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*Nolan Gallagher pitches complete-game four-hit shutout, while Stanford's offense has 13 singles

Stanford Rebounds With 10-0 Victory At Sacramento State

Stanford, Calif. – Nolan Gallagher pitched the first complete game shutout of his career with a four-hitter to lift Stanford (12-9) to a 10-0 victory over Sacramento State (9-16) at Hornet Field on Sunday. The victory helped Stanford earn a split of a two-game home-and-home non-conference series between the clubs after the Hornets had shut the Cardinal out at Sunken Diamond on Saturday, 6-0. Gallagher, who struck out seven and did not walk a batter, also tossed the first complete game by a Stanford pitcher this season. Adam Gaylord (3-4, Adam Sorgi (2-5, 3 RBI), Grant Escue (2-5, 2 RBI), Sean Ratliff (2-4, RBI, SB) and Michael Taylor (2-4, RBI) all had multiple-hit games for a Stanford offense that totaled 13 hits, all of which were singles.

"I just tried to simplify everything and go back to the basics," said Gallagher, who improved to 2-2 after winning just once in his first six starts prior to Sunday's victory. "I wanted to get something going before Pac-10 play, and it was good to get this outing in. I was able to throw strikes and get ahead, and I had good command of my fastball today."

"Nolan Gallagher pitched very well today," said Stanford head coach Mark Marquess, who coached his 1900th career game at Stanford one day after his 60th birthday. "He was sharp in all facets of his outing."

Gallagher preserved his shutout in the ninth inning after pinch-hitter Jeff Hannah started the frame with a leadoff triple by retiring three more consecutive pinch-hitters to leave Hannah stranded at third base. He allowed only one other runner to reach as far as second base when Cummins led off the fourth with a single and moved to second base on a wild pitch before retiring 14 in a row.

Stanford scored three runs in the fourth to break open a scoreless tie before adding six more in the fifth on the strength of seven consecutive singles to take a commanding 9-0 lead after four and a half innings and one final run in the eighth.

Ratliff drew a leadoff walk to start Stanford's three-run fourth before stealing second and moving to third when Sacramento State catcher Travis Kirkman threw the ball into center field trying to catch Ratliff stealing at second. Ratliff then scored when Hornet second baseman Patrick Cummins tried to throw him out at the plate after fielding Sorgi's grounder but bounced his throw to Kirkman. Sorgi was credited with an RBI fielder's choice on the play. Escue accounted for the final two runs of the inning with a two-run single after a Taylor single and a sacrifice bunt from August put runners on second and third.

Stanford's six-run fifth started with seven consecutive singles. Ryan Seawell, Gaylord and Ratliff loaded the bases with three straight singles to end a short outing for losing pitcher Trevor York (1-4), who allowed six runs on five hits and a walk with two strikeouts over 4.0 innings. Sorgi brought in the first two Cardinal runs of the frame when he greeted reliever Mel Cuckovich (0.0 IP, 1 H, 1 R, 1 ER) with a single through the right side of the infield. Taylor followed with an RBI single off the second Hornet reliever of the inning Billy Sinacori (0.0 IP, 3 H, 2 R, 1 ER) that plated Ratliff. Joey August then singled through the right side of the infield to bring in Sorgi and Taylor came around to score on the play on a throwing error by Montana Dye when the Hornet rightfielder bounced his throw by David Flores in an attempt to retire Taylor at third base. Escue singled to end Sinacori's outing and Brent Milleville brought in August with the final run of the frame two batters later on a sacrifice fly.

Stanford scored the final run of the game in the eighth inning when Cord Phelps walked, moved to second on a Gaylord single and scored when Ratliff singled through the right side.

"It's nice to rebound and play as well as we did today after yesterday's loss," commented Marquess.

"Yesterday's loss was tough and very disappointing," added Gallagher. "But today's performance shows the personality of this team. Hopefully, this will get us rolling into Tuesday's game at San Jose State and the Pac-10 season. It was important for us to come back from yesterday's loss with this win. We want to have some momentum and confidence going into next week."

Stanford will next be on the road for a non-conference game at San Jose State on Tuesday, March 27 (6 pm, PT), before returning home to open Pac-10 play with a three-game series against UCLA next Friday-Sunday, March 30 – April 1 (6 pm, 1 pm, 1 pm, PT). Tickets for the UCLA series at Sunken Diamond and all regular season Stanford Baseball home games are available online at gostanford.com or by calling 1-800-STANFORD. On game days, tickets may be purchased at the Sunken Diamond Ticket Office window beginning one hour before first pitch. For group ticket information (groups of 10 or more), call 650-725-2876.

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- Nolan Gallagher threw his first career shutout and his second career complete game, as well as Stanford's first complete game and shutout of the season
- Nolan Gallagher retired 14 in a row between a Patrick Cummins single to lead off the fourth and a two-out single by David Flores in the eighth
- Nolan Gallagher struck out a career-high-tying and season-high seven batters
- Nolan Gallagher allowed only two Sacramento State runners into scoring position
- Michael Taylor (RF) and Sean Ratliff (CF) have now both started all 21 games this season
- Michael Taylor extended his string of consecutive games started to 137 dating back to the 2005 season
- Stanford snapped a 12-inning scoreless streak with its three-run fourth frame
- Stanford's six-run fifth inning equaled its biggest scoring inning of the season as the Cardinal scored six runs in a frame for the fourth time
- Joey August extended his career-high hit streak to seven games
- Brent Milleville had his career-high five-game hit streak snapped
- Adam Sorgi tied a season-high with three RBI and extended his season-high hit streak to four games
- Grant Escue had a season-high two hits and a career-high and season-high-tying two RBI
- Adam Gaylord had a career-high three hits
- Mark Marquess coached his 1900th career game at Stanford
- Stanford improved to 10-2 this season versus unranked clubs
- Stanford improved to 6-1 on Sundays this season by winning on Sunday and in the final game of a series for the sixth straight time
- Stanford's 10-run margin of victory was its largest of the season
- All 13 Stanford hits were singles
- Stanford won for just the second time on the road this season to improve to 2-6 away from Sunken Diamond
- Stanford recorded its fourth straight errorless game after having not recorded one in the first 17 contests of the season
- Stanford has now won four of its last five games against Sacramento State and three straight against the Hornets in Sacramento