

Suns Swing Away In 12-4 Win

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The Hickory Crawdads fell to the Hagerstown Suns, 12-4, before 1,048 fans at L.P. Frans Stadium on Tuesday night. The game resembled a slugfest as both team combined for six runs in the first inning. The Suns (20-15) jumped out to

a 3-0 lead in the top of the first inning. Matthew Skole highlighted the frame with a two-run blast over the left-field wall.

The Crawdads (19-16) responded with a three-run rally of their own in the bottom of the first. Hanser Alberto had the big blow with a two-run double that made it 3-2; Drew Robinson drove in Alberto with an RBI single to right field, tying the game at 3-3.

But the Suns took over from there. Hagerstown regained the lead in the top of the third. With one out, Billy Burns walked and advanced to third on a single by Jason Martinson. Then losing pitcher Santo Perez (2-2) victimized himself when he threw behind Martinson at first on a pick-off attempt. Martinson broke for second and got there safely. In the meantime, Burns scored easily from third for a 4-3 lead. Martinson advanced to third as Burns beat the throw to the plate. A run-scoring single by Skole, and an RBI double by Steven Souza, made it 6-3. The Suns added three more runs in the fourth-and-fifth innings. Justin Miller had a solo home run in the fourth that made it 7-3; Souza had a run-scoring double, and Miller drove in a run with a sacrifice fly in the fifth that made it 9-3.

An RBI single by Trever Adams of the Crawdads made it 9-4 in the sixth, but the Suns put the game away thanks to Skole and Souza, who hit back-to-back home runs to start the seventh inning. Leading 11-4, Skole closed out the scoring with an RBI double in the eighth.

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The 'Dads and the Suns wrap up the series on Wednesday morning at 11 a.m. It will be Senior Day, presented by Kingston Residence. Wednesday's game will also feature the Businessperson's Special, so bring a business card for a discounted \$5 Box Seat Ticket! Gates open at 10 a .m. Wednesday's broadcast will only be available on Hickorycrawdads.com due to the morning start.

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.