Softball Club Hosts Dad’s Weekend Doubleheader

Washington State’s softball club will conclude their fall season November 6 as they host Boise State for a doubleheader. The team looks to end their schedule on a high note and provide Dad’s Weekend entertainment.

So far, in 2016 the Cougs have only lost two games, both to Blue Mountain Community College. Outside of that double header, the club’s explosive offense has led them to six wins.

The softball club isn't a part of a league, and relies on informally scheduling its games instead. In addition to playing fellow clubs from Boise State and Lewis and Clark State, WSU also competes against varsity teams from community colleges. Club President Paige Calcagni thinks the additional challenge brings out the best in the team.

“The community colleges are definitely harder to play against which makes it more fun,” Calcagni said. “And that’s when we perform better when there’s tough competition.”

In the future, Calcagni would like to see the club take the next step and compete in the Pac-12. She’s also working to get the club into the National Club Softball Association. Being a part of the NCSA would give WSU a league to compete in and the opportunity to play in playoffs and potentially nationals.

“My passion came from wanting to grow this team into being recognized by the Pac-12,” Calcagni said. “The past few years we’ve just been the club team and haven’t really seen a future.”

Before the team looks into the offseason, they’ll play a Boise State team that they beat handily back in October. In those games, WSU was led by their offense, which has been a common theme this season. In their six wins, WSU is averaging more than 11 runs scored.

That should continue to be the case Saturday as the Cougs have already seen the Broncos pitchers and know what to expect from them. The games will be played at the City Playfields Saturday, November 6, and will start at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.

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