

## Crawdads Blanked by Intimidators, 1-0

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The Hickory Crawdads lost a 1-0 pitcher's duel on Wednesday morning in the final game of their three-game set with Kannapolis at CMC-NorthEast Stadium.

Three Kannapolis pitchers, led by James Dykstra, held the Crawdads to three hits---all singles---and a walk. In turn, Cole Wiper and reliever Collin Wiles combined limited the Intimidators to just a run on five hits.

But Danny Hayes had the biggest hit of the game with his RBI single in the bottom of the first.

Dykstra, a 6-foot-4 right-hander, retired the first 17 men he faced before shortstop Luis Marte broke up the perfect game with a two-out single to left in the sixth.

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The 'Dads got the tying run on board in the seventh and eighth innings, respectively. but they came away empty. Eduard Pinto led off the seventh with a single to center field, and he advanced to second on a sacrifice by Travis Demeritte. Nick Vickerson followed one out later with a walk to put two men on with two out, but Kannapolis reliever Jose Bautista struck out Kellin Deglan looking to end the inning.

The Crawdads threatened again in the eighth when first baseman Kevin Torres doubled to right with one out, but like in the seventh inning, Bautista hunkered down and got the next two 'Dads to fly out.

The lack of offense spoiled the great pitching performances by Wiper and Wiles, as the 'Dads duo struck out 11 total Intimidators over eight solid innings of work. Wiper (0-1) suffered the loss. He gave up the game's only run on two hits, with three walks and seven strikeouts over four innings pitched.

Dykstra (1-1) earned the win for Kannapolis with 6.2 shutout innings on two hits, one walk and six strikeouts. Intimidators closer Jake Sanchez picked up his third save of the young season with a perfect ninth inning.

Wiles got a no-decision for his work, with the righty tossing four shutout frames. He gave up three hits, with no walks and four strikeouts.

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With the loss, the Crawdads (4-3) leave Kannapolis having lost two of three from the Intimidators (4-3). It is the 'Dads first series loss to Kannapolis since August of 2011. The Crawdads will now come home for their 2014 Home Opener against Asheville, with first pitch Thursday scheduled for 7:00 pm.