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Seven Knights earn Post Season honors

The Eastern Region All-League team was full of Knights in 2009.

Amanda TeVelde capped off an impressive freshman season by being named as a second team all region selection. TeVelde hit .405 for the Knights this year and led the team in extra base hits with 13 doubles, 6 triples and 4 home runs. She also stole 22 bases and played outstanding defense in both left and center field.

Katrina Peterson was named the second team second baseman. Pete hit .357 in her rookie campaign and led the team with 48 runs scored. Her defense at second base was an important part of the team's success as she showed both the ability to be steady, making routine plays with ease, and to be impressive, robbing numerous would be hits to the right side and up the middle.

Katy Lafferty came back from injury to have a monster second half of the season and her efforts earned a second team selection in the outfield. Lafferty led the Knights with a .461 batting average, putting her number three all-time in that category for Wenatchee Valley College. She had 13 doubles, 3 triples and 1 home run, scored 33 runs and drove in another 35 in her sophomore year.

Freshman Chelsea Allsbrook was selected as the Eastern Regions best designated hitter in 2009. As a freshman, Allsbrook hit .326 while clubbing 11 doubles and 2 home runs. She hit in the heart of the order all season and played a big part in the team scoring 421 runs in 51 games.

Emma Winckler was recognized as the top third baseman in the East. Winckler was a force at the plate, a .399 average, 4 home runs, 2 triples, 11 doubles, 41 runs scored and a team leading 48 runs batted in. Equally as valuable was what she did on defense showing the range and arm to make her one of the top players not only in the Eastern Region but in the NWAACC as well.

Sophomore Miranda Rosebrook was a first team selection for the second straight year in the outfield and rightly so. Miranda hit .420, leading the team with 68 hits of which 13 were doubles, 3 were triples and 1 was a bomb. She was also a terror on the bases stealing 36 bases without being caught and scoring 54 run for her team. Her contributions were not limited to what she did at the plate, she showed her versatility by playing 22 games at shortstop and her power when in the outfield by running balls down and throwing people out with an arm that is best described as lethal. Miranda was also named as an NFCA All-American for the second straight season, distinguishing her as one of the best 12 players in the entire NWAACC. Miranda will play for the Urban Knights of the California Art Institute in San Francisco next year.

Bri Compton was the Ace of this year's staff and it did not go unnoticed by the opposition as she was selected to the first team. Bri racked up an amazing 195 innings pitched on her way to winning 22 of the 29 games she started in 2009. Her earned run average was a mere 1.58 and opponents hit on .230 against Bri. In addition to what she did in the circle, Bri hit .403 with 6 doubles to go along with 2 triples. Bri will continue her career at Willamette University next fall.

5/14/09

Four in a row...

Knights go 4-0 on the weekend to win their 4th straight EASTERN REGION CHAMPIONSHIP!



Friday was the final home games of the season and the final games on their home field for our nine sophomores. The team was impressive, swinging their way to 15-0 and 16-0 victories over Big Bend. Bri Compton put on a show in the first game, taking a no hitter into the 5th inning ending with a shutout in her last appearance on the Knights mound. Katy Lafferty went 5 for 7 during the day, including a three run, in the park homerun and 7 RBI's.

During the second game the Knights didn't hesitate to keep the rally going, bringing in 11 runs in the 3rd inning. All 15 players on the roster came to the plate during the game and produced throughout the day. The 31 runs, 25 hits, error free defense and stellar pitching served as proof of what we have shown all year... this is not just a bunch of players who wins games, this is a TEAM who plays for each other.

Saturday morning we boarded Knights Rider, heading to Yakima with a chance to win a Region Title. Game 1 was a 9 inning barn burner. The Yaks scored in the bottom of the first with a leadoff single and a couple of hit batters. The 1-0 lead would hold up until the 4th inning when the hot swinging bat of Katy Lafferty stepped to the plate and hit a leadoff triple. Miranda Rosebrook followed that with a first pitch single through the right side and the game was tied. The defense kept the game tied until the 9th inning when Miranda Rosebrook drew a walk to get things rolling. Emma Winckler beat out a bunt to put runners at 1st and 2nd with no outs. Rosebrook alertly tagged up on a fly ball to center field putting the winning run 60 feet away with only one out. Katrina Peterson laid down a perfect squeeze bunt on a 2-0 count to score Rosebrook and give the Knights a 2-1 lead. Bri Compton pitched a perfect 9th inning to secure the win, her 20th of the year.

Game two was a little easier affair as the bats produced 6 runs in the first 2 innings on the way to a 9-4 victory. Miranda Rosebrook, Katy Lafferty, Emma Winckler and Melanie Mobley had 2 hits apiece and the defense was again outstanding in backing up the pitching of Kim Harter, Emma Winckler and Bri Compton.

The team finishes the regular season with a 37-10 record, going 22-6 in the Eastern Region. Offensively, the Knights hit .363 as a team while opponents hit only .232 against them. More impressively, this year's team scored 392 runs while giving up only 139 in 47 games. A large reason for that staggering statistic is the team earned run average of a mere 2.00 runs per game and the defense fielded .955 as a whole.

The season concludes this weekend with another appearance at the NWAACC Championship Tournament in Portland, Oregon, the 21st time a Knight's team has qualified for post season. First game is at 9 am Friday against the Clippers of South Puget Sound.

GO KNIGHTS!!!!

5/9/09

Rolling right along...to another NWAACC tournament



In the last three weeks the Knights put together an impressive string of games and played themselves into a tie for first place in the Eastern Region. Overall the team has won 19 of the last 24 games played, including a 3-1 weekend at the Cross-Over Tournament with victories over Mt. Hood, Grays Harbor and Southwest Oregon. At the tournament the Knights out scored their four opponents 28-6 and played great defense all weekend. New to this year's cross-over tournament was a day devoted to breast cancer awareness. All participating teams wore some form of pink and although we may not have looked the part, we played tough all weekend.

Eastern Region play picked up again on April 25th with a key matchup in Spokane. The teams entered the day tied for first place and after two outstanding games nothing had changed. Spokane took the first game of the double header 6-3 but the Knights fought back to earn a big split with a 6-4 victory in the second game. Katy Lafferty and Robin James led the offense. Lafferty was 2 for 4 scored a run and drove in 2 more with a 2 run double in the 4th inning. James was also 2 for 4 including a triple and scored 2 runs.

Central Washington University came to town on Tuesday giving us a couple more non-league games to fine tune our skills. The first game was a 2-3 loss but the bats came alive in game 2 a 9-1 win. Chelsea Allsbrook was a perfect 2 or 2 at the plate as was Katrina Peterson. Kim Harter was dominant in the circle, limiting the Wildcats to only 1 hit while striking out 5 batters.

Last weekend, we continued our string of games on the road and made our way to Walla Walla. As has been the case the last couple of years, the Knights and Warriors played a tremendous ball game against each other in game one. Wenatchee trailed 2-0 heading into the 6th inning when Katrina Peterson got things going with a leadoff single. Amanda TeVelde moved Peterson to second with a bunt and Katy Lafferty hit a single up the middle to get the Knights on the board. Miranda Rosebrook drew a walk and

Chelsea Allsbrook hit a two out single up the middle scoring Rosebrook and tying the game. It would stay that way until the 10th inning when the tie-breaker went into effect. Melanie Mobley began the inning at 2nd base and was sacrificed to 3rd by Katrina Peterson. Amanda TeVelde squeezed Mobley home for the lead, with Mobley's slide ripping off the catcher's mitt. Katy Lafferty beat out a bunt and Miranda Rosebrook laced a single to load the bases. Emma Winckler stepped to the plate and hit a 1 strike single over the second baseman's head to score TeVelde and Lafferty and give the Knights a hard fought win. A seven-run 6th inning in game two broke open what had been a close game and it was on to Pasco for two against CBC.

Saturday was an unusually offensive day for both teams. The Knights took game one from the Hawks by a score of 13-10 but fell victim the long ball losing the second one 13-12. The bats produced 27 hits and 25 runs but oddly enough it was not enough against a CBC team that played their best game of the year.

Eastern region plays concludes this weekend with a Friday double header at home against Big Bend and a Saturday contest at Yakima. Friday will be the final home games for nine amazing players; Bri Compton, Kaemyn Meagher, Karlen Pfister, Melanie Mobley, Jocelyn Slack, Katy Lafferty, Miranda Rosebrook, Leslie Quay and Camille Jeffris so come spend a day at the park and help us send these sophomores out with a bang.

4/20/09

A GREAT weekend to finish the week...



Treasure Valley came to town on Friday to start the second half of Eastern Region Play. Bri Compton gave up only four hits in a 9-0 first game victory. The Knights took a 1-0 lead into the bottom of the fourth inning when the bats exploded for five runs to put the game away. Three straight singles from Emma Winckler, Katrina Peterson and Katy Lafferty set the stage for a big inning. Winckler would score on a sac fly by Melanie Mobley while Peterson and Lafferty were able to trot home on a three run blast off the bat of Leslie Quay. Game two was more of the same. Freshman pitchers Kim Harter and Emma Winckler combined to throw a one hit shut out at the Chukars and got all the run support they would need in the first inning. Miranda Rosebrook, Emma Winckler and Katy Lafferty all hit doubles in the first inning as the Knights brought ten hitters to the plate, scoring five runs in the process.

Going into Saturday's games against Blue Mountain the Timberwolves held a two game lead over the Knights for first place in the Eastern Region. At the end of Saturday, there was a three way tie for first

place, as the Knights played with the fire and determination that has led them to the last three Eastern Region Titles.

Game one was scoreless going in the bottom of the third inning. Leslie Quay got a rally going leading off the inning by beating out a dropped third strike. Amanda TeVelde moved Quay to second on a picture perfect sac bunt and Quay would eventually score on a passed ball. Miranda Rosebrook reached on a fielder's choice, stole second and scored on a single up the middle by Chelsea Allsbrook for a 2-0 lead. Blue Mountain came back to score one in the top of the fourth but that one run was met by a roar from the Wenatchee bats. Katy Lafferty and Katrina Peterson had back to back singles to start the inning and with two outs Amanda TeVelde beat out a bobbled play at second base to keep the inning going. Bri Compton followed the error with a double to left center and not to be out done, Miranda Rosebrook hit a bases clearing triple to the same gap and a commanding 6-1 lead. The game ended in the 6th inning with the mercy rule being invoked after the Knights put three more runs on the board for a 9-1 victory. Bri Compton showed herself to be an ace in game one giving up only one run on four hits while her defense continued to be spectacular in playing another error free game.

Bri Compton was trotted out to the circle in game two to see if she could duplicate her first game magic, and she didn't disappoint. She gave up seven hits in game two but that only resulted in two runs thanks in large part to some outstanding play in the outfield by Katie Lafferty in left field, Amanda TeVelde in center and Camille Jeffris in right, all of whom ran balls down in the gap at one time or another during the game. The bats stayed hot and the defense stayed steady, resulting in a 7-2 victory and a much deserved sweep. Amanda TeVelde led off the first with a triple to left center and would score on a single by Miranda Rosebrook giving the Knights a 1-0 lead. TeVelde would make in 2-0 with a rare inside the park home run in the third. The fourth inning was a big one for the home team as they sent eight batters to the plate, scoring four runs on hits by Katy Lafferty, Katrina Peterson, Bri Compton and Miranda Rosebrook. When all was said and done the Knights had a 7-2 victory and a share of first place with ten games to go.

We take a few days off from Eastern Region competition, but not from playing. We will pile on Knight Rider and travel to Ellensburg on Wednesday to take on Central Washington University and will host Pierce again on Friday before heading to Yakima for the Cross-Over Tournament.

The team has played great the last couple of weeks but there is still a lot of season to be played. We will use the next ten games to fine tune our skills and get ready for a strong finish to what has been a great season thus far.



4/17/09

Five days...six games...thirty five runs scored...five more WINS!

Walla Walla came to town on Friday in a battle of last year's first and second place team. Ace Bri Compton brought her "A" game and limited the Warriors to only one run on five hits. Walla Walla's Mackenzie Marchbanks was equally tough through the first two innings, striking out six of the first ten batters she saw. A lead-off walk by Bri Compton got the offense going in the second inning. Back to back singles by Miranda Rosebrook and Chelsea Allsbrook gave the Knights a lead they would never relinquish, ending in a 5-1 victory. Kim Harter limited the Warriors to one run on only four hits in game two, the defense played error free and the offense took advantage of five Walla Walla errors en route to a 6-1 victory. It was a 2-1 game in the bottom of the fifth when a walk to Emma Winckler started another rally. Rosebrook followed Winckler's walk with a single and both would score

on single to left by Camille Jeffris that was misplayed by the left fielder. The Knights played add on in the sixth on a single by Robin James who scored on a double by Katrina Peterson, who would score on a two out single by Miranda Rosebrook.

Saturday was a match up with the Hawks of Columbia Basin. The bats were hot in game one, a five inning, 11-1 victory. Amanda TeVelde, Bri Compton and Chelsea Allsbrook led the hit brigade with seven hits, five runs scored and six runs batted in between them. The defense was its rock solid self and as always Bri Compton gave us a great effort in the circle. Game two was a frustration at the



plate. The off-speed pitching from Columbia Basin was a tough adjustment and unfortunately the solid pitching of Kim Harter, only 4 hits surrendered, and solid defense were wasted. The Knights played error free ball until the 7th inning when our only error would lead to the go ahead run for Columbia Basin.

After a great day of practice Monday it was back to action against the visiting Yakima Yaks. Game one saw few hits from either team, only three from Yakima and five from the Knights, but fortunately for us our five hits resulted in two runs and a 2-0 victory. Three of the Knights hits came off the red hot bat of Amanda TeVelde. Some sophomore leadership sparked the offense in game two. Kaemyn Meagher, Katy Lafferty and Leslie Quay combined for six of the team's nine hits and four of the nine runs. Leslie Quay hit a bases loaded double to end the game by mercy rule, a 9-0 victory.

4/7/09

Four more games...Three more wins!



We traveled to Big Bend on Friday, leaving the sunshine of Wenatchee for the wind of Moses Lake, coming home with two very convincing wins. Amanda TeVelde got things going in game one with a leadoff double and would finish the game with four hits including a triple. Camille Jeffris also had a big game at the plate, with a home run (her 3rd of the year) and a double to go with three runs scored. Bri Compton was solid in the circle striking out seven Vikings and yielding only 5 hits in an 11-1 victory. Game two was more of the same. Chelsea Allsbrook had two hits, Camille Jeffris was a perfect 3 for 3 and every person in the order had at least one hit in another 11-1 victory. Kim Harter and Emma Winckler combined



for the win, aided by some outstanding defense especially that of Katrina Peterson who made several highlight reel plays at 2nd base.

As we left Moses Lake the rain began to fall and our Saturday games, which were to be played in Spokane, were moved to Monday in Wenatchee. As always, both games were a battle. Spokane jumped out to an early 4-0 lead and would take that lead into 5th inning when the Knight bats finally came alive. Robin James drew a walk to start the inning and was moved to second on a sac bunt by Jocelyn Slack. Amanda TeVelde hit the first pitch she saw into right center field to score James and put the home team on the board. With two outs,

Miranda Rosebrook hit a double scoring TeVelde. Emma Winckler followed with a single and stole second base, putting the tying run in position for the big bat of Chelsea Allsbrook. Allsbrook hit a 1-1 pitch hard back at the pitcher and then used her blazing speed to beat out the bobbled play, allowing both Rosebrook and Winckler to score and tie the game. Spokane hit a solo home run in the top of the 7th inning setting the stage for another Knight rally. Our catalyst again was Miranda Rosebrook who took a fastball right back up the middle for a leadoff single. After stealing second base she was moved to third on a picture perfect bunt by Emma Winckler. Chelsea Allsbrook came to the plate again with the chance



to do some damage and she didn't disappoint, scorching a single to left field scoring Rosebrook and tying the game. Leslie Quay came into pinch run for Allsbrook and she would score "all the way" from first base on a screaming double down the left field line off the bat of Camille Jeffris. It was a great battle between two of the Eastern Regions top teams.

In game two, the defense faltered for the first time all season, giving up 5 unearned runs in a 4-8 defeat. That game will fuel our fire in practice this week as we get ready for a big weekend with Walla Walla and CBC coming to town.

The team is showing a lot of grit and determination and continues to get better every time they play. This weekend is a great chance to get out to the field and watch the mighty Knights play.

3/18/09



Six games in three days...four wins...one loss...and a tie...that's right, a tie.

The defending Western Region Champion Pierce Raiders came to town on Friday and came out swinging. The top of the first inning saw the Raiders put three runs on the board and immediately the Knights were playing from behind. It didn't take long for the bats to respond as freshman Amanda TeVelde led off the bottom of the first with a home run to deep center field. Katrina Peterson followed with a single, Miranda Rosebrook drew a walk and Chelsea Allsbrook screamed a single to the right center gap to keep things rolling. A two run double by Melanie Mobleby sent the Knights to the second inning

with a 5-3 lead. Both pitchers would settle down and the game was tied after seven, setting the stage for the first extra inning game of the season. With one out in the 8th inning, Melanie Mobley hit her second double of the day off the center field fence. Jocelyn Slack stepped to the plate and screamed a line drive down the left field line scoring pinch runner Alex Duncan from second base for the 7-6 win!

The Knights made things easier on themselves in game two, putting up an impressive 18 runs for freshman pitcher Kim Harter in a game shortened to five innings by the mercy rule. Mobley and Slack continued to swing hot bats both collecting two more hits and being joined in the hit parade by Robin James, Amanda TeVelde, Katrina Peterson, Miranda Rosebrook and Emma Winckler who all had multiple hit games.

After two great games on their home field the Knights boarded Knight Rider and headed to Richland for the Pre-Season Tournament. Saturday started the way Friday ended, with the bats blazing hot, against Clark College. After putting one run on the board in the first, things really got going and the result was a nine run second inning and an eventual 15-3 victory. Chelsea Allsbrook, Emma Winckler, Kaemyn Meagher, Bri Compton, Alex Duncan and Robin James all hit doubles in the game and the defense again played great for the Knights.



The last game of the day saw us do battle with the NWAACC runner up from a year ago, Mt. Hood. The Saints jumped out to an early 2-0 lead on a home run by Ashley Lokey in the first inning but starting pitcher Bri Compton would settle down and shut the Saints out for the next seven innings. Solo home runs by Camille Jeffris in the second inning and Amanda TeVelde in the third tied the game at two and that is the way it would stay even after an eight inning tie-breaker. The Saints loaded the bases in the top of the eighth but Compton was able to get a strike out, induce a ground ball to second base and a pop up to end the threat. The Knights had the winning run at third base in the bottom of the eighth but were unable to push the run across and had to settle for a tie. It was a very well played game between two talented teams.

The tournament ended on a cold, windy, Sunday with games against South Puget Sound and Lower Columbia. The morning game against South Puget was another victory shortened to five innings by the mercy rule and a score of 19-3. Miranda Rosebrook, Katrina Peterson, Chelsea Allsbrook, Melanie Mobley, Jocelyn Slack, Emma Winckler, and Kaemyn Meagher led the hit brigade with multiple hit games and Kim Harter picked up another victory in the circle. The weekend ended with a loss to the defending NWAACC Champion Red Devils of Lower Columbia.

Twelve games into a young season the Knights are showing a lot of fight and determination. A successful pre-season has given us confidence as we start Eastern Region play this Saturday against Blue Mountain. The season is a marathon, not a sprint, but the Knights have shown they are ready to run the race...toward another Eastern Region Championship!

3/9/09

Off and running...

The 2009 season is off to a great start for the Knights. Six games have resulted in five victories. The season began down in the Tri-Cities against the always tough Chemeketa Storm. The Knights broke open a 1-0 game in the sixth inning, scoring an amazing eleven runs, to put the game away. The big hit of the inning was delivered by Kaemyn Meagher who cleared the bases with a three run pinch hit double. Bri Compton was tremendous in the circle, giving up no runs and only five hits in her first outing of the year. Game two against the Storm was a 6-7 loss which was only decided when Camille Jeffris's blast to centerfield was caught at the fence in the bottom of the seventh inning.

The team came out hot again on Sunday facing Washington State University. Neither contest was in doubt as the Knights pounded out 23 hits and 21 runs in 12 innings. Three newcomers hit their first home runs of the season in the second inning of game two. Chelsea Allsbrook and Kim Harter went yard on back to back pitches and one batter later Camille Jeffris did the same. Kim Harter also picked up her first collegiate pitching victory.



The Knights took to their home field last Saturday and came away with two wins against South Puget Sound. The bats came out hot and put four runs on the board in the bottom of the first inning. Amanda TeVelde lead off the game with a double to left, Katrina Peterson followed with a single and Miranda Rosebrook was walked to load the bases. Starting pitcher Bri Compton helped her own cause with a two run single to left field. The defense yielded only a bunt single in the first inning in an otherwise perfect outing from Compton and the Knights.

Game two was a little more tightly contested by a 4-1 win none the less. The trend of scoring early continued as the first inning again saw the Knights put three runs on the board. The big hit of the inning was supplied by the big bat of Camille Jeffris, a two run double off the fence in dead center. Miranda Rosebrook finished the day a perfect 5 for 5 at the plate, while Kim Harter and Emma Winckler combined for the victory in game two.

The team is playing with a lot of energy and a confidence while continuing to work to get better every day. This weekend will provide a great gauge of where we are at in our young season as we will play six games in three days, with four of those games coming against tournament teams from a year ago. The weekend starts at home against Pierce Community College on Friday and then we are back to the Tri-Cities for the Pre-Season Tournament.

Get on out and watch this young team play!