

Late Rally Lifts Hickory To 5-3 Win

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The Hickory Crawdads survived a mid-game offensive drought, a Charleston rally, and even a power outage at the ballpark Wednesday night before they

rallyed for two runs in the top of the ninth innings to beat the Riverdogs 5-3 at Joseph P. Riley Jr. Park.

Jairo Beras got things going in the top of the ninth with a single to start the innings. He moved to second base on a sacrifice bunt by Janluis Castro, and he took third on a passed ball. That's when Michael De Leon came through with a sacrifice fly to right field that scored Beras with the go-ahead run.

The 'Dads (17-21) tacked on another run when Evan Van Hoosier lined a solo home run just inside the right field foul pole that gave Hickory an insurance run and a two-run lead.

Hickory reliever Cody Kendall (3-2) made it stand up. He tossed 3.1 shutout innings to get the win. Omar Luis (1-1) of Charleston (20-18) suffered the loss after allowing the two runs in the ninth.

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Kelvin Vasquez got the start lasting 5.2 innings. He gave up three runs on five hits with two walks and a season-high eight strikeouts.

Travis Demeritte led the 'Dads bats going 2-3 with his team-leading seventh home run of the year. He also had two RBI. Van Hoosier went 2-5 with a homer; Ronald Guzman was 1-4 with an RBI, a stolen base, and a run scored.

The Crawdads and the RiverDogs match up tonight at 7:05 pm in game two of their three-game series.

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