

Hickory Downs 'Hoppers In 2nd Half Opener

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The Hickory Crawdads opened the second half of the season with a 6-3 win against the Greensboro Grasshoppers Thursday night at L.P. Frans Stadium. The Crawdads erased a 2-1 deficit in the bottom of the fourth inning. Jorge Alfaro led off the inning with a single and advanced to third on a

double into the left field corner by Kevin Torres. Jordan Akins followed with an RBI ground out that scored Alfaro from third, tying the score, 2-2. Hickory took the lead moments later on an RBI double by Trevor Adams, as he blasted a ball into left-center field to plate Torres. One out later, Adams came around to score on an RBI double by Rougned Odor that gave the 'Dads a 4-2 advantage.

Greensboro (0-1; 46-25) cut the lead by scoring a run in the top of the seventh after loading the bases with two infield singles and a walk. Wilfredo Gimenez singled in a run to shrink the Hickory lead at 4-3, but right hander Arlett Mavare came on in relief and induced an inning-ending double play with no further damage being done. The Crawdads added some insurance with single runs in the seventh and eighth innings. Hanser Alberto, who entered the game as a defensive replacement in the sixth, led off the seventh by being hit by a pitch. Alberto advanced to third after a bunt single by Luis Sardinas and a fielder's choice by Drew Robinson. He scored on an RBI ground out by Jeremy Williams, making the score 5-3. Hickory collected it's final run in the eighth. Torres led off with a double and scored on a two-base fielding error that gave Hickory (1-0; 37-33) a 6-3 lead.

Mavare pitched a scoreless eighth inning before Phil Klein came on and picked up his fourth save of the year in the ninth. Nick Martinez (3-2), who went six innings and gave up two earned runs on three hits with three strikeouts, got the win. Adams had two hits, including a double, and drove in two runs. The Crawdads made 11 hits.

Crawdads Clippings:

The 'Dads look to make it two in a row against Greensboro on Friday at 7 p.m. Don't miss phenomenal Friday Night Fireworks after the game, presented by OrthoCarolina of Hickory....Friday will also be New Year's Eve Night, as we ring in the start of the second half! Gates open at 6 p.m....Then on Saturday, WWE Hall of Famer Jerry "The King" Lawler will be at the 6 p.m. game, presented by Jack in the Box. The wrestling legend will be signing autographs and mingling with fans throughout the night. Also, there is an exclusive Meet-and-Greet with Jerry "The King" Lawler from 5 - 5:40 p.m. before the game, with a couple of spots left! To register for the Meet-and-Greet, call (828) 322-3000 right now....Also, the first 1,000 fans with a paid admission on Saturday will get FREE Cheer Noodles, courtesy of Galaxy, Nissin....Gates open at 5 p.m. on Saturday.

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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