

Kernels stumble late at Fort Wayne

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FORT WAYNE, Ind. - The Cedar Rapids Kernels were cruising to a 6-1 victory heading into the bottom of the ninth inning at Fort Wayne Sunday afternoon, but then the roof caved in.

Fort Wayne scored five runs in the ninth and beat the Kernels, 7-6, in 10 innings in a Midwest League game 7,528 fans at Parkview Field in Fort Wayne.

John Curtiss took the ball for the bottom of the ninth for the Kernels with the 6-1 lead, but he surrendered two home runs and was charged with all five runs. Yorman Landa gave up a run in the bottom of the 10th as the game slipped away.

Fort Wayne won all three games in the series and raised its record to 64-53. The Kernels fell to 68-51.

Kernels pitchers Randy LeBlanc, Luke Bard and Nick Anderson combined to allow only one run in eight innings Sunday before the disastrous ninth inning.

Austin Diemer collected a double, triple, two RBIs and two runs for Cedar Rapids. Alex Real was 2-for-4 and scored twice.

Trae Santos and Edwin Moreno hit back-to-back home runs for Fort Wayne in the ninth inning.

Cedar Rapids returns home to host Kane County Tuesday night. The Kernels are idle Monday.

KERNELS (6): Miller, ss, 5 0 0 0, Valera, 2b, 4 0 1 2, Corcino, cf, 3 0 0 0, White, 3b, 4 0 0 0, Real, dh, 4 2 2 0, Larson, lf, 4 0 0 0, Diemer, rf, 4 2 2 2, Navarreto, c, 3 1 1 1, Kelly, 1b, 4 1 1 1. Totals 35 6 7 6.

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FORT WAYNE (7): Gettys, cf, 4 0 1 0, VanMeter, 2b, 4 1 2 0, Giron, ss, 4 1 1 0, Tejada, rf, 5 0 1 2, Cordero, lf, 5 0 1 0, Urias, 3b, 4 3 1 0, Santos, 1b, 5 1 1 2, Moreno, dh, 4 1 1 1, Miller, c, 3 0 0 0, Reyes, ph, 1 0 1 1. Totals 39 7 10 6.

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LeBlanc, Bard (5), Anderson (7), Curtiss (9), Landa (9) and Navarreto. Dorminy, Weir (7), Monroe (8), Brasoban (10) and Miller. W - Brasoban (5-3). L - Landa (1-1). 2B - Diemer (3), VanMeter (1). 3B - Diemer (2). HR - Santos (11), Moreno (3). E - Valera (11), Bard (2), White (16), Dorminy (3). T - 3:16. A - 7,528.