Quad Cities blasts Kernels



DAVENPORT - The Quad Cities River Bandits jumped to an 11-0 lead after five innings and cruised to a 14-5 Midwest League win over the Cedar Rapids Kernels on Monday before a crowd of 2,456 at Modern Woodman Park.

Kernels' starter Keaton Steele (2-3) lasted just 2 1/3 innings in his return from the disabled list. He allowed five runs on five hits.

Jason Martin had a triple and a double for the River Bandits (60-33). Quad Cities pounded out 17 hits against five Cedar Rapids pitchers. Ryan Bottger had three hits for the River Bandits, including his fifth homer of the season.

The Kernels (54-41) got three hits, including a solo homer in the ninth, from Tanner English. Edgar Corcino added a pair of hits, raising his batting average to .327.

Cedar Rapids returns home Tuesday night to open a three-game series against Wisconsin. First pitch is scheduled for 6:35 p.m.

KERNELS (5): English, cf, 4 3 1 1, Valera, 2b, 4 0 1 0, Corcino, dh, 4 0 2 0, Larson, lf, 5 0 1 1, Kuresa, 1b, 4 0 0 0, Diemer, rf, 4 1 1 0, Navarreto, c, 3 0 0 1, Real, c, 1 0 0 0, Kelly, 3b, 4 0 0 0, Miller, ss, 4 1 2 0. Totals 37 5 8 3.

QUAD CITIES (14): Boyd, cf, 5 2 2 0, Martin, lf, 5 2 2 1, Bregman, ss, 5 3 3 1, Tanielu, 3b, 4 0 1 2, Hernandez, 3b, 2 0 0 0, Laureano, lf, 5 3 2 0, Ferguson, dh, 4 1 2 4, Stubbs, c, 3 1 1 1, Bottger, 1b, 5 2 3 2, Trompiz, 2b, 4 0 1 1. Totals 42 14 17 13.

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Steele, Wilson (3), Theofanopoulos (5), Booser (6), LeBlanc (7) and Navarreto, Real (7). Hernandez, Peterson (5), Perez (7) and Stubbs. WP - Peterson (5-4). LP - Steele (2-3). 2B -Miller (1), Martin (9). 3B - Diemer (1), Martin (5). HR - English (3), Bottger (5). SB - Ferguson (9), Laureno (1). E - Valera (7), Miller 2 (2), Hernandez 2 (2), Bregman (2). T - 3:11. A - 2,456.