

# *“Around the Horn”*

*Baseball News for the Pacific Northwest*

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## **Quote of the Week:**

“When you win, you eat better, sleep better, and your beer tastes better. And your wife looks like Gina Lollobrigida.”

**Johnny Pesky, All-Star shortstop**

## **MLB Players Born in Oregon with Birthdays in July:**

| <b>Player</b> | <b>Birthplace</b> | <b>Date</b> | <b>Year</b> |
|---------------|-------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Jace Fry      | Beaverton         | 9           | 1993        |
| Jiggs Parrott | Portland          | 14          | 1871        |
| Happy Smith   | Coquille          | 14          | 1883        |
| Larry Jansen  | Verboort          | 16          | 1920        |
| Hal Erickson  | Portland          | 17          | 1919        |
| Mike Thurman  | Corvallis         | 22          | 1973        |
| Bill Sayles   | Portland          | 27          | 1917        |

## American League Standings (as of July 8, 2019)

### East

| Team       | W  | L  | Pct  | GB   | Last 10 | Streak |
|------------|----|----|------|------|---------|--------|
| NY Yankees | 57 | 31 | .648 | -    | 7-3     | L2     |
| Tampa Bay  | 52 | 39 | .571 | 6.5  | 6-4     | W2     |
| Boston     | 49 | 41 | .544 | 9.0  | 6-4     | W4     |
| Toronto    | 34 | 57 | .374 | 24.5 | 5-5     | W1     |
| Baltimore  | 27 | 62 | .303 | 30.5 | 5-5     | L1     |

### Central

| Team        | W  | L  | Pct  | GB   | Last 10 | Streak |
|-------------|----|----|------|------|---------|--------|
| Minnesota   | 56 | 33 | .629 | -    | 4-6     | L1     |
| Cleveland   | 50 | 38 | .568 | 5.5  | 7-3     | W6     |
| Chicago WS  | 42 | 44 | .488 | 12.5 | 6-4     | W1     |
| Kansas City | 30 | 61 | .330 | 27.0 | 2-8     | L2     |
| Detroit     | 28 | 57 | .329 | 26.0 | 2-8     | L3     |

### West

| Team      | W  | L  | Pct  | GB   | Last 10 | Streak |
|-----------|----|----|------|------|---------|--------|
| Houston   | 57 | 33 | .633 | -    | 7-3     | W2     |
| Oakland   | 50 | 41 | .549 | 7.5  | 7-3     | W1     |
| Texas     | 48 | 42 | .533 | 9.0  | 4-6     | W1     |
| LA Angels | 45 | 46 | .495 | 12.5 | 4-6     | L2     |
| Seattle   | 39 | 55 | .415 | 20.0 | 2-8     | L1     |

### American League Leaders:

| Batting Average:             |      | Home Runs:               |      | Runs Batted In:          |     |
|------------------------------|------|--------------------------|------|--------------------------|-----|
| DJ LeMahieu (NYY)            | .336 | Mike Trout (LAA)         | 28   | Mike Trout (LAA)         | 67  |
| Michael Brantley (Hou)       | .324 | E. Encarnacion (Sea/NYY) | 25   | Jose Abreu (CWS)         | 66  |
| Rafael Devers (Bos)          | .324 | Gary Sanchez (NYY)       | 24   | Xander Bogaerts (Bos)    | 65  |
| Tim Anderson (CWS)           | .317 | Alex Bregman (Hou)       | 23   | DJ LeMahieu (NYY)        | 63  |
|                              |      | Jorge Soler (KC)         | 23   | Domingo Santana (Sea)    | 63  |
| Wins:                        |      | Earned Run Average:      |      | Strikeouts:              |     |
| Lucas Giolito (CWS)          | 11   | Charlie Morton (TB)      | 2.32 | Gerrit Cole (Hou)        | 170 |
| Lance Lynn (Tex)             | 11   | Mike Minor (Tex)         | 2.54 | Chris Sale (Bos)         | 153 |
| 5 tied with                  | 10   | Justin Verlander (Hou)   | 2.98 | Justin Verlander (Hou)   | 153 |
| Verlander, Morton, Odorizzi, |      | Jose Berrios (Min)       | 3.00 | Trevor Bauer (Cle)       | 149 |
| Marco Gonzales, German       |      | Gerrit Cole (Hou)        | 3.09 | Morton (TB) , Boyd (Det) | 142 |

# National League Standings (as of July 8, 2019)

## East

| Team         | W  | L  | Pct  | GB   | Last 10 | Streak |
|--------------|----|----|------|------|---------|--------|
| Atlanta      | 54 | 37 | .593 | -    | 6-4     | W1     |
| Washington   | 47 | 42 | .528 | 6.0  | 8-2     | W2     |
| Philadelphia | 47 | 43 | .522 | 6.5  | 5-5     | W1     |
| NY Mets      | 40 | 50 | .444 | 13.5 | 3-7     | L1     |
| Miami        | 33 | 55 | .375 | 19.5 | 3-7     | L1     |

## Central

| Team       | W  | L  | Pct  | GB  | Last 10 | Streak |
|------------|----|----|------|-----|---------|--------|
| Chi Cubs   | 47 | 43 | .522 | -   | 4-6     | L1     |
| Milwaukee  | 47 | 44 | .516 | 0.5 | 4-6     | L2     |
| St. Louis  | 44 | 44 | .500 | 2.0 | 4-6     | L2     |
| Pittsburgh | 44 | 45 | .494 | 2.5 | 6-4     | W2     |
| Cincinnati | 41 | 46 | .471 | 4.5 | 5-5     | L2     |

## West

| Team       | W  | L  | Pct  | GB   | Last 10 | Streak |
|------------|----|----|------|------|---------|--------|
| LA Dodgers | 60 | 32 | .652 | -    | 5-5     | L3     |
| Arizona    | 46 | 45 | .505 | 13.5 | 6-4     | W3     |
| San Diego  | 45 | 45 | .500 | 14.0 | 5-5     | W3     |
| Colorado   | 44 | 45 | .494 | 14.5 | 3-7     | L6     |
| SF Giants  | 41 | 48 | .461 | 17.5 | 7-3     | W2     |

## National League Leaders:

| Batting Average:        |      | Home Runs:             |      | Runs Batted In:         |     |
|-------------------------|------|------------------------|------|-------------------------|-----|
| Jeff McNeil (NYM)       | .349 | Christian Yelich (Mil) | 31   | Josh Bell (Pit)         | 84  |
| Cody Bellinger (LAD)    | .336 | Cody Bellinger (LAD)   | 30   | Cody Bellinger (LAD)    | 71  |
| Charlie Blackmon (Col)  | .330 | Pete Alonso (NYM)      | 30   | Freddie Freeman (Atl)   | 68  |
| Christian Yelich (Mil)  | .329 | Josh Bell (Pit)        | 27   | Pete Alonso (NYM)       | 68  |
| Nolan Arenado (Col)     | .312 | Hunter Renfroe (SD)    | 27   | Eduardo Esobar (AZ)     | 67  |
| Wins:                   |      | Earned Run Average:    |      | Strikeouts:             |     |
| Zack Greinke (AZ)       | 10   | Hyun-Jin Ryu (LAD)     | 1.73 | Max Scherzer (Was)      | 181 |
| Stephen Strasburg (Was) | 10   | Luis Castillo (Cin)    | 2.29 | Stephen Strasburg (Was) | 138 |
| Hyun-Jin Ryu (LAD)      | 10   | Max Scherzer (Was)     | 2.30 | Jacob deGrom (NYM)      | 138 |
| Brandon Woodruff (Mil)  | 10   | Zack Greinke (AZ)      | 2.73 | Robbie Ray (AZ)         | 137 |
| 4 tied with             | 9    | Cole Hamels (CHC)      | 2.98 | Zack Wheeler (NYM)      | 130 |

## MLB Players with Oregon Ties Weekly Update

### Injury Updates:

**Keynan Middleton** – July 5 - Sent to AZL Angels on a rehab assignment. Expected to be out until at least July 24.

**Tyler Anderson** – Expected to be out until at least September 1 (knee). July 1 update: Out for the season.

**Jimmy Nelson** - Expected to be out until at least July 12. Elbow

**Michael Conforto** – Expected to be out until at least July 12. Back.

**Jed Lowrie** - Transferred from the 10-Day Injured List to the 60-Day Injured List. Left knee capsule strain and hamstring. Expected to be out until at least August 10.

**Jacoby Ellsbury** – Expected to be out until at least August 15. Foot. July 1 update: Expected to be out until at least September 1.

**Nick Hundley** – June 9 – Expected to be out until at least August 5. Knee.

**Ryon Healy** – Placed on the 10-Day Injured List. Lower back inflammation. Expected to be out until at least August 9.

Click on the following link to open the complete Weekly Update

[https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1W\\_POFFvtyxs-Nf7DmayJ9x2nBDrTQWAFRFqWJz4UsKA/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1W_POFFvtyxs-Nf7DmayJ9x2nBDrTQWAFRFqWJz4UsKA/edit?usp=sharing)

# MLB All-Star Game Starting Lineups

## NL Starting Lineup

1. Christian Yelich, LF, MIL
2. Javier Baez, SS, CHC
3. Freddie Freeman, 1B, ATL
4. Cody Bellinger, RF, LAD
5. Nolan Arenado, 3B, COL
6. Josh Bell, DH, PIT
7. Willson Contreras, C, CHC
8. Ketel Marte, 2B, ARI
9. Ronald Acuna Jr., CF, ATL

## AL Starting Lineup

1. George Springer, RF, HOU
2. DJ LeMahieu, 2B, NYY
3. Mike Trout, CF, LAA
4. Carlos Santana, 1B, CLE
5. J.D. Martinez, DH, BOS
6. Alex Bregman, 3B, HOU
7. Gary Sanchez, C, NYY
8. Michael Brantley, LF, HOU
9. Jorge Polanco, SS, MIN

## MLB All-Star Futures Game

The MLB All-Star festivities kicked off with the Futures Game on Sunday.

The teams battled to a 2-2 tie.

Fourteen members of the American League and National League rosters have played in either the Northwest League or the Pioneer League, including all three catchers for the NL.

The list:

| Player                  | Team                   | Year |
|-------------------------|------------------------|------|
| <b>American League:</b> |                        |      |
| Nate Pearson            | Vancouver Canadians    | 2017 |
| Evan White              | Everett AquaSox        | 2017 |
| Jo Adell                | Orem Owlz              | 2017 |
| <b>National League:</b> |                        |      |
| Adbert Alzolay          | Boise Hawks            | 2014 |
|                         | Eugene Emeralds        | 2015 |
| Adrian Morejon          | Tri-City Dust Devils   | 2017 |
| Devin Williams          | Helena Brewers         | 2014 |
| Miguel Amaya            | Eugene Emeralds        | 2017 |
| Joey Bart               | Salem-Keizer Volcanoes | 2018 |
| Daulton Varsho          | Hillsboro Hops         | 2017 |
| Isan Diaz               | Missoula Osprey        | 2015 |
| Gavin Lux               | Ogden Raptors          | 2016 |
| Monte Harrison          | Helena Brewers         | 2015 |
| Alek Thomas             | Missoula Osprey        | 2018 |
| Taylor Trammell         | Billings Mustangs      | 2016 |

Entire rosters can be found here: <https://www.baseballamerica.com/stories/2019-mlb-futures-game-rosters-preview/>

For a story on how each MLB team's prospects fared can be found here:

<https://www.mlb.com/news/2019-mlb-all-stars-futures-game>

## **Old Timers Baseball Association of Portland Diamond Classic Golf Tournament**

The Old Timers Baseball Association of Portland's annual golf tournament will be held Monday, August 5, 2019 at The Reserve Vineyards and Golf Club in Aloha.

The Old-Timers Baseball Association of Portland is an inclusive, non-profit organization raising funds with the goal of tutoring, mentoring and giving back to the amateur/professional baseball community.

On the first Monday of August each year we hold a golf tournament to help raise money for our organization to give to youth baseball organizations.

Ticket information can be found on the Old Timers website or by [clicking here](#).

Photos from last year's golf outing can be found [here](#).

For questions, email us at: [pdxoldtimersbaseball@gmail.com](mailto:pdxoldtimersbaseball@gmail.com)

# Northwest League

Standings as of July 9:

| Northwest League North                    |    |    |       |     |       |      |      |     |     |      |
|---|----|----|-------|-----|-------|------|------|-----|-----|------|
| CLUB                                      | W  | L  | PCT ▼ | GB  | ELIM# | HOME | AWAY | DIV | L10 | STRK |
| <a href="#">Spokane Indians (TEX)</a>     | 14 | 11 | .560  | -   | -     | 5-7  | 9-4  | 4-7 | 4-6 | L1   |
| <a href="#">Everett AquaSox (SEA)</a>     | 13 | 12 | .520  | 1.0 | 13    | 5-5  | 8-7  | 8-3 | 5-5 | W2   |
| <a href="#">Tri-City Dust Devils (SD)</a> | 12 | 13 | .480  | 2.0 | 12    | 6-7  | 6-6  | 7-4 | 5-5 | W1   |
| <a href="#">Vancouver Canadians (TOR)</a> | 6  | 19 | .240  | 8.0 | 6     | 4-11 | 2-8  | 3-8 | 3-7 | L2   |

| Northwest League South                      |    |    |       |     |       |      |      |      |     |      |
|---|----|----|-------|-----|-------|------|------|------|-----|------|
| CLUB  | W  | L  | PCT ▼ | GB  | ELIM# | HOME | AWAY | DIV  | L10 | STRK |
| <a href="#">Salem-Keizer Volcanoes (SF)</a> | 17 | 8  | .680  | -   | -     | 8-5  | 9-3  | 8-3  | 8-2 | W2   |
| <a href="#">Hillsboro Hops (ARI)</a>        | 15 | 10 | .600  | 2.0 | 12    | 7-5  | 8-5  | 7-4  | 6-4 | L1   |
| <a href="#">Boise Hawks (COL)</a>           | 13 | 12 | .520  | 4.0 | 10    | 10-3 | 3-9  | 6-5  | 6-4 | W1   |
| <a href="#">Eugene Emeralds (CHC)</a>       | 10 | 15 | .400  | 7.0 | 7     | 5-7  | 5-8  | 1-10 | 3-7 | L2   |

The Northwest League has been in existence since 1955. Prior to then, they were the Western International League, among others. There are eight teams in the league, and all are affiliates of Major League Baseball teams.

The league's website can be found by [clicking here](#).

The Northwest League/ Pioneer League All-Star Game will be held in Boise on Tuesday, August 6. For more information on the festivities, [click here](#).

**Team Websites** (click on the team name to be directed to their website):

[Boise Hawks](#)



[Eugene Emeralds](#)

[Everett AquaSox](#)

[Hillsboro Hops](#)

[Salem-Keizer Volcanoes](#)

[Spokane Indians](#)

[Tri-City Dust Devils](#)

[Vancouver Canadians](#)

## Pacific Coast League

The Tacoma Rainiers won two of five games against Salt Lake and split a four-game series with Fresno before heading into the All-Star break. The Rainiers head into the break 3.5 games behind first place Sacramento in the PCL Pacific North division.

The Tacoma Rainiers are the only Pacific Northwest based Pacific Coast League team, but there are plenty of opportunities to see the Triple-A players from your favorite MLB teams when they play in Tacoma.

The Rainiers begin an 11-game home stand after the All-Star break.

Upcoming home series:

July 11 – 14      Reno (Arizona Diamondbacks)

July 15 – 18      Las Vegas (Oakland Athletics)

July 19 – 21 Sacramento (San Francisco Giants)

For the Rainiers schedule and more team information, [click here](#).

## West Coast League

Ninety former and current West Coast League players were recently selected in MLB's annual amateur draft. Adley Rutschman (Oregon State University and the Corvallis Knights) was selected number one overall by the Baltimore Orioles and Andrew Vaughn (University of California and the Victoria HarborCats) was selected number three overall by the Chicago White Sox. The entire list of the ninety players selected in June's draft can be found by [clicking here](#).

Standings as of July 9:

| North Division                    | W  | L  | PCT   | GB   | STREAK | LAST 10 |
|-----------------------------------|----|----|-------|------|--------|---------|
| Victoria HarbourCats <sup>†</sup> | 18 | 10 | 0.643 | -    | 1L     | 7-3     |
| Bellingham Bells                  | 17 | 11 | 0.607 | 1    | 1W     | 5-5     |
| Wenatchee AppleSox                | 12 | 15 | 0.444 | 5.5  | 2W     | 5-5     |
| Yakima Valley Pippins             | 12 | 17 | 0.414 | 6.5  | 2L     | 4-6     |
| Kelowna Falcons                   | 10 | 16 | 0.385 | 7    | 1L     | 5-5     |
| Port Angeles Lefties              | 10 | 17 | 0.370 | 7.5  | 5L     | 4-6     |
| South Division                    | W  | L  | PCT   | GB   | STREAK | LAST 10 |
| Corvallis Knights <sup>†</sup>    | 22 | 6  | 0.786 | -    | 16W    | 10-0    |
| Walla Walla Sweets                | 18 | 10 | 0.643 | 4    | 1L     | 5-5     |
| Ridgefield Raptors                | 14 | 14 | 0.500 | 8    | 1W     | 4-6     |
| Bend Elks                         | 12 | 15 | 0.444 | 9.5  | 2L     | 4-6     |
| Portland Pickles                  | 11 | 18 | 0.379 | 11.5 | 2W     | 3-7     |
| Cowlitz Black Bears               | 10 | 17 | 0.370 | 11.5 | 3W     | 6-4     |

**Team websites and schedules:****North Division:**

[Bellingham Bells](#)

[Kelowna Falcons](#)

[Port Angeles Lefties](#)

[Victoria HarborCats](#)

[Wenatchee AppleSox](#)

[Yakima Valley Pippins](#)

**South Division:**

[Bend Elks](#)

[Corvallis Knights](#)

[Cowlitz Black Bears](#)

[Portland Pickles](#)

[Ridgefield Raptors](#)

[Walla Walla Sweets](#)

For more information on the West Coast League, [click here](#).

**About the West Coast League:**

The West Coast League (WCL) is the premier summer collegiate baseball league west of the Mississippi. Situated in the beautiful Pacific Northwest, the 15-year-old, 12-team, professionally operated wood-bat league showcases pro prospects from major conferences around the nation. Every summer, the league features unparalleled fan and player experiences, with the best summer weather in North America. Seventy-two

players with WCL experience were selected in the MLB 2018 June draft. Also in 2018, 294 WCL alums appeared or were active in affiliated professional baseball, including 39 in the major leagues, such as all-star outfielder Mitch Haniger (Seattle Mariners); ace hurler James Paxton (New York Yankees); slugger Rhys Hoskins (Philadelphia Phillies); and rising star pitchers Marco Gonzales (Seattle Mariners) and Matt Boyd (Detroit Tigers). Overall member attendance was 496,278 this past summer, a tremendous increase of 20 percent over the previous season.

## Golden State Collegiate League

For baseball fans in the southern part of Oregon, Reno, and Northern California to feed their baseball addictions, the Golden State Collegiate League will provide you with some wooden bat, collegiate league action.

The Medford Rogues have joined the Golden State Collegiate League for the 2019 season. The Rogues were a member of the West Coast League from 2012 to 2015 and the now-defunct Great West League from 2016 to 2018.

The Medford Rogues, who averaged 1017 fans per game in 2018, will join the California Bees, Reno Rams, Sacramento Heat, San Francisco Seagulls, South Bay Storm, Top Speed Baseball, and the Yuba-Sutter Gold Sox in the 2019 season that begins on May 30<sup>th</sup> and runs through July 23<sup>rd</sup>. Playoffs follow from July 25<sup>th</sup> through the 28<sup>th</sup>.

Thirty-two alumni from the Golden State Collegiate League have signed professional contracts since the league's inception in 2012.

To access the Golden State Collegiate League website, [click here](#).

## **The Ballparks – Clyde Allen Field, Coos Bay-North Bend**

Years ago, many small Oregon coastal towns had baseball teams made up of loggers and other residents. Most of these ballparks are gone now, but one has stood the test of time. Located in North Bend, Oregon, Clyde Allen Baseball Field was built in 1947 to host the local team.

The ballpark is in a residential area that has a large number of trees beyond the outfield wall to provide a nice setting for a ballpark.

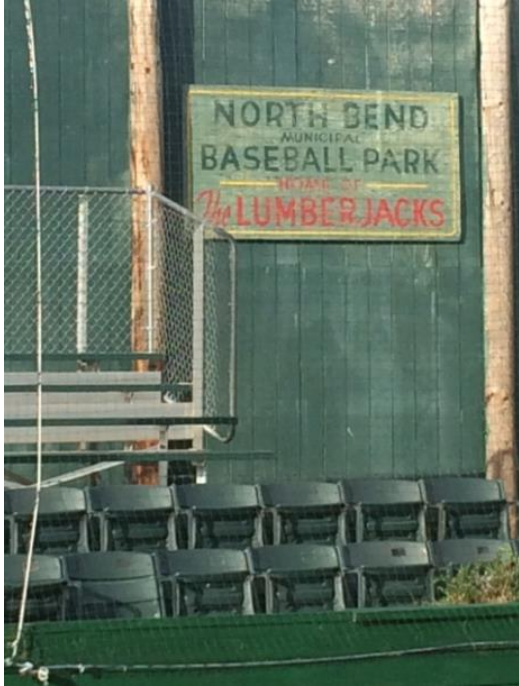
When Major League Baseball expanded by four teams for the 1969 season, they needed more minor league teams. For the 1970 season, two new teams joined the Short-Season Single-A Northwest League; Bend and Coos Bay-North Bend. The Coos Bay-North Bend Athletics were an affiliate of the Oakland Athletics, who recently relocated from Kansas City.

The Coos Bay-North Bend Athletics were league champions in their first season, but didn't do as well the next two years. The ballpark only held 1000 fans, but that was enough. In 1970, 14,000 fans attended the games, followed by 11,000 in 1971, and 10,000 in 1972.

Enough was enough and the franchise folded, but paying the \$500 franchise fee was Bing Russell who moved the franchise to Portland to become the Portland Mavericks.



Future MLB players who spent time in Coos Bay-North Bend include Glenn Abbott, Vic Harris, Mike Barlow, Charlie Chant, Steve Lawson, Leon Hooten, Champ Summers, Chris Batton, Bob Lacey, Chet Lemon, and Claudell Washington.



The North Bend Lumberjacks was one of the local teams that played in Clyde Allen Field prior to the A's moving in.



I recently talked to someone who played high school baseball there many years ago and he mentioned the home-field advantage. Being near the ocean, he said that it was always windy there, but playing all the home games, he was used to what the wind was going to do to the ball while the visitors had no clue.







This old crow seems to be watching over the field for its next meal.

After falling into disrepair, the city of North Bend purchased the field in 2017. Through donations of materials from local lumber yards and hardware stores and volunteers to do the work, bleachers were replaced and a concession stand was built.

The field is used today by an American Legion team and the local high school.

All photos are courtesy of Cheryl and Russ Aker.

