

## Kernels rattle Timber Rattlers, 7-3

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APPLETON, Wis. - The Cedar Rapids Kernels enjoyed another good night in Wisconsin Tuesday with a 7-3 conquest of the Wisconsin Timber Rattlers before 1,093 fans at Fox Cities Stadium.

Jorge Fernandez went 3-for-5 with two doubles and three RBIs to lead the Kernels, whose bats have come alive in the first two games of the series.

Nick Gordon was 2-for-4 and drove in two runs, giving him 20 RBIs this season.

Brett Doe was 2-for-3 and walked twice. All told, the Kernels drew nine walks Tuesday night after collecting 10 walks on Monday with greater discipline and patience at the plate. Tanner English walked three times in the leadoff spot for the Kernels.

Mat Batts (3-1, 2.05 ERA) allowed only one earned run in six innings for the victory. Batts also was touched for two unearned runs. He struck out four batters and walked one.

Randy LeBlanc and C.K. Irby combined to pitch three shutout innings in relief for Cedar Rapids.

The Kernels (15-11) and struggling Timber Rattlers (8-18) meet again Wednesday night.

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KERNELS (7): English, cf, 3 1 0 0, Gordon, ss, 4 1 2 2, Vavra, lf, 3 2 1 0, Murphy, rf, 4 1 0 0, White, 3b, 5 0 1 1, Fernandez, dh, 5 0 3 3, Kuresa, 1b, 5 0 0 0, Doe, c, 3 1 2 0, Hinojosa, 2b, 4 1 0 0. Totals 36 7 9 6.

WISCONSIN (3): Munoz, 2b, 3 0 0 0, Leal, c, 4 1 1 0, Matos, 3b, 4 0 0 0, Rubio, rf, 4 1 1 0, DeMuth, 1b, 3 1 0 0, Neuhaus, dh, 3 0 1 1, Harrison, cf, 4 0 1 2, Meyer, lf, 4 0 2 0, Aviles, ss, 3 0 0 0. Totals 32 3 6 3.

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Batts, LeBlanc (7), Irby (9) and Doe. Torrez, Linehan (5), Ventura (6) and Leal. W - Batts (3-1). L - Torrez (0-2). 2B - Fernandez 2 (5), Doe (2), Harrison (3), Meyer (1). SB - English (9), Hinojosa (3), Gordon (2), Munoz (8), DeMuth (10). E - Kuresa (2). T- 2:46. A - 1,093.