

Game Recap | June 22, 2019

Long Boarders Take Down Warriors With the Help of a Four-Run Seventh

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SAN MARCOS – Coming off a tough walk-off loss in extras against the Warriors, the Long Boarders looked to even the series on Sat, June 22 at the CSUSM Baseball Field in San Marcos. A pair of two-run RBI singles gave the Long Boarders the edge as they defeated the Warriors 8-6.

The starting pitching match was between the Long Boarders' Ryan Schroeder and the Warriors Taiyo Konishi.

Schroeder allowed three runs on six hits, three walks with four strikeouts in seven innings to earn his second win of the season. "[I was] just trying to pound the strike zone and try to get ahead in the count," said Schroeder. "The walks killed me and that's what got those runs from me today. Reducing the walks and getting more strikes [will be] my plan for my next outing."

Konishi allowed five runs on five hits, three walks and struck out five in six innings.

The Long Boarders took a 2-0 lead in the bottom of the first behind Drake Pierson's 2-run blast to left center. Andrew Crane extended his team's lead to 3-0 with an RBI single in the second.

The Warriors answered back with three runs of their own in the fourth to tie the game. Jemimah Farris got the Warriors on the board with an RBI single and Andreas Contreras tied it up with a two-run double.

With a 2-2 count and the bases loaded, Cameron Araiza broke the 3-3 tie in the bottom of the seventh after hitting a two-run single as the Long Boarders took a 5-3 lead. "Coming off the bench with the bases loaded, [I] had to get the guys over," said Araiza. "[My] approach was just to hit the ball hard, get it through a hole and let our guys scores and give us a chance to win the game."

For the Long Boarders head coach Dillan Smith, Araiza had one of the best at-bat of the season for his team. "[Araiza's] down 0-2 in the count right away and [he kept grinding at the next pitch and all the sudden he comes up with another big hit] and he's been lights out and clutch for us," said Coach Smith.

Ethan Paulson had a two-run single afterwards to extend the lead to 7-3 and Trevor Smith gave the Long Boarders another run in the eight on a sacrifice fly that scored Finke.

Dylan Vaughn came in to pitch the ninth, but the Warriors were able to cut the deficit to 8-6 with three runs that inning. Justin Cervantes scored then Peter Torres picked up a clutch triple that scored Kalani Nakamura. Torres later scored on a single by Nick Rhoades.

Hunter Lessard relieved Vaughn with one out and retired the next two batters via flyout and strikeout to lock up the Long Boarders' win and his first save of the season. "Hunter came in and pounded the zone and was lights outs," said Coach Smith. "It [was Hunter's] first time pitching in six years, but everything worked pretty [well] for us."

The Long Boarders and the Warriors will conclude with the series finale at 10:05 A.M on Sun, June 23, at the CSUSM Baseball Field.



Long Boarders' Philip Diana (left) slides past Warriors' Peter Torres (right) and scores the team's fifth run in the bottom of the seventh. (Kevin Dahlgren/San Diego League)