

Schwassmann–Wachmann through TV76

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Had my first view of comet 73P/Schwassmann–Wachmann this morning. Went out about 3am after the moon had set with the comet well placed high overhead in Boötes. Using the Tele Vue 76 with 16mm Nagler (30x) found the comet after a bit of careful star-hopping. The comet was small and round and quite faint through my mag 4.5 or so backyard skies. Looked like a small galaxy. Seemed a little easier to see using 9mm Nagler (53x). From a dark site i'm sure this comet would have been quite easy and maybe even visible in binoculars. Looking forward to watching this one brighten over the next couple of months!

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