

Kernels belt Timber Rattlers, 10-2

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GRAND CHUTE, Wis. - The Cedar Rapids Kernels came out swinging Monday night in a 10-2 runaway over the Wisconsin Timber Rattlers in a Midwest League game before 3,036 fans at Fox Cities Stadium.

Cedar Rapids (4-1) scored three runs apiece in the first and second innings for an early 6-0 lead to support David Hurlbut, who had a quality start on the mound.

The Kernels began both innings with back-to-back walks to get things going. Dalton Hicks hit a double off the right-field wall to bring home Byron Buxton for a 1-0 lead, then Adam Brett Walker smacked a double off the left-field wall to drive in Romy Jimenez and Hicks for a 3-0 lead.

Buxton hit a three-run homer in the second inning after two more walks for a 6-0 bulge.

Hurlbut (1-0) went six innings for the Kernels. He allowed two runs on three hits, with five strikeouts and no walks. Clint Coulter hit a two-run homer for Wisconsin in the fourth inning against Hurlbut to pull the Timber Rattlers within 6-2.

Travis Harrison hit a solo run for the Kernels in the fifth inning to make it 7-2.

Cedar Rapids added three unearned runs in the eighth inning. The highlight was a two-run single by Walker to make it 10-2.

Tyler Jones pitched two innings of no-hit relief for Cedar Rapids. Chris Mazza tossed the ninth inning and allowed one hit.

The same two teams will meet Tuesday at 6:35 p.m. with Brett Lee on the mound for Cedar Rapids.

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KERNELS (10): Buxton, cf, 4 2 1 3, Pimentel, 2b, 4 1 1 0, Jimenez, dh, 5 2 2 0, Hicks, 1b, 4 1 2 1, Walker, rf, 4 0 2 4, Harrison, 3b, 4 1 1 1, Goodrum, ss, 5 0 1 0, Rodriguez, c, 4 1 0 0, Williams, lf, 3 2 1 0, Hurlbut, p, 0 0 0 0, Jones, p, 0 0 0 0, Mazza, p, 0 0 0 0. Totals 37 10 11 9.

WISCONSIN (2): Taylor, cf, 4 0 0 0, Rodriguez, dh, 4 0 0 0, Arcia, ss, 4 0 1 0, Haniger, rf, 4 1 2 0, Coulter, c, 4 1 1 2, Garza, 1b, 3 0 0 0, McFarland, 2b, 4 0 0 0, Sermo, 3b, 3 0 0 0, Reed, lf, 3 0 0 0, Gainey, p, 0 0 0 0, Semmelhack, p, 0 0 0 0, Fernandez, p, 0 0 0 0. Totals 33 2 4 2.

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Hurlbut, T.Jones (7), Mazza (9) and Rodriguez. Gainey, Semmelhack (4), Fernandez (8) and Coulter. W - Hurlbut (1-0). L - Gainey (0-1). 2B - Hicks (3), Walker (1), Jimenez (1), Arcia (3), Haniger (3). HR - Buxton (2), Harrison (1), Coulter (1). E - Hurlbut, Goodrum, Coulter, Arcia. A - 3,036. T - 2:40.