

Sand Gnats Squeak One Out Against 'Dads

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The Hickory Crawdads got the game-tying run to second base in the bottom of the ninth, but the Savannah Sand Gnats hung on and won the game 6-5 at L.P. Frans Stadium Thursday night. The loss also knocked Hickory 1 1/2 games out of first place in the North Division of the South Atlantic League. Hickory got the tying run on base in the bottom of the

ninth with one out. Pinch hitter Luis Sardinas singled his way on and swiped second base. But T.J. Chism, who picked up his 18th save of the year, retired the next two batters closing things out for Savannah. Kevin Torres had an RBI single in the bottom of the eighth that made it 6-5, But the 'Dads found themselves playing from behind the majority of the night.

They trailed 3-1 in the top of the third before they jumped on top for a brief spell in the bottom of the sixth. Trailing 3-2, the Crawdads tallied twice in the bottom of the sixth. Drew Robinson walked to start the inning before he scored on an RBI triple by Alejandro Selen that tied up the game. One out later, Selen sprinted home on a sacrifice fly by Torres that gave Hickory a 4-3 lead.

But Savannah reclaimed the lead in the top of the seventh. With two on and nobody out, Yucarybert De La Cruz connected for a three-run homer that proved to be the difference in the game. That blow gave Savannah a 6-4 lead.

Jose Monegro (2-1), who was on the receiving end of De La Cruz's three-run blast, suffered the loss. Trever Adams of the 'Dads was 2-4 with a pair of doubles; Torres knocked in two runs in the loss.

Crawdads Clippings:

The 'Dads host the Sand Gnats on Friday at 7 p.m. for the final Friday Night Fireworks show of the regular season, presented by CharterMedia....Friday is also Team Card Set Giveaway, with FREE Card Sets for the first 500 fans with paid admission, courtesy of Dale Earnhardt Chevrolet....Additionally, the Crawdads 2012 Game-Worn Jersey Auction, featuring the game-worn 20th Anniversary Jerseys, will be collecting final bids on the concourse this Friday. Click here to get your early bid in right now....The FUN continues with The ZOOperstars!, presented by Dickinson Service Center and KICKS 103.3FM, on Saturday with a 6 p.m. First Pitch against Savannah.....Don't miss the nationally-acclaimed mascot caricatures put on a show you'll never forget! Also on Saturday, it is Snuggie Giveaway with the first 1,000 fans with paid admission receiving a FREE Crawdads Snuggie, courtesy of Galaxy, Ken's Dressings & Marinades and KICKS 103.3FM....Gates open at 5 p.m. on Saturday....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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