

Crawdads Top Kannapolis In Series Opener

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The Hickory Crawdads took an early lead in the bottom of the first and never trailed, en route to the 4-3 win against the Kannapolis Intimidators before 1,538 fans at L.P. Frans Stadium on Monday evening. Shortstop

Luis Sardinas got things started in the bottom of the first by reaching on an error. Rougned Odor then crushed a two-run home run, his second in the last two games, over the right field wall for the 2-0 lead.

The Intimidators got on the board with an unearned run in the top of the third, and they tied it up with a run in the top of the sixth. With one out in the sixth, Michael Johnson doubled to left-center field. Luke Jackson struck out the next batter, but Kevan Smith placed an RBI single to right-center field, plating Johnson and tying the game. Randol Rojas (1-0), who got the win in relief, took over and quickly ended the inning with a strikeout.

The Crawdads (7-5) regained the lead in the bottom of the sixth. With no one on and two away, Zach Cone launched a solo shot over the left-center field wall, giving the Crawdads a 3-2 lead. But Kannapolis rallied and tied it up in the top of the seventh. Mark Haddow walked with one out, then raced to third on a single by Keenyn Walker. Rojas quickly picked off Walker for the second out, but Grant Buckner muscled a broken-bat, RBI single into shallow right field for his second RBI of the day, tying the score at 3-3.

Hickory regained the lead for good in the bottom of the eighth against RHP Steve McCray (0-2), who suffered the loss. Sardinas led off with an infield single and advanced to third on a base hit by Odor, who was retired on the play after rounding first base too far. Kannapolis intentionally walked Hanser Alberto, bringing Cone to the plate. The 'Dads right fielder came through, driving an RBI single to shallow left field, bringing home Sardinas for the 4-3 advantage.

The Intimidators threatened in the top of the ninth, getting two men on, but Rojas got out of it by striking out back-to-back batters, closing out the win.

Crawdads Clippings:

Tuesday is Dollar Day, presented by 1290 WHKY, during the 6 p.m. game against the Kannapolis Intimidators. All fans can buy one ticket and get a second grandstand ticket for just a buck! Also, nine other items around the ballpark will be just \$1 each. Gates open at 5 p.m.....The 'Dads wrap up the series against Kannapolis on Wednesday at 6 p.m. It is Unemployment Night, presented by Manpower - present your NCESC-issued debit card or printed online statement at the Ticket Office for four FREE tickets to this game! Gates open at 5 p.m.

Get Tickets:

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.

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