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PIPPINS TO HOST FREE COMMUNITY EXHIBITION GAME Baseball Returns to The Orchard June 3rd vs Walla Walla

YAKIMA, Wash. – The wait for the return of baseball at The Orchard just got a little shorter. The Pippins will play the Walla Walla Sweets in a free exhibition game on Wednesday, June 3 at The Orchard. First pitch will be thrown at 7:05 p.m. and gates will open at 6:00.

"This is a great opportunity for us to welcome fans back to the Orchard, and maybe introduce a few new fans to what Pippins baseball is all about," said Pippins President Zachary Fraser. "We can also knock the rust off, give new employees a chance to train in a real-time environment with the pressure of Opening Day, and allow our coaching staff and players to work out in a game setting."

The game is free for all to attend, but fans will need a ticket to enter the gates. Tickets can be claimed at the Pippins' new downtown offices (12 S. 2nd Street) starting April 27 or at the County Stadium box office on the day of the game. Season ticket and package holders will have the game included in their packages.

Concession stands will also be open throughout the ballpark, as the Pippins aim to create the full ballpark experience for the first time all summer.

"I am excited, but caution fans to recognize the dress rehearsal nature of this game," said Fraser. "My job will be to work with our dedicated front office to identify areas of improvement to ensure an Opening Day that our fans can be proud of."

The 2014 East Division Champions are busy preparing for next season and want you to be involved. The 2015 season begins on June 5th, and season tickets are currently on sale as well as our full retail line at our new downtown Yakima offices, located at 12 S. 2nd Street. You can also purchase Pippins Gear online at <u>www.pippinsbaseball.com</u>. Call us at 509-575-HITS (4487) or email us at <u>info@pippinsbaseball.com</u> for more information regarding tickets, retail, or host families.

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ABOUT THE WCL:

The West Coast League has developed into one of the best collegiate wood-bat leagues in the country, as the nation's top collegiate baseball players are drawn to the beauty and strong communities of the Pacific Northwest. Collegiate wood-bat leagues allow college players develop their skills in professional settings and stadiums without sacrificing their college athletic eligibility. Players such as Jacoby Ellsbury (centerfielder for the 2007 and 2013 World Series Champion Boston Red Sox), Jeff Francis (pitcher for the 2007 National League Champion Colorado Rockies), and Chris Davis (2013 AL Homerun Leader) began their careers in the West Coast League. For more information, please visit <u>www.westcoastleague.com</u>.

ABOUT PACIFIC BASEBALL VENTURES:

Pacific Baseball Ventures, Holdco is a group of civic-minded individuals with strong ties to the Columbia Valley, Yakima and to the game of baseball. PBV will strive to provide their fans, sponsors, business partners, and investors with the very best in competitive baseball and entertainment, including atmosphere, comfort, food & beverage, safety, competition, fun and value. PBV also owns and operates the Walla Walla Sweets.