Seahawks in luck with Vegas

Freshman 1B goes deep in Cabrillo’s big win

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APTOPS — It was a night to remember for Cabrillo baseball. Senior outfielder Matt Hutton hit a three-run home run in the third inning, and the Seahawks held on for a 6-3 win over Skyline College on Monday.

Hutton’s home run was the highlight of a strong offensive performance for Cabrillo. Freshman pitcher Josh Rodriguez allowed just one run in five innings, striking out five batters.

The win was particularly sweet for Hutton, who said he was “over the moon” after connecting on his first career home run.

“Matt has been a consistent player for us all season,” said Cabrillo coach Bob Kittle. “It was great to see him get his first home run.”

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The past three seasons at Cabrillo, in fact, two weeks ago Seahawks coach Bob Kittle received approval from athletic director Dale Murray to move the outfield fence in by as much as 30 feet.

The field’s dimensions are 335 feet down the foul lines, 346 feet to the gaps, and 396 feet to straightaway center.

“Players have to be rewarded for good ball contact,” Kittle said. “In 10 home games this year, I’ve calculated that we’ve lost 13 home runs.”

After Vegas’ home run, cleanup batter Sergio Sanchez and No. 5 hitter Mike Croft crushed balls that stayed inside the park.

“Obviously we swung the bat well when we needed,” Kittle said. “Our bullpen was very good, as it has been all season.”

Starting pitcher Josh Rodriguez (1-2) got the win, surviving a shaky start. He allowed four runs in five innings before relievers Zach Settles, Julian Garcia, Nick Rosete and Jake Eichhorn each tossed a scoreless inning.

Lucky for Rodriguez, Vegas starter Tyler Cys was equally shaky. After Skyline scored two runs in the first, Cabrillo scored six times in the bottom half of the inning. Sanchez had the big hit with a two-run double that one-hopped the fence in center field.

Vegas abolished and finished with three hits while scoring twice.

“Vegas is a great team,” said Kittle. “He can hit. He’s been consistent all year.”

Sanchez, Kevin Rojko and Miguel Cola each had two hits and the Seahawks finished with 12.

Cory Faubel was 3-for-4 with a run in lead Skyline. Teammates Anthony Gutierrez, Kyle Pernick and A.J. Santiago each had two hits and an RBI.

Skyline falls to 5-20 and 2-11 in conference.