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PEORIA - Keaton Steele pitched eight strong innings Sunday and the Cedar Rapids Kernels snapped a five-game losing streak with a 7-3 victory over the Peoria Chiefs before 2,869 fans at Dozer Park.

Steele (6-4, 3.33 ERA) allowed three runs on eight hits. He struck out six batters and did not walk anyone.

T.J. White went 3-for-5 for the Kernels with a home and two runs scored. Rafael Valera, Nick Gordon and Austin Diemer had two hits. Alex Real drove in two runs.

The Kernels scored six runs in the second inning to take control.

Cedar Rapids (73-59) and Peoria (71-59) meet again Monday at 7 p.m. in Peoria.

KERNELS (7): Valera, 2b, 5 1 2 0, Gordon, ss, 5 1 2 1, Corcino, rf, 5 0 0 0, White, 3b, 5 2 3 1, Murphy, lf, 4 1 1 0, Real, dh, 3 1 1 2, Doe, 1b, 4 0 0 0, Navarreto, c, 3 0 0 0, Diemer, cf, 4 1 2 1. Totals 38 7 11 5.

PEORIA (3): Seferina, 2b, 4 0 2 0, Thompson, rf, 4 0 0 0, DeJong, 3b, 4 1 1 0, De Leon, 1b, 4 1 1 0, Bader, cf, 4 0 2 0, O'Keefe, dh, 4 1 3 3, Bean, c, 4 0 0 0, Peoples-Walls, lf, 3 0 0 0, Swirchak, ss, 3 0 0 0. Totals 34 3 9 3.

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Steele, Curtiss (9) and Navarreto. Beck, Bray (7), Grana (9) and Bean. W - Steele (6-4). L -Beck (0-2). 2B - Diemer (8), DeJong (12), O'Keefe (7). 3B - Gordon (6). HR - White (2), O'Keefe (5). E - White (18), Seferina 2

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(11), Peoples-Walls (3), DeJong (9). T - 2:18. A - 2,869.