

CRABS PULL AWAY LATE IN VICTORY OVER PELICANS

The undefeated Fightin' Crabs (5-0) took home another victory on Friday versus the Lynnhaven Pelicans (1-2), exploding at the plate in the late innings for a final score of 9-1 on 13 hits. Noah Gear (Oberlin College) earned the win, settling down after allowing a run in the first inning for 8 complete innings for the Crabs while holding the Pelicans to just one run, coming in the first inning, and four hits overall.

The two teams were locked at 1 in the 6th inning before Billy Buscetto (Western CT State University, Jr) led off the bottom half of the inning with a single. He advanced to second on a 3-0 pitch, and to third on a flyout to right before coming home on a throwing error by the Pelican's third baseman.

Once in front, the Crabs never looked back, exploding for 7 runs in the bottom of the sixth inning. TJ Wardwell (Mount Aloysius College) started the scoring with a ground ball to right field, scoring Ben McDonald (St. Bonaventure University), from second. RBI singles from John Tierney (Centenary University), Sam Graf (Middlebury College), and Evan Hirschbaum (Washington College) brought the lead to 6-1 before McDonald sailed a bases-clearing double over the left fielder's head.

James Jakuba (Central Connecticut State University), finished it out in the 9th for the Crabs, lowering his ERA to 6.75 in the early going.

McDonald led the Crabs with 3 RBI, while Buscetto collected 2 singles and a triple for 5 total bases. Wardwell, Graf, and Reilly Workman (College at Brockport) each had 2 hits.

The Crabs have an off day tomorrow before facing the Norfolk Bluefish for the first time at 8 AM, Sunday at Virginia Wesleyan College.