

Game Recap | June 30, 2019

Long Boarders Slug Their Way to Series Win Over Hooks

Third straight game where the Long Boarders score 10+ runs.

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SAN MARCOS – It was a battle of the lefties, as the Long Boarders and Hooks matched up on the mound with a pair of southpaws in the rubber game of the series on Sun, June 30 at CSUSM Baseball Field in San Marcos. But it was the Long Boarders who emerged victorious, as they defeated the Hooks, 14-3 to take the series finale from the Hooks.

The Long Boarders not only celebrated the series win, but also their head coach's birthday, as Dillan Smith led his team to their 13th win of the season. "There's always been a lot of baseball on my birthday and the best thing to cap it all off is to win a baseball game," said Coach Smith. "Our guys did a great job of keeping the momentum in the dugout [and] pushing across a lot of runs."

After making his debut for the Long Boarders yesterday, Stephen Rausa was back on the mound for the start, opposed by Hooks' Daniel Velasquez.

Neither pitcher would factor into the decision as both exited before the fifth inning. Rausa pitched three innings and allowed two runs on two hits and walks. Velasquez lasted two outs more but allowed five runs on three hits seven walks in his outing.

With the bases loaded in the second, Trevor Mattson scored on a fielder's choice and the Long Boarders took a 1-0 lead, but the Hooks tied it up on bottom second on Graham Cartwright's sacrifice-fly.

In the third inning, the Long Boarders tacked on four runs to take a 5-1 lead. Zak Thomas' sac-fly scored Hunter Lessard, Bailin Markridge had an RBI infield single and Harrison Boudreaux capped it off with a two-run triple.

The Hooks picked two runs on a pair of RBI singles in both the third and fourth from Jacob Freedman and Dimaggio Cazares to cut the deficit down to 5-3.

After the fourth, the Long Boarders scored nine unanswered runs as their bullpen held the Hooks scoreless the rest of the way. The Long Boarders' bullpen finished the day allowing one run, six hits, five walks and striking out six in six innings of work.

More than half of the Long Boarders' hits were for extra bases as their hitters picked up two doubles and five triples.

Lessard had two of those triples, going 2-for-4 with two RBIs today. "I just try to help the team win, hard contact is what I'm looking for and just really lock in with runners on base," said Lessard. "Everyone's up there looking for their pitch and when we get them, we drive them."

This was the Long Boarders' third straight win and the third straight game scoring over 10 runs. "Our bats are really what's going to keep our team alive," said Coach Smith. "We were trying to gear up on that fastball and those guys did



Long Boarders' catcher James Teets (left) applies the tag to Hooks' Nathan Gelbrich (right) for the final out of the game. (Kevin Dahlgren/San Diego League)



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just that, and when they're on the base paths, they're aggressive."

After today's game, the Long Boarders remain in first with a 13-5 record, while the Hooks fall to 8-10 record in third place of the SDL.

Both teams will be back in action on Tues, July 2 as Hooks battle the Warriors at 10:05 A.M and the Long Boarders face off against the Jets at 1:35 PM.

It will be a battle between the top two teams of the SDL as the Long Boarders hold a three-game lead over the Jets. "Every game's a tough win, especially when you're that first place team that everyone wants to beat you," said Coach Smith.