

## CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE STATE BASEBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Game 1 -- Sierra 6, Southwestern 3

FRESNO – The Sierra College Wolverines opened the 2008 California Community College State Baseball Championships on a victorious note by posting a 6-3 win over the Southwestern College Jaguars on Saturday at Fresno City College's John Eules Ballpark.

With the win, the Wolverines (37-14) will play the winner of tonight's game between Riverside and West Valley on Sunday at 2 p.m. The Jaguars (37-13) will play the loser of the Tigers-Vikings contest on Sunday at 10 a.m.

In the eighth, with the game tied at 3, the Wolverines regained the lead on RBI singles by Ryan Stevens and Brian Wright, giving Sierra a 5-3 advantage. After a walk, Ryan Knox came through with an RBI infield single to give the Wolverines a 6-3 advantage.

Wolverine reliever Brian Garber pitched the final two innings to earn the save for starter Cameron Ray, who improved to 11-3 with his seven-inning performance. He allowed three runs on eight hits, walking two and striking out two.

After missing out on a scoring opportunity in the top of the first inning, the Wolverines used some two-out offense to score the game's first run in the second. Jesse Olson was hit by a Jorge Dryjanski offering, then stole second and scored on a bloop single to right off the bat of Keith Jennette, giving Sierra a 1-0 lead.

Sierra made it 2-0 in the top of the third when Logan Lotti led off the frame with his 15<sup>th</sup> home run of the season. Ryan Stevens followed with a hit-by-pitch, went to second on a Wright sacrifice bunt, advanced to third on a balk and scored on a throwing error by third baseman Adrian Bringas to give Sierra a 3-0 advantage.

It was a short day for Dryjanski, who allowed three runs (two earned) on four hits, with three walks and five strikeouts.

Sierra sophomore righty Cameron Ray made the most of his early lead, shutting down the Jaguars. Ray fought out of a two-on, nobody-out jam by coaxing a double-play grounder to second off the bat of Edgar Molina and an inning-ending grounder to second by Kenny Miramontes to end the threat.

Southwestern finally broke through in the bottom of the fifth when freshman slugger Ryan Fariss slammed his ninth home run of the season deep over the left field fence to cut the deficit to 3-1.

In the bottom of the sixth, the Jags drew even when Omar Manzanarez walked, went to third on a single by Bringas and scored on a double-play grounder by Edgar Molina.

Miramontes followed with a single and he came all the way around to tie the game on an RBI double by Fariss.

Lotti finished the afternoon 3-for-4 with a home run, two runs scored and an RBI, while Stevens reached base three times with a single, two runs and an RBI for the Wolverines.

For the Jaguars, Fariss went 2-for-4 with a home run, double, on run and two RBI, while Bringas and Comford each went 2-for-4.

Box score posted under “State Tournament Statistics” (Yellow type on menu at left)