

Crawdads Boasts Best Record In SAL

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The Hickory Crawdads celebrated the Fourth of July a day early with a few fireworks of their own. The Crawdads (54-31 overall; 13-2 second half of the South Atlantic League) tossed an explosive combination of solid pitching and two more home runs for a 6-1 win against the West Virginia Power 6-1 at Appalachian Power

Park to complete the three-game series sweep.

The sweep pushed the Crawdads current winning streak to seven straight games; the Crawdads have also won 28 of their last 31 games. And those two long balls extended Hickory's streak to 11 consecutive games with a home run. They've belted 23 round trippers during that stretch. And they lead the SAL with 83 home runs.

The 'Dads jumped on top with two unearned runs in the third inning. A dropped pop up by West Virginia All-Star second baseman Erich Weiss allowed two runs to score. He dropped Nomar Mazara's shallow pop fly into right field that allowed Michael De Leon, who walked to lead-off the inning, to score all the way from first base. Lewis Brinson followed with an RBI single to plate Mazara.

The 'Dads increased their lead when Cordell led off the seventh inning with a line drive, solo home run down the left field line that gave Hickory a 3-0 lead. It was Cordell's eighth home run

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of the season. The Power (28-55; 8-7) finally got on board in the bottom of the seventh when Reese McGuire's infield, run-scoring single snapped a 14-inning scoreless drought that made it, 3-1.

But Beras put the game out of reach with a three-run homer in the ninth. Cordell led the way offensively, going 2-5 with a home run; Beras went 1-3 with his fourth home run of the year. Travis Demeritte also had a big night in his first game back since June 27, going 1-1 with three walks and he was also hit by a pitch.

The offensive support was more than enough for Hickory starting pitcher Akeem Bostick (5-3) who earned the win after shutting out the Power on three hits with four strikeouts over five innings. The Crawdads return home to take on the Savannah Sand Gnats Friday night in a battle of two first-place teams. First pitch is scheduled for 7:00 p.m.

4th of July at L.P. Frans Stadium: The Crawdads Independence Day game against the Savannah Sand Gnats is SOLD OUT! The 'Dads will be home for 6 total games on the home stand however, with tickets still available throughout the weekend! TICKETS

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Red Out Night: Fans can get a FREE ticket to Saturday's (7/5) game by wearing red to the ballpark for the Crawdads Red Out Night! Fans can also get a FREE meal voucher by donating blood at the Community Blood Center of the Carolinas mobile unit before the game!

PROMOTIONS

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