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STANFORD DROPS 7-6 GAME AT CALIFORNIA IN PAC-10 OPENER
Cardinal rally from 5-0 deficit falls just short in Berkeley

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E
Stanford (3-8, 0-1)	0	0	0	4	0	0	1	0	1	6	9	0
California (11-7, 1-0)	0	3	2	1	0	1	0	0	x	7	9	1

WIN - Bugary (2-0). **LOSS** - Inman (0-3). **SAVE** - Smith (1).

Stanford: Inman, Pracher (4), Fearnow (7), Hancock (8) and Clowe. **California:** Flemer, Wolford (5), Bugary (7), Smith (9) and Tonneson.

E - Guinn(9). **DP** - CAL 2. **LOB** - Stanford 8; CAL 7. **2B** - August(6); Kiilsgaard(2); Gerhart(2); Schlander(1);

Brady 2(8). **HR** - Kaskow(2); Jackson(4); Tonneson(4). **HBP** - Walsh; Oh; Tonneson. **SH** - Jones(1); Guinn(5). **SF** - Brady(2). **SB** - Guinn(4); Oh(2); Kobernus(3). **WP** - Inman 2(3); Flemer(1). **HBP** - by Inman (Tonneson); by Wolford (Walsh); by Fearnow (Oh).

TIME: 2:51 **ATTN:** 656

BERKELEY, Calif. – In its first game following a 12-day layoff for winter quarter finals, Stanford (3-8, 0-1 Pac-10) fell behind 5-0 after three innings and could not fully recover in a 7-6 loss to California (11-7, 1-0) this afternoon at Evans Diamond in the Pacific-10 Conference opener for both clubs.

After threatening in the first inning, the host Golden Bears jumped on Stanford starter **Jeffrey Inman** (0-3) for three runs in the second and two more in the third. California loaded the bases with nobody out in the second on an infield single, a hit batsmen and a walk, then plated its runs on a sacrifice fly from Michael Brady, a wild pitch and a two-out single by Brian Guinn. With two outs and nobody on in the third, Jeff Kobernus drew a walk and Bears catcher Dylan Tonneson followed with a two-run home run to left field.

Trailing 5-0, Stanford's offense came to life in the top of the fourth off California starter Matt Flemer, scoring four runs on five hits – including four extra-base hits. **Joey August**, who reached base safely four times by going 2-for-3 with a pair of walks, doubled to lead off the frame and scored one out later on an RBI-double by **Kellen Kiilsgaard**. **Jonathan Kaskow** then got the Cardinal back in the game with a mammoth, two-run homer to right field that sliced the Cal lead to 5-3. **Ben Clowe** re-started the Stanford rally with a two-out single, and raced around to score on an opposite field, RBI-double off the bat of **Toby Gerhart**.

California added another run off Inman in the fourth. Brett Jackson homered with one out in the sixth to provide the only blemish in the 3.0 innings by Stanford reliever **Alex Pracher** on the day, and the only run the sophomore right-hander has allowed in 6.2 frames this season.

Finding itself in a 7-4 hole entering the seventh, the Cardinal began to claw back once more, and Kaskow was once again at the forefront. After homering from the left side, the sophomore switch-hitter delivered a clutch two-out, RBI-single batting right-handed off Cal relief ace Michael Bugary (2-0) to bring Stanford within two runs at 7-5.

Clutch pitching from Cardinal right-hander **Max Fearnow** (1.1-scoreless innings) and southpaw **Blake Hancock** – who retired his only two batters faced to strand an eighth-inning runner in scoring position – set the stage for a dramatic ninth.

Protecting a two-run lead, California turned to hard-throwing closer Blake Smith. **Colin Walsh** started the inning by working a walk, and August followed by punching a single through the right side. **Zach Jones** sacrificed the potential tying runs into scoring position, and Kiilsgaard brought Walsh home with an infield groundout. Kaskow then put forth a terrific at-bat, fouling off several pitches after falling behind 0-2. However, he was eventually retired on a 2-2 pitch, and California had a series-opening victory.

Stanford and California will play the second contest of this three-game series Sunday afternoon in Berkeley, with Cardinal right-hander **Jordan Pries** (2-0, 3.14) scheduled to oppose Golden Bears right-hander Brian Diemer (1-1, 3.60). First pitch from Evans Diamond is set for 1:00 p.m. PT.

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Stanford 6 (3-9,0-1)

California 7 (11-7,1-0)

Player	ab	r	h	rbi	bb	so	po	a	lob
Walsh, Colin 2b	3	2	0	0	1	0	1	4	1
August, Joey cf	3	1	2	0	2	0	2	0	0
Jones, Zach 3b	3	0	0	0	1	2	0	1	0
Killsgaard, Kellen rf	5	1	2	2	0	0	0	0	0
Kaskow, Jonathan 1b	5	1	2	3	0	1	9	1	3
Olabisi, Wande dh	3	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
Milleville, Brent ph	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2
Clowe, Ben c	4	1	1	0	0	1	6	1	0
Gerhart, Toby lf	3	0	1	1	1	0	4	0	0
Schlender, Jake ss	4	0	1	0	0	1	1	2	2
Inman, Jeffrey p	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0
Pracher, Alex p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fearnow, Max p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hancock, Blake p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	34	6	9	6	5	8	24	11	8

Player	ab	r	h	rbi	bb	so	po	a	lob
Jackson, Brett cf	4	1	2	1	1	1	1	0	0
Guinn, Brian ss	4	0	2	2	0	1	3	3	1
Smith, Blake rf/p	3	0	0	0	1	1	2	1	1
Canha, Mark 1b	4	0	1	0	0	1	11	1	0
Oh, Danny lf	3	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	4
Kobernus, Jeff 2b	3	2	1	0	1	1	0	7	0
Tonneson, Dylan c	3	2	1	2	0	1	8	0	1
Booker, Austin dh	3	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Hanlon, Ryan rf	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Brady, Michael 3b	3	1	2	1	0	0	0	2	0
Flemer, Matt p	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Wolford, Daniel p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bugary, Michael p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	30	7	9	6	4	7	27	14	7

Score by Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E
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Stanford	ip	h	r	er	bb	so	ab	bf
Inman, Jeffrey	3.0	5	6	6	4	3	12	19
Pracher, Alex	3.0	3	1	1	0	2	11	11
Fearnow, Max	1.1	1	0	0	0	1	5	6
Hancock, Blake	0.2	0	0	0	0	1	2	2

California	ip	h	r	er	bb	so	ab	bf
Flemer, Matt	4.0	6	4	4	1	2	17	18
Wolford, Daniel	2.0	1	1	1	3	2	7	11
Bugary, Michael	2.0	1	0	0	0	3	7	7
Smith, Blake	1.0	1	1	1	1	1	3	5

Win - Bugary (2-0). Loss - Inman (0-3). Save - Smith (1).

WP - Inman 2(3); Flemer(1). HBP - by Inman (Tonneson); by Wolford (Walsh); by Fearnow (Oh).

Umpires - HP: Dan Mascorro 1B: Chuck Lyon 3B: Tim Vessey

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Inman faced 2 batters in the 4th.

Wolford faced 2 batters in the 7th.

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Stanford starters: 13/2b Walsh; 7/cf August; 5/3b Jones; 21/1b
Kiilsgaard; 30/1b Kaskow; 12/dh Olabisi; 29/c Clowe; 24/lf Gerhart;
6/ss Schlender; 20/p Inman;

California starters: 4/cf Jackson; 2/ss Guinn; 37/1b Smith; 5/1b
Canha; 19/lf Oh; 23/2b Kobernus; 33/c Tonneson; 1/dh Booker; 26/3b
Brady; 49/p Flemer;

Stanford 1st - Walsh flied out to lf. August walked. Jones grounded
into double play 2b to ss to 1b; August out on the play. 0 runs, 0
hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.

California 1st - Jackson singled to center field. Guinn grounded out
to p, SAC; Jackson advanced to second. Smith walked. Canha struck
out swinging. Oh grounded out to p. 0 runs, 1 hit, 0 errors, 2 LOB.

Stanford 2nd - Kiilsgaard grounded out to 3b. Kaskow grounded out to
2b. Olabisi grounded out to 2b. 0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.

California 2nd - Kobernus singled to shortstop. Tonneson hit by
pitch; Kobernus advanced to second. Booker walked; Tonneson
advanced to second; Kobernus advanced to third. Brady flied out to
cf, SF, RBI; Booker advanced to second; Tonneson advanced to third;
Kobernus scored. Booker advanced to third on a wild pitch; Tonneson
scored. Jackson struck out swinging. Guinn singled to center field,
RBI; Booker scored. Guinn stole second. Smith struck out swinging,
out at first c to 1b. 3 runs, 2 hits, 0 errors, 1 LOB.

Stanford 3rd - Clowe flied out to cf. Gerhart fouled out to rf.
Schlender doubled to right center. Walsh out at first 1b to p. 0
runs, 1 hit, 0 errors, 1 LOB.

California 3rd - Canha grounded out to ss. Oh out at first 1b to p.
Kobernus walked. Kobernus stole second. Tonneson homered to left
field, 2 RBI; Kobernus scored. Booker grounded out to ss. 2 runs, 1
hit, 0 errors, 0 LOB.

Stanford 4th - August doubled to right center. Jones struck out
swinging. Kiilsgaard doubled to right center, RBI; August scored.
Kiilsgaard advanced to third on a wild pitch. Kaskow homered to
right field, 2 RBI; Kiilsgaard scored. Olabisi struck out looking.
Clowe singled up the middle. Gerhart doubled to right center, RBI;
Clowe scored. Schlender fouled out to 1b. 4 runs, 5 hits, 0 errors,
1 LOB.

California 4th - Brady doubled to right center. Brady advanced to
third on a wild pitch. Jackson walked. Pracher to p for Inman.
Guinn singled through the right side, RBI; Jackson advanced to
second; Brady scored. Smith lined out to 2b; Jackson out at second
2b to ss. Canha singled to first base; Guinn advanced to third. Oh
struck out swinging. 1 run, 3 hits, 0 errors, 2 LOB.

Stanford 5th - Wolford to p for Flemer. Walsh grounded out to 2b.
August flied out to rf. Jones walked. Kiilsgaard singled to right
field; Jones advanced to third. Kaskow grounded out to 2b. 0 runs,
1 hit, 0 errors, 2 LOB.

California 5th - Kobernus flied out to lf. Tonneson struck out
swinging. Booker grounded out to 2b. 0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 0
LOB.

Stanford 6th - Olabisi struck out swinging. Clowe grounded out to ss.
Gerhart walked. Schlender struck out looking. 0 runs, 0 hits, 0
errors, 1 LOB.

California 6th - Brady flied out to lf. Jackson homered to left
center, RBI. Guinn grounded out to 2b. Smith flied out to lf. 1
run, 1 hit, 0 errors, 0 LOB.

Stanford 7th - Walsh hit by pitch. August walked; Walsh advanced to
second. Bugary to p for Wolford. Jones struck out swinging.
Kiilsgaard reached on a fielder's choice; August out at second 2b
to ss; Walsh advanced to third. Kaskow singled through the left
side, RBI; Kiilsgaard advanced to second; Walsh scored. Milleville
pinch hit for Olabisi. Milleville struck out swinging. 1 run, 1
hit, 0 errors, 2 LOB.

California 7th - Fearnow to p for Pracher. Canha flied out to cf. Oh
hit by pitch. Oh stole second. Kobernus struck out looking.
Tonneson flied out to lf. 0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 1 LOB.

Stanford 8th - Clowe struck out swinging. Gerhart reached on an error
by ss. Schlender grounded into double play 2b to ss to 1b; Gerhart
out on the play. 0 runs, 0 hits, 1 error, 0 LOB.

California 8th - Booker grounded out to 2b. Brady doubled to left
field. Hancock to p for Fearnow. Jackson grounded out to 3b; Brady
advanced to third. Guinn struck out swinging. 0 runs, 1 hit, 0
errors, 1 LOB.

Stanford 9th - Smith to p. Hanlon to rf for Booker. / for Bugary.
Walsh walked. August singled through the left side; Walsh advanced
to second. Jones grounded out to p, SAC; August advanced to second;
Walsh advanced to third. Kiilsgaard grounded out to 3b, RBI; Walsh
scored. Kaskow struck out swinging. 1 run, 1 hit, 0 errors, 1 LOB.