



# GAME NOTES

## Sunday, May 9, 2021

### 2019 PCL Pacific Southern Division Champions



#### Game 4 – Home Game 4

**Sacramento River Cats (2-1) (AAA-S.F. Giants)**  
**vs.**  
**Las Vegas Aviators (1-2) (AAA-Oakland Athletics)**

#### Aviators At A Glance . . .

Overall Record:	1-2	(.333)
Home:	1-2	(.333)
Road:	0-0	(.000)
Day Games:	0-0	(.000)
Night Games:	1-2	(.333)

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#### The Series (River Cats lead 2-1)

##### PROBABLE STARTING PITCHERS

**SACRAMENTO**  
 Sun. (12:05) – RHP Shun Yamaguchi  
 Mon. (7:05) – LHP Phil Pfeifer  
 Tues. (7:05) – TBA

**LAS VEGAS**  
 RHP Paul Blackburn  
 RHP Brian Howard  
 RHP James Kaprielian (0-1, 3.86)

Wednesday, May 12 OFF DAY

**Aviators vs. River Cats (Mother's Day):** The Las Vegas Aviators professional baseball team, Triple-A affiliate of the Oakland Athletics, will host the Sacramento River Cats, Triple-A affiliate of the San Francisco Giants, this afternoon in game four of the season-opening six-game series in Triple-A West action at Las Vegas Ballpark (8,834)...Las Vegas is 1-2 on the six-game homestand...the series against the River Cats will conclude on Tuesday, May 11...following an off day on Wednesday, May 12, Las Vegas will embark on its first road trip of the season to Northern Nevada to face intrastate rival, the Reno Aces, in a six-game series from May 13-18.

**Las Vegas rallies to defeat Sacramento 11-10 in 10 innings:** The Aviators defeated the River Cats 11-10 in 10 innings last night in game three of the six-game homestand before a crowd of 5,063 at Las Vegas Ballpark.

**Las Vegas offense:** The Aviators recorded 12 hits and rallied for four runs in the ninth inning to tie the game at 10-10. Center fielder **Buddy Reed** (1-for-5, walk) delivered a walk-off RBI single to right field with one out. Right fielder **Greg Deichmann** (3-for-4) tied the game at 10-10 with a two-out single up the middle. Designated hitter **Frank Schwindel** was 2-for-4, walk, solo homer, three runs scored.

**Sacramento offense:** The River Cats recorded 13 hits and led 6-5 after four innings. They scored four runs in the sixth inning on a grand slam by second baseman **Mitchell Tolman** (2-for-5). Center fielder **Bryce Johnson** was 2-for-3, three walks, two-run homer in the sixth inning.

**Las Vegas pitching:** Right-hander **Grant Holmes** pitched 3.0 innings in the no decision. He allowed 7 hits, 5 runs, walked 4 and struck out 5 on 86 pitches (52 strikes).

**Aviators Bullpen:** Right-hander **Tanner Anderson** pitched 2.0 innings and allowed 2 hits and 1 run. Right-hander **Brian Schlitter** pitched 1.0 inning and allowed 3 hits and 4 runs. Right-handers **Cam Bedrosian** (1.0 IP/0 R), **Matt Blackham** (2.0 IP/0); **Ben Bracewell** pitched the final four innings.

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Las Vegas	301	100	104 1
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#### Sacramento River Cats

##### All-Time Record vs. River Cats

143-179	(.444)
73-89	(.451)
70-90	(.438)

##### 2021 Season Series (W 1, L 2)

Date	Score
May 6	L, 8-1
May 7	L, 6-4
May 8	W, 11-10 (10)
May 9	
May 10	
May 11	
May 27@	
May 28@	
May 29@	
May 30@	
May 31@	
June 1@	
July 1	
July 2	
July 3-6	

September 16-21 at Sacramento

**Sacramento:** In 2019, the River Cats compiled a record of 73-67 (.521) and finished in first place in the Pacific Northern Division. River Cats won the PCL & Triple-A championships.

## LAS VEGAS ALL-TIME HOME & SEASON OPENERS

### HOME OPENERS - \*Denotes both season & home openers

1983*	W	11-8	Salt Lake
1984*	W	15-8	Edmonton
1985*	W	4-3	Edmonton
1986*	L	9-4	Portland
1987*	L	9-7	Calgary
1988*	W	10-9	Tacoma
1989*	W	11-5	Portland
1990*	L	4-3	Vancouver
1991*	L	12-8	Edmonton
1992	L	5-4	Tucson
1993*	L	5-3	Edmonton
1994*	L	5-4	Tacoma
1995	W	11-6	C. Springs
1996	L	9-7	Tacoma
1997*	L	4-2	Edmonton
1998*	L	9-4	Edmonton
1999*	W	3-2 (11)	Omaha
2000	L	4-1	New Orleans
2001*	W	5-4	Tacoma
2002*	W	17-6	Calgary
2003*	W	8-4	Salt Lake
2004*	W	7-2	Portland
2005	W	6-4	C. Springs
2006*	W	7-2	Fresno
2007	W	5-1	Salt Lake
2008*	L	6-3	Salt Lake
2009	W	3-2	C. Springs
2010*	W	2-0	Salt Lake
2011	L	11-7	Fresno
2012*	L	11-6	Sacramento
2013	L	6-1	C. Springs
2014*	W	9-2	Fresno
2015	L	11-10	Fresno
2016*	W	6-4	Fresno
2017	W	21-6	Fresno
2018*	L	4-2	El Paso
2019	W	10-2	Sacramento
2020	MiLB season canceled due to COVID-19 pandemic		
2021*	L	8-1	Sacramento

### SEASON OPENERS ON ROAD (W 3, L, 9)

1992	L	5-2	@Albuquerque
1995	L	4-3	@Phoenix
1996	L	5-1	@Vancouver
2000	L	7-3	@Calgary
2005	W	8-3	@C. Springs
2007	L	4-3	@Salt Lake
2009	L	9-6	@C. Springs
2011	L	11-1	@Fresno
2013	W	10-5	@Sacramento
2015	L	2-1	@Fresno
2017	L	8-1	@El Paso
2019	W	9-8	@El Paso

**Season Openers:** 17-21 (.447); **Home Openers:** 20-18 (.526); 1-1 at Las Vegas Ballpark

## **Game Recaps:**

**Sacramento defeats Las Vegas 8-1 in season opener (Thursday, May 6):** The River Cats defeated the Aviators 8-1 in the 2021 season opener and six-game homestand before a crowd of 5,002 at Las Vegas Ballpark.

**Las Vegas offense:** The Aviators recorded four hits and scored their lone run in the sixth inning on an RBI single by center fielder **Skye Bolt** (1-for-3, walk). Shortstop **Pete Kozma** was 1-for-3, two walks and left fielder **Luis Barrera** was 1-for-4, walk.

**Sacramento offense:** The River Cats recorded 16 hits and scored two runs in the fifth and seventh innings and three runs in the eighth on a three-run homer by shortstop **Thairo Estrada** (4-for-5, 4 RBI). Second baseman **Jason Krizan** was 3-for-5, with two doubles and third baseman **Mitchell Tolman** was 2-for-4, triple, two runs scored.

**Las Vegas pitching:** Right-hander **James Kaprielian** suffered the loss. He pitched 4.2 innings and allowed 8 hits, 2 runs, walked 1 and struck out 5 on 76 pitches (47 strikes).

**Aviators Bullpen:** Right-hander **Matt Blackham** pitched 0.1 and allowed 1 hit, 1 run and walked 2. Right-hander **Burch Smith** pitched 1.1 innings and allowed 2 hits, 1 run and struck out 2. Right-hander **James Naile** pitched 1.2 innings and allowed 5 hits, 4 runs and struck out 3. Right-hander **Matt Milburn** pitched 1 scoreless inning.

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A: 5,002

**Sacramento defeats Las Vegas 6-4 for second straight victory (Friday, May 7):** The River Cats defeated the Aviators 6-4 in game two of the season-opening six-game homestand before a **FIREWORKS** night crowd of 4,891 at Las Vegas Ballpark.

**Las Vegas offense:** The Aviators recorded 10 hits and scored solo runs in each of the first three innings and led 3-2. Center fielder **Luis Barrera** was 3-for-5, stolen base, 2 RBI, run scored. Third baseman **Jacob Wilson** was 2-for-4, walk, solo homer in the third inning and first baseman **Frank Schwindel** was 2-for-5.

**Sacramento offense:** The River Cats recorded 7 hits and rallied for four runs in the fourth inning highlighted by a grand slam by shortstop **Thairo Estrada** (2-for-4, walk, double). Center fielder **Bryce Johnson** was 2-for-4, double, two-run homer in the second inning.

**Las Vegas pitching:** Right-hander **Parker Dunshee** suffered the loss. He pitched 4.0 innings and allowed 3 hits, 6 runs, walked 6 and struck out 5 on 80 pitches (44 strikes).

**Aviators Bullpen:** Right-hander **Domingo Acevedo** pitched 1.0 scoreless inning and struck out 1. Right-hander **Argenis Angulo** pitched 1.2 scoreless innings and struck out 3. Right-hander **Brian Schlitter** pitched 1.1 scoreless innings and struck out 3 and right-hander **Ben Bracewell** pitched a scoreless ninth inning (1 SO).

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A: 4,891

**AVIATORS INFLIGHT NEWS –** Las Vegas is 1-2 on the season-opening six game homestand...the series against the River Cats, Triple-A affiliate of the San Francisco Giants, will conclude on Tuesday, May 11...Las Vegas and Sacramento will play each other a total of 24 times during the season...the River Cats captured both the 2019 Pacific Coast League and Triple-A championships...the River Cats defeated Las Vegas 3-games-to-2 in the '19 PCL playoffs...following an off day on Tuesday, May 12, the Aviators will travel to Northern Nevada and face intrastate rival, the Reno Aces, Triple-A affiliate of the Arizona Diamondbacks, in a six-game series at Greater Nevada Field from Thursday-Tuesday, May 13-18...the 2021 season will feature six-game series against opponents from Thursday-Tuesday and off days on Wednesday...the 2021 season will also feature 120 games (60-home; 60-away).

**38 SEASONS IN THE SILVER STATE** – The Aviators are playing in their 39<sup>th</sup> Triple-A professional baseball season in the Silver State (formerly the Pacific Coast League, 1903-2020) and currently as a member of Triple-A West...the Las Vegas Aviators have the proud distinction of being the longest enduring franchise in the history of professional sports in the state of Nevada...Las Vegas Triple-A baseball was born on April 10, 1983 before a sellout crowd of 10,622 at Cashman Field (Las Vegas defeated Salt Lake City, 11-8).

**TRIPLE-A WEST:** Formerly the Pacific Coast League (118 years, 1903-2020)...Triple-A West will consist of two divisions for a total of 10 teams. **Western Division:** Las Vegas Aviators, Reno Aces, Sacramento River Cats, Salt Lake Bees, Tacoma Rainiers; **Eastern Division:** Albuquerque Isotopes, El Paso Chihuahuas, Oklahoma City Dodgers, Round Rock Express, Sugar Land Skeeters.

**TRIPLE-A EAST:** It will consist of three divisions for a total of 20 teams. **Midwest Division:** Columbus Clippers, Indianapolis Indians, Iowa Cubs, Louisville Bats, Omaha Storm Chasers, St. Paul Saints, Toledo Mud Hens. **Northeast Division:** Buffalo Bisons, Lehigh Valley IronPigs, Rochester Red Wings, Scranton/Wilkes-Barre RailRiders, Syracuse Mets, Worcester Red Sox. **Southeast Division:** Charlotte Knights, Durham Bulls, Gwinnett Stripers, Jacksonville Jumbo Shrimp, Memphis Redbirds, Nashville Sounds, Norfolk Tides.

**2020 SEASON – JUNE 30:** Major League Baseball™ (MLB™) informed Minor League Baseball™ (MiLB™) that it will not be providing its affiliated Minor League teams with players for the 2020 season due to the COVID-19 pandemic...as a result, the Minor League Baseball season was canceled for the first time in its history...Minor League Baseball, which began as the National Association of Professional Baseball Leagues, was founded on Sept. 5, 1901...the 2021 season will mark the 39<sup>th</sup> “calendar season” of Las Vegas Triple-A professional baseball in the Silver State.

**2019 SEASON** – The Aviators compiled the second-best record in the 16-team Pacific Coast League at 83-57 (.593)...Round Rock Express had the best record in the PCL at 84-56 (.600)...Las Vegas tied a franchise record for most road wins in a season with 44 (2002 team was 44-28, .611)...Las Vegas clinched its first PCL Playoff berth since the 2014 season (Triple-A affiliate of the New York Mets)...Las Vegas lost to Sacramento, 3-games-to-2, in the League Championship Series...the River Cats captured the PCL and the Triple-A championships...Las Vegas recorded 250 home runs, breaking the previous mark of 184 (2001, 2004).

**LAS VEGAS 80-WIN SEASONS** – The Las Vegas franchise has won 80 or more games in a season six times: **85** (2002, franchise best 85-59 record (.590); **83** (1983 inaugural season, 83-60 (.580); **83** (83-57, .593 in 2019); **81** (81-63, .563 in 2013); **81** (81-63, .563 in 2014); **80** (1986 PCL champions with an 80-62 mark (.563)...Las Vegas recorded back-to-back 80-win seasons for the first time in franchise history (2013 & 2014)...the 83-57 record in 2019 marked a single-season franchise record for winning percentage at .593 (140-game season).

**LAS VEGAS BALLPARK HISTORY:** The Howard Hughes Corporation® (NYSE: HHC) announced on October 10, 2017 its plans to develop and construct a baseball stadium in Downtown Summerlin® on approximately eight acres just south of City National Arena, the National Hockey League practice facility for the Vegas Golden Knights. The announcement on October 10, followed a vote by the Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority Board of Directors approving a marketing partnership that gives **LVCVA** naming rights to the stadium. The Las Vegas Ballpark was designed by HOK, a global architecture firm with an expertise in stadium design and constructed by **HUNT/PENTA**.

The groundbreaking ceremony took place on Friday, February 23, 2018 before a crowd of several hundred people! The 8,834-fan-capacity stadium blends the distinct architectural style of the Summerlin® community with the aviation legacy of Howard Hughes. The ballpark will provide a wide range of seating options including 22 suites, club seats, berm seating, party zones and decks, picnic tables, kids' zone, bars and even a pool beyond the outfield wall.

Designed to create a festival-like atmosphere in Downtown Summerlin, the site will be landscaped to complement the master planned community. Parking is conveniently located on adjacent sites.

The grand opening took place on Tuesday, April 9, 2019 before a sellout crowd of 11,036 and the Aviators defeated Sacramento, 10-2.

**LAS VEGAS AVIATORS LOGO AND INFORMATION:** The Howard Hughes Corporation®, owner of the city's professional Triple-A baseball team of Triple-A West (formerly the Pacific Coast League, PCL), and developer of the Summerlin® master planned community and the Las Vegas Ballpark® located at Downtown Summerlin®, announced on December 8, 2018 the team's new name - the **Las Vegas Aviators®**.

The name change completed a rebrand that included the team's new two-year Player Development Contract (PDC) with the Oakland Athletics (2018) and the opening of the Las Vegas Ballpark, the state-of-the-art Triple-A baseball stadium, that now serves as the home of the Aviators.

The name change (from 51s) pays homage to the company's namesake, **Howard R. Hughes, Jr.**, one of the twentieth century's most successful businessmen whose passion for aviation and legacy of innovation includes significant aviation-related firsts and accomplishments. In the H-1 Racer, a plane he designed and built, Hughes set the land speed record of 352 miles per hour in 1935. Hughes went on to set other records, including the fastest coast-to-coast flight in 1937 and the fastest circumnavigation of the globe in 1938, then acquiring and successfully operating major airlines and aviation companies.

#### **AVIATORS LOGO DESIGN AND CONCEPT:**

The color inspiration: the Las Vegas Sunset; the mountain range featured in the Aviators' sunglasses resemble the mountain range found in the Summerlin logo!

**Team colors are navy, orange, tangerine, gold, yellow, gray.**

#### **SOUTHERN NEVADA AVIATION HISTORY:**

**Nevada's High-Flying Aviators (from UNLV News)** - Nevada has a rich history in Aviation; with 500 miles between the state's two largest cities (Reno and Las Vegas), aviation was ideal for Nevada.

**Aviation History in Las Vegas (from McCarran Airport)** - Aviation grew exponentially throughout the 1900s, bringing more and more travelers to our city.

#### **NELLIS AIR FORCE BASE:**

Nellis Air Force Base (in Las Vegas) is "Home of the Fighter Pilot" and home to the United States Air Force Warfare Center - the largest and most demanding advanced air combat training mission in the world. Nellis AFB provides training for composite strike forces which include **EVERY type of aircraft in the Air Force inventory**. Crews do not come to learn how to fly, but instead how to be the **best combat aviators in the world!**

**YurView**, featuring the best of local and regional television content, will return for a second season and broadcast ten live Las Vegas Aviators baseball games on Cox Channel 14 and 1014 in high-definition from Las Vegas Ballpark. YurView broadcast 10 games during the 2019 inaugural season at Las Vegas Ballpark.

Each of the games in the ten-game broadcast schedule will begin at 7:05 p.m.

The following is the 2021 **YurView** broadcast schedule:

**Thursday, May 6** vs. Sacramento River Cats, Triple-A affiliate of the San Francisco Giants (River Cats W, 8-1)

**Thursday, May 20** vs. Salt Lake Bees, Triple-A affiliate of the Los Angeles Angels

**Saturday, June 12** vs. Reno Aces, Triple-A affiliate of the Arizona Diamondbacks

**Saturday, June 19** vs. Tacoma Rainiers, Triple-A affiliate of the Seattle Mariners

**Saturday, July 3** vs. Sacramento River Cats, Triple-A affiliate of the San Francisco Giants

**Thursday, July 15** vs. El Paso Chihuahuas, Triple-A affiliate of the San Diego Padres

**Saturday, August 7** vs. Salt Lake Bees, Triple-A affiliate of the Los Angeles Angels

**Sunday, August 22** vs. Albuquerque Isotopes, Triple-A affiliate of the Colorado Rockies

**Thursday, September 9** vs. Reno Aces, Triple-A affiliate of the Arizona Diamondbacks

**Sunday, September 12** vs. Reno Aces, Triple-A affiliate of the Arizona Diamondbacks

#### **Aviators Announce Ticket Information to Begin 2021 Season at Las Vegas Ballpark:**

**Individual Game Tickets** went on sale, Monday, May 3 through Ticketmaster ([www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com))...the individual game tickets will have an extremely limited availability for the 12 May home games (May 6-11 vs. Sacramento & May 20-25 vs. Salt Lake).

**Hospitality group areas**, including suites, party decks and the pool area in right-center field are available by calling the Aviators administrative offices at **(702) 943-7200**.

The Aviators will begin the 2021 season with reduced capacity at Las Vegas Ballpark in accordance with State and local COVID-19 guidelines...during the season, as capacity increases, ticket policies and procedures will change, and updates will be sent out at that time.

The week of April 26<sup>th</sup>, Aviators season ticket holders were offered a presale to select seats for the reduced capacity games in May....full season, half season and quarter season plans will be able to use their account credit as a ticket bank...these purchases will not require any additional payments...Aviators season ticket holders will log in to their Aviators

Account Manager at [www.aviatorslv.com/myaccount](http://www.aviatorslv.com/myaccount) to select their seats and games...each account will be allowed to purchase up to four tickets for each game based on availability.

VIP members, including Club seats, Home Plate Diamond, Sponsorship and Club Access accounts will be placed into a similar location to their season tickets...games will be added to your Aviators Account Manager and rotated to ensure each account holder has a chance to attend in a similar location...additional purchase options may be available for VIP members based on availability.

**Aviators on Radio in 2021: Russ Langer** will broadcast all 120 games on **Raider Nation Radio 920 AM** and on [www.aviatorslv.com](http://www.aviatorslv.com). Langer is in his 21<sup>st</sup> season behind the mike...he is a 10-time recipient of the Nevada Sportscaster of the Year award (2003, 2005, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2015) presented by the National Sportscasters and Sportswriters Association...also worked a total of 30 Montreal Expos games during the 2003 and 2004 seasons...in 2006, Langer was hired for additional major league duty by the Baltimore Orioles and broadcast 10 games on a fill-in basis during the course of the season...has also broadcast selected Los Angeles Dodgers Spring Training games in March of 2006 and in Arizona in March of 2008 and with the Toronto Blue Jays in 2009 and 2010 and Chicago White Sox in 2012-20...also broadcast the action for the 2016 Triple-A All-Star Game Radio Network from Charlotte, North Carolina...in 2020, Langer also completed his ninth season as the radio "play-by-play voice" for the UNLV Football team.

#### **ROBERT J. BLUM BROADCAST BOOTH AT LAS VEGAS BALLPARK:**

The "Aviators Home Radio Booth" was renamed the "**Robert J. Blum Broadcast Booth**" prior to the 2013 season at Cashman Field (and currently at Las Vegas Ballpark) to honor the then-51s Special Assistant to the General Manager... "The Blummer" passed away on July 22, 2012 at the age of 91...also served as the play-by-play voice for Stars/51<sup>s</sup> baseball in selected seasons from 1985-2005 & 2008-10...his company, Robert J. Blum Productions, also produced Las Vegas Triple-A professional baseball games broadcast on radio and television for several seasons.

**Aviators Manager Fran Riordan: \*\*\*2019 PCL Manager of the Year\*\*\***...was named the 25<sup>th</sup> manager (November 8, 2018) in the history of the Las Vegas franchise (1983 - present, 37 seasons). **Career Summary:** He has recorded 20 seasons overall in professional baseball and has been a member of the Oakland Athletics organization for the past six seasons (2015-20).

Riordan has compiled an overall managerial record over 21 seasons (**current**) of 1,025-984 (.510).

**2020:** Riordan was involved with the Athletics 60-man player pool alternate site located in San Jose, Calif.

**2019:** He was named PCL Manager of the Year and led Triple-A Las Vegas to the second-best record in the 16-team PCL (83-57, .593) and the Aviators captured the Pacific Southern Division Championship. Las Vegas returned to the playoffs for the first time since 2014 and lost to Sacramento, 3-games-to-2, in the conference championship series. The 83-57 record marked a single-season franchise record for winning percentage at .593 (140-game season).

**2018:** He made his Triple-A debut as manager with the Nashville Sounds of the Pacific Coast League and compiled an overall record of 72-68 (.514) and finished in second place in the American Southern Division to the PCL and Triple-A National Champion, the Memphis Redbirds...Nashville compiled a PCL-best 15-game winning streak from July 29 – August 14.

**2017:** He compiled a record of 67-71 (.486) with Double-A Midland and his squad captured the Texas League Championship...the prior two seasons, he was the skipper of Single-A Beloit of the Midwest League (2015-16)...before joining the Oakland organization, Riordan spent four seasons as manager of the Florence Freedom of the Frontier League (2011-14)...led the team to two playoff berths and is the all-time Frontier League leader in wins with 625...was a 2014 Frontier League Hall of Fame inductee. Prior to his time with Florence, he managed the Northern League's Lake County Fielders (2010) and Kalamazoo Kings for six seasons (2004-09), leading the Kings to the 2005 Frontier League title...was named the 2008 Frontier League Manager of the Year...also served as player-manager in the Frontier League from 2000-02, leading the Richmond Roosters to back-to-back-league championships in 2001 and 2002.

**Professional Playing Career:** The first baseman/outfielder played seven seasons of professional baseball in the Frontier League with Richmond (1997-98, 2001-02), Dubois County (1999-2000) and North Shore (2003)...appeared in 501 career games and batted .281 (525-for-1,869) with 95 doubles, 11 triples, 55 home runs and 349 RBI...was a three-time All-Star (first base) from 2000-02 and hit a career-high .314 with Dubois County (2000) and Richmond (2002)...established career-highs in home runs (14, 2001) and RBI (81, 2002).

## **Aviators Coaching Staff:**

**Tommy Everidge** joins the Triple-A Las Vegas staff as hitting coach after serving the previous three seasons as hitting coach with Double-A Midland of the Texas League (2018-20)...also, begins his eighth season overall in the Oakland Athletics organization.

**Minor League Coaching Career:** He has spent seven seasons in the Athletics organization...began his career as hitting coach with Short-Season Single-A Vermont of the New York-Penn League and served for two seasons (2014-15); hitting coach for two seasons with Single-A Stockton of the California League (2016-17) and hitting coach for three seasons with Double-A Midland of the Texas League (2018-20).

**Professional Playing Career:** He was selected by Oakland in the 10th round of June 2004 First-Year Player Draft...enjoyed a nine-year playing career (2004-12), including more than six years in the A's system...made his Major League debut with the A's in 2009 and appeared in 24 career Major League games and batted .224 (19-for-85) with six doubles, two home runs and 7 RBI...in 2008, he led the Texas League and the A's organization with 115 RBI (34 doubles, 22 home runs), including a three-home run, 10-RBI game vs. Tulsa on May 26...in 2011, he was named the Atlantic League Player of the Year while playing for Lancaster, setting a league record with 69 extra-base hits (.319, 41 doubles, 28 home runs, 94 RBI).

**Rick Rodriguez** has enjoyed a long-time professional career and will enter his 37th year in the Oakland Athletics organization, including seven seasons as a player and 28 as a minor league coach...in 2021, he will also enter his sixth straight season as pitching coach for the A's Triple-A affiliate (Nashville, 2016-18; Las Vegas, 2019-20)...served as the A's bullpen coach from 2011-12

**Minor League Coaching Career:** He returns for his sixth season (2016 - present) of his fourth stint as pitching coach of the A's top affiliate after previously serving in that capacity from 2000-02, 2004-10 and 2013-14 (Triple-A Sacramento's pitching coach in 12 of the previous 21 seasons, 2000-20)...was a member of two Pacific Coast League championship teams in 2004 and 2007...also served as pitching coach for Single-A Stockton of the California League in 2015, as the A's bullpen coach from 2011-12 and as the manager of Single-A Modesto in 2003...prior to becoming pitching coach for Sacramento in 2000, he coached for rookie-level Arizona League A's (1992), Short-Season Southern Oregon (1993-94) and Single-A Modesto (1995-99).

**Major League Playing Career:** He was selected by Oakland in the second round of the June 1981 First-Year Player Draft...played four seasons in the Major Leagues with Oakland (1986-87), Cleveland (1988) and San Francisco (1990)...the right-hander appeared in 31 career games (started eight) and posted a 3-4 record with a 5.73 ERA...struck out 22 batters in 77.0 innings pitched...his playing career concluded in 1991 when he made three appearances for Triple-A Phoenix in the Giants organization.

**Brian McArn** joins the Triple-A Las Vegas staff as assistant hitting coach...he begins his 24th season overall in the Oakland Athletics organization...he spent the previous three seasons as hitting coach (2018-2020) for Single-A Stockton of the California League.

**Minor League Coaching Career:** He had three stints as hitting coach for Single-A Stockton of the California League for a total of seven seasons (2011-12, 2014-15, 2018-20), Double-A Midland of the Texas League hitting coach for four seasons (2004, 2013, 2016-17), Triple-A Sacramento of the Pacific Coast League for six seasons (2005-10), Single-A Modesto of the California League hitting coach for six seasons (1998-2003)...prior to joining the A's organization, he spent one season as the hitting coach for Single-A Vermont of the New York-Penn League...has been a minor league coach for a total of 24 seasons and began his coaching career at American River Junior College in Sacramento, where he served as assistant coach.

**Professional Playing Career:** He was selected by the Athletics in the 26<sup>th</sup> round of June 1991 First-Year Player Draft...spent two seasons in the A's organization before injuries ended his career in 1992.

**Las Vegas Aviators/Oakland Athletics:** The Aviators and Athletics, on September 17, 2018, announced a new Player Development Contract through the 2020 season...the A's, on December 9, 2020, invited Las Vegas to be their Triple-A affiliate for the 2021 season. Major League Baseball, on February 12, 2021, announced that all 120 Minor League clubs offered an invitation to become Professional Development League ("PDL") license holders have officially agreed to accept...thus, the Aviators and Oakland Athletics have extended the affiliation for 10 seasons through the 2030 campaign...the Las Vegas Stars/51<sup>s</sup> have captured the PCL Championship twice (1986 & 1988) and appeared in the playoffs 11 times (21-32 record, .396), last appeared in 2019...Las Vegas was the 2002, 2013, 2014, 2019 Pacific Southern Division Champions.

### **Las Vegas Triple-A Affiliation History:**

San Diego Padres, 18 seasons (1983-2000), 1,227-1,329 (.480), 7 playoff appearances  
Los Angeles Dodgers, 8 seasons (2001-08), 561-586 (.489), 1 playoff appearance  
Toronto Blue Jays, 4 seasons (2009-2012), 287-288 (.499), 0 playoff appearances  
New York Mets, 6 seasons (2013-18), 436-422 (.508), 2 playoff appearances (2013 & 2014)  
Oakland Athletics, two seasons (2019 - present), 84-59 (.587), 1 playoff appearance (2019)

### **ALL-TIME RECORD:**

**2,595-2,684 (.492)**

### **LAS VEGAS AVIATORS LEAD 2019 MINOR LEAGUE BASEBALL IN HOME ATTENDANCE:**

The Aviators led Triple-A baseball (30 teams: 16 in PCL; 14 in International League) and all minor league baseball in total home attendance (**650,934**) and average (**9,299 in 70 dates**).

The Columbus Clippers, Triple-A affiliate of the Cleveland Indians, led the IL in total home attendance and average (**590,504 – 8,684 average in 68 dates**).

**2019 LAS VEGAS BALLPARK ATTENDANCE:** In **70** dates, Las Vegas total was **650,934** for an average of **9,299 (47 sellouts)**...season-high sellout crowd was **12,111** vs. Tacoma on May 14 (**Smokers Strike Out 16<sup>th</sup> Annual School Day Game**)...the Las Vegas franchise has reached the 300,000 plateau in "home" attendance in all **37** seasons (1983-2019)...the all-time attendance total now stands at **12,651,945**.

In 36 seasons at Cashman Field (1983-2016), the attendance total was 12,001,011.

### **LARGEST SINGLE SEASON HOME ATTENDANCE:**

<b>2019</b>	<b>650,934</b>	<b>70 dates</b>	<b>9,299 average</b>
1992	387,815	72 dates	5,386 average
1993	386,310	71 dates	5,441 average
2008	374,780	71 dates	5,279 average
2007	371,676	72 dates	5,162 average
*1983	365,848	75 dates	4,878 average <i>*inaugural season</i>

### **2019 LAS VEGAS BALLPARK:**

**Number of 10,000+ crowds:** 23

**NOTE:** 650,934 total was the highest single-season attendance figure since:

2014 (Triple-A Charlotte: 687,715; 9,686 average)  
2015 (Triple-A Sacramento: 672,354; 9,338 average)  
2015 (Triple-A Charlotte: 669,398; 9,428 average)

### **All-time Minor League Baseball single-season attendance record:**

1991 Triple-A Buffalo Bisons: 1,240,951 (capacity 20,000)

### **LAS VEGAS BALLPARK TOP FIVE CROWDS**

1.	Tacoma (May 14, 2019)	12,111
2.	Albuquerque (August 16, 2019)	11,757
3.	Sacramento (April 9, 2019)*	11,036
4.	Albuquerque (August 17, 2019)	11,008
5.	Tacoma (September 1, 2019)	10,774

*\*grand opening*

**LAS VEGAS BALLPARK WINNER OF 2019 MiLB TRIPLE-A BEST OF THE BALLPARKS FAN VOTE (JULY 1):** Las Vegas Ballpark defeated Southwest University Park, home of the El Paso Chihuahuas, Triple-A affiliate of the San Diego Padres, to win this year's Triple-A Best of the Ballparks fan vote...Over 85,000 fans voted in all five rounds of the Triple-A Best of the Ballparks fan vote, with almost 500,000 fans voting to date in the overall competition...after several close votes in previous rounds, the final vote resulted in Las Vegas Ballpark with a 55.6% to 44.4% margin win over the El Paso Chihuahuas.

### **LAS VEGAS BALLPARK WINNER OF 2019 BASEBALLPARKS.COM ANNUAL BALLPARK OF THE YEAR AWARD:**

Las Vegas Ballpark® has a major national award to add to its accomplishments, as **BaseballParks.com** announced on July 31 that the new facility is the winner of its **20<sup>th</sup> Annual Ballpark of the Year Award**. Every year since 2000, **BaseballParks.com** has presented this honor to the new or remodeled baseball stadium with the best combination of site

selection, exterior appearance, architectural design, and fan amenities. The selection is made by an advisory panel utilized by the 22-year-old website. The announcement of the award was made in the July 31 edition of *USA TODAY Sports Weekly* and at *BaseballParks.com*. **Joe Mock**, founder and webmaster of the website and a frequent contributor to *USA TODAY* publications, penned the article about this year's honor. The Howard Hughes Corporation®, owners of the Aviators and developers of Summerlin, covered the costs to design and build the park. Architecture firm HOK developed its design. The Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority (LVCVA) committed \$80 million over 20 years for a naming rights sponsorship.

**LAS VEGAS BALLPARK®, LAS VEGAS AVIATORS® HONORED WITH 2019 MAJOR YEAR-END AWARDS:**

Las Vegas Ballpark was Named Ballpark of the Year; Las Vegas Aviators Honored as Team of the Year by Ballpark Digest, the Industry Standard for the Business of Baseball...this year's selection of both Las Vegas Ballpark and the Las Vegas Aviators for major citations make history in the annual Ballpark Digest Awards: It's the first time an organization has snared both awards in a single year...the year-end Ballpark Digest awards annually honor the best of the baseball industry, covering MLB, MiLB, independent-baseball, and summer-collegiate programs in a wide range of categories...the Ballpark of the Year and Team of the Year announcements are the kickoff to awards season for Ballpark Digest, with announcements running through the fall and culminating in an awards reception at December's Baseball Winter Meetings.

## THE LATEST ON THE AVIATORS

### Starters & Relievers Pitching Breakdown:

	<u>W-L</u>	<u>ERA</u>	<u>SV</u>	<u>IP</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>ER</u>
Starters	0-2	9.75	--	11.2	18	13
Relievers	1-0	6.19	0	16.1	18	11
<b>Totals</b>	<b>1-2</b>	<b>7.71</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>28.0</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>24</b>

### The Aviators Pen: The bullpen through 3 games:

	<u>G</u>	<u>IP</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>ER</u>	<u>ERA</u>	<u>W-L</u>	<u>SV</u>	<i>Inherited Runners/Scored</i>	<i>IR</i>	<i>IR Scored</i>	<i>%</i>
Acevedo	1	1.0	0	0	0.00	0-0	0	0	0	0	--
Anderson	1	2.0	2	1	4.50	0-0	0	0	0	0	--
Angulo	1	1.2	2	0	0.00	0-0	0	0	0	0	--
Bedrosian	1	1.0	0	0	0.00	0-0	0	0	0	0	--
Blackham	2	2.1	2	1	3.86	0-0	0	1	1	1	100
Bracewell	2	2.0	1	0	0.00	1-0	0	0	0	0	--
Milburn	1	1.0	0	0	0.00	0-0	0	0	0	0	--
Naile	1	1.2	5	4	21.60	0-0	0	1	1	1	100
Schlitter	2	2.1	4	4	15.43	0-0	0	1	0	0	0
Smith	1	1.1	2	1	6.75	0-0	0	0	0	0	--
<b>Totals</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>16.1</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>6.19</b>	<b>1-0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>67%</b>	

### Aviators Catcher's Report

<b>Catchers</b>	<b>W-L</b>	<b>SB Attempts</b>	<b>Runners Thrown Out</b>	<b>Pct.</b>	<b>Passed Balls</b>
Peña	1-1	2	1	.500	0
Pérez	0-1	1	0	.000	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>1-2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>.333</b>	<b>0</b>

### Catcher's Earned Run Average

<b>Catchers</b>	<b>G</b>	<b>ERA</b>	<b>Innings Catched</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>ER</b>
Peña	2	9.00	18.0	18	18
Pérez	2	5.40	10.0	6	6
<b>Totals</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>7.71</b>	<b>28.0</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>24</b>

<b>Triple-A West</b>			
	<b>Overall</b>	<b>Home</b>	<b>Road</b>
	<b>1-2</b>	<b>1-2</b>	<b>0-0</b>
<i>Western Division</i>			
Reno	Overall 0-0	Home 0-0	Road 0-0
Sacramento	1-2	1-2	0-0
Salt Lake	0-0	0-0	0-0
Tacoma	0-0	0-0	0-0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>1-2</b>	<b>1-2</b>	<b>0-0</b>
<i>Eastern Division</i>			
Albuquerque	Overall 0-0	Home 0-0	Road 0-0
El Paso	0-0	0-0	0-0
Oklahoma City	0-0	0-0	0-0
Round Rock	0-0	0-0	0-0
Sugar Land	0-0	0-0	0-0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>0-0</b>

**Aviators Record Breakdown:**

Overall Record:	1-2
Home:	1-2
Road:	0-0
Neutral:	0-0
Day Games:	0-0
Night Games:	1-2
Scoring first run:	0-1
Allowing first run:	1-1
Leading after six innings:	0-0
Trailing after six innings:	1-2
Tied after six innings:	0-0
Leading after eight innings:	0-0
Trailing after eight innings:	1-2
Tied after eight innings:	0-0
Games decided in last at-bat:	1-0
One-Run Games:	1-0
Two-Run Games:	0-1
Three-Run Games:	0-0
Shutouts	0-0
Extra Innings	1-0
Come-from-behind wins:	1
Vs. LH Starting Pitchers:	1-0
Vs. RH Starting Pitchers:	0-2
Aviators hit a home run(s):	1-1
Aviators hit no home run:	0-1
Aviators commits error:	1-1
Aviators are errorless:	0-1
Outhitting opponent:	0-1
Tied w/hits opponent	0-0
Outhit by opponent:	1-1
Vs. American League affiliates:	0-0
Vs. National League affiliates:	1-2

**Record by Month:**

May:	1-2
June:	0-0
July:	0-0
August:	0-0
September:	0-0

**Record by Day of Week:**

Monday:	0-0
Tuesday:	0-0
Wednesday:	0-0
Thursday:	0-1
Friday:	0-1
Saturday:	1-0
Sunday:	0-0

Series wins:	0
Series losses:	0
Series splits:	0
Double-headers:	---

White Jerseys	0-2
Navy Jerseys	1-0
Gray Jerseys	0-0
Gradient Jerseys	0-0
Reyes de Plata Jerseys (white)	0-0
Reyes de Plata Jerseys (black)	0-0

**2021 Season Runs By Inning:**

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	Total
Las Vegas Aviators	4	1	2	1	0	1	1	1	4	1	0	0	0	16
Opponents	1	5	2	5	2	4	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	24

**RECORD BY RUNS SCORED****LV Score**

0	0-0
1	0-1
2	0-0
3	0-0
4	0-1
5	0-0
6	0-0
7	0-0
8	0-0
9	0-0
10+	1-0

**Average Runs Per Game:** Las Vegas 5.3; Opponents 8.0**Las Vegas Pinch-Hitting (h-ab-bi):** 1.000 (1-1-0).

Deichmann 1.000 (1-1-0)

**Opponents (h-ab-bi):** .000 (0-2-0).**2021 Transactions**

Date	Player	From	To
5/06/21	Burch Smith	Oakland	Las Vegas (Major League Rehab)
5/08/21	Burch Smith	Las Vegas (MLRehab)	Oakland

**2021 Game-By-Game Breakdown**

Date	Opp.	Result	Aviators		Opp.		Overall			
			R/H/E	R/H/E	WP	LP	SV	Rec./Pos./GB	ATT	TIME
5-6	SACRAMENTO	L, 8-1	1/4/1	8/16/2	Banda 1-0	Kaprielian 0-1	---	0-1/3 <sup>rd</sup> /1.0	5,002	3:30
5-7	SACRAMENTO	L, 6-4	4/10/0	6/7/3	Cyr 1-0	Dunshee 0-1	Leone (1)	0-2/T-4 <sup>th</sup> /2.0	4,891	3:27
5-8	SACRAMENTO	W, 11-10 (10)	11/12/1	10/13/1	Bracewell 1-0	Krzan 0-1	---	1-2/4 <sup>th</sup> /2.0	5,063	4:02

**HOME GAMES IN ALL CAPS****COMPLETE GAME PITCHERS IN ALL CAPS**