

## 'Dads race by Intimidators, 7-5

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The Hickory Crawdads scored four runs in the bottom of the fifth inning, cruising to the 7-5 win against the Kannapolis Intimidators, before 536 fans at L.P. Frans Stadium on Tuesday evening. With the victory, the 'Dads guarantee their third series win in the first

four sets this season. For the second straight night, Hickory (8-5) got out to an early lead in the bottom of the first against Kannapolis (6-7). Chris Grayson reached on an error, and quickly stole second base. One out later, Grayson advanced to third on a ground-ball out before he scored on a wild pitch from losing pitcher Daniel Webb (0-2). Zach Cone then drove a solo home run over the right field wall--his third home run of the year and his second long ball in two games--that gave Hickory a 2-0 lead.

After the Intimidators scored an unearned run on an RBI double by Keenyn Walker in the top of the second, the 'Dads came right back with a run in the bottom of the second inning. With two outs and the bases empty, Jordan Akins went deep making it 3-1.

Kannapolis scored three times in the top of the fifth to take a 4-3 lead. David Herbek led off with a double and took third on a ground out. Grant Buckner then lined an RBI single to left field, plating Herbek. Buckner went from first to third on a double by Kevan Smith, before a Leighton Pangilinan RBI single scored Buckner for the 3-3 tie. Nick McBride (2-0), who got the win in relief, came on and gave up a sacrifice fly to Rangel Ravelo that gave the Intimidators a 4-3 lead. However, McBride got out of the inning with no further damage being done.

The Crawdads responded right away in the bottom of the fifth inning. Akins sparked the comeback with a double off the left field wall and advanced to third base on a Jhonny Gomez single. Grayson brought in Akins with an RBI single, moving Gomez to second and tying the game. Rougned Odor then belted a two-run triple into the right-field corner, scoring Gomez and Grayson to put the 'Dads back in front, 6-4. With Jefferson Olacio taking over on the mound, Hanser Alberto dealt the final blow of the frame with an RBI single to plate Odor for the 7-4 advantage.

Kannapolis got a run in the top of the seventh against McBride, but Phil Klein and Greg Williams, who picked up his second save, combined for a pair of scoreless innings to wrap up the game.

### **Crawdads Clippings:**

The 'Dads wrap up the series against Kannapolis on Wednesday at 6 p.m. It is Unemployment Night, presented by Manpower - show 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](http://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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