

Game Recap | July 6, 2019

Long Boarders Sweep Jets to Win Sixth Straight

Andrew Crane's pinch-hit two-run double took the lead

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SAN MARCOS – The Long Boarders continued their hot streak with the help of an eight-spot seventh inning. They rolled past the Jets in the series finale, winning 14-5, on Saturday, July 6th at the CSUSM Baseball Field.

It's all about consistent hitting according to Long Boarders' head coach, Dillan Smith. "Hitting's pretty contagious and it's one of those things, [where] one person finds the barrel and it wakes up the dugout," said Coach Smith. "Before you know it, everybody is hitting the ball around the field and putting pressure on [the Jets'] defense."



Long Boarders' Andrew Crane's lone hit today broke the 5-5 tie as part of the Long Boarders' eight-run seventh on route. (Kevin Dahlgren/San Diego League)

The three-game sweep of the Jets gave the Long Boarders their sixth straight win as they continue their offensive dominance in the San Diego League. The L.Bs are currently leading the SDL in batting average (.273), hits (194), RBIs (148) and runs scored (178).

It was a bit of a rocky start for Ryan Schroeder who got the win for his team after pitching five innings. But the Long Boarders' offense backed him up today with 14 runs and 11 hits.

"Giving up [five runs] in five innings, it's really tough," said Schroeder. "Having a team like the Long Boarders, there's no words to describe how awesome these guys are as hitters and how much these guys will stay in the games with us, as pitchers too."

Schroeder was opposed by the Jets' "opener", Ross Smith who retired the side for his lone inning of work.

Jonah Sebring came in next and last three innings and allowed four runs on two hits and four walks.

The Jets held a 5-2 lead in the fifth when Sebring gave up an RBI triple to Maimu Kobayashi who later scored on a wild pitch to cut the deficit to 5-4.

The Long Boarders continued to chip away the Jets' lead when Taylor Meaux stole third and scored on an error to tie the game, 5-5 in sixth. They would take the lead for good in the seventh when Andrew Crane came off the bench and delivered a pinch-hit two-run double to take a 7-5 lead. The Long Boarders added six more runs that inning to take a 13-5 lead capped off an eight-run seventh.

"Overall we haven't been playing Long Boarders baseball, but it was good to come through for the time and it always feels good to piece up a nice line drive," said Crane. "We're always resilient, we're always putting up fight whether we're playing defense or we're up [at the plate]."



Meaux capped off the Long Boarders' scoring with a solo home run in the eighth as the Long Boarders completed the sweep of the Jets with a scoreless ninth by Dylan Vaughn.

The Long Boarders' bullpen finished off the game as Michael King, Stephen Rausa and Vaughn combined for four shutout innings and allowed only two hits and two walks the rest of the way.

Coming into the series, the Long Boarders held a three-game lead over the Jets, but after sweeping their opponents, that lead is now doubled. The Long Boarders are now 16-5, while the Jets are 10-11.

Even though the Long Boarders boasts a six-game lead over the Jets, the players refuse to let it distract them. "We try not to pay attention to that," said Crane. "I think when you focus on the numbers and who's in the standings, you lose focus of what you're trying to do and that's just play baseball and have a good game."

Both teams will be back in action tomorrow at CSUSM Baseball Field, as the Jets battle the Warriors at 10:05 A.M, while the Long Boarders take on the Hooks at 1:35 P.M.

"Hooks are a good ballclub and they can hit," said Coach Dillan Smith about the upcoming series. "If we go up and challenge those hitters, play good defense which is going to be a big key and put pressure on them early, we can really take that game and it'll separate us again from everyone else in the league."