



Game #01

Friday, June 3, 2011

7:05 p.m. - Borleske Stadium - Walla Walla, WA  
vs. Corvallis Knights

Tonight's Pitching Matchup:

WW- **Ryan Richardson**: 4-0, 3.95ERA

COR- **Brian Ranta**: 8-2, 2.40ERA

Next Three:

Sat. June 4 vs. Corvallis 7:05

**Probables**

WW- **Brett Watson**: 7-4, 2.39ERA

COR- **Max Beatty**: 5-4, 3.75ERA

Sun. June 5 vs. Corvallis 6:05

**Probables**

WW- **Trent Allianic**: redshirt

COR- **Chris Johnson**: 3-5, 3.67ERA

Tues June 7 vs. Portland Toros 7:05

**Probables**

Unknown

### Tonight at Borleske

- The Sweets and the Corvallis Knights meet for the first of a three-game weekend series, kicking off the 2011 West Coast League season Friday night at Borleske Stadium.

### 2010 vs. the Knights

- Corvallis won the season series 3-2.
- The Knights and Sweets split a two-game series at Borleske and Corvallis closed the season taking two-of-three in Oregon.
- Walla Walla's two victories were both by one run, 4-3 and 6-5.

### Last Season at Borleske

- The Sweets were 10-15 in the shadow of Borleske Blue last summer.
- During a stretch in late July, W2 won 5 of 6 at home as they began their playoff push.
- Attendance-wise, the Sweets led the WCL with an average of 1,451.

### Returning Sweets

- Seven players return from last years inaugural season (Stewart, Chavez, Williams, Gottschling, Overbay, Richardson, Watson)
- Stewart was a 2nd team All-WCL and Richardson was third in innings pitched.

### College Success

- Utah Valley teammates Goose Kallunki and Austin Heaps both had outstanding seasons for the Wolverines.
- Kallunki drove in a team-high 60 runs and Heaps hit .339 with a team-high 25 doubles.
- Chance Kopacz (WWCC) led the NWAACC with 21 doubles and 54 RBI. He finished fifth with 8 home runs.
- Sweets returnee and Campbellsville University right-hander Ryan Richardson was 4-0 with a 3.95 ERA.
- He threw a no-hitter against Kentucky State on March 23.

### The Knights

- Corvallis is a four-time WCL West Division Champion.
- Friday's starter Brian Ranta (George Fox) was named to the Northwest Conference First Team this spring.
- In 93.2 innings he walked only 10 and struck out 68.
- Jaret Bogue (Feather River College) was named Golden Valley Conference Player of the Year, hitting .437 with 21 doubles, five home runs and 49 RBI.

### **Wentz Academic All-District**

- Zach Wentz (North Dakota St.) was named to the COSIDA Capitol One Academic All-District 7 University Division First Team.
- Wentz carries a 3.92 GPA in physical education and health education.
- He was a 2nd team selection in 2010.

### **Sweets in NCAA Tournament**

- Five Sweets players are currently involved in the NCAA tournament.
- Aaron Hoverson (Winona St.) is playing in the D2 National Championships.
- Jimmy Litchfield (UC-Irvine), Scott Gottschling (UC-Irvine), Brenton Allen (UCLA) and Kevin Williams (UCLA) are all competing in the Los Angeles Regional of the NCAA D1 tournament.
- UCLA is the #1 seed and UC-Irvine the #3 seed in the four-team regional that begins Friday.
- Winona St. is currently 2-0 in the DII Championships.

### **Litchfield making an appearance**

- Left-handed reliever Jimmy Litchfield is currently tied for third all-time at UC-Irvine in single-season appearances with 31.
- Litchfield has worked 37 innings and is 2-1 with two saves and a 3.16 ERA.
- He needs four appearances to tie the record of 35 set by Gary Wheelock in 1972.

### **Richardson Returns**

- Second-year Sweet Ryan Richardson gets the ball on opening night.
- Last summer, Richardson was 1-3 with one save and a 3.39 ERA.

- He threw 63.2 innings, good enough for third in the West Coast League.

### **Heaps doesn't miss a beat**

- Austin Heaps was a freshman at Utah Valley in 2007 and a sophomore in 2010. In between he served an LDS mission in Honduras.
- He hit .348 with 16 doubles, seven home runs and 54 RBI as a freshman before taking two years off.
- Shaking off the rust last spring, he hit .338 with 35 RBI.
- This spring he was even better, hitting .339 with 25 doubles, 35 RBI and 50 runs scored.

### **Home Sweet Home**

- The Sweets will have a chance to get comfortable at Borleske Stadium early on, playing 13 of their first 16 games at home.
- The season starts with a five-game homestand before the Sweets travel to Cowlitz for three games.
- The Sweets then return home on the 14th to start an eight-game homestand.

### **What's Next**

- The Sweets and Knights will continue their three-game series at Borleske Stadium Saturday night with first pitch at 7:05 p.m.
- It's magnet schedule giveaway night, with the first 1,000 fans receiving free magnetic schedules.
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