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CLINTON - After a string of quality starts, Cedar Rapids' Felix Jorge couldn't find his best stuff on Wednesday night.

The Kernels ace was roughed up for seven runs on 11 hits in 5 1/3 innings of work as Clinton rolled to an 11-4 win at Ashford University Field.

Austin Cousino was the hitting star for the LumberKings, rapping out a double and a triple. Brock Hebert made his Clinton debut with a pair of doubles. Gianfranco Wawoe had three hits and three RBIs.

The Kernels (60-43) kept it close early, trailing just 5-3 after three innings. Catcher Brian Navarreto had a two-run single in the second and Zach Larson drove home a run with a third-inning double.

Jorge (5-4) did strike out seven and walked two.

Zack Littell (3-6) pitched seven solid innings to earn the win for Clinton (33-69). He struck out eight and walked two, allowing just five hits.

The teams play the rubber game of the series on Thursday. First pitch is scheduled for 6:30 p.m.

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KERNELS (4): English, cf, 3 1 0 0, Gordon, ss, 4 0 1 0, Corcino, rf, 4 0 0 0, Larson, lf, 4 1 2 1, Doe, dh, 4 0 0 0, Kuresa, 1b, 3 1 1 1, Valera, 3b, 2 1 0 0, Navarreto, c, 3 0 1 2, Miller, 2b, 3 0 0 0. Totals 30 4 5 4.

CLINTON (11): Cousino, cf, 5 3 3 0, Fields, lf, 3 1 2 3, Hebert, dh, 5 1 2 2, Morales, rf, 4 2 0 0, Wawoe, 2b, 5 0 3 3, Mariscal, ss, 5 1 1 1, Taylor, c, 3 0 0 0, Brito, 1b, 3 1 1 0, Peguero, 3b, 4 2 2 0. Totals 37 11 14 9.

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Clinton 230 002 13x - 11 14 0

Jorge, Landa (6), Bard (8) and Navarreto. Schiraldi, Littell, Kiel (7), Kerski (8) and Taylor. W - Littell (3-6). L - Jorge (5-4). 2B - Navarreto (8), Larson (17), Herbert 2 (2), Peguero (10), Fields (8), Cousino (4), Wawoe (1), . 3B - Cousino (1). HR - Mariscal (2). SB - Wawoe (7), Fields (21). E - Miller (4). T - 2:19. A - NA.