

Baseball Blurbs by Bruce



Wenatchee at Kelowna
Tuesday-Thursday (August 5-7)
Game Times: 6:35 p.m.
Elks Stadium (Kelowna, B.C.)



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Wenatchee (26-22) at Kelowna (15-33) 6:35 tonight.

Wenatchee vs. Kelowna

Series started in 2000

Wenatchee

- leads 75-33 overall, 69-30 in league in games, 6-2 in playoffs and trails 1-0 in a nonleague outing in 2000.
- leads 33-19 in Kelowna.
- has won 12 of their last 15 games at Elks Stadium in Kelowna.
- and Kelowna have combined for 10-plus runs in 13 of their last 16 games.

Playoff Picture and the Magic Number

Yakima Valley beat Cowlitz last night. That cut the magic number between the Pippins and AppleSox from 3 to 2. It also eliminated Cowlitz from playoff contention and Walla Walla from any East Division title possibilities.

Here are the magic numbers for the various combinations. The number is how many combined wins and losses will eliminate a team from contention or secure their way to the playoffs.

East: Yakima Valley and Wenatchee 2.

South: Corvallis and Bend 3.

West: Bellingham is champ.

Wildcard: Bend and Wenatchee 5. Bend and Walla Walla 3. Bend and Medford 2. Bend and Victoria 1.

Standings

East: Yakima Valley 31-18, WENATCHEE 26-22, Walla Walla 24-24, Kelowna 15-33

West: Bellingham 33-15, Victoria 22-26, Cowlitz 22-27, Kitsap 21-27

South: Corvallis 32-16, Bend 28-20, Medford 24-25, Klamath Falls 12-37

This was noted here a few days ago and hasn't been updated yet on the league site, but a Kitsap game in Kelowna on June 30 has still not been reported to the league. The league site shows "In Progress" and the results are not reflected in the standings. Both the Falcons' and the BlueJackets' sites say Kelowna won, although they can't agree on the score... Kelowna says 4-3 and Kitsap says 5-4. The standings above include the "missing" game.

Who's Hot: Yakima Valley has won 8 straight. Corvallis has won 5 of 6.

Who's Not: Klamath Falls has lost 8 of 9. Kelowna has lost 4 straight and 6 of 7.