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*Michael Taylor hits fourth homer of the season, while Joey August extends career-high hit streak to nine games in loss

UCLA Spoils Stanford's Pac-10 Opener, 8-2

Stanford, Calif. – UCLA (11-14, 1-0 Pac-10) scored five runs in the top of the fourth inning and added three more in the eighth on the way to an 8-2 victory over Stanford (13-10, 0-1 Pac-10) in the Pac-10 opener for both clubs at Sunken Diamond on Friday night. Jermaine Curtis (2-5, 2B, 4 RBI, SB) and Ryan Babineau (2-4, 2 RBI) led the Bruin offense, while Tyson Brummett tossed his third complete game of the season. Brummett improved to 4-4 overall, striking out nine and spreading out six hits while walking two and allowing just one earned run.

Michael Taylor blasted a mammoth solo homer off the center field batters' eye with one out in the bottom of the ninth and the Cardinal managed to load the bases on a Joey August single and walks to Jason Castro and pinch-hitter Brendan Domaracki before Brummett struck out pinch-hitter Randy Molina to end the game. August extended his career-high hit streak to nine with his ninth inning single.

Gabe Cohen's one-out solo homer started the Bruin fourth inning rally and put UCLA on the scoreboard first. Tim Stewart restarted the rally with a one-out single before walks to Alden Carrithers and Brady Dolan loaded the bases with two outs for Babineau, who bounced a two-run single up the middle to make it 3-0 in favor of UCLA. Curtis followed with another two-out, two-run single up the middle to cap the rally.

After sending the minimum number of batters to the plate in the first four frames, Stanford managed an unearned run in the fifth when Castro reached on a one-out error by Bruin shortstop Brandon Crawford and scored when Brian Juhl connected on a two-out RBI double.

The score remained 5-1 until the Bruins' three-run eighth off Cardinal relievers Black Hancock (0.1 IP, 2 R, 2 ER, 1 BB) and Erik Davis (1.2 IP, 2 H, 1 R, 1 ER, 3 SO). Hancock walked Carrithers and hit Justin Uribe before Dolan moved the runners to second and third with a sacrifice bunt. Davis came into the game and wild pitched in a run before allowing an infield single to Babineau and a two-run double to Curtis before getting out of the inning.

Stanford starter Jeremy Bleich (1-4) took the loss, allowing five runs on seven hits and three walks with two strikeouts over 5.0 innings. David Stringer (2.0 IP, 2 SO) pitched two scoreless innings of relief for the Cardinal in the sixth and seventh.

The three-game series continues Saturday and Sunday with start times scheduled each day for 1 pm, PT. Tickets for the final two games of the series and all regular season Stanford Baseball home contests 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.

NOTES

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- Stanford had its two-game win streak snapped
- Stanford has lost three of its last four games to UCLA and two in a row to the Bruins
- Stanford needs to win each of the final two games of its current series versus UCLA to extend its home series win streak over the Bruins to six dating back to the last Bruin series victory at Sunken Diamond in 1997
- Stanford has lost two straight and four of its last five at home
- Michael Taylor (RF) and Sean Ratliff (CF) have now both started all 23 games this season
- Michael Taylor extended his string of consecutive games started to 139 dating back to the 2005 campaign
- Joey August extended his career-high hit streak to nine games
- Adam Sorgi extended his season-high hit streak to six in a row
- Erik Davis struck out a season-high-tying three batters
- Stanford was errorless for the fifth time in the last six games
- Stanford dropped its Pac-10 opener for the second straight season after having won the previous two