



Game #09

Tuesday, June 14, 2011

7:05 p.m. - Borleske Stadium - Walla Walla, WA  
vs. Klamath Falls Gems

Tonight's Pitching Matchup:

WW- **Ryan Richardson**: 1-0, 0.00 ERA

KLA- **Tom Schmidt**: 0-0, 0.00 ERA

Next Three:

Wed. June 15 vs. Klamath Falls 7:05

**Probables**

WW- **Brett Watson**: 0-1, 0.00 ERA

KLA- **Alex Levin**: 0-0, 27.00 ERA

Thu. June 16 vs. Klamath Falls 7:05

**Probables**

WW- **Trent Allianic**: 0-0, 0.00 ERA

KLA- **Matt Klein**: 1-0, 1.17 ERA

Fri. June 17 vs. Wenatchee 7:05

WW- TBD

WEN- TBD

### **Tonight at Borleske Stadium**

- Walla Walla and Klamath Falls meet for the first time this season and the first time in their history.
- The Gems are an expansion West Coast League franchise this summer.

### **The Weekend in Longview**

- Sloppy play bookended the weekend for the Sweets.
- Walla Walla walked 10 batters and made four errors, losing 7-1 on Friday.
- They walked eight and made three errors in Sunday's 8-1 loss.
- In the lone win, W2 made no errors for the first time all season and won 9-3.
- Chance Kopacz went 4-12 in the three games and drove in two runs.
- Goose Kallunki matched him with four hits.

### **Wild Thing**

- In three games ten Sweets pitchers combined to walk 26 batters and strike out only 20.
- The Sweets issued two or more walks in seven innings over the weekend, including five in the second inning on Friday.
- On a positive note, they allowed just 23 hits in 25 innings and only three extra base hits.

### **Weekend Hitting**

- W2 hit .198 as a team in the series, 19-96 and scored only 11 runs.
- The Sweets did collect five extra base hits, four doubles and a home run.
- Through six league games, Walla Walla is hitting .218.

### **Sweets and Gems**

- Tuesday will be the first-ever meeting between the two teams, the Gems playing their first season in 2011.
- W2 and Klamath Falls will play six times this summer, with the Sweets traveling to Oregon for a three-game series just before the All-Star break.

### **Scouting the Gems**

- Klamath Falls opened their inaugural season on a high note, winning their first two games and taking two-of-three from Bend.
- Since, they have dropped four of five, including a three-game sweep at the hands of Wenatchee over the weekend.
- The Gems are hitting .217 as a team and have the highest ERA in the WCL at 3.75.
- Graham Saiko and Turner Gill are both hitting .296, Saiko with four doubles and Gill with three doubles, two home runs and seven RBI.

### **Richardson gets 2nd start**

- Ryan Richardson will make his second start of the summer on Tuesday night against the Gems.
- The right-hander tossed five scoreless innings to earn the win on Opening Night against Corvallis.
- He made a relief appearance over the weekend in Longview, getting the final four outs in the Sweets 9-3 victory.
- He's given up four hits over 6.1 innings of work, with two strikeouts and has not walked a batter.

### **Schmidt goes for Gems**

- The left-hander was 1-0 with a save in 10 appearances for Nebraska-Omaha this spring.
- He threw 29.1 innings and had a 3.68 ERA with 28 strikeouts and 23 walks.
- Schmidt threw 2.1 innings of scoreless relief against Bend on June 4, striking out three.

### **Kopacz on five-game hitting streak**

- With his RBI single to left on Sunday, Chance Kopacz extended his hitting streak to five games overall, three games in West Coast League play.
- He had two hits on Tuesday against Portland, one Wednesday, one Friday, and two on Saturday.
- In the five games he's hitting .380 (8-21) with two runs and three RBI.

### **Peterson stepping in nicely**

- One bright spot in Friday's loss to Cowlitz was the relief pitching of Derek Peterson.
- The right-hander pitched two scoreless innings and recorded the last five outs via the strikeout.
- He's thrown five scoreless innings to start the season, allowing just three hits and striking out six.

### **Allen and Hoverson Debut**

- Brenton Allen and Aaron Hoverson both arrived in time to make the trip with the team this weekend to Cowlitz.
- Allen, a freshman at UCLA this spring, started all three games in center field and went 2-9 but reached base five separate times with three walks and was hit by a pitch twice.
- He capped his weekend with a two-hit performance on Sunday, including a double.
- Hoverson, from Winona St., made his debut in relief on Sunday, throwing 2.2 innings and allowing three unearned runs.
- He started strong but an infield error helped Cowlitz touch him for three runs in the eighth.

### **Sweets match mark**

- The Sweets have matched their 2010 start through the first six games.
- Walla Walla has started 3-3 in both years, this year the Sweets alternating wins over the first six.

### **Eight-Game homestand begins**

- Tuesday's game begins a season-long eight-game homestand for the Sweets.
- After three games with the Gems, Walla Walla welcomes Wenatchee for three over the weekend and then closes out with two against the Portland Stars.
- Walla Walla will match the eight-game homestand from July 13-20.

### **Struggles against lefties**

- It's been the southpaws that have haunted the Sweets early on in 2011.
- Walla Walla is hitting a measley .173 (13-75) against lefties as a team.
- The five main left-handed hitters in the Sweets lineup, Allen, Hawk, Stanford, Heaps and Gentili are just 4-39 with 15 strikeouts.
- Against righties, the Sweets are hitting .246 (29-118).

**Strong homestand to start season**

- Walla Walla finished their season-opening five-game homestand 4-1 after Wednesday's 7-1 victory.
- The five-game stretch is just one win shy of tying the best six-game home stretch in franchise history set last season.
- The victory was also the third straight for the Sweets.

**More Sweets on the way**

- The Sweets roster is slowly starting to fill up and it will be at least five players larger on Tuesday.
- Kyler Anderson, Denver Chavez and Elliot Stewart are all arriving from Cal Poly and Cory Mack and Eric Yardley are getting in from Seattle U.
- With those five in uniform, only four more Sweets that are signed to play this summer are left to arrive. Jimmy Litchfield and Scott Gottschling from UC-Irvine, Kevin Williams from UCLA and Doug Christie from LCC.