

## **Conejo Oaks Split Week, Going .500 in Six Games**

**Thousand Oaks, CA-** The Oaks kicked off their week with two games against their CCL foe, the Santa Barbara Foresters. The highly-touted rivalry kicked off on July 4<sup>th</sup> in Santa Barbara. Conejo came into Pershing Park riding a two-game slide but had beaten Santa Barbara 6-4 the last time the two teams met. The Oaks led 2-1 heading into the top of the 8<sup>th</sup> inning when **Grant Mayeaux (San Diego State)** led off getting hit by a pitch and then stealing second base. Following an error that advanced him to third, Mayeaux would ultimately come around to score on a sacrifice RBI bunt from **Jassen Oliver (Cal State Bakersfield)**, giving the Oaks a 3-1 lead, a score that was the eventual result of the game.

Game two was an entirely different story. Elated after their 4<sup>th</sup> of July win, the Oaks came back home to “Sparky” Anderson Field only to get trounced by the Foresters 11-1. Managing to only muster five hits, the Oaks’ only run came in the bottom of the 9<sup>th</sup> when the game had already ultimately been decided.

Looking to rebound from their sluggish performance, the Oaks headed to La Mirada on Thursday to face the SoCal Catch. Tied 4-4 in the bottom of the ninth, **Omar Ortiz (University of the Pacific)** hit a walk-off-home run on **Robby Medel (Arizona)** to edge out the Oaks 5-4.

After a crushing loss, the Oaks returned home to play an interleague game against the Ventura County Pirates on Friday night. The lead seesawed throughout the first seven innings and was tied 7-7 heading into the bottom of the 11<sup>th</sup>. This would be the longest game the Oaks have played the entire season. **D.J. Miller (Ole Miss)** led off with a standup double, followed by **Jacob Castro (UC Irvine)** delivering the game-winning RBI that gave the Oaks the 8-7 win.

On a scorching hot Saturday (103 degrees) the Oaks traveled to Jackie Robinson Field in Pasadena to battle the Arroyo Seco Saints for the second time this season. The Oaks took the first game 7-1 back on June 20<sup>th</sup>. With the Saints leading 7-6 in the top of the 9<sup>th</sup>, the Oaks had one more opportunity to tie it. **D.J. Miller** led off drawing a walk, following a groundout and fly-out, putting two outs on the board, **Jacob Castro (UC Irvine)** looked to be the hero once again. With a 1-1 count, Castro roped one into shallow center field, Miller was looking to score the entire way. Miller rounded third but the throw from the outfield reached the catcher in time and Miller was tagged out sliding into home-plate. A controversial ending to say-the-least.

The Oaks capped off their six-game week annihilating the Ventura Halos 17-1 at “Sparky” Anderson Field. This was the fifth time these two teams played this season with the six and final time coming on July 16<sup>th</sup>. After a dearth of offensive production, the last few games, the Oaks erupted for 12 runs in the first two innings, 10 of which came in the second alone. Totaling 23 hits, by far their best output of the season. The onslaught began with back-to-back home runs from **Brandon Lewis (Pierce College)** and **Grant Mayeaux (San Diego State)**, that extended the Oaks lead to six, from which they never looked back.

**Player of the Week: Max Weinstein** (Cal Lutheran) is awarded the Oaks Player of the Week. In five games, Weinstein batted .500 with 3 RBI, 1 walk, and 2 stolen bases.

**Next Week:** The Oaks play the Long Beach Legends on Tuesday. The CCL All Star Game will be taking place on Wednesday and then the Oaks will face the Legends again Thursday, Orange County Surf Friday, Team Victory Saturday, and the at Ventura Halos Sunday. All games will be streamed on Oaksbaseball.org and to Youtube.com.

**Accolades:** Max Weinstein (Cal Lutheran), DJ Miller (Ole Miss), Juan Gonzales (Oklahoma Baptist), Evan McMillan (UC Irvine), and Robby Medel (Arizona) were all selected to the CCL All Star Team. Head Coach **David Soliz** was elected to manage the CCL South All Stars.

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