

Legends edge 'Dads, 4-2

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Following a 50-minute rain delay to start the game, the Hickory Crawdads fell to the Lexington Legends, 4-2, before 4,787 fans at Whitaker Bank Ballpark in Lexington on Friday night. The loss also snapped Hickory's four-game winning streak.

The Legends (29-32) struck right away in the bottom of the first inning. Jordan Scott and Giovanni Mier led off with back-to-back singles. A fielder's choice by Adam Bailey drove in Scott for the 1-0 lead.

But the Crawdads (33-27) came right back, scoring twice in the top of the second to take a 2-1 lead. With one out, Andrew Clark sparked the rally with a walk, and moved to third on Josh Richmond's single. Jake Skole followed with an RBI single that scored Clark tying the game, and a throwing error by Bailey in right field, allowed Richmond to score all the way from first base.

The lead was shortlived, however as Lexington tallied twice in the bottom of the second to jump back on top, 3-2. The Legends loaded the bases with nobody out. They tied the game on an RBI single by Emilio King, and they took the lead one out later on Mier's sacrifice fly that scored Tyler Burnett from third.

Lexington added an insurance run in the bottom of the fourth. With runners at second and third and one away, Colby Killian came on in relief for Hickory. He retired Scott on a ground ball, but Burnett scored from third on the play, making it 4-2. He struck out Mier to end the inning. The Lexington bullpen took over from there. David Martinez tossed two scoreless innings in the seventh and the eighth; Jason Chowning, who picked up his first save of the year, shut things down in the ninth.

NOTES: The Crawdads conclude the series in Lexington on Saturday at 7:05 p.m. The 'Dads return home on Thursday, June 16 against the Charleston RiverDogs. It will be Thirsty Thursday, presented by Buffalo Wild Wings with \$1 can beers and Pepsis! Also, don't miss the post-game concert by Norva Jean Dreams! First pitch is at 7 p.m., gates open at 6 p.m.