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Jets Rallied For 5-run Eighth to Beat Warriors

Scott Anderson earns the win for the Jets after an impressive outing

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SAN MARCOS – Going into the eighth inning, the Jets trailed the Warriors, 4-2 and only had three hits on the day. Everything changed when the Jets rallied for five runs to top the Warriors, 7-4 at today's evening game at CSUSM Baseball Field.

Jets' late come-from-behind win gives the team their 13th win of the season as they their chase for first-place. (Kevin Dahlgren/San Diego League).

Although his team's performance yield a victory, Jets' head coach Wayne Franklin believed his team "escaped defeat" today. "We lacked a little bit of aggressiveness up until that point and that was our game plan that inning. We just decided to jump on any close pitch we get to hit, let's try and get base runners on, let's keep the runners moving," said Coach Franklin. "We put the ball in play and good things happen."

Dylan Moran started for the Jets for the first time since June 15 and pitched four innings, as he allowed three runs on three hits and four walks.

Charlie Nies got his first start of the season for the Warriors but only lasted two innings and allowed a run on one hit, four walks but struck out four.

Ethan Workinger went 1-for-2 for the Warriors and accounted for the first three runs for his team. Workinger tied the game in the first with a sac-fly (sacrifice fly) and gave the Warriors a 3-1 lead on his two-run double in the third. This is Workinger's 11th straight game where he has reached base safely and in that span, he has racked up 10 hits and 13 runs batted in.

The Jets got a run back on Garrett Brown's sac-fly in the fourth and they were looking for more off Trent Gutowski, who relieved Nies in the third.

After retiring the first two batters, Gutowski walked the next two and was quickly relieved by Sammy Sanchez. Sanchez issued the third straight walk of the inning but struck out Brendan Gerbert for the final out as he escaped a bases-loaded jam.

After getting one run back, the Warriors found themselves in another bases-loaded jam, in back-to-back innings, this time with Taiyo Konishi on the mound. Konishi managed to pitch his way out of the jam after issuing three walks that inning.

With only three hits entering the eighth, the Jets knew they had to rally back. And they did just that.

Zach Reeder relieved Konishi and found himself in trouble, as he gave up an RBI single to Niko Diaz The Jets managed to

load the bases for the third time today, as Reeder looked to escape the jam. Third time was the charm for the Jets as Reeder walked Jonah Sebring and Nic Ayala to force in two runs which gave the Jets a 5-4 lead. An error gave the Jets two more runs for a 7-4 lead.

Scott Anderson, who relieved Moran in the fifth and allowed only one run five hits, one walk and struck out three in five innings. The lone run came in the fifth, as Anderson held the Warriors scoreless for the final four innings. "The fastballs were getting in there for strikes and the off-speed was working pretty well," said Anderson. "My main focus was trying to get the bat on the ball, hopefully for a pop-fly or a groundball for the most part and it worked out."

This is the game since July 5th, where the Jets decided not to go with an "opener" to start the game.

"We had the right mix of pitchers in there today, we had strike throwers today and guys who can throw multiple pitches for strikes" said Coach Franklin. "Right now, it's a feel for me and we'll see how it goes."

The Jets maintain their second-place spot as they improve to 13-11 while the Warriors drop to 9-15 and fourth place in the standings.

Both teams will take part in a Saturday tripleheader at the CSUSM Baseball Field, starting at 9:05 A.M with the Jets against the Hooks, while the Warriors will be in interleague action against the Solana Beach Redbirds at 3:05 P.M.

"Got to get there bright and early and got to ready for the game," said Anderson. "Other than that, we'll show up ready to play."