

Crawdads Clip Shorebirds In Season Finale

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The Hickory Crawdads wrapped up their 2013 season in fine fashion Monday afternoon, with a 6-5 win over the Delmarva Shorebirds in front of a Labor Day crowd of 2,992. The win gave the 'Dads a season ending 3-game sweep over Delmarva, bringing their season record to 76-63. The 'Dads had their first canceled game of the year on Sunday but kept up their hot hitting on Tuesday, with six runs on nine hits to bring their 3-game series total to 21 total runs on 35 hits. Joey Gallo was once again the lead bat, going 2-3 in the game with 3 RBI, two walks and two stolen bases. Gallo finished the series going a combined 7-11, with 5 home runs, 9 RBI, 5 runs scored, two walks and two stolen bases.

Both teams scored a single run in the second inning to tie the game at 1-1, before the 'Dads came through with a pair of tallies in the bottom of the third to take a 3-1 lead. Gallo came through with his first RBI of the game with a single to left in the frame, with Nomar Mazara driving in the other with an RBI sacrifice fly.

Delmarva tightened things up with a run in the fifth to make the score 3-2, but the 'Dads pulled away again with two more runs in the sixth for a 5-2 advantage. Luis Marte brought in the first run with an RBI single to right, followed four batters later by a bases loaded, RBI walk to Gallo to bring in the second tally.

The Shorebirds battled back as they came through for three runs on four hits in the top of the 7th to deadlock the game at 5-5. The Crawdads had on last rally in them however, with Gallo once again coming up large with a 2-out, RBI single to center to give the 'Dads their 6-5 lead. Reliever Jose Leclerc would shut the door from there, working around a 2-out single to strikeout the side to give the 'Dads a season-ending 6-5 win.

Joining Gallo's big game at the plate was catcher David Lyon, who went 2-4 with his 9th home run of the year. Torres finished the game 2-4 with a double, while Alejandro Selen went 1-2 with a double, a walk and a hit-by-pitch.

Crawdads reliever Andrew Faulkner (6-5) earned the win after tossing three innings and allowing three runs on five hits. Shorebirds reliever Mychael Givens (2-3) took the loss after allowing one run on two hits over two innings pitched. Leclerc (5) picked up the save.

The win gives the Crawdads (37-32) the 3-game sweep over the Shorebirds (24-45) to end the 2013 season.

NOTES: Make sure to stay connected with the Crawdads during the off-season by visiting the 'Dads website at www.hickorycrawdads.com or by following us on Facebook and Twitter! The 'Dads will be releasing information on 2014 season tickets, ticket books and the All-Star Game in the coming weeks....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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