

Crawdads Beat RiverDogs, Win Third Straight

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The Hickory Crawdads beat the Charleston RiverDogs, 6-4, in a slightly rain-shortened game, before 1,991 fans at L.P. Frans Stadium on Thursday night.

The Crawdads had retired one out in the top of the ninth inning before the umpires called for the rain delay, which lasted for 40 minutes before the game was called and the 'Dads registered the win.

Hickory (26-20) broke a scoreless tie with a run in the struck for the bottom of the fourth. Josh Richmond led off the inning with a solo home run, his fifth of the year, giving the 'Dads the 1-0 lead. The RiverDogs (20-27) came right back with two runs in the top of the fifth. Rob Segedin came through with a two-out, two-run single that gave the RiverDogs in front, 2-1. Ramon Flores' followed with a base hit, but Segedin was thrown out at the plate. Hickory tied things up with a run in the bottom of the fifth. Jurickson Profar led off the inning with a solo home run (the second lead-off home run by the Crawdads in the game) that tied the game, 2-2. And the Crawdads took the lead for good in the bottom of the sixth. Tomas Telis and Richmond led-off the inning with consecutive walks. Both runners advanced on a sacrifice bunt, and both scored one- out later on Jake Skole's two-run single. Skole then scored from first on a single by Alejandro Selen that was compounded by an error on CF Slade Heathcott for a 5-2 lead.

Flores ignited a River Dogs' rally in the seventh with an RBI single that was misplayed by SKole in left field allowing two runs to score. That made it a 5-4 game, but Hickory responded with its third lead off home run of the game in the bottom of the seventh, thanks to Teodoro Martinez, who smacked his first home run of the year, handing the Crawdads an insurance run and a 6-4 lead.

Reyes dealt a scoreless eighth inning and gave way to Ryan Rodebaugh, who picked up his fourth save, in the ninth/ But the rains came after Rodebaugh struck out the first batter he faced. That forced a rain delay and the umpires called the contest 40- minutes later.

NOTES: The Crawdads continue the home series against the RiverDogs on Friday night with a 7 p.m. first pitch and gates opening at 6 p.m.! Friday's game will feature Friday Night Fireworks as well as the Salute to Veterans, presented by Bradley Ingels w/ Armstrong Ford and KICKS 103.3FM. All veterans and their immediate family members get a FREE ticket to the game, as well as all college/high school ROTC members in uniform receiving a FREE ticket to Friday's game! The first 500 fans through the gates on Friday night will also receive a FREE Crawdads Team Card Set, courtesy of Disabled American Veterans.

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