



Game Recap | July 21, 2019

## James Teets' Early 3-run Home Run Helps Long Boarders Sweep Warriors

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**SAN MARCOS** – The Sunday tripleheader ended with the Long Boarders and Warriors' series finale. After two close one-run games, both teams looked to finish the weekend strong. But after nine innings, the Long Boarders came out on top, 9-4 and completed the three-game sweep.

The Long Boarders had a new clean-up hitter in the lineup today in James Teets, he did not disappoint and went 2-for-4 with three RBIs. All three RBIs came in the first inning on a three-run shot to left center and it was Teets' first hit in five games.

According to Long Boarders' assistant coach, Jace Smith, it's all about helping Teets stay confident at the plate. "[Teets] got the pitch that he wanted, and he took a great hack at it, said Coach J. Smith. "[By] getting that out of his system and getting the confidence back, he's going to have better [at-bats] as the season progresses."

Coming off a rough outing, Takashi Umino looked to turn things around and he did just that. Umino delivered a quality start for the Long Boarders allowed three runs (one earned) on five hits, two walks and struck out three in six innings and earned his first win since June 9<sup>th</sup>.

"Taka came out and did a great job on the mound," said Coach J. Smith. "[He] was commanding the strike zone, getting guys to swing out of their comfort zone. It's about getting ahead and getting swings and I thought he did a great job today."

With the score 5-0 in the second, the Warriors got on the board after Zach Reeder came home on a balk. The Warriors scored two more runs from RBIs by Yoda Mitsuhiro and Israel Tafolla, who made his debut for the team today.

The Long Boarders got the two runs back after Trevor Smith scored on an error and Trevor Mattson's pop-fly dropped in the infield for a base hit and scored a run.

The Warriors scored one last time in the seventh behind Carlos Oquita's RBI groundout but the Long Boarders tacked on two more runs in the ninth and ended the game with a 9-5 win.

After today's game the first-place Long Boarders improve 24-6 while the fourth-place Warriors fall to 12-19.

Even after the win, the Long Boarders show no signs of slowing down and look to finish the season strong. "You don't take the foot off the gas with anybody," said Coach J. Smith. "Once the game's over you can relax a little bit and digest everything but when it's game time, it's 100 miles per hour and [we're] moving as fast as we can."

Both teams will be back in action on Tuesday, July 23<sup>rd</sup> at the CSUSM Baseball Field. The Long Boarders will take on the Hooks at 10:05 A.M, while the Warriors battle the Jets at 1:35 P.M.



James Teets (7) celebrates with his teammates at home plate after his first-inning 3-run home run against the Warriors (Kevin Dahlgren/San Diego League).