



Game Recap | July 19, 2019

Long Boarders' 9th inning magic continues with a victory over Warriors

The Long Boarders rallied for a 3-run ninth with RBIs from Ethan Paulson and Trevor Smith.

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SAN MARCOS – The Warriors and Long Boarders have matched up nine times entering today. Of those nine games, five of them have been decided by two runs or less. Today's game was no different. The Warriors held an 8-6 lead going into the ninth with Tristan King on the mound, but the Long Boarders had a rally in their bones.



15 slides past 15: Long Boarders Maimu Kobayashi (right) scored on Ethan Paulson's RBI single in the ninth and avoided the tag from Warriors' Aaron Gooch (left). (Kevin Dahlgren/San Diego League)

With two outs, Ethan Paulson drove in a run to cut the Warriors lead to 8-7 and Trevor Smith came up to the plate. Smith, who has been hitless since June 25, was end his slump and come up big for his team. On the first pitch he saw, Smith hammered the ball to centerfield to score two runs and gave his team a 9-8 lead. "It definitely feels really good to finally piece up a baseball," said Smith. "I knew we had a catcher pitching, so I was definitely more comfortable and I was ready to piece the ball up."

Despite coming up with the win, this was not Long Boarders' baseball according to head coach, Dillan Smith. "We had a lot miscues on defense and some of our at-bats late weren't that competitive," said Coach Smith. "But this team [has] something special. They're always rallying for each other, picking each other up and next thing you know they get that ninth inning magic again and they're coming out here to win the ballgame."

Trailing 4-1 in the fourth, Zach Reeder hit a two-run single, but the Long Boarders got two those runs back in the sixth on an error and a wild pitch to take a 6-3 lead.

The Warriors took advantage of a defensive miscue with the bases loaded after a dropped pop-fly scored three runs to tie the game at 6-6. Two more runs gave the Warriors an 8-6 lead going into the ninth but they were unable to stop the Long Boarders' rally.

After their three-run ninth, the Long Boarders sent out their closer Dylan Vaugh. With the game-winning run at the plate, Dylan Vaugh struck out Jeremiah Farris to secure the win and recorded his fifth save of the season. "I was trying to compete and just throw strikes," said Vaugh. "That's all my coaches wanted me to do is throw strikes and stay in the zone and I couldn't do it if Coach Dillan didn't put me in there in that situation."

The first-place Long Boarders improve to 22-6 while the Warriors remain in fourth-place with 10-18 record. This was the Long Boarders' fourth straight one-run game and they are 3-1 in that span. "It's fun being in those one-run games," said Coach Smith. "It's a little bit more stressful, but the pay-off is better in the end when you do walk away with that win."

Both teams will be in interleague action today at the CSUSM Baseball Field. The Long Boarders will take on the San Diego Reign from the Western Baseball Association at 9:05 A.M and the Warriors will face the Reign later at 12:05 P.M.