

Kernels edge Timber Rattlers

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GRAND CHUTE, Wis. - The Cedar Rapids Kernels edged the Wisconsin Timber Rattlers, 5-4, Friday night in the rubber game of their series before 4,727 fans at Fox Cities Stadium.

The Kernels had lost four straight series to Midwest League opponents before winning the series against Wisconsin.

Cedar Rapids returns home Saturday night to host the Clinton LumberKings at 6:35 p.m. in the final series of the regular season.

The Kernels (75-62) scored three runs in the fourth inning for a 3-0 lead. Alex Real and Brett Doe had RBI singles in the frame.

Wisconsin (50-86) cut the Kernels' lead to 3-1 in the fifth inning on an RBI single to right by Tucker Neuhaus. The Timber Rattlers added another run in the sixth inning, trimming the lead to 3-2. Jake Gatewood's two-out RBI double to deep right scored David Denson.

Wisconsin plated two runs in the seventh inning to take a 4-3 lead.

Cedar Rapids responded with a two-run eighth inning, jumping back in front 5-4. Edgar Corcino began the inning with a walk before T.J. White doubled to left to put a pair in scoring position.

Corcino came home to tie the game on Max Murphy's RBI groundout. LaMonte Wade's RBI single up the middle scored White, giving their Kernels a one-run

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Sam Gibbons pitched six innings for the Kernels, allowing two runs on five hits in a no-decision. He struck out four and walked two.

John Curtiss (3-3) allowed two runs on two hits in one inning out of the bullpen, picking up the victory. Zack Tillery earned a hold with a scoreless eighth inning. Nick Anderson picked up his third save with a scoreless ninth inning, striking out the final batter of the game.