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BELOIT, Wis. - The Minnesota Twins keep making changes to the Cedar Rapids Kernels roster, but it doesn't seem to matter.

The Kernels keep winning.

Mitch Garver led a 14-hit attack Thursday night as the Kernels dumped Beloit, 10-3, in a Midwest League game before 1,034 fans at Pohlman Field.

The Kernels swept the three-game series from Beloit and remained one game behind Kane County in the Western Division standings for the second half of the season.

Cedar Rapids is 62-60 overall and 31-21 for the second half, despite a series of roster moves in the past few weeks.

Jonatan Hinojosa, the new third baseman and leadoff hitter, went 2-for-5 and scored twice. Max Murphy, the new center fielder, belted his second home run two days and was 2-fo-5. Alex Swim, another recent addition in right field, was 2-for-5 with two RBIs.

Garver, who has been with the club all season, went 3-for-5 and collected three RBIs as the designated hitter. Chad Christensen went 2-for-5 and had two RBIs and Engelb Vielma was 2-for-5.

Matt Batts, who also joined the club recently, pitched six strong innings for his first victory with

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Cedar Rapids. Brian Gilbert, another new addition who was with the club last year, pitched two innings and Brandon Bixler tossed the final frame.

The game was tied, 1-1, after five innings, but the Kernels scored twice in the sixth inning and five times in the seventh to break it open.

The Kernels open a three-game series Friday night at 6:35 against Peoria at Veterans Memorial Stadium.

KERNELS (10): Hinojosa, 3b, 5 2 2 0, Wade, 2b, 4 2 0 0, Christensen, 1b, 5 2 2 2, Garver, dh, 5 1 3 3, Swim, rf, 5 1 2 2, Murphy, cf, 5 1 2 1, Williams, lf, 4 0 1 1, Quesada, c, 5 0 0 0, Vielma, ss, 5 1 2 0. Totals 43 10 14 9.

BELOIT (3): Mercedes, 2b, 4 0 1 0, Boyd, cf, 4 1 1 1, Chapman, 3b, 4 0 1 1, Marincov, rf, 2 1 0 0, Mathews, lf, 4 0 0 0, Soto, 1b, 3 0 0 0, Baez, dh, 4 0 0 0, Cogswell, ss, 3 1 1 0, Ludy, c, 2 0 2 0. Totals 30 3 6 3.

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Matts, Gilbert (7), Bixler (9) and Quesada. Stalcup, Vail (6), Roberts (7), Michaud (9) and Ludy. W - Batts (1-0). L - Stalcup (4-4). 2B - Christensen (20), Garver (24), Chapman (5). 3B - Williams (1). HR - Murphy (4). SB - Christensen (26). Marincov (17). E - Chapman (6), Mercedes (17).  
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