is only available for a limited time, so [click here](#) or call (828) 322-3000 for all the info and to order yours today!

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Get Tickets:

Group outings, corporate partnerships, Buffalo Wild Wings Claw Club memberships, Ticket Books and birthday parties for the 2013 season are all available right now by calling the Front Office at (828) 322-3000. Individual Tickets for all 2013 home games can be purchased NOW by calling the Front Office, or at Hickorycrawdads.com.