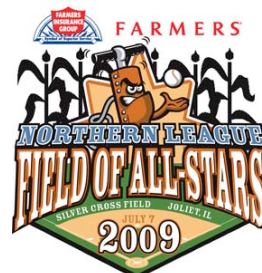


Northern League Announces Great Lakes All-Star Roster

The Northern League announced the members of the 2009 Great Lakes All-Star roster for the Northern League's mid-season game between the Great Lakes All-Stars and the Great Plains All-Stars to be played July 7th at Silver Cross Field in Joliet, IL. The Great Plains roster was announced Monday, June 29th.

The host "Great Lakes All-Stars," comprised of players from Joliet, Gary SouthShore, and Schaumburg, will be managed by Joliet JackHammers manager Wally Backman. The "Great Plains All-Stars," made up of players from Fargo-Moorhead, Kansas City, and Winnipeg, will be led by Kansas City T-Bones skipper Andy McCauley. Both of the rosters were selected by voting from 54 ballots (nine per franchise). Each team was free to distribute their ballots to any/all of the following: manager, pitching coach, hitting coach, general manager, media director, broadcaster(s), hometown media, and players (Veterans/LS-5/LS-4 only eligible players).



Great Lakes All-Star Manager

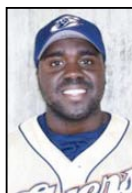
Wally Backman – JackHammers



Backman is in his second year as the manager of the Joliet JackHammers. The former major league second baseman brings with him an impressive record of success. In less than 10 years, he has three league championship titles to his managerial career (1999 Tri-City/Western League, 2002 Birmingham/Southern League, and 2007 South Georgia/South Coast League).

Great Lakes All-Star Infielders

Vince Harrison - Flyers



Eric McNamee – RailCats



Jay Pecci – RailCats



Andrew Pinckney - JackHammers



Kevin Rios – JackHammers



Freddie Thon - JackHammers



Jose Valdez - Flyers



INFIELDERS

(stats through 6/29)

	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB	CS	SLG	OBP
Vince Harrison	.299	38	137	21	41	10	1	3	18	23	22	5	1	.453	.401
Eric McNamee	.256	39	129	20	33	5	0	0	13	26	24	5	1	.295	.384
Jay Pecci	.260	32	123	15	32	6	0	0	15	10	11	2	1	.309	.333
Andrew Pinckney	.303	42	145	24	44	11	1	9	26	14	39	1	3	.579	.366
Kevin Rios	.302	41	162	20	49	7	2	3	14	5	18	2	3	.426	.339
Freddie Thon	.260	42	169	19	44	8	0	4	22	9	15	0	1	.379	.296
Jose Valdez	.294	38	153	25	45	12	2	1	10	17	26	4	1	.418	.366



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Great Lakes All-Star Designated Hitter

Felix Jose - Flyers



DESIGNATED HITTER

(stats through 6/29)	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB	CS	SLG	OBP
Felix Jose	.344	38	131	18	45	7	0	3	20	25	21	1	2	.466	.446

Great Lakes All-Star Catchers

Phil Avlas – JackHammers



Jeff Dunbar - Flyers



CATCHERS

(stats through 6/29)	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB	CS	SLG	OBP
Phil Avlas	.262	42	149	24	39	10	0	3	10	19	18	5	1	.389	.343
^ Jeff Dunbar	.340	34	106	15	36	9	1	3	21	7	26	0	0	.528	.383

^ denotes multi-position player (C/OF)

Great Lakes All-Star Outfielders

Victor Ferrante - Flyers



Steve Haake - RailCats



Mike Massaro - RailCats



OUTFIELDERS

(stats through 6/29)	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB	CS	SLG	OBP
Victor Ferrante	.322	39	143	22	46	10	3	6	27	18	44	3	1	.559	.405
^Steve Haake	.272	41	151	25	41	12	3	6	35	25	29	11	1	.510	.379
Mike Massaro	.320	39	147	27	47	9	3	1	19	22	18	7	3	.442	.408

^ denotes multi-position player (OF/1B)



Great Lakes All-Star Pitchers

Ed Almonte - Flyers



Eddy De la Cruz - RailCats



Ryan Gehring - JackHammers



Dustin Glant - Flyers



Cephas Howard - Flyers



Craig James - Flyers



Brad Mumma - JackHammers



Drew Shetrone - JackHammers



Andy Shipman - RailCats



Rory Shortell - JackHammers



PITCHERS

(stats through 6/29)

	<u>W-L</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>ERA</u>	<u>G</u>	<u>GS</u>	<u>IP</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>ER</u>	<u>BB</u>	<u>SO</u>	<u>AVG</u>
Ed Almonte	3-3	0	3.53	8	8	51.0	44	25	20	21	25	.235
Eddy De la Cruz	3-0	1	0.41	17	0	22.0	12	2	1	12	13	.164
Ryan Gehring	2-3	0	3.40	9	7	50.1	55	22	19	6	21	.276
Dustin Glant	4-2	0	3.64	9	9	59.1	51	28	24	19	29	.233
Cephas Howard	2-1	0	1.40	12	0	19.1	14	5	3	8	23	.206
Craig James	2-1	7	2.25	14	0	16.0	9	4	4	10	17	.170
Brad Mumma	4-2	0	3.07	7	7	44.0	45	17	15	14	32	.269
Drew Shetrone	2-0	2	2.88	22	0	25.0	22	9	8	17	29	.234
Andy Shipman (w/ Gary)	1-1	6	0.82	11	0	11.0	9	2	1	3	12	.237
Rory Shortell	2-2	0	3.63	10	9	57.0	57	27	23	12	32	.260

△ RailCats Edwin Walker had his contract purchased by the N.Y. Yankees on Sunday June 28th (see more below)
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Second All-Star Selection Signed By New York Yankees

Edwin Walker - RailCats



Gary SouthShore RailCats pitcher Edwin Walker had his Northern League contract purchased by the New York Yankees. He joins Fargo-Moorhead third baseman Yurendell DeCaster as players who will not represent their teams in the all-star game due to being acquired by the Yankees this week.



(stats through 6/29)

	<u>W-L</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>ERA</u>	<u>G</u>	<u>GS</u>	<u>IP</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>ER</u>	<u>BB</u>	<u>SO</u>	<u>AVG</u>
Edwin Walker	3-0	3	3.26	16	0	19.1	14	7	7	10	29	.194



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Northern League All-Star Game Great Lakes Roster

Field of All-Stars Game presented by Farmers Insurance
Tuesday, July 7th at 7:15 p.m.
Silver Cross Field in Joliet, IL



<u>PITCHERS</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>I</u>	<u>HT</u>	<u>WT</u>	<u>D.O.B.</u>	<u>TEAM</u>	<u>RESIDES</u>	<u>2009 STATUS</u>
ALMONTE, Ed	R	R	6-3	215	12/17/76	Schaumburg	New York, NY	VETERAN
De la CRUZ, Eddy	R	R	6-3	185	10/6/81	Gary SouthShore	Lansing, MI	LS-4
GEHRING, Ryan	S	L	6-4	205	5/17/82	Joliet	Burlington, WI	LS-2
GLANT, Dustin	R	R	6-2	205	7/20/81	Schaumburg	Ft. Wayne, IN	LS-5
HOWARD, Cephas	R	R	6-6	245	9/5/84	Schaumburg	Augusta, GA	ROOKIE
JAMES, Craig	R	R	6-1	215	3/10/83	Schaumburg	Miami, FL	LS-4
MUMMA, Brad	L	L	6-4	230	4/1/81	Joliet	La Porta, IN	LS-4
SHETRONE, Drew	R	R	6-2	195	9/18/84	Joliet	Apopka, FL	LS-1
SHIPMAN, Andy	R	R	6-3	185	12/10/81	Gary SouthShore	Kansas City, MO	LS-5
SHORTELL, Rory	R	R	6-3	205	6/3/81	Joliet	Portland, OR	LS-3

<u>CATCHERS</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>I</u>	<u>HT</u>	<u>WT</u>	<u>D.O.B.</u>	<u>TEAM</u>	<u>RESIDES</u>	<u>2009 STATUS</u>
AVLAS, Phil	R	R	5-11	200	12/17/82	Joliet	North Hills, CA	LS-4
DUNBAR, Jeff	R	R	6-4	230	6/8/85	Schaumburg	Chino Hills, CA	ROOKIE

<u>INFIELDERS</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>I</u>	<u>HT</u>	<u>WT</u>	<u>D.O.B.</u>	<u>TEAM</u>	<u>RESIDES</u>	<u>2009 STATUS</u>
HARRISON, Vince	R	R	5-11	200	11/29/79	Schaumburg	Cincinnati, OH	LS-4
McNAMEE, Eric	R	R	5-10	160	10/17/82	Gary SouthShore	Lebanon, TN	LS-3
PECCI, Jay	S	R	5-11	190	9/29/76	Gary SouthShore	Novato, CA	VETERAN
PINCKNEY, Andrew	L	R	6-1	205	4/7/82	Joliet	Atlanta, GA	LS-4
RIOS, Kevin	R	R	6-2	205	7/21/81	Joliet	Twentynine Palms, CA	LS-4
THON, Freddie	L	L	6-2	220	4/9/84	Joliet	Guaynabo, PR	LS-4
VALDEZ, Jose	L	R	6-1	150	9/6/83	Schaumburg	Perth Amboy, NJ	LS-4

<u>OUTFIELDERS</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>I</u>	<u>HT</u>	<u>WT</u>	<u>D.O.B.</u>	<u>TEAM</u>	<u>RESIDES</u>	<u>2009 STATUS</u>
FERRANTE, Victor	R	R	6-3	210	12/6/84	Schaumburg	Vallejo, CA	LS-2
HAAKE, Steve	L	R	6-1	180	9/24/80	Gary SouthShore	Bellville, IL	LS-5
JOSE, Felix	S	R	6-1	230	2/5/65	Schaumburg	Santo Domingo, DR	VETERAN
MASSARO, Mike	L	L	5-11	180	4/15/84	Gary SouthShore	Pueblo, CO	LS-3

MANAGER, Wally Backman, Joliet JackHammers
PITCHING COACH, Floyd Youmans, Joliet JackHammers
BENCH COACH, Bubber Birdsong, Joliet JackHammers

