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NORWAY - Cale Jamesson belted a two-run homer to give Watkins a two-run lead over Red Top in extra innings Sunday.

Then he did it again.

Jamesson's back-to-back blasts helped the Mudhens defeat Red Top, 5-3, in 10 innings on a hot, windy day in Norway.

Red Top dominated the second game in the Iowa Valley League doubleheader, 9-0.

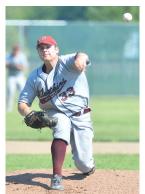
Watkins and Red Top were locked in a 1-1 battle in the opener when Jamesson hit a two-run rocket over the left-field fence to give the Mudhens a 3-1 lead in the top of the eighth.

Red Top tied the game, 3-3, in the bottom of the eighth, but Jamesson smacked another two-run shot to left field in the top of the 10th and this time it gave the Mudhens the lead for good.

"Being able to come up in that position again was really fun," said Jamesson, a Benton Community grad who played for Cornell College this past season as a freshman. "I put everything I had into it."

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Jamesson was a full-time catcher in high school, but he played third base for Cornell this year and hit .286 with three homers and 18 RBIs.



"They want me to catch next year, so being able to come out here and get a lot of innings catching is really nice," he said. "I'm looking forward to getting back into it next year."

Jamesson went 3-for-5 in the opener with his two homers and four RBIs. Luke Franzenburg picked up the victory with two scoreless innings in relief, retiring all six batters he faced.

Jack Strellner had two hits for Watkins in the first game. Nick Day belted a home run and had two hits for Red Top.

Red Top controlled the second game from start to finish. Day collected three more hits and had two RBIs. Reid Bonner had three hits and scored three runs. Cal Clark had two hits and two RBIs.

Jack Greene allowed only one hit in five innings for Red Top to get the victory.