

'Dad Make Four Errors, Lose Fourth Straight

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The Hickory Crawdads 3-game home stand came to a disappointing end Sunday night, as the 'Dads were held to only four hits while committing four errors en route to a 6-1 loss to the Augusta GreenJackets at Crawdads Stadium.

The game started with offensive action from both sides, with Augusta scoring a pair of runs in the top of the first before the 'Dads answered on a Joey Gallo RBI triple to center in the bottom of the frame to make the score 2-1.

GreenJackets starting pitcher Joe Kurrasch settled in to a groove following the Gallo hit however, with the 6'2" left-hander retiring the next 14 Crawdads in a row. That gave the 'Jackets offense time to pull away, with two runs in the fourth and two more in the seventh for their 6-1 lead.

The Hickory offense would never seriously threaten again, as the 'Dads mustered four total base runners after the first. Gallo led the Crawdads bats with his 1-4 night with an RBI triple. Nick Williams scored the 'Dads run after walking and stealing second as part of a 0-3 game. Shortstop Luis Marte finished with the only multi-hit game, going 2-3 with a pair of singles. Crawdads starting pitcher John Niggli (0-1) took the loss while making his team debut, allowing four runs, two earned, on six hits over his six innings pitched. Kurrasch (5-0) earned the win with a dominant performance that included 12 strikeouts and one run allowed over 7 IP. The 'Dads have an off-day on Monday before starting a 3-game series in Greensboro against the Grasshoppers Tuesday night at 7:00 pm.

NOTES: The 2013 Crawdads Jersey Auction is up and running! Bid on the actual game worn road uniforms of your favorite players from the last 3 years, including Joey Gallo, Jurickson Profar, Ryan Rua, Nick Tepesch, Lewis Brinson, Justin Grimm and Jorge Alfaro! Check out the auction page here....The Crawdads season home run total currently stands at 165, just 8 away from the South Atlantic League record of 173 home runs in a season....The Crawdads will now head to Greensboro for a 3-game series against the Grasshoppers Tuesday through Thursday. The 'Dads will return home on Friday, August 30 for a 4-game, Labor Day weekend series against the Delmarva Shorebirds. Check out the entire Crawdads promotional schedule here....Individual Tickets for all Crawdads home games are available right now at Hickorycrawdads.com or by calling (828) 322-3000! Group outings, corporate partnerships, Buffalo Wild Wings Claw Club memberships and Ticket Books are also available right now by calling the Front Office at (828) 322-3000.

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