

**At the Halfway Point, Goldeyes Continue Wire-to-Wire Lead**

After having their Opening Night rained out, the Winnipeg Goldeyes began the season winning five straight games and have not looked back in the standings since. At the halfway point of the 2009 Northern League season, the Goldeyes continue to pace the league winning nearly 70% of their games. Meanwhile, the teams chasing Winnipeg have continued to jockey back and forth for the other three playoff spots. The Fargo-Moorhead RedHawks, Schaumburg Flyers, and Kansas City T-Bones have all held the second spot in the standings over the last month. Tied for the fourth and final post-season spot, the Gary-Southshore RailCats and Flyers are both 8.5 games off the pace. While the Joliet JackHammers sit only five and half games out of the playoffs, the other four teams are separated by just two games in the standings.



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**Northern League Prepares for Mid-Season Classic – All-Star Rosters Announced**

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 7:15 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 an on-field autograph session. Both of the all-star 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). Tickets for the game are 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 Takes Over Per Game Attendance Lead of Indy Leagues**

Finishing a two-week span where the Northern League saw five of its six franchises gain in their per game attendance, the NL has moved past the Atlantic League for the lead. Averaging 4,153 fans per game, the Northern League bests the Atlantic's 3,947. The Winnipeg Goldeyes continue to lead all indy teams with a 5,955 per game average.

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

The Goldeyes moved closer to welcoming their four millionth fan all-time as they sit just over 15,000 fans shy of the record mark. At their current pace, the Goldeyes should surpass the figure during their first homestand following the All-Star Break. Celebrating their 16<sup>th</sup> season in the league, the Goldeyes will become the only team to reach the four-million fan milestone in league history.

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**Gary-SouthShore RailCats to Eclipse One Million Fans**

Only a little more than 6,000 fans short, the RailCats are set to welcome their one millionth fan in franchise history. The 'Cats will eclipse the one-million mark over the Fourth of July holiday weekend as they play host to the RedHawks and Goldeyes for a total of six games. The RailCats are set to recognize their one millionth fan when they pass through the gates of U.S. Steel Yard.

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**Northern League Alumni**

In the last two weeks, the Northern League has moved three players back to affiliated baseball. On June 19<sup>th</sup>, Goldeyes pitcher Daniel Haigwood was sold to the Oakland A's and was assigned to their Double-A affiliate in Midland (Texas League). On June 28<sup>th</sup>, the New York Yankees purchased the contract of RailCats pitcher Edwin Walker. Walker has been assigned to the Yankees Single-A team in Charleston (South Atlantic League). Lastly, on June 29<sup>th</sup> the Yankees purchased the RedHawks third baseman Yurendell DeCaster. He has been assigned to the their Triple-A affiliate in Scranton/Wilkes-Barre (International League).

**Alumni Notes:** Travis Schlichting (Kansas City T-Bones) has been reassigned to the L.A. Dodgers Class AAA team in Albuquerque (Pacific Coast League)... The Philadelphia Phillies have re-acquired Brian Mazone (Joliet JackHammers) from the L.A. Dodgers. He is expected to join their Class AAA team in Lehigh Valley (International League)... Alberto Castillo (Schaumburg Flyers) was re-assigned to Class AAA Norfolk (International League) by the Baltimore Orioles.

**CONTRACTS SOLD**



6/19 – Goldeyes to A's  
LHP Daniel Haigwood



6/28 – RailCats to Yankees  
LHP Edwin Walker

6/29 – RedHawks to Yankees  
3B - Yurendell DeCaster

(all stats through June 30<sup>th</sup>)

**Standings**

	W	L	GB	Pct.
Winnipeg	27	12	---	.692
Fargo-Moorhead	20	18	6.5	.526
Kansas City	20	20	7.5	.500
Gary	20	22	8.5	.476
Schaumburg	19	21	8.5	.475
Joliet	15	28	14.0	.349

**Home Record**

	W	L	Pct.
Winnipeg	15	6	.714
Gary	13	7	.650
Fargo-Moorhead	11	10	.524
Kansas City	11	11	.500
Schaumburg	8	11	.421
Joliet	5	13	.278

**Road Record**

	W	L	Pct.
Winnipeg	12	6	.667
Fargo-Moorhead	9	8	.529
Schaumburg	11	10	.524
Kansas City	9	9	.500
Joliet	10	15	.400
Gary	7	15	.318

**Attendance**

	Total	Openings	Avg.
Winnipeg	113,139	19	5,955
Kansas City	92,592	20	4,630
Schaumburg	82,617	19	4,348
Fargo-Moorhead	73,692	21	3,509
Gary	64,843	19	3,413
Joliet	46,531	16	2,908
<b>Total</b>	<b>473,414</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>4,153</b>

**Team Batting**

	AVG	R	HR	SB
Fargo-Moorhead	.296	253	55	55
Winnipeg	.289	230	40	43
Kansas City	.265	221	54	22
Joliet	.261	162	27	33
Schaumburg	.259	184	27	43
Gary	.252	178	15	49

**Team Pitching**

	ERA	ER	BB	SO
Winnipeg	3.82	143	97	239
Joliet	4.19	174	158	266
Fargo-Moorhead	4.22	161	162	245
Gary	4.82	194	132	276
Kansas City	4.91	188	143	288
Schaumburg	5.01	199	148	266

**Team Fielding**

	%	G	E	TC
Kansas City	.980	40	29	1,473
Fargo-Moorhead	.974	38	39	1,517
Winnipeg	.972	39	41	1,441
Schaumburg	.970	40	47	1,592
Gary	.970	42	46	1,524
Joliet	.968	43	53	1,640

**Power Rankings**

	Rank	Pts	Prev.
Winnipeg	1t	26	1 (26)
Fargo-Moorhead	1t	26	2 (19.5)
Kansas City	3	20	4 (16.5)
Gary	4t	12	3 (19)
Joliet	4t	12	6 (9)
Schaumburg	6	9	5 (15)

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





RedHawks All-Stars	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB	CS	SLG	OBP
Mike Coles	.311	32	132	20	41	6	2	2	16	18	16	9	4	.432	.405
Δ Yurendell DeCaster	.344	37	157	36	54	14	0	13	43	14	23	9	1	.682	.401
Nic Jackson	.312	38	154	38	48	12	0	9	30	21	25	11	2	.565	.394
Zach Penprase	.275	38	160	35	44	8	0	3	19	17	40	11	7	.381	.348
Jeremiah Piepkorn	.361	37	147	31	53	6	0	8	26	9	22	4	4	.565	.399
Randall Simon	.312	38	157	25	49	6	0	6	27	10	13	2	1	.465	.355

Δ NL contract purchased by NY Yankees and will not attend All-Star Game

	W-L	S	ERA	G	GS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	AVG
Garry Bakker	3-2	0	3.78	8	8	50.0	42	32	21	21	43	.221
Broc Coffman	6-2	0	4.37	9	9	47.1	49	25	23	19	24	.264
Nick Fellman	2-3	0	3.77	10	6	45.1	40	23	19	15	25	.230

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RailCats All-Stars	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB	CS	SLG	OBP
Steve Haake	.268	42	153	25	41	12	3	6	35	25	29	11	1	.503	.374
Mike Massaro	.318	40	151	27	48	10	3	1	19	22	19	7	3	.444	.404
Eric McNamee	.252	40	131	20	33	5	0	0	13	28	24	5	1	.290	.387
Jay Pecci	.260	33	127	16	33	7	0	0	15	10	11	2	1	.315	.331

	W-L	S	ERA	G	GS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	AVG
Eddie De la Cruz	3-0	1	0.41	17	0	22.0	12	2	1	12	13	.164
Andy Shipman (w/ G-S)	1-1	6	0.82	11	0	11.0	9	2	1	3	12	.236
Δ Edwin Walker	3-0	3	3.26	16	0	19.1	14	7	7	10	29	.194

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Hammers All-Stars	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB	CS	SLG	OBP
Phil Avlas	.255	43	153	24	39	10	0	3	10	19	20	5	1	.379	.335
Andrew Pinckney	.307	43	150	25	46	12	1	9	26	14	39	1	3	.580	.367
Kevin Rios	.301	42	166	21	50	7	2	3	14	5	19	2	3	.422	.341
Freddie Thon	.267	43	172	20	46	9	0	5	26	10	16	0	1	.407	.306

	W-L	S	ERA	G	GS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	AVG
Ryan Gehring	2-3	0	3.40	9	7	50.1	55	22	19	6	21	.276
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
Rory Shortell	2-2	0	3.63	10	9	57.0	57	27	23	12	32	.260

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T-Bones All-Stars	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB	CS	SLG	OBP
Ryan Fox	.261	39	134	25	35	8	0	10	23	16	48	3	2	.545	.351
Craig Hurba	.266	37	128	21	34	6	0	10	31	12	35	0	0	.547	.329
Damian Rolls	.308	37	146	35	45	12	0	7	23	16	18	5	0	.534	.400

	W-L	S	ERA	G	GS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	AVG
Ryan Knippschild	2-1	0	3.07	7	7	44.0	41	17	15	16	34	.250
Luis Villarreal	2-2	0	2.47	8	8	51.0	48	18	14	16	49	.248

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Flyers All-Stars	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB	CS	SLG	OBP
Jeff Dunbar	.330	35	109	15	36	9	1	3	21	7	27	0	0	.514	.373
Victor Ferrante	.320	40	147	23	47	10	3	7	28	18	45	3	1	.571	.401
Vince Harrison	.305	39	141	22	43	10	1	3	18	23	22	5	1	.454	.404
Felix Jose	.341	39	132	18	45	7	0	3	20	25	21	1	2	.462	.443
Jose Valdez	.294	38	153	25	45	12	2	1	10	17	26	4	1	.418	.366

	W-L	S	ERA	G	GS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	AVG
Ed Almonte	3-4	0	4.99	9	9	52.1	53	35	29	22	26	.265
Dustin Glant	4-2	0	3.64	9	9	59.1	51	28	24	19	29	.233
Cephas Howard	2-1	0	1.27	13	0	21.1	15	5	3	8	26	.200
Craig James	2-1	7	2.25	14	0	16.0	9	4	4	10	17	.169

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Goldeyes All-Stars	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB	CS	SLG	OBP
Josh Asanovich	.303	35	122	21	37	11	3	2	13	16	22	2	2	.492	.393
Dee Brown	.382	37	144	22	55	10	0	7	35	6	24	1	0	.597	.412
Juan Diaz	.311	38	132	25	41	6	0	5	24	16	32	1	0	.470	.387
Wes Long	.331	39	160	29	53	14	0	3	22	13	25	14	1	.475	.375
Dustin Richardson	.282	33	110	18	31	13	0	1	12	12	24	3	1	.427	.352

	W-L	S	ERA	G	GS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	AVG
Bear Bay	4-1	0	3.52	9	9	53.2	59	31	21	7	38	.276
Matt Davis	3-2	11	3.47	18	0	23.1	21	9	9	6	14	.225
Aaron Odom	3-1	1	2.89	15	0	18.2	11	7	6	10	18	.164
Ace Walker	5-1	0	1.53	8	8	53.0	44	14	9	9	33	.225

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League Leaders – (through June 30<sup>th</sup>)



**AVG**  
Dee  
BROWN  
**.382**

2	Jeremiah Piepkorn	F-M	.361
3	Yurendell DeCaster	F-M	.344
4	Felix Jose	SCH	.341
5	Wes Long	WIN	.331

**HR**

Yurendell  
DeCASTER  
**13**



2t	Craig Hurba	KC	10
2t	Ryan Fox	KC	10
4t	Nic Jackson	F-M	9
4t	Andrew Pinckney	JOL	9

**RBI**

Yurendell  
DeCASTER  
**43**



2t	Dee Brown	WIN	35
2t	Steve Haake	GAR	35
4	Craig Hurba	KC	31
5t	several players tied at		30

**WINS**

Broc  
COFFMAN  
**6**



2t	Ace Walker	WIN	5
2t	Tom Thornton	GAR	5
4t	several players tied at		4

**ERA**  
Ace  
WALKER  
**1.53**



2	Luis Villarreal	KC	2.47
3t	Ryan Knippschild	KC	3.07
3t	Brad Mumma	JOL	3.07
5	Ryan Gehring	JOL	3.40

**STRIKEOUTS**

Luis  
VILLARREAL  
**49**



2	Onan Masaoka	GAR	46
3	Justin James	KC	44
4	Garry Bakker	F-M	43
5	Tony Cogan	GAR	39