

# *“Around the Horn”*

*Baseball News for the Pacific Northwest*

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## **Quote of the Week:**

**“Hitting is timing. Pitching is upsetting timing.”**

Source: Widely attributed.

## **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 17, 2019)

### East

Team	W	L	Pct	GB	Last 10	Streak
NY Yankees	43	27	.614	-	5-5	W2
Tampa Bay	43	28	.606	0.5	5-5	W1
Boston	39	34	.534	5.5	6-4	W5
Toronto	26	45	.366	17.5	3-7	W1
Baltimore	21	50	.296	22.5	2-8	L5

### Central

Team	W	L	Pct	GB	Last 10	Streak
Minnesota	47	23	.671	-	7-3	L1
Cleveland	37	33	.529	10.0	7-3	W3
Chicago WS	34	36	.486	13.0	5-5	L2
Detroit	25	43	.368	21.0	2-8	L4
Kansas City	23	48	.324	24.5	4-6	W1

### West

Team	W	L	Pct	GB	Last 10	Streak
Houston	48	24	.667	-	6-4	L1
Texas	38	33	.535	9.5	6-4	L1
Oakland	36	36	.500	12.0	5-5	L1
LA Angels	35	37	.486	13.0	5-5	L1
Seattle	31	44	.413	18.5	5-5	W1

### American League Leaders:

Batting Average:		Home Runs:		Runs Batted In:	
Jorge Polanco (Min)	.332	E. Encarnacion (Sea/NYY)	21	Jose Abreu (CWS)	54
Tim Anderson (CWS)	.315	Gary Sanchez (NYY)	20	Eddie Rosario (Min)	52
Austin Meadows (TB)	.314	Eddie Rosario (Min)	19	Domingo Santana (Sea)	49
DJ LeMahieu (NYY)	.312	Alex Bregman (Hou)	19	E. Encarnacion (Sea/NYY)	49
		Mike Trout (LAA)	19	Jorge Soler (KC)	49
Wins:		Earned Run Average:		Strikeouts:	
Lucas Giolito (CWS)	10	Lucas Giolito (CWS)	2.22	Gerrit Cole (Hou)	140
Jake Odorizzi (Min)	10	Jake Odorizzi (Min)	2.24	Chris Sale (Bos)	130
Justin Verlander (Hou)	9	Charlie Morton (TB)	2.37	Justin Verlander (Hou)	125
Frankie Montas (Oak)	9	Justin Verlander (Hou)	2.41	Trevor Bauer (Cle)	117
Domingo German (NYY)	9	Mike Minor (Tex)	2.63	Matthew Boyd (Det)	112

# National League Standings (as of June 17, 2019)

## East

Team	W	L	Pct	GB	Last 10	Streak
Atlanta	42	30	.583	-	9-1	W1
Philadelphia	39	32	.549	2.5	5-5	L1
NY Mets	34	37	.479	7.5	5-5	L1
Washington	33	38	.465	8.5	5-5	W1
Miami	25	44	.362	15.5	2-8	L1

## Central

Team	W	L	Pct	GB	Last 10	Streak
Milwaukee	40	31	.563	-	6-4	W1
Chi Cubs	39	32	.549	1.0	5-5	L1
St. Louis	36	34	.514	3.5	5-5	W1
Pittsburgh	32	39	.451	8.0	2-8	W1
Cincinnati	31	38	.449	8.0	4-6	W1

## West

Team	W	L	Pct	GB	Last 10	Streak
LA Dodgers	48	24	.667	-	5-5	W2
Colorado	37	34	.521	10.5	5-5	L1
Arizona	38	35	.521	10.5	7-3	L1
San Diego	35	37	.486	13.0	4-6	W1
SF Giants	30	39	.435	16.5	5-5	L1

## National League Leaders:

Batting Average:		Home Runs:		Runs Batted In:	
Cody Bellinger (LAD)	.355	Christian Yelich (MIL)	26	Josh Bell (Pit)	65
Christian Yelich (MIL)	.343	Pete Alonso (NYM)	23	Eduardo Escobar (AZ)	58
David Dahl (Col)	.336	Cody Bellinger (LAD)	23	Cody Bellinger (LAD)	58
Charlie Blackmon (Col)	.336	Hunter Renfro (SD)	23	Nolan Arenado (Col)	57
				Christian Yelich (MIL)	57
Wins:		Earned Run Average:		Strikeouts:	
Hyun –Jin Ryu (LAD)	9	Hyun –Jin Ryu (LAD)	1.26	Max Scherzer (WSH)	136
Brandon Woodruff (MIL)	8	Luis Castillo (CIN)	2.20	Stephen Strasburg (WSH)	115
Zach Greinke (AZ)	8	Zach Davies (MIL)	2.60	Robbie Ray (Ari)	106
9 tied with	7	Zach Greinke (AZ)	2.65	German Marquez (Col)	103

## MLB Players with Oregon Ties Weekly Update

### Injury Updates:

**Jace Fry** – June 10 – Placed on 10-Day Injured List, retroactive to June 8. Left shoulder soreness.

**Nick Hundley** – June 9 – Expected to be out until at least June 21 with back spasms.

**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 June 28.

**Ryon Healy** – Placed on the 10-Day Injured List. Lower back inflammation. Expected to be out until at least June 28.

**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:

**Zac Rosscup** – June 12 – Signed to a minor-league contract by the LA Dodgers and assigned to the Oklahoma City Dodgers (AAA)

**Andrew Moore** – June 4 – Recalled from Arkansas Travelers

**Cole Irvin** – June 3 – Optioned to Lehigh Valley (AAA)

**Kyle Garlick** – June 5 – Recalled from Oklahoma City (AAA)

**Andrew Moore** – June 5 – Optioned to Arkansas Travelers

**Jimmy Nelson** – June 5 – Recalled from San Antonio Missions

Click on the following link to open the complete Weekly Update

[https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1Dj5JdLMrO42b\\_bu7T7dEJ1oleCZgVFt2qsyOuWfD7gl/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1Dj5JdLMrO42b_bu7T7dEJ1oleCZgVFt2qsyOuWfD7gl/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)

## **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.

The rosters have been announced and can be seen by [clicking here](#).

#### 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) kicked off their 76-game 2019 season on Friday, June 14.

In the opening series throughout the league, Spokane took two out of three in Vancouver, Hillsboro took two out of three in Eugene, Salem-Keizer swept the Boise Hawks in Keizer, and Everett took two out of three in Tri-City.

This week's schedule includes the following series from Monday – Thursday: Eugene at Vancouver, Hillsboro at Tri-City, Spokane at Salem-Keizer, and Everett at Boise. Four game series beginning Friday, June 21 include Salem-Keizer at Everett, Boise at Spokane, Tri-City at Eugene, and Vancouver at Hillsboro.

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 finished up a home series against Nashville with a win on Monday, June 10<sup>th</sup>, then after a travel day began a seven-game swing through Texas. In the opener, the Rainiers beat the San Antonio 4-2 before losing the next two, including a rehab start by Felix Hernandez. Then on to Round Rock where the Rainiers dropped the first two games of the series, which continues tonight (June 17) and tomorrow before returning home for a five-game series with El Paso.

The Tacoma Rainiers are in third place in the Pacific Coast League Pacific Northern Division, four and a half-games behind the Sacramento River Cats.

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 7 – 10	Nashville (Texas Rangers)
June 20 – 24	El Paso (San Diego Padres)
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

We are sorry to report that Dennis Koho, former president of the West Coast League passed away last week. Mr. Koho was league president from July, 2013 until December, 2015. During his time as president, he oversaw not only tremendous growth, but bringing baseball back to Yakima Valley with the expansion Yakima Valley Pippins joining the league and managing three member transfer sales.














I worked with Mr. Koho on a couple projects, including determining how the West Coast League ranked among all of the collegiate wooden-bat leagues. He cared immensely for the WCL and was a good man who loved baseball. He was also mayor of Keizer when he was approached about moving a Northwest League team (the Salem-Keizer Volcanoes) to the city in time for the 1997 season. He was immediately onboard and made it happen.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday, June 18, at 10:00 AM at St. Edwards Catholic Church in Keizer.

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 last week's draft can be found by [clicking here](#).

Standings as of June 17:

## West Coast League

		<b>Standings</b>		<a href="#">See All</a>
<b>NORTH</b>				
		W	L	%
1	 Bel	8	4	.667
2	 Pal	6	5	.545
3	 Yak	6	5	.545
4	 Vic	6	5	.545
5	 Wen	4	8	.333
6	 Kel	2	7	.222
<b>SOUTH</b>				
		W	L	%
1	 WW	8	1	.889
2	 Rdg	7	4	.636
3	 Ben	5	4	.556
4	 Cor	4	4	.500
5	 Por	4	8	.333
6	 Cow	3	8	.273

### 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

The College World Series is under way in Omaha, Nebraska. Like the earlier rounds, the eight-team tournament consists of two double-elimination brackets of four teams each. The winners of each bracket will meet in the best-of-three final next weekend.

In **Saturday's** action, **Michigan** defeated **Texas Tech** 5-3 and **Florida State** edged **Arkansas** 1-0. On **Sunday**, **Vanderbilt** got by **Louisville** 3-1 and **Mississippi State** came from behind to beat **Auburn** by the score of 5-4.

**Monday's** early game will pit the losers of Saturday's game; **Arkansas** and **Texas Tech**, while Saturday's winners **Michigan** and **Florida State** will play in the nightcap.

**Louisville** and **Auburn** will play in the loser's bracket **Tuesday** in the early game and Sunday's winners **Vanderbilt** and **Mississippi State** will battle in the nightcap.

All games are on ESPN or ESPN2, with the exception of Thursday's game, which will be aired on ESPNU.

