



Game #02

Saturday, June 4, 2011

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

Tonight at Borleske

- Walla Walla and Corvallis meet for the second of three games over the weekend with a 7:05 p.m. first pitch scheduled at Borleske Stadium.

Last Night at Borleske

- The Sweets scored six runs in the third inning and went on to an 8-0 victory.
- Ryan Richardson, Daniel Jewett and Drew Fittry combined on a five-hit shutout.
- Richardson started and tossed five scoreless to earn the win.
- Alex Bonczyk had three hits and two RBI and Austin Heaps and Goose Kallunki each drove in two.

Opening Night Shutout

- The Sweets 8-0 shutout matches their total from last year and comes one game earlier than last year.
- Walla Walla shutout Wenatchee 2-0 in game two of 2010.
- The Sweets, however, were shutout seven times last season.

My Dear Watson

- Walla Walla CC lefty Brett Watson gets the ball tonight for the Sweets.
- Watson was signed to pitch for the Sweets last summer but was unable to pitch.
- His seven wins were tied for third in

Tonight's Pitching Matchup:

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

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

Next Three:

Sun. June 5 vs. Corvallis 6:05

Probables

WW- **Trent Allanic**: Redshirt

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

Tues. June 7 vs. Portland Toros 7:05

Probables

WW- Undetermined

POR- Undetermined

Wed. June 8 vs. Portland Toros 7:05

Probables

WW- Undetermined

POR- Undetermined

the NWAACC and he struck out 54 and walked only 13 in 67.2 innings.

Familiar Face in Beatty

- Knight starter Max Beatty is very familiar with the Sweets, throwing four his seven total innings against the Sweets last summer.
- The Pacific Lutheran righty gave up three runs on nine hits and struck out five over three relief appearances and collected a save in the Knights' 2-0 regular season finale win.
- In all, Beatty was 2-0 with one save in five appearances and struck out six.

Bonczyk Thrives on Opening Night

- Graced with blazing speed, Bonczyk used it to his advantage Friday, beating out two infield hits and chasing down a gaper and making a sliding catch.
- Signed to a 10-day contract earlier in the week, Bonczyk had three hits in total and provided the Sweets with a presence at the top of the lineup.

Richardson Turns the Tables

- After giving up seven runs in 11 innigs against the Knights last season, Richardson twirled a gem on Opening Night.
- He scattered four hits over his five inning outing, throwing 61 pitches (40 strikes).

Hoverson to play for National Title

- Aaron Hoverson and his Winona St. Warrior teammates are competing for a National Championship today against West Florida.
- It is the first appearance in the National Championship for the Warriors.

Eight is Great

- The Sweets eight-run outburst on Opening Night is a great start for the Sweets.
- In 2010, the Sweets managed to score eight or more runs on just four occasions.
- W2 erupted for a season-high 11 runs in an 11-8 victory over Kitsap on July 29.

2010 vs. the Knights

- Corvallis won the season series 4-2.
- The Knights two two-of-three from the Sweets 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 3-0 in the DII Championships.

Litchfield making an appearance

- Left-handed reliever Jimmy Litchfield is now in sole possession of third all-time at UC-Irvine in single-season appearances with 32.
- He surpassed Eric Pettis with two hitless innings of relief in the Anteaters first round win over Fresno St. in the NCAA Regional.
- Litchfield has worked 39 innings and is 2-1 with two saves and a 3.00 ERA.
- He needs three 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 com-

fortable 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 complete their three-game series at Borleske Stadium Sunday night with first pitch at 6:05 p.m.
- It's the first 6 for 36 night of the season.
- Fans receive six reserved tickets, six hot dogs and six 20 oz. sodas for only 36 dollars. A \$54 value.