

“Around the Horn”

Baseball News for the Pacific Northwest

May 27, 2019

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Quote of the Week:

“Somebody’s got to win and somebody’s got to lose – and I believe in letting the other guy lose.”

Pete Rose, All-Star outfielder

MLB Players Born in Oregon with Birthdays in May:

Player	Birthplace	Date	Year
Del Baker	Sherwood	3	1892
Paul Gehrman	Marquam	3	1912
John Leovich	Portland	5	1918
Larry Anderson	Portland	6	1953
Jim McDonald	Grants Pass	7	1927
Dick Smith	Lebanon	17	1939
Drew Carpenter	Grants Pass	18	1985
Sam Gaviglio	Ashland	22	1990
John Jaha	Portland	27	1966

Bobby Gene Smith	Hood River	28	1934
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American League Standings (as of May 27, 2019)

East

Team	W	L	Pct	GB	Last 10	Streak
NY Yankees	34	18	.654	-	8-2	L1
Tampa Bay	31	19	.620	2.0	6-4	W2
Boston	28	25	.528	6.5	5-5	W1
Toronto	21	32	.396	13.5	4-6	W1
Baltimore	16	37	.302	18.5	2-8	L1

Central

Team	W	L	Pct	GB	Last 10	Streak
Minnesota	36	16	.692	-	9-1	W6
Cleveland	26	26	.500	10.0	3-7	L2
Chicago WS	23	29	.442	13.0	3-7	L3
Detroit	19	31	.380	16.0	1-9	L2
Kansas City	18	34	.346	18.0	3-7	W1

West

Team	W	L	Pct	GB	Last 10	Streak
Houston	35	19	.648	-	6-4	L1
Oakland	28	25	.528	6.5	9-1	W6
Texas	25	25	.500	8.0	7-3	L2
LA Angels	24	28	.462	10.0	4-6	W2
Seattle	23	32	.418	12.5	1-9	L6

American League Leaders:

Batting Average:		Home Runs:		Runs Batted In:	
Tim Anderson (CWS)	.337	George Springer (Hou)	17	Eddie Rosario (Min)	45
Jorge Polanco (Min)	.335	Eddie Rosario (Min)	16	George Springer (Hou)	43
Rafael Devers	.330	4 tied with	15	Jose Abreu (CWS)	42
Elvis Andrus	.327			Domingo Santana (Sea)	41
Wins:		Earned Run Average:		Strikeouts:	
Domingo German (NYY)	9	Jake Odorizzi (Min)	2.16	Gerrit Cole (Hou)	100
Justin Verlander (Hou)	8	Justin Verlander (Hou)	2.38	Justin Verlander (Hou)	95
3 tied with	7	Frankie Montas (Oak)	2.40	Chris Sale (Bos)	88
		Charlie Morton (TB)	2.54	Trevor Bauer (Cle)	88

	Mike Minor (Tex)	2.55	Matthew Boyd (DET)	80
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National League Standings (as of May 27, 2019)

East

Team	W	L	Pct	GB	Last 10	Streak
Philadelphia	31	22	.585	-	7-3	L1
Atlanta	30	24	.556	1.5	7-3	W1
NY Mets	26	26	.500	4.5	6-4	W2
Washington	22	31	.415	9.0	4-6	W3
Miami	16	34	.320	13.5	6-4	L3

Central

Team	W	L	Pct	GB	Last 10	Streak
Chi Cubs	30	21	.588	-	5-5	L1
Milwaukee	30	24	.556	1.5	5-5	W1
St. Louis	26	26	.500	4.5	3-7	L1
Pittsburgh	25	25	.500	4.5	4-6	L3
Cincinnati	24	28	.462	6.5	6-4	W1

West

Team	W	L	Pct	GB	Last 10	Streak
LA Dodgers	35	18	.660	-	8-2	W3
Arizona	28	25	.528	7.0	5-5	W3
San Diego	28	25	.528	7.0	6-4	L1
Colorado	24	27	.471	10.0	4-6	W1
SF Giants	21	31	.404	13.5	3-7	L5

National League Leaders:

Batting Average:		Home Runs:		Runs Batted In:	
Cody Bellinger (LAD)	.386	Christian Yelich (MIL)	21	Cody Bellinger (LAD)	48
Josh Bell (Pit)	.339	Cody Bellinger (LAD)	18	Josh Bell (Pit)	47
Nolan Arenado (Col)	.335	Pete Alonso (NYM)	17	Marcell Ozuna (StL)	45
Jeff McNeil (NYM)	.333	Josh Bell (Pit)	16	Nolan Arenado (Col)	44
Wins:		Earned Run Average:		Strikeouts:	
Hyun –Jin Ryu (LAD)	7	Hyun –Jin Ryu (LAD)	1.65	Max Scherzer (WSH)	96

Max Fried (ATL)	7	Luis Castillo (CIN)	2.38	Stephen Strasburg (WSH)	87
Brandon Woodruff (MIL)	7	Zach Davies (MIL)	2.43	Patrick Corbin (WSH)	81
Zack Greinke (AZ)	6	Jordan Lyles (PIT)	2.81	Zack Wheeler (NYM)	78
Kenta Maeda (LAD)	6	Patrick Corban (WAS)	2.85	Luis Castillo (CIN)	78

MLB Players with Oregon Ties Weekly Update

Injuries and Transactions for the week:

Injuries:

Jed Lowrie - May 20 - Transferred from the 10-Day Injured List to the 60-Day Injured List. Left knee capsule strain. Expected to be out until at least June 17.

Ryon Healy – May 21 - Placed on the 10-Day Injured List. Lower back inflammation. Expected to be out until at least May 31.

Jacoby Ellsbury – April 21 – Expected to be out until at least June 11. Foot.

Transactions:

Jimmy Nelson - May 24 - Optioned to San Antonio Missions (AAA)

Kyle Garlick - May 24 - Recalled from Oklahoma City Dodgers

Jimmie Sherfy - May 23 - Optioned to Reno (AAA)

Zac Rosscup – May 23 – Claimed off waivers by the Toronto Blue Jays

Cole Irvin – May 23 – Optioned to Lehigh Valley (AAA)

Tyler Anderson – May 22 – Recalled from the Albuquerque Isotopes and transferred to the 60-Day Injured list. Left knee chondral defect.

Kyle Garlick - May 21 – Optioned to Oklahoma City Dodgers

Click on the following link to open the complete Weekly Update

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1TPzfvf7e4kwOPhBJoJm3sliSL7aOnabbmvtTht__T6Y/edit?usp=sharing

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

The Oregon All-Star Series (High School)

The Freightliner Oregon All-Star Series will be held on June 22 – 23 at Goss Stadium at Oregon State University. The series showcases the elite senior players from the state's 5A and 6A classifications.

Schedule of Events:

Saturday, June 22, 2019

- 5:30 PM – Jugs Sports Home Run Derby
- 7:15 PM – North vs South, Game One of the Oregon All-Star Series

Sunday, June 23, 2019

- Noon - North vs South, Game Two of the Oregon All-Star Series

Some of the players who have played in the Oregon All-Star Series in the past include: Dale Murphy, Scott Brosius, John Jaha, Kevin Gregg, Harold Reynolds, Dave Roberts, Trevor Wilson, Mickey Lolich, Danny Ainge, Kevin Gunderson, Cole Gillespie, Mike Stutes, Darwin Barney, Brian Burres, Jace Fry, Jed Lowrie, Andrew Moore, Ben Petrick, and Joe Paterson, and many others.

For more information, visit: <http://www.oregonallstarseries.com/?p=about>

Northwest League

The Northwest League (Short-Season Single-A) kicks off their 76-game 2019 season on Friday, June 14.

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 Opening Weekend schedule includes:

Spokane @ Vancouver

Everett @ Tri-City

Hillsboro @ Eugene

Boise @ Salem-Keizer

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 are in second place in the Pacific Coast League Pacific Northern Division, two games behind the Fresno Grizzlies, the Washington Nationals Triple-A affiliate. The Rainiers are second in the league in team batting at .291 and have five players who have played in at least half of the team's games batting over .300. The Rainiers pitching staff is 4th in the PCL in strikeouts with 450 on the season.

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.

Home series for the month of June:

June 4 - 6 Memphis (St. Louis Cardinals)
June 7 – 10 Nashville (Texas Rangers)
June 20 – 24 El Paso (San Diego Padres)
June 29 – July 3 Salt Lake (LA Angels)

There are a few mid-week day games for those of you who like to attend a game in Tacoma and return home the same day.

In June:

Monday June 10 11:35 AM vs Nashville

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

West Coast League

The 2019 West Coast League season gets under way on Tuesday, June 4. Most teams play a couple non-league games this weekend.

Home teams to begin the season on Tuesday, June 4 include: Bellingham, Wenatchee, Bend, Portland, Ridgefield, and Walla Walla.

On Friday, June 7, Kelowna, Port Angeles, Victoria, Cowlitz, and Yakima Valley.

The Corvallis Knights play their home opener at Goss Stadium at Oregon State University on June 14, after any NCAA Regionals and possibly the Super Regionals have been played.

For schedules and 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 30th and runs through July 23rd. Playoffs follow from July 25th through the 28th.

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](#).

PAC-12

Number 1 ranked UCLA won a couple games with Oregon while the Saturday series finale was rained out and cancelled. Number 3 Stanford took two out of three at Arizona State and Number 11 Oregon State lost two out of three to Southern Cal in Corvallis.

UCLA, Stanford, and Oregon State will all host Regionals beginning Friday while Cal travels to the Arkansas Regionals and Arizona State to the LSU Regionals.

PAC-12 Final Standings:

STANDINGS			
TEAMS		CONF	OVERALL
 UCLA		24-5-0	47-8-0
 Stanford		22-7-0	41-11-0
 Oregon State		21-8-0	36-18-1
 California		17-11-0	32-18-0
 Arizona State		16-13-0	37-17-0
 Arizona		15-14-0	32-24-0
 USC		13-15-1	25-29-1
 Washington		12-17-0	28-24-0
 Oregon		10-19-0	27-29-0
 Utah		6-24-0	16-33-0
 Washington State		3-25-1	11-41-1

The Ballparks

Avista Stadium – Spokane, Washington



Entrance to Avista Stadium during the 2015 Northwest League/Pioneer League All-Star Game

When the Brooklyn Dodgers moved to Los Angeles in time for the 1958 season, they wanted their top farm team to be out west and decided on Spokane as the location.

Seldom have ballparks constructed so quickly lasted so long. The stadium, originally called Fairgrounds Recreation Park, was built from scratch in less than three months to house the Dodgers top affiliate for the 1958 season. The stadium lights came from Gilmore Field, home of the Hollywood Stars, which was one of the Pacific Coast League teams displaced when the Dodgers and Giants moved west. The batting cage came from Ebbetts Field in Brooklyn.

The Spokane Indians (the nickname dates back to 1903) played at Ferris Field and were a charter member of the Western International League, the predecessor of the Northwest League, since 1937. Spokane was a charter member of the Northwest League in 1955, but lasted only two seasons. Spokane went without baseball in the 1957 season.

Beginning in 1958, the Indians and Avista Stadium were home to the Dodgers top affiliate before moving south after the 1971 season to become the Albuquerque Dukes. The 1970 team, under manager Tommy Lasorda, finished the season with a 94-52 record and 26 games ahead of the second place Portland Beavers in the PCL's Northern Division. If you are wondering why they were so good, their roster included Bill Buckner, Steve Garvey, Bobby Valentine (PCL MVP), Tom Paciorek, Davey Lopes, Bill Russell, and Doyle Alexander.

After the Dodgers left town, Spokane returned to the Northwest League, but only for one season. After the 1972 season, the Portland Beavers moved to Spokane and became an affiliate of the Texas Rangers for three seasons, then the Milwaukee Brewers beginning in 1976, the Seattle Mariners beginning in 1979, and the California Angels for the 1982 season.

A new Northwest league franchise was awarded to Spokane for the 1983 season and the Indians have continued to play in the league and at Avista Stadium to this day.

More photos of Avista Stadium during the 2015 Northwest League/Pioneer League All-Star Game:





