Kernels avoid sweep, top Bees, 5-2



BURLINGTON - Nick Gordon and Tanner English had three hits apiece and Zack Granite came through with a key triple in the seventh innings as the Cedar Rapids Kernels avoided a sweep with a 5-2 win over the Burlington Bees in a Midwest League game Monday at Community Field.

The matinee crowd of 1,705 watched three Kernels' pitchers limit the Bees to eight well-spaced hits. Gordon drove home three runs, raising his RBI total to 13 on the young season. English, batting in the No. 9 spot, also scored a pair of runs for the Kernels (8-4).

Jared Wilson (2-0) pitched five innings to gain the victory. he allowed one run on four hits, striking out three and walking four on a cold, damp afternoon. Michael Theofanopoulous pitched two scoreless innings followed by C.K. Irby, who also pitched two innings, allowing a ninth-inning run before shutting down a late Bees' rally.

Former University of Iowa shortstop Jake Yaninich had two hits and scored both runs for Burlington (7-5). Michael Bolaski (0-2) took the loss.

The Kernels continue their road trip Tuesday night, opening a three-game series at Wisconsin before returning home Friday night to host Kane County.

KERNELS (5): Granite, If, 4 1 2 1, Gordon, ss, 3 0 3 3, Larson, dh, 4 0 0 0, Murphy, rf, 4 1 0 0, Kuresa, 1b, 4 0 1 0, White, 3b, 4 0 1 0, Hinojosa, 2b, 4 0 0 0, Navarreto, c, 3 1 0 0, English, cf, 4 2 3 0. Totals 34 5 10 4.

BURLINGTON (2): Yacinich, ss, 4 2 2 0, Adams, cf, 3 0 1 0, Daniel, dh, 4 0 2 1, Houchins, 3b, 4 0 1 1, Delgado, rf, 5 0 1 0, Wass, c, 4 0 1 0, Seiz, 1b, 1 0 0 0, Cayones, kf, 4 0 0 0, Salcedo, 2b, 4 0 0 0. Totals 33 2 8 2.

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Wilson, Theofanopoulous (6), Irby (8) and Navarreto, Bolaski, Anderson (6) and Wass. W - Wilson (2-0). L - Bolaski (0-2). 3B - Granite (1), 2B - Kuresa (3), Delgado (3). E - Yacinich (5). T - 2:42. A - 1,705.