

“Around the Horn”

Baseball News for the Pacific Northwest

August 5, 2019

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Quote of the Week:

“Hitting is 50% above the shoulders.”

Ted Williams, Hall of Fame Left Fielder

MLB Players Born in Oregon with Birthdays in August

Player	Birthplace	Date	Year
Scott Anderson	Corvallis	1	1962
Cliff Speck	Portland	8	1956
Scott Brosius	Hillsboro	15	1966
Adam Cimber	Portland	15	1990
Tom Dodd	Portland	15	1958
Tony Barron	Portland	17	1966
Brandon Drury	Grants Pass	21	1992
Wes Schulmerich	Hillsboro	21	1901
Lyle Bigbee	Waterloo	22	1893
Howie Haworth	Newberg	27	1893
Aaron Rowand	Portland	29	1977
Steve Baker	Eugene	30	1956
Mike Ekstrom	Portland	30	1983
DJ Johnson	Beaverton	30	1989

American League Standings (as of August 5, 2019)

East

Team	W	L	Pct	GB	Last 10	Streak
NY Yankees	72	39	.649	-	6-4	W5
Tampa Bay	65	48	.575	8.0	8-2	W6
Boston	59	55	.518	14.5	2-8	L8
Toronto	45	69	.395	28.5	6-4	L2
Baltimore	38	73	.342	34.0	6-4	W2

Central

Team	W	L	Pct	GB	Last 10	Streak
Minnesota	69	42	.622	-	8-2	W3
Cleveland	66	45	.595	3.0	7-3	W3
Chicago WS	48	61	.440	20.0	3-7	W1
Kansas City	40	73	.354	30.0	1-9	L6
Detroit	32	75	.299	35.0	2-8	L3

West

Team	W	L	Pct	GB	Last 10	Streak
Houston	73	40	.646	-	8-2	W4
Oakland	64	48	.571	8.5	6-4	W3
Texas	57	54	.514	15.0	6-4	W4
LA Angels	56	57	.496	17.0	2-8	L4
Seattle	47	67	.412	26.5	6-4	L4

American League Wild Card:

Team	W	L	Pct	GB	Last 10	Streak
Cleveland	66	45	.595	+2	7-3	W3
Tampa Bay	65	48	.575	-	8-2	W6
Oakland	64	48	.571	0.5	6-4	W3
Boston	59	55	.518	6.5	2-8	L8
Texas	57	54	.514	7.0	6-4	W4
LA Angels	56	57	.496	9.0	2-8	L4
Chicago WS	48	61	.440	15.0	3-7	W1
Seattle	47	67	.412	18.5	6-4	L4

National League Standings (as of August 5, 2019)

East

Team	W	L	Pct	GB	Last 10	Streak
Atlanta	66	47	.584	-	6-4	L1
Philadelphia	58	53	.523	7.0	5-5	L1
Washington	58	53	.523	7.0	3-7	L2
NY Mets	55	56	.495	10.0	9-1	W2
Miami	42	67	.385	22.0	5-5	L2

Central

Team	W	L	Pct	GB	Last 10	Streak
Chi Cubs	60	51	.541	-	6-4	W3
St Louis	58	52	.527	1.5	5-5	L2
Milwaukee	57	56	.504	4.0	4-6	L4
Cincinnati	52	58	.473	7.5	6-4	W1
Pittsburgh	48	63	.432	12.0	2-8	L2

West

Team	W	L	Pct	GB	Last 10	Streak
LA Dodgers	74	40	.649	-	7-3	W2
SF Giants	56	56	.500	17.0	4-6	L1
Arizona	56	56	.500	17.0	5-5	W2
Colorado	52	60	.464	21.0	5-5	W1
San Diego	51	60	.459	21.5	3-7	L2

National League Wild Card:

Team	W	L	Pct	GB	Last 10	Streak
St. Louis	58	52	.527	+0.5	5-5	L2
Philadelphia	58	53	.523	-	5-5	L1
Washington	58	53	.500	-	3-7	L2
Milwaukee	57	56	.504	2.0	4-6	L4
Arizona	56	56	.500	2.5	5-5	W2
SF Giants	56	56	.500	2.5	4-6	L1
NY Mets	55	56	.495	3.0	9-1	W2
Cincinnati	52	58	.473	5.5	6-4	W1

League Leaders (as of August 5, 2019)

American League	Games Played	At-Bats	Runs	Hits	Batting Average
DJ LeMahieu, New York Yankees	99	406	77	136	.335
Rafael Devers, Boston Red Sox	111	450	90	144	.320
Michael Brantley, Houston Astros	105	413	61	132	.320
Francisco Lindor, Cleveland Indians	92	384	63	118	.307
Xander Bogaerts, Boston Red Sox	110	434	88	133	.306
Yoan Moncada, Chicago White Sox	97	372	58	112	.301
Jorge Polanco, Minnesota Twins	105	441	70	132	.299
JD Martinez, Boston Red Sox	103	412	65	123	.299
Mike Trout, LA Angels	106	375	85	111	.296
Yuli Gurriel, Houston Astros	104	416	58	122	.293
National League	Games Played	At-Bats	Runs	Hits	Batting Average
Jeff McNeil, New York Mets	99	374	63	126	.337
Christian Yelich, Milwaukee Brewers	104	396	82	133	.336
Charlie Blackmon, Colorado Rockies	93	397	82	129	.325
Code Bellinger, LA Dodgers	110	394	90	128	.325
Ketel Marte, Arizona Diamondbacks	109	434	76	138	.318
Anthony Rendon, Washington Nationals	98	369	79	117	.317
Nolan Arenado, Colorado Rockies	111	423	71	129	.305
Freddie Freeman, Atlanta Braves	113	436	86	132	.303
David Dahl, Colorado Rockies	100	374	67	113	.302
Alex Verdugo, LA Dodgers	106	343	43	101	.294

League Leaders (as of August 6, 2019)

Home Runs - American League		Home Runs - National League	
Trout, Angels	37	Yelich, Brewers	39
Kepler, Twins	31	Bellinger, LA Dodgers	37
Encarnacion, Yankees/Mariners	30	Alonzo, Mets	35
Nelson Cruz, Twins	30	Renfroe, Padres	30
Soler, Royals	29	Suarez, Reds	29
Runs Batted In - American League		Runs Batted In - National League	
Trout, Angels	88	Bell, Pirates	89
Devers, Red Sox	87	Escobar, Diamondbacks	89
Bogaerts, Red Sox	85	Bellinger, LA Dodgers	88
Abreu, White Sox	78	Freeman, Braves	87
Kepler, Twins	77	Rendon, Nationals	86
Won/Lost – American League		Won/Lost – National League	
Verlander, Astros	15-4	Strasburg, Nationals	14-5
Lynn, Rangers	14-6	Fried, Braves	12-4
German, Yankees	14-2	Ryu, Dodgers	11-2
Gerrit Cole	13-5	Woodruff, Brewers	11-3
Rodriguez, Red Sox	13-5	Castillo, Reds	11-4
Strikeouts - American League		Strikeouts – National League	
Cole, Astros	216	Scherzer, Nationals	189
Verlander, Astros	206	deGrom, Mets	182
Sale, Red Sox	193	Ray, Diamondbacks	178
Boyd, Tigers	187	Strasburg, Nationals	175
Bauer, Indians	185	Corbin, Nationals	164
		Castillo, Reds	164
Saves - American League		Saves - National League	
Chapman, Yankees	30	Yates, Padres	32
Hand, Indians	27	Smith, Giants	27
Osuna, Astros	25	Jansen, Dodgers	25
Greene, Tigers	22	Hader, Brewers	25
Colome, White Sox	21	Doolittle, Nationals	24
		Diaz, Mets	24

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 August 31. July 16 - Sent to Salt Lake City for Rehab Assignment

Tyler Anderson – Out for the Season (knee).

Jimmy Nelson - Expected to be out until at least August 5. Elbow. July 21 - Sent to Wisconsin (A) on a Rehab Assignment

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 September 1.

Jacoby Ellsbury – Expected to be out until at least September 1. (Foot)

Ryon Healy – Out for the season. Placed on the 10-Day Injured List. Lower back inflammation. Expected to be out until at least August 20. Transferred to the 60-Day Injured List July 26th.

Jimmie Sherfy – Placed on 7-Day Injured List (Upper Extremity)

Braden Shipley – August 1 – Activated from the 7-Day Injured List by Reno (AAA)

Transactions:

Dan Straily – July 31 - Traded from Baltimore to Philadelphia for cash.

Nick Hundley - July 28 - Released by the Oakland A's

Cole Irvin – July 28 – Optioned to Lehigh Valley from Philadelphia

Jimmy Nelson – July 21 - Sent to Wisconsin (A) on a Rehab Assignment

Zac Rosscup – July 29 – Traded from LA Dodgers to St Louis Cardinals, assigned to Memphis (AAA)

Rocky Gale – July 29 - Traded from LA Dodgers to Tampa Bay and assigned to the Durham Bulls

Click on the following link to open the complete Weekly Update

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1MIPp5_YWstiF82iraSiVPTLZWOfgdjr46wd6mV8GS5o/edit?usp=sharing

Old Timers Baseball Association of Portland Diamond Classic Golf Tournament

The Old Timers Baseball Association of Portland's annual golf tournament was 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.

We would like to thank all of the participants, sponsors, and organizations that donated to our cause. A special thank you to all of the celebrities who participated, included former Portland Trailblazers Larry Steele, Bob Gross, and Cliff Robinson, former MLB players Tom Gorman and Mike Ekstrom, former NFL Tight End Josh Wilcox, and Fox 12 Meteorologist Jeff Forgeron.

For questions, email us at: pdxoldtimersbaseball@gmail.com

Northwest League

Standings as of August 5:

The **Spokane Indians** of the North Division and the **Salem-Keizer Volcanoes** of the South Division have both clinched first place for the first half, therefore, securing a spot in the Northwest League playoffs. They will take on the division winners of the second half in the first round of the playoffs.

Second Half Standings:

Northwest League North

CLUB	W	L	PCT ▾	GB	ELIM#	HOME	AWAY	DIV	L10	STRK
Tri-City Dust Devils (SD)	7	6	.538	-	-	4-2	3-4	6-3	6-4	W4
* Spokane Indians (TEX)	6	7	.462	1.0	25	1-2	5-5	4-5	4-6	L1
Everett AquaSox (SEA)	5	8	.385	2.0	24	3-3	2-5	5-4	3-7	W1
Vancouver Canadians (TOR)	4	9	.308	3.0	23	1-2	3-7	3-6	3-7	L4

Northwest League South

CLUB	W	L	PCT ▾	GB	ELIM#	HOME	AWAY	DIV	L10	STRK
Hillsboro Hops (ARI)	10	3	.769	-	-	9-1	1-2	6-3	8-2	W7
Eugene Emeralds (CHC)	8	5	.615	2.0	24	7-3	1-2	6-3	6-4	W4
Boise Hawks (COL)	6	7	.462	4.0	22	5-2	1-5	3-6	5-5	L3
* Salem-Keizer Volcanoes (SF)	6	7	.462	4.0	22	5-2	1-5	3-6	5-5	L4

* first-half division winner

First Half Standings:

Northwest League North

CLUB	W	L	PCT ▾	GB	ELIM#	HOME	AWAY	DIV	L10	STRK
* Spokane Indians (TEX)	22	16	.579	-	-	9-10	13-6	12-12	7-3	W2
Everett AquaSox (SEA)	18	20	.474	4.0	E	7-9	11-11	13-11	4-6	L2
Tri-City Dust Devils (SD)	16	22	.421	6.0	E	9-10	7-12	11-13	2-8	L3
Vancouver Canadians (TOR)	15	23	.395	7.0	E	10-12	5-11	12-12	7-3	W4

Northwest League South

CLUB	W	L	PCT ▾	GB	ELIM#	HOME	AWAY	DIV	L10	STRK
* Salem-Keizer Volcanoes (SF)	26	12	.684	-	-	13-7	13-5	17-7	7-3	W7
Hillsboro Hops (ARI)	24	14	.632	2.0	E	13-6	11-8	16-8	6-4	W4
Eugene Emeralds (CHC)	16	22	.421	10.0	E	7-8	9-14	7-17	5-5	L4
Boise Hawks (COL)	15	23	.395	11.0	E	12-10	3-13	8-16	2-8	L7

* first-half division winner

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 took a three-game series from Omaha Storm Chasers before losing three out of four to the Iowa Cubs. The Rainiers (52-62) are now 9 games behind first place Sacramento (57-49) in the PCL Pacific North Division.

The Rainiers now travel to Oklahoma City and New Orleans before returning home to begin a series with Fresno on Thursday, August 15th.

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.

Upcoming home series:

July 30 – August 1	Omaha Storm Chasers (Kansas City Royals)
August 2 – 5	Iowa Cubs (Chicago Cubs)
August 15 – 18	Fresno Grizzlies (Washington Nationals)
August 19 – 21	Salt Lake Bees (LA Angels)

August 22 – 25 Las Vegas Aviators (Oakland A's)

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

Pacific Coast League Standings (as of August 5):

Pacific Coast League American Northern

CLUB	W	L	PCT ▾	GB	ELIM#	HOME	AWAY	DIV	L10	STRK
Iowa Cubs (CHC)	61	53	.535	-	-	23-29	38-24	25-12	4-6	W1
Memphis Redbirds (STL)	51	63	.447	10.0	17	23-36	28-27	17-20	8-2	W3
Omaha Storm Chasers (KC)	50	64	.439	11.0	16	26-29	24-35	17-20	2-8	L1
Nashville Sounds (TEX)	47	65	.420	13.0	14	24-38	23-27	15-22	5-5	

Pacific Coast League American Southern

CLUB	W	L	PCT ▾	GB	ELIM#	HOME	AWAY	DIV	L10	STRK
San Antonio Missions (MIL)	71	43	.623	-	-	44-19	27-24	19-18	7-3	W1
Round Rock Express (HOU)	68	45	.602	2.5	25	35-24	33-21	20-16	9-1	W3
New Orleans Baby Cakes (MIA)	61	51	.545	9.0	18	27-26	34-25	18-18	7-3	W5
Oklahoma City Dodgers (LAD)	52	61	.460	18.5	9	21-29	31-32	16-21	4-6	

Pacific Coast League Pacific Northern

CLUB	W	L	PCT ▾	GB	ELIM#	HOME	AWAY	DIV	L10	STRK
Sacramento River Cats (SF)	61	53	.535	-	-	25-27	36-26	24-16	5-5	L3
Fresno Grizzlies (VSH)	54	60	.474	7.0	20	25-30	29-30	20-20	1-9	L1
Reno Aces (ARI)	53	61	.465	8.0	19	33-29	20-32	20-20	8-2	W1
Tacoma Rainiers (SEA)	52	62	.456	9.0	18	28-31	24-31	16-24	4-6	L1

Pacific Coast League Pacific Southern

CLUB	W	L	PCT ▾	GB	ELIM#	HOME	AWAY	DIV	L10	STRK
El Paso Chihuahuas (SD)	66	48	.579	-	-	25-27	41-21	21-19	3-7	L3
Las Vegas Aviators (OAK)	66	48	.579	-	-	32-27	34-21	22-18	7-3	W1
Salt Lake Bees (LAA)	49	65	.430	17.0	10	23-39	26-26	17-23	4-6	L4
Albuquerque Isotopes (COL)	47	67	.412	19.0	8	24-31	23-36	20-20	2-8	W1

West Coast League

The North Division scored nine runs in the top of the second inning and held on to beat the South 14-1 in the West Coast League All-Star Game held at Bend's Vince Genna Stadium last week in front of 2284 fans. Bellingham's Jack Machtolf of Gonzaga snagged the MVP honors by going 4-for-5 with four RBI.

Matthew Christian of the Port Angeles Lefties won the Home Run Derby contest Monday night.

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](#).

The first half of the 2019 season is complete with the Victoria HarborCats and the Corvallis Knights assuring themselves of a playoff appearance by winning the first half of each division.

Standings as of August 5:

Second Half:

North Division	W	L	PCT	STREAK	GB	LAST 10
Victoria HarbourCats	15	6	.714	2W		7-3
Wenatchee AppleSox	15	6	.714	7W		8-2
Port Angeles Lefties	12	10	.545	1L	3.5	6-4
Yakima Valley Pippins	8	14	.364	5L	7.5	2-8
Bellingham Bells	7	13	.350	2L	7.5	4-6
Kelowna Falcons	7	15	.318	4L	8.5	4-6

South Division	W	L	PCT	STREAK	GB	LAST 10
Corvallis Knights	15	6	.714	1W		6-4
Portland Pickles	11	10	.524	1L	4	4-6
Ridgefield Raptors	10	11	.476	1W	5	5-5
Cowlitz Black Bears	10	11	.476	1W	5	3-7
Walla Walla Sweets	9	12	.429	1L	6	5-5
Bend Elks	8	13	.381	4W	7	6-4

First Half Final Standings:

North Division	W	L	PCT	STREAK	GB	LAST 10
Victoria HarbourCats	18	9	.667	1W		8-2
Bellingham Bells	16	11	.593	1L	2	5-5
Wenatchee AppleSox	12	15	.444	2W	6	5-5
Yakima Valley Pippins	11	15	.423	3W	6.5	3-7
Kelowna Falcons	10	16	.385	1L	7.5	5-5
Port Angeles Lefties	10	16	.385	4L	7.5	4-6

South Division	W	L	PCT	STREAK	GB	LAST 10
Corvallis Knights	21	6	.778	15W		10-0
Walla Walla Sweets	18	9	.667	1W	3	6-4
Ridgefield Raptors	13	14	.481	3L	8	3-7
Bend Elks	12	15	.444	2L	9	4-6
Cowlitz Black Bears	10	17	.370	3W	11	6-4
Portland Pickles	9	17	.346	5L	11.5	3-7

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.

2019 Little League Softball World Series

The 2019 Little League Softball World Series gets underway at beautiful Alpenrose Stadium in Portland, Oregon with the Opening Ceremonies on August 6th at 2:00 PM.

Ten teams from around the world will begin play on Wednesday, August 7th and continue through August 14th.

Teams participating include:

Asia-Pacific Region: Negros Occidental Little League of Bacolod City, Philippines

Latin America Region: Olmeca Little League of Mexico City, Mexico

Europe-Africa Region: Lombardia Little League of Milan, Italy

Canada Region: Hampton Little League of Victoria, British Columbia

Oregon District 4: Willow Creek Little League of Portland, Oregon

East Region: South Williamsport Little League of South Williamsport, PA

Central Region: Central Iowa Little League of Polk City, Iowa

Southeast Region: Rowan Little League of Salisbury, North Carolina

Southwest Region: Eastbank Little League of River Ridge, Louisiana

West Region: Honolulu Little League of Honolulu, Hawaii

The schedule can be found here: <https://www.littleleague.org/world-series/2019/lisbws/tournaments/world-series/>

Little League Softball World Series Website: <https://www.littleleague.org/world-series/2019/lisbws/>

All of the games will be on the ESPN family of networks.