

# “Around the Horn”

*Baseball News for the Pacific Northwest*

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## Quote of the Week:

“Bob Gibson is the luckiest pitcher I ever saw. He always pitches when the other team doesn’t score runs.”

Tim McCarver, All-Star Catcher, on his Cardinals’ teammate

## 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 15, 2019)

### East

Team	W	L	Pct	GB	Last 10	Streak
NY Yankees	59	32	.648	-	6-4	W1
Tampa Bay	55	40	.579	6.0	6-4	W2
Boston	50	43	.538	10.0	6-4	L2
Toronto	35	59	.372	25.5	4-6	L1
Baltimore	28	65	.301	32.0	4-6	L2

### Central

Team	W	L	Pct	GB	Last 10	Streak
Minnesota	58	34	.630	-	5-5	L1
Cleveland	51	40	.560	6.5	7-3	W1
Chicago WS	42	47	.472	14.5	4-6	L3
Kansas City	32	62	.340	27.0	3-7	L1
Detroit	29	59	.330	27.0	2-8	W1

### West

Team	W	L	Pct	GB	Last 10	Streak
Houston	59	35	.628	-	7-3	W2
Oakland	53	41	.564	6.0	8-2	W4
Texas	50	44	.532	9.0	4-6	L2
LA Angels	48	46	.511	11.0	6-4	W3
Seattle	39	58	.402	21.5	2-8	L4

### American League Leaders:

Batting Average:		Home Runs:		Runs Batted In:	
DJ LeMahieu (NYY)	.330	Mike Trout (LAA)	30	Mike Trout (LAA)	75
Rafael Devers (Bos)	.325	E. Encarnacion (Sea/NYY)	25	Xander Bogaerts (Bos)	71
Michael Brantley (Hou)	.324	Jorge Soler (KC)	25	Jose Abreu (CWS)	66
Tim Anderson (CWS)	.317	Gary Sanchez (NYY)	24	4 tied with	64
		Alex Bregman (Hou)	24		
Wins		Earned Run Average:		Strikeouts:	
Lance Lynn (Tex)	12	Charlie Morton (TB)	2.35	Gerrit Cole (Hou)	183
5 tied with	11	Mike Minor (Tex)	2.73	Justin Verlander (Hou)	160
(Verlander, Morton, Odorizzi,		Justin Verlander (Hou)	2.98	Chris Sale (Bos)	160
Giolito, German)		Jake Odorizzi (Min)	3.06	Trevor Bauer (Cle)	160
		Jose Berrios (Min)	3.10	Matthew Boyd (Det)	152

# National League Standings (as of July 15, 2019)

## East

Team	W	L	Pct	GB	Last 10	Streak
Atlanta	57	37	.606	-	7-3	W4
Washington	49	43	.533	7.0	8-2	L1
Philadelphia	48	45	.516	8.5	5-5	W1
NY Mets	42	51	.452	14.5	5-5	W2
Miami	34	57	.374	21.5	2-8	L2

## Central

Team	W	L	Pct	GB	Last 10	Streak
Chi Cubs	50	43	.538	-	5-5	W3
Milwaukee	48	46	.511	2.5	3-7	L1
St. Louis	46	45	.505	3.0	6-4	W2
Pittsburgh	44	48	.478	5.5	5-5	L3
Cincinnati	42	48	.467	6.5	5-5	L1

## West

Team	W	L	Pct	GB	Last 10	Streak
LA Dodgers	62	33	.653	-	6-4	W2
Arizona	47	47	.500	14.5	5-5	L2
Colorado	46	46	.500	14.5	3-7	W1
San Diego	45	48	.484	16.0	3-7	L3
SF Giants	43	49	.467	17.5	8-2	W1

## National League Leaders:

Batting Average:		Home Runs:		Runs Batted In:	
Jeff McNeil (NYM)	.349	Christian Yelich (Mil)	32	Josh Bell (Pit)	84
Cody Bellinger (LAD)	.344	Cody Bellinger (LAD)	31	Cody Bellinger (LAD)	73
Christian Yelich (Mil)	.330	Pete Alonso (NYM)	30	Freddie Freeman (Atl)	71
Charlie Blackmon (Col)	.327	Josh Bell (Pit)	27	Nolan Arenado (Col)	70
Nolan Arenado (Col)	.311	Hunter Renfroe (SD)	27	Pete Alonso (NYM)	69
Wins:		Earned Run Average:		Strikeouts:	
Stephen Strasburg (Was)	11	Hyun-Jin Ryu (LAD)	1.78	Max Scherzer (Was)	181
Zack Greinke (AZ)	10	Mike Soroka (Atl)	2.24	Robbie Ray (AZ)	145
Hyun-Jin Ryu (LAD)	10	Luis Castillo (Cin)	2.29	Stephen Strasburg (Was)	144
Brandon Woodruff (Mil)	10	Max Scherzer (Was)	2.30	Jacob deGrom (NYM)	144
Mike Soroka (Atl)	10	Zach Davies (Mil)	2.89	Patrick Corbin (Was)	139

## 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 23. Elbow

**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 September 1. (Foot)

**Nick Hundley** – 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/12Fps0lwE\\_q9KLgDZ\\_R4ZrmEMRkNgBdpAGYD7CKetL24/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/12Fps0lwE_q9KLgDZ_R4ZrmEMRkNgBdpAGYD7CKetL24/edit?usp=sharing)

## 2019 MLB All-Stars who played in the Pioneer League or Northwest League

The following 16 players who have played in either the Northwest League or the Pioneer League appeared in the 2019 MLB All-Star Game:

Player	MLB Team	Northwest League or Pioneer League Team	Year(s)
Kris Bryant	Chicago Cubs	Boise	2014
Javy Baez	Chicago Cubs	Boise	2011
Trevor Story	Colorado Rockies	Casper, Tri-City	2011, 2014
Charlie Blackmon	Colorado Rockies	Tri-City	2008, 2012
Cody Bellinger	LA Dodgers	Ogden	2014
Nolan Arenado	Colorado Rockies	Casper	2009
Mike Moustakas	Milwaukee Brewers	Idaho Falls	2007
Willson Contreras	Chicago Cubs	Boise	2011, 2012
Ketel Marte	Arizona Diamondbacks	Everett	2012, 2016
Brandon Woodruff	Milwaukee Brewers	Helena	2014
Will Smith	San Francisco Giants	Orem	2008
Gleybor Torres	New York Yankees	Boise	2014
Carlos Santana	Cleveland Indians	Ogden	2006
Dan Vogelbach	Seattle Mariners	Boise	2012
Michael Brantley	Houston Astros	Helena	2005
Joey Gallo	Texas Rangers	Spokane	2012

## Jim Bouton

Jim Bouton passed away on July 10 at the age of 80 after fighting a brain disease connected to dementia.

The Newark, New Jersey native made his major league debut on April 22, 1962 with the New York Yankees. He finished his rookie year with a 7-7 won-loss record with an ERA of 3.99. In 1963 he posted a 21-7 record with a 2.53 ERA.

Bouton spent seven seasons with the Yankees until he was purchased by the expansion Seattle Pilots in June of 1968 and played for the Pilots for most of the 1969 season before being traded to the Houston Astros in late August for Roric Harrison and Dooley Womack. His time with the Pilots and Astros formed the backbone for his book "Ball Four".

The book got him into trouble with MLB for exposing what was going on behind the scenes with the players of a major league baseball organization, something that was generally not talked about.

Being blacklisted from playing in the major league, Bouton joined the Portland Mavericks of the Northwest League for the 1975 and 1977 seasons where he compiled a 4-1 record in 1975 under manager Frank Peters, and a 5-1 record in 1977.

As a member of the Mavericks bullpen, he and Rob Nelson created Big League Chew, a chewing gum that is still very popular today.

“The Battered Bastards of Baseball” is a great documentary on Netflix that is a story about the Portland Mavericks and covers Bouton’s time in Portland quite well.

Following are a few quotes from Bouton, most of them from the book “Ball Four”.

“A ballplayer spends a good piece of his life gripping a baseball, and in the end it turns out that it was the other way around all the time.”

“Baseball players are smarter than football players. How often do you see a baseball team penalized for too many men on the field? ”

“It never hurts to apologize, especially if you don't mean it.”

“The older they get, the better they get when they were younger”

“Front offices are more interested in players that are far than players that are near.”

“Don’t ever think \$7,000 isn’t a lot of money in baseball. I’ve had huge arguments over a lot less.”

“Forget goals. Follow the process.”

“For a hundred years, the owners screwed the players. For 25 years, the players have screwed the owners-they've got 75 years to go.”

## **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 15:

With eight games to go in the first half, both divisions appear to be going down to the wire. **Everett** and **Spokane** are tied for first in the North Division, while **Hillsboro** and **Salem-Keizer** are tied for first in the South Division. The winners of the first half are assured of a spot in the playoffs.

### Northwest League North

CLUB	W	L	PCT ▾	GB	ELIM#	HOME	AWAY	DIV	L10	STRK
<a href="#">Everett AquaSox (SEA)</a>	16	14	.533	-	-	6-7	10-7	11-5	7-3	W2
<a href="#">Spokane Indians (TEX)</a>	16	14	.533	-	-	5-9	11-5	6-10	6-4	L1
<a href="#">Tri-City Dust Devils (SD)</a>	14	16	.467	2.0	7	7-9	7-7	9-7	4-6	L2
<a href="#">Vancouver Canadians (TOR)</a>	9	21	.300	7.0	2	5-12	4-9	6-10	4-6	W1

### Northwest League South

CLUB	W	L	PCT ▾	GB	ELIM#	HOME	AWAY	DIV	L10	STRK
<a href="#">Hillsboro Hops (ARI)</a>	19	11	.633	-	-	9-5	10-6	11-5	5-5	W1
<a href="#">Salem-Keizer Volcanoes (SF)</a>	19	11	.633	-	-	10-7	9-4	10-6	6-4	L2
<a href="#">Boise Hawks (COL)</a>	14	16	.467	5.0	4	11-6	3-10	7-9	4-6	L1
<a href="#">Eugene Emeralds (CHC)</a>	13	17	.433	6.0	3	5-7	8-10	4-12	4-6	W2

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 three out of four games against Reno after the All-Star break. The Rainiers are now 2.5 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 are four games into an 11-game home stand.

Upcoming home series:

July 15 – 18	Las Vegas (Oakland Athletics)
July 19 – 21	Sacramento (San Francisco Giants)
July 30 – August 1	Omaha Storm Chasers (Kansas City Royals)
August 2 – 5	Iowa Cubs (Chicago Cubs)

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](#).

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 July 15:**

**Second Half:**

<b>North Division</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>PCT</b>	<b>STREAK</b>	<b>GB</b>	<b>LAST 10</b>
Victoria HarbourCats	5	2	.714	4W		5-2
Wenatchee AppleSox	4	2	.667	4W	.5	4-2
Port Angeles Lefties	3	3	.500	1W	1.5	3-3
Yakima Valley Pippins	3	4	.429	1L	2	3-4
Bellingham Bells	1	4	.200	4L	3	1-4
Kelowna Falcons	0	5	.000	5L	4	0-5

<b>South Division</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>PCT</b>	<b>STREAK</b>	<b>GB</b>	<b>LAST 10</b>
Corvallis Knights	4	1	.800	3W		4-1
Cowlitz Black Bears	4	1	.800	1L		4-1
Portland Pickles	2	1	.667	2W	1	2-1
Walla Walla Sweets	1	1	.500	1W	1.5	1-1
Ridgefield Raptors	3	4	.429	1W	2	3-4
Bend Elks	2	4	.333	4L	2.5	2-4

### First Half Final Standings:

<b>North Division</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>PCT</b>	<b>STREAK</b>	<b>GB</b>	<b>LAST 10</b>
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

<b>South Division</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>PCT</b>	<b>STREAK</b>	<b>GB</b>	<b>LAST 10</b>
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](#)

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[Cowlitz Black Bears](#)

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[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](#).