

'Dads win series with 3-2 victory against 'Dogs

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The 1st-Half Northern Division Champion Hickory Crawdads won their third straight game, 3-2, for the series win against the Charleston RiverDogs, before 3,192 fans at Joseph P. Riley, Jr. Park on Wednesday night. The Crawdads (69-51, 29-23) jumped in front early with two runs in the top of the first against losing pitcher Vidal Nuno (1-1). With Odubel Herrera at first base and two down, Alejandro Selen extended his hitting streak to 11 straight games with an RBI triple that brought in Herrera for the 1-0 lead. Selen trotted home when Tomas Telis promptly ripped an RBI single up the middle that gave Hickory an early 2-0 lead.

Will Lamb made his Crawdads debut and logged 4 2/3 scoreless innings, scattering two hits, walking three and striking out four. Jose Monegro (1-0), who picked up the win in relief, took over to retire the final out in the fifth. He gave up a run in the sixth.

Shane Brown singled to start the inning for the Riverdogs (48-74; 22-30); Monegro retired the next two batter. But Kevin Mahoney drove an RBI triple to deep center field scoring Brown to cut the lead at 2-1.

The 'Dads added an insurance run in the top of the seventh. With two outs and the bases empty, Josh Richmond belted a solo home run to left-center field making it 3-1.

The RiverDogs made it 3-2 thanks to an RBI double in the bottom of the seventh by Jose Toussen, but Monegro escaped further damage. Jorge Marban came on in the eighth, threw two perfect innings of relief and notched his second save.

NOTES: Hickory starts a four-game home series against the Lexington Legends this Thursday at L.P. Frans Stadium. It is Thirsty Thursday, presented by Buffalo Wild Wings, featuring \$1 can beers and fountain Pepsis. It will be Biker Night, with all fans riding a motorcycle to the game receiving a Half Off Ticket. Also, Banned on Wednesday will be performing live on the concourse after the game! First Pitch is at 7 p.m., gates open at 6 p.m.