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BASEBALL BRUINS WIN TWO OF THREE TO MOVE TO 4-3

Two wins out of a trio of games in a week have moved the George Fox College baseball Bruins to 4-3 in early-season competition.

The Newberg squad took a double header from visiting Western Baptist on Saturday (Mar. 12), 14-3 and 14-4, after falling 7-3 to Lewis & Clark the day before, also in Newberg.

With Western's Warriors the Bruin batters came through with 28 hits in both games to equal the runs scored. NAIA District 2's 10-run-rule came into play in both contests, with the front-end game ending after five innings and the nightcap halted at six.

In the first game winning pitcher Kevin Lucky (Salem) allowed just six hits to improve his record to 2-0 for the year. Newberg junior Derrick Findley led GFC batters, going three for three at the plate with three singles.

In the second game the Bruins long-ball hitters helped out with senior infielder Phil Marchant (Grants Pass) hitting the first of two GFC round-trippers, a solo shot in the second inning. Junior outfielder Frank Wakayama, Portland, added the second home run in the fourth with an identical loner over the left center fence. Marchant finished the game two for three, with a single to go with his home run. Wakayama finished two for four, also with a single.

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Freshman Miguel Rivera ended the day at five of eight with four singles and a double, while Findley finished five of six with five singles.

Junior pitcher Lance Mitchell pitched the entire second game, giving up just five hits and four runs to assure the Bruin victory.

With Lewis & Clark, the Bruins jumped out early to a 1-0 lead in the third, only to have the Pioneers score two runs in the fourth, fifth and seventh innings, adding one more in the eighth for the victory.

Bruin pitcher, Rod Jackson, a Newberg junior, had a consistent game, with errors plaguing the Bruin infield. The Bruins registered seven errors.

Junior infielder Hector Valez led GFC's offense with a three for four performance with three singles and three runs batted in.

This week the Bruins were scheduled with the University of Portland on Tuesday (Mar. 15) in Newberg. Thursday a single game is scheduled starting at 3 p.m. at Linfield. Saturday (Mar. 19) GFC is scheduled to host the University of Puget Sound, starting at 12:30 p.m. The following week the Bruins head to Southern California for a series of games during the college's spring break.