

Christensen hits homer as Kernels split

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GENEVA, Ill. - Chad Christensen socked a two-run homer and drove in three runs Sunday as the Cedar Rapids Kernels blanked Kane County, 5-0, in the first game of a Midwest League doubleheader before 6,698 fans at Fifth Third Bank Ballpark.

Kane County rallied for two runs in the bottom of the seventh and won the nightcap, 3-2.

Christensen hit a two-run homer in the seventh inning of the opener to give the Kernels (32-42) some insurance runs. He went 2-for-2 in the game with two runs and two walks.

Ryan Eades, Alex Muren and Todd Van Steensel combined on a three-hit shutout for Cedar Rapids.

The Kernels took a 2-1 lead into the bottom of the seventh inning in the second game. Jacob Rogers tied the game for Kane County with a solo home run, 2-2, and the Cougars scored another run off Kernels reliever Hudson Boyd for the walk-off victory.

The Kernels are idle Monday and will begin a three-game series at Peoria Tuesday night.

Game 1

KERNELS (5): Granite, cf, 4 1 2 0, Vielma, ss, 3 1 1 0, Christensen, 1b, 2 2 2 3, Garver, c, 2 0 1 1, Haar, 3b, 3 0 0 1, Kanzler, rf, 4 0 0 0, Swim, dh, 3 0 1 0, Murphy, lf, 3 0 0 0, Vavra, 2b, 3 1 1 0. Totals 27 5 8 5.

KANE COUNTY (0): Hannemann, rf, 2 0 0 0, Penalver, ss, 2 0 0 0, Schwarber, dh, 3 0 1 0,

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Carhart, c, 3 0 1 0, Rogers, 1b, 2 0 0 0, Candelario, 3b, 3 0 0 0, Bote, 2b, 2 0 1 0, Dunston, lf, 2 0 0 0, Martin, cf, 2 0 0 0. Totals 21 0 3 0.

Kernels 100 020 2 - 5 8 0
Kane County 000 000 0 - 0 3 0

Eades, Muren (5), Van Steensel (7) and Garver. Johnson, Underwood (5) and Carhart. W - Muren (2-1). L - Johnson (0-1). 2B - Garver (17), Bote (10).
HR - Christensen (7). T - 2:07.

Game 2

KERNELS (2): Granite, cf, 3 0 0 0, Vielma, ss, 3 0 0 0, Christensen, lf, 3 0 1 0, Garver, dh, 3 1 1 0, Kanzler, rf, 2 1 1 0, Swim, c, 3 0 2 2, Licon, 3b, 2 0 0 0, Albobelli, 1b, 2 0 0 0, Haar, ph/1b, 1 0 0 0, Walker, 2b, 2 0 0 0. Totals 24 2 5 2.

KANE COUNTY (3): Hannemann, dh, 2 0 1 1, Penalver, ss, 2 0 0 0, Schwarber, lf, 3 0 1 0, Balaguert, rf, 2 1 0 0, Rogers, 1b, 3 1 2 1, Candelario, 3b, 2 1 0 1, Bote, 2b, 3 0 0 0, Brockmeyer, c, 3 0 1 0, Martin, cf, 2 0 0 0. Totals 22 3 5 3.

Kernels 000 010 1 - 2 5 1
Kane County 010 000 2 - 3 5 1

Romero, Wilson (4), Boyd (7) and Swim. Tseng, Pugliese (7) and Brockmeyer. W - Pugliese (3-0). L - Boyd (4-2). 2B - Swim (1), Rogers (19). HR - Rogers (7). SB - Kanzler (11), Bote (2). E - Vielma (9), Martin (1). T - 1:46. A - 6,698.