

Game Recap | June 28, 2019

Warriors Walk-off Against Redbirds to Win 14-13

After losing their 8-0 lead in the fifth, the Warriors rally back to win on a walk-off fashion.

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SAN MARCOS – In the second game of a tripleheader, the Warriors mounted a late-inning comeback to secure a 14- 13 victory against the Solana Beach Redbirds from the Sunset Baseball League on Fri, June 28 at the CSUSM Field Baseball.

This is the Warriors' third walk-off of the season and for head coach Chris Brown, it's a

demonstration of the team's resiliency. "At really no point in the game did I feel like we were completely out of it," said Coach Brown. "We got a bunch of guys who battle, and they put the ball in play and I know they're going to be in it all the way until the last out."

It was a short outing for both starting pitchers. Ben Aguilera retired all six batter he faced in two innings of work for the Warriors, while Redbird's starter Chase Martinez was chased during his second inning of work.

Kalani Nakamura started the scoring in the second inning for the Warriors with a two-run single and his team followed with six more runs to take an 8-0 lead.

Taiyo Konishi relieved Aguilera in the third and tossed two scoreless innings as the Warriors retired the first twelve batters of the game.

Everything changed in the fifth when Warriors bullpen struggled to find the strikezone, allowing 12 runs in the inning on seven walks, six hits, and two errors. The Redbirds added one more run in the sixth inning for a total on 13 unanswered runs.

Despite losing the lead and trailing 13- 8, the Warriors slowly chipped away and battled back. A sixth-inning sacrifice fly by Ethan "EQ" Worker and a wild pitch that scored Jeremiah Farris in the seventh cut the deficit to 13-10.

In the eighth inning, the Warriors added three more runs on an RBI double by Farris, a CJ Brown sac-fly, and an RBI double by John Bicos to tie the game up at 13-13.

The Warriors completed their comeback when Carlos Oquita scored on a bases-loaded fielders' choice by Jeremiah Farris.



Warriors shortstop Jeremiah Farris with one of many defensive plays to save the runs for his team. (Kevin Dahlgren/San Diego League).



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Martinez picked up his fourth win of the season, improving to 4-2 on the season after tossing a scoreless ninth inning to keep the game tied, while Austin Thomas, took the loss for the Redbirds after allowing five runners to reach in the final inning.

Farris went 1-for-4 with two walks, four runs scored and picked up two RBIs. "It was definitely frustrating after the [Redbirds] got all the runs in [the fifth]," said Farris. "[In the seventh] we

had a 1-2- 3 inning and it lit another fire under us and after that we kept putting up runs which led to the win.”

Coach Brown refers to Farris as “the foundation of [the Warriors’] defense.” “He comes up with the big plays when we need it and he’s a very important player for us, seeing how he’s our only shortstop.”

The Warriors will be back in action on Sat, June 29 as they continue their series against the Jets at 1:35 P.M at the CSUSM Baseball Field.

“We’re a really good team and we’re starting to come together,” said Farris. “We’re starting to string some things together and hopefully we can keep doing that tomorrow and [for] the rest of the weekend.”