

# *“Around the Horn”*

*Baseball News for the Pacific Northwest*

*June 24, 2019*

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## **Quote of the Week:**

**“The only way to prove that you are a good sport is to lose.”**

Ernie Banks, Hall of Fame shortstop and first baseman

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

<b>Player</b>	<b>Birthplace</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Year</b>
Andrew Moore	Springfield	2	1994
Jimmy Nelson	Klamath Falls	5	1989
Tom Edens	Ontario	9	1961
Zac Rosscup	Clackamas	9	1988
Greg Brock	McMinnville	14	1957
Cole Gillespie	Portland	20	1984
Kevin Gregg	Corvallis	20	1978
Ed Wilkinson	Jacksonville	20	1890
Darrell Ceciliani	Madras	22	1990
Dick Egan	Portland	23	1884
Ken Williams	Grants Pass	28	1890

# American League Standings (as of June 24, 2019)

## East

Team	W	L	Pct	GB	Last 10	Streak
NY Yankees	49	28	.636	-	8-2	L1
Tampa Bay	45	33	.577	4.5	4-6	W1
Boston	42	37	.532	8.0	7-3	L2
Toronto	29	49	.372	20.5	4-6	W2
Baltimore	22	56	.282	27.5	1-9	L1

## Central

Team	W	L	Pct	GB	Last 10	Streak
Minnesota	50	27	.649	-	5-5	L1
Cleveland	42	35	.545	8.0	8-2	W3
Chicago WS	36	39	.480	13.0	5-5	L2
Detroit	26	47	.356	22.0	2-8	L4
Kansas City	27	51	.346	23.5	5-5	W1

## West

Team	W	L	Pct	GB	Last 10	Streak
Houston	49	30	.620	-	3-7	W1
Texas	42	36	.538	6.5	6-4	W2
Oakland	41	38	.519	8.0	6-4	L1
LA Angels	39	40	.494	10.0	5-5	W1
Seattle	35	47	.427	15.5	6-4	W1

## American League Leaders:

Batting Average:		Home Runs:		Runs Batted In:	
Jorge Polanco (Min)	.326	E. Encarnacion (Sea/NYY)	23	Domingo Santana (Sea)	59
Michael Brantley (Hou)	.322	Gary Sanchez (NYY)	23	Eddie Rosario (Min)	57
DJ LeMahieu (NYY)	.322	Mike Trout (LAA)	22	Mike Trout (LAA)	56
Tim Anderson (CWS)	.319	Alex Bregman (Hou)	21	Jose Abreu (CWS)	54
		Jorge Soler (KC)	21	E. Encarnacion (Sea/NYY)	53
Wins:		Earned Run Average:		Strikeouts:	
Lucas Giolito (CWS)	10	Charlie Morton (TB)	2.31	Gerrit Cole (Hou)	148
Jake Odorizzi (Min)	10	Mike Minor (Tex)	2.52	Justin Verlander (Hou)	142
Justin Verlander (Hou)	10	Jake Odorizzi (Min)	2.58	Chris Sale (Bos)	138
3 tied with	9	Justin Verlander (Hou)	2.67	Trevor Bauer (Cle)	122
		Frankie Montas (Oak)	2.70	Matthew Boyd (Det)	118

# National League Standings (as of June 24, 2019)

## East

Team	W	L	Pct	GB	Last 10	Streak
Atlanta	46	32	.590	-	7-3	W2
Philadelphia	39	38	.506	6.5	1-9	L7
Washington	37	40	.481	8.5	6-4	L2
NY Mets	37	41	.474	9.0	4-6	L1
Miami	30	46	.395	15.0	6-4	W4

## Central

Team	W	L	Pct	GB	Last 10	Streak
Chi Cubs	42	35	.545	-	4-6	W1
Milwaukee	42	36	.538	0.5	3-7	W2
St. Louis	40	37	.519	2.0	6-4	L1
Cincinnati	36	40	.474	5.5	6-4	L2
Pittsburgh	36	40	.474	5.5	6-4	W4

## West

Team	W	L	Pct	GB	Last 10	Streak
LA Dodgers	54	25	.684	-	8-2	W6
Colorado	40	37	.519	13.0	5-5	L3
Arizona	39	40	.494	15.0	3-7	W1
San Diego	38	40	.487	15.5	5-5	L3
SF Giants	33	43	.434	19.5	5-5	L1

## National League Leaders:

Batting Average:		Home Runs:		Runs Batted In:	
Cody Bellinger (LAD)	.349	Christian Yelich (MIL)	29	Josh Bell (Pit)	66
Christian Yelich (MIL)	.342	Pete Alonso (NYM)	27	Christian Yelich (MIL)	63
Jeff McNeil (NYM)	.342	Cody Bellinger (LAD)	25	Nolan Arenado (Col)	62
Charlie Blackmon (Col)	.331	Hunter Renfro (SD)	23	Marcell Ozuna (StL)	62
Wins:		Earned Run Average:		Strikeouts:	
Hyun –Jin Ryu (LAD)	9	Hyun –Jin Ryu (LAD)	1.27	Max Scherzer (WSH)	146
Brandon Woodruff (MIL)	9	Mike Soroka (Atl)	2.07	Jacob deGrom (NYM)	121
5 tied with	8	Luis Castillo (CIN)	2.56	Stephen Strasburg (WSH)	120
		Max Scherzer (WSH)	2.62	Robbie Ray (Ari)	115

## MLB Players with Oregon Ties Weekly Update

### Injury Updates:

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

**Tyler Anderson** – Expected to be out until at least September 1 (knee).

**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 July 12.

**Ryon Healy** – Placed on the 10-Day Injured List. Lower back inflammation. Expected to be out until at least July 12.

**Jacoby Ellsbury** – Expected to be out until at least August 15. Foot.

**Keynan Middleton** – Expected to be out until at least July 1 (elbow).

### Transactions:

**Jace Fry** – June 18 – Activated from the 10-Day IL

**Dan Straily** – June 20 – Designated For Assignment

**Cole Irvin** – June 21 – Optioned to Lehigh Valley (AAA)

**Dan Straily** – June 23 – Sent to Norfolk Tides (AAA)

Click on the following link to open the complete Weekly Update

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1Bl-ksmHPr0ZrK31Txclu2aS-y5X7oe7ZbQPt0TLxIHQ/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](mailto:pdxoldtimersbaseball@gmail.com)

## **Northwest League**

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

## 2019 Northwest League Current Standings

[Current Standings](#) | [Playoff Procedures](#)

Northwest League North										
CLUB	W	L	PCT ▼	GB	ELIM#	HOME	AWAY	DIV	L10	STRK
<a href="#">Spokane Indians (TEX)</a>	8	2	.800	-	-	3-0	5-2	2-1	8-2	W3
<a href="#">Everett AquaSox (SEA)</a>	4	6	.400	4.0	25	1-2	3-4	2-1	4-6	W1
<a href="#">Tri-City Dust Devils (SD)</a>	4	6	.400	4.0	25	3-4	1-2	1-2	4-6	L1
<a href="#">Vancouver Canadians (TOR)</a>	3	7	.300	5.0	24	2-5	1-2	1-2	3-7	L2

  

Northwest League South										
CLUB	W	L	PCT ▼	GB	ELIM#	HOME	AWAY	DIV	L10	STRK
<a href="#">Eugene Emeralds (CHC)</a>	6	4	.600	-	-	3-3	3-1	1-2	6-4	W1
<a href="#">Hillsboro Hops (ARI)</a>	6	4	.600	-	-	2-1	4-3	2-1	6-4	W2
<a href="#">Salem-Keizer Volcanoes (SF)</a>	6	4	.600	-	-	4-3	2-1	3-0	6-4	L1
<a href="#">Boise Hawks (COL)</a>	3	7	.300	3.0	26	3-1	0-6	0-3	3-7	L4

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](#)

## The Oregon All-Star Series (High School)

The Oregon All-Star Series inaugural **Jugs Sports Home Run Derby** was a thriller as Thurston High School's Decker Stedman won it on a walk-off in an extra round versus Tigard's CJ Rivers.

Stedman would later hit a key two-run homer in game one of the Oregon All-Star Series and also earn the save as the South took the opener on Saturday, June 22, **13-10**.

The North rebounded Sunday to take the finale **12-9** to square the series.

Thurston's Decker Stedman was named the Bob Brockman Oregon All-Star Series MVP for his performance as a hitter and pitcher.

## Pacific Coast League

The Tacoma Rainiers finished up a Texas two-step by splitting four games with Round Rock, then returned home for a five-game series with El Paso where the Chihuahuas have won three of the first four heading into Monday's action.

After the El Paso Series, the Rainiers travel to Albuquerque to take on the Isotopes for four games before returning to Tacoma for a five-game series with Salt Lake, ending with a July 3<sup>rd</sup> fireworks display.

The Rainiers are in third place in the Pacific Coast League Pacific Northern Division, four games behind the Fresno Grizzlies, the Washington Nationals AAA affiliate.

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:

June 29 – July 3	Salt Lake (LA Angels)
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 HarbourCats) was selected number three overall by the Chicago White Sox. The entire list of the ninety players selected in last week's draft can be found by [clicking here](#).

Standings as of June 24:

North Division	W	L	PCT	STREAK	GB	LAST 10
Bellingham Bells	12	6	.667	2W		7-3
Victoria HarbourCats	11	7	.611	1W	1	7-3
Yakima Valley Pippins	8	9	.471	3L	3.5	2-8
Wenatchee AppleSox	7	8	.467	4W	3.5	6-4
Port Angeles Lefties	7	11	.389	1W	5	2-8
Kelowna Falcons	5	10	.333	1L	5.5	4-6

South Division	W	L	PCT	STREAK	GB	LAST 10
Walla Walla Sweets	12	3	.800	1L		7-3
Ridgefield Raptors	10	5	.667	1W	2	7-3
Corvallis Knights	8	6	.571	2W	3.5	7-3
Bend Elks	6	9	.400	2L	6	4-6
Portland Pickles	7	11	.389	1L	6.5	4-6
Cowlitz Black Bears	5	13	.278	1W	8.5	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.

## 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](#).

## College World Series

**Michigan** will take on **Vanderbilt** in the best-of-three College World Series Championship.

**Michigan** beat **Texas Tech**, **Florida State**, and **Texas Tech** again to reach the finals against **Vanderbilt**, who beat **Louisville**, **Mississippi State**, and **Louisville** again to reach the finals.

The finals will be on ESPN, beginning at 7:00 PM Eastern Monday and Tuesday, and if necessary, Wednesday.

## The Ballparks – Cheney Stadium – Tacoma



If Ben Cheney and Clay Huntington could build a ballpark by the beginning of the 1960 season, the San Francisco Giants would move their Triple-A affiliate from Phoenix to Tacoma.

The project took three months and 14 days and was completed just in time for the first Tacoma Giants game on April 16, 1960, and the Portland Beavers beat the Tacoma Giants 7-2. The Beavers' George Freeze is credited with the first hit at the ballpark.

The light towers and wooden grandstand seats are from Seal's Stadium in San Francisco.

Outside of minor upgrades, not much was done to the ballpark until 2010, when a \$44 million facelift using all local materials was completed in just 210 days. The ballpark's seating capacity is now 6500.

Notable players who have played in Cheney Stadium include Juan Marichal, Gaylord Perry, Reggie Jackson, Ken Griffey, Jr., Tom Kelly, Jose Conseco, Mark McGwire, Jason Giambi, Felix Hernandez, Cliff Lee, and Alex Rodriguez.



Home Plate (Main) Entrance after the 2010 renovation



View of the berm, stands, suites, and press box down the first base side.





View from the third base side. The evening sun sets behind you in this area.



A statue of Ben Cheney sitting in the seats from the old Seals Stadium in San Francisco remain today.



Cheney Stadium Scoreboard.