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-Kids Cards & Blue Jays Set to Invade Cairns Field-

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Saskatoon, SK – The Saskatoon Yellow Jackets have given Saskatoon Minor Baseball players a lead-off on the 2009 WMBL season. This Friday night all Saskatoon Cardinal minor baseball players coming to the park wearing their Cardinals jersey will be admitted FREE OF CHARGE courtesy of the Yellow Jackets and their corporate sponsors. On Saturday night all Saskatoon Blue Jay Minor Baseball players will be admitted FREE OF CHARGE. Other Saskatoon Minor Baseball Zones will be offered the same at games down the season.

The Saskatoon Yellow Jackets are looking forward to a key early-season home-stand this Friday and Saturday, June 5th and 6th at Cairns Field against the Yorkton Cardinals. Both games are 7pm start times.

Despite two early losses, there was a lot to like for Yellow Jackets fans this past opening weekend. After a tough loss in the 2009 home opener, the team bounced back, playing a scrappy road game where hints of the bold, aggressive style that will be the Yellow Jackets trademark this season began to appear. Some early-season defensive struggles undermined an aggressive offensive game and solid outings from pitchers Jordan Rawlyk and Mike Frisina.

Player Notes:

Matt Luchessi — Even in defeat, it is impossible not to be impressed with the toughness and leadership displayed by catcher Matt Luchessi. As he works to get acquainted with a new pitching staff — which early struggles aside, looks extremely deep— he certainly gained their confidence sacrificing his body to get in front of a number of balls in the dirt. The bruises and bumps didn't distract him at the plate where he is among the team leaders with a .333 average. Luchessi, a returning player with the Yellow Jackets, hails from San Francisco and plays college ball at Niagara University.

Jordan Rawlyk, a local Saskatoon product who plays college ball at Monterrey Peninsula, was excellent in his first outing. Starting his first game of the early season on the road against Regina, Rawlyk put together a gutsy 5.1 innings, striking out 4 and giving up a single earned run. He left the game with a 4-2 lead, after being relieved by Michael Frisina.

Mike Frisina was tagged with the loss in Sunday's 13 inning defeat to the Red Sox but, like Jordan Rawlyk before him, he surely deserved better. He came into the game in a tough situation in the 5th after Rawlyk, in his own words, "hit the wall" and got two quick outs to limit the damage. He went on to pitch 6.1 innings, striking out 3 and, although Regina batted only .136 against him, he was undone by walks and poor defense. Frisina, a California product, pitches at Biola University in Southern California.

Saskatoon Yellow Jackets individual game tickets can be purchased at the ball park on game night or can conveniently be purchased on-line at the Yellow Jackets new website at www.saskatoonyellowjackets.com or direct at www.picatic.com

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