

## Crawdads clip Shorebirds, 5-3

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The Hickory Crawdads claimed a 5-3 win against the Delmarva Shorebirds, before 1,378 fans at Arthur W. Perdue Stadium on Thursday night.

Delmarva (29-25) came out swinging right away as Mikey Planeta led off the bottom of the first with a triple to right field. Winning pitcher Nick Tepesch (1-3) retired the next three batters, but Planeta scored on an RBI grounder by Ty Kelly to put the Shorebirds ahead, 1-0.

The Crawdads (28-25) took the lead the top of the third, scoring twice thanks to five singles and an error. Jhonny Gomez walked to lead off the inning, Alejandro Selen singled to right field. Brenden Webb tried to throw Gomez out at third on the play, but his throw was wide of the bag third base, allowing Gomez to score. Selen went to third on the play. Jonathan Roof's sacrifice fly to right field brought in Selen that gave Hickory a 2-1 lead.

The Shorebirds tied it up in the fifth. Justin Dalles was hit by a pitch to start the frame and went to third on a single by Mychal Givens. Dalles then charged home on a fielder's choice by Webb, tying the game at 2-2.

But Hickory jumped back out in front with three runs against losing pitcher Jacob Pettit (5-1), who suffered his first loss of the year. In the top of the seventh, Josh Richmond sparked the rally with a double to start the frame, followed by an infield single by Jake Skole. A sacrifice bunt advanced both to second and third, and a walk to Selen loaded the bases with one out. Roof knocked in Richmond from third with a fielder's choice and Jurickson Profar followed with a two-run triple to right field, making it a 5-2 game.

Delmarva chipped away at the deficit with a tally in the bottom of the eighth. Jonathan Schoop led off with a walk, then moved to third when Ryan Rodebaugh, who picked up his sixth save, made a bad throw on a pick off attempt at first base. Rodebaugh retired the next three hitters, but Schoop came in on an RBI grounder by Kieron Pope, cutting the lead at 5-3.

Rodebaugh slammed the door with a 1-2-3 ninth inning for the Crawdads.

**NOTES:** The Crawdads continue their series against the Shorebirds in Delmarva on Friday at 7:05 p.m. The 'Dads will be back home to face the Lakewood BlueClaws on Sunday, June 5 at 5 p.m. It will be Carnival Day at the ballpark, preceded by a Faith and Family Day service by Lower Creek Baptist Church from 3:30 - 4:15 p.m., open to all fans with a ticket to this game.