

Game Recap | July 5, 2019

Warriors Topple Hooks 15-10

Carlos Oquita goes 4-for-4 with 4 RBIs and scores 3 runs as he continues his on-base streak

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SAN MARCOS – After allowing 10 runs against the Hooks in their last matchup, the Warriors' pitching gave up the same total today. Only this time, they outscored the "Black and Blue" crew, 15-10 to win the second game of the three-game series on Fri, July 5, at CSUSM Baseball Field.

Carlos Oquita went 4-for-4 with four RBIs and three runs scored. After going 0-5 on Opening Day, Oquita has reached a base in 18 straight games. He is currently batting .319 (23-for-72) with an on-base percentage of .405. "I'm just glad I'm able to get on base," said Oquita. "It creates opportunities for the team to bring me in."

John Bicos came off the bench in the fifth and capped off the Warriors' five-run fifth with a pinch-hit three-run home run. "I was just trying to get my timing down off the bench and I ended up driving it out," said Bicos. "It's my first one of the summer so far. I've hit a couple of balls that didn't go out and I finally got one and it felt good to get that off my chest."

Chase Martinez pitched with a 5-1 lead going in fourth when the Hooks scored five unanswered runs. Jason Sroufe picked up a sacrifice fly and Graham Cartwright scored on an error in the fourth for the Hooks. Cartwright tied in the fifth with his two-run triple and came around to score as the Hooks took a 6-5 lead.

Martinez allowed six runs (four earned) in four-and-two-thirds innings pitched on six hits, three walks and three hit batters and struck out seven.

Warriors answered back in the fifth with a five-spot to take a 10-6 lead and chased the Hooks' starter, Octavio Sanchez out of the game. Sanchez allowed nine runs (eight earned) on eight hits, three walks and struck out five.

Despite regaining the lead, the Warriors were unable to hold off the Hooks as their continued to crawl their way back. Nathan Gelbrich's eighth-inning RBI single cut the lead down to 10-7.

The Warriors' defense allowed three runs to score after Chris Ritter's shallow pop fly to right center dropped for a base hit and tied the game, 10-10.

But the Warriors' bats continue to roll as they put up another five spot in the eight to take a 15-10 win and a scoreless ninth inning by Trent Gutowski sealed the victory against the Hooks.

After today's win the fourth-place Warriors improve to 8-12, while the third-place Hooks drop to 9-11. "Today we needed to come out and show them we're ready to play," said Bicos. "It doesn't matter who's in, we can all contribute and all of us have been contributing."

Both teams will be looking for the series win in the finale Saturday at CSUSM Baseball Field at 10:05 A.M.



Carlos Oquita picks up one of his four base-hits of the day as he improves his on-base streak of 18 straight games. (Kevin Mijares/San Diego League)