popped a ball up into foul ground near the Volcanoes dugout, but Ruby, the first baseman, misjudged the ball as it fell harmlessly to the grass.

Two pitchers later, Whitfield popped another ball up in foul territory, and once again the ball was misplayed by Ruby up the right field line.

"That one that went down the right field line had shades off the Arkansas game," joked Robertson, in reference to the 2018 College World Series game where Arkansas dropped an easy fly ball against Oregon State in the ninth inning Robertson played at Oregon State and was briefly an assistant coach at the school.

On the following pitch, Whitfield

took advantage of the gifts he was given, blasting a two-run homer to right field, putting the Campesinos up 7-4.

"The insurance was huge. (Whitfield) had to make adjustments too. It is not his fault that they couldn't catch a fly ball," Robertson said. "At the end of the day, it's about who can make the adjustment

Despite trailing by three runs, the Volcanoes made things interesting in the top of the ninth as a pair of free passes with one out brought the tying run to the plate. After Jordan Jr. reached on a fielder's choice, Tony Holton got on with an RBI infield-single. But the following hitter, Nick Adgar, who represented the go-ahead run, struck out to end the game.



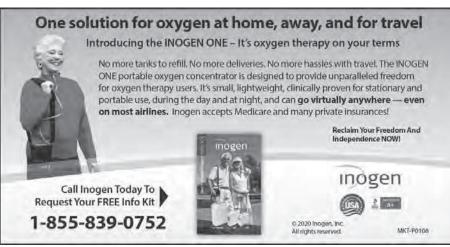
Bryan Ruby (19) greets Caleb Johnson at home plate after Johnson launched a solo homer in the fourth inning. Photo by MATT RAWLINGS of Keizertimes

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