

## 'Dads Use Long Ball, Down RiverDogs

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The Hickory Crawdads, thanks to a pair of home runs by Nomar Mazara and Joe Jackson, rallied to beat the Charleston RiverDogs 9-6 Monday night at L.P. Frans Stadium.

Hickory broke the game open with three runs in the fifth inning followed by five more in the sixth. Mazara's three-run shot in the fifth wiped out a 2-1 deficit; and Jackson's two-run blast capped off a five-run rally in the sixth and gave the 'Dads (29-27) a commanding 9-2 lead.

The 'Dads also find themselves two games over .500 for the first time since April 11th; and Hickory is averaging nearly seven runs a game in its last six games with six home runs.

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The RiverDogs put a rally of their own together, thanks to a two-run homer by Aaron Judge in the eighth and a two-run shot by Eduardo De Oleo in the ninth to narrow the score to 9-6. But Hickory reliever Felix Carvallo got Michael O'Neill on a fly ball to center field to end the game.

Jackson ended the night 2-5 with a homer and three RBI; Mazara went 1-3 with a home run with three RBI; Nick Vickerson was 2-4 with a double, two RBI, and three runs scored.

All the offense overshadowed one of the best starts of the year by Crawdads pitcher Cole Wiper (4-6), who earned the win after holding Charleston to two runs on three hits over his six innings pitched while striking out a season-high nine batters.

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The Crawdads and RiverDogs will play again tonight at 7:00 p.m.

**'Dads Back at Home:** The Crawdads are home for six more games on the home stand, with some great promotions scheduled for the next week! The home stand includes Thirsty Thursday (6/5), The Cruise-in-Car Show presented by Farris Insurance on Friday (6/6), and Saved by the Bell night with Dustin "Screech" Diamond on Saturday (6/7)! 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

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**Screech Meet-N-Greet:** Tickets are still available for the "Saved by the Bell" Meet-N-Greet with Dustin "Screech" Diamond on June 7th! For only \$22, fans can meet, chat with, and get an autograph from the TV star while also enjoying a pre-game meal! [SCHEDULE](#)

**Stay Connected:** Make sure to stay connected with the Crawdads by visiting the 'Dads website at [www.hickorycrawdads.com](http://www.hickorycrawdads.com), or by following us on Facebook and Twitter!

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