

Intimidators Nip Crawdads

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The Kannapolis Intimidators plated three runs in the bottom of the ninth inning to avoid being swept by the Hickory Crawdads with a 12-11 walk-off win at CMC-NorthEast Stadium in Kannapolis Sunday night. The Intimidators

(1-3) struck for three runs in the bottom of the first against Santo Perez. Leighton Pangilinan tripled in a pair of runs, and then scored on an run-scoring grounder by Rangel Ravelo that gave Kannapolis a 3-0 lead.

Hickory came back with a two run rally of its own in the top of the second. Back-to-back two-out walks to Jorge Alfaro and Drew Robinson kept the inning alive for Chris Grayson., who ripped a two-run triple to right-center field, cutting the deficit to a run at 3-2.

A two-run double by Joe De Pinto in the bottom of the second gave Kannapolis a 5-2 lead, but the 'Dads chipped away with an RBI single by Kevin Torres in the top of the third that made it, 5-3. Hickory eventually took the lead with a five-run fourth inning. Kellin Deglan sparked the charge with a double to start the frame. Sondgress then struck out Jorge Alfaro, but a dropped third strike allowed Alfaro to reach first base. Making matters worse for Kannapolis, a bad throw that sailed into the stands allowed Deglan to score and sending Alfaro to second base.

Robinson's RBI single and consecutive hits by Grayson and Hanser Alberto, loaded the bases. Rought Odor's sacrifice fly to right field, which was dropped by Mark Haddow scored Robinson and Grayson. Jeremy Williams capped off the inning with an RBI grounder, that gave Hickory an 8-5 lead.

The Crawdads added two more runs in the top of the fifth. Alfaro singled his way on to start the inning, and scored on a run-scoring triple by Robinson. One out later, Alberto brought Robinson home with an RBI single, giving the 'Dads the 10-5 lead.

Kannapolis scored twice in the fifth, and the Intimidators scored again on a solo home run by Ravelo in the seventh, making it a 10-8 game.

An RBI single by Alfaro in the top of the eighth stretched the lead back to three runs, but the Intimidators plated one of their own in the bottom of the eighth. Trailing 11-9, Kannapolis completed the comeback with three runs in the ninth. With two down and no one on, Dusty Harvard singled to keep the inning alive; Keenyn Walker chopped the deficit to 11-10 with an RBI double and moved to third on a base hit by De Pinto. With runners on the corners, a wild pitch allowed Walker to score, tying the game at 11-11. Pinto to second base on the play. After DH Michael Johnson walked, Pangilinan drove in the game-winning run with an RBI single through the right side of the infield.

Crawdads Clippings:

The Crawdads kick off a three-game series in Greenville against the Drive on Monday evening at 7:05 p.m. Catch all the action live on Hickorycrawdads.com, and tune in 15 minutes early for Crawdads Countdown.....Don't miss the 'Dads FREE Open House this Sat. from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. at L.P. Frans Stadium, with Easter FUN, an Easter Egg Hunt on the field, ticket deals, a chance to meet players and more.....The Crawdads 2012 Home Opener is coming up on Thurs., April 12 vs. the Asheville Tourists at 7 p.m. Don't miss Thirsty Thursday, presented by Buffalo Wild Wings and 1290 WHKY, featuring \$1 can beers and Pepsis, as well as the Sneak Peek Night promotion. Gates open at 6 p.m.....All the Opening Weekend FUN continues on Friday,

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April 13 with Grand Opening Fireworks, presented by Crowne Plaza, Mister Tuxedo and The Big Dawg 92.1FM, and a 7 p.m. first pitch. Then, on Sat., April 14, it's Eric Church Bobblehead Giveaway for the first 1,000 fans with a paid admission, courtesy of Galaxy, Ragu and KICKS 103.3FM. First pitch will be 6 p.m. that Saturday, with gates opening at 5 p.m.

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Individual Tickets for all Crawdads home games are available right now at Hickorycrawdads.com or by calling (828) 322-3000! Group outings, corporate partnerships, Levine Children's Hospital Claw Club memberships and Ticket Books for the 20th Anniversary Season are also available right now by calling the Front Office at (828) 322-3000.