

Walker drives in 5 in Kernels' rout

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SOUTH BEND, Ind. — The Cedar Rapids Kernels stormed past the South Bend Silver Hawks, 12-4, Monday night to take the rubber game of the three-game series at Coveleski Stadium.

Adam Brett Walker knocked out his second grand slam of the season. Travis Harrison hit a three-run home run and Dalton Hicks had four hits.

The Kernels scored four runs each in the first, fifth and ninth innings.

The Kernels' pitching duo of Matthew Tomshaw and Manuel Soliman went the distance on the hill. Tomshaw (2-0) started and went five innings while allowing four runs on 10 hits. He struck out one and walked one. Soliman went four hitless innings for his first save. He struck out four and walked three. Soliman retired the first eight hitters he faced. Tomshaw set down the final four men he faced.

For the second-straight game the Kernels pushed across four runs in the first inning to take a 4-0 lead before the Silver Hawks came to bat. Walker's RBI single brought home Jorge Polanco and put the Kernels on the board. Harrison followed with a three-run home run to left that scored Hicks and Walker. It was Harrison's fifth homer of the season and second in two days.

South Bend tied the game over the next two innings. Ryan Court's RBI single in the first inning made the score 4-1. Fidel Pena hit a two-run home run Court added an RBI double in the second that tied the game, 4-4.

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Walker's grand slam in the fifth inning put the Kernels up 8-4. It was Walker's seventh home run and second grand slam of the season. Candido Pimentel, Polanco, and Hicks had singled to start the inning and load the bases.

The Kernels added four insurance runs in the ninth inning to propel ahead 12-4. Polanco doubled home Byron Buxton. Hicks added an RBI single that scored Pimentel. Polanco scored on a wild pitch. Tyler Grimes capped off the scoring with an RBI double to that brought in Hicks.

Jesse Darrah (2-2) took the loss for South Bend, going four innings and allowing seven runs.

The Kernels have an off day Tuesday before opening up a three-game series at Quad Cities on Wednesday.

KERNELS (12): Buxton, cf, 4 1 1 0, Pimentel, 2b, 5 2 3 0, Polanco, ss, 4 3 2 1, Hicks, 1b, 5 3 4 1, Walker, rf, 5 2 3 5, Harrison, 3b, 4 1 1 3, Grimes, dh, 5 0 1 1, Arias, c, 5 0 0 0, Jimenez, lf, 4 0 1 0, Tomshaw, p, 0 0 0 0, Soliman, p, 0 0 0 0. Totals 41 12 16 11.

SOUTH BEND (4): Pena, dh, 4 2 2 2, Medrano, 2b, 5 1 2 0, Drury, 3b, 5 0 0 0, Court, 1b, 4 0 3 2, Brito, rf, 5 0 1 0, Almadova, cf, 3 0 0 0, Rodriguez, c, 4 0 0 0, Lang, lf, 3 0 0 0, Ruiz, ss, 4 1 2 0, Darrah, p, 0 0 0 0, Capper, p, 0 0 0 0, Santana, p, 0 0 0 0, Locante, p, 0 0 0 0. Totals 37 4 10 4.

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Tomshaw, Soliman (6) and Arias. Darrah, Capper (5), Santana (7), Locante (9) and Rodriguez. W - Tomshaw (2-0). L - Darrah (2-2). Sv - Soliman (1). 2B - Walker (7), Hicks (9), Polanco (9), Grimes (2), Pena (8), Court (14), Ruiz (2). HR - Harrison (5), Walker (7), Pena (2). SB - Buxton (13). E - Hicks (3), Rodriguez (1). T - 2:54. A - 1,792.

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