

Baseball Blurbs by Bruce



Kelowna at Wenatchee

Tuesday-Thursday (July 22-24)

Game Times: 7:05 p.m.

Paul Thomas Sr. Field (Wenatchee, Wash.)



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Kelowna 17, Wenatchee 1 last night. Kelowna (13-24) at Wenatchee (19-18) 7:05 tonight.

Facts are Facts...Pleasant Or Not

- Eight consecutive home losses in league games...record extended. Until this season it had never happened more than four times.
- 17, most runs Kelowna has scored against AppleSox. Old mark 16 in 2009.
- 16, largest margin of defeat by AppleSox to Kelowna. Old mark 14 in 2009.
- 17, fourth most given up in a league game (19 once, 18 twice).
- 16, tied for second largest margin of defeat in a league game (17 once).
- Nine times league opponents have scored in double figures. Never before in nine previous years of WCL play has this happened more than four times.
- The good news. It's Wenatchee's turn. For the past 10 games these two clubs have traded wins every other game.

Same Old Same Old

Three hour and six minute home game last night...four in a row, five of six and 11 of 21 for the season.

Eight Major Leaguers

Chad Smith pitched in relief in 10 games for the Detroit Tigers in June and July and becomes the eighth AppleSox to play in the majors. Smith, from USC, played for Wenatchee in 2008. He currently is back in AAA ball with the Toledo Mud Hens. Of the eight former Sox to reach the "big", seven have been pitchers.

A good time to update the baseball for bucks list...it's a fluid item (this one was yesterday). Two more players in major league organizations have been added (Andrew Daniel and Josh Rapacz), along with six playing for independent teams. In the meantime, since the last list I reported 13 days ago six players have changed teams – Tommy Milone (MLB to AAA), Marco Gonzales (MLB top AAA), Tyler Knigge (AAA to AA), Cody Fassold (AA to High A), Breland Almadova (Low A to High A) and Steve Ames (Rookie to AA). See complete list at bottom.

July 23 Games

The 23rd is a fair date for the AppleSox. The record: 7-3 overall and league, 3-1 home, 4-2 away and they have a two-game win streak and have won five of the last six. They are 1-0 vs. Kelowna (13-8 in '01).

Standings

East: Yakima Valley 22-15, WENATCHEE 19-18, Walla Walla 19-18, Kelowna 13-24

West: Bellingham 26-10, Victoria 17-20, Cowlitz 16-21, Kitsap 14-22

South: Corvallis 24-13, Bend 22-15, Medford 19-18, Klamath Falls 10-27

Who's Hot: Corvallis has won 6 of 7. Kelowna has won 5 of 6.

Who's Not: Klamath Falls has lost 12 of 14.