

## 2008 CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE STATE BASEBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

Game 5 – Southwestern College Jaguars 7, Riverside College Tigers 6

FRESNO – There will be a first-time state baseball champion on Monday at the 2008 California Community College State Baseball Championships.

With Sunday night's 7-6 win by the Southwestern College Jaguars over the Riverside College Tigers, the Jags will square off in Monday's championship game against fellow state final first-timer Sierra College. The title game will begin at 12 p.m. at Fresno City College's John Eulless Ballpark.

The speed of the Jaguars was on display in the top of the first when Tre Dennis led off with a walk, then stole second. One batter later, Dennis stole third and when the Riverside third baseman misplayed the throw on the steal attempt, Dennis trotted home to give Southwestern a 1-0 lead.

Riverside tied the game in the bottom of the first when Bryce Holland and Billy Hamilton each singled, putting runners on first and third. Daniel Duran hit a double-play grounder to second, which scored Holland and evened things up.

Southwestern used some two-out offense in the top of the second to regain the lead on RBI singles by Dennis and Jared Jordan, but the Tigers again answered back with an RBI double from Nick Akins and an RBI single from Richie Jimenez, tying the game at 3.

The momentum turned toward the Jags' favor in the top of the sixth as Southwestern turned three Riverside errors, a pair of RBI hits and a sacrifice fly into four runs, putting the defending state champs into a 7-3 deficit.

After a shaky start, Jaguars' righty Lucas Sanford (7-1) settled down and held the Tigers off the scoreboard for the final seven innings, including 1-2-3 frames in the third, fourth, sixth and seventh innings.

Riverside made things interesting in the bottom of the eighth when a single, walk and hit-by-pitch to the first three batters loaded the bases with one out. Eric Krzysiak followed with a single to left and when the ball slipped under Jordan's glove in left, two runs scored and the tying runs were in scoring position, ending Sanford's evening.

Jaguar closer Adrian Bringas came in from third base and allowed a run-scoring grounder by Michael Hur, but left the tying run on third base with an inning-ending grounder to second by Luis Tovar, keeping Southwestern in front, 7-6.

That would be as close as the Tigers would get as Bringas recorded his 10<sup>th</sup> save of the season, retiring the side in order to end the game, and sending the Jaguars to the title game on Monday.