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Heading into the summer of 2023 season and Raptors baseball at the RORC, we look forward with excitement, as we continue to develop our history in Southwest Washington with a sense of accomplishment and gratitude towards our community and fan base.

The 2023 Raptors set numerous Raptor league leading team records, Jacob Sharp hitting 14 home runs and Trent Prokes batting .415, created a season in which our roots in Southwest Washington continue to grow and spread. The sound of the ball coming off the bat and of friends and neighbors enjoying a beautiful night at the park were refreshing, and together we enjoyed every moment! We celebrated with many worthwhile groups including military families, first responders and cancer survivors and many more. We love supporting the great causes our fans believe in.

We always listen to your feedback, and you will see new opportunities at the ballpark for food, merchandise and special events. These adjustments will make for a better experience as we will spend part of the summer together with Raptor Nation!

In a wild playoff race that came down to the last few days of the regular season in 2022, we clinched our second playoff spot in a row and won our first playoff series in Raptor history against the Portland Pickles and advanced to the WCL South Division Championship game. Although we fell short, we could not be more appreciative of the support our kids received right down to the last pitch of the season.

We remain thankful for the hard work of our dedicated staff, for our partnership with the City of Ridgefield, and for the unwavering support of host families, sponsors and fans throughout the community. We tip our caps to the players and coaches who represent us with respect and honor on the field every game.

We can't wait to spend our summer together again and celebrating all that is right in our beautiful backyard, Southwest Washington.

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# Meet the Coaches



Head Coach - Chris Cota



Assistant Coach - Nick Allen



Assistant Coach - Tyler Raskin

Coach Cota By The Numbers	
468	Victories as head coach at College of the Canyons
22	Years as the baseball coach at the College of the Canyons
5	Conference championships with College of the Canyons
27	Baseball players who have been drafted in the past 12 years
5	Conference Coach of the Year Awards
17	JC All-Americans under Coach Cota
25	All-State Player Honorees under Coach Cota
9	Conference Players of the Year under Coach Cota

READ MORE ABOUT COACH COTA ON PAGE 23

Coach Allen has coached at the high school level for 23 years with stops at Sehome (WA), Ironwood Ridge (AZ), Amphitheater (AZ), and Ridgefield (WA). For the last 9 seasons coach has been at Ridgefield High where the Spudders have gone 95-63 winning League Titles in 2016 and 2021 and a District Title in 2019. Coach Allen was also named the Region 7 Coach of the Year by the National High School Baseball Coaches Association in 2019. This summer will be his fourth season working with Coach Cota and the Raptors.

Tyler Raskin, grew up locally in Vancouver Washington. Graduated from Heritage high school in 2012. Played college baseball for five years at the junior college and NAIA levels. Tyler is working through his 6th year as a baseball coach. Three of which were done here in Ridgefield as the pitching coach for the high school from 2018-2020. Tyler's favorite part about the raptors is being able to coach the extraordinary young men on the roster as well as the overly supportive crowds that fill the RORC all summer long.

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**June 1 - Opening Night presented by the Cowlitz Indian Tribe & ilani**

**June 2 - Trading Card Night presented by Church & Dwight**

**June 3 - C-Tran Tailgate Night / Adidas Giveaway presented by C-Tran**

**June 4 - Ridgefield School District Day / Kids in Free Sunday presented by PeaceHealth, The Columbian and Bounce-N-Battle**

**June 6 - \$3 Tuesday presented by Washington's Lottery**

**June 7 - Fanfood Wednesday presented by Fanfood**

**June 18 - Kids in Free Sunday presented by PeaceHealth, The Columbian and Bounce-N-Battle**

**June 27 - Dash for Cash presented by iQ Credit Union**

**June 29 - First Responders Night / Jersey Auction presented by Riverview Bank supporting Kindness 911**

**July 4 - FREEdom Day presented by Albertsons & Safeway Nourishing Neighbors**

**July 7 - Trading Card Night presented by Church & Dwight**

**July 8 - Military Appreciation Night presented by Rose Realty**

**July 9 - Kids in Free Sunday presented by PeaceHealth, The Columbian and Bounce-N-Battle**

**July 14 - Pink Lemonade Night / C-Tran Tailgate presented by Waste Connections supporting the Pink Lemonade Project**

**July 16 - Kids in Free Sunday presented by PeaceHealth, The Columbian and Bounce-N-Battle**

**July 22 - Adidas Giveaway Night**

**July 23 - Kids in Free Sunday presented by PeaceHealth, The Columbian and Bounce-N-Battle**

**July 29 - Bobblehead Night / C-Tran Tailgate Night presented by C-Tran**

**July 30 - Kids in Free Sunday presented by PeaceHealth, The Columbian and Bounce-N-Battle**

**August 2 - Fanfood Wednesday presented by Fanfood**

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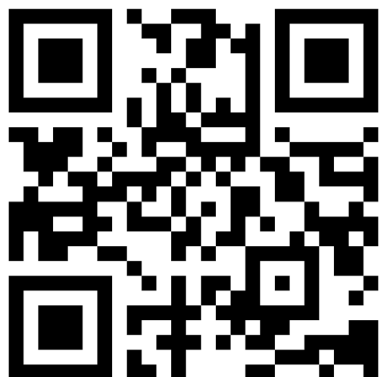




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JUNE						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1 COW	2 COR	3 COR
4 COR	5 RED	6 EDM	7 EDM	8 EDM	9 WW	10 WW
11 WW	12	13 POR	14 POR	15 POR	16 COW	17 COW
18 COW	19	20 YAK	21 YAK	22 YAK	23 BEN	24 BEN
25 BEN	26	27 BEN	28 BEN	29 BEN	30 SPR	

JULY						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						1 SPR
2 SPR	3	4 POR	5 POR	6 POR	7 YAK	8 YAK
9 YAK	10	11 BEL	12 BEL	13 BEL	14 YAK	15 YAK
16 YAK	17	18 EDM	19 EDM	20 EDM	21	22 NWS
23 NWS	24	25 COW	26 COW	27 COW	28 SPR	29 SPR
30 SPR						

AUGUST						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1 WW	2 WW	3 WW	4 COR	5 COR
6 COR	7	8	9	10	11	12

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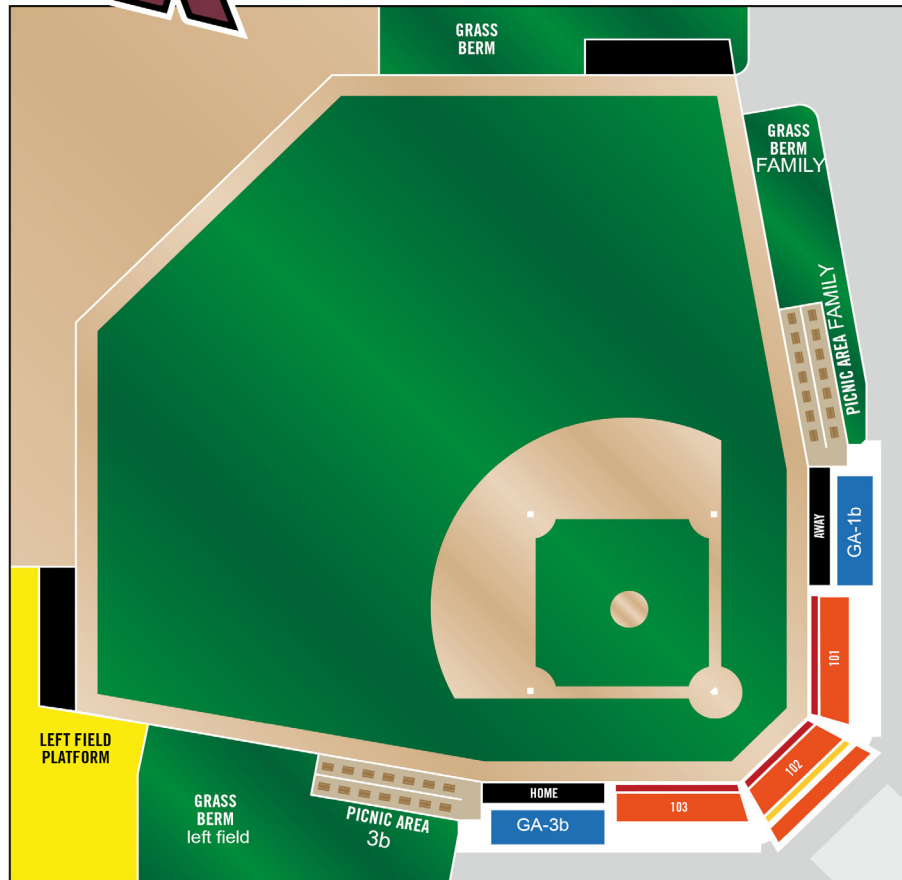
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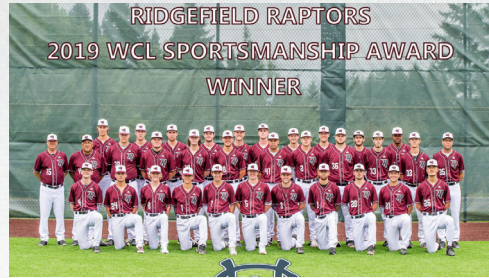
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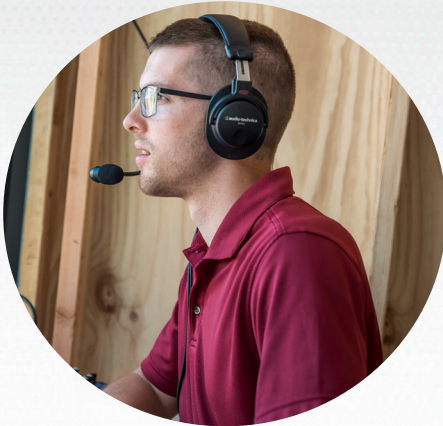
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## 2022 Season Recap



By Josh Worden, Raptors Broadcaster (2021 @ 2022)



### Winner Takes the South

The 2022 Raptors line up as they prepare to face the Corvallis Knights in the West Coast League South Division Championship.

(Photo by Carl LaCasse, August 2022)

The 2022 Ridgefield Raptors were a team to remember. Jacob Sharp and Trent Prokes were two standout players who contributed to the team's record-setting season. Sharp, a catcher at UNLV, surprised everyone by hitting a double in his first-ever game as a Ridgefield Raptor. He followed that up with a home run and hit another home run later in the opening series. However, Sharp's performance was just one of many eye-popping totals in the box score, as the Raptors scored 41 runs in that three-game series. Nonetheless, Sharp went on to have a remarkable season, hitting a total of 14 home runs, the most in Raptors' history and in the West Coast League last season.

Trent Prokes, on the other hand, started the season off strong with a .388 batting average in the first month. Many players get hot out of the gate before leveling off, so there was a question of whether Prokes could sustain his performance. As it turns out, Prokes did more than sustain his performance. By the end of the season, he boasted a .415 batting average, the best in Raptors history, the best in the West Coast League in 2022, and the second-best in WCL history.

However, there was a bit of drama toward the end of the season when Prokes had to return to California for personal reasons. At that point, it seemed like he might not get enough plate appearances to qualify for the batting title. He went into his final game needing seven plate appearances, which was unlikely. The Raptors' offense caught fire, and Prokes kept getting at bats. Eventually, the team scored nine runs, and Prokes got six at bats through nine innings. Cowlitz came back to tie the game at 9-9, but Prokes could get a seventh plate appearance in extra innings. He was due up in the 11th inning, Cowlitz hit a long drive to left for a home run in the bottom of the 10th, resulting in a walk-off loss. It seemed like Prokes had missed his chance at the batting title. However, about two weeks later, Prokes was able to return to Ridgefield and play in the final game of the regular season, thus getting his required number of plate appearances.

Both Sharp and Prokes were outstanding players who contributed to the Raptors' record-setting season. Sharp's incredible performance at the plate earned him All-West Coast League CO-MVP honors as an outfielder/catcher. Prokes, meanwhile, earned the batting title with his .415 average and a second-team All-WCL selection.

The offense didn't stop at Prokes and Sharp. The 2022 lineup hammered 40 home runs, the most in franchise history, with 7 players hitting above .300. In the span of 73 days, the 2022 Raptors played in 57 WCL games, won 32 of them, and went on the deepest post season run in history. It truly was a summer to remember in Ridgefield.

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## Raptors Records

Here are some of the team's records from 2019, 2021 and 2022 seasons.

Compiled by Josh Worden and Kirk Brown

**Most runs in a game:** 23. June 5, 2022 vs Walla Walla in a 23-12 win. The Raptors hit 7 home runs in this game. This broke the record from 2021, also against Walla Walla.

**Most hits in a game:** 22. June 5, 2021 vs Bend, in a 16-5 win. All hits in the yard; no home runs

**Most doubles in a game:** 7. June 30, 2021 vs Bellingham in a 15-10 win. Part of 10 extra base hits.

**Most triples in a game:** 2. June 8, 2021 vs Portland in a 6-3 win. Tied record from 2019.

**Most home runs in a game:** 4. Both on July 30 and August 1, a 17-2 win and a 9-8 win vs Walla Walla, respectively. The second game included a walkoff home run by John Peck.

**Most strikeouts by Raptors pitchers in a game:** 18. July 1, 2021 vs Bellingham in an 8-5 win.

**Most hits in a game by one player:** 6. Caden Connor on August 1, 2021 in a 9-8 win vs Walla Walla. Broke previous record of four.

**Most doubles in a game by a player:** 4. Set twice in 2021: Coby Morales on June 30, 2021 in a 15-10 win vs Bellingham, and John Peck on June 10, 2021 in a 10-9 win vs Portland.

**Most home runs in a game by a player:** 2. John Peck, Will Chambers, Kody Darcy, Jacob Sharp, and Safea Villaruz-Mauai all had multi-home run games in the 2021 and 2022 seasons.

**Most RBIs by a player in a game:** 6. John Peck, July 30, 2021 in a 17-2 win vs Walla Walla. Had 5 RBIs by the second inning to tie the record, added an RBI triple later.

**Most hits by a player in a season:** 63. Caden Connor, 2021. John Peck also broke record with 58.

**Most doubles by a player in a season:** 20. Caden Connor led the WCL & broke the Raptors record of 12.

**Most RBIs by a player in a season:** 51, Caden Connor. Also led the WCL and was the only player in the league with more than 40.

**Best batting average in a season:** .415, Trent Prokes, league leader in 2022.



## Hosting the Raptors; A Family Affair!

Each June, talented young men from colleges spread across the country wander into Southwest Washington to pursue their baseball dreams, many of whom couldn't have located Ridgefield on a map just days prior. As they arrive on the doorstep of an unknown community, they are welcomed with the warm smiles and friendly faces of our host families, a tribe of generous people who selflessly aide our Raptors players, taking them into their homes for the season. Over the course of a few short months these families show our boys what community pride and Southwest Washington hospitality are all about, leaving an impression that stays with them long after they leave Ridgefield. Of course, the impact becomes a two-way street, with families growing attached to "their kids" and following them throughout the rest of their time in baseball and often, beyond. It cannot be understated how important our host families are, without them the Raptors wouldn't be, well the Raptors.



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**GAME 6**



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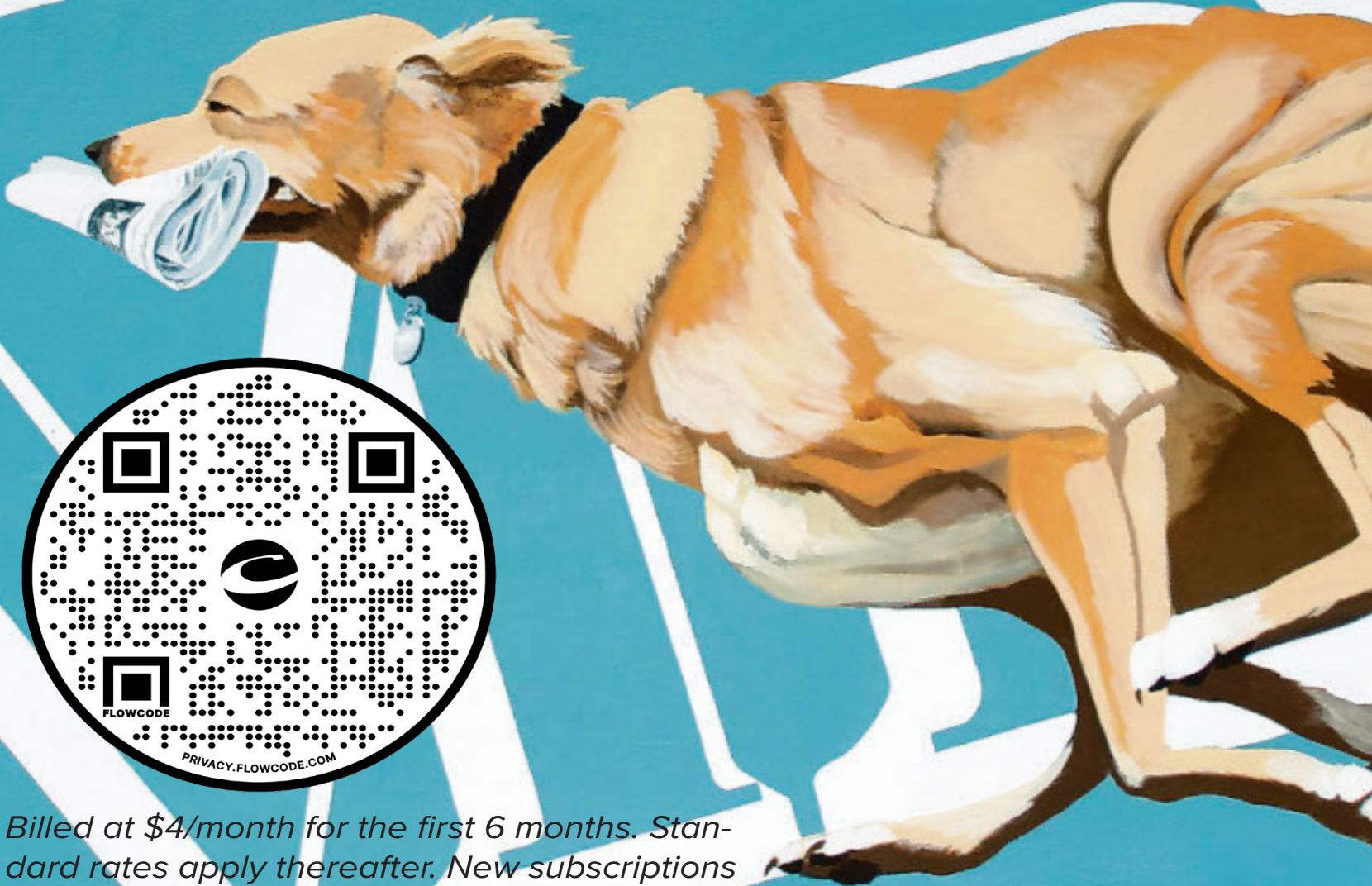
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## Chris Cota Eyes WCL Championship in 2023

Ridgefield is never too far from 4th year skipper Chris Cota's mind. Although the legendary college coach's primary focus is on his College of the Canyons Cougars of Southern California, not too many days pass that the veteran skipper doesn't think about Clark county. "Ridgefield has become a second home to me. The opportunity that has been created here for these young men to spend their summers competing is second to none, and truly a life changing experience for not only our players, but our coaching staff as well. I tell everyone down in Southern California that you won't find a better pocket of the country than in Ridgefield, Washington, and I mean that".

A fixture of the Raptors since their inception, Coach Cota has earned the respect of peers and players throughout the league, improving the overall team record and win total in each of his seasons leading the team. A gifted leader, coach brings a player first attitude that has made him a dugout favorite of Raptors players past and present. "It's not about me, These players are why we are here, and we try and never lose sight of that. Our job is to set a standard of preparation and behavior and then get out of their way so these young men can experience the best place to play in the West Coast League"

When asked to reflect on his time at the helm of Southwest Washington's Home Team, Coach quickly pointed to the people he's around on a daily basis as the main reason he continues the trek back to Ridgefield each summer. "The fans and supporters of the Raptors are the nicest folks anyone can come across. I've built some real friendships that will last well after my time leading this team has ended. Chris also points to the guys standing to the left and right of him in the dugout as vital factors to the teams success. "Nick Allen and Tyler Raskin have become like family to me, and their contributions to the team are immeasurable. They are self-motivated and as hungry to bring a West Coast League title to Ridgefield as I am. We owe it to the fans"



Chris Cota - Head Coach



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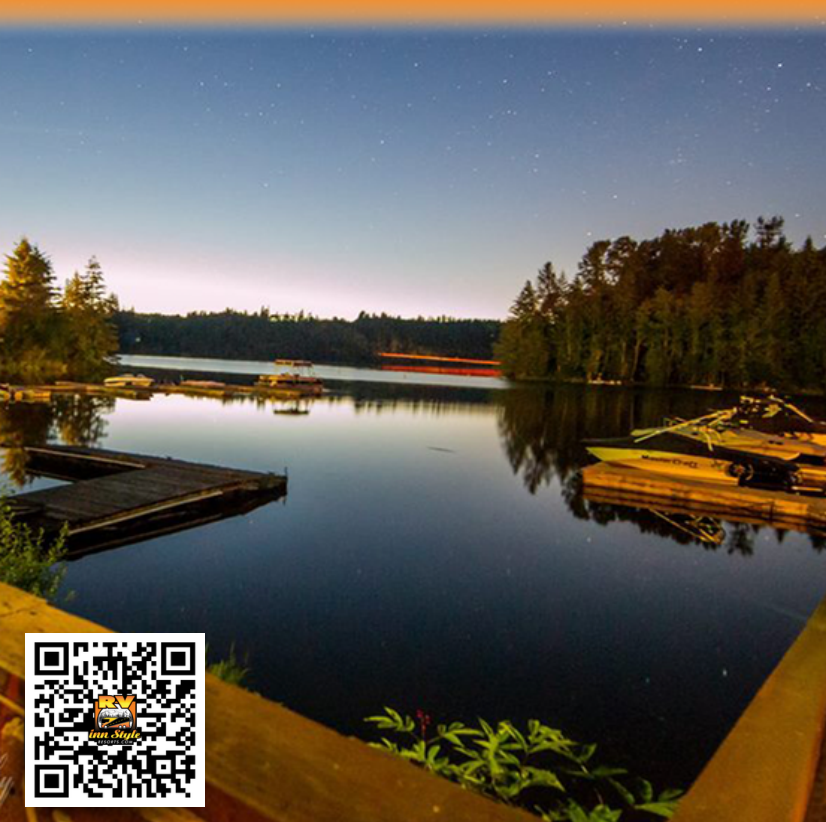
## Rally Around the Community

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## 2023 Opening Day Rosters Feature 40 WCL Alumni

This year, a record 40 players with West Coast League experience have earned spots on Major League Baseball Opening Day rosters. This marks the third consecutive season with the WCL setting a new record for alumni on Opening Day rosters.

Former WCL players gearing up to start the season in the big leagues include 2020 American League Cy Young Award winner Shane Bieber, 2022 American League Rookie of the Year runner-up Adley Rutschman, and 2022 National League All-Star Tyler Anderson.

Rising young standouts like Andrew Vaughn (Chicago White Sox) and Steven Kwan (Cleveland Guardians), along with pitchers Nick Pivetta (Boston Red Sox) and Drew Rasmussen (Tampa Bay Rays) are also slated to start the 2023 campaign in the major leagues.

Here is the list of West Coast League alumni on MLB Opening Day rosters in 2023:

### **AMERICAN LEAGUE**

Shane Bieber (Cowlitz), Cleveland Guardians  
Matt Boyd (Corvallis), Detroit Tigers  
Seth Brown (Bend), Oakland A's  
\*Griffin Canning (Wenatchee), Los Angeles Angels  
Adam Cimber (Kitsap), Toronto Blue Jays  
Matt Duffy (Corvallis), Kansas City Royals  
Marco Gonzales (Wenatchee), Seattle Mariners  
\*Spencer Howard (Bellingham), Texas Rangers  
Cooper Hummel (Bend/Cowlitz/Walla Walla), Seattle Mariners  
Cole Irvin (Cowlitz), Baltimore Orioles  
James Kaprielian (Wenatchee), Oakland A's  
Ryan Kreidler (Wenatchee), Detroit Tigers  
Steven Kwan (Corvallis), Cleveland Guardians  
Ramon Laureano (Medford), Oakland A's  
Nicky Lopez (Bend), Kansas City Royals  
Nathan Lukes (Victoria), Toronto Blue Jays  
Seth Martinez (Bellingham), Houston Astros  
Phil Maton (Kelowna), Houston Astros  
\*Wyatt Mills (Kelowna Falcons/Yakima Valley), Boston Red Sox  
Eli Morgan (Yakima Valley), Cleveland Guardians  
\*James Paxton (Kelowna), Boston Red Sox  
Nick Pivetta (Victoria), Boston Red Sox  
Drew Rasmussen (Wenatchee), Tampa Bay Rays  
Adley Rutschman (Corvallis), Baltimore Orioles  
\*Tarik Skubal (Kitsap), Detroit Tigers  
Kyle Stowers (Bellingham), Baltimore Orioles  
Ryan Tepera (Kelowna), Los Angeles Angels  
Andrew Vaughn (Victoria), Chicago White Sox

### **NATIONAL LEAGUE**

Tyler Anderson (Corvallis), Los Angeles Dodgers  
\* Sean Bouchard (Walla Walla), Colorado Rockies  
\*Mitch Haniger (Corvallis), San Francisco Giants  
\*Rhys Hoskins (Kitsap), Philadelphia Phillies  
Andre Jackson (Kelowna), Los Angeles Dodgers  
Connor Joe (Kelowna), Pittsburgh Pirates  
Nick Madrigal (Corvallis), Chicago Cubs  
Garrett Mitchell (Walla Walla), Milwaukee Brewers  
\*Tommy Nance (Cowlitz), Miami Marlins  
Stephen Nogosek (Corvallis), New York Mets  
David Peterson (Medford), New York Mets  
Michael Rucker (Bellingham), Chicago Cubs



\* Opening season on injured list.

That list of WCL/MLB players this year is sure to grow. During the 2022 MLB campaign season, a record 62 alumni of West Coast League teams ultimately played in the major leagues for some or all of the season.



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