

Kernels bag 5th straight win

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LANSING, Mich. — The Cedar Rapids Kernels beat the Lansing Lugnuts, 6-2, at Cooley Law School Stadium on Sunday afternoon before 1,710 fans to complete a three-game sweep and extend their winning streak to five games.

The Kernels took an early 2-0 lead in the first inning when Mitch Garver singled into center field, scoring Tanner Vavra and Zack Larson. Garver has a team-high eight RBIs.

Vavra extended his hit streak to five games by singling into center, while Larson collected his team-high sixth double off the right-field wall.

Cedar Rapids (7-3) extended its lead to 4-0 in the third inning with RBI singles from Larson and Chad Christensen. Jason Kanzler was hit by a pitch to start the inning. Larson singled home Kanzler to put the Kernels up by three runs.

Larson stole second base and came home on Christensen's RBI single into right-center. Christensen's single extended his hit streak to six games.

Lansing cut the Kernels' lead to 4-1 when Ian Parmley scored on a sacrifice fly by D.J. Davis.

Bryan Haar hit his third home run in the fifth inning. His shot went the opposite way to right field and extended the Kernels' lead to 5-1.

The Lugnuts tallied a run in the bottom of the fifth inning when Carlos Ramirez doubled and

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scored on a sacrifice bunt by Parmley, making the score 5-2.

The Kernels scored the final run in the eighth inning when Christensen tripled to deep center and came home on a wild pitch.

Felix Jorge (1-1) started and picked up the win by going five innings. He allowed two runs and three hits while striking out three and walking one.

Once again, the Kernels' bullpen excelled as they combined to throw four innings with no runs and two hits allowed. Yorman Landa went one inning, striking out one. Alex Muren went two innings, striking out one.

Christian Powell finished the game by pitching the ninth inning.

Jeremias Pineda singled to extend his hit streak to six games.

Tom Robson (0-1) took the loss for the Lugnuts as he went four innings and allowed four runs on six hits.

The Kernels return home Monday night at 6:35, opening a six-game homestand against South Bend and West Michigan. The Kernels will send Aaron Slegers (1-0, 2.45) to the mound against South Bend.

KERNELS (6): Kanzler, cf, 4 1 0 0, Vavra, 2b, 4 1 1 0, Larson, rf, 4 2 2 1, Garver, c, 4 0 1 2, Haar, 1b, 3 1 1 1, Christensen, dh, 4 1 2 1, Wade, ss, 3 0 1 0, Licon, 3b, 4 0 0 0, Pineda, lf, 4 0 1 0. Totals 34 6 9 5.

LANSING (2): Thon, 2b, 4 0 1 0, Davis, cf, 3 0 2 1, Dean, 1b, 4 0 0 0, Nay, 3b, 4 0 1 0, Lugo, ss,

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4 0 0 0, Atkinson, dh, 4 0 0 0, Ramirez, rf, 3 1 1 0, Nussy, c, 2 0 0 0, Parmley, lf, 2 1 0 1. Totals
30 2 5 2.

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Jorge, Landa (6), Muren (7), Powell (9) and Garver. Robson, Gonzalez (5), Cordero (8), Silverstein (9) and Nussy. W - Jorge (1-1). L - Robson (0-1). 2B - Larson (6), Thon (1), Ramirez (3), Davis (3). 3B - Christensen (1). HR - Haar (3). SB- Larson (1), Davis (3). A - 1,710.