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That phrase best describes the mood of the Hickory Crawdads. The Crawdads, mired in a six-game losing streak, had a breakout game Thursday night as they pounded the Rome Braves 15-0 State Mutual Stadium.

The Crawdads (55-36 overall; 14-8 second half of the South Atlantic League season) pounded out 15 hits in the win; Nomar Mazara and Ronald Guzman led the way with four runs-batted-in apiece. Kellin Deglan continued his hot hitting by driving in three runs. The Crawdads also posted their seventh shutout of the season, and they've won 11 in a row on the road.

Hickory put the contest out of reach by scoring four runs in the top of the first; they added six more runs in the second inning. Mazara had a two-run single in the first inning; Guzman highlighted the second-inning explosion by belting a grand slam that gave the Crawdads a commanding 10-0 lead.

The Crawdads also took advantage of two errors and ten walks in the blowout win. Ryan Cordell led the attack with a perfect 3-3 night including two walks and three runs scored; Mazara was 2-5 with four RBI, and Guzman was 1-3 with a grand slam and four RBI. Kellin Deglan drove in three runs.

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In an unusual official scoring twist, David Ledbetter (2-4) was awarded both the win and the save (his first of the year) for the Crawdads after throwing three scoreless innings. He held the Braves (29-63; 5-17) to two hits with no walks, and two strikeouts.

The Crawdads are now 5-0 against the Braves this season. The two teams meet up again Friday night at 7:00 p.m., for game two of their four-game series.

Crawdads on the Road: The 'Dads will remain on the road for three more games in Rome vs. the Braves. The Crawdads will be back at home on Tuesday, July 15th for a 3-game home stand vs. the Lakewood BlueClaws! Tickets are on sale now for all three games as well as the rest of the Crawdads 2014 season! TICKETS

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All-Star Jersey Auction: The Crawdads are auctioning off the authentic, game worn jerseys from this year's South Atlantic League All-Star Game in Hickory! Jerseys from both the Northern and Southern Division players and coaches are up for bid now on the 'Dads online auction page! [AUCTION SITE](#)

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