**Oaks’ Offense Shines in Opener**

**Thousand Oaks, California-** The Conejo Oaks came into their opening game against the Coastal Cubs with some uncertainty about how the team would look. With 12 of 36 players missing, Head Coach David Soliz was tasked with creating an effective offensive lineup and pitching rotation.

Coach Soliz’s squad exploded for 12 runs on 14 hits while only sufficing two runs on four hits. Just days after leading California Lutheran University to a Division Three national championship, senior **Max Weinstein** erupted for 2 hits, including a three-run homer in the third inning. He also totaled five RBIs.

Incoming UC Irvine freshman **Jacob Castro** was also feeling it in the batter’s box, tallying two hits, an RBI, a run scored, and a walk in five plate appearances. Castro looks to be a key contributor for the Oaks before heading to Irvine in the fall.

Coach Soliz is limiting his pitchers to two innings each through the first few games of the season; therefore, the Oaks threw five pitchers who combined for eight strikeouts, four walks and only two earned runs. Starting pitcher **Theron Kay** (CSUN) received the win after throwing two scoreless innings, sufficing two hits, walking one and striking out one.

The Oaks will be back at Sparky Anderson Field for game two against the Cubs on Saturday at 12 P.M. Watch live on Youtube and KADYTV.net.

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