

Game Recap | June 11, 2019

Long Boarders Roll Past the Jets in Series Opener

The Long Boarders get back-to-back 10-0 wins via the mercy rule.

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SAN MARCOS – It was déjà vu all over again for the Long Boarders on Tues June 11. The Long Boarders won 10-0 again, this time against the Jets and ended the game via mercy rule at the CSUSM Baseball Field.

The Long Boarders sent out Michael King for his second start of the season and he was opposed by the Jets' starting pitcher Dylan Vail. King allowed no runs on four hits, one walk and struck out five in six innings. "[Today my] slider was working really good [against the Jets' lineup]," said King, who earned his first win of the season.

It was a better outing for King today in comparison to his previous two especially due to his slider. "In the previous two times, the slider wasn't really working [but today, it was keeping hitters off-balance]," said King.



The Long Boarders' Michael King hurls six innings of shutout baseball for his team as he picks up his first win of the season. (Kevin Dahlgren/San Diego League)

Vail took the loss and lasted 4 $\frac{1}{3}$ innings and allowed six runs (four earned) on seven hits and three walks.

It was a shaky start for the Long Boarders' head coach Dillan Smith and his team on offense, but they were able to get their bats going. "We had to make a couple of adjustments and it started with Drake [Pierson] hitting a double and that woke our lineup up," said Coach Smith.

The game was scoreless until the fourth inning when Harrison Boudreaux picked up an RBI triple that scored Pierson. Boudreaux would later score on a balk call on Vail to extend the Long Boarders' lead, 2-0.

But it didn't stop there for the Long Boarders, as they tacked on five more runs in the fifth. Taylor Meaux scored on an error, and Trevor Mattson and Andrew Crane each picked up an RBI. Trevor Smith capped it off with a two-run RBI double to increase the lead, 7-0.

After coming off the bench in the sixth and hitting a double, Mcklane Elgin followed it up with a two-run triple in the seventh to extend the Long Boarders' lead to 9-0. "Coach was working on staying back on the ball and I worked on that before that game in the cages and it worked out pretty well," said Elgin.

The game ended in the eighth due to the mercy rule after Bailin Markridge scored the Long Boarders' 10th run on a wild pitch.

Even though they've won the series opener, Coach Smith's and the Long Boarders remain focused on winning the series against the Jets. "It's always great to win [the first game] because you can you set yourself up to win the series right away in the next game," said Coach Smith. "The Jets are a great ballclub and I would imagine they'll come out a bit of fire in them when we play them again."

The Long Boarders (5-2) and Jets (3-4) will resume action on Fri, June 14 at the CSUSM Baseball Field at 1:35 P.M.