

Crawdads Ground Shorebirds

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The Hickory Crawdads bounced back Friday night by knocking off the Delmarva Shorebirds 5-2 at L.P. Frans Stadium on Friday night. Hagerstown stayed two games back in the North Division of the south Atlantic League with a 5-4 win against Lexington Friday night. But Lakewood fell three games back; the BlueClaws lost at West Virginia, 5-4. The Crawdads

(12-4, 48-37) jumped out to a 4-0 lead with a four-run outburst in bottom of the second inning. Jordan Akins drove in a run with an RBI grounder that gave Hickory a 1-0 lead; Nick Urbanus followed with a two-run single, making it 3-0. Urbanus moved to second base on an error by catcher Wynston Sawyer. Urbanus raced home on an RBI single by Rougned Odor giving Hickory its four-run advantage.

Nick Martinez (5-2), who picked up his fifth win of the year, kept the Shorebirds off the board through five scoreless innings. The SAL All-Star struck out four and only gave up two hits. Delmarva (4-11, 32-52) got on the board in the top of the sixth. Nicky Delmonico hit a two-run homer cutting the deficit in half at 4-2. But Hickory padded its lead with an insurance run in the bottom the eighth. Jorge Alfaro led off with a triple to right-center field; Kellin Deglan walked with two outs to keep the inning alive, and Alfaro scored when Deglan, trying to steal second base, was caught in a rundown allowing Alfaro to cross the plate for a 5-2 lead. Phil Klein tossed two scoreless innings in the eighth and ninth innings for his sixth save of the year.

Crawdads Clippings:

The 'Dads take on Delmarva on Saturday at 6 p.m. for Beach Towel Giveaway, presented by Galaxy, Dial Liquid & Bar Soap....The first 1,000 fans with a paid admission will get a FREE beach towel....Saturday is also Willy Wonka Night, and stick around for Post-Game Autographs on the field...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.