

## Seagulls Come out Strong in Win over Crabs

The Sandbridge Seagulls (6-1) handed the Suffolk Fightin' Crabs their first loss on the season on Tuesday in a slugfest contest that saw a total of 31 hits. Bryan Johnson (Keuka College) earned the win for the Seagulls, throwing seven innings, allowing six runs without walking a batter.

In the first inning, the Seagulls took the lead on a double by Garret Houston (United States Military Academy), plating two off of Crabs starter Brady Moore (Lynchburg College). He came around to score on a single to left by Patrick Keohane (John Carroll University) before a sacrifice fly to center by Jonathan Santiago (Nyack College) made it 4-0.

The Seagulls picked up where they left off in the bottom of the second, scoring seven runs punctuated by a double by Santiago to make the score 9-0. Matt Van Muelken (Elmira College) drove in the Seagulls' tenth run before a pitching change and wild pitch by the Crabs ran the score to 11-0.

The Crabs chipped away, coming back in the top half of the third on a three run double by Even Hirschbaum (Washington College) to make the score 11-3. A sacrifice fly by Brendan Gausselin (Kalamazoo College) in the fourth and a single by Ben McDonald in the fifth saw the Seagulls lead cut to 6 runs.

The teams traded runs in the bottom of the sixth and top of the seventh, with the Seagulls scoring on an infield single and the Crabs run coming on an error with two outs.

The Crabs came back with three more in the top of the eighth on a two run single by Zach Blaeser (Eastern New Mexico University) and a pop fly fielder's choice by Hirschbaum.

In the ninth, T Key (Mendocino College) closed the game out for the Seagulls, earning the save.

Santiago had four RBI for the Seagulls and Houston added three more. Six players logged multiple hits.

For the Crabs, Blaeser went 4-5 on the day while Hirschbaum added 3 hits and 4 RBI. Moore took the loss on the mound.

The Seagulls play Wednesday at 11 AM against the Lynnhaven Pelicans while the Crabs take the 5 PM nightcap versus the Greenbrier Knights. Both games are at Virginia Wesleyan College.