‘Cheese’ gets the win

Seahawks win home opener against Marin thanks to solid bullpen

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APRIL 4 — When Mike Murano’s Cabrillo College teammates refer to “Cheese” or anything like it, they actually mean nothing to do with him being a hard-throwing right-handed pitcher.

Although maybe perhaps it should.

Murano, a 6-foot, 170-pound freshman out of Los Gatos High, tossed 2 2/3 innings of relief against Tiegel 3, striking out three while allowing only one hit, to help lead Cabrillo to its fourth non-conference victory in four outings.

Murano was able to strike out two of the ways “Cheese” were used from the Cabrillo dugout after almost every pitch.

“When I came in, it was a close game. But I trusted my defense to get runs,” Murano said. "All I had to do was throw strikes, get ground balls and make my guys make plays."

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defense work.

"That was a win today, and it was a nice one," Murano said, smiling.

- Cabrillo (3-1), which was recently ranked No. 14 in Northern California, won for the first time in the season.

- Sergio Sanchez led the Seahawks’ offense by going 2-for-3 with a double, two RBIs and a run scored, while teammate Kevin Rojo added an RBI single and a sacrifice.

Sanchez also had a double in the game and a run scored.

- Murano earned the win and was awarded Tiegel 3’s first relief pitcher in the game, taking the ball in the sixth inning with the game tied at four. He struck out the first batter he faced, then retired six of the next seven before handing the ball over to the ninth in Nick Rosetta.

- Rosetta struck out a pair to earn the save for Cabrillo, which also scored in the top of the ninth inning.

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