

Larson lifts Kernels by Clinton

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CLINTON - Zack Larson drove in Tanner English with a clutch double in the 10th inning Tuesday night as the Cedar Rapids Kernels trimmed Clinton, 4-3, before 760 fans at Ashford University Field.

English was hit by a pitch to begin the winning rally.

Randy LeBlanc (7-3) picked up the victory in relief for the Kernels. Cam Booser struck out two batters in the 10th inning for his 10th save. Kernels starter Keaton Steele pitched 4.2 shutout innings.

The Kernels built a 3-0 lead after four innings on RBIs by Nick Gordon, Brian Navarreto and Pat Kelly. Clinton rallied for a single run in the seventh inning and two runs in the eighth to force extra innings.

Rafael Valera had two hits for Cedar Rapids.

The Kernels (60-42) and Clinton (32-69) meet again at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday.

KERNELS (4): English, cf, 2 1 0 0, Gordon, ss, 3 0 0 1, Corcino, rf, 2 0 0 0, Larson, lf, 5 0 1 1, Kuresa, 1b, 4 0 0 0, Valera, 2b, 5 1 2 0, Real, dh, 4 0 1 0, Navarreto, c, 3 2 1 1, Kelly, 3b, 4 0 1 1. Totals 32 4 6 4.

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CLINTON (3): Cousino, cf, 5 0 2 0, Fields, lf, 5 0 3 0, Leyland, 1b, 4 0 0 1, Taylor, pr/rf, 0 0 0 0, Alfonso, c, 5 0 0 0, Mariscal, ss, 4 0 1 0, DeCarlo, 3b, 4 1 0 0, Zeutenhorst, rf/1b, 5 0 0 0, Brito, dh, 2 0 0 0, Peguero, pr/dh, 1 1 0 0, Wawoe, 2b, 2 1 2 2. Totals 37 3 8 3.

Kernels 001 200 000 1 - 4 6 2

Clinton 000 000 120 0 - 3 8 0

Steele, Theofanopoulos (5), LeBlanc (8), Booser (10) and Navarreto. Schiraldi, Morales (5), Vieira (9), Medina (10) and Alfonso. W - LeBlanc (7-3). L - Vieiro (1-2). S - Booser (10). 2B - Navarreto (7), Larson (16), Fields (7), Wawoe (9). SB - English (30), Mariscal (4). E - Kuresa (9), Kelly (5). T - 3:33. A - 760.