

# Bulldog Baseball



# Gameday

April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023  
vs Seattle Prep



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

## About Today's Game - News & Notes

### Bulldogs vs. Panthers

Final regular conference game, looking toward the Metro playoffs!

We welcome the **Seattle Prep Panthers** to Historical **Garfield Park** for our final Metro conference game of 2023, let's take a breath, that was quick, but we are still not in a "hurry". Both teams are coming off of inter-divisional wins, **Garfield** outscoring Roosevelt 12-7 and Seattle Prep winning soundly over Lakeside 5-1.

Recapping our win against the Roughriders, Eli Herst (Fr) got the start went 3 innings, with the game tied beginning of the 4<sup>th</sup>, Max Gelpi (Sr) came in for relief, stymied the "Teddis" allowing 2ER and 3K's, while our offense began to pick up steam under Henry Smidt (Sr) 4/RBI and Noah Lippmann (Sr) 3/RBI + 3H.

Expect to see Ben Bennett (Sr) C get the start today, being our **Bulldog Ace**, it will be a tall task for the Panthers to take advantage of any opportunities that may arrive by error or other means.

Would like to acknowledge 2 past **Seattle Slugger's** (fall seasons), if we had a "Hall of Fame" 2 **Garfield** players would be nominated and most likely go in as unanimous choices, they are Ben Bennett and Mason Niccoli. Both will keep their coveted Beaker Cup's, Mason being on 3 different winning teams and Bennett on 5 different teams (which cannot be equaled).

Why these two? Mason represents a **Garfield Bulldog** player that enjoyed competing, learning, coming to the field each and everyday for practices (6-outs/sandlot) or games, bringing that leadership and attitude, qualities that every teammate recognizes and aspires to from his example, but he NEVER saw a moment of Bulldog varsity baseball play in his 4 years. Covid interrupted his opportunity his senior year, that didn't STOP him from bringing the game to all, Mason now Captains and plays on a competitive extensional baseball team at The University of Denver! The other nominee Ben Bennett, the one of charisma that envelopes one and all, that is only one reason why he won 5 Slugger titles. Ben plays the role in baseball as the teammate who understands the game from more than what we perceive and actually see, being a "lefty" they are left to pitching, 1<sup>st</sup> base and some outfield time, that's it? Well, not so fast, those traditional baseball roles, don't play or diminish/exclude Ben's abilities, example> his catching skills along with his leadership qualities basically turn the whole interaction between batter and umpire, also throw into the mix his pitcher and maybe a baserunner, always conversing with multiples almost at the sametime/moment, he slows the game down to his timing, it becomes his Chess match and all involved, are "spectators", that is stuff of novelty/uniqueness that only he has.

We look forward to the 2023 Metro playoffs, we will be the Sound #3 seeded team, in our 1<sup>st</sup> game we will likely play Nathan Hale the Sound #6 seed on Wednesday 5.3 @ SWAC gametime 4pm, with a chance to play Lincoln the Sound #2 seed. Seattle Prep will either be the Mountain division #3 or #4 seed.

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	1 - 11 L
4/5	vs O'Dea *	Garfield HS	Protosted Game
4/8	@ Auburn Riverside	T-Mobile Park	4 - 6 L
4/10	@ Eastside Catholic *	Eastside Catholic HS	12 - 0 W
4/12	@ Franklin *	Franklin HS	20 - 0 W
4/14	vs Ballard *	Garfield HS	5 - 4 W
4/17	vs Lakeside *	Garfield HS	9 - 3 W
4/18	vs O'Dea *	Garfield HS	2 - 6 L
4/19	@ West Seattle	West Seattle HS	0 - 10 L
4/21	@ Roosevelt *	Magnuson	12 - 7 W
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

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## 2023 Metro 3A Current Standings

Team	League	Win %	Overall	Win %
<b>Mountain Division</b>				
Bishop Blanchet	9-4	.692	13-4	.765
Eastside Catholic	8-5	.615	9-8	.529
O'Dea	7-6	.538	9-8	.529
Seattle Prep	7-6	.538	11-6	.647
Lakeside (Sea)	5-9	.357	7-10	.412
<b>Sound Division</b>				
West Seattle	12-1	.923	17-1	.944
Lincoln (Seattle)	12-2	.857	16-4	.800
Garfield	10-4	.714	11-7	.611
Ballard	8-6	.571	10-9	.526
Chief Sealth	7-6	.538	12-7	.632
Franklin	5-7	.417	6-11	.353
Nathan Hale	5-8	.385	7-11	.389
Ingraham	4-10	.286	7-13	.350
Roosevelt	4-10	.286	8-11	.421
Cleveland	2-10	.167	2-10	.167
Rainier Beach	0-10	.000	1-10	.091

# ~ Get to know the Players ~

**#22 Sarah Lessig**

**RHP, 2B, SS**

**So**

- 1) *Who introduced you to baseball? Any details from your first game experience or season?* My first memory of baseball was when my mom would sit my brother and i on the couch and throw jumbo marshmallows at us. A few years later when my mom was coaching my brothers team, she would bring me to practices so that i could play too.
- 2) *What hobbies/interests do you have outside of baseball?* I've played basketball my whole life and i like doing skateboarding competitions in the summer. When i'm not playing sports, or if i ever get injured, i sit in my room and play piano and guitar all day.
- 3) *What would you like to see changed in MLB Baseball & Why?* I would love to see more women involved in MLB, even if it's not playing on the field. I think it's good for young girls to see that kind of representation at the highest level of baseball, it helps keep them interested.
- 4) *What is your favorite book and why did you enjoy it?* My favorite book is Lord of the Flies because it's interesting to think about how kids would behave if there were no laws or rules. It was also one of the first books i remember my mom reading to me when i was little.
- 5) *Who are your favorite baseball players and teams from the past & why?* One of my favorites is Janine Lesko from the original Peaches team. I've been lucky enough to meet her on a few different occasions, and she even lives in Everett. Also Dizzy Dean, my great grandpas cousin and a pitcher for the cardinals.

**#18 Ben Bennett (C)**

**LHP, 1B, OF**

**Sr**

- 1) *Who introduced you to baseball? Any details from your first game experience or season?* My older sister Hannah introduced me to baseball. I would go to her practices before I had my own and she was great a role model for me as a person and a player.
- 2) *What hobbies/interests do you have outside of baseball?* I love to play chess, bet on March Madness and play fantasy sports.
- 3) *What would you like to see changed in MLB Baseball & Why?* Unban the shift. Reward players that can hit to all fields.
- 4) *What is your favorite book and why did you enjoy it?*
- 5) *Who are your favorite baseball players and teams from the past & why?* I wish I could have watch the 1980 coked up Cardinals with Lonnie Smith and Keith Hernandez. My favorite player today is Dylan Moore, because he's good at everything except hitting, similar to myself except I'm not that fast.

## Gameday Rosters

Garfield Bulldogs						Seattle Prep Panthers					
#	Name	Pos	Ht	Wt	Yr	#	Name	Pos	Ht	Wt	Yr
2	Saul Johnson	RHP, OF, 3B	6-0	175	Jr	1	Taylor Scelfo				Sr
3	Jeremy Cogswell	OF	6-0	170	Sr	2	Hunter Dowdy				Jr
4	Eli Herst	3B, RHP, C	6-3	170	Fr	3	Reeve Boyd				Sr
5	Oliver Hogan (C)	3B, SS	6-2	195	Sr	4	Ivan Alindogan				Sr
6	Max Gelpi	LHP, OF	6-2	165	Sr	5	Luke Malzewski				Sr
7	Eli Knopf	C, 3B, RHP	6-2	190	Jr	6	Joe Colleran				Sr
8	Noah Lippman	2B, OF, RHP	5-10	180	Sr	8	Alex Howard				Sr
9	Wyatt Bare	LHP, OF	6-0	170	So	9	Cole Wagner				Sr
9	Liam Mahoney	C	5-10	170	So	11	Jack Cahill				Sr
10	Noah Eisenberg	OF, 2B, RHP	5-9	155	Jr	13	Braden Fridgen				Jr
11	Henry Smidt (C)	SS, RHP	6-2	170	Sr	14	Zach Boden				Jr
13	Prince Davis	OF, 2B, RHP	5-9	160	So	15	Will Cahill				So
14	Gavin Niccoli	2B, C, RHP	5-9	150	Jr	16	George Hurley				So
15	Max Hudson	C, 2B	5-10	140	So	17	Jayden Holloway				Sr
16	Luc Robbins	1B, RHP	6-4	190	Jr	19	Payton Kyle				Sr
17	Barty Hall	3B, OF	6-0	165	Jr	20	Jake Ferullo				Jr
18	Ben Bennett (C)	LHP, 1B, OF	6-1	195	Sr	21	Luke Ward				Jr
19	Juan Cano	C, 3B	6-1	230	Sr	22	Dane Hansen				Jr
20	Jordan Hurd	1B, LHP, OF	6-3	195	Jr	23	Adrian Shields				Jr
21	Aarom Bossett	OF, 3B, RHP	5-9	205	Sr	24	Aidan Gilbert				Jr
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

Head Coach: Max Engel