

**Goldeyes Stay Hot, Lead League by Five Games**

The Winnipeg Goldeyes have dominated the headlines and the play on the field over the first quarter of the season. Buoyed by winning their first eight road games of the season, the Goldeyes have continued winning at a .741 clip as they have moved out to a five game lead over the rest of the pack. Four other teams, the Flyers, RailCats, T-Bones, and RedHawks are only separated by three games in the standings. The JackHammers, who got off to a slow, trail by only two and a half games for the would-be #4 seed and final playoff position.



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**2009 Northern League Field of All-Stars Game Presented by Farmers Insurance**

The Joliet JackHammers will host the 2009 Northern League Field of All-Stars Game presented by Farmers Insurance on Tuesday, July 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:05 p.m. at Silver Cross Field. The game will feature the “Great Lakes All-Stars” (Joliet, Gary and Schaumburg) pitted against the “Great Plains All-Stars” (Kansas City, Fargo-Moorhead and Winnipeg). Gates will open at 5:00 p.m. as the action will be preceded by a home run derby competition and on-field autograph session. Voting for the all-stars will commence in a few weeks with ballots distributed to Northern League managers, broadcasters and local media. Both teams final rosters will be announced by the Northern League a week prior to the event. The JackHammers have already placed tickets on sale to the general public. Fans may purchase seats by calling the JackHammers directly at (815) 726-BALL or through the team’s official website: [www.jackhammerbaseball.com](http://www.jackhammerbaseball.com).



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**Northern League Closes Gap on Per Game Attendance with Atlantic League**

As the warmer weather begins to hit the Midwest, the Northern League has closed the gap on the Atlantic League in per game attendance. Averaging 3,942 fans per game, the Northern League is only two fans behind the Atlantic’s 3,944. The Winnipeg Goldeyes continue to lead all indy teams with a 5,680 per game average. The Kansas City T-Bones rank sixth overall in the independent leagues with a 4,309 per game average.

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**Winnipeg Goldeyes Looking to Welcome 4 Millionth Fan**

The Goldeyes are about to welcome their 4 millionth fan all-time into the ballpark as they sit just over 60,000 fans shy of the record mark. At their current pace, the Goldeyes will surpass the figure some time close to July 1<sup>st</sup>, Canada Day. The Goldeyes are currently celebrating their 16<sup>th</sup> season and eclipsed the previous million marks in the following years: One Million (6<sup>th</sup> season), Two Million (9<sup>th</sup> season), Three Million (13<sup>th</sup> season). Only one other team has welcomed over three million fans all-time in the Northern League (St. Paul Saints had 3.3 million fans over 13 seasons).

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**Northern League Alumni**

The Northern League continues to be one of the prominent independent leagues for sending its talent on to the next level of baseball. Over 16 years, the league has sent more than 600 players to major league organizations. See the list of the current NL Alumni playing with affiliated teams.

**Alumni Notes:** Travis Schlichting (Kansas City T-Bones) made his major league debut for the L.A. Dodgers on June 7<sup>th</sup> on the nationally televised game on ESPN versus the Phillies. The first batter he faced was Ryan Howard who hit a home run, however, Schlichting went on to pitch 1.1 innings striking out two...On June 5<sup>th</sup>, the Baltimore Orioles recalled Alberto Castillo (Schaumburg Flyers) from Triple-A Norfolk. He immediately saw action that night versus the A’s hurling one shutout inning in relief. The left-hander appeared in 28 games for the Orioles in '08 posting a 3.81 ERA...On June 11<sup>th</sup>, Mike Spidale (Kansas City) was transferred to Class-AAA Lehigh Valley for the Phillies after batting .297 over 44 games for the Phillies after batting .297 over 44 games for Class-AA Reading. He collected four hits in his first three games played at Triple-A...On June 14<sup>th</sup>, Willie Glen (Gary) was reassigned to the Florida Marlins extended spring programs. Glen was 1-6 with a 4.68 ERA for Class-AA Jacksonville.

Major Leagues		
<a href="#">Eliezer Alfonzo</a> C, San Diego Padres		St. Paul/2003
<a href="#">Tim Lincecum</a> LHP, Houston Astros		Joliet /2003 & Gary/2003
<a href="#">Alberto Castillo</a> LHP, Baltimore Orioles		Schaumburg/1999-2000
<a href="#">Chris Coste</a> C, Philadelphia Phillies		Fargo-Moorhead/1996-99
<a href="#">J.D. Drew</a> OF, Boston Red Sox		St. Paul/1996-97
<a href="#">Kevin Millar</a> 1B, Toronto Blue Jays		St. Paul/1993
<a href="#">Scott Richmond</a> RHP, Toronto Blue Jays		Edmonton/2005-07
<a href="#">Travis Schlichting</a> RHP, L.A. Dodgers		Kansas City/2007
<a href="#">George Sherrill</a> LHP, Baltimore Orioles		S.F./2001 & Win./2002-03
<a href="#">Brad Ziegler</a> RHP, Oakland Athletics		Schaumburg/2004
Class - AAA		
<a href="#">Patrick Arlis</a> C, Nashville (Brewers)		Kansas City/2007
<a href="#">Gabe DeHovos</a> RHP, Portland (Padres)		Schaumburg/2002-04
<a href="#">Nate Field</a> RHP, New Orleans (Marlins)		Sioux City/2000
<a href="#">Brian Mazone</a> LHP, Albuquerque (Dodgers)		Joliet/2002
<a href="#">Brian Myrow</a> DH, Charlotte (White Sox)		Winnipeg/1999-2001
<a href="#">Vince Perkins</a> RHP, Iowa (Cubs)		Joliet/2008
<a href="#">Mike Spidale</a> OF, Lehigh Valley (Phillies)		Kansas City/2006
<a href="#">R.J. Swindle</a> LHP, Nashville (Brewers)		Schaumburg/2005-06
<a href="#">Jon Weber</a> OF, Durham (Rays)		F-M/2002-03, 07
Class - AA		
<a href="#">Justin Fiske</a> LHP, Springfield (Cardinals)		Joliet /2007
<a href="#">Willie Glen</a> RHP, Jacksonville (Marlins)		Gary/2005-07
<a href="#">Kevin Mahar</a> OF, Reading (Phillies)		Kansas City/2008
<a href="#">Tanner Townsend</a> 3B, Jacksonville (Marlins)		Gary/2005-08
<a href="#">Josh Kite</a> LHP, Erie (Tigers)		Winnipeg/2006
Class - A		
<a href="#">Luis Alen</a> C, Savannah (Mets)		Winnipeg/2007
<a href="#">Dereck McCall</a> RHP, Jupiter (Marlins)		Joliet/2006
<a href="#">Jose Yenez</a> C, High Desert (Mariners)		Gary/2005 & 2007

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(all stats through June 15<sup>th</sup>)

**Standings**

	W	L	GB	Pct.
Winnipeg	20	7	----	.769
Schaumburg	15	12	5	.556
Gary	14	16	7.5	.467
Kansas City	12	15	8.0	.444
Fargo-Moorhead	12	15	8.0	.444
Joliet	10	18	10.5	.357

**Home Record**

	W	L	Pct.
Winnipeg	10	3	.769
Gary	8	5	.615
Schaumburg	6	5	.545
Kansas City	9	8	.529
Fargo-Moorhead	7	9	.438
Joliet	4	9	.308

**Road Record**

	W	L	Pct.
Winnipeg	10	4	.714
Schaumburg	9	7	.563
Fargo-Moorhead	5	6	.455
Joliet	6	9	.400
Gary	6	11	.353
Kansas City	3	7	.300

**Attendance**

	Total	Openings	Avg.
Winnipeg	68,154	12	5,680
Kansas City	68,947	16	4,309
Schaumburg	43,017	11	3,911
Gary	48,009	13	3,693
Fargo-Moorhead	53,679	16	3,355
Joliet	33,575	12	2,798

<b>Total</b>	<b>315,381</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>3,942</b>
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**Team Batting**

	AVG	R	HR	SB
Winnipeg	.285	157	30	29
Fargo-Moorhead	.279	161	35	43
Gary	.262	134	10	39
Kansas City	.261	141	33	19
Joliet	.260	102	15	24
Schaumburg	.250	125	19	27

**Team Pitching**

	ERA	ER	BB	SO
Winnipeg	3.23	85	67	175
Gary	4.23	123	91	213
Joliet	4.25	114	103	179
Fargo-Moorhead	4.43	123	121	178
Schaumburg	4.62	126	105	191
Kansas City	5.21	139	94	207

**Team Fielding**

	%	G	E	TC
Kansas City	.981	27	20	1,049
Schaumburg	.974	27	29	1,096
Fargo-Moorhead	.973	27	30	1,117
Gary	.971	30	32	1,091
Winnipeg	.970	27	30	1,008
Joliet	.963	28	39	1,062

**Power Rankings**

	Rank	Pts	Prev.
Winnipeg	1	26	1 (26)
Fargo-Moorhead	2	19.5	2 (23)
Gary	5	19	5 (13)
Kansas City	4	16.5	4 (17)
Schaumburg	3	15	3 (19)
Joliet	6	9	6 (7)

Note: Power Rankings compiled by cumulative league rank in win pct, avg, run differential, era, and fldg pct.





**Fargo-Moorhead RedHawks** – The RedHawks are tied for fourth, eight games behind the Goldeyes after 27 games, but it is largely due to their 0-6 (.000) head-to-head record versus Winnipeg. Fargo has not had a losing head-to-head record versus Winnipeg since 2001. Since then, Fargo leads the series 62-47 (.569)...Shortstop Zach Penprase had his 16-game hitting streak snapped on June 7<sup>th</sup> versus the Goldeyes. To date, it is the longest streak this season in the Northern League...Yurendell DeCaster currently rides an 11-game hitting streak. DeCaster was named the NL Player of the Week for period ending June 14<sup>th</sup>...Early into the season, the RedHawks have been extremely streaky. They have had winning streaks of five and four (active) games, and losing streaks of five and nine games respectively.

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**Gary Southshore RailCats** – The RailCats have gone a combined 10-4 (.714) versus Kansas City, Joliet, and Schaumburg, but have struggled versus Fargo-Moorhead and Winnipeg going 4-12 (.250)... The 'Cats have been very streaky having had two four-game winning streaks (one active), however, both winning streaks followed extended losing streaks of five and six games...Eddy De la Cruz is riding a league-high 15.2 consecutive scoreless innings streak (May 15<sup>th</sup> – June 14<sup>th</sup>). He is yet to allow a run this season...Kyle Heyne has the second longest scoreless innings streak in the league at 10.2 (May 26<sup>th</sup> – June 13<sup>th</sup>)...Gary's pitching has been dominant at home posting a 2.95 team ERA, but on the road it balloons by more than two runs to 5.35...Mike Massaro had his 15-game hitting streak snapped on June 3<sup>rd</sup>.

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**Joliet JackHammers** – After losing 11 of their first 15 games to start the season, the JackHammers have gone 6-7 to move to only 2.5 games off the final playoff spot...The 'Hammers have only allowed the second fewest earned runs in the league (114), but their 39 errors lead the league and have led to 18 unearned runs...The Joliet pitching staff has allowed a league-low 20 home runs after 28 games...Bucking all baseball logic, left-handed hitters Freddy Thon (.217 vs .341) and Adam Klein (.197 vs .342) are batting well over 100 point higher versus left-handers than right-handers...Thon has an active 15-game hitting streak (May 30<sup>th</sup> – June 15<sup>th</sup>)...Closer Jason Richardson has saved 40% of the team's 10 victories.

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**Kansas City T-Bones** – Just past the quarter mark of the season, the defending champion T-Bones are tied for the fourth and final seed of the post-season. K.C. started the season going 5-2, but have only won seven of their last 20 games, which included losing streaks of four and five games... While going 9-8 with a 4.27 ERA at home, the T-Bones have struggled on the road posting a 3-7 record with a 6.88 team ERA...Craig Hurba and Ryan Fox are tied for the league lead with eight home runs. Fox has hit six of his eight homers in the last nine games...Brad Correll, who had 10 outfield assists over his last 64 games for the T-Bones (spanning two years), leads all third baseman in fielding percentage, having committed only one error in 24 games played this season.

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**Schaumburg Flyers** – The Flyers sit in second place only five games behind the red-hot Winnipeg Goldeyes. Excluding a 1-4 start and their current four-game losing streak, the Flyers went on a 14-4 (.778) roll from May 22<sup>nd</sup> to June 10<sup>th</sup>...The Flyers are one of only two teams in the league with a winning record on the road (9-7, .563)...Felix Jose leads the league with a .385 average. The Flyers have never had a batting champ in their franchise history...After the first 27 games, the Flyers have already equaled last year's total number of weekly award winners (three). Dustin Glant (May 15<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup>) and Craig James (June 1<sup>st</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup>) each received pitcher of the week honors and Jeff Dunbar (June 1<sup>st</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup>) was named player of the week...The Flyers are entering a stretch where 12 of their next 18 games are at home, including a season-high nine-game homestand.

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**Winnipeg Goldeyes** – The first place Goldeyes are off to a hot 20-7 start. They are currently on pace to win 71 games. The franchise record for wins in a season is 58, established in 1998...The Goldeyes have won 50 or more games 10 times in the franchise's 15 years. The Fish would only need to go 30-39 (.435) to notch 50 wins again...The Goldeyes currently lead the league with a 3.23 ERA, a full run better than second ranked Gary (4.23 ERA). Winnipeg also leads the league with a .285 team batting average. As a result, they have a whopping +55 run differential (157 runs scored vs. 102 runs allowed)...Dee Brown currently has a nine-game hitting streak (June 5<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup>)...The Goldeyes are currently on a season-high two-game losing streak. The Fish have already had winning streaks of eight and five (twice) games.

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**League Leaders – (through May 31st)**



**AVG**  
Felix  
JOSE  
**.385**

2	Yurendell DeCaster	F-M	.353
3	Wes Long	WIN	.349
4	Jeff Dunbar	SCH	.347
5	Juan Diaz	WIN	.337

**HR**  
Ryan  
FOX  
**8**



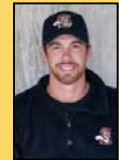
1t	Craig Hurba	KC	8
1t	Nic Jackson	F-M	8
1t	Yurendell DeCaster	F-M	8
5	Kevin West	WIN	6



**RBI**  
Yurendell  
DeCASTER  
**31**

2	Steve Haake	GAR	26
3	Nic Jackson	F-M	22
4	Craig Hurba	F-M	21
5t	Several players tied at		19

**WINS**  
Dustin  
GLANT  
**4**



1t	Broc Coffman	F-M	4
1t	Tom Thornton	GAR	4
1t	Bear Bay	WIN	4
1t	Andrew Walker	WIN	4



**ERA**  
Andrew  
WALKER  
**1.89**

2	Luis Villarreal	KC	1.95
3	Dustin Glant	SCH	2.85
4	Ed Almonte	SCH	3.32
5	Ryan Knippschild	KC	3.41

**STRIKEOUTS**  
Garry  
BAKKER  
**36**



2t	Luis Villarreal	KC	35
2t	Onan Masaoka	GAR	35
4t	Justin James	KC	32
4t	Daniel Haigwood	WIN	32