

## Not Good Enough.....

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That best describes the Hickory Crawdads on Sunday night. The 'Dads (23-25) coughed up 17 runs and lost to the Charleston RiverDogs 17-10 at L.P. Frans Stadium.

The teams combined for 27 runs, 32 hits, and seven home runs. Designated hitter Mike Ford of Charleston (25-23) put on quite a display and he tied two South Atlantic League records with four home runs and 16 total bases.

Ford's four-homer game was just the third such game in SAL history, tying Pat Garman of Gastonia in 1988 and Anthony Mongeluzzo of Savannah in 2002.

The Crawdads were led by Ryan Cordell, who followed up his 4-4 game on Saturday with a 3-5 performance Sunday that included his third home run of the year, a double and two runs scored. Evan Van Hoosier had a grand slam and he drove in a season-high five RBI.

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The RiverDogs set the tone by scoring three runs in the top of the second inning; they added four more run in the third and built a commanding 7-0 lead. Hickory starting pitcher Akeem Bostick got roughed up for five runs, four earned, in just 2.1 innings.

But Bostick got off the hook when the Crawdads answered with their most explosive inning of the year by scoring seven runs in the bottom of the fourth to tie the game at 7-7. The 'Dads sent 12 total batters to the plate, and the inning was highlighted by Van Hoosiers' grand slam.

The tie lasted until the sixth inning, when Charleston regained the lead for good. The RiverDogs, thanks to back-to-back solo home runs by Aaron Judge and Ford took a 9-7 lead. They put the game away with a seven-run inning of their own in the top of the seventh.

Charleston reliever Angel Rincon (1-0) got the win with 3.2 shutout innings; Paul Schwendel (0-1) suffered the loss. He gave up four runs on five hits over 3.2 innings.

Despite the loss, the Crawdads split their four-game set with the RiverDogs. Kannapolis comes in for a three game series beginning tonight at 6 p.m.

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**Make-A-Difference Monday:** Tomorrow is Make -A-Difference Monday at L.P. Frans Stadium, highlighting American Legion Post 48 Auxiliary. Fans can donate select items to the organization for a FREE ticket to the game! PROMOTIONS

**All-Inclusive All-Star Package:** Don't miss a single event surrounding the 55th annual South Atlantic League All-Star Game in Hickory by purchasing the All-Inclusive Ticket Deal for only \$95, a \$25 savings! INFO

**Fan All-Star Vote:** The Hickory Crawdads are looking to the fans to help fill out a ballot for the SAL All-Star team! Download your ballot here and submit it by May 28th to help elect your favorite 'Dads to the All-Star Game at L.P. Frans Stadium and be eligible to win one of five All-Star prizes! INFO

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