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*COMET C/2005 S3 (READ)*

Michael T. Read reports his discovery of a comet (tabulated below) on CCD images taken with the 0.9-m  $f/3$  Spacewatch reflector, the object being diffuse with a long tail toward the southwest. Several other observers have noted the object's cometary appearance on their CCD images, including J. Lacruz (La Cañada, Spain, 0.30-m reflector, Oct. 1.0 UT;  $22''$  tail in p.a.  $250^\circ$ ), P. Birtwhistle (Great Shefford, U.K., 0.40-m reflector, Oct. 1.11–1.16; very concentrated nuclear condensation  $4''$  in dia, with a faint coma of diameter  $8''$  and a straight, thin tail  $48''$  long in p.a.  $252^\circ$ ), E. J. Christensen (Mt. Lemmon, 1.5-m reflector, four 30-s co-added exposures, Oct. 1.4; well-condensed  $5''$  coma of mag 18.5 with a  $25''$  tail in p.a.  $240^\circ$ – $250^\circ$ ), J. E. McGaha (Tucson, 0.62-m reflector, Oct. 1.4;  $4'' \times 6''$  coma elongated with narrow, curved  $20''$  tail in p.a.  $245^\circ$ ), and J. Young (Table Mountain, 0.6-m reflector, Oct. 1.4; bright diffuse coma of diameter  $6''$  and  $20''$  fan-shaped tail spanning p.a.  $245^\circ$ – $265^\circ$ ).

2005 UT	$\alpha_{2000}$	$\delta_{2000}$	Mag.
Sept.30.41409	$2^h 27^m 29^s.77$	$+19^\circ 18' 27''.3$	19.2

The available astrometry and the following preliminary parabolic orbital elements appear on *MPEC* 2005-T11; the comet is likely of short period.

$$\left. \begin{array}{ll} T = 2005 \text{ May } 16.916 \text{ TT} & \omega = 55.964 \\ & \Omega = 288.535 \\ q = 2.42927 \text{ AU} & i = 3.139 \end{array} \right\} 2000.0$$

*SUPERNOVAE 2005eq, 2005er, AND 2005es*

Further to *IAUC* 8605, N. Ponticello, E. Lee, and W. Li report the LOSS discovery of three apparent supernovae on unfiltered KAIT images:

SN	2005 UT	$\alpha_{2000}$	$\delta_{2000}$	Mag.	Offset
2005eq	Sept. 30.40	$3^h 08^m 49^s.31$	$-7^\circ 01' 59''.7$	17.4	$15''.9$ E, $26''.3$ N
2005er	Sept. 29.22	$22^h 50^m 00.84$	$+11^\circ 37' 05.7$	18.7	$91''.1$ E, $34''$ N
2005es	Sept. 30.25	$23^h 25^m 47.62$	$+8^\circ 02' 17.3$	18.4	$2''.6$ W, $8''.3$ S

Additional magnitudes: SN 2005eq in MCG +01-9-6, Sept. 15.39 UT, [19.0; Oct. 1.39, 17.2. SN 2005er in NGC 7385, Sept. 8.21, [19.5; 13.23, [19.0; 24.22, [18.0; Oct. 1.23, 18.4. SN 2005es in MCG +01-59-79, Sept. 11.23, [19.5; 21.24, [18.0; Oct. 1.26, 18.7.