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COMCAST SPORTSNET AND TACOMA RAINIERS INK HOME RUN PARTNERSHIP; BATS START SWINGING ON TV JUNE 5TH

Regional Sports Leader to Televisе 15 Live Seattle Mariners Triple-A Affiliate Games

PORTLAND, OR (June 3, 2009) – Comcast SportsNet Northwest, the home for local sports, today announced the network will provide live coverage of 15 games of the Tacoma Rainiers, the Triple-A Affiliate of the Seattle Mariners. This will be the first time in more than 10 years Rainiers games will be televised live.

Comcast SportsNet’s live coverage kicks off on Friday, June 5th when the Rainiers take on the Reno Aces. The partnership with the Rainiers significantly bolsters Comcast SportsNet’s baseball and summer programming. Earlier this year Comcast SportsNet announced the network is airing college baseball games featuring the University of Washington, Oregon State University, the University of Oregon and the University of Portland.

Comcast SportsNet General Manager David Manougian said, “Adding the Rainiers to our lineup is the latest step in a sustained effort to obtain compelling local sports programming as our network continues to grow. Triple-A baseball gives our viewers the opportunity to see the stars of tomorrow play today, and we are excited to feature the Rainiers this summer.”

"We're thrilled to partner with Comcast Sports Northwest to bring live Rainiers games to fans throughout Washington and Oregon," Rainiers President Aaron Artman said. "It's exciting to be a key part of their summer programming. We think this partnership offers viewers not only a chance to see top players in the Seattle Mariners system, but also offers a glimpse into the fun and entertainment that is the beauty of minor league baseball."

The June 5th game will be broadcast by 11-year Rainiers radio play-by-play voice, Mike Curto. The color commentary will rotate through the season, featuring Northwest broadcast talent including former professional baseball players, sports talk show hosts, and others. Graystone Media will also play an integral part in the production of the live Rainiers broadcasts.

Tacoma Rainiers Schedule on Comcast SportNet

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| Friday | June 5 | vs. Reno Aces | 7:00pm |
| Saturday | June 20 | vs. Reno Aces | 7:00pm |
| Thursday | July 2 | vs. Portland Beavers | 7:00pm |
| Friday | July 3 | vs. Portland Beavers | 7:00pm |
| Thursday | July 9 | vs. Portland Beavers | 7:00pm |

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| Friday | July 10 | vs. Portland Beavers | 7:00pm |
| Saturday | July 11 | vs. Portland Beavers | 7:00pm |
| Sunday | July 12 | vs. Portland Beavers | 1:30pm |
| Friday | July 24 | vs. Las Vegas 51s | 7:00pm |
| Sunday | August 2 | vs. Fresno Grizzlies | 1:30pm |
| Friday | August 14 | vs. Iowa Cubs | 7:00pm |
| Sunday | August 16 | vs. Iowa Cubs | 1:00pm |
| Friday | August 21 | vs. Omaha Royals | 7:00pm |
| Friday | September 4 | vs. Colorado Springs Sky Sox | 7:00pm |
| TBD | TBD | vs. TBD | TBD |

**Schedule subject to change*

Visit Comcast SportsNet's website www.csnnw.com for up-to-date schedule information

The Tacoma Rainiers have been the Triple-A Affiliate of the Seattle Mariners since 1995. Several notable players have stepped up to the plate in Tacoma including Hall of Fame pitcher Juan Marichal; American League Rookies of the Year Jose Canseco and Mark McGwire; as well as Jason Giambi, Scott Brosius, Alex Rodriguez and Ken Griffey Jr. The Rainiers shared the PCL Championship title in 2001 and returned to the Championship Series in 2005.

Comcast SportsNet is now carried by 10 separate providers serving more than 264 communities in Oregon and Washington. Sports fans served by television providers that do not carry Comcast SportsNet should log on to www.csnnw.com or call 877-8-CSNNW-9 (877-827-6699) to send a request to their provider to add Comcast SportsNet to their channel lineup.

About Comcast SportsNet

Comcast SportsNet is the 24/7 home of Northwest sports featuring the Portland Trailblazers, NHL coverage, and in-depth regional college coverage. Comcast SportsNet offers daily sports news updates, talk and analysis to give fans the inside look at the teams and players that matter most in the region.

Comcast Sports Group operates 10 sports networks that cover more than 2,400 live sporting events annually and deliver comprehensive sports news and analysis to 40 million cable and satellite homes. Comcast Sports Group's networks are: Comcast SportsNet Bay Area, Comcast SportsNet California, Comcast SportsNet Chicago, Comcast SportsNet Mid-Atlantic, Comcast SportsNet New England, Comcast SportsNet Northwest, Comcast SportsNet Philadelphia, SportsNet New York, The Mtn.- Mountain West Sports Network, and CSS. These networks provide live game coverage 18 professional teams, as well as college, minor league and other sports. For more information, see ComcastSportsNet.com.

About the Tacoma Rainiers

This year marks the 50th season of baseball at the home of the Rainiers, Cheney Stadium, and the 15th season the Rainiers have been the Triple-A Affiliate of the Seattle Mariners. The Rainiers are owned by the Schlegel Sports Group. During the 2008 season, 21 Rainiers players also played for the Seattle Mariners. The team played in the 2005 PCL Pacific Conference Championship.

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