

Off to a great start

Although our spring weather has left much to be desired, the play on the field has been outstanding to start the 2011 season.

After only one day of practice on our field, Shoreline visited Wenatchee the first weekend of March. After plowing snow off the field for two hours, the team came out blazing. The bats took a while to get going, but once they did, they didn't stop. Ashlee Richardson got things going with a base hit up the middle and would score on a triple off the bat of Chynna Sandhop for the first run of our season. That run proved to be all the Knights would need as Sydnee Jerome dominated by striking out nine hitters and the defense playing error-free softball. The end result was an 8-0 victory. The Knights wasted little time getting things going in game two. Kaylee Larson led off the second inning with a solo homerun, and eight runners would eventually cross the plate in the second inning. Amy Greenough, seeing her first action in a WVC uniform, struck out ten Dolphins in only five innings and the defense was again outstanding in a 9-0 victory.



After a rain storm in Vancouver (what a surprise) and 900 miles on the Knight Rider, the Knights took on Eastern Region foes Walla Walla and Columbia Basin in Pasco on Saturday. Warrior freshman pitcher Kara Kosanke kept the bats off balance for much of the game. Entering the seventh inning, the Knights trailed 2-0. Down to their last out, four players put together great at-bats to rally for victory. Kelsie DeBroeck got things going drawing a walk, bringing Kaylee Larson to the plate. Larson fell behind 1-2 and after fouling another pitch off, blasted a ball to center field, tying the game. Freshman Devin McNellis came in to pinch hit and drew another walk bringing, the nine-hitter in our lineup, Chynna Sandhop, to the plate. Chynna promptly delivered a 1-2 pitch out of the left center field gap for a thrilling come-from-behind 4-2 win. A trio of three-run innings resulted in a 9-0, five inning victory over Columbia Basin in the second game. Freshman McKensie Stanton got things going with her first collegiate home run in the first and sophomore Kelsie DeBroeck got her first jack of the season in the third to lead the hit attack.

The team has a busy weekend ahead, Mother Nature willing, as Pierce visits on Friday and we head to the Tri-Cities for the Pre-Season Tournament Saturday and Sunday.