

## July 19, 2019 The San Diego League's 7th Inning Stretch

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**SAN MARCOS** – With the inaugural season of The San Diego League winding down, there have been plenty of highlights and notable moments this summer. Everything from walkoffs, defensive highlights and top-tier competition – and yet, there is still plenty of baseball left to play!

SDL Chief Operating Officer, Connor Little is impressed by performances of these young athletes. "I think for the San Diego League's first season, the competition between our four teams have been pretty solid," said Little.



Warriors celebrate Ethan Workinger's walk off HR on June 21st, 2019 (The San Diego League/Kevin Dahlgren Photo)

Baseball is an ever-changing game and with the integration of Blast Motion and Rapsodo technologies, the SDL is focused on providing detailed data and analytics for their players which will assists them in their development this summer.

"Our vision is to create a league that encompasses analytics, training and games to improve every player over the summer," said Little. "Partnering up with these two companies gives our players every advantage that's out there."

Player development does not only happen between the lines. SDL athletes have the opportunity to work out twice a week to develop in the weight room with the league's official training partner, 1RM Performance at Cal State San Marcos' athletics facilities. These workouts are led by Coleman Huntley whose true passion is working with the athletes and helping them achieve their goals.

"The workouts are an absolutely essential part of any ball players routine. If you are not properly training your performance on the field will drastically deteriorate and the chance of injury increases dramatically," said Huntley. "My favorite part about these workouts is the fact that we are making huge strides physically and mentally, all while having a good time. This is what training is really about."

Families and friends are not only people in attendance for our games. Coaches from local and out of state universities are also paying close attention to the SDL action. Even the San Diego Union Tribune's sports writer, Kirk Kenney has stopped by for a few games and even talked to the league's communications managers.

SDL teams are not just limited to in-league competition, they boast a 7-1 record in interleague play against the Solana Beach Redbirds from the Sunset Baseball League.

Long Boarders currently lead the league in several offensive categories; batting average (.279), home runs (9), runs batted in (187), runs scored (230), hits (256). They also have the lowest earn run average in the league at 4.09, while the Hooks' pitching staff has the most strikeouts this season with 214 Ks.

Warriors' Carlos Oquita is the SDL's current hits leader with 32. Four players on the Long Boarders are tied for the league lead in HRs; (Ethan Paulson, Drake Pierson, Taylor Meaux and Trevor Mattson each have two). Harrison Boudreaux is the







RBI leader with 25 runs batted in. Long Boarders' McKlane Elgin leads the league in batting with a .447 average (21-for-47).

Chase Martinez of the Warriors lead the league in both wins (5) and strikeouts (47), while the Sam Dinerman of the Jets is the current ERA leader, 3.33.

There is no hotter team in the SDL than the Long Boarders. After 27 games, the Long Boarders are rolling past their opponents with a league best, 21-6 record. The second-place Jets remain six games back with an 15-12 record, while the third-place Hooks are 11-16 and Warriors are fourth with a 10-17 record.

The season is approaching the end but there is still plenty of time for the standings to change, leaderboards to shift and many more memorable plays to still happen. Like the great baseball legend, Yogi Berra once said, "It ain't over, till it's over."