

Kernels trimmed by Peoria, 2-1

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PEORIA, Ill. - The Cedar Rapids Kernels tallied one run for the second straight game Wednesday and lost to the Peoria Chiefs, 2-1, before 3,148 fans at Dozer Park.

The Kernels are 1-5 on their road trip to open the second half of the Midwest League season. They look to avoid the sweep at Peoria Thursday at 7 p.m.

Arturo Reyes (5-3) held the Kernels' offense to one run on five hits over six innings. He struck out five and walked one, the only walk the Kernels have drawn in the first two games of the series.

Kohl Stewart (1-4) pitched well but suffered the loss for the Kernels. He went five innings and allowed just two runs on six hits while striking out four and walking one. Stewart's earned run average is now at 2.53 after 13 starts.

The Kernels scored first with a single run in the third inning. J.D. Williams doubled past first base to get the inning started. He advanced to third base on a fly out by Jon Murphy. With the infield drawn in, Williams hurried home on Ryan Walker's RBI groundout, putting the Kernels up 1-0.

Peoria quickly tied the game, 1-1, in its half of the third inning. Richy Pedroza began the inning by pulling a double over the head of Kernels right fielder Murphy. He moved to third base on a wild pitch and scored when Vaughn Bryan slapped an RBI single the opposite way into left field.

Mason Katz gave the Chiefs a 2-1 lead in the fourth inning when he drilled his 12th home run of the season to left field.

The Kernels left a runner at third base in both the fourth and fifth innings. Bryan Haar singled with one out in the fourth inning and found himself at third base but did not score.

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Williams collected his second double of the night after pulling the two-bagger down the right field line to lead off the fifth. He was left stranded at third base to end the inning as Peoria kept the 2-1 advantage.

Kevin Herget relieved Reyes in the seventh inning and retired the first six batters he faced, getting through the end of the eighth inning. He allowed a leadoff single to Haar in the ninth inning and exited the game.

Steven Sabatino entered and faced Alex Swim. Swim's sacrifice bunt attempt was hit back to Sabatino, who was able to throw to second base and force Haar.

Sabatino exited as Peoria brought on Chris Perry, its third pitcher of the ninth inning. A wild pitch from Perry sent Swim to second base, where he was lifted for pinch-runner Tanner Vavra. However, Perry struck out the final two hitters of the game - Jason Kanzler and Williams - to preserve the win and collect his second save.

Jared Wilson went two innings in relief for the Kernels, allowing three hits while striking out one. Chris Mazza added a scoreless inning, allowing one hit.

KERNELS (1): Granite, lf, 3 0 1 0, Vielma, ss, 4 0 0 0, Christensen, 1b, 4 0 0 0, Haar, 3b, 4 0 2 0, Swim, c, 4 0 1 0, Vavra, pr, 0 0 0 0, Kanzler, cf, 4 0 0 0, Williams, dh, 4 1 2 0, Walker, 2b, 3 0 0 1. Totals 33 1 6 1.

PEORIA (2): Bryan, rf, 4 0 2 1, McElroy, cf, 4 0 0 0, Ringo, 1b, 4 0 1 0, Kelly, c, 4 0 2 0, Bean, dh, 4 0 1 0, Katz, 2b, 3 1 2 1, Medina, 3b, 2 0 0 0, Peoples-Walls, lf, 3 0 1 0, Pedroza, ss, 3 1 1 0. Totals 31 2 10 2.

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Stewart, Wilson (6), Mazza (8) and Swim. Reyes, Herget (7), Sabatino (9), Perry (9) and Kelly.
W - Reyes (5-3). L - Stewart (1-4). S - Perry (2). 2B - Williams 2 (8), Pedroza (2). HR - Katz
(12). E - Medina (1). T - 2:16. A - 3,148.