

Sand Gnats buzz Crawdads for 3-1 win

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The Savannah Sand Gnats edged the Hickory Crawdads, 3-1, before 776 fans at Historic Grayson Stadium on Tuesday night.

Savannah (14-17) got out to a quick start again, striking for the game's first run in the bottom of the first against losing pitcher Roman Mendez. Darrell Ceciliani led off the inning with a walk and moved to second on a single by Wilfredo Tovar. Following a double steal that advanced both runners to second and third, a ground ball by Aderlin Rodriguez enabled Ceciliani to score.

The Crawdads (19-12) came right back to tie the game in the top of the second against winning pitcher Greg Peavey. Josh Richmond led off with a double to right field. Christian Villanueva reached on an error, enabling runners to reach the corners with nobody out. One out later, Jhonny Gomez laid down a sacrifice bunt down the first base line that scored Richmond and tied the game.

But the Sand Gnats came right back with a two-out rally in the bottom of the third. With a runner at first, Rodriguez worked a two-out walk to keep the inning alive. Robbie Shields came up next and doubled, driving in two runs for a 3-1 lead.

Colby Killian and Joe Van Meter combined for three scoreless innings that kept Hickory close, but the Savannah's bullpen protected the lead. Josh Edgin came on and settled the issue in the ninth earning his fifth save.

NOTES: The Crawdads take on Sand Gnats in Savannah on Wednesday at 7:05 p.m. Hickory will return home to start a seven-game homestand on Friday, May 13 against the Augusta GreenJackets at 7 p.m. Don't miss a special appearance by Breakin' BBoy McCoy as he entertains fans of all ages during the game! It will also be Friday the 13th and Halloween Night, with all fans wearing a Halloween costume receiving a FREE ticket to the game!