

Six wins to begin Eastern Region play

After winning two non-league games against Pierce Community College by scores of 8-4 and 8-2, the Knights took a 7-2 record into Eastern Region play.

First up was the hard-hitting line-up of the Blue Mountain Timberwolves on March 26. Sydnee Jerome took the circle in game one and pitched well, giving up only seven hits to the visitors. Her teammates combined for 10 hits, led by Bailey Jolliffe and Robin James, who had two hits a piece. The Knights scored five runs in the first two innings and that would prove enough for a 6-4 win. The Knights rallied more than once in game two and came away with a 7-6 win. The home team led 3-1 until Blue Mountain scored five times to take the lead in the 5th inning. Emma Winckler relieved starting pitcher Kim Harter and shut down Blue Mountain in the final two innings, giving her team a chance to battle back. Trailing 3-6 in the sixth inning, the bats got to work. Ashlee Richardson and Kaylee Larson lead off the sixth inning with back-to-back singles, and Baylee Jolliffe drew a walk to load the bases. It looked like the Timberwolves would escape without giving up any runs until Chelsea Allsbrook hit a 2-2 pitch up the middle, scoring two runs with two outs, bringing the score to 5-6. Emma Winckler hit the first pitch of the bottom of the seventh inning off the center field wall for a lead-off double, and the Knights were in business. Katrina Peterson fought off a pitch for an infield single, putting runners at 1st and 3rd bases and setting the stage for catcher Cassie Ellis. Ellis laced a 1-0 pitch into right field for a game ending triple...and another Knight win!



On Saturday, March 27, the much improved Chukars of Treasure Valley came to Wenatchee. Amanda TeVelve drove in four runs, and Cassie had three hits including a double in the 7-4 game one victory. Every player in the line-up had a hit, and Sydnee Jerome had another good outing, striking out five in a complete game effort. Game two was a tighter affair, as is to be expected in the tough Eastern Region. The Knights led 4-1 going in to the 5th

inning before a trio of hits and the only error of the game saw the Chukars take a 4-5 lead. As they did the day before when faced with a challenge, the bats came to life and got it done. Cassie Ellis and Emma Winckler hit back-to-back doubles to tie the score at five in the 5th inning. Kaylee Larson led off the 6th inning with a single up the middle and was moved to second base on a sacrifice bunt by Chynna Sandhop. The powerful bat of Amanda TeVelve hit another frozen rope double off the fence, scoring Larson with the go-ahead run before Chelsea Allsbrook hit the first pitch she saw to the nearly identical spot, scoring TeVelve. The Chukars got a runner on in the 7th inning but the defense turned in a great double play to end the game and secure the 7-5 win.

Friday's scheduled contest with Spokane was snowed out, that's right, snowed out on April 2, so we didn't take the field again until a





Saturday, April 3, contest with Big Bend. The Vikings came to Wenatchee after an opening weekend that saw them beat both Walla Walla and CBC for a 2-2 league start. The extra day off seemed to provide some extra pop in the arm of pitcher Sydnee Jerome. Jerome was a beast from the start, striking out two of the first batters of the game and 12 Big Bend batters overall. Even with Jerome dominating the Vikings line up, the Knights bats were having a hard time stringing hits together until an explosive 6th

inning. The fireworks started with back-to-back singles by Chelsea Allsbrook and Emma Winckler. An error by the Vikings short stop kept things going for the Knights and the final blow was delivered by Robin James, a three-run home run that left the park in a hurry and secured the 6-0 win for the home team. Game two was more of the same, a five inning 8-0 victory. Kim Harter pitched the shut-out for the Knights, who played error-free defense on the day. The 7-8-9 hitters in the lineup: Robin James, Katrina Peterson and Kaylee Larson scored six of the Knights' eight runs in the game.

The season is off to a great start. The team continues to work hard every day and have a great time doing it!