

July 15, 2013  
For Immediate Release

## **Conroy Ends Road Trip With Brilliance** Idaho Falls wins fifth straight 5-1

Missoula, MT -- Patrick Conroy has had the most success of any Chukars pitcher four starts into the season. The lefty took his performance to another level tonight. Conroy went eight innings, allowing just one run while striking out nine in an Idaho Falls 5-1 win over Missoula.

"He's been close to something like this the last two starts. Tonight, he put it all together," commented Chukars (11-14) pitching coach Steve Merriman.

Patrick Conroy (2-0) allowed a run-scoring double in the first. That was all the scoring the Osprey (11-14) did. Conroy settled into a groove, retiring seven batters in a row, and eight batters in a row in two separate stretches. The eight innings is a season high for a Chukars pitcher. The nine strikeouts are also an Idaho Falls season high.

"It was about being efficient", Conroy added, "I was in sync with (catcher) Frank (Schwindel)". The left-handed starter lowered his ERA to under 2.00 for the season.

For the sixth time in the seven game road trip, the Chukars scored the first run of the game. It came in the top of the first inning tonight, without swinging the bat. Missoula starter Carlos Hernandez (1-2) walked three batters in the first inning, including Alexis Rivera with the bases loaded. The Greybirds gathered the lead again in the third, from a Cody Stubbs single.

The lead stretched to three runs next inning. Carlos Garcia smoked a two run home run over the right field fence. Garcia's second home run of the season gave the Chukars a 4-1 advantage.

The season long winning streak increases to five games. Idaho Falls has won seven of the past nine games. The Greybirds haven't been three games under .500 since June 26th. The Chukars have won a series for the first time this season, in sweeping fashion. They finish the road trip 5-2.

The Chukars are off tomorrow before returning to Melaleuca Field Wednesday to host the Helena Brewers. Ashton Goudeau is slated to start for Idaho Falls.

- Chukars -

Idaho Falls Chukars - Pioneer League  
Rookie-Advanced Affiliate - Kansas City Royals

**Office** - Melaleuca Field : 900 Jim Garchow Way : Idaho Falls, ID 83402

**Mailing Address** - P.O. Box 2183 : Idaho Falls, ID 83403

**Telephone** - 208.522.8363

**Fax** - 208.522.9858

**Email** - [chukars@ifchukars.com](mailto:chukars@ifchukars.com)

**Twitter** - @ifChukars