

'Dads Fall In First-Half Finale

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The Lakewood BlueClaws wrapped up the first half of the season with a 6-1 win against the Hickory Crawdads at FirstEnergy Park in Lakewood on Sunday afternoon. Lakewood (26-43) jumped on top right away with a pair of runs in the bottom of the second inning. With two men on base and one out, Gauntlett Eldemire drove in Bob Stumpo from

second base with an RBI single; and the BlueClaws doubled their lead with an RBI sacrifice bunt by Alejandro Villalobos, squeezing in Kyrell Hudson in from third later in the frame for a 2-0 advantage.

Lakewood picked up another run in the bottom of the third, but the Crawdads (36-33) finally got on the board in the top of the fourth. Zach Cone crushed a one-out triple to right-center field, and he scored on an RBI ground out by Jeremy Williams, cutting the deficit at 3-1. But Kelly Dugan had a two-run single in the bottom of the fourth that gave Lakewood a 5-1 lead; and a solo home run by Eldemire in the bottom of the eighth tacked on the final run for Lakewood. Kevin Matthews (1-1) suffered the loss. He gave up three earned runs and five walks in three innings. Offensively, the Crawdads only made four hits. Christopher Duffy and Eldemire each had two hits; Kelly Dugan and Eldemire each had two hits apiece.

Crawdads Clippings:

After the SAL All-Star Game in Charleston on Tuesday, the Crawdads kick off the second half of the season at home this Thursday against the Greensboro Grasshoppers at 7 p.m.! It will be Thirsty Thursday, featuring \$1 can beers and Pepsis, presented by Buffalo Wild Wings. This Thursday will also be Jimmy Buffett Beach Night, so wear some beach gear for a Half Off Ticket! Gates open at 6 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.