

Game Recap | June 1, 2019

Long Boarders Outlast Warriors on Opening Day

Elgin's go-ahead two-run RBI double in the seventh secures Long Boarders' first win.

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SAN MARCOS -- The Long Boarders and the Warriors battled back and forth in the second game on Opening Day. After nine innings, the Long Boarders emerged victorious against their opponents, as they won 9-8 at CSUSM Baseball Field in San Marcos, CA on Saturday, June 1st.



Long Boarders' reliever Dylan Vaughn secures the win for his team after pitching a six-out save on Opening Day. (Kevin Dahlgren/San Diego League)

The Long Boarders got off to a quick start, as they jumped out to a 4-0 lead. Centerfielder Drake Pierson crushed a three-run home run and right fielder Harrison Boudreaux scored on a fielder's choice. Catcher Trevor Johnson added another run after scoring on a wild pitch in the second.

The Warriors answered back with four runs of their own in the bottom of the second. Designated hitter/catcher Garrett Brown had two runs batted in (RBIs) and scored on an error and second baseman CJ Brown drove in a run as well.

Left fielder Bailin Markridge extended the Long Boarders' lead, 6-4 after an RBI single in fourth. Long Boarders' starting pitcher Michael King pitched four innings and gave up five runs (four earned) on eight hits and one walk. He was relieved in the fifth by Jeff Woolson who pitched three innings and allowed three runs (two earned) on two hits.

It was a rough outing for the Warriors' starting pitcher Sammy Sanchez as he allowed six runs (five earned) in three innings. Ben Aguilera relieved Sanchez in the fourth and allowed three runs in three innings pitched and struck out four.

The Warriors cut the deficit to 6-5 in the fourth behind CJ Brown's RBI single and tied the game in the fifth after left fielder Nick Rhoades scored on a wild pitch. G. Brown had an RBI double and scored on a fielder's choice to give the Warriors an 8-6 lead.

In the seventh, the Long Boarders took the lead for good, as they scored three runs. DH Ryan Finke had an RBI single and second baseman Mcklane Elgin smacked a go-ahead two-run RBI double.

The Long Boarders sent out Dylan Vaughn in the eighth and he recorded a six out save. "I had the bulldog mentality and I was ready for it," said Vaughn.

"There wasn't one time in our dugout where they felt like they were losing this game," said Long Boarders' head coach Dillan Smith. "Everybody kept their heads up and kept grinding out their at-bats so good things happened."

The Warriors and the Long Boarders will continue with the second game of their series on Sunday, June 2 at 10 A.M.