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**PIPPINS TO SPOTLIGHT LOCAL YOUTH PROGRAMS
Yakima Beetles and Mudville Nine Will Play June 20 at The Orchard**

YAKIMA, Wash. – Pacific Baseball Ventures, the organization that owns and operates the Walla Walla Sweets and the Yakima Valley Pippins, will be expanding its relationship in amateur baseball in both communities this summer, and will play host to a pair of games, one in each stadium, featuring local amateur programs.

The Mudville Nine, a youth program from the Seattle area, will travel to Walla Walla to play the Walla Walla Bears prior to the Sweets match-up June 19th versus the Wenatchee AppleSox. The Nine will then travel to Yakima to face the Yakima Beetles at The Orchard prior to the Pippins June 20th match-up versus the Kelowna Falcons.

Ticket holders to each of the Sweets or Pippins games will be able to use their ticket to attend these games in the respective markets. First pitch for the amateur games will be at 1:05 PM and will require a ticket to the game, and tickets purchased to see the amateur team games will be good for the WCL games later that evening.

"We are excited to be able to use the resources in our stadiums to help create a big-time experience for these players from our communities," said PBV president Zachary Fraser. "Many of these young men will go on to play college baseball, so you may be seeing future WCL stars on our fields this particular weekend."

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 www.pippinsbaseball.com. Call us at 509-575-HITS (4487) or email us at info@pippinsbaseball.com 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 www.westcoastleague.com.

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.