

Game Recap | June 21, 2019

Warriors Walk-off in Extras to Complete Comeback Against Long Boarders

After trailing 7-0, the Warriors come back in dramatic fashion to win 12-10 in the 10th off Workinger's 2-run blast

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SAN MARCOS – In the San Diego League's first-ever extra innings game, the Warriors walked-off against the Long Boarders, 12-10 thanks to Ethan Q. Workinger's 2-run home run in the 10th.

The starting pitching matchup was between the Long Boarders' Jeff Woolson and the Warriors' Scott Wood.

Woolson allowed eight runs (five earned) on 10 hits and two walks in five innings, while Wood gave up nine runs on nine hits and three walks.

The Long Boarders put up a five-spot with two outs in the first. Harrison Boudreaux hit a bloop single that scored Andrew Crane and Zak Thomas. Cameron Araiza had a two-run single to extended his team's lead to 4-0 and Trevor Johnson scored on a wild pitch to cap off the inning.

Johnson had a sacrifice fly in the third and Araiza had an RBI single to extend the Long Boarders' lead to 7-0.

Despite the large deficit early on, the Warriors responded back with seven runs in the third to tie the game. Nick Rhoades, John Bicos, Carlos Oquita each had an RBI in the inning, while Aaron Gooch and Jeremiah Farris both had two apiece.

After giving up the lead, the Long Boarders got it right back in the fourth behind Trevor Mattson's two-run shot to left for his second home run of the season.

The Warriors got a run back in their bottom half of the fourth behind Workinger's RBI single to cut the deficit 9-8.

The Long Boarders added another run in seventh behind Bailin Markridge's RBI triple to increase his team's lead to 10-8.

Dylan Vaughn came in relief for the Long Boarders in the eighth but loaded the bases with no outs. Vaughn only allowed one run to score, after Oquita picked up another RBI as the Warriors trailed 10-9. Vaugh came back out in the ninth, but the Warriors tied the game 10-10 after Gooch scored on Farris' RBI single.

The game would go into extra innings and Chase Martinez pitched a scoreless tenth for Warriors. Thomas would come into pitch for the Long Boarders as he gave up a leadoff single to Bicos. Oquita bunted Bicos over to second and Workinger was due up. Down 1-2 in the count, Workinger took the next pitch to deep left as the Warriors walked off against the Long Boarders, 12-10.

"[Thomas] threw me a slider the pitch before and I thought a fastball was coming next and I was on it, and [hitting the



Warriors celebrate after Ethan Workinger blasts a walk-off, two-run home run to come back and win against the Long Boarders. (Kevin Dahlgren/San Diego League)



home run] felt amazing,” said Worker.

For the Warriors head coach Chris Brown, what stood out the most to him was how resilient his team was. “I don’t count them out at any point of the game,” said Coach Brown. “They found ways to comeback and they found ways to put the ball in play and win.”

Despite the loss, the Long Boarders remain in first place with an 8-4 record. The Warriors remain in fourth with a 5-7 record, but they have won five of their last seven games. “We’ve been fighting really hard, practicing six days a week and to come out here out and put it all on the field, it’s a such a good feeling,” said Worker. “I’m excited for us and excited for the rest of the season and I think we got the power to win it all.”

This was also the Warriors’ first win against the Long Boarders this season. Entering today, the Warriors were 0-4 against the Long Boarders and today’s win against them was extra sweet for the Warriors squad.

“We’ve had the [Long Boarders] on the ropes a couple of times and we had two one-run losses to them, and our guys were definitely hungry to come out to win,” said Coach Brown.

The Long Boarders and Warriors will continue their series on Sat, June 22 at 1:35 P.M. at the CSUSM Baseball Field.