

## Crawdads Clobber Kannapolis, 10-3

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The Hickory Crawdads picked up right where they left off Monday night against Kannapolis.

The Crawdads (21-23), who erupted for ten runs on 11 hits Monday night, followed that up by scoring ten runs on a season-high 15 hits Tuesday night in the series finale. That explosion led the Crawdads to a 10-3 win at CMC-NorthEast Stadium.

All nine starters reached base, eight batters collected a hit, and five different players ended the night with at least one RBI.

Second baseman Travis Demeritte led the offensive onslaught going 3-4 with a home run, a triple, three RBIs, and three runs scored. Left fielder Ryan Cordell also posted a three-hit night, finishing 3-5 with a triple, a RBI, and three runs scored.

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The Crawdads took control by scoring twice in the second inning, three more times in the third and two more in the fourth for a 7-2 lead. Cordell and Demeritte ignited the offense.

Trailing 1-0, Cordell led off the second inning with a triple to the right-center field gap. Demeritte followed with an opposite field, two-run homer, his South Atlantic League leading ninth o the year, that gave the Crawdads a 2-1 lead.

The Intimidators (21-23) tied the game at 2-2 with a run in the bottom of the second, but Cordell and Demeritte teamed up once again to put Hickory on top to stay. Three consecutive singles by Nick Vickerson, Joe Jackson, and Cordell drove in the first run; an error and a two-run single by Demeritte gave Hickory a 5-2 lead.

The Crawdads' lead ballooned to 7-2 with two more runs in the fourth on Evan Van Hoosier's sacrifice fly and Jackson's RBI single.

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Starting pitcher Kelvin Vasquez allowed only two runs on three hits with seven strikeouts over 4.1 innings. Reliever Ricardo Rodriguez (2-1), who came on with one out in the fifth, earned the win.

Kannapolis starter and Hickory native Tyler Barnette (2-2) took the loss, giving up five runs, three earned, on eight hits over three innings pitched.

The Crawdads close out the road trip with a 5-2 record. The 'Dads have the day off before starting a seven-game home stand on Thursday with a 7:00 p.m., game against the Charleston RiverDogs.

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