

## North Edges South In SAL All-Star Game

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The Hickory Crawdads All-Star representatives helped pace the Northern Division to the 3-2 win against the Southern Division in the 2012 SAL All-Star Game at Joseph P. Riley, Jr. Park in Charleston, S.C., Tuesday night.

Hickory shortstop Hanser Alberto, who played the entire game went 1-4 with an RBI; right hander Phil Klein and lefty Victor Payano of the Crawdads both logged a scoreless inning of relief apiece.

Left fielder Chris Grayson also played the entire game in left field for the North, but was hitless in plate appearances. Hickory's fifth all-star, right hander Nick Martinez, did not pitch because he's scheduled to start Thursday night's game against Greensboro. The Northern Division scored in the top of the fifth against David Filak of the Rome Braves, who suffered the loss. Delmarva first baseman Nicky Delmonico singled with one out before Kannapolis catcher Kevan Smith drove him home with an RBI double one out last, giving the the North a 1-0 lead.

Alberto and the Northern squad struck again in the top of the seventh. Delmonico picked up his second hit of the game as he doubled to start the frame and moved to third on an error. Alberto then ripped an RBI single to center field scoring Delmonico for a 2-0 advantage.

The Northern All-Stars tacked on their third run of the game in the top of the eighth. Klein and Payano maintained the lead with a pair of scoreless innings. Klein kept the South scoreless in the seventh with a pair of strikeouts; Payano kept the South scoreless in the eighth and gave up a walk.

The Southern Division did score a pair of runs in the bottom of the ninth against Hagerstown right hander Aaron Barrett, who settled down and stopped the bleeding as he picked up the save. Right hander Colin Kleven of Lakewood got the win for the North with a scoreless inning of work in the bottom of the fourth.

### **Crawdads Clippings:**

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](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.