

Kernels shut out Kane County, 2-0

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GENEVA, Ill. - The Cedar Rapids Kernels evened their series with the Kane County Cougars Saturday night with a 2-0 shutout before 5,685 fans at Fifth Third Bank Ballpark in the northwest Chicago suburbs.

Three Kernels pitchers limited the Cougars to five hits. Randy Rosario tossed six innings and got the victory, with Cam Booser and Trevor Hilgenberger finishing the shutout in relief.

Cedar Rapids (52-35) scored both of its runs in the second inning. Max Murphy recorded the first hit of the game with a leadoff single to center. Alex Real followed Murphy with a single to left field, giving the Kernels runners on first and second.

Jorge Fernandez loaded the bases with a single to right. Two batters later, Brian Navarreto put Cedar Rapids up 2-0 with a two-run single to center, plating Murphy and Real.

Sean Miller, Tanner English and Navarreto led the Kernels with two hits apiece. Miller went 2-for-4 with two singles in his debut with the team at shortstop. English finished 2-for-4 with two singles and a walk. Navarreto was 2-for-4 with two singles.

Rosario (1-0) earned the win in his second start with the Kernels. The southpaw retired 10 in a row at one point and allowed just three hits and two walks while striking out four in six innings.

Booser allowed one hit and one walk while striking out three in two scoreless innings of relief. Hildenberger worked a scoreless ninth for his

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12th save.

Brad Keller (4-8) suffered the loss for Kane County (50-35). The right-hander allowed two runs on six hits and struck out six in five innings.

The Kernels continue the four-game series Sunday at 1 p.m. Sam Gibbons (3-2, 5.34) gets the start for the Kernels.

Saturday's game was delayed 50 minutes.

KERNELS (2): English, cf, 4 0 2 0, Valera, 3b, 4 0 0 0, Corcino, rf, 4 0 1 0, Murphy, lf, 4 1 1 0, Real, dh, 4 1 1 0, Fernandez, 1b, 3 0 1 0, Kelly, 2b, 4 0 0 0, Navarreto, c, 4 0 2 2, Miller, ss, 4 0 2 0. Totals 35 2 10 2.

KANE COUNTY (0): Vargas, ss, 4 0 0 0, Taylor, rf, 3 0 0 0, Herum, 1b, 4 0 1 0, Regis, 3b, 4 0 0 0, Bray, cf, 3 0 2 0, Perez, c, 4 0 0 0, Castillo, 2b, 3 0 1 0, Munoz, dh, 2 0 0 0, Mack, lf, 3 0 1 0. Totals 30 0 5 0.

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Rosario, Booser (7), Hildenberger (9) and Navarreto. Keller, Smith (6), Solis (7), Ramirez (9) and Perez. W - Rosario (1-0). L - Keller (4-8). T - 2:39 (50 minute delay). A - 5,685.