



BASEBALL BLURBS BY BRUCE

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Bend 8, Wenatchee 7 in 12 innings last night.

Bend (24-5) at Wenatchee (11-15) 7:05 tonight.

Miscellany

- And another extra-inning game...the sixth one this season. The Sox won the first two and dropped the last four.
- Extra frames at home...not so good. Overall they are 15-17 and 1-3 in the last four. On the other hand, on the road they are 19-12.
- And another 1-run affair...the 12th this year...and again not so good. They are 4-8 and lost four of the last five.
- 10 of the last 21 games with the Elks have been decided by the narrowest of margins - a single run.
- Anything but lightning quick. The event last evening lasted 4 hours, 4 minutes thanks to a 30-minute lightning delay.
- This was the fourth time home fans have witnessed a 4-hour-plus game. None of the other three had weather delays thrown in.

League Stuff

- Check out the runner-up race in the West. All three teams are 10-16.
- The season is basically half complete (27 of 54 games for each team) and both the leaders in the South and West have double the wins of their closest competitor. Bend is up 24-12 and Bellingham 20-10. Can you say pennants decided?
- The playoffs consist of the three division champs and the second-place club with the best record. At the moment that last spot would definitely go to the East.

July 8 Games

A popular date for games. Tonight's will be the 17th contest on the 8th of July. This ties with July 4 for the most on a specific date. And Bend has been a common foe as this will be the fifth with the Elks (Sox are 3-1). Wenatchee is 9-7 overall, 7-6 league, 2-1 nonleague, 4-2 at home and 5-5 away.

Who's Hot: Bend has won 17 of 19. Bellingham has won 7 straight and 8 of 9. Kelowna has won 8 of 10.

Who's Not: Kitsap has lost 8 of 9. Klamath Falls has lost 8 of 9. Cowlitz has lost 7 of 8.

Standings

East: Kelowna 18-8, Yakima Valley 17-12, Walla Walla 14-15, WENATCHEE 11-15

West: Bellingham 20-9, Kitsap 10-16, Cowlitz 10-16, Victoria 10-16

South: Bend 24-5, Medford 12-13, Corvallis 10-15, Klamath Falls 5-21