



BASEBALL: February 14, 2008

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The West Los Angeles College Baseball team traveled to Porterville on Thursday and came back with a 12-8 victory. The offense led the way, banging out 14 hits and scoring 12 runs.

West LA got started in the top of the 1st inning with a walk to Milan DePillars (Santa Monica HS) followed by a single from David Vibiano (New Roads HS). Two hitters later Mark Sunga (Sherman Oaks Notre Dame HS) drove in DePillars with a single into left field for his first of three RBI's on the day.

West LA scored two runs in the second inning on a lead off single by Kyle Skinner (Sammamish HS WA) which was followed by Josh Fernandez (Westchester HS) getting hit by a pitch. Skinner would score on a sacrifice fly by Vibiano and Fernandez would score on a bases loaded walk to Brett Halstead (Redondo HS).

In the third inning, West LA scored two more runs. The inning started with a Todd Christensen (Redondo HS) single, Kyle Skinner was then hit by a pitch. Josh Fernandez followed Skinner with a sacrifice bunt moving the runners to second and third. Christensen then scored on a wild pitch. Milan DePillars then had an RBI single to left field, driving in Skinner. After three innings West LA led 5-1.

In the fourth inning, West LA would add another run on Brett Halstead's second RBI of the game, a fly ball driving in Dylan Cohen (Palisades HS). Cohen had reached base with a lead-off single.

Mario Gallardo (Westchester HS) pitched an outstanding first four innings before tiring in the fifth. Porterville would score five runs in the bottom of the fifth to tie the game 6-6.

In the top of the sixth, West LA would come right back and score three more runs. David Vibiano led off with a walk, Dylan Cohen followed with a walk. Mark Sunga then drove Vibiano in with a single. Two hitters later, Dago Perez (Hawthorne HS) singled to drive in Cohen. Todd Christensen followed Perez with another single to drive in Sunga and West LA led 9-6.

In the seventh inning West would score again, this time Vibiano got things started with a single and a stolen base. Mark Sunga would then collect his third RBI of the day with a single driving in Vibiano. West LA led 10-6.

Porterville scored twice in the bottom of the seventh to make the score 10-8. West LA would conclude the scoring in the top of the ninth by scoring twice more. This time Milan DePillars led off with a double and then scored on a Dylan Cohen double. Cohen would score on a single by Brett Halstead which gave Halstead three RBI's for the day.

Stuart Boardman (Santa Monica HS) pitched 3 1/3 innings of fine relief to pick up the win. Kesley Kondo (Sao Paulo, Brazil) pitched the ninth inning to record his third save of the year.

West LA improved to 3-4 on the year.

West LA will play Saddleback College in a doubleheader on Saturday at West LA at 11 AM.

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Porterville 100 050 200-8

Gallardo, Boardman (5), Kondo (9) and Sunga
Butts, Horning (5), Barker (6), Hardin (9) and Durand

WP- Boardman
LP-Horning
Save- Kondo (3)

HR--Bakula (P) 2

February 16, 2008 Saddleback at West LA

West LA splits doubleheader with #7 Saddleback WLA 5-1 #7 Saddleback 4-12

The West Los Angeles College baseball team played their second doubleheader of the year against the #7 ranked Saddleback Gauchos and came away with a split. West LA won the first game 5-4 and lost the second game 12-1.

In the first game, Saddleback took a 2-0 lead in the fourth inning and then scored two more runs in the sixth on a Chad Richardson home run. So at the end of six Saddleback led 4-0.

In the bottom of the seventh West LA would come back. Kyle Skinner (Sammamish HS WA.) would get the offense started with a walk. With one out, pinch hitter David Vibiano (New Roads HS) would single, Milan DePillars (Santa Monica HS) then followed with a walk. Pinch hitter Brett Halstead (Redondo HS) then hit a line drive single up the middle to drive in two runs. Dylan Cohen (Palisades HS) then singled to drive in DePillars with the third run of the inning. With two out, Ricky Gutierrez (University HS) singled to drive in pinch runner Josh Fernandez (Westchester HS) with the tying run. At the end of seven innings it was a 4-4 tie.

In the bottom of the ninth, West LA would get the inning started with Milan DePillars fourth hit of the game, a single. Albert Diaz (El Segundo HS) then laid down an excellent two-strike sacrifice bunt to move DePillars to second base. Dylan Cohen was then intentionally walked. Mark Sunga followed with a line drive single to center that was hit so hard DePillars had to stop at third. West LA had the bases loaded with one out when Ricky Gutierrez stepped to the plate. With a 1-1 count Gutierrez hit a single into left field to win the ballgame for West LA 5-4.

Milan DePillars had an outstanding game at the plate for West, going 4-4 with two doubles and two singles. Ricky Gutierrez also was outstanding going 3-4 with a triple and two RBI.

Alex Coons (Culver City HS) pitched an excellent 7 1/3 innings before giving way to Kesley Kondo (Sao Paulo, Brazil) who picked up his first win of the season to go along with his three saves.

West LA evened its record at 4-4 for the season with the win.

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West LA 000 000 401-5

Condon, Brayley (6), Kemp (7) Jacobson (8) and Burnett
Coons, Kondo (8) and Sunga

WP Kondo (1-0)

LP Jacobson

HR-Richardson (S)

In the second game Saddleback beat West 12-1 as Mike Cole led the Gauchos with a fine 4-4 day, including a home run and two doubles. Robert Ross pitched an excellent game going 7 1/3 innings giving up one run on eight hits.

For West LA Kyle Skinner (Sammamish HS WA.) had two hits and Dago Perez (Hawthorne HS) had two hits. West LA scored its lone run in the fifth inning on back to back doubles by former pro-skier Robin Sarchett (Sun Valley ID) and Shotaro Yamada (New Roads HS).

West LA will next play at Glendale College, Thursday night February 21, at 6 PM in the Western State Conference opener for both teams.

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Ross, Johnston (8) and D'Alessio
White, Christensen (4), Venegas (8), Tucker (9)

WP- Ross
LP-White

HR-Cole (S)
D'Alessio (S)