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POSSIBLE NOVA IN AQUILA

G. Pojmanski reports the ASAS detection (cf. *IAUC* 8495, 8539) of a variable star located at $\alpha = 19^{h}05^{m}12^{s}$, $\delta = +5^{o}14'.2$ (equinox 2000.0), providing the following V magnitudes: June 3.318 UT, [14; 9.240, 11.05; 10.226, 10.5:; 10.234, 10.8: (the June 10 frames taken through heavy cloud cover). A. Oksanen, Jyväskylä, Finland, reports the variable star at V = 10.84 (noting the object as being very red on images taken in various passbands) on June 10.36 from a remote observation with the 0.30-m Mewlon telescope in New Mexico, providing the following position end figures: $12^{s}.50$, $12''.0$. Oksanen adds that a USNO-B1.0 star (red mag 18.1) has the following position end figures: $12^{s}.186$, $12''.25$.

SUPERNOVA 2005ch

Further to *IAUC* 8539, E. J. Christensen reports that SN 2005ch appeared at V = 17.3–17.4 on prediscovery images obtained on May 31.27–31.29 UT in the course of the Catalina Sky Survey. Nothing is visible at the location of the new object on Catalina Sky Survey images obtained on May 19.14 (limiting mag $V \approx 19.5$). R. A. Tucker, Tucson, AZ, reports the following unfiltered CCD magnitudes obtained with the 0.35-m MOTESS telescopes: May 30.176, 17.5; June 1.170, 17.1; 3.192, 16.5; 4.189, 16.4; 5.186, 16.2; 6.183, 16.1; 7.167, 16.1; 8.165, 16.0; 9.162, 15.9.

VARIABLE STAR IN NORMA

Further to *IAUC* 8539, L. A. G. Monard, Pretoria, S. Africa, reports the following precise position from a frame taken by himself on June 9.87 UT (when the star was at R_c = 12.55 and V = 12.75): $\alpha = 16^{h}00^{m}47^{s}.43$, $\delta = -48^{o}46'07''.6$ (equinox 2000.0; uncertainty $\pm\ 0''.25$). He adds that this lies close to a USNO-A2.0 star with position end figures $47^{s}.475$, $05''.43$ (blue mag 17.9, red mag 15.7). Six hours of time-series unfiltered photometry showed an initial large hump in the light curve, which gradually was replaced by smaller humps and a general fading trend.

COMET C/2005 K2 (LINEAR)

This comet appears to have had an outburst; total visual magnitude estimates: June 6.48 UT, 11.7 (S. Yoshida, Gunma, Japan, 0.40-m reflector); 7.97, 10.3 (N. Biver, Ablis, France, 0.41-m refl.); 9.08, 9.8 (J. J. Gonzalez, Leon, Spain, 25×100 binoculars); 9.95, 8.9 (Gonzalez, 11×80 binoculars).

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