

'Dads Win Franchise Record 11th Straight

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The Hickory Crawdads set a new franchise record with their 11th win in a row, but they had their anxious moments getting it done. The victory breaks the old mark of ten in a row set back in 2007. The 'Dads are now 23-8 over the last month, having won or split each of their last nine straight series dating back to May 10-13.

The Crawdads (37-27) built an 8-0 lead, but fell behind 9-8 before their rallied for three runs in the top of the ninth to beat Delmarva 11-9 Tuesday night at Arthur W. Purdue Stadium. The 'Dads built their early lead with eight runs in the first four innings off of Catawba native and Shorebirds ace Hunter Harvey.

Harvey, a first-round pick of the Baltimore Orioles in the Major League Baseball Amateur Draft last June, was roughed up for seven runs, six earned on five hits in just two innings. He also walked four.

But Delmarva (35-30) came charging back to take a 9-8 lead in the bottom of the eighth inning. Jared Breen put the Shorebirds on top with a three-run triple off all-star reliever Cody Kendall. Anthony Vega of the Shorebirds had a three-run triple in the sixth inning cut into Hickory's lead, making it 8-6.

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But the Crawdads rallied with three runs in the top of the ninth against closer Jimmy Yacabonis, who coming into Tuesday night's game, had not allowed a run all season over 24 innings pitched. Back-to-back doubles by Ronald Guzman and Travis Demeritte tied the score at 9-9. Demeritte would eventually come in to score on a wild pitch; Michael De Leon plated Delgan with an RBI infield single to give the 'Dads their 11-9 lead.

The Shorebirds came back and put runners at second and third with two outs in the bottom of the ninth, but Kendall retied Austin Wynn on a fly ball to right field to end the game.

Five different Crawdads recorded multi-hit games in the victory, led by Nomar Mazara who was 3-4 with a double, an RBI, two walks and a run scored. De Leon ended the night going 2-5 with 3 RBI. Demeritte went 1-4 with a double, RBI, a run scored, and a walk. The Hickory offense also took advantage of eight wild pitches and ten walks issued by the Delmarva pitching staff.

Kendall (6-2) went 1.1 innings and earned the win. Yacabonis (1-1) suffered his first blown save opportunity of the year and too the loss after he allowed three runs on two hits in just two-thirds of an inning.

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The Crawdads will go for their third straight series sweep tonight at 7:05 p.m., then its off to Lakewood Thursday night.

SAL All-Star Game: The Crawdads will finish up the first half of the season with five more games on the road before coming home for the SAL All-Star Game in Hickory on Tuesday June 17th! [TICKETS](#)

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