

# Bulldog Baseball



# Gameday

April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023  
vs Bishop Blanchet



*"Fair Play Necessitates that all Competitors have the same Chance for Success"*

## About Today's Game - News & Notes

### Purple vs. Green "Challenge"

**Bulldogs** are currently in 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the public school division and the **Bears** are in 1<sup>st</sup> place in the private division, once again something will have to give, every game counts in Metro play.

Recapping **Bulldogs** shut out the Seahawks 8-0 this past Friday. Ben Bennett (Sr) C carved up the senior laden lineup with 12K's and only allowing 2 hits in 6 2/3 innings (hitting his pitch limit). Eli Herst (Fr) caught the game, called the pitches and threw out 2 runners attempting to steal 2<sup>nd</sup>, quite the display from a youngster that has put his stamp on the 2023 Garfield team. Offensively, the big bats of Henry Smidt (Sr) C, Oliver Hogan (Sr) C and Jordan Hurd (Jr) led the way knocking in 2 runs each.

Blanchet's head coach Mike Finnegan brings his **Bears** into today's game looking to rebound from a loss against the Lakeside Lions on Friday 2-0 (their only loss). Most likely strike throwing Blake Sandvik (Sr) will be on the mound to start, currently has a 1.474 ERA and a WHIP of .789. Likes to get ahead in the count and if he does the batter has a high probability of striking out. Their offense is led by Luka Ruljancich (Sr), OPS of 1.221 along with 2HR/10RBIS and Aiden Burgess (Sr), OPS 1.321/7 RBI. **Bears** are looking to learn from their fielding errors and improve their team fielding % .921.

Coach Moe has Saul Johnson (Jr) as our starter for today's game sporting an early 2-1 record with 13K's. Relief/Team pitching has been a strength so far in league play for Garfield, so expect to see help if need be. Several injuries to the **Bulldog** lineup has added to the strategy of shuffling of teammates in the starting lineup for Coach Moe as well.

Enjoy cheering for your team!

## 2023 Schedule

Date	Opponent	Field	Time/Result
3/14	@ Issaquah	Issaquah HS	3 - 5 L
3/15	@ Newport - Bellevue	Newport HS	2 - 3 L
3/17	@ Shorecrest	Shorecrest HS	7 - 2 W
3/20	@ Nathan Hale *	Meadowbrook	2 - 0 W
3/22	@ Ingraham *	NWAC	5 - 3 W
3/24	@ Lincoln *	Lower Woodland	0 - 8 L
3/27	vs Cleveland *	Garfield HS	10 - 2 W
3/29	vs Rainier Beach *	Garfield HS	16 - 2 W
3/31	vs Chief Sealth *	Garfield HS	8 - 0 W
4/3	vs Bishop Blanchet *	Garfield HS	4:00 pm
4/5	vs O'Dea *	Garfield HS	4:00 pm
4/8	@ Auburn Riverside	T-Mobile Park	11:00 am
4/10	@ Eastside Catholic *	Eastside Catholic HS	4:00 pm
4/12	@ Franklin *	Franklin HS	3:30 pm
4/14	vs Ballard *	Garfield HS	7:00 pm
4/17	vs Lakeside *	Garfield HS	4:00 pm
4/19	@ West Seattle	West Seattle HS	7:00 pm
4/21	@ Roosevelt *	Roosevelt HS	4:00 pm
4/24	vs Seattle Prep *	Garfield HS	4:00 pm
4/28	vs Mercer Island	Garfield HS	4:00 pm
4/29	@ Bellevue	Bellevue HS	1:00 pm

\* District Game

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## 2023 Metro 3A Current Standings

Team	League	Win %	Overall	Win %
<b>Mountain Division</b>				
Bishop Blanchet	4-1	.800	8-1	.889
Eastside Catholic	3-1	.750	4-4	.500
Seattle Prep	2-2	.500	6-2	.750
Lakeside	2-3	.400	4-4	.500
O'Dea	1-3	.250	2-5	.286
<b>Sound Division</b>				
West Seattle	4-0	1.000	9-0	1.000
Garfield	5-1	.833	6-3	.667
Lincoln (Seattle)	4-1	.800	7-2	.778
Chief Sealth	4-2	.667	8-3	.727
Nathan Hale	3-3	.500	5-4	.556
Ingraham	2-3	.400	5-6	.455
Roosevelt	2-3	.400	6-4	.600
Ballard	2-4	.333	3-7	.300
Franklin	1-3	.250	2-5	.286
Cleveland	1-5	.167	1-5	.167
Rainier Beach	0-5	.000	0-5	.000

# ~ Get to know the Players ~

**#2 Saul Johnson**

**RHP, OF, 3B**

**Jr**

- 1) *Who introduced you to baseball? Any details from your first game experience or season?* I was first introduced to baseball by my dad, when I was about 4 or 5 years old. My first experience was playing tee-ball, and I remember playing games on the Garfield diamond!
- 2) *What hobbies/interests do you have outside of baseball?* I don't have many hobbies outside of baseball other than lifting and watching sports.
- 3) *What would you like to see changed in MLB Baseball & Why?* I would like to see the pitch clock removed. I think it is bad for the game and takes away the natural flow.
- 4) *What is your favorite book and why did you enjoy it?* my favorite book is "can't hurt me" by David Goggins. It is a great story of overcoming mental obstacles.
- 5) *Who are your favorite baseball players and teams from the past & why?* my favorite baseball player from the past is felix Hernández because I got into watching the mariners right when he was at his prime and always loved watching him pitch.

**#24 DJ Parker**

**OF, RHP**

**Jr**

- 1) *Who introduced you to baseball? Any details from your first game experience or season?* My dad introduced me to Baseball. I can't really recall my first season or first baseball game.
- 2) *What hobbies/interests do you have outside of baseball?* I like to draw and sometimes play video games, but mostly watch shows and movies on Netflix.
- 3) *What would you like to see changed in MLB Baseball & Why?* I would like to see the pitching clock be changed or taken out of the game because to me it rushes the batter and the pitcher.
- 4) *What is your favorite book and why did you enjoy it?* I don't think I have a favorite book because I've read a lot of good books that I couldn't choose between.
- 5) *Who are your favorite baseball players and teams from the past & why?* I was him my favorite baseball player has always been Jackie Robinson just because he broke the barrier for colored players to play baseball and without him doing that I don't know if I would be playing baseball today. I would say my favorite team would be the Mariners because in the past we've had a really good players, and it was fun to watch them play.

## Gameday Rosters

### Garfield Bulldogs

#	Name	Pos	Ht	Wt	Yr
2	Saul Johnson	RHP, OF, 3B	6-0	175	Jr
3	Jeremy Cogswell	OF	6-0	170	Sr
4	Eli Herst	3B, RHP, C	6-3	170	Fr
5	Oliver Hogan (C)	3B, SS	6-2	195	Sr
6	Max Gelpi	LHP, OF	6-2	165	Sr
7	Eli Knopf	C, 3B, RHP	6-2	190	Jr
8	Noah Lippman	2B, OF, RHP	5-10	180	Sr
9	Wyatt Bare	LHP, OF	6-0	170	So
9	Liam Mahoney	C	5-10	170	So
10	Noah Eisenberg	OF, 2B, RHP	5-9	155	Jr
11	Henry Smidt (C)	SS, RHP	6-2	170	Sr
13	Prince Davis	OF, 2B, RHP	5-9	160	So
14	Gavin Niccoli	2B, C, RHP	5-9	150	Jr
15	Max Hudson	C, 2B	5-10	140	So
16	Luc Robbins	1B, RHP	6-4	190	Jr
17	Barty Hall	3B, OF	6-0	165	Jr
18	Ben Bennett (C)	LHP, 1B, OF	6-1	195	Sr
19	Juan Cano	C, 3B	6-1	230	Sr
20	Jordan Hurd	1B, LHP, OF	6-3	195	Jr
21	Aaron Bossett	OF, 3B, RHP	5-9	205	Sr
22	Sarah Lessig	RHP, 2B, SS	6-0	140	So
23	Taylor Woods	SS, 3B, RHP	6-3	170	So
24	DJ Parker	OF, RHP	6-0	165	Jr
25	J.T. Wayne	OF, SS, 2B	5-9	165	Jr

Head Coach: Chris Moedritzer (C) = Captain

### Bishop Blanchet Bears

#	Name	Pos	Ht	Wt	Yr
1	Nick Ring	OF			Sr
2	Thomas Belle	OF, P			Fr
3	Colin Boyd	OF			Jr
4	George Naramore	P			Sr
5	Aiden Burgess	OF, P			Sr
6	Blake Sandvik	P			Sr
7	Luke Galloway	OF, P			Sr
8	Hunter Reich	C, P			Jr
9	Mikey Rican	SS			So
11	Luke Prinz	1B, P			Sr
12	Calvin Hanson	SS, P			So
17	Blake Jensen	P			Jr
18	Cole Allegro	3B, P			So
19	Domenic Federico	C			So
20	Caden Webster	OF			Sr
21	JJ Kane	OF			Jr
22	Luka Ruljancich	3B			Sr
23	Jacob Ranta	1B			Sr
24	Aidan McMurtrie	2B			Sr
28	Anthony Puckett	C, P			Jr
30	William Skibitzke	1B, P			Jr
32	Owen Finnerty	OF, P			Jr
44	Colin Hofmeister	2B			Sr

Head Coach: Mike Finnegan