

Kernels blank Peoria on 1-hitter

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PEORIA, Ill. - Stephen Gonsalves, Michael Cederoth and Zach Tillery combined on a one-hitter Wednesday night as the Cedar Rapids Kernels belted the Peoria Chiefs, 8-0, in a Midwest League game before 1,113 fans at Dozer Park.

Gonsalves (4-1, 1.50 ERA) pitched the first six innings for Cedar Rapids and allowed a single by Collin Radack for Peoria's only hit of the night. Gonsalves struck out seven batters and walked three.

Cederoth, who has been a starting pitcher for the Kernels, tossed two perfect innings in relief for the Kernels with three strikeouts. Tillery pitched a 1-2-3 ninth inning to finish the masterpiece.

The Kernels (24-16) scored single runs in the second, fourth, fifth and sixth innings before breaking the game open with four runs in the eighth.

Kernels catcher Brett Doe had a big game. He went 3-for-5 with a double and RBI, as well as catching the one-hitter.

Trey Vavra continued his strong hitting for the Kernels. He went 2-for-4 and scored two runs, raising his batting average to .353.

Zack Larson, Pat Kelly and Blake Schmit also had two hits for the Kernels as part of an 11-hit attack. T.J. White and Kelly scored two runs. Larson and Schmit had two RBIs.

The Kernels and Chiefs (21-19) meet again Thursday night in Peoria.

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KERNELS (8): English, cf, 5 1 1 0, Gordon, ss, 4 0 0 0, Vavra, 1b, 4 2 2 0, Murphy, lf, 5 0 0 0, Larson, rf, 5 0 2 2, White, 3b, 3 2 0 0, Kelly, dh, 5 2 2 0, Doe, c, 5 0 3 1, Schmit, 2b, 4 1 2 2. Totals 40 8 12 5.

PEORIA (0): Mercado, ss, 3 0 0 0, Sohn, 3 0 0 0, Radack, rf, 4 0 1 0, Thompson, lf, 4 0 0 0, De Leon, 1b, 3 0 0 0, Diekroeger, 3b, 2 0 0 0, Cruz, c/p, 2 0 0 0, Drake, cf, 2 0 0 0, Turgeon, dh, 3 0 0 0, Bean, c, 0 0 0 0. Totals 26 0 1 0.

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Gonsalves, Cederoth (7), Tillery (9) and Doe. Lomascolo, Alexander (4), Bray (6), Grana (8), Cruz (9) and Cruz, Bean (9). W - Gonsalves (4-1). L - Lomascolo (0-1). 2B - Schmit (1), Larson (7), Doe (3). SB - White (5), English (13). T - 3:14. A - 1,113.