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LAKESWOOD-The Hickory Crawdads utilized a three-run, ninth inning rally for the second straight night, snapping a 2-2 tie in a 5-2 win over the Lakewood BlueClaws at FirstEnergy Park.

One night after the Crawdads scored a run in the ninth and two in the tenth for a come from behind 8-6 win, the 'Dads (40-28) scored three runs on three hits for their 14th win in their last 15 games. And the Crawdads also reached the 40 win-plateau during the first half of the season for the third time since becoming a Texas Rangers affiliate in 2009.

Ryan Cordell kick started the frame with a double to right field followed by an infield single by Nomar Mazara. A wild pitch moved both runners to second and third with nobody out. An intentional walk to Ronald Guzman loaded the bases for Janluis Castro, who was hit by a pitch in the to force in the go ahead run and a 3-2 lead.

Kellin Deglan, who belted a two-run homer in the tenth inning of Friday night's games, plated another tally with a RBI single to right before Castro came in to score on a passed ball for the final run of the inning. All-star closer Cody Kendall set the BlueClaws down in order in the bottom of the ninth to earn his fourth save of the year..

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The 'Dads and 'Claws played to a 2-2 deadlock over the first five innings. Lakewood (27-41) scored single runs in the first and fifth innings; Hickory responded with two runs in the fourth.

The first BlueClaws' run came across without the benefit of a hit, as Lakewood put together two walks, a double steal, and a RBI groundout to bring across the game's first run against Crawdads starter Ryne Slack.

Hickory responding with a two runs in the fourth thanks to a leadoff walk by Michael De Leon, a RBI triple off the wall in right from Cordell, and a wild pitch that allowed Cordell to score and give the Crawdads a 2-1 advantage. The lead held until the bottom of the fifth, when rehabbing Philadelphia Phillies third baseman Cody Asche lined a two-out, RBI double to right to tie the score at 2-2.

Cordel paced the Hickory offense with a 2-3 night, including a triple, a double, an RBI, and two runs scored. Deglan also finished with a multi-hit game, going 2-4 with a RBI.

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Relief pitcher Josh McElwee (1-0) earned the win with 3.1 scoreless innings. He gave up one hit and no walks and striking out five. Chris O'Hare (0-2) took the loss after allowing all three runs in the ninth.

The Crawdads and the BlueClaws wrap up their series and the first half of the South Atlantic League season Sunday afternoon, with a 1:05 p.m. game.

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