

Game Recap | July 9, 2019

Jets' 4-run 4th Secures Victory Over Redbirds

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SAN MARCOS – A pair of two-run singles in the fourth gave the Jets the boost they needed to defeat the Solana Beach Redbirds, 6-4 in a seven-inning interleague game on Tues, July 9 at the CSUSM Baseball Field.

In three consecutive games, Jets decided to start with an “opener” and sent Ross Smith to the mound. Smith lasted two innings and allowed two hits, two walks and one run. That one run came off the bat off Jacob Granich who delivered an RBI single in the second for the Redbirds.



Elias Ledesma's two-run single was the difference in the Jet's 6-4 victory over the Solana Beach Redbirds. (Kevin Dahlgren/San Diego League)

Despite allowing one run, Smith did what his team needed him to do, according to Jets' assistant coach, Matt Bergandi. “He gets up there at his own tempo and fills [up the strike zone],” said Coach Bergandi. “He does exactly what we want from a starter to get us through the first inning so we can start rolling.”

Dylan Vail relieved Smith in the third and was immediately hit for three runs by the Redbirds. After loading the bases, Braden LaVoie had a bases-clearing double to extend the Redbirds' lead to 4-0.

The Jets managed to get two runs in the third without a hit. Kyler Crone scored on a passed ball and Niko Diaz came home on a fielder's choice as the Jets cut the deficit in half, 4-2.

Reid Gohlke held the Jets hitless through the first three-and-one-third innings, but all that changed in the fourth. Diaz got the Jets' first hit on a two-run RBI single that tied the game in the fourth.

Elias Ledesma had a two-run RBI single of his own that gave his team a 6-4 advantage. “It felt good to get those go-ahead runs and do it for your team,” said Ledesma. “We had a lot of opportunities to get ahead, but we had to make some adjustments with our approach at the plate and I think we did, and those runs were the results of that.”

After Vail's rocky third inning, he settled down and retired the next seven batters in order. Scott Anderson relieved Vail in the sixth and pitched two scoreless innings and held the Redbirds to one hit.

“I think both [Vail and Anderson] did pretty well. All it is, is who can go in fill up the zone and who can miss the barrel, who can be aggressive and who can get the outs,” said Coach Bergandi. “And that's what our pitching staff loves to do.”

With the win, the Jets maintain their second-place spot in the SDL with a 12-11 record and remain six games back of the first-place Long Boarders. They will be back in action on Friday, July 12 against the Warriors at 1:35 P.M at the CSUSM Baseball Field.

“We're confident playing anybody,” said Ledesma. “Everyday, it's a little different with a lot of young guys [on our team] and I think it's just a matter of [staying focus] every game.”