

Crawdads Held in Check in 3-1 Loss

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The game of baseball is a great example of life itself. One day, you're up and nothing can go wrong. And the next, it's just the opposite. Well, the Hickory Crawdads, who went through a splendid run in recent weeks, have boaged down just a little,. The Crawdads (47-30 overall; 6-2 second half of the South Atlantic League

season) have dropped two in a row for the first time in six weeks. During their five-week stretch, the 'Dads had spun off separate winning streaks of 12 and nine games, and they boasted a 33-10 record.

Their most recent setback came Thursday night in a 3-1 loss to the Kannapolis Intimidators at L.P. Frans Stadium. The 'Dads were held to just five hits and eight total base runners. The loss leaves Hickory in a three-way tie with Hagerstown and West Virginia for first place in the SAL's North Division.

The Intimidators (34-41; 5-3) grabbed a 2-0 second-inning lead on second baseman Christian Stringer's two-out, two-run double to right-center field. Ryan Cordell's solo home run in the fourth made it 2-1, But Kannapolis tacked on an an insurance run in the seventh when Stringer snuck a triple past a diving Lewis Brinson in center field to score Carl Thomore for a 3-1 lead.

The Crawdads had men on base in both the fifth and sixth frames, but failed to score as relief

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pitcher Andre Wheeler and Jose Brito combined to toss four shutout innings. Starting pitcher Jordan Guerrero (5-0) got the win while making his first start of the season. He gave up a run on three hits, with two walks, and four strikeouts over five innings. Ricardo Rodriguez (5-2) suffered the loss. He gave up two runs on six hits, with a walk and four strikeouts during his five innings on the mound. Brito picked up his second save with two shutout innings.

Cordell paced the Hickory offense with a 2-4 night including his fifth homer of the season; Brinson also finished with a multi-hit game going 2-4 with a stolen base. The Greenville Drive comes to town for a four-game series beginning Friday night at 7:00 p.m.

Crawdads Baseball School: Early registration for the Crawdads Baseball School ends THIS Monday (6/30)! Registration is only \$99 for the next four days before rising to \$115. The 4-day clinic runs July 22 - 25 and includes personal instruction from former major leaguers and current Crawdads players! Don't miss out! [MORE](#)

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