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Comet Hartley-Good (19851)

Further to the discovery announcement on OB49 issued Sept 17, recent observations indicate this comet is brighter than originally predicted and an extended ephemeris to OB49 appears below with revised magnitude data:

Oct- 7	21 ^h 56 ^m .18	-20°29'08"	Earth	0.507	Sun	1.383	Elong	130.0	m1	8.1
12	21 08.59	-15 16.29		0.511		1.310		116.3		7.9
17	20 27.52	- 9 42.80		0.537		1.238		103.0		7.7
22	19 54.02	- 4 31.52		0.581		1.166		91.0		7.6
27	19 27.17	- 0 01.73		0.636		1.095		80.7		7.6

Recent observations: Sept 14, 10.4 (McNaught); 19, 9.6 (McNaught); 22, 8.8 (Merlin); 24, 8.5 (Merlin); Oct 1, 8.0 (McNaught); 5, 8.2 (Hurst); 5, 7.6 (Keitch). The comet has become very large and diffuse and may be best attempted with binoculars rather than large telescopes.

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