

Claudio Named MiLB Reliever of Year

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The Texas Rangers, MLB parent club of the Hickory Crawdads, announced today the club's yearly minor league award winners for 2013, with 'Dads left-hander Alexander Claudio being chosen as the

Reliever of the Year.

Claudio, 21, combined to go 4-6 with a 1.83 ERA (16 ER/78.2 IP) and 91 strikeouts against 18 walks over 45 relief appearances with Hickory and Frisco (AA) in 2013. The southpaw held opposing batters to a .183 average (50-273) overall, including a .133 mark (12-90) by left-handed batters. Claudio allowed just two runs (1 ER) over a 21-game stretch with Hickory from April 17 to June 16 before earning a promotion to Double-A.

The southpaw was also named a South Atlantic League Mid-Season All-Star while recording a team-high 11 saves before the All-Star break. The Puerto Rico native was selected in the 27th round of the 2010 June draft.

The Rangers also honored three other former Crawdads with Rougned Odor ('12) being named the Tom Grieve Player of the Year, Luke Jackson ('12) taking home the Nolan Ryan Pitcher of the Year, and Jake Skole ('11) honored as the Defender of the Year.

Hot Stove Banquet: Tickets are now on sale for the January 29 Crawdads Hot Stove Banquet featuring Texas Rangers Assistant GM Thad Levine! Individual tickets are just \$30 and 8-person tables are available for \$200, with the ticket price including both a meal and the banquet! You can purchase your tickets here or call the 'Dads front office at (828) 322-3000.

Say Goodbye to Crawdads Stadium: Crawdads fans have a special one-time chance to say goodbye to old Crawdads Stadium and win 4 VIP tickets in the process! All you have to do is swing by the 'Dads office by this Friday (Jan. 17) and write a message on the office wall. You'll automatically be registered to win 4 tickets to the new VIP section and can also buy a 2014 Ticket Book with 4 extra FREE tickets while you're here! Don't miss out!

Stay Connected: 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 ticket plans, Crawdads Stadium renovations, and the All-Star Game throughout the off-season!