BASEBALL BLURBS BY BRUCE

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PLAY BALL! Sweet 16! Tonight begins the 16th season of Wenatchee AppleSox baseball. Can you believe...5,480 days ago the local nine played their first game. That initial game was a 2-1 triumph in a league encounter over the Bells in Bellingham.

OPENER HISTORY
Season openers:
11-4
7-4 at home.
4-2 nonleague.
3-game winning streak.
Second with the San Francisco Seals. Beat SF 5-0 last June.

Home openers:
9-6
4-2 nonleague
1-game winning streak. Beat SF 5-0 last June.
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Wenatchee vs. San Francisco Seals
* The AppleSox and Seals are long-time foes even through they had an 11-season gap in the series. They faced each other twice in 2000, four times in 2001, once in 2013 and then again twice last spring.
* Wenatchee has never lost to San Francisco in the nine games.
* Wenatchee is 7-0 at home and 2-0 away, but has never played in S.F. How'd that happen? In this case the two road games were played on a neutral diamond in a foreign country. In 2001 the Sox defeated the Seals at home July 10 and 11. On the 12th both outfits headed for Kamloops, B.C. for the Kamloops International Baseball Tournament. Wenatchee won five straight games to win the tourney, with the Seals being victims twice, and the second time in the championship game.
* The AppleSox beat the Seals twice last year 5-0 and 16-4.
* The nine games against San Francisco are most against any nonleague opponent.

NONLEAGUE GAMES
The AppleSox:
are 104-39 (72.7%) overall.
are 90-32 (73.8%) at home.
have a one-game win streak.
have won 24 of the last 27.
have played 69 straight at Paul Thomas Sr. Baseball Stadium. Last road game was 8/2/04 with the Whitman County Diamondback at Colfax.

Wenatchee vs. California teams:
13-6 (Bay Area Rams 0-1, Oxnard Dawgs 0-1, Sacramento Cardinals 1-0, San Francisco Angels 2-4, San Francisco Seals 9-0 and Santa Barbara Foresters 1-0).

June 4 games
On the fourth day of June Wenatchee is 3-3 overall, 2-1 nonleague, 1-2 in league and 3-2 at home. They have a one-game win streak (SF Seals last year).

Let the games begin!