

The Redneck Roundup

Wells blanks Ely 4-0. Rednecks lead Series 2-0

Denham Springs, LA (CNS) - David "Boomer" Wells out-dueled Ely's Brian Bohanon as the Livingston Rednecks moved to a two games to none advantage in the Clemente LCS. The game promised to be a great pitching match-up and it delivered on the promise before another standing-room-only crowd at the Redneck Roost.

Wells, who entered the contest with a 24-6 record and a 2.69 ERA, went the distance for the eleventh time and tossed his fourth shutout of the season. He scattered 4 hits, walked 2, fanned 2 and did not allow a runner to reach third base. The Redneck defense made several outstanding plays behind Wells, including a key double play with runners on 1st and 2nd in the top of the third inning.

For once, the Rednecks struck quickly against Brian Bohanon (20-2, 3.41 ERA). Edgar Martinez lined Bohanon's first pitch for a single to left and Moises Alou followed with a triple to the gap in right center. Roberto Kelly drove home Alou with a bouncer to Garciparra as the Rednecks took a 2-0 first inning lead. It would prove to be all that Wells needed.

Livingston added a solo run in the sixth, chasing Bohanon with two-outs. Mark Grace continued his fine performance by drawing a lead-off walk and Eric Young sacrificed him to second. Bohanon retired Jason Varitek on a foul pop, but Deivi Cruz kept the inning alive with an infield hit to deep third base. Butch Kelly II then brought in Ricardo Rincon to face Edgar Martinez with runners at first and third and two down. Rincon walked Martinez to load the bases and then walked Moises Alou to force in a run, making the score 3-0. He got Robin Ventura on a force out to limit the damage.

The Rednecks closed out the scoring in the bottom of the seventh when Mark Grace touched Rincon for a two-out solo homer. Bohanon was charged with 3 runs and 6 hits in his 5 2/3 innings. Rincon worked two innings and was charged with Grace's home run and surrendered 3 walks. Scott Radinsky relieved Rincon in the bottom of the eighth after Rincon issued his

third walk — to Edgar Martinez with two outs. Rich Amaral pinch ran for Martinez and stole second base. Radinsky then intentionally passed Alou and retired Robin Ventura to end the threat.

Livingston managed only 7 hits against the three Ely hurlers (2 by Deivi Cruz), but the patient Rednecks drew 8 bases on balls. Sean Berry, the Ely DH, had 2 of the 4 Tzzz safeties off of Wells.

Livingston and Ely were the two top batting and pitching teams in the ABC during the regular season. After two games of the Clemente LCS, the Rednecks are outhitting the Tzzz .286 to .154. Livingston has posted a 2.00 ERA; Ely's is 7.31.

Edgar Martinez is batting .667 with an OBA of .778 and Mark Grace is hitting .600 with an OBA of .750 in the two games. Moises Alou is batting .500 with an OBA of .667 and is tied with Robin Ventura for the RBI lead with 3. Carlos Delgado leads Ely with a .333 batting average and a .500 OBA. Mickey Morandini is the only Tzzz with more than 1 RBI.

Mike Piazza and Nomar Garciparra of Ely are a combined 1-15 with only 1 RBI and a single between them. After a travel day, the series will move to Ely for games three, four, and (if needed) five. Livingston has announced Rolando Arrojo (15-12, 4.40) as their game three starter. Although not yet confirmed, Jamie Moyer (11-5, 3.80 with Ely and 15-11, 3.40 overall) is expected to start for the Tzzz.

Shane Reynolds (15-9, 3.59) is slated to pitch game four for Ely. Schilling was originally scheduled to come back on three days's rest for Livingston, but with the 2-0 series lead, Manager Wool has announced that Jose Lima (19-7, 3.95) will start game four for the Rednecks.

"One thing's for sure," said Wool while puffing on a cigar. "With a 2-7 record at Ely, we know this thing [the LCS] is far from over. We're just glad it'll have to come back to Denham Springs."

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Ely Tzzz at Livingston Rednecks

Team	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E
Ely Tzzz	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0
Livingston Rednecks	2	0	0	0	0	1	1	0		4	7	1

ELY	FT	AB	R	HR	BI	BB	SO	LOB	AVG	LIVINGSTON	FT	AB	R	HR	BI	BB	SO	LOB	AVG
E. DAVIS, rf		4	0	1	0	0	0	1	.250	E. MARTINEZ, dh		2	1	1	0	3	0	2	.667
C. DELGADO, 1b		2	0	0	0	2	0	0	.333	R. AMARAL, dh		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-
N. GARCIAPARRA, ss		4	0	0	0	0	1	1	.000	M. ALOU, lf		2	1	1	2	3	1	1	.500
M. PIAZZA, c		4	0	0	0	0	0	0	.125	R. VENTURA, 3b		5	0	0	0	0	1	2	.111
R. WHITE, lf		4	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	R. KELLY, cf		4	0	1	1	0	0	0	.250
S. BERRY, dh		4	0	2	0	0	0	0	.500	T. GWYNN, rf		4	0	0	0	0	0	2	.333
G. GAETTI, 3b		3	0	0	0	0	0	1	.000	M. GRACE, 1b		2	2	1	1	2	0	0	.600
D. WHITE, cf		3	0	0	0	0	0	2	.143	E. YOUNG, 2b		3	0	1	0	0	0	0	.333
B. MUELLER, 2b		3	0	1	0	0	1	0	.143	J. VARITEK, c		4	0	0	0	0	1	2	.000
Totals		31	0	4	0	2	2			D. CRUZ, ss		3	0	2	0	0	0	0	.286

BATTING

2B: E. DAVIS (1), S. BERRY (1)

GIDP: N. GARCIAPARRA (1)

TEAM LOB: 6

BATTING

3B: M. ALOU (1)

HR: M. GRACE (1)

S: E. YOUNG

RBI: M. ALOU 2 (3), R. KELLY (1), M. GRACE (2)

HBP: D. CRUZ (1)

TEAM LOB: 11

BASERUNNING

SB: R. AMARAL (1)

CS: D. CRUZ (1)

FIELDING

E: D. CRUZ (1)

DP: 1

PITCHING

ELY (GAME 2)	T	FTG	SC	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	BF	IR	ERA
B. BOHANON, L, 0-1	L		43	5.2	6	3	3	4	2	27	0	4.76
R. RINCON	L			2.0	1	1	1	3	1	10	2	4.50
S. RADINSKY	L			.1	0	0	0	1	0	2	1	.00

LIVINGSTON (GAME 2)	T	FTG	SC	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	BF	IR	ERA
D. WELLS, W, 1-0	L		79	9.0	4	0	0	2	2	33	0	.00

IBB: S. RADINSKY

HBP: B. BOHANON

HR: R. RINCON (1)

GAME DATA

Day Game played on Thursday, March 9,2000

Regulation Game, Time: 16:16m