



Game #04

Tuesday, June 7, 2011

7:05 p.m. - Borleske Stadium - Walla Walla, WA  
vs. Portland Toros

Tonight's Pitching Matchup:  
WW- **Jacob Overbay**: 0-0, 10.38 ERA  
POR- **TBD**

Next Three:

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**

Sat. June 11 at Cowlitz 6:35

**Probables**

WW- **TBD**

COW- **TBD**

### **Tonight at Borleske**

- W2 and the Toros kick-off a two-game non-league series at Borleske Stadium at 7:05 p.m.

### **Last Time Out**

- Kalani Brackenridge ripped a bases loaded walk-off single down the right field line to give the Sweets a 1-0 victory on Sunday.
- Walla Walla took two-of-three games from the Knights with both wins being shutouts.
- Trent Allanic, Sean Santschi and Tim Culligan combined for the seven-hit shutout.

### **Staff Dominance**

- After posting a league-worst 4.48 team ERA last year, the Sweets have gotten off on a better foot this season.
- Over 27 innings this weekend, eight pitchers combined to allow just one earned run on 18 hits. They struck out 19 and walked five.
- Only three of the 18 hits went for extra bases.

### **RISP Woes**

- Brackenridge's walk-off single helped mask the fact that the Sweets finished Sunday 1-8 with runners in scoring posi-

tion.

- They struck out looking twice in a row to leave the bases loaded in the sixth and failed to score Zach Wentz from third with less than two outs in the fifth.
- On Saturday, they were 2-6, including failing twice in the ninth inning to score a run with the bases loaded and one out.

### **Santschi and Culligan bring "Game"**

- Entering in the sixth with two on and one out, Sean Santschi didn't let the pressure get to him, getting a strikeout and a ground out to end the threat.
- He didn't let it get to him in the seventh either when he put runners on the corners with no outs and eventually worked out of it.
- Culligan was equally as impressive in his two innings and gave the Sweets a chance to win the game in the ninth with a punch-out that left two Knights on base in the top of the inning.

### **Overbay on the bump**

- Jacob Overbay gets the ball tonight for the Sweets and will look to continue where he left off last summer.
- Overbay won his last three decisions and gave up just seven runs over his final 18.2 innings.

- He threw his best game of the year in his last appearance, going eight innings, giving up two runs on nine hits in a 3-2 win over Cowlitz on August 4.
- The righty finished 3-2 with a 4.05 ERA.

#### **Sweets set a new Franchise Record**

- It's not much, but the 1-0 shutout on Sunday gave the Sweets two on the season and surpassed their mark of one they set last season.

#### **UC-Irvine Advance to Super Regionals**

- The Anteaters are going to the Super Regionals and Scott Gottschling brought them there.
- The reserve outfielder pinch-ran in the bottom of the ninth and scored the winning run on a single to give Irvine a 4-3 win over UCLA.
- UC-Irvine will face top-ranked Virginia in the Super Regionals, needing to win two-of-three to advance to the College World Series in Omaha, NE.

#### **Saturday 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 second 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.

#### **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 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'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 occassions.
- W2 erupted for a season-high 11 runs in an 11-8 victory over Kitsap on July 29.

### **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.

### **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 homes-

tand 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 Toros wrap-up their two-game series on Wednesday night with first pitch scheduled for 7:05 p.m.
- Wednesday's game ends an season-opening five-game homestand and the Sweets will have Thursday off before traveling to Cowlitz for three over the weekend.