



# STANFORD ATHLETICS

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## BASEBALL RECAP

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\*Brennan Boesch's bases loaded walk in the seventh inning forces home Rob Nesbitt with eventual game-winning run

### California Comes From Behind In 4-3 Non-Conference Win Over Stanford

**Berkeley, Calif.** – California (22-22) scored three runs in the bottom of the seventh inning to rally for a 4-3 comeback win over Stanford (19-20) in a non-conference contest between the schools at Evans Diamond on Monday. Brennan Boesch drew a bases loaded walk from Stanford reliever Austin Yount to force home Rob Nesbitt with what proved to be the game-winning run. The Golden Bears took advantage of two walks and a hit batsman by Cardinal relievers in the inning that started with Jordan Karnofsky's leadoff double and also included an RBI single from Chris Errecart.

Karnofsky (2-3, 2B) was the only player for either team with more than one hit, while Boesch had the only multiple-RBI contest for either squad.

All nine Stanford starters had one hit each as the Cardinal outhit the Golden Bears, 9-6. Chris Minaker's first inning single extended his hit streak to nine games.

Three Stanford relievers – Max Fearnow (1 H, 2 R, 2 ER, 1 BB), David Stringer (1 R, 1 ER, 1 BB) and Yount (1 H, 1 BB, 1 HBP) failed to get an out in the California seventh, spoiling a tremendous performance by Nolan Gallagher (6.0 IP, 4 H, 1 R, 1 ER, 2 BB, 2 SO) in his first start of the season and the second-longest outing of his career. Sean Ratliff (2.0 IP, 1 SO) was able to get the Cardinal out of the bottom of the seventh with no further damage after coming into the game with California already ahead 4-3 and the bases loaded with no outs. Ratliff got Josh Satin to roll into a fielders' choice for the first out, before inducing Mike Van Winden into an inning-ending double play.

California reliever Jeremy Burchett (2.0 IP, 1 H, 1 SO) picked up his fourth save of the season by holding the Cardinal scoreless in the eighth and ninth innings. Stanford had a baserunner in each inning but Randy Molina hit into an eighth inning double play that erased Michael Taylor after he had led the inning off with a single and after Chris Lewis reached on a one-out error by Golden Bear second baseman Kyle Spraker in the ninth, Burchett closed the door by striking out Ryan Seawell and getting Joey August on an unassisted groundout to Van Winden at first base.

The Golden Bears took a 1-0 lead in the bottom of the first inning when Nesbitt led off with a double, moved to third two batters later on Errecart's groundout and scored on clutch two-out RBI single from Boesch.

Stanford tied the score at 1-1 in the fourth when Taylor drew a one-out walk and came around to score after back-to-back singles from Molina and Jason Castro.

The Cardinal took a 3-1 lead with a pair of runs in the sixth but also had a runner thrown out at the plate in the inning. California reliever Alex Trafton (1.2 IP, 2 H, 2 R, 2 ER, 2 BB) got the Cardinal going by walking Molina and Castro back-to-back with one out. John Hester followed with an RBI double down the third base line to score Molina and give the Cardinal its first lead of the game but Castro was thrown out at the plate on the play on a beautiful relay throw from Errecart in left through Allen Craig at short to Travis Howell, who applied the tag on a bang-bang play.

Nick Tess (3-0) tossed a scoreless one-hit seventh inning for the Golden Bears and was credited with the win thanks to California's seventh inning rally. Alex Rollin (4.1 IP, 5 H, 1 R, 1 ER, 2 BB, 1 SO) started the game for California.

Stringer (2-4) took the loss for Stanford by walking the only batter he faced in the seventh.

Stanford will play its fifth game in as many days when the Cardinal hosts San Jose State at Sunken Diamond on Tuesday (6 pm, PT), before welcoming California to The Farm for a three-game Pac-10 series Friday-Sunday (6 pm, 4 pm, 1 pm, PT).

The first two games of the Stanford-California series will be televised live with Friday night's game airing on Comcast Sports Net and Saturday's contest on Fox Sports Net Bay Area. There will also be promotions for the final two contests of the series. On Saturday, the "All-Time Starting 9" as voted upon by fans throughout the 2006 season will be announced and the first 2000 people through the gate will receive limited edition "All-Time Starting 9" trading cards. The annual Little League Day will be held in conjunction with Sunday's contest.

## NOTES

- Chris Minaker extended his hit streak to nine games with his first inning single and is now hitting .450 (18-40) with six doubles, a triple and 12 RBI during the hot stretch
- All nine Stanford starters had one hit for the first time this season
- Stanford posted its third straight double-digit hit game
- Stanford made one error in the contest, marking the 11<sup>th</sup> consecutive game in which the Cardinal has made at least one error as well as the 16<sup>th</sup> time in its last 17 games
- Stanford has now lost four of the last five times the Cardinal has played California in Berkeley