­­­**WINSTON-SALEM, N.C. (June 8, 2021)** — The Winston-Salem Dash welcomed the Greenville Drive, High-A affiliate of the Boston Red Sox, to Truist Stadium on Tuesday with a series-opening 6-4 victory.

Dash starter [**Jeremiah Burke**](https://www.milb.com/r/player/690319)got his first taste of the mighty Greenville offense in the second inning as [**Devlin Granberg**](https://www.milb.com/r/player/680748)drove a two-run homer—his seventh of the year—into left field to put the Drive ahead 2-0.

The Drive plated two more in the third as [**Tyler Esplin**](https://www.milb.com/r/player/676613) bounced a two-bagger off the center field wall to score [**Cam Cannon**](https://www.milb.com/r/player/669069)and [**Elih Marrero**](https://www.milb.com/r/player/663503)to extend the lead to 4-0.

Winston-Salem answered in the home half of the third beginning with three consecutive singles, with [**Tyler Osik**](https://www.milb.com/r/player/677068)touching home on a hit by [**Ian Dawkins**](https://www.milb.com/r/player/682075). With one out, [**Luis Curbelo**](https://www.milb.com/r/player/666127) grounding into an unassisted play at first base that plated [**Johan Cruz**](https://www.milb.com/r/player/642711)on the fielder’s choice.

After the Drive put up a scoreless fourth inning, [**Xavier Fernandez**](https://www.milb.com/r/player/641569) hit the reset button, tying the game at 4-4 on a two-run blast to left-center field.

In the bottom of the seventh inning, [**Johan Cruz**](https://www.milb.com/r/player/642711)smacked his second homer of the year, a two-run round-tripper into left-center, charging the Dash ahead to a 6-4 lead.

The Dash sustained their edge all the way through the top of the ninth, thanks to a stellar bullpen. [**Edgar Navarro**](https://www.milb.com/r/player/679346) (1-0) relieved Burke to begin the sixth inningand collected his first win of the season after two frames of hitless baseball. [**Luke Shilling**](https://www.milb.com/r/player/663443) impressed in his first save, striking out five Greenville hitters and allowing one walk in two hitless innings. Drive reliever [**Dylan Spacke**](https://www.milb.com/r/player/686679)(2-1) took his first loss of the season.

With the 6-4 victory, the Dash take an early one-game lead to begin the six-game homestand. Southpaw [**Taylor Varnell**](https://www.milb.com/player/taylor-varnell-669375) opens on the mound for the Dash Wednesday evening, as the Drive will call upon [**Jay Groome**](https://www.milb.com/player/jay-groome-666130), Boston’s first-round draft pick in 2016. First pitch is slated for 7:00 p.m. ET with pregame coverage beginning at 6:45 on <https://www.milb.com/winston-salem/team/broadcast-corner>.