

Jets win Region 2 tourney, advance to World Series

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ENID, Okla. — “He’s isn’t going to give up a home run,” public address announcer Chris Morales said of Western junk baller Avelito Feliz.

The game was in the bottom of the 10th inning, with host Northern Oklahoma College Enid Jets and Western Oklahoma tied 5-5 in the second and deciding championship game of the OG&E Region 2 Baseball Tournament Sunday at David Allen Memorial Ballpark.

Jets hitter Brendon Woelfle must have not been listening to Morales.

The Pampa, Texas, freshman put the Jets into the NJCAA Division II World Series with a walk off homer on the next pitch.

“It doesn’t get any better than this,” Woelfle said. “I was looking for a fastball with a 2-1 count. I got my pitch and I turned on it. I knew it was out when I hit it. It feels like a dream come true.”

Woelfle was an improbable hero. He had given the Jets a 1-0 lead with a solo homer in the third.

He came into the hitting .232 with two homers and 14 RBI. Before Sunday Woelfle had never hit a walk-off homer or homer twice in a game.



The NOC Enid Jets players and coaches celebrate Brendon Woelfle’s home run in Sunday’s 6-5 win over Western. Sunday’s win sent the Jets to their third NJCAA World Series in school history. The NJCAA Division 2 Baseball World Series begins May 25 at David Allen Memorial Ballpark in Enid. (photo by John Pickard/Northern Oklahoma College)

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But he was motivated more than just chasing a spot in the Division II World Series.

This being Mother's Day, he was thinking of his late mother Angela, who had died two years earlier.

"I hit it for my mom today," he said. "It was a pretty emotional day for me. I was pretty pumped up."

Woelfle's home run also was a rerun of history.

The last time the Jets reached the World Series, it was a 12th inning walk-off home run by Jerame Littell that gave the Jets a 1-0 victory over Hesston (Kan.) College in the Plains District championship game. The Jets will skip the district tournament because possible Kansas or Missouri representatives didn't meet eligibility requirements.

"It was a game like that," said NOC Enid coach Raydon Leaton. "Big time players step up and send us to the World Series. He's been struggling a little bit, but he's always been capable of doing this. I don't care when he does it as long as he does it when it counts."

Woelfle wasn't thinking home run when he stepped up to open the Jets 10th.

"I was just thinking of getting on base and letting the other guys to do the job," Woelfle said. "I got my pitch."

The homer capped an emotional day for the Jets. Western scored two runs in the ninth earlier in the day to force a second championship game, 6-5. The Pioneers took a 5-4 lead in the second game with two runs in the top of eighth but Tyler Wood drove in Clayton Peterson in the bottom half of the inning to force extra innings.

"It was a well-played game on both sides," Leaton said. "That's what championship baseball is all about. I'm so proud of my guys. We got punched in the face in the eighth inning, but

we came back."

Woelfle was one of many unlikely heroes for the Jets. The Jets, who were without top starters Kyler Patterson and Cooper Harris and reliever Brody Shook, got strong pitching throughout the day. Tournament MVP Braxton Douthit, working on two days rest, allowed only one run over five innings. He gave up five hits and struck out three and did not walk a batter.

Chris Hansen, who gave up the two runs in the eighth, retired the last seven batters he faced to get the win in the second game. He was helped by a diving catch by left fielder Wesley O'Neill, who robbed Junior Martina of an extra base hit in the top of the 10th.

Douthit was joined on the all-tournament team by teammates Woelfle, EJ Taylor, Rowdy Reihls, O'Neill, Clayton Peterson and Hansen.

Kaleb McCullough, making his first start of the season and Lawson Issaacs combined for eight strong innings in the opener before Western broke through.

"I'm so proud of our pitchers," Leaton said.

Douthit was expected to go only three innings, but found he had enough to go five. He had beaten Western, 4-2 in Game 1 Thursday.

"It feels surreal," he said. "I was going to the trainer every day go put myself in a position to be ready to pitch. I was hitting my spots and getting people out."

Hansen said he felt as one of the team's older players (third-year sophomore) that needed "to step up."

Douthit and Woelfle said Leaton's coaching was responsible for the Jets coming back from the Game 1 loss.

"He taught us that (how to win) coming in from high school," Douthit said. "Coming back was the game plan. It just feels awesome."

"We came back to do what we came here for,"

Woelfle said. "That was to win a championship."

Clayton Peterson's two-run homer was the big blow in a three-run fifth that gave NOC Enid a 4-1 lead. D.J. Calvert opened the inning with a single, went to third on a single by Woelfle and scored on a balk. Peterson followed Woelfle's single with a shot over the left field fence, his 13th of the season.

In the first game, both E.J. Taylor and O'Neill went three-for-four for the Jets. O'Neill hit a two-RBI double to give NOC Enid a 5-4 lead in the seventh. It scored Taylor and Griffin Keller, who had singled. Taylor opened the second with a double and scored on an RBI single by D.J. Calvert. Calvert drove in Taylor with a sac fly in the fourth. Peterson scored in the fifth when he singled and scored after a passed ball and a walk.

The Jets, 46-14, are in the World Series for the third time in school history. This is the second time NOC Enid has gone to nationals in the 10-year history David Allen Memorial Ballpark has hosted the event.

"We're happy for Enid," Leaton said. "We play for the City of Enid and Northern Oklahoma College. They have always been behind us. It doesn't ever get old. You can't take something like this for granted because you never know when you're going to get back. We're going to prep and make a run for it."



Seven Jets selected to All-Tourney Team

Douthit named MVP

Seven NOC Enid Jets were named to the OG&E Region II District 2 All-Tournament team Sunday.

Freshman pitcher Braxton Douthit was named the Tournament MVP. Douthit pitched 14 innings in the tournament. He went the distance in a 4-2 win over Western on Thursday and then went five innings against Western on Sunday allowing just one earned run in the Jets 6-5 region tournament clincher. He struck out seven in the two starts.

Also named to the team were Clayton Peterson, Brendon Woelfle, E.J. Taylor, Wesley O'Neill, Rowdy Reihls and Chris Hansen.

Woelfle hit two home runs and added a single in Sunday's 6-5 win over Western. His third inning blast gave the Jets a 1-0 lead and then his 10th inning walk-off sent the Jets to the NJCAA World Series. For the series, he hit .500 (5 for 10).

Peterson hit .381 (8 for 21) with two home runs and six runs batted in.

Taylor hit .421 (8 for 19) with five runs batted in.

O'Neill hit .389 (7 for 18) with three extra base hits.

Reihls was the starter and winner in Game 2 in a 6-1 win over Redlands. Reihls tossed six innings allowing one earned run. He also pitched two innings of relief in Sunday's win over Western.

Chris Hansen pitched in both games Sunday working four innings, three innings in the clincher in Game 2.

Coach Raydon Leaton was named the All-Region Coach of the Year.



Past and present NOC dignitaries pictured at the bond retirement celebration Wednesday. Pictured (L-R): Chad Dillingham, Dan Dillingham, Keith James, Dale DeWitt, Jeff Cowan, Linda Brown, Cheryl Evans, Joe Kinzer, Lynn Smith, David Trojan, and Stan Brownlee. (photo by John Pickard/Northern Oklahoma College)



NOC Administrators pictured at the NOC Enid bond retirement celebration Wednesday at Montgomery Hall. Pictured (L-R): Sheri Snyder, Sherry Alexander, Larry Dye, Dr. Cheryl Evans, Anita Simpson, Dr. Pam Stinson, Dr. Rick Edgington, Jason Johnson, Dr. Ed Vineyard. (photo by John Pickard/Northern Oklahoma College)



NOC Enid employees pictured at bond retirement celebration on Wednesday. (Pictured (L-R): Steve McClaren, Jerry Hawkins, Jackie Melson, Ed Vineyard, and Trent Misak. (photo by John Pickard/Northern Oklahoma College)



Bond retirement cake at the NOC event Wednesday at NOC Enid. (photo by John Pichard/Northern Oklahoma College)



NOC Students attended the Bell Experience engineering workshop this week in Minnesota. Pictured (L-R): Riley Smith, Kristin Phelps, Peyton Malcolm, Veronica Ramirez, Brandon Hillhouse (photo provided)

NOC students attend Bell Experience

Five NOC Tonkawa students have been selected for the Bell Experience, an engineering experience at Mesaba Range Community & Technical College in Virginia, Minnesota May 14-18.

The students are Riley Smith, Kristen Phelps, Peyton Malcolm, Veronica Ramirez and Brandon Hillhouse.

According to NOC Tonkawa instructor Frankie Wood-Black, the Bell Experience is a new program modeled after the Iron Range Engineering Program, a two-year program for training engineers.

The Bell Experience provides a week long overview of the program and then recruit students

for the initial 2019 class. If selected, students would participate in a five-month program where they get professional courses, technical courses, and learn what is expected in the work place. This is then followed by two years of co-op work, i.e. working in industry while taking online course work.

“It is an “Earn while you Learn” program,” Wood-Black said.

Wood-Black added, “Why we are working with them is that students, even though the degree will be from Minnesota – the coops can be anywhere – like here in Oklahoma, thus keeping our good engineering students in the state and supporting our local employers.”

Summer hours begin May 21

All NOC campuses will observe summer work weeks from Monday, May 21st, through Thursday, August 2nd. Employees will work eight hour days from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., Monday through Thursday.

NOC Pride Days will not be observed during summer hours since offices are closed on Fri-

days during the summer session. Please follow the appropriate dress guidelines as outlined in the NOC Employee Handbook throughout the summer session.

Normal office work weekdays and work hours, Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., will resume on Monday, August 6, 2018.

NOC announces two hires

The Human Resources department would like to announce that the following individuals have accepted employment with Northern Oklahoma College in the Maintenance department.

Both employees started work on May 14.

Rebekah Stoddard is the new Staff Assistant to Physical Plant.

Francis John Keller is a Motor Pool Technician.

Retirees honored

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Six NOC retirees were honored last Friday at the Renfro Center with a retirement luncheon.

Retirees were Rick Allan (48 years of service), Barb Stadler (13 years) Bill Johnson (11 years), Kathy Shoemaker (13 years) Jean Gilbert (11 years) and Carolyn Chenowith (14 years).

Each retiree was honored by their supervisor and then spoke a few words about their years at NOC and their plans for retirement.

Dr. Cheryl Evans praised each for their years of service to NOC students.

Shoemaker and Chenowith did not attend the retirement luncheon.





Math Instructor Rick Allan was honored for 48 years of service. (Pictured L-R): Cathy Ballard, Rick Allan, Dr. Cheryl Evans, Anita Simpson (photo by John Pickard/Northern Oklahoma College)



Math Instructor Barb Stadler was honored for 13 year of service to NOC. (Pictured L-R): Barb Stadler, Dr. Cheryl Evans, Cassie Firth (photo by John Pickard/Northern Oklahoma College)



Library assistant Jean Gilbert was honored for 11 years of service. Pictured (L-R): Jean Gilbert, Dr. Cheryl Evans, Ben Hainline (photo by John Pickard/Northern Oklahoma College)



Retired Public Information Officer Bill Johnson was honored for 11 years of service to NOC. (Pictured L-R): Bill Johnson, Dr. Cheryl Evans, Sheri Snyder (photo by John Pickard/Northern Oklahoma College)

Faculty, staff awards presented

Vice-President for Academic Affairs Dr. Pam Stinson presented a number of faculty/staff awards last Friday morning at the Walcher Conference Center.

Earning the NISOD Awards for outstanding instructors were Christi Hook, Brian Baird, Marsh Howard, Tammy Davis and Charmaine Munro was unable to attend.

Recipients for the Excellence in Education Award for Adjuncts Instructors included Ken Black, Division of Agriculture, Science, and En-

gineering in Tonkawa; Brandon Haynes, Division of Fine Arts in Tonkawa; Deidra Johnson, Division of Mathematics and Physical Science in Tonkawa; Stephanie Weckler, Division of Business in Stillwater.

The Faculty Excellence Award was presented to Audrey Schmitz, Division of Fine Arts in Tonkawa.

ACE Award for staff was presented to Kathleen Otto, Director of Institutional Research in Tonkawa.



Kathleen Otto was presented the ACE Award for NOC Staff. Pictured (L-R): Dr. Ed Vineyard, Dr. Pam Stinson, Kathleen Otto, Sherry Alexander. (photo by John Pickard/Northern Oklahoma College)



Deidre Johnson (left) received the Excellence in Education for Adjunct Instructors. The award was presented by Cassie Firth (photo by John Pickard/Northern Oklahoma College)



Brian Baird received a NISOD Award from Dr. Cheryl Evans. (photo by John Pickard/Northern Oklahoma College)



Christi Hook received a NISOD Award from Dr. Cheryl Evans. (photo by John Pickard/Northern Oklahoma College)



Tammy Davis received a NISOD Award from Dr. Cheryl Evans. (photo by John Pickard/Northern Oklahoma College)



Audrey Schmitz received a Faculty Excellence Award from Dr. Cheryl Evans. (photo by John Pickard/Northern Oklahoma College)



Marsh Howard received a NISOD Award from Dr. Cheryl Evans. (photo by John Pickard/Northern Oklahoma College)

NOC faculty/staff earn service pins

NOC recognized a number of employees last Friday in the annual service awards at the Walcher Conference Center.

The following are the Service Awards presented:

30-Years

Dineo Heilman, Randy Walker

25-Years

Sheri Snyder

20-Years

Paul Bowers, Jason Johnson, Tricia Moore, Scott Morris, Don Stinson, Pam Stinson, Cindy Warburton

15-Years

Suzi Brown, Patty Lester, Terri Sunderland

10-Years

Bart Cardwell, Ben Haines, Jill Harman, Scott Harman, Janet Hartz, Scott Haywood, Niesha

Jones, Kelly Jordan, Gene Mayo, Kristi Orr

5-Years

Steve Berry, Darrell Frost, Crystal Gilbreath, Brandon Haynes, Ashley Hernandez-Torres, Brandon Hobson, Donnie Jackson, Erin McCoy, Mary McCoy, Tracy McCune, Tiffany Meacham, Jimmy Moore, Kathy Phillips, Shila Rakey, Kathy Riley, Jennifer Staggs, Kathleen Swain, Milynda Wade

1-Year

Tammy Boyea, Patricia Briggs, Richard Churchill, Nikki Colley, Marsh Howard, Tim Hubbard, Tyler Huffstickler, Rachel Kirk, Ted Moore, Wendy O'Neill, Curtis Parr, John Pickard, Caleb Reese, Anna Scott, Chris Storm, Mark Tarrant, Jason Taylor, Valarie Wade, Alyce Webb, Stephani Yunker



NOC employees who received 20 year pins are Front Row (L-R): Tricia Moore, Cindy Fox. Back Row (L-R): Don Stinson, Scott Morris, Jason Johnson, Pam Stinson, Paul Bowers. (photo by John Pickard/Northern Oklahoma College)



Randy Walker (left) and Dineo Heilman were awarded service pins for 30 years of service at NOC. (photo by John Pickard/Northern Oklahoma College)



Sheri Snyder was awarded a service pin for 25 years at NOC by Dr. Cheryl Evans. (photo by John Pickard/Northern Oklahoma College)



NOC employees who received pins for 10 years of service. Pictured (L-R): Gene Mayo, Scott Haywood, Kristi Orr, Kelly Jordan (photo by John Pickard/Northern Oklahoma College)



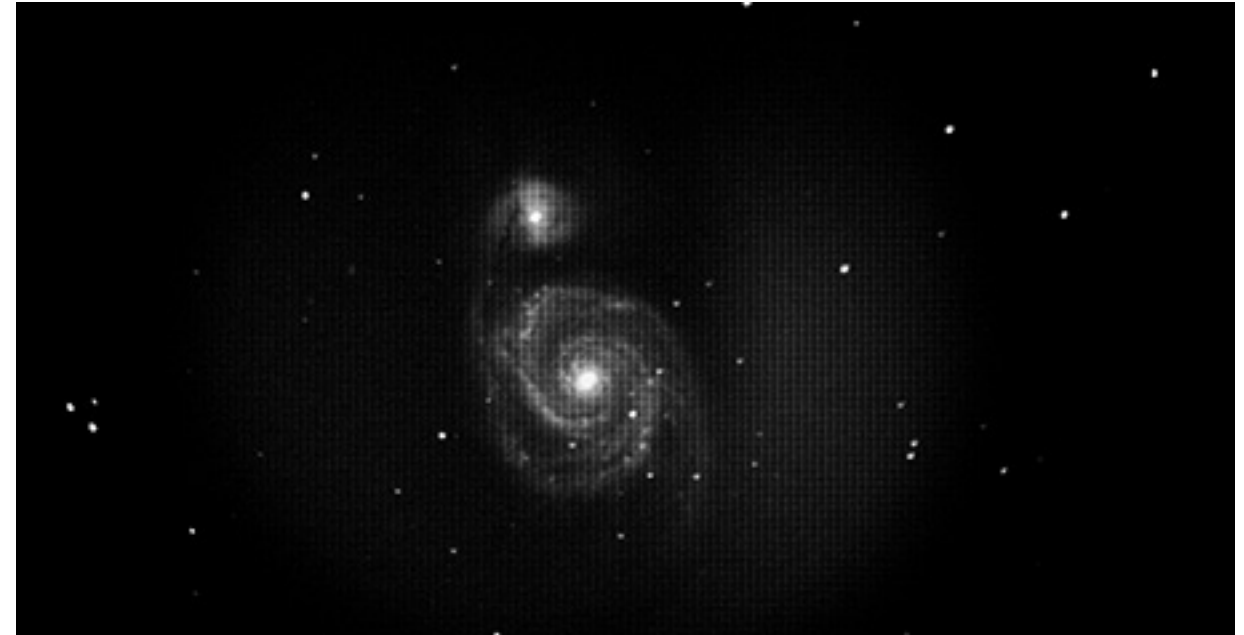
NOC employees received pins for 15 years of service. (Pictured L-R): Terri Sunderland, Suzi Brown, Patty Lester (photo by John Pickard/Northern Oklahoma College)



NOC Employees received pins for 5-years of Service. Front Row (L-R): Shila Rakey, Tiffany Meacham, Mary McCoy. Middle Row (L-R): Steve Berry, Darrell Frost, Kathy Riley, Ashley Hernandez-Torres, Kathleen Swain. Back Row (L-R): Brandon Hobson, Donnie Jackson (photo by John Pickard/Northern Oklahoma College)



NOC employees received pins for 1-Year of service. Front Row (L-R): Mark Tarrant, Anna Scott, Wendy O'Neill, Alyce Webb, Elaine Briggs, Nikki Colley, Rachel Kirk, Marsh Howard. Back Row (L-R): Caleb Reese, Chris Storm, Ted Moore, Valarie Wade, Stephani Yunker, John Pickard. (photo by Scott Cloud/Northern Oklahoma College)



This image as taken at the NOC Enid Observatory late Friday night. The image shows two galaxies merging about 26 million light years away. These images resulted from three hours of telescope time and a couple of hours of image processing. (photo provided by Fritz Osell)

May Birthdays

NOC employees who are celebrating birthdays in May



Laura Marshall	21st	Jeremy Cook	25th
Linn Laughrey	21st	Janet Jarvis	26th
Teresa Walker	21sst	Dianna Ditmore	29th
Trent Misak	23rd	Jena Kodesh	29th
Kathy Hannah	24th		