

Game Recap | June 14, 2019

## Long Borders Secure Second Win over Jets

The Long Borders send out four position players to pitch in today's 8-2 victory over the Jets

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**SAN MARCOS** – The Long Borders' head coach Dillan Smith had to turn to a few position players to fill the void of a tired pitching staff and each of them delivered tremendous performances. The Long Borders defeated the Jets 8-2 on Fri, June 14th at CSUSM Baseball Field in San Marcos.

The starting pitching matchup was between Long Borders' Bailin Markridge and Jets' Trevelle Hill. This was Hill's debut for the Jets and he allowed no runs, one walk and four hits in three innings pitched with three strikeouts.

Markridge made his pitching debut for the Long Borders and he allowed one run on two hits, four walks and picked up six strikeouts in  $3\frac{2}{3}$  innings. It was also the first time in two months that Markridge last pitched. "It felt good to get back on the mound," said Markridge. "I was just trying to get innings for my team and trying to fill a spot."



Long Borders' Bailin Markridge makes his debut on the mound against the Jets as he delivers the pitch. (Kevin Mijares/San Diego League)

Zak Thomas was the winning pitcher today and allowed one unearned run on no hits and three walks in  $1\frac{1}{3}$  innings.

Evan Rocha, Mcklane Elgin and Dylan Vaugh combined for the next four innings and held the Jets hitless and scoreless the rest of the way. "We're pretty low on arms right now and even if we're not throwing out guys who normally throw or guys who haven't throw in a long time, we still got to get out there and compete," said Coach Smith.

Long Borders' Cameron Araiza went 1-for-3 and picked up his first base-hit of the season. "I was off to a slow start but I'm figuring things out and I'm glad to get the monkey off my back," said Araiza.

Jets scored first behind Zach Smits' RBI single in the fourth. The Long Borders got two runs of their own next inning when Ryan Finke picked up an RBI groundout and Avisail Bermudez scored on a pass ball.

Smits picked up his second RBI of the day after he was hit by a pitch with the bases loaded but it would be the last time the Jets scored that day.

A four-run inning in the sixth put the Long Borders back on top and they added two more in seventh for good measure to win, 8-2 and secure their three-straight win. "[The] guys stayed focus and they're having great at-bats," said Coach Smith. "They were really locked in the entire game, came in ready to hit and we never took our foot off the gas."

Long Borders improve to 6-2 and remain in first place of the San Diego League. The series finale will be tomorrow at CSUSM Baseball Field at 10:05 A.M.