

## Selen, Cone Go Deep, Crawdads Win

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The Hickory Crawdads elbowed their way back into first place in the North Division of the South Atlantic League with a 6-3 win against the Delmarva Shorebirds at L.P. Frans Stadium on Wednesday afternoon. The win coupled with Lakewood's 10-3 win against Hagerstown leaves the Crawdads and the Suns in a first-place tie; West Virginia, which

defeated Greensboro 4-2, and Lakewood are tied for third just one game off the pace. The Crawdads were backboned by Alejandro Selen and Zach Cone. Selen homered twice; Cone belted his second home run in as many days and drove in two runs. The Crawdads (19-14, 55-47) took an early 3-0 lead with two runs in the bottom of the first and they picked up another run in the second inning. Chris Grayson got things started with a two-out walk in the first inning and he scored on Cone's two-run bomb over the left-center field wall; Kevin Torres drove in Hickory's third run with a sacrifice fly in the second inning.

Delmarva (13-19, 41-60) broke through against Kevin Matthews with a run in the top of the fourth. Mikey Planeta doubled to start the inning and was joined on the bases by Brenden Webb, who was hit by a pitch. Sammie Starr drove in Planeta with an RBI double, cutting the deficit to 3-1. Matthews went four innings and gave up a run on two hits with four walks. Phil Klein (6-0) came on in relief and tossed three scoreless innings for his sixth win of the year. Hickory put the contest out of reach with a pair of runs in the bottom of the fourth. Selen led off the frame with a solo home run. Jorge Alfaro followed with a double; he took third on a single by Drew Robinson. Torres drove in his second run of the game with a sacrifice fly for a 5-1 lead. Selen smacked his second home run of the game in the bottom of the sixth for a 6-1 lead. The Shorebirds plated a pair of runs against RHP Daniel Lopez in the top of the eighth, but Taylor Dennis took over in the ninth and picked up his first save of the year.

### **Crawdads Clippings:**

The 'Dads wrap up the homestand against Delmarva this Thursday at 7 p.m. Don't miss Thirsty Thursday, presented by Buffalo Wild Wings, with \$1 can beers and Pepsis! Thursday is also NASCAR Night, so wear NASCAR apparel for a Half Off Ticket! Be sure to stick around after the game for the Norva Jean Dreams Post-Game Concert as well! Gates open at 6 p.m.....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.

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