



Game Recap | June 16, 2019

Long Boarders Come Back to Top Warriors 4-3

Andrew Crane's go-ahead RBI double in 8th seals the Long Boarders' victory

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SAN MARCOS – Two home runs and a go-ahead RBI double was all the Long Boarders needed today as they came from behind to defeat the Warriors, 4-3 at the CSUSM Baseball Field in San Marcos.

For the Long Boarders and their head coach Dillan Smith, this is the team's fifth comeback win. "It builds a lot of confidence in us," said Coach Smith. "It just goes to show that these guys aren't done until the last inning's over."

Long Boarders' Takashi Umino and Warriors' Chase Martinez got the start for their teams. It was Umino's first start since receiving the SDL Pitcher of the Week honors, but it was a rough first inning for him. In that inning, Umino allowed three runs (two earned) on three hits, three walks and one error.

Carlos Oquita and Peter Torres each had an RBI, while Kalani Nakamura scored on an error by Long Boarders' Trevor Mattson to give the Warriors a 3-0 edge.

Mattson made up for the error in the bottom of the second as he crushed solo home run to left to cut the deficit, 3-1.

After the rough first inning Umino settled down and held the Long Boarders scoreless until he left in the fifth inning with two outs.

"[Umino] came back out [after the first] with a bulldog mentality and gave us 3⅔ [innings of] lights out pitching and kept us in the ballgame," said Coach Smith. "Some days you have it, some days you don't, and we were just lucky [Umino] found it after that first inning."

In the bottom of the sixth, with a runner on first, Taylor Meaux ripped the ball over right field to tie the game, 3-3. "I had to face a little bit of adversity," said Meaux who had two strikeouts earlier in the game. "I decided to take the strike zone out of the umpire's hand and jump on the first pitch I saw fit to hit and [I knew it was gone off the bat]."

The game remained tied until the bottom of the eighth when Meaux led off with a walk. Meaux then scored on Andrew Crane's go-ahead RBI double as the Long Boarders took the lead. "I was just looking for a pitch to drive, staying to my approach," said Crane. "Luckily, the barrel found the ball and I hit it into the gap and it felt great."

Dylan Vaugh pitched a scoreless ninth to secure the Long Boarders' 4-3 win and recorded his third save of the season. Brandon Scott earned the win after allowing no runs and no hits in 3⅓ innings pitched, while Martinez took the loss as he allowed four runs (two home runs) on five hits, two walks and struck out eight.

With the win, the Long Boarders remain in first place with a 7-3 record. The Warriors are last in the SDL with a record of 3-7. Both teams will return to action on Tues, June 18, beginning at 10:05 A.M when the Warriors take on the Jets and the Long Boarders battle the Hooks at 1:35 P.M.



Taylor Meaux (center) is greeted by his teammates, Avisail Bermudez (left) and Andrew Crane (right) after tying the game with a two-run home run in the sixth. (Kevin Dahlgren/San Diego League)