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See a movie instead

Congratulations to Dan Johnson on his first big-league hit.

And that ends the good news. Seth Etherton pitched about as well as you'd expect a Quadruple-A player to pitch, giving up five runs in five and a third innings, and the offense struggled again, managing just two extra-base hits against Jake Westbrook and the Indian bullpen.

There's not really much to say. There are no small fixes for this. Getting Bobby Crosby back should help. Moving Jason Kendall down in the order might help. Letting Adam Melhuse play a little more could help. Getting the pitchers healthy could help. None of that, though, is going to get offensive production out of first base, second base, third base, or one of the outfield spots. Keith Ginter needs to hit, Eric Chavez needs to hit, and either Charles Thomas, Eric Byrnes, or Nick Swisher need to hit. Scott Hatteberg is doing what he can, as are Mark Ellis and Marco Scutaro. Basically, the whole team is hitting like Jeremy Brown - theoretically good on-base percentage, absolutely no power.

Stats will be updated to reflect today's action soon. For now, we're off to see Crash.

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