

Bulldog Baseball



Gameday

**April 20th, 2022
vs West Seattle**



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

About Today's Game - News & Notes

Garfield Bulldogs

vs. West Seattle Wildcats

RPI ratings > Bulldogs - #23 West Seattle - #3 (in Washington state 3A baseball)

Bulldogs welcome Metro league leader Wildcats (15-1) to historical Garfield park today. Dogs and cats, hardly ever get along, so don't expect that to change for high school baseball. West Seattle comes in with a team that is balanced offensively and defensively plus they have the top pitching talent, we will see one of their top aces today, Miles Gosztola or Felix Schlede in action, so expect to see our Bulldog batters adjust and adapt quickly. If they don't? K's will amount to a "King Felix" sighting?

Recapping our win against Lakeside 7-0. We saw a young talented Lion team verse an experienced Garfield team. Ace Aaron Herst (Sr -C) got the start, allowed 0 hits, 0 runs thru 5 innings, then in relief Saul Johnson (Soph) allowed 0 hits, 0 runs all this pitching going thru catcher Louis Simon (Sr -C), they went the distance combining for a no-hitter. Offensively, our Bulldog batters faced a hard throwing Lion freshman that had the desire to throw as hard as possible, and performed well at times, but Malachi Washington (Sr) said no - no, not so fast, upper classmen will lead the way, Washington belted his first homerun @ Garfield Park and followed that up with a double, plus Henry Smidt (Jr) back from the sick list, refreshed feeling well, had 2 slapshots (hard hits) thru the holes, once on base, "The Trackman" doesn't disappoint!

Expect to see Smidt get the start today, hoping to see Ben Bennett (Jr) (top lefty talent) back for our run in the playoffs, if his back heals up. Defensively our fielding % has improved as a team, it now stands at .941. Bulldogs displaying the will to learn, this can only be a positive, going into the Metro 3A divisional playoffs.

Should be a good high school game with the Metro #1 Cats and #3 Dogs, both hoping to get an upward launch from a win if possible. Coaches all know, this is the prime regular season game for the public schools of 2022 in Seattle. Let's play baseball!

Enjoy cheering for your team!

2022 Schedule

Date	Opponent	Field	Time/Result
3/15	@ Issaquah	Issaquah HS	0-10 L
3/16	@ Newport	Newport HS	6-6 T
3/18	vs Hazen	Garfield HS	11-6 W
3/21	@ Shorecrest	Shorecrest HS	6-11 L
3/24	vs Ingraham *	Garfield HS	9-3 W
3/25	vs Lincoln *	Garfield HS	1-9 L
3/28	@ Cleveland *	Rainier Beach HS	13-1 W
3/30	vs Rainier Beach *	Garfield HS	13-3 W
4/1	@ Chief Sealth *	Chief Sealth HS	2-0 W
4/4	@ Bishop Blanchet *	Lower Woodland Park	3-10 L
4/6	vs Franklin *	Garfield HS	16-4 W
4/8	@ Ballard *	Whitman MS	12-6 W
4/9	vs Ballard *	T-Mobile Park	8-7 W
4/11	vs Eastside Catholic *	Garfield HS	4-3 W
4/13	@ O'Dea	Garfield HS	0-5 L
4/15	vs Nathan Hale *	Garfield HS	22-1 W
4/18	@ Lakeside *	Garfield HS	7-0 W
4/20	vs West Seattle *	Garfield HS	4:00 pm
4/22	vs Roosevelt *	Garfield HS	4:00 pm
4/23	@ Bellevue	Bellevue HS	2:30 pm
4/25	@ Seattle Prep *	Steve Cox Park	6:30 pm

* District Game

Comments & Questions, Please Email: ScottHonican@yahoo.com

2022 Metro 3A Current Standings

Team	League	Win %	Overall	Win %
Mountain Division				
Bishop Blanchet	8-2	.800	11-3	.786
O'Dea	7-4	.636	10-4	.714
Seattle Prep	5-5	.500	7-5	.583
Eastside Catholic	5-5	.500	5-8	.385
Lakeside (Sea)	3-9	.250	5-10	.333
Sound Division				
West Seattle	11-1	.917	15-1	.938
Garfield	9-3	.750	11-5-1	.667
Lincoln (Seattle)	8-3	.727	10-5	.667
Chief Sealth	6-4	.600	8-6	.571
Ingraham	6-5	.545	8-8	.500
Ballard	6-6	.500	10-8	.556
Roosevelt	6-6	.500	8-8	.500
Franklin	4-8	.333	4-8	.333
Nathan Hale	3-9	.250	5-10	.333
Cleveland	2-10	.167	3-12	.200
Rainier Beach	1-10	.091	1-10	.091

WIAA 3A Baseball *Just Play Fair!* Metro Conference

Rebuttal to Senior Captain Aaron Herst answer to question #2 from the Lakeside GDF (Monday April 18th) from Garfield parent Cliff Meyer on the possibility of being able to "steal 1st base"

Senior Co-Captain Aaron Herst revealed in his GameDay interview this week that he'd like baseball to legalize steals of first base.

GameDay reader Cliff Meyer says: let's talk about that! Consider first that batters *already* have three ways to, um, 'steal' first. Two are shady, but the third is totally above board:

- 1) leaning in, or otherwise not getting out of the way of a pitch,
- 2) subtly adjusting a swing of the bat so that it hits the catcher's glove, and
- 3) the often-seen play closest to an authentic stolen base: safely reaching first after the catcher drops a 3rd strike (with 0 or 1 out, only allowed if first is unoccupied).

So, Aaron is likely suggesting that a batter can take off on any pitch (presumably pitches that aren't cleanly caught by the catcher). While attempted steals of first would provide excitement and increase the value of speed on the base paths, I feel it would do more harm than good, at least at the high school level. In particular, it would reduce effectiveness of pitchers who rely on breaking balls. (The more balls that get away, the more attempts to steal first, right?) This idea also seems likely to reduce the primacy of the batted ball in offensive strategy. MLB is already hurting from the increase in the "three true outcomes" (strikeout, walk, home run).

Another big issue: would a batter stealing first have to be tagged? Under current rules, the dropped 3rd strike results in a potential force play at first (although the batter-now-runner also can be out on a tag). Let's leave this question for the future!

BTW, it's notable that Aaron suggested this idea, because as of Monday, he had struck out just once this season in 31 plate appearances (for an excellently minuscule 3.2% K rate). But, wouldn't you know, on that lone Strike 3 swing and miss, the catcher didn't catch the ball. Aaron took off for first ... and was thrown out. No "steal" this time!

Gameday Rosters

Garfield Bulldogs

#	Name	Pos	Ht	Wt	Yr
1	Sejhe Jackson	OF	6-2	180	Jr
2	Henry Smidt	SS, RHP, 2B	6-2	170	Jr
3	Desmond Jaynes Ostrom	RHP, SS	6-1	160	Sr
4	Griffin Hintze	1B, 3B, RHP	5-10	175	Sr
5	Oliver Hogan	3B, SS, RHP	6-2	180	Jr
6	Patrick Theiss	2B, RHP, OF	5-10	150	Sr
7	CJ Friedlander	C, OF	5-7	180	Sr
8	Aaron Herst (C)	LHP, OF, 1B	6-2	175	Sr
9	Zac Meyer	RHP, 3B	5-11	170	Sr
10	Tommy Lessig	RHP, 3B	5-11	140	Sr
12	Quinn Chow	C, OF	5-8	150	Sr
13	Gavin Niccoli				So
14	Louis Simon (C)	C, INF, RHP	5-7	175	Sr
15	Saul Johnson	OF, 3B, RHP	5-11	160	So
17	Malachi Washington	OF, RHP	6-2	175	Sr
18	Ben Bennett	LHP, OF, 1B	6-1	185	Jr
19	Juan Cano	C, OF, INF	6-0	220	Jr
23	Mitchell Thomas-Fair	1B	5-10	255	Sr
24	Noah Lippman	2B, RHP, OF	5-10	175	Jr
25	Prince Davis				Fr

Head Coach: Chris Moedritzer (C) = Captain

West Seattle Wildcats

#	Name
1	Cooper Hubbard
5	Nick Hazelgrove
6	Jaxton Helmstettler
7	Caden Fahy
8	Maddox Brent
9	TJ Buehring
10	Bobby Trigg
13	Miles Gosztola
15	Jake Lockwood
17	Matthew Henning
20/45	Felix Schlede
24	Owen Earls
32	Westin Webb
39	Sabin Tomlinson
41	Miles Chandler
41/23	Blaine Buchanan
47/28	Ryan Whitney

Head Coach: Dylan McLaughlin
Head Coach: Bryan Tupper

~ Get to know the Garfield Coaches ~

Chris Moedritzer

Varsity Head Coach

- 1) *Who do you feel was instrumental in introducing you to baseball? How did it happen?* My mom and dad introduced me to baseball. My dad is from St Louis so he had me wearing red Cardinals baby outfits while watching the 1985 World Series with him. My parents played on a co-ed softball team in Albuquerque where I was born so there are pics of me hanging out at the ballfield as an infant, being passed around to teammates on the bench while my mom and dad were in the field. Started coach pitch baseball as a 7-year old and have been playing/coaching the sport ever since. Never had a spring without baseball!
- 2) *Baseball has changed slowly over the years, what rules would you like to see changed or possibly reversed back to the rule that was changed?* I'd like to see the pitchers hit for both leagues like they did prior to 1973. Now that I am a coach, I would say that the National League game involves more strategy (bunting, pinch-hitters, double shifts, etc.) and was more exciting to watch than the American League, but I know that's not what your typical baseball fan would want. I never liked that the two leagues had different sets of rules for lineup, glad to see that both leagues now have a DH.
- 3) *Hobbies and interests outside of baseball?* I like traveling, hiking, watching movies and sports...have gotten into playing pickleball over the last several years. Great combination of athleticism, hand-eye coordination and strategy involved, can be played by athletes of all ages and experience levels. I majored in Government and History in college, still enjoy a good discussion about politics and/or history.
- 4) *Favorite book you have read, why you enjoyed it and how it changed you?* I'm a nonfiction fan. A couple books I have read recently that I really enjoyed are "The Boys In The Boat" by Daniel James Brown and "Becoming Big League" by Bill Mullins. Both center around Seattle sports, but tie in the local history of the era. I grew up in Seattle and have always been interested in the history of this great city and how it has changed over the decades.
- 5) *Who is your favorite baseball player(s) from the past and why?* Ozzie Smith and Ken Griffey, Jr.! If you saw my baseball card collection from childhood, you would be able to tell those two were clearly my favorite ballplayers. I was a big fan of Ozzie, the best defensive shortstop in the history of the game. He had excellent footwork and quick hands, still impressive to watch highlights of him during his prime. Gotta love the pregame flip he did as he took the field in the 1st inning. Junior was my favorite Mariner. He put Seattle baseball on the map, always had a smile on his face and a sweet swing that packed some power. Loved watching him hit bombs and make spectacular catches at the fence in center field, turning opponents' home runs into a F-8.

Rey Verduzco

Varsity Pitching Coach

- 1) *Who do you feel was instrumental in introducing you to baseball? How did it happen?* My Papi (father). Took me to my first LA Dodgers game as an infant – Koufax vs Marichal. First game I remember was when I was five in 1970 – Dodgers vs Astros. We were in the CF bleachers – Dodgers' Willie Davis was patrolling CF.
- 2) *Baseball has changed slowly over the years, what rules would you like to see changed or possibly reversed back to the rule that was changed?* Eliminate defensive shifts.
- 3) *Hobbies and interests outside of baseball?* Gardening, walks, dining out, travelling, attending baseball games, concerts, reading.
- 4) *Favorite book you have read, why you enjoyed it and how it changed you?* Too many to list. Recent read was "White Rage," by Carol Anderson – A history of how Anti-Blackness is deeply imbedded in our nation's values, culture, institutions, etc. I highly recommend it as part of your anti-racist learning and application.
- 5) *Who is your favorite baseball player(s) from the past and why?* Jackie Roosevelt Robinson, Roberto Clemente, and Fernando Valenzuela – need I say more?

~ Get to know the Garfield Coaches ~

Taylor Boyce

JV Head Coach

1) *Who do you feel was instrumental in introducing you to baseball? How did it happen?* My mom, I still remember walking the outer ring at the King Dome as a child.

2) *Baseball has changed slowly over the years, what rules would you like to see changed or possibly reversed back to the rule that was changed?*

If I were the MLB commissioner I would:

- Eliminate replay reviews
- Make walks worth 2 bases with no one on base.
- Be able to switch runners on the bases (example: switch the runner on 1B and 2B)
- 1 warm up pitch from the bullpen to the regular game mound.
- Specific to Safeco (T-Mobile) field, I would make the hydroplane race be a video game and choose 3 fans to control the boats, give me someone to root for!

3) *Hobbies and interests outside of baseball?* Playing and watching other sports - basketball and football, also enjoy being outdoors from hiking to a round of golf.

4) *Favorite book you have read, why you enjoyed it and how it changed you?* "The Science of Hitting" by Ted Williams, man could that guy hit!

5) *Who is your favorite baseball player(s) from the past and why?* Jamie Moyer and Willie Bloomquist

Jamie - As a kid I could never throw too hard, I envied how he changed speeds and pitched deceptively. A true pitcher.

Willie- A gritty player, I loved how he played every position. The definition of a ball player. I think the MLB game is shifting that way, where players play multiple positions at the MLB level.

Ben Wong

Varsity/JV Assistant Coach

1) *Who do you feel was instrumental in introducing you to baseball? How did it happen?* My dad introduced baseball to me. He handed me a glove when I was 3 years old and we would practically throw and hit every day.

2) *Baseball has changed slowly over the years, what rules would you like to see changed or possibly reversed back to the rule that was changed?* I think that shifts should be eliminated to an extent. I think that the defense should keep 2 infielders on each side, but can be placed however they want as long as they stay on their half of the infield.

3) *Hobbies and interests outside of baseball?* I enjoy watching other sports like football and hockey and I enjoy going outdoors or working out with friends.

4) *Favorite book you have read, why you enjoyed it and how it changed you?* I don't have a favorite book.

5) *Who is your favorite baseball player(s) from the past and why?* My favorite baseball players are Ichiro and Kyle Seager. Ichiro was the first player I saw when I started watching the Mariners and I always admired how easy he made everything look. Kyle Seager is my favorite 3rd Baseman. He was a big reason why I played 3rd base throughout my career.