

Bard stays perfect as Kernels win

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EASTLAKE, Ohio - Luke Bard raised his record to 7-0 Thursday night as the Cedar Rapids Kernels trimmed Lake County, 7-6, in a Midwest League game before 2,690 fans at Classic Park in Ohio.

Kernels starter Zach Tillery was raked for 11 hits and five runs in four innings. Bard pitched the next two innings and calmed things down a bit by allowing only one run on two hits.

Yorman Landa tossed two scoreless innings and was credited with a hold. John Curtiss pitched a 1-2-3 inning in the ninth with two strikeouts and collected his first save of the year.

The Kernels climbed 20 games over the .500 mark at 68-48. Lake County fell to 57-56.

Rafael Valera went 2-for-4 with a double and drove in two runs for the Kernels.

Lake County out-hit the Kernels, 13-8, and belted two home runs, but the Captains committed five errors and gave the Kernels three unearned runs.

Cedar Rapids begins a new series Friday night at Fort Wayne.

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KERNELS (7): English, cf, 5 1 1 0, Gordon, ss, 5 1 1 0, Corcino, rf, 4 1 1 1, White, 3b, 3 2 1 1, Larson, lf, 4 1 0 0, Paul, dh, 4 1 1 0, Valera, 2b, 4 0 2 2, Navarreto, c, 4 0 1 1, Kelly, 1b, 4 0 0 0. Totals 37 7 8 5.

LAKE COUNTY (6): Allen, cf, 4 1 0 0, Murphy, 3b, 4 0 1 0, Santander, lf, 5 3 3 3, Bradley, 1b, 4 1 1 2, Mendoza, ss, 4 0 3 1, Mejia, c, 5 0 2 0, Patterson, dh, 5 0 0 0, Valdez, 2b, 4 0 2 0, Armendariz, rf, 4 1 1 0. Totals 39 6 13 6.

Kernels **010 240 000 - 7 8 1**

Lake County **200 301 000 - 6 13 5**

Tillery, Bard (5), Landa (7), Curtiss (9) and Navarreto. Merryweather, Pannone (5) and Mejia. W - Bard (7-0). L - Merryweather (1-3). S - Curtiss (1). 2B - Valera (3), English (22), Santander (14), Mendoza (9). HR - Bradley (22), Santander (4). SB - Larson (16), Mendoza (5). E - White (15), Bradley 2 (16), Murphy (29), Santander (1), Mendoza (8). T - 2:46. A - 2,690.