



Game #03

Sunday, June 5, 2011

6:05 p.m. - Borleske Stadium - Walla Walla, WA  
vs. Corvallis Knights

#### **Tonight at Borleske**

- W2 and Corvallis complete their three-game series at Borleske Stadium with first pitch scheduled for 6:05 p.m.

#### **Last Night at Borleske**

- Knight starter Max Beatty went eight strong and the Knights built a 3-0 lead and held off a Sweets rally to win 3-2.
- Beatty took a perfect game into the 7th and lost it on a two-out single. He gave up three hits and one run while striking out seven.
- Corvallis scored two runs in the third and one in the seventh and were helped by three Sweet errors.
- Walla Walla loaded the bases in the ninth with one out but could not score the tying run.
- Alex Stanford homered and Austin Heaps had two hits.

#### **Rally Falls Short**

- Trailing 3-1 in the ninth, Alex Bonczyk and Kalani Brackenridge drew back-to-back walks to start the inning.
- Austin Heaps' single loaded the bases with one out and Goose Kallunki made it 3-2 with an RBI single to right.
- A pop out to second was out #2 and the final out was made by Corey Moore at sec-

Tonight's Pitching Matchup:

WW- **Trent Allianic**: Redshirt

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

Next Three:

Tues. June 7 vs. Portland Toros 7:05

**Probables**

WW- **Jacob Overbay**:

POR- TBD

Wed. June 8 vs. Portland Toros 7:05

**Probables**

WW- Tyler Billen

POR- TBD

Fri. June 10 at Cowlitz 6:35

**Probables**

WW- TBD

COW- TBD

ond as he knocked down a hard grounder and his strong throw just beat a diving Stanford at first.

#### **Watson strong in first start**

- Making his first start, Brett Watson pitched well enough to win but Beatty was just a bit better.
- Watson went six-plus and gave up three runs on four hits and struck out four.
- After giving up the 2-0 lead in the third, he allowed just two hits the rest of the way.

#### **Peterson Makes Pitch**

- Ryan Peterson threw his first three innings of baseball on Saturday and they were all scoreless.
- Peterson redshirted this spring as a freshman at Gonzaga and had not thrown in live game action since last summer.
- He entered with a runner on and no outs in the seventh and despite the runner eventually scoring, he kept the Sweets close over the closing innings.

#### **Litchfield, 'Eater 2-0 in Regional**

- With the tying run at second base and two out in the ninth inning, Jimmy Litchfield was summoned from the bullpen and ended the game with a strikeout to move Irvine to 2-0 in the Los Angeles Regional.

- The Anteaters await the winner of UCLA-San Francisco and need just one win to advance to the Super Regionals.

#### **Allianic gets the ball tonight**

- Like Peterson, Allianic redshirted this spring and will be pitching for the first time this year on Sunday.
- Last summer he was a member of the La Crosse Loggers of the Northwoods League.
- He made 12 appearances out of the bullpen, logging 27.1 innings with a 5.60 ERA. He struck out 16 and walked 12.
- His ERA is bloated thanks to his first appearance in which he gave up eight runs in three innings.
- Over his next 11 appearances he gave up just nine earned runs, good enough for a 3.74 ERA.

#### **Johnson on the bump for Corvallis**

- The 6-4 righty was one of the top arms at the University of Portland this spring.
- He was 3-5 with a 3.56 ERA in 83.1 innings.
- Johnson struck out 58 and walked only 22 in 14 starts and teams hit just .256 against him.

#### **Friday**

- 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.

#### **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 innings 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's Title Dreams Fall Short**

- Aaron Hoverson and Winona St.'s season did not end the way they had hoped.
- Playing in the National Championship for the first time in school history, the Warriors fell to West Florida 12-2 yesterday.

#### **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 inagural 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-Irive the #3 seed in the four-team regional that begins Friday.
- Winona St. lost in the National Championship to West Florida.

#### **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 33.
- 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 39.1 innings and is 2-1 with three saves and a 2.97 ERA.
- He needs two 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.
- In two games this summer, he's collected three hits and two RBI.

### **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**

- Walla Walla gets a day off on Monday and returns to the diamond on Tuesday and Wednesday when they host the Portland Toros for two games.
- The games conclude an opening five-game homestand at Borleske Stadium.
- It's also the first kid's day of the summer and all kids 12 and under can get into the ballpark for \$1 when accompanied by a full-paying adult.