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*Cardinal drops fifth straight series

Arizona Takes Rubber Game Of Series Over Stanford, 12-3

Tucson, Ariz. – Arizona (17-20, 5-7 Pac-10) took the rubber game of a three-game series against Stanford (17-17, 3-9 Pac-10) with a 12-3 victory over the Cardinal at Kindall Field on Sunday. Colt Sedbrook (3-4, 3B, SB, 3 RBI), Konrad Schmidt (3-5, 2B, RBI) and Bill Rhinehart (3-5, 2B, HR, RBI) had three hits each for the Wildcats, while Brad Boyer (2-4, SB, 2 RBI) and Jason Donald (2-5, RBI) added two each. Boyer and Rhinehart also scored three runs apiece.

David Coulon (2-3) earned the victory, allowing just three runs on five hits and three walks while striking out four over the first 6.0 innings. Ryan Perry tossed 3.0 scoreless innings to earn his first collegiate save, allowing just one hit and striking out two without walking a batter.

Chris Minaker (2-4, RBI) was the only Stanford player with more than one hit.

Cardinal starter Matt Manship (1-5) took the loss, allowing five runs (four earned) on seven hits and two walks with three strikeouts over the first 5.1 innings.

Arizona got on the board with an unearned run in the bottom of the third inning when Boyer was hit by a pitch with two outs to start a rally, moved to third on a single up the middle by Sedbrook and scored when David Plante's grounder bounced by Brent Milleville for an error on the Cardinal first baseman.

The Wildcats made it 2-0 on Rhinehart's leadoff homer in the fourth.

Arizona picked up another run in the fifth to go ahead 3-0 when Donald singled in Sedbrook, who had walked with one out and moved to second when Plante was hit by a pitch.

Stanford cut the Arizona margin to 3-2 with a pair of runs in the top of the sixth to end Coulon's shutout bid. Three consecutive singles by Minaker, Michael Taylor and Chris Lewis plated Minaker with the first Cardinal run, before Milleville's sacrifice fly brought home Taylor.

Arizona dampened Stanford's comeback plans with three runs in its half of the sixth, scoring when Boyer singled home Schmidt and Sedbrook tripled home Steele and Boyer with a line shot just out of the reach of a diving Jim Rapoport in left field. Schmidt and Steele had started the rally with a one-out single and a walk.

Stanford got one run back in the seventh when Austin Yount led off with a double and scored on Minaker's two-out RBI single three batters later. The Cardinal had a bigger threat going in the inning when Ryan Seawell was hit by a pitch following Yount's double but John Hester hit into his third double play of the game.

The Wildcats tacked on five more runs off four Cardinal relievers in the seventh to go ahead 11-3. Rhinehart started the rally with a leadoff single off Sean Ratliff (0.2 IP, 1 H, 1 R, 1 ER). Nolan Gallagher (0.1 IP, 2 H, 4 R, 2 ER, 1 BB, 1 SO) came in to strike out Brad Glenn before getting Derek Decater to roll into a potential inning-ending double play ball to Yount but the Cardinal third baseman failed to make the play, putting Wildcats on second and third with just one out. Schmidt followed with an RBI double to score Rhinehart and Steele walked to load the bases. Boyer came through with an RBI single to bring in Decater and Schmidt also scored on the play when Rapoport failed to field the ball cleanly in left field. Sedbrook followed with an RBI single to score Steele and Plante capped the rally with a sacrifice fly that brought in Boyer.

Arizona scored one more run in the eighth when Rhinehart led off with a double, moved to third on Glenn's grounder and scored on an RBI single by pinch-hitter Travis Peep.

Stanford dropped its fifth straight series by dropping two-of-three to the Wildcats, marking the most consecutive series the Cardinal has lost in a row seven a seven-set skid the club endured by losing its last six in 1993 and its first of 1994.

The Cardinal made a season-high four errors.

Stanford next hosts Santa Clara (23-18, 5-7 WCC) in a non-conference game at Sunken Diamond on Tuesday, April 25 (6 pm, PT) before returning to Pac-10 action with a three-game home set versus Arizona State (28-14, 7-5 Pac-10) next Friday-Sunday, April 28-30 (6 pm, 1 pm, 1 pm, PT). Friday's series opener against the Sun Devils is scheduled to be televised live nationally on College Sports Television.

NOTES

- Stanford has now lost five straight series, marking its longest series losing streak since the Cardinal dropped seven series in a row by losing its final six of 1993 and its first one of 1994
- Stanford has lost four consecutive series to Arizona dating back to the 2003 season after having won the previous 14 series between the clubs
- Stanford has dropped nine of its last 13 games versus Arizona
- Ryan Seawell extended his career-high hit streak to five games but had his string of four consecutive multiple-hit contests snapped
- Chris Minaker extended his hit streak to four games and now has three multiple-hit contests during the run
- Michael Taylor ran his hit streak to four games and has now hit safely in nine of his last 10 games
- Chris Lewis had a career-high seven assists and made his first start at second base since March 12
- Brent Milleville tied a career-high with 11 putouts, recording the number for a season straight game
- Stanford committed a season-high four errors
- John Hester hit into all three of Stanford's season-high-tying double plays
- Arizona shortstop Jason Donald made all three of Arizona's errors