

Game Recap | June 29, 2019

Warriors Ground Jets 8-7

Trent Gutowski escapes a bases-loaded jam in the ninth to secure the win for the Warriors.

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SAN MARCOS – After a 14-13 victory over the Redbirds on Friday afternoon, the Warriors resumed their series against the Jets and defeated their opponents, 8-7 on Sat, June 29 at the CSUSM Baseball Field in San Marcos.

Dylan Vail got the start for the Jets while the Warriors sent out Chase Martinez.

Vail lasted 2 $\frac{2}{3}$ innings and allowed five runs on three hits and four walks. Martinez allowed four runs on seven hits, seven walks and struck out five in five innings pitched.



The Warriors celebrate after knocking off the Jets, 8-7 in a dramatic ninth inning. (Kevin Dahlgren/San Diego League)

The Warriors racked up five runs in the third to take an early 5-0 lead. CJ Brown scored on a wild pitch, a sacrifice fly by Ethan Workerger scored Nick Rhoades and a bases clearing triple by Aaron Gooch brought home three more runs.

The Jets cut the deficit down to 5-2 behind Ross Smith's RBI ground-rule double and Zach Smits' RBI groundout in the bottom of the third.

Nolan Filipi's infield single gave the Jets another run as Zach Mata scored in the fourth to bring the lead to 5-3.

In the fifth inning, Jeremiah Farris extended the Warriors' lead, 6-3 with an RBI single.

Jets' Brett Spakeen walked with the bases loaded to force in a run and cut the deficit to 6-4 and the Jets later tied it in the sixth behind Smits' two-run single.

The Warriors retook the lead after Workerger scored on a Jets after Gooch reached on a fielder's choice in the seventh which gave the Warriors a 7-6 edge.

Yoda Mitsuhiro extended the Warriors' lead to 8-6 with an RBI double in the eighth but the Jets' Sam Dinerman answered back with an RBI groundout to cut the deficit to 8-7.

Trent Gutowski came into pitch for Warriors in the eighth and records three outs via flyout, groundout and flyout.

For the second straight day, the Warriors found themselves in a dramatic ninth inning affair. But this time, they were on the defensive end as the Jets threatened to walk it off after loading the bases with one out.

After falling behind to Jonah Sebring in the count 2-0, Gutowski induced a game-ending groundball double play, securing the save and win for his team.

For Gutowski, it was all about staying focus on the task at hand. "It's less about the situation and the guys on base and [I] try not to worry about that," said Gutowski. "[I] try to focus on every single pitch and try to do the best I can."

Despite picking up the win, the Warriors struggled to keep runners off bases, walking 12 batters in the game. According to their head coach Chris Brown, this was one of the things they plan on improving moving forward.

"Sometimes our pitch calling isn't as good as it needs to be, we're throwing incorrect pitches in incorrect counts and it's costing us," said Coach Brown. "We're going to start going after the hitters a little bit better and forcing them to put the ball in play and let our defense take over."

With the win, the Warriors improve to 7-10 as they remain in fourth place of the SDL, while the Jets remain in second place with a 9-8 record.

The Jets and Warriors will wrap up their series on Sun, June 30 at 10:05 A.M at the CSUSM Baseball Field.

"The Jets are a good [ballclub], they put the ball in play," said Coach Brown. "They got a couple of good arms left to throw, so it should be a good ballgame."