

Game Recap | July 2, 2019

Long Borders Kick Off July with Win Over Jets

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SAN MARCOS – The top two teams in The San Diego League battled it out on Tues July 2, at the CSUSM Baseball Field. Long Borders remain the top seed after defeating the Jets, 12-6.

Michael King got the start for the Long Borders, while Jonah Sebring took the mound for the Jets. It was a short outing for both pitchers, as King lasted 3 $\frac{1}{3}$ innings and allowed six runs on seven hits and four walks. Sebring only pitched three innings and gave up seven runs on five hits and eight walks and took the loss today.

The Long Borders jumped out to an early 3-0 lead in the first on Harrison Boudreaux's two-run single and Bailin Markridge's RBI walk with the bases loaded. Boudreaux is currently on a five-game hitting streak with an RBI in each of the games. In that span, Boudreaux has racked up total 12 RBIs.

According to the Long Borders' assistant coach, Jace Smith, Boudreaux plays a critical role in the lineup. "For him, it's coming to the park, putting in the work, asking questions and making those game-by-game and pitch-by-pitch adjustments," said Coach J. Smith. "He's done a great job and he's been a big lift to this ballclub right now."

The Jets answered back with four runs of their own in the bottom of the first to take a 4-3 lead. Ryan Cho begin the scoring with an RBI single and Robert Najar had a bases loaded walk to force in a run. Sam Dinerman gave his team the lead after smacking an RBI double to right field.

But the Jets' lead did not last long. Taylor Meaux walked with the bases loaded to tie the game and the Long Borders took a 5-4 lead on Boudreaux' sacrifice fly.

In the third inning, the Long Borders tacked on two more runs to take a 7-4 lead. Markridge stole third and scored on a throwing error and Taylor Meaux picked up an RBI single.

Cho gave the Jets another run in the third after he scored on a fielder's choice cut the deficit to 7-5. With the bases loaded in the fourth, Cho had an RBI walk to cut the lead to 7-6.

But that was the final time the Jets scored as the Long Borders' bullpen pitched the rest of the game and allowed no runs and no hits in 5 $\frac{2}{3}$ innings. "Our relief pitching saved us today and it was good to see that," said Coach J. Smith. "They were throwing strikes, competing in the zone [and] it's always good to get the [win]."

Christian LaPierre earned the win after he pitched 3 $\frac{2}{3}$ innings and allowed no runs, no hits and struck out four. LaPierre credits his team's offense today for providing the run support the bullpen needed. "When you have an offense like we do that hits the ball and consistently scores runs, it really makes it easier for the pitchers, like me to throw strikes," said



Long Borders' Christian LaPierre earns his first win today in his third outing with the team. LaPierre was one of three relief pitchers today who held the Jets scoreless and hitless for the final 5 $\frac{2}{3}$ innings. (Kevin Mijares/San Diego League)



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LaPierre. "It gives me confidence because I know my guys have my back."

The Long Boarders would score five more runs to defeat the Jets 12-6. This is the Long Boarders' fourth straight win with 10+ runs.

After today's game, the Long Boarders maintain their first-place spot with a 14-5 record, while the Jets remain in second with 10-9 record.

Both teams will resume their series on Fri, July 5 at 10:05 A.M at CSUSM Baseball Field.