

CRABS TOP BLUEFISH

The Fightin' Crabs (6-0) remained undefeated Sunday with a mercy-rule shortened victory over the Norfolk Bluefish (1-5). Griffin Tate (Johnson University) threw all 7 innings for the Crabs, allowing just 1 hit and lowering his ERA on the year to 3.72. From the early going, it was all Crabs, jumping out to a 1-0 lead in the first inning on a 2-out single by Evan Hirschbaum (Washington College).

In the second inning, the Crabs broke open for 6 runs. Zach Blaeser (Eastern New Mexico University) led off with a double down the line and later came to score on a single by Billy Buscetto (Western CT State University). A double by Kyle Kania (West Virginia Wesleyan College) followed by a single by Reilly Workman (College at Brockport) each drove in runs before Sam Graf (Middlebury College) doubled down the left field line to make the score 6-0. He advanced to third and later scored when Hirschbaum stole second.

The Bluefish came back with a run in the bottom of the third with a sacrifice fly by Connor McSwain. The Crabs struck again in the fourth, when Hirschbaum crushed a 3-run home run to left field on a high fastball, pushing the lead to 10-1.

The score remained steady until the seventh, when Ben McDonald (St. Bonaventure University) doubled on a pop fly down the line in right. He scored on an errant throw as he stole third.

Tate set down the side in the bottom half to earn his first win on the year. Hirschbaum led the team with 3 hits, 4 RBI, and 6 total bases while Graf and John Tierny (Centenary University) each collected 2 hits.

Bluefish pitcher Stephen Larson took the loss, while Landon Sewell closed out the last two innings.

The Crabs travel to the Outer Banks today to take on the Outer Banks Daredevils at 7 PM ET, while the Crabs face the Lynnhaven Pelicans at 8 AM Monday morning at Virginia Wesleyan College.