

Game Recap | June 7, 2019

## Hooks Take Series Opener Against Long Boarders

Hooks snaps the Long Boarders' three-game win streak and extends their own

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**SAN MARCOS** – One team's three-game win streak comes to an end, while the other's remains alive. The Hooks defeated the Long Boarders, 9-4 at CSUSM Baseball Field in San Marcos, CA on Fri, June 7, 2019.

The starting pitching matchup was between the Hooks' Octavio Sanchez and the Long Boarders' Avisail Bermudez.

Bermudez lasted three innings and allowed two runs (one earned) on three hits and three walks.

Sanchez allowed three runs on three hits in five and two-third innings pitched. He also racked up seven strikeouts on route to his second win in back-to-back starts. "[Today] I feel like I had more command of my changeup in the second start of the summer," said Sanchez. "I feel like my mechanics are nice and smooth on the mound."

Sanchez will be an important piece in the Hooks' rotation for head coach, David Ring. "I'm going to really rely on [Octavio] for six or seven innings," said Coach Ring. "He's got a full arsenal, and I'm really confident with Octavio on the mound."

The Long Boarders were short staffed when it came to pitching today and as a result, they had to use four of their positions players to fill their void. Trevor Johnson, Trevor Smith, Drake Pierson and Evan Rocha combined five strikeouts in six innings of relief and allowed seven runs on 10 hits, three walks.

The Hooks got their first run in the second inning after Zeahni Pena scored on a fielder's choice. Pena gave his team their second run after a sacrifice fly scored Jacob Freedman.

The Hooks posted more four runs in the fourth. DiMaggio Cazares picked two runs batted in (RBI), while Brian Reyes and Jackson Bolitho each had one.

Reyes picked up two more RBIs in the fifth to extend the Hooks' lead to 8-0. Reyes continues his hot hitting as he finished 3-for-6, with two doubles and three RBIs.

The Long Boarders finally got on the board in the sixth. Trevor Johnson, Taylor Meaux, and Trevor Smith each walked with the bases loaded and forced in three runs to cut the deficit, 8-3. Both teams scored once more in the eighth, but the Hooks held on for a 9-4 victory.

There is plenty of energy in the Hooks dugout as they are riding a three-game winning streak and they are currently tied with the Long Boarders for first place in the San Diego League with a 3-1 record. "We're carrying that energy into the series and we're building a lot of [team] chemistry very quickly," said Reyes. "I feel like this is a great team and it's going to be a great series."

The Hooks and Long Boarders will be back in action with the second game of the three-game series tomorrow at CSUSM Baseball Field at 1:35 P.M.



The Hooks celebrate their third straight win as they tied the Long Boarders for first place in the league. (Photo by Kevin Mijares)