

Hitting High Notes

Spartans are victorious at home

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In the heart of the baseball season, students and fans witnessed an electrifying clash between the University of Tampa Spartans and the West Georgia Wolves. The showdown was held at the University of Tampa where the Spartans showcased their talent that currently has them 23-2.

The Spartans started off slow, giving up a two run home run to the Wolves making the score 0-2 in the top of the 4th inning. By the bottom of the 5th inning Brayden Woodburn's single RBI got Mike Valdez out on second, Stephen Klien to third, and J.P. Gates home. This Made it 2-1 in the bottom of the 5th inning.

At the bottom of the 6th inning, Tampa was back in their ways putting more points on the board. Jake Griffith singled through the right side allowing Maddox King to get to third and Nico Saladino to score. J.P. Gates advanced to second on a passed ball, Jake Griffith advanced to third and Maddox King scored on a passed ball.

With Mike Valdez hitting a single through the left side, Macallister Jorgensen advanced to second, J.P. Gates advanced to third and Jake Griffith scored. A balk by West Georgia's

pitcher, let Mike Valdez and Macallister Jorgensen advance a base and J.P. Gates score, making it 5-2 Spartans.

As the bottom of the 6th carried on Anthony Nunez singled to right field, making Brayden Woodburn advance to second, Mike Valdez advanced to third, and Macallister Jorgensen scored putting the score at 6-2 spartans.

Danny Gutcher got to first on a fielder's choice. Because of a throwing error by West Georgia's third baseman Anthony Nunez, Brayden Woodburn, and Mike Valdez scored, all scored. The Spartans finished the bottom of the 6th with a lead of 9-2

No one scored in the 7th inning. During the bottom of the 8th T.J. Palma flew out to left field creating Grant Jordan to score. The University of Tampa Spartans were victorious in their 10-2 win over the West Georgia Wolves.

I spoke to student Brady McCormack, a freshman from the University of Tampa asking what brought him to this game. "After being almost through my freshman year, I heard that they were pretty nasty at baseball. I didn't have much else to do today and was waiting for my friends to get out of class, so I decided why not come catch a game."

I then followed up with "after seeing this win, would you come see another game?" Brady answered, "Oh forsure, they put on a clinic out there. I was a little worried in the first innings but they definitely proved themselves by the end. It would be cool if more students came out to these games."

If you have some spare time on your hands and have yet to see a baseball game, I'd highly recommend coming out to one. Being a student you can get in for free and watch the Spartans dominate their next opponents. Their next three games are at home against rival Florida Southern.