

Jets face Kellogg (MI) in NJCAA first round

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The NOC Enid Jets open play in the 2019 NJCAA Division 2 World Series Saturday at 1 p.m. against Kellogg (MI) in Enid at David Allen Memorial Ballpark.

The #13 Jets (38-17) enter the series as the #5 seed while first round opponent #12 Kellogg (39-13) is the #4 seed.

NOC Enid comes into the series with a wave of momentum having beaten Redlands twice in the Region 2 Final on May 12.

Kellogg qualified for the series defeating Cuyahoga (OH) in the Region 12 title game May 17.

The winner of the Jets-Bruin match-up plays the #1 seed Pearl (MS)/#8 seed Pasco Hernando State (FL)/#9 seed Lackawanna (PA) winner match-up at 7:15 p.m. Monday.

The loser of the Jets-Bruins match-up faces the #8 seed Pasco-Hernando State (FL)/#9 seed Lackawanna (PA) loser at 10 a.m. Sunday.

The Jets are fortunate to play in the friendly confines of David Allen Memorial Ballpark, a park the Jets play their home games.

"We play most of our schedule at David Allen so there is a level of comfort playing in your home ballpark," said Jets' head coach Raydon Leaton. "Also the fan support we get is tremen-

dous and provides a definite advantage."

The Jets finished 3rd in 2018 eliminated by eventual champion LSU-Eunice and return a number of key performers from last year's squad.

Leaton said that experience is valuable.

"I think it's huge," he said. "We won't be overwhelmed or nervous because of the run we made last year. These guys have played in a lot of big games and will be ready for this one."

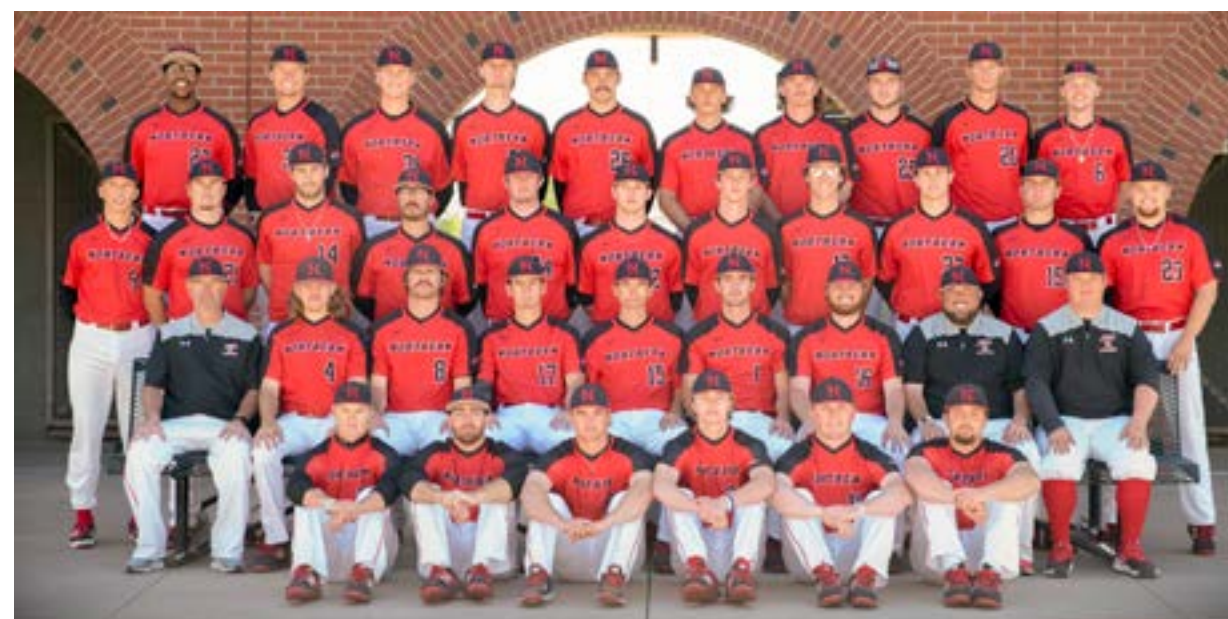
Leaton and his team aren't strangers to big games so what advice does he give to the Jets' players.

"Embrace the moment," he said. "The hardest part is getting to the series. Once you are there, play loose and represent your team mates, college, and community in a first class manner."

Last year, the Jets completed the world series with a 2-2 record. The Jets had two wins over Sinclair (OH) and two losses to eventual national champion LSU-Eunice.

The Jets won the Region 2 Tournament with a 5-1 record winning five games in four days. The Jets won four straight including a win over #5 Western, Carl Albert, and then two wins over Redlands.

NOC Enid finished the Region 2 conference in



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2nd place with a 13-8 record. Kellogg won the MCCA Western Division with a 26-2 record.

The Bruins lost eight of their first 10 games and then won 37 of their final 40 games. Six of the Bruins' losses were to LSU-Eunice and Sinclair (OH) both teams ranked in the top five in 2019.

Team rankings are as of the final rankings released May 14.



Taylor leads Jets' offense, McCullough leads NOC hurlers

The NOC Enid Jets enter Saturday's contest against Kellogg (MI) led by sophomore first baseman E.J. Taylor.

Taylor hit .335 for the Jets with 12 home runs and 45 runs batted in while scoring 59 runs and stealing 12 bases.

Outfielder Tanner Neely led the Jets with 52 runs batted in and 12 home runs. Neely hit .281 for the season.

Freshman Alec Buonasera hit .410 for the Jets with 35 runs batted in while sophomore catcher Garrett Misenheimer hit .355 with 30 runs batted in.

Leadoff hitter Seth Graves hit .321 with nine home runs and eight steals while scoring 43

runs.

Catcher Dylan Caplinger hit .315 with 45 runs batted in and 19 steals while shortstop DJ Calvert hit .371 with 33 runs batted in and 40 runs scored.

The Jets are hitting .316 as a team with 71 home runs.

On the mound, the Jets are led by Kaleb McCullough (8-1, 5.02 ERA) and 75 strikeouts in 66.1 innings. Jarrett Sweeney (7-3, 5.34 ERA) has 41 strikeouts in 59 innings.

Lawson Isaacs (2-1, 4.47 ERA) has three saves out of the Jets' bullpen. Wyatt Sellers (3-0, 3.31 ERA) has one save as well.



Coach Leaton and Seth Graves



Shane Nixon



Garrett Misenheimer



Brendon Woelfle

Henderson, Edington lead Kellogg Bruins into World Series

The Kellogg (MI) Bruins head into the NJCAA World Series led by freshman outfielder Adam Henderson with a .480 average, nine home runs, and 57 runs batted in plus 10 stolen bases. He also scored 60 runs.

Other key offensive players include outfielder Spencer Nelson who hit .393 with 50 runs batted in and 18 stolen bases. Nelson scored 58 runs for the Bruins.

Infielder Brandon Haynes hit .385 with 44 runs scored and 15 stolen bases.

The Bruins hit .340 as a team with 21 home runs.

On the mound, the Bruins are led by Derrick Edington (9-2, 2.24 ERA) and Conner Brawley (6-2, 2.37 ERA). Edington has 61 strike outs while Brawley has 52. Jacob Falzone (8-1, 2.80) has three saves while Zach Karbowski (0-0, 2.05 ERA) leads the team with four.

The staff earned run average is 3.46 and averages 9.47 strikeouts per nine innings.



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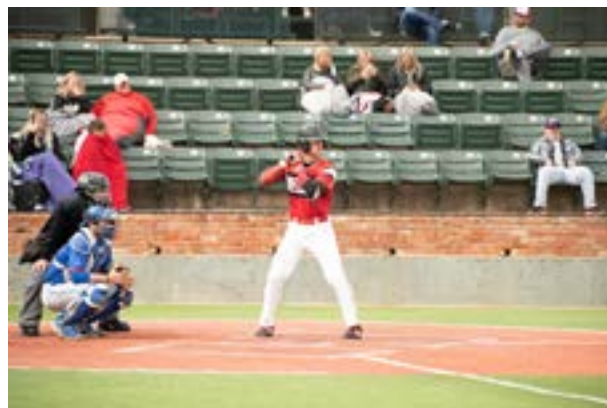
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EJ Taylor



Dylan Caplinger



DJ Calvert



Lawson Isaacs

NOC Enid, Kellogg no strangers to the NJCAA World Series

Both NOC Enid and Kellogg (MI) have storied baseball histories as neither as strangers to the NJCAA Division 2 World Series.

The Jets have won five Region 2 titles, four District Championships and this year is the Jets' fourth World Series appearance.

NOC Enid placed 3rd in the NJCAA World Series

in 2002 and 2018.

Kellogg has appeared in six NJCAA World Series' since 1999. The Bruins were 2nd in 1999 and 2007, 4th in 2011, and 5th in 2002 and 2015.

The Bruins have also won 12 conference championships.

Only one top 10 team qualifies for the NJCAA tournament

Rankings don't mean everything in college baseball but interestingly enough only one of the top 10 teams in the final NJCAA Rankings (#6 Pearl River (MS) qualified for the NJCAA World Series.

Other ranked teams include #11 Mesa (AZ), #12 Kellogg (MI), #13 NOC Enid, and #14 Madison (WI).

Not in this year's tournament include defending champ #1 LSU-Eunice, #2 Itawamba (MS), Sinclair (OH), Jones (MS), and Western (OK).

NOC Enid coach Raydon Leaton commented on what appears to be a wide open tournament.

"From the outside looking in it seems that way," Leaton said. "But all 10 of these teams are here for a reason and everyone will have to play well to win."



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NOC Calendar

May 25 - May 31

May 25

Home Jets Baseball vs. Kellogg (MI), David Allen Memorial Ballpark, 1 p.m.

May 26

NJCAA World Series (TBA)

May 27

Memorial Day – No Classes/Offices Closed

NJCAA World Series (TBA)

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NJCAA World Series (TBA)

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May 30

NJCAA World Series (TBA)

May 31

No Classes/Offices Closed

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