



BASEBALL: FEB 1 & 2, 2008

SAN DIEGO WEEKEND BRING 1 WIN & 2 LOSSES IN CLOSE GAMES

Friday, Feb.1 At #9 Southwestern College

LATE RALLY FALLS SHORT Southwestern 9 WLA 8

The West Los Angeles College baseball team opened their San Diego trip by playing against the 9th ranked team in Southern California, Southwestern College. Southwestern jumped out to an eight – zero lead after five innings but in the top of the sixth inning West LA finally got their offense going. Dylan Cohen (Palisades HS) got the inning going by hitting a booming triple to center field which was followed by a line drive RBI single, up the middle, by catcher Mark Sunga (Sherman Oaks Notre Dame). Sunga then stole second base and moved to third on a fly out. Sunga then scored on sacrifice fly by freshman first baseman, Brandon Williams (Westchester HS). Southwestern scored in the bottom of the sixth to make the score 9-2 after six.

In the seventh, West LA put another run on the board with a two out walk to Milan DePillars (Santa Monica HS) which was then followed by an RBI double by Cohen. In the eighth inning, West LA came storming back to make a game of it. They scored five runs on four hits in the eighth. Following a lead-off walk, Edgar Fileto (Hamilton HS) lined a single into left, and then pinch hitter Brett Halstead (Redondo HS) doubled inside the third base line, picking up an RBI. After freshman DH Dago Perez (Hawthorne HS) was hit by a pitch, the pitcher balked and then Josh Fernandez (Westchester HS) drove in two runs with a single to center field. That made the score 9-7 Southwestern but West LA wasn't finished. Centerfielder, Milan DePillars followed Fernandez with a line drive single to center. Fernandez would score from third when DePillars was picked off first and stayed in a rundown. At the end of eight innings the score was 9-8 Southwestern and that was the way the game ended.

West LA----- 000 002 150-8
(#9)Southwestern-- 210 231 00x-9

Plotkin, White (5), Walsh(8), Kondo (8) and Sunga, Olmos(6) Gonzalez (8) Dryjanski, Gallente (7), Soto (8), Bringas (9)

Win---Dryjanski (1-0)
Loss—Plotkin (1-1)

Saturday Feb. 2 at San Diego City

VIBIANO, COHEN, CAMPOS & CHRISTENSEN LEAD WEST LA to 7- 6 WIN WEST LA 7 San Diego City 6

In the 10 AM contest, played at Morley Field in Balboa Park, the West LA College nine again started slow and finished strong. Trailing 6-2 after four innings, West LA staged another late innings comeback. In the fifth, West LA scored on Dylan Cohen's long solo home run to left field.

In the seventh inning, West LA exploded for four runs to take the lead. The highlights of the inning were great at bats by two freshmen, Jose Gonzalez (University HS) who battled the pitcher for a walk after being down in the count 0-2 and by Jose Campos (Santa Monica HS) who had a clutch, two out go-ahead RBI single to right field. After seven innings West LA led 7-6, that's when West LA went to their closer Kesley Kondo (Sao Paulo, Brazil). Kondo threw two scoreless innings to pick up his second save of the season.

West LA was given the opportunity to comeback through the fine relief pitching of Todd Christensen (Redondo HS). Christensen worked three scoreless innings giving up 0 hits in the process. "He was outstanding" said fellow West LA pitcher Andrew Plotkin.

David Vibiano (New Roads HS) was the hitting star for West LA going 3-5 stealing two bases and scoring 2 runs.

The win evened West LA's record for the year at 2-2.

West LA---101 010 400-7
SD City --- 300 300 000-6

Halstead, Christensen (5), Kondo (8) and Coons, Gonzalez (6), Sunga (8) Whitmore, Mesa(6), Kuhaulau (7) and Stith

Win—Christensen (1-0)
Loss--Mesa (0-1)

Home Runs—WLA-Cohen (1)

Saturday Feb. 2 at Grossmont College
WEST LA RALLIES LATE, THEN FALLS 9-8
GROSSMONT 9 WEST LA 8

Playing for the second time on Saturday, the West LA Baseball team trailed 5-0 after four innings and then rallied through the late innings to take an 8-6 lead into the bottom of the eighth inning, only to lose 9-8 to a very good Grossmont College team.

Trailing 5-0, West LA started their comeback in the top of the fifth inning on the strength of a Ricky Gutierrez (University HS) two run, home run blast. Gutierrez's homer traveled an estimated 420 feet. It was his first home run of the year. In the seventh inning, West LA scored two more runs when Gutierrez delivered again, this time with a two run double off the top of the left-centerfield fence. This made the score 5-4 Grossmont. Grossmont scored once in the bottom of the seventh to make the score 6-4.

West LA wasn't done yet. In the eighth inning, West LA battled back once again scoring four times to take an 8-6 lead. Dylan Cohen (Palisades HS) and Mark Sunga (Sherman Oaks Notre Dame HS) each had RBI singles in the inning and West also scored on a wild pitch and an error. In the bottom of the eighth, Grossmont came right back and scored three times to take the lead 9-8. And that's the way the game ended, 9-8 Grossmont.

Stuart Boardman(Santa Monica HS) pitched an outstanding three innings of relief for West LA. In his three innings, Stuart gave up 0 runs and only 1 hit. His performance allowed West LA to get back into the ballgame.

Ricky Gutierrez was the hitting star for West LA going 2-4 with a double and a home run with 4 RBI's.

West LA-----000 020 240-8
Grossmont--122 000 13x-9

Coons, Boardman (4), Gallardo (7), Fileto (8), Kondo (8) and Sunga
Longpre, Richardson (7), Jones (7), Gay (8), Stevens (9) and Moore

Win—Gay (1-0)
Loss-Fileto (0-1)

Home Runs- WLA- Gutierrez (1)

West LA will play its first home game of the year on Wednesday, Feb.6 at 2 PM against Cerro Coso College.