

# Baseball Blurbs by Bruce



NW Star College Prep at Wenatchee

Wednesday July 9th

7:05 p.m.

Paul Thomas Sr. Field (Wenatchee, Wash.)



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Everett Merchants 14, Wenatchee 8 last night.

NW Star Academy (N/A) at Wenatchee (18-13) 7:05 tonight.

This is the final of five nonleague games, and also the beginning of the second half of the home schedule...16 down, 16 to go. NW Star Academy is headquartered in West Linn, OR and the AppleSox have played them seven times before...three times in both '06 and '07 and once in '08. The Sox lost the first two and won the next five. The Academy team is the second most frequent nonleague opponent for the local nine. The only one Wenatchee has faced more is the San Francisco Seals who played their eighth and ninth games with the Sox to open the current season.

The AppleSox record in nonleague games is 103-39 and at home 89-32. They have won 24 of the last 27. This will be the 69th consecutive nonleague contest at Paul Thomas Sr. Baseball Stadium. The last time the Sox ventured far-a-field for one of these type games was three weeks shy of 10 years ago when they took on the Whitman County Diamondbacks in Colfax August 4, 2004.

## If You've Got The Time, We've Got The Place

This may very well be the 2014 AppleSox theme. Last night was the seventh of the last 15 home games to exceed three hours (3:08)...a near record breaking pace. In 2007 there were nine of these "more-bang-for-your-buck" type games in a 15-game stretch.

## This Is Not Good

The AppleSox tied a team record last night, and not one to write home about. They have been on the short end of the score five consecutive times playing before their home fans. This ties with two others for longest home losing streak. It happened once in their initial season of 2000 and again in 2003.

## Neither is This

The 14 runs by Everett last evening are the most ever scored against the AppleSox in a nonleague encounter...there's been 142 of 'em. The previous record was by the Portland Cardinals in a 12-10 win in 2009.

## How Hot Was It?

Yesterday the National Weather Service high at the airport was 100 degrees. This one was interesting. The NWS records their temps each hour at five to the hour. The 5:55 reading was 99. The game started at 6:09 so I checked the 6:55 reading – Bingo, 100. Strange that the temp went up that late in the day, but it did. And to satisfy your curiosity about 100-plus home game days, here you go.

- This was the 13th time triple digits have been recorded.
- The hottest ever was 107 on August 1, 2009 (Sox won).
- The most in 100-plus contests in one season was three in 2009.
- Most games play on one of these scorchers is two...a double header with Aloha in 2001 (Sox lost both).
- Wenatchee's record is 11-4 and had a six-game win streak snapped last night.

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## July 9 Games

A win for the home team and they will even their record for games the 9th of July at 8-8. Not the best date for Wenatchee. Overall 7-8, league 4-8, nonleague 3-0, home 4-4, away 3-4 and they have a two-game losing streak. But the positive from that list is the undefeated mark against nonleague opponents (Whitman County Diamondbacks '03, Tacoma Cardinals '08 and Portland Toros '11).

## And The Beat Goes On

Bellingham beat Kitsap 5-2 last night.

Bells 12th consecutive win (third longest win streak in the WCL). The longest and second longest win streaks are 14 and 13 both by Wenatchee. Go BlueJackets tonight!

BlueJackets 13th consecutive loss (second longest losing streak). In those 13 games Kitsap is managing but 2.0 runs per game.

## Standings

East: Yakima Valley 16-10, WENATCHEE 15-12, Walla Walla 12-15, Kelowna 8-19

West: Bellingham 20-5, Victoria 12-14, Cowlitz 12-15, Kitsap 8-17

South: Corvallis 18-11, Bend 17-12, Medford 14-12, Klamath Falls 8-18

Who's Hot: Bellingham has won 12 straight. Bend has won 13 of 16.

Who's Not: Kitsap has lost 13 straight. Cowlitz has lost 6 of 7. Kelowna has lost 10 of 12. Klamath Falls has lost 5 of 6.