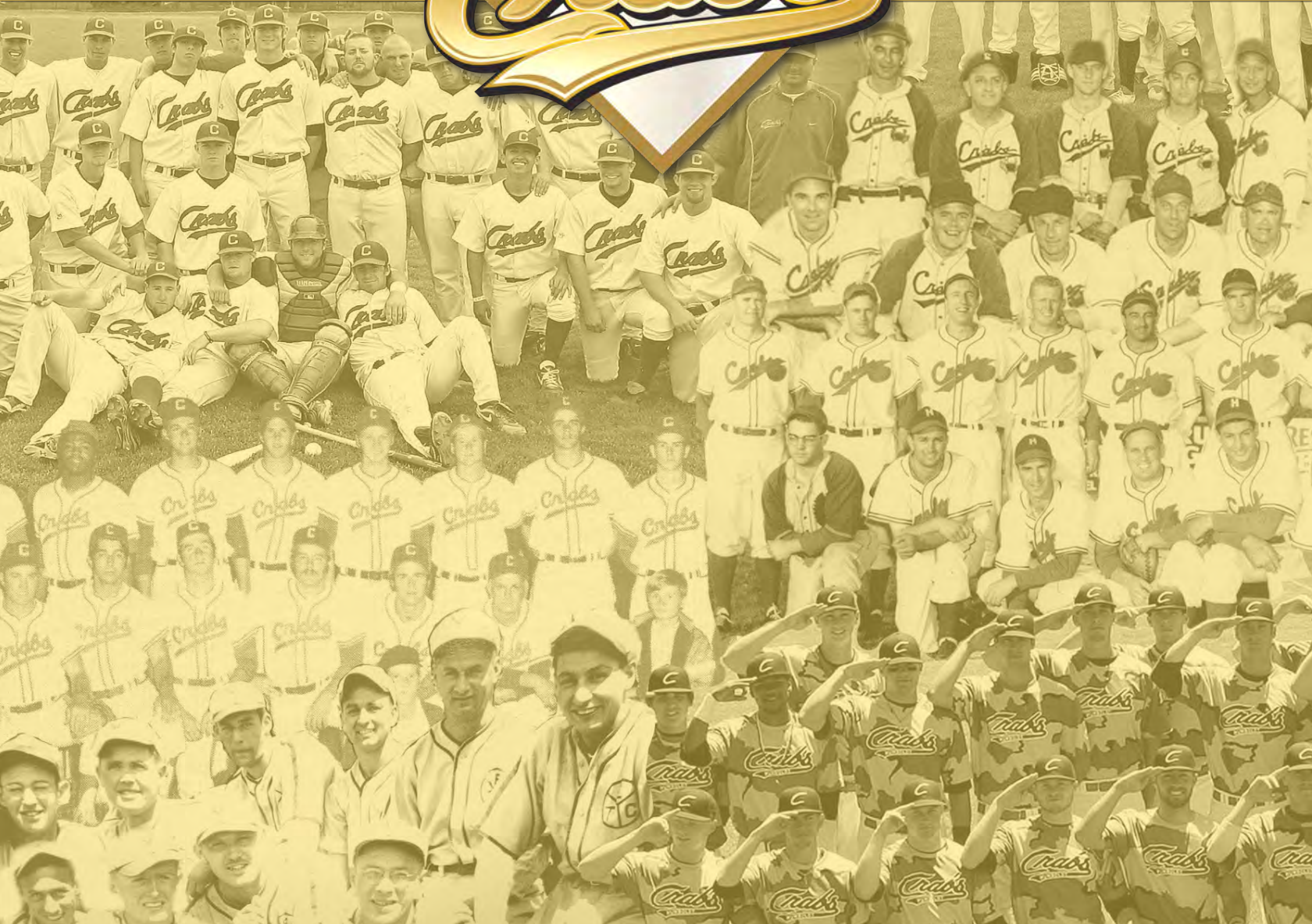




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# Humboldt Crabs fans celebrate 80th anniversary

Founded in 1944 as the Paladini Crabs, the team officially began playing baseball on the North Coast in June of 1945. The 2024 season marks the 78th year of the Crabs playing ball, but they've been in existence for a whopping 80 years! The Covid-19 pandemic canceled the 2020 season, so sadly there wasn't any Crabs baseball that summer.

This season brings a new dynamic with the Crabs joining the six-team Pacific Empire League (PEL). The Crabs had been an independent club since 2013 after the Far West League came to an end. After 11 years without a league to call its own, the Crabs will now have a season-long race in the standings with fellow PEL teams. If Humboldt sees a winning summer, it could participate in the PEL's three-game championship series between the top two teams in the league, adding some new excitement for the country's oldest continuously operated collegiate summer baseball team. The Humboldt Crabs finished their 2023 season at 40-7, which is even more surprising if you recall the Crabs opened its season at 0-2 before winning 40 of the last 45 games. The team celebrated hitting 40 wins before playing a weekend series with the Fresno A's on July 28-30.

In 2024, the Crabs' first 12 games of the season are against non-PEL opponents before they hit the road and face the Lincoln Potters to begin league play in the inaugural season.

The league play is a bit unorthodox. The Crabs play a three-game home and away series against the Medford Rogues, Lincoln



Potters, and Healdsburg Prune Packers. The Crabs will then face the West Coast Kings for five home games split between a weekend series and then a Tues-Wed series in July.

The Crabs will only see the Solano Mudcats for one series, a three-game set at home. The PEL Championship Series is set to run July 30-Aug. 1, with one more home series for the Crabs against the Menlo Legacy. The season will then wrap up Aug. 4.

You can purchase single-game tickets and season passes on the Crabs website in advance, with general admission and physical tickets also available for purchase at Wildberries Marketplace's ticket window in Arcata. These physical tickets can be used for any game. The window is cash only and check for window hours. No tickets are sold at the ballpark front gates.

## Crabs camp

Registration is open for Crabs Camp, the youth baseball camp put on by Crabs players and coaches. Camps will be hosted in Fortuna, Eureka, Arcata and McKinleyville, with the camp open for boys and girls from ages 6-14.

The Rookie Camp is \$60 for children 6-8 years old for three days of instruction, and the MVP Camp is \$120 for kids 9-14 for a five-day camp. The first camp is June 24-28 in McKinleyville, with the last one in Eureka running through July 22-26.

Participants can register for the camps online on the Crabs website at [humboldtcrabs.com/crabs-camps](http://humboldtcrabs.com/crabs-camps).

— By Dylan McNeill/Times-Standard

A graphic advertisement for the Humboldt Crabs. The top half features a close-up of a white baseball with red stitching. Overlaid on the baseball is the text 'GO CRABS!' in a large, bold, white font with a blue outline and a drop shadow. Below the baseball, the text 'PIERSON BUILDING CENTER' is written in a large, white, bold font with a blue outline. At the bottom, the address and website are listed: '4100 BROADWAY - EUREKA - 441-2700 - WWW.THEBIGHAMMER.COM' in a smaller, white font.

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## PITCHERS



**5 Hayden Bode**  
RHP | Minot State University



**14 Nolan Long**  
LHP | California State University,  
San Marcos



**33 Logan Saloman**  
RHP | Phoenix College/University of  
Nevada-Reno



**25 Sean Carey**  
LHP | California State University,  
Sacramento



**20 Caleb Nieman**  
RHP | Central Arizona College



**12 Cameron Saso**  
RHP | Colorado State University, Pueblo



**32 Max Hippensteel**  
RHP | University of California, Davis



**31 Andrew Overland**  
RHP | California State University,  
Sacramento



**24 Ty Schwaiger**  
RHP | Washington State University



**19 Ian Huges**  
RHP | University of Nevada-Reno



**13 Caleb Ruiz**  
RHP | Cumberland University



**34 Bryce Stockton**  
RHP | California State  
University, Sacramento



**25 Myles Standish**  
LHP | University of  
Hawaii



**22 Blake Ignaciak**  
RHP | California State University,  
Northridge



**38 Zach Romero**  
RHP | University of California, Davis



**17 Eli Yamanaka**  
RHP | Santa Rosa Junior College

## INFIELDERS



**2 Colin Callahan**  
2B/SS | Westmont College



**28 Javier Felix**  
IF | Cal State Monterey Bay



**30 Billy Ham**  
IF/OF | University of Nevada-Reno



**11 Ty Kennedy**  
IF/OF/RHP | Central Arizona



**9 Keenan Morris**  
IF | Santa Rosa Junior College/  
Oklahoma Baptist University



**4 Parker Rodgers**  
IF/C | College of the Redwoods



**40 Jett Ruby**  
IF | California State University, Fresno

## OUTFIELDERS



**26 Antonio Avila**  
OE/RHP | University of Nevada-Reno



**10 Blake Browning**  
OF | College of the Redwoods



**16 Victor Castaneda**  
OE/2B | California State University,  
San Marcos



**39 Keoni Coloma**  
OE/2B | Southeast Missouri State



**1 Trent Keys**  
OE/1B | San Jose State University



**8 Michael Mckernan**  
OF | California State University, Fresno

## CATCHERS



**3 Troy Harding**  
C | California State University, Sacramento



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OE/C | California State University, Northridge



**6 Ethan Rivera**  
C/1B | California State University,  
San Marcos

**Blue: indicates returning player**

# 2024 Humboldt Crabs coaching staff



## Robin Guiver #27 Manager

Guiver pitched for the Humboldt Crabs in 1998 and 1999 and played college ball at Washington State University.

Guiver was hired as an assistant coach in 2000 and has been with the Crabs ever since. 2024 will mark his 27th season with the team just like the number he wears on his jersey.

He coaches at San Lorenzo Valley High School. His wife Alexis and their two boys (pictured) Beau (7) and Wes (10) live in Santa Cruz County. [recruiting@humboldtcrabs.com](mailto:recruiting@humboldtcrabs.com)



## John Bryant #21 Assistant Coach

Bryant played college ball at Fullerton (National Champions in 1984) and played for the Cincinnati Reds Double-A team (1984-87).

Bryant has been an assistant baseball coach at Orange Coast College in Costa Mesa, California. Previous to OCC, Bryant was at Santa Ana College for 17 years.

Bryant is also a special education teacher at Loara High School.

He has been with the Humboldt Crabs since 2018.



## Eric Giacone #15 Pitching Coach

Giacone played for the Crabs in 2004 and 2005. He was a pitcher and outfielder for the College of the Redwoods before transferring to Chico State University to play for the Wildcats.

Giacone handles the scheduling for the Crabs and has been the pitching coach since 2014. Giacone also organizes the Crabs youth camps every summer.

Giacone was the Eureka High School varsity baseball team's head coach from 2008 to 2016.

Giacone will be getting married this summer. Congratulations!



**ROBIN GUIVER**  
Humboldt Crabs Baseball '98



Eric Giacone — Pitcher/OF  
2004 Humboldt Crabs



Jeff Giacomini  
Catcher

## Jeff Giacomini #36 Assistant Coach

Giacomini is a former Crab and 3-time MVP (2007-2009). Giacomini played professionally for two years with the Wichita Wingnuts in 2010 and the Calgary Vipers in 2011.

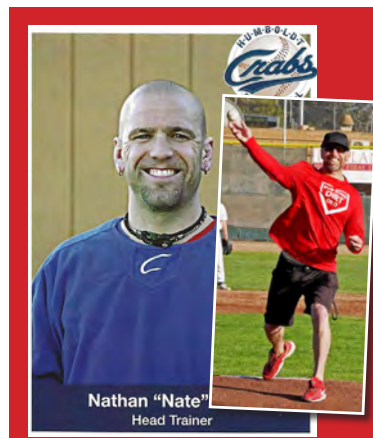


He returned to the Crabs in 2012 and 2013 as an assistant coach and camp director.

Giacomini was inducted into the Crabs Hall of Fame in 2014.

Giacomini coached Eureka High School's JV baseball team for four years (2013-2016) and Eureka's varsity baseball team 2017-2018 and 2020-2021. Eureka was Big 5 league champions in 2017-2018 and 2020, and Co-Champions 2021.

Giacomini enjoys playing golf and coaching his two children Tristan (pictured) and Sophia in the off-season.



Nathan "Nate"  
Head Trainer

## Nathan Kees — Athletic Trainer

Kees has been a mainstay for the Humboldt Crabs organization since 2003. Kees has also been involved in both College of the Redwoods and Humboldt State University athletic departments.

Over the years in the team's feedback survey, Kees is often referred to as the best athletic trainer they've met according to Crabs players.

Kees also works for Solo Sports screenprinting, in Arcata that prints some Crabs gear. Solo Sports is owned by his wife Amber. They have three children: Tanner 15, Rylan 13 and Jaxon 7.

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When you're at the Arcata Ball Park, make sure you stop by the two plaques mounted on the entry way wall. Lou Bonomini was not only the Crabs founder, but he was a player, manager and the owner of the team. Ned Barsuglia served on the first Crabs Board of Directors, and was also the General Manager and Chief Scout. Look out to the left field 307 sign and you will find Lou's 29 and Ned's names adorned on oversized baseballs. This summer a new baseball will be hung up. Who will it be for? Find out at the game on Friday, July 12!



### SUNDAYS AFTER THE CRABS GAME — EVERYONE CAN RUN THE BASES

Kids and their families can run the bases after all Sunday games. Give the players and staff some time to get ready and then line up in left field near 3rd base. A member of the ballpark staff will give everyone the green light to go. The Crabs ask that you only run the bases a few times as staff needs to rake the field and gather the players' laundry. Thanks to Emerald City Laundry for ensuring our Crabbies' white uniforms are the brightest whites!

### HIRE A CRABS BASEBALL PLAYER

If you would like to hire a Crabs player for part-time work during the summer months, please contact our volunteer job coordinator and Crabs board member Larry Zerlang at (707) 496-4802. Crabs players can do light yard work and painting.

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### Special events and themed games

- Friday, May 31: 80th anniversary opening night, 7 p.m.
- Saturday, June 1: 1940s music, 6:30 p.m.
- Sunday, June 2: Superhero Day, 12:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, June 5: Food for People Night, 7 p.m.
- Friday, June 7: Wear Your Flannel Shirt Night, 7 p.m.
- Saturday, June 8: 1950s music, 6:30 p.m.
- Sunday, June 9: Fairy Festival Day, 12:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, June 12: Cowbell Night, 7 p.m.
- Friday, June 14: Sponsor Appreciation Night, 7 p.m.
- Saturday, June 15: Tie Dye day and 1960s music, 2:30 p.m.
- Sunday, June 16: Piersons Building Center Father's Day, 12:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, June 25: Star Wars and Star Trek Night, 7 p.m.
- Friday, June 28: Italian Heritage Night, 7 p.m.
- Saturday, June 29: 1970s music, 6:30 p.m.
- Sunday, June 30: Harry Potter Day, 12:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, July 2: Camo Night, 7 p.m.
- Thursday, July 4: Independence Day celebration and show off your red, white and blue, 2:30 p.m.
- Friday, July 12: Wear Your Favorite Jersey Night and Jerry Nutter memorial ceremony, 7 p.m.
- Saturday, July 13: Crabs Alumni & Parents Weekend, Crabs 80th Birthday Celebration with 80s music and Fireworks!, 6:30 p.m.
- Sunday, July 14: Dairy Princess appearance & Jersey Scoops, 12:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, July 17: Food for People Night #2, 7 p.m.
- Thursday, July 18: Pajama Night, 7 p.m.
- Saturday, July 20: Pirate Night plus 1990s music, 6:30 p.m.
- Sunday, July 21: Mascot Day, 12:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, July 23: Western Night, 7:00 pm
- Friday, July 26: Little League Parents' Night, 7 p.m.
- Saturday, July 27: Christmas & Hanukkah in July, 6:30 p.m.
- Sunday, July 28: Sequoia Humane Society Day, 12:30 p.m.
- Friday, August 2: Fan Appreciation Night, 7 p.m.
- Saturday, August 3: Mustache Night, 6:30 p.m.
- Sunday, August 4: Last game and Aloha Sunday, 12:30 p.m.



# HUMBOLDT CRABS 2024 SCHEDULE



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Pacific Empire League Game

<b>7:00</b> <b>MAY 30</b>	<b>6:30</b> <b>JUNE 1</b>
Seals Baseball <i>80th Season Opening Night</i>	Seals Baseball <i>Celebrate the 1940s</i>
<b>7:00</b> <b>7</b>	<b>6:30</b> <b>8</b>
Fresno A's <i>Flannel Shirt Night</i>	Fresno A's <i>Celebrate the 1950s</i>
<b>7:00</b> <b>14</b>	<b>2:30</b> <b>15</b>
Novato Knicks <i>Sponsor Appreciation Night</i>	Novato Knicks <i>Celebrate the 1960s Tie-Dye Day</i>
<b>6:00</b> <b>21</b>	<b>6:00</b> <b>22</b>
AWAY: Healdsburg Prune Packers	AWAY: Healdsburg Prune Packers
<b>7:00</b> <b>28</b>	<b>6:30</b> <b>29</b>
Lincoln Potters <i>Italian Heritage Night</i>	Lincoln Potters <i>Celebrate the 1970s</i>

<b>12:30</b> <b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>7:00</b> <b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
Seals Baseball <i>Superhero Day</i>			Humboldt Eagles <i>Food For People Night</i>	
<b>12:30</b> <b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>7:00</b> <b>11</b>	<b>7:00</b> <b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
Fresno A's <i>Fairy Festival Day</i>		Bercovich Honors 	Bercovich Honors <i>Cowbell Night</i>	
<b>12:30</b> <b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>6:35</b> <b>18</b>	<b>6:35</b> <b>19</b>	<b>6:35</b> <b>20</b>
Novato Knicks <i>Father's Day</i>		AWAY: Lincoln Potters	AWAY: Lincoln Potters	AWAY: Lincoln Potters
<b>12:30</b> <b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>7:00</b> <b>25</b>	<b>7:00</b> <b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
AWAY: Healdsburg Prune Packers		Athletic Edge Express <i>Star Wars/Star Trek Night</i>	Athletic Edge Express	

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<b>12:30</b> <b>PEL</b> <b>JUNE 30</b>	<b>JULY 1</b>	<b>7:00</b> <b>PEL</b> <b>2</b>	<b>7:00</b> <b>PEL</b> <b>3</b>	<b>2:30</b> <b>PEL</b> <b>4</b>	<b>6:35</b> <b>PEL</b> <b>5</b>	<b>6:35</b> <b>PEL</b> <b>6</b>
Lincoln Potters <i>Harry Potter Day</i>		Solano Mudcats <i>Camo Night</i>	Solano Mudcats	Solano Mudcats <i>Independence Day Wear Red White &amp; Blue</i>	AWAY: Medford Rogues	AWAY: Medford Rogues
<b>6:35</b> <b>PEL</b> <b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>7:00</b> <b>9</b>	<b>7:00</b> <b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>7:00</b> <b>PEL</b> <b>12</b>	<b>6:30</b> <b>PEL</b> <b>13</b>
AWAY: Medford Rogues		Alameda Anchors 	Alameda Anchors		West Coast Kings <i>Wear Your Favorite Jersey Night</i>	West Coast Kings <i>Celebrate the 1980s Crabs 80th Birthday</i>
<b>12:30</b> <b>PEL</b> <b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>7:00</b> <b>PEL</b> <b>16</b>	<b>7:00</b> <b>PEL</b> <b>17</b>	<b>7:00</b> <b>PEL</b> <b>18</b>	<b>7:00</b> <b>PEL</b> <b>19</b>	<b>6:30</b> <b>PEL</b> <b>20</b>
West Coast Kings <i>Dairy Princess featuring Jersey Scoops</i>		Healdsburg Prune Packers	Healdsburg Prune Packers <i>Food for People Night</i>	Healdsburg Prune Packers <i>Pajama Night</i>	Medford Rogues 	Medford Rogues <i>Celebrate the 1990s Pirate Night</i>
<b>12:30</b> <b>PEL</b> <b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>6:35</b> <b>PEL</b> <b>23</b>	<b>6:35</b> <b>PEL</b> <b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>7:00</b> <b>26</b>	<b>6:30</b> <b>27</b>
Medford Rogues <i>Mascot Day</i>		West Coast Kings <i>Western Night</i>	West Coast Kings 		California Tigers <i>Little League Parents' Night</i>	California Tigers <i>Celebrate the 2000s Christmas &amp; Hanukkah in July</i>
<b>12:30</b> <b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>AUG 1</b>	<b>7:00</b> <b>2</b>	<b>6:30</b> <b>3</b>
California Tigers <i>Sequoia Humane Society Day</i>	<b>July 30-Aug 1: Pacific Empire League Championship Series</b> Three-game series between the top two teams in the PEL. If the Crabs do not qualify for the championship series, they may fill these dates with other games.				Menlo Legacy <i>Fan Appreciation Night</i>	Menlo Legacy <i>Celebrate the 2010s Mustache Night</i>

<b>12:30</b> <b>4</b>
Menlo Legacy <i>Aloha Sunday See you in 2025!</i>

### Ticket Prices

Adults ..... \$10    Adult Season Pass .... \$150  
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# New league, new challenge: Pacific Empire League gives Crabs a crack at serious competition this summer

By Ray Aspuria

## Serious competition!

Two words that aptly describe what awaits the Humboldt Crabs this summer in Pacific Empire League (PEL) play. The newly formed league — which features the Healdsburg Prune Packers, Lincoln Potters, Medford Rogues, Solano Mudcats and the West Coast Kings — is a who's who of west coast summer collegiate baseball.

And Crabs pitching coach Eric Giacone made no bones about what awaits Humboldt in the next few months.

“The constant competition of the upcoming summer in the new league is very exciting. There’s going to be 6,9,12 game stretches that are very competitive, and any bad game could turn into a whooping real quick,” Giacone noted. “We’ve been able to get away with OK baseball for stretches in the past and still get wins. That won’t be the case this year when we start league play.”

Interestingly enough, Giacone foresees a literal arms race this summer — the biggest challenge that the Crabs will surmount to win a league — something the team hasn’t done since 2013 when it



*Crabs pitching coach Eric Giacone also does the team scheduling.*

was the Far West League champions for three-straight seasons.

“The biggest challenge will be managing pitching — which of course is my job title,” Giacone said. “We’re going to have to push the right buttons at the right times to win games while keeping arms healthy. Finding quality arms has become more difficult in recent years so managing the ones we have will be crucial during our longer sets of league games.”

Medford Rogue president and co-owner Dave May noted his team’s biggest challenge is the level of competition in PEL play.

“The biggest challenge the Rogues will face is the level of competition within the Pacific Empire League. The league is built



- **HEALDSBURG PRUNE PACKERS** Dominated the California Collegiate League (CCL) for six seasons, finishing atop the northern division each year while claiming the league championship the last three consecutive seasons. More than 70 players drafted or signed professional contracts.
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- **MEDFORD ROGUES** Independent trailblazers, averaging 600-800 fans per game, 39 players drafted or signed since 2013.
- **SOLANO MUDCATS** A summer collegiate baseball staple since 1990, boasting 31 Division 1 players in the last three seasons.
- **WEST COAST KINGS** 2021 and 2023 West Coast World Series champions, featuring 61 Division 1 talents in the last three seasons.
- **HUMBOLDT CRABS** America’s oldest continually operated summer baseball team since 1945, fostering over 300 professional players.

## Rogues play weekend series in Arcata, Medford

The Medford Rogues are no strangers to joining baseball leagues. The Rogues played in the West Coast League (WCL) from 2013-2015 and the Great West League (GWL) from 2016-2018. In early October, the fate of the Rogues was up in the air as the GWL suspended operation for the 2019 season.

In addition to not having a league to play in anymore, local businessman and field operations man Treg Scott reached an agreement with the holding company, Consolidated Sports International (based in Washington State & Canada) to buy the

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with some very well-respected clubs who have a tradition of winning,” May said.

The independent moniker is dropped and the Crabbies will get tested in every PEL game which is going to produce some entertaining and engaging ball games both at the Arcata Ball Park and on the road.

“What has us excited is renewing some of our old rivalries with Lincoln and Humboldt,” May noted. “For us to have an opportunity to play both clubs at their ballpark and host them in ours is going to

make this summer and future summers special.”

The new league slate is creating more opportunities for exciting summer ball and for Potters’ general manager and president Matt Lundgren, the increased home slate is the biggest challenge.

“There are always a ton of challenges to every season, but specifically this year will be managing a larger home-schedule,” he said. “In the past, we have had anywhere from 30-35 home games and this year, under the new league format, we will host 40 home games at historic McBean Stadium.”

What Prune Packers’ head coach and general manager Joey Gomes said of the new league when the announcement was made — “The Pacific Empire League checks all the boxes as a topnotch collegiate baseball league, featuring historic teams with devoted fan bases, and strong ties to college coaches and scouts. Our integrated tech further enhances player exposure and development.” — Lundgren echoed the sentiment.

“As a founding member, we are really excited about joining forces with the best summer collegiate organizations on the west coast,” he said. “Most importantly, we all have the same vision of what we want the league to be and working with like-minded teams has been a fresh of breath air.”

## Healdsburg Prune Packers stacked with Division 1 players

**This year will be Joey Gomes’ 11th year** as the Healdsburg Prune Packers skipper. He also serves as the team’s General Manager. Under his leadership, the team boasts a winning 310-100 record and clinched the California Collegiate League (CCL) Championship in 2021, 2022 and 2023.

The Packers’ roster is made up of players from National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division 1 schools.

From 2014 to 2023, the Packers have had 43 players drafted and seven of those have gone professional.

Like the Humboldt Crabs, the Packers had to change their business model in 2012 and were reborn as a 501(c)(3) public charity with the help of a volunteer Board of Directors. The team also pays rent for the use of the city-run ballpark.

## Potters stadium gets major upgrade, new coach

The Lincoln Potters began operations in 2016 and became members of the Great West League (GWL) from 2017-2018, later joining the California Collegiate League (CCL) in 2019-2023.

Much like the Crabs and the Prune Packers, Potters baseball is deeply rooted in their area’s history.

The City of Lincoln fielded a team in the Placer Nevada League (PNL) from 1923 to 1968 and the Lincoln team played under several names including the Cubs, Tigers, Merchants, and now the Potters.

The Potters were a PNL powerhouse during the 1950s, winning titles in 1950, ‘51, ‘52, ‘54, ‘56 and ‘57. They also won championships in 1926 and 1941.

The team’s roster is made up of players from NCAA Division 1 schools and some community college players.

The Potters play at the historic McBean Memorial Stadium in Lincoln, CA. The stadium was built by a group of Gladding, McBean factory workers in 1925 and is located 38 minutes northeast of Sacramento.

In 2022, the stadium received a complete makeover with donations from the Potters and a \$450,000 donation from the United Auburn Indian Community. Improvements included new batting cages, dugouts, turf and grass, irrigation, fencing, seating, and an updated exterior lighting system for the baseball field.

The playing field at McBean Stadium features an artificial turf infield and a Bermuda grass outfield. In the summer months, Lincoln temperatures average 90 to 100 degrees. The turf and Bermuda grass

provide playing field wear and tear resistance as well as tolerance for extreme heat.

The stadium includes a mixture of VIP group seating, bolted plastic seats, a grass area and bleacher seating. The stadium’s attendance capacity is 1,600, which makes parking difficult at times. Inside, the stadium sells beer, wine cider, concessions and merchandise.

Mike Marjama, a former Seattle Mariners catcher, was slated to enter his first season as Field Manager for the Potters, after spending the last two as an assistant, but accepted a hitting coach role for the Miami Marlins High-A affiliate in March of this year.

The Potters ended up hiring another big-leaguer — former Minnesota Twins pitcher and Yankees scout, Tyler Robertson.

Behind the scenes and running the show is General Manager and President Matt Lundgren. He began his baseball career when he landed a public relations internship with the Cincinnati Reds and Tucson Padres in 2012 and followed that with a PR and operations position with the Pacific Coast League (PCL) Office in Round Rock, Texas in 2013.

His time in the PCL office led him to an opportunity with the Sacramento River Cats in 2014 where he made connections with the Great West League representatives and collegiate summer baseball.

In 2015 Lundgren served as the General Manager for the Marysville Gold Sox and in 2016, he helped run the Sacramento Stealth. He joined the Potters for their first season in Lincoln in 2017 as General Manager. In 2019, Lundgren began serving as Vice President of the Lincoln Potters.



Lundgren

The Prune Packers celebrated their 100th anniversary in 2021.

Recreation Park on Piper Street has been the Packers home field since 1921. “Rec Park” is a couple of blocks away from Healdsburg’s downtown plaza and can hold 1,000 fans. The grandstands were built with the original wood from the Cotati speedway in 1923. The field dimensions are: 400 ft CF, 336 ft RF and 290 ft LF. Community volunteers and local fundraising enabled the grandstands to be restored in 2011 after the Packers experienced a 50-year lapse in play.

Richard Bugarske, Packers board president and PA announcer has been involved with the club since 2010 when most of the roster was comprised of local junior college players. He’s been with the team every step of the way as Gomes has transformed the organization into one that’s been dubbed one of the best collegiate summer ball programs in the country.



Joey Gomes was born in Petaluma and was drafted into the minor leagues in 2002.



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team. Scott approached the team's Chief Operating Officer, Dave May to see if he wanted to be a part of a new era: local ownership. Two southern Oregon residents owning the local baseball team rather than some corporation that Scott and May never really saw.

May began working for the Rogues as an Account Executive in 2016, promoted to Director of Sales in 2017 and again promoted to Chief Operating Officer in the fall of 2017. May had said he had never been a good baseball player, but always loved baseball. As a kid his father took him to minor league games and May described himself as one of the kids who chased after foul balls. May was presented with the option to co-own a baseball team and to become the minority Rogues owner.

In February of 2018, the Medford Rogues announced that May had gained an ownership stake in the team. "It has been a lifelong dream of mine to work in the sports management field. For our owner Treg Scott to give me the opportunity to not only stay on with the organization in my previous role, but to continue to grow within the role of ownership is something I have always dreamed of," said May in a local news article.

"I am excited for Dave to take on an ownership role. He's worked very hard in his three seasons with the Rogues and has made lots of progress. I think he and I will make an excellent team going forward," said Scott, who was now the majority owner of the Medford Rogues.

Medford announced the team would join the Golden State Collegiate Baseball League for the 2019 season.

May became President of Medford Rogues Baseball, taking ownership of the team in 2020. May's wife, Tabitha, became the co-owner of the team as well. Tabitha also serves as the team's operations manager.

The couple was not only running the team, but they

were also running Harry & David Field where the Rogues play.

Harry & David Field was originally built to host youth and Legion baseball, not summer-collegiate ball, so serious upgrades to the ballpark were needed to accommodate both the Rogues and the Southern Oregon Riverdaws who were playing in the Far West League back in 2013. City officials set up a 10-year leasing agreement for the Rogues owners when they were a part of the WCL.

May said the City of Medford officials and the Parks and Recreation Department wanted to take the ballpark back over. The Rogues ballpark lease expired in September 2022 and May was grateful to be just a tenant again.

Medford played as an independent team from 2020-2023. Now, the Rogues join the Crabs in the newly formed Pacific Empire League (PEL) for the 2024 season. May continues to oversee the corporate partnerships, season ticket sales and is on the microphone for all the infield games. May said Rogues General Manager, Jeff Weiss is now a full-time employee to help him and Tabitha handle more of the duties.

May said he is excited for the Rogues to play a weekend at home with the Crabs as well as a weekend away against Humboldt. "We had always played a Tuesday-Wednesday series with the Crabs and when we agreed to join the PEL league, a weekend series was one of the requests I made to Eric Giaccone," said May.

"We plan to bring Rowdy our mascot down for our series in Arcata. I'm glad to hear its Pirate night on Saturday, that's perfect. I had to buy sweatshirts for my 2024 roster for the road trip to Humboldt. It's so hot up here, that we don't wear hoodies.

We charge our players \$175 for a Rogues gear package that includes all the take home team shirts, socks, shorts, etc. Everything else is comped for our players, but I had to add a sweatshirt into the gear pack this year just for the Arcata series," May added.

What can Crabs fans expect at the Harry & David field? The ballpark can hold



The Medford Rogues business trio: (L to R) Co-owner and Team Operations Manager Tabitha May, General Manager Jeff Weiss and Co-Owner and President Dave May.

2,188 fans. May said their average attendance per game in 2022 was 575 and in 2023 it rose to 823. He hopes the average attendance for 2024 increases even more. "During fireworks shows, attendance can get up to 1,900, but we prefer to stop ticket sales around 1,750 so fans are comfortable," he added.

May's favorite special event on the Rogues calendar is Military Appreciation night. His father Tony — who passed in 2015 — was a Vietnam veteran. The event brings back memories for May of his dad and all the ballparks they went to together. "I also like fireworks nights as it feels great to see all the families in the park and to be able to provide them with a fun community event they enjoy so much," he said.

"My favorite on-field special is kind of corny. I still like watching, Rowdy, the Rogues mascot, run the bases with a youngster. We mix up our on-field games every couple of years, but the mascot race is still fun and a staple at Harry and David Field," he added.

"We sell beer, cider, wine, seltzers and a wine margarita. Tabitha is working on some frozen cocktails that you can find at places like Costco. She always has great new ideas to implement in the ballpark and we definitely can't do what we do without her," May said.

Rogue games also feature all kinds of ballpark concessions such as the Rogues Smash Burger for \$8. The hot dogs and hamburgers are grilled outside and in a separate area to keep concession lines down.

Crabs fans will enjoy the VIP service where the ballpark staff will deliver food and drinks from the Bullpen Grill to your designated seat if you buy tickets in the \$13.00 Strike Zone or the \$12.00 Hilts Family area.

Kids under five years old are free for general admission for all games. Kids 15 and under are free on Sundays and Tuesdays.

Rogue tickets are digital tickets and can be purchased online or fans can walk up to the box office to purchase tickets.



Rogues games feature \$6 draft beers, ciders, seltzers and \$4 Happy Hour/K-Batters.



# Lincoln Potters hire former big-leaguer Tyler Robertson

By Jordan Georgeson/Gold Country Media

For the second consecutive year, the Lincoln Potters will have a new manager at the helm. The Potters announced in May that former major-leaguer and scout Tyler Robertson will take over as manager, marking the first coaching stint in his career.

Robertson, who played for the Minnesota Twins and in the Washington Nationals organization, will replace Mike Marjama. Marjama, another big leaguer, was named the Potters' manager in September but then hired by the Miami Marlins in March to take over as hitting coach for their High-A Beloit Sky Carp.

Robertson has nearly two decades of experience in baseball as a player and scout for the New York Yankees.

"I haven't managed but I've built relationships with enough people from playing and scouting that can help me out with the management side of things," Robertson said, noting his career in baseball can offer a unique perspective on the managing side. "Not only did I play at the next level, but I also sent guys to go to the next level. I'm excited to be able to give some of my advice on what I was looking for on that side."

Robertson added, "At the end of the day, it's baseball. I've been around it my whole life and I'm confident I'll figure out that part of managing and getting guys to buy in and be invested."

Robertson, a third-round pick in 2006 out of Bella Vista High School in Fair Oaks, said he's excited to give back to the local baseball community in which he grew up.



"I've always lived here and I would always come home in the offseason whenever I was done playing," Robertson said.

Summer ball offers a unique challenge to managers, who have to put a winning product on the field and try to develop players for the next level. Robertson says he's up to the challenge and feels his two decades of experience around professional baseball can help keep top-tier talent coming to Lincoln.

"We're gonna try to put the best product we can out there and obviously we're gonna play to win," Robertson said. "We're always trying to go after the best talent we could possibly get, whether it's high school seniors that are about to graduate and are moving on to Division I schools or some of the top guys we get from other major colleges from around the country."

Robertson said he's already familiar with a large portion of the roster through either scouting them or coaching them in Area Code games.

"I do think that experience is going help us draw more players in," Robertson said. "I've been through that experience myself as a player. I was in those meetings as a scout. I got to see what they're looking for and break that stuff down with the players so that they know what to expect."

Joining Robertson on the coaching staff this season will be Tyler Malone, a Roseville native and Woodcreek High graduate who played in the San Diego Padres organization, and Mike LaVigne, a Colfax graduate with experience playing at the collegiate level.

Lincoln will play its first Pacific Empire League game on June 18 at in Lincoln against the Crabs and travel to Arcata on June 28-30. Single-game tickets are on sale at [lincolnpotters.com/tickets](http://lincolnpotters.com/tickets)

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# The COR of a PEL baseball

By *Liam Warner*

**Pitchers spend years** practicing to make sure a bat never touches it. A batter does everything he can to knock it out of the park. And fans spend their hard-earned money to watch this little white ball with red stitches get thrown and hit all over the diamond.

But what goes into that baseball that you are about to watch as soon as you take your eyes off this program? And how is that baseball selected by the Crabs for your viewing enjoyment? I talked to some important people in the Crabs organization to find out.

First, however, a primer on what, literally, goes into your typical baseball. It starts at the center with a round cork and rubber “pill.” This “pill” center is encased in two layers of rubber, followed by layers of wool and cotton yarn; then the baseball is encased in a cowhide leather cover and sewn together with the iconic red stitching that you know and love. Of course, those materials can vary slightly depending on what level of baseball the ball will be used at.

Not many baseballs are produced in the United States. At the Major League level, the baseball is made by Rawlings in Costa Rica, while Minor League baseballs are made in China. Around 80 percent of baseballs are produced overseas due to a lower cost for manufacturers.

There are two metrics that have to be considered when selecting a baseball, and these affect things such as pitching velocity and how a ball “jumps” off the bat. In turn, this can affect the product that fans see on the field.

The first metric is called the “compression test,” which essentially

measures how hard a baseball is. A compression test is done by seeing how much force it takes to compress a baseball a quarter of an inch. For example, a compression figure of 250 means that it took 250 pounds of pressure to depress the ball by a quarter of an inch. A higher compression figure means a “harder” ball; hard balls are generally livelier off the bat and result in more offense.

The second metric is called the Coefficient of Restitution test (COR). The COR represents the “bounciness” of a baseball and measures the energy that is lost during impact. A COR test is done by firing a baseball at a fixed speed towards a rigid wall, and then measuring the speed of the rebound in relation to that incoming speed. For example, if a baseball is fired at 60 MPH towards a wall and it bounces back at a speed of 30 MPH, the ball would have a COR value of 0.5. Think of bouncing a baseball on a hard surface such as concrete: If it bounces back quickly, then it has a higher COR.

Crabs pitching coach Eric Giacone and hitting coach Jeff Giacomini generally don’t care too much about the numbers and go for the eye test instead.

“For me, especially being a pitcher, it’s more of a feel,” Giacone said. “After two or three (batting practice) sessions you can tell by how the ball is flying if they’re leaving the yard or they’re just going up there and dying.”

For Giacomini, it’s a little simpler: “It’s definitely a feel for me, I can tell.”

However, longtime Crabs board member Larry Zerlang, who is in charge of selecting the baseballs after extensive consultation with the coaches, does care about the metrics when evaluating a baseball. Zerlang said one of the reasons

he selected this season’s baseball was that those numbers were provided by the manufacturer unlike past manufacturers the Crabs have used.

The Crabs have previously used baseballs from manufacturers like Wilson and Rawlings, the former being used last season. For Zerlang and the Crabs coaches, a dip in power numbers with the Wilson ball signaled that a change in baseballs could be necessary. The Crabs hit 11 home runs last season, compared to 35 in 2022 and 41 in 2021. Zerlang mentioned that conversations with the coaches about changing baseballs usually take place when the offensive numbers aren’t where they should be.

For Giacomini and Giacone, the dip in power with the 2023 baseball was noticeable beyond the numbers.

“Last year we noticed that it wasn’t coming off the bat like we felt it should,” Giacomini said. “The pop wasn’t there and there were some that I felt that we got and they just died.”

Giacomini also noticed during the alumni batting practice last season that he wasn’t hitting the baseballs as far as he normally does.

For Giacone, he saw a difference in the Wilson ball before the first practice of the season — the baseball was softer, and softer baseballs typically don’t travel as far as a harder ball.

This season the Crabs chose to go with manufacturer KJ Pearls. The balls will be made in Cambodia and feature pro grade full grain leather on the outside and flat seams. For the pitchers, these features lessen air resistance and allow more velocity; for the hitters, they give more distance on the fly ball.

According to the KJ Pearls website, the balls for the 2024 Crabs season are comparable to the those used in Major League Baseball. The compression average of the KJ Pearls balls is 266, while the MLB average is between 250 and 350. The COR of the KJ Pearls balls is measured at .552; the COR for the MLB balls ranges from .540 to .575.

If you’ve watched MLB baseball for the past few years, this means the KJ Pearls could bring some serious offense back to the Arcata Ball Park.

A more offensive baseball, a new and exciting league with many great teams, and a championship on the line? Sounds like it’s gonna be a great season for Crabs fans to enjoy.

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# Origins of Crabs Baseball

**Giant wooden baseballs** are hung out in left field at the Arcata Ball Park every summer on move-in day by the Crabs staff and volunteers. One of the balls honors Lou Bonomini's Humboldt Crabs uniform number #29. Bonomini is synonymous with the Humboldt Crabs. Bonomini coached and managed the team for more than 40 years. Although, ironically — the team was another man's idea.

The idea for a summer baseball team didn't come from Bonomini, "It was Don O'Kane that started the whole thing," Bonomini said describing how the team got its start. O'Kane was the publisher of the Eureka Newspaper Inc in 1944 and he wanted a team to play in Eureka at the close of World War II. Bonomini was 28 when O'Kane approached him in 1944 about the idea of starting a new team.

Putting a team together was easy enough for Bonomini as he knew all the good ballplayers in the area, but he needed a way to fund the team. He needed to find a sponsor to officially start play. He approached Charley Timmons, the owner of Paladini, a local fisheries business and asked if he'd be interested. Bonomini won Timmons over and the Paladini Humboldt Crabs were born on June 17, 1945.

Bonomini put together the classic hometown team, made up of hometown talent — lumberjacks, and deckhands with bats. Over time the team evolved into a grooming school for college players. Mixed in with the home-grown players would be recruits from across the country. The players were given day jobs and lodging in exchange for playing for the Crabs. The Crabs had compiled an impressive .759 winning percentage. Bonomini retired in



*Nick Fuscardo and Lou Bonomini hold up their second West of the Rockies Tourney trophy for the 1983 Crabs team. Photo courtesy of Maria Bonomini Briggs and photo taken by Tim Parsons of the Union.*



*Crabs players stand next to Crabs General Manager Ned Barsuglia, Crabs founder Lou Bonomini and Crabs Vice President, official scorer and PA announcer Don Terbush at a roast of Bonomini and Barsuglia during a luncheon in July 1995. Photo courtesy of Maria Bonomini Briggs.*

1987 from the Crabs and he had compiled more than 1,000 wins for the club.

Much of the Crabs' success was attributed to high-caliber player recruitment, a task performed by Lou and his friend Ned Barsuglia.

Barsuglia officially joined Lou's council of board members in 1954 as the financial manager, helping to raise money for the team so they could continue to play.

Barsuglia took over all the player recruiting duties in 1968. He was known for having a list of players in his head for the following year and the year after that.

Reminiscing about the '65 season, Barsuglia recalled "We had this great pitcher from Stanford in those days, Sandy Vance. And listen to this, he threw 92 to 94 miles an hour. In that first game he played he struck out 21 guys. But we still lost one to nothing. The problem was we had a local catcher here and he couldn't hold the heat. They scored on passed balls."

Barsuglia eventually took over and became the team's general manager. Barsuglia was running the whole show and did all the recruiting for the team.

By the time 1995 rolled around, Barsuglia was 75 years old and was ready to walk away from Crabs baseball after he had experienced some medical issues in 1994. This threatened the future of the team. This newspaper headline was spread across the front page in big, bold type read: "Baseball Crabs to quit." After a round of

community mourning, the Crabs baseball faithful went to work. Barsuglia said volunteers "came out of the woodwork."

Larry Zerlang, a local fan, explained that the people who live behind the redwood curtain are a family. "We've stuck together through some hard times. We've lost a lot of the fishing and timber industries and we are not going to lose the Humboldt Crabs too."

Matt Nutter, a Crabs pitcher in the 1980s, arranged for Jerry Nutter, his dad, to meet

with Nate Barsuglia to discuss the possibility of working together to save the team somehow. Nutter had experience working for the YMCA as one of their top administrators and Barsuglia was impressed by him.

More meetings were held, Nutter formed a committee and a transition was negotiated. Jerry Nutter and a handful of community members formed a non-profit corporation, specifically a 501(c)(4) community organization. They assembled a



*Sandy Vance went on to pitch for the Los Angeles Dodgers in 1970-1971.*



*Matt and Jerry Nutter in 2014.*



**1950 Humboldt Crabs Team. Back Row (L to R): Jerry McInroe, Bob Mathews, Carl Del Grande, Georg Peekema, Gil Beck, Charles Timmons, Jerry Nelson, Gene Younger, Cal Phelps. Front Row (L to R): Bob Gillon, Reco Pastori, Gerry Phillips, Bob Piersall, Evan Reilly, Lou Bonomini (Manager), Fred Papini (Coach), Bob Bonomini (Batboy) Maury Ayala. Photo courtesy of Maria Bonomini Briggs.**

board of directors with each community member taking on a specific duty or role to take the Humboldt Crabs into the 1995 season and beyond.

That first summer in 1995, some 15,147 loyal baseball fans turned up for the season's all-home game season which saw the Crabs post a 35-win and 5-loss season to finish with a .875 record.

Attendance increased each year and the old-time/all-time attendance records began to rise near the turn of the century. The 2009 season was no exception, with more than 34,110 fans showing up to root the Crabs on to the championship of the

newly formed West Coast Tri-State League. The Crabs helped to organize the new five-team league with the Southern Oregon Riverdaws, the Redding Colt 45's, Nevada Bighorns and the Folsom Pioneers.

Larry Zerlang was a part of the original board of directors in 1995 and he still serves on the Crabs board to this day.

Zerlang is probably the second Crabs representative — other than current Crabs manager Robin Guiver — the new college recruits come into contact with when they arrive in Arcata.

Zerlang coordinates with roster players from out of town and places them in

apartments or homes for the summer. He also finds them employment if they need a job.

Most of the new Crabs players have never been to Humboldt County before and Zerlang is one of the first people they will see wearing a blue and red Crabs hat. He welcomes them into the Crabs family with a firm handshake.

— Excerpts taken from a 2002 program article by Scott Gourley



**Crabs head scout Ned Barsuglia and Crabs Board of Director Larry Zerlang at the Arcata Ball Park in 1996. Zerlang will turn 76 on November 13, 2024.**

## Welcome to the Crabs' family! The Humboldt Crabs 2024 team and staff



Standing (L-R): Asst. Trainer Michele Schneider, Student Athletic Trainer Chadd Ferro, Asst. Coach Jeff Giacomini, Pitching Coach Eric Giaccone, Javier Felix, Blake Ignaciak, Hayden Bode, Andrew Overland, Bryce Stockton, Ian Hughes, Antonio Avila, Caleb Nieman, Trent Keys, Max Hippensteel, Eli Yamanaka, Billy Ham, Logan Saloman, Ethan Rivera, Zach Romero, Asst. Coach John Bryant, Manager Robin Guiver, Head Trainer Nate Kees and Student Athletic Trainer Bobbie Purify. Kneeling (L-R): Nolan Long, Troy Harding, Ty Kennedy, Keoni Coloma, Jeehee Lee, Michael McKenna and Jett Ruby. Sitting (L-R): Blake Browning, Parker Rodgers, Victor Castaneda and Colin Callahan. Not Pictured: Cameron Saso, Caleb Ruiz, Sean Carey, Ty Schwaiger, Keenan Morris and Myles Standish.



# Crabs are a head coach pipeline

By Conor Fitzgerald

**Over the Crabs 80 year history**, Lou Bonomini, Ned Barsuglia, and now Robin Guiver and Eric Giacone have had close relationships with many college coaches greatly helping with recruiting players. Certain schools, such as Oregon State, Santa Clara, Cal State Fullerton, and Sacramento State, have sent many of their best players to play in Arcata. What have these universities had in common? Over the years they have all been helmed by head coaches who played for the Crabs.

Two 1940s Crabs were the first to become Division 1 head coaches — Bill Prentice at Santa Clara from 1952-1953 and Dick Clegg at Long Beach State from 1960-1963

Two teammates in 1966 went on to become two of the best college baseball coaches of all time, Augie Garrido and Mark Marquess.

Marquess was the head coach at Stanford from 1977 to 2017 when he recruited Eureka High's Rick Lundblade and Fortuna High's Greg Lorenzetti, who played for the Crabs and were later drafted. During Marquess' Stanford coaching tenure, he also sent two-sport,

All-American Mike Dotterer to the Crabs before he was drafted by the Raiders and the Yankees.

Garrido was a head coach from 1969 to 2016, winning five College World Series titles. At Cal State Fullerton, he sent future major leaguers Mike Harkey, Shane Turner, John Fishel and Jose Mota to play, and Bo Hughes to coach.

Bob Milano, a 1960s Crab catcher, was the head coach for the Cal Golden Bears

for 21 years. He sent many of his Bears to the Crabs, including future

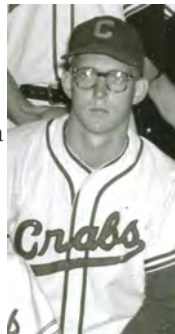


**Augie Garrido, Crabs 1966**

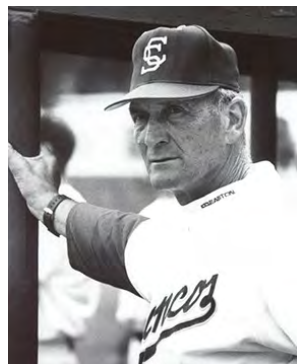
major leaguer Rod Booker and Crabs longtime stolen base leader Lyle Brackenridge.

The Crabs' first major leaguer, John Oldham, was the head coach at Santa Clara from 1985-1997. In the 1980s, he sent many of his best players to the Crabs, including future major leaguers Scott Chiamparino, Victor Cole, Greg Gohr, and Ed Giovanola.

In 1993, Brad Kelley, a 1973 Crab, had a one-year stint at the helm of the Miami Hurricanes.



**Mark Marquess, Crabs 1966**



**John Oldham was a left-handed pitcher for the Crabs in 1952 and 1953.**



**Gary Henderson, Crabs 1983**

Gary Henderson, a 1983 Crabs pitcher, took his first head coaching job with Chapman University in 1993. After more than a decade at Chapman, he took his next head coaching job at Kentucky in 2008, where he was named the 2012 Southeast Conference Coach of the Year. His next move was to Mississippi State, where he was named the National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association

Coach of the Year in 2018. Henderson is now the head coach of the Pac-12's Utah Utes.

Pat Casey, who played first base for the Crabs in 1986, took over Oregon State's head coaching job in 1995. He has won two College World Series Championships and sent numerous Beavers to spend their summers in Arcata with the Crabs.



**Pat Casey won 900 games during his 24 years at the Beaver helm. (Photo Courtesy OSU sports communications)**

Reggie Christiansen — a Fortuna product, former Crabs player, and assistant coach — sent his Jackrabbits players to the Crabs during his tenure at South Dakota State. He is currently the head coach for Sacramento State and sent James Outman — currently an outfielder with the Los Angeles Dodgers — to play spend the 2016 summer at the

Arcata Ball Park.

Many fans look to see where former Crabs go on to play professionally, but the coaching ranks are filled with former Crabs as well.




**Sacramento State's manager Reggie Christiansen after winning 400 baseball games in 2019.**

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First Base • Throws R • Bats R  
 Height: 5-11 • Weight: 185 • Sophomore  
 Hometown: Visalia, Calif.  
 School: Redwoods JC  
 Birthday: 8/28/75

Reggie batted .333 for the College of the Redwoods Corsairs this spring with two home runs and 29 RBI in 33 games.



**Reggie Christiansen's bio in the 1995 Crabs program.**

# Crabs Manager Robin Guiver

Summer 2024 marks Robin Guiver's 27th consecutive season as a coach with the Humboldt Crabs. Coach Guiver first came

to the Crabs in 1998 as a pitcher from Washington State University. He pitched for the Crabs in 1998 and 1999, helping lead the Crabs to an

86-10 record over the two seasons.

After finishing his playing career Guiver was hired as an assistant coach by Crabs Manager Ken "Shorty" Ames and Crabs President Jerry Nutter in 2000. He served as an Assistant under Coach Ames until Ames retired after the 2005 season. In 2006 he began working with Manager Matt Nutter, serving as Associate Head Coach from 2006-2014.

Guiver stepped away from his coaching duties for a few years from 2014-2016 to help with a sick family member. In 2017 Guiver was hired as the Manager of the Humboldt Crabs, taking over for Tyson Fisher. Since 2017, Guiver and his staff have led the Crabs to a record of 224 wins and 56 losses.

Along with his coaching duties, Guiver also serves as the Crabs head player recruiter. Guiver began his recruiting duties under the tutelage of Crabs chief scout Ned Barsuglia in 2002. Guiver worked under Barsuglia for a few years before taking over all the recruiting duties in 2007. Guiver has helped put together every Crabs team since 2002, including the teams from 2014 to 2016 when he was not on the coaching staff.

Guiver coaches at his alma mater San Lorenzo Valley High School in Felton, CA. He lives in Santa Cruz County with his wife Alexis, their two boys Wes, 10 and Beau, 7 and their dogs Ralph and Lulu.



## Former Crab was a coaching legend

Augie Garrido was hired in 1996 to guide the University of Texas Baseball program. He spent 20 years as the Longhorn head coach.

Garrido made eight trips to the College World Series. National Championships in 2002 and 2005. Second-place finishes in 2004 and 2009. Seven Big 12 Conference Championships (2002, 2004, 2006, 2007, 2009, 2010 and 2011) and five league tournament crowns (2002, 2003, 2008, 2009 and 2015).

Garrido became the all-time winningest coach in National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division I baseball history by capturing his 1,428th career win on June 9, 2003, (a 6-5 Texas victory over then No. 1 Florida State during NCAA Super Regional action in Tallahassee, FL), then moved past Gordon Gillespie as the winningest coach in all divisions with win number 1,894 on March 25, 2014.

He brought Texas back to the College World Series for the first time since 1993 during the 2000 campaign, and returned the Horns to the pinnacle of collegiate baseball in 2002 by leading Texas to a 57-15 record that produced the school's first-ever Big 12 regular-season and tournament championships, as well as its first national title since 1983. He duplicated the feat in 2005, guiding the Longhorns to their sixth National Championship, the second-most for one school in NCAA history.

Garrido is the first head coach in baseball history to tally 1,900 or more career victories. He became the first coach to lead teams from two different schools to national crowns (Cal State Fullerton & Texas), guide squads to National Championships in four different decades, and became one of only three coaches in history to win five or more NCAA titles (1979, 1984, 1995, 2002, 2005). Additionally, Garrido earned 15 trips to the College World Series and 33 NCAA Regional Championship appearances, including 15 at Texas, while garnering National Coach of the Year honors six times (1975, 1979, 1984, 1995, 2002, 2005), regional coach of the year accolades on seven occasions (1975, 1979,



1984, 1995, 2002, 2004, 2005) and conference coach of the year distinctions eight times (1987, 1995, 2002, 2004, 2006, 2007, 2010, 2011) after leading his clubs to 25 league crowns.

His overall record after 48 years of college coaching, including a 824-427-2 (.656) mark with UT over 20 seasons, stands at 1,975-951-9 (.673), averaging over 41 victories per season.

The Vallejo, CA native was named the 13th coach in Texas' 120-year baseball history, and, with the exception of the war years of 1943-45 when Blair Cherry was at the helm, became only the fourth Texas head coach since 1911.

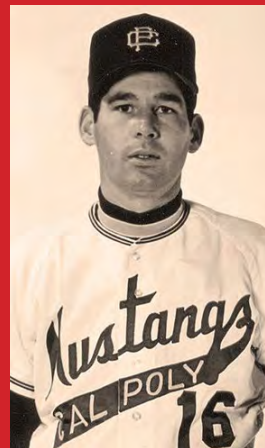
Despite his numerous accolades and honors, Garrido did not reach the peak of collegiate baseball with a "win at all costs" attitude. Instead, he took a slightly different approach to coaching the game of baseball.

Contrary to the myth that baseball is a game of strictly bats and balls, Garrido coached with the belief that baseball is a thinking man's game. It is his claim that no corked bat or tainted ball has ever been as potent a weapon on the field of play as the mind of a knowledgeable ballplayer.

"I want my players to be aware of what is most valuable to them," Garrido said. "Is it a bat, a ball, a glove or the ability to use those

things? Is that it? No. It's the players' minds and their ability to use them. That's what makes the use of a bat, a ball and a glove brilliant. It's my job to help players find balance in their lives. I want to help them help themselves become what they want to be through the fundamentals of baseball. Baseball is nothing more than another classroom in life."

— From TexasSports.com



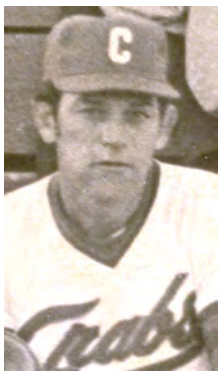
**Augie Garrido coached baseball for three seasons (1970-72) at Cal Poly before going on to guide Cal State Fullerton and the University of Texas at Austin.**

# College World Series crustaceans

By Conor Fitzgerald

Many former Crabs have turned a summer of winning in Arcata into success in Omaha, Nebraska. Three teams stacked with former Crabs have gone on to the College World Series.

After his first season as the head coach of the Cal Golden Bears, Bob Milano received an offer from Lou Bonomini to coach the 1979 Crabs. Milano took the job with the condition he could bring a few of his best players. Milano brought Rod Booker, Lyle Brackenridge, Mitch Hawley and Jeff



**Bob Milano, Crabs 1979**

Ronk. That summer helped Coach Milano get some of his best players to play together for the first time. Jeff Ronk and Lyle Brackenridge were recruited by Coach Milano from junior colleges, and that 1979 summer was the first time the

current and future Golden Bears shared the field.

Brackenridge, Booker and Ronk all hit over .350 for the Crabs that summer. Brackenridge took the single-season stolen base record, and he would hold it until the late 1990s. Mitch Hawley posted a 4-1 record and a 1.13 ERA for the Crabs.

At the end of the 1979 season, Lou offered Coach Milano the chance to return and coach the Crabs in 1980, but Coach Milano declined, believing he had his best Golden Bears team yet, and he would not be able to dedicate the time needed to coach the Crabs. He was right. Back at Cal, Mitch Hawley took over the closer job and improved his ERA from 4.50 in 1979 to 1.29 in 1980, Rod Booker



**Rod Booker and Lyle Brackenridge, Crabs 1979**



hit .315, Lyle Brackenridge hit .326 and Jeff Ronk hit .359. Milano's 1980 Golden Bears made their first College World Series appearance since 1957, finishing 3rd in Omaha thanks in large part to the contributions of the players Milano had brought north to Arcata the summer before.

Augie Garrido knew that many of his Cal State Fullerton Titans players would benefit from a summer in Arcata. Titans' infielder Shane Turner, was named to the State NBC All-Tournament team, and was the Crabs best all-around player in 1982, hitting over .350. Turner hoped to return for a second summer but was unable to. Instead, Coach Garrido sent Eddie Delzer, Jose Mota, Tom Thomas and

John Fishel to play in Arcata in the summer of 1983. Like the team of 1979, these Fullerton players had a coach they knew in Arcata, Fullerton College longtime head coach Nick Fuscardo. Coach Fuscardo had a good relationship with Coach Garrido, and Fuscardo made sure the Titans players with his Crabs team that summer did what Coach Garrido wanted and sent



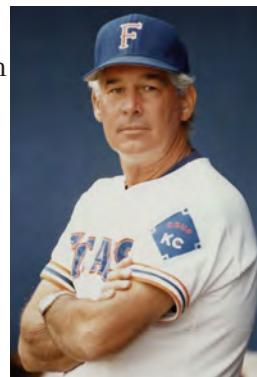
**Jose Mota slides into a base in 1983.**

reports back to Fullerton at the end of the summer. One thing Coach Garrido wanted was to move Jose Mota from shortstop to second base and Coach Fuscardo spent extra time before many games that summer helping Mota make that transition.

Coach Fuscardo certainly had a good report to give to Coach Garrido at the end of the summer. Tom Thomas hit .413, John Fishel hit .408, Jose Mota hit .314 and Eddie Delzer had a 3.30 ERA and a better than 2:1 strikeout to walk ratio. That translated to the Titans 1984 season as Mota improved his batting average from .272 to .357, Fishel from .332 to .378 and Thomas from .340 to .348. In his first year after transferring to Cal State Fullerton from Sacramento City College, Eddie Delzer had a 2.56 ERA in 102 innings with the Titans in 1984.

Mota, Thomas, Fishel and Shane Turner started every game in the College World Series. Fishel hitting .481, while Delzer had three appearances earning 2 wins and a save, en route to Augie Garrido's second College World Series Championship with Cal State Fullerton.

The relationship between the Crabs and the Titans continued after coach Garrido took the head coaching job at Texas. The 2003 Crabs took two young Titans, Brett Pill and Bobby Andrew. Pill had red-shirted and Andrews hit .083 in 28 games with the Titans



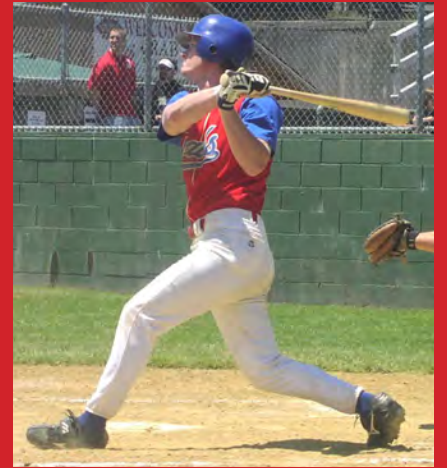
**Augie Garrido coached Cal State Fullerton from 1973-1987 and 1991-1996.**



**Brett Pill, Crabs 2003**



**Nick Giacone, Crabs 2003-2004**



**During the 2005 and 2006 seasons, Brian Blausler led the Crabs in homeruns (8 & 9, respectively), doubles (18 & 17), RBI (50 and 55), and slugging percentage (.679 & .794)**



**Adam Carr, Crabs 2002-2005**

in 2003. Those young players benefited greatly from playing that summer with established Crabs like Nick Giacone, Brian Blausler and Adam Carr. That summer in Arcata, Andrews hit .412 with 25 RBI and Pill hit .369 with 38 RBI. When they returned to Fullerton, Andrews hit .325 in 40 games and Pill hit .313 in 50 games. The Titans made it to the College World Series, and in the Championship game, Bobby Andrews was 2 for 4 and Pill had a pinch hit RBI triple that scored Andrews, and the Titans won the College World Series. Seeing the impact the Crabs had on Pill and Andrews, the Titans sent two more players to the Crabs in 2004, Jon Wilhite and Vinnie Pestano.

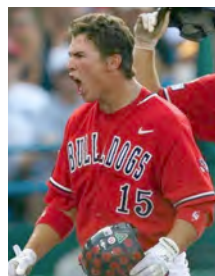
Two more notable award-winning College World Series



**Vinnie Pestano was drafted by Cleveland in 2006. He last MLB appearance was for the Angels in 2015.**

stars spent time with the Crabs before and after their Omaha titles. Russ McQueen pitched for the Crabs in 1971 and 1972, and was named the MVP of the College World Series in 1972 with the USC Trojans.

More recently, the star of the 2008 College World Series, Fresno State right fielder Steve Detwiler, a 2007 and 2009 Crab, went 4 for 4 with two home runs, a double and six RBI in the championship game. He helped the Bulldogs win their first national championship



**Steve Detwiler helped Fresno State win their first national championship in 2008.**



**Jon Wilhite played for the Crabs in 2004 and Fullerton in 2004-2008. He was the lone survivor in a deadly car crash where his teammate and Angles pitcher Nick Adenhardt and two others were killed in 2009.**

and was named to the All-Tournament team, while playing with a torn ligament in his thumb.

## Long balls in Arcata

By Eric Gourley | August 2, 2006  
Times-Standard Newspaper

ARCATA — Brian Blausler, the Humboldt Crabs slugger hit his eighth home run with six games left on the schedule in 2006, tying Adam Carr's team record for wood bat long balls set in 2004.

Blausler hit his eighth home run during a 10-3 rout of the Bay Area Giants on July 29. With six games remaining in 2006, Blausler is looking to take sole possession of that record.

"It's the same thing I went through last year," Blausler said. "If I don't do it, everything will be all right. My name is still with the Crabs and I still made my presence known. I'd just like to have this to remember as my own."

"This could be my last year of summer baseball," Blausler said. "I think about the home run record. I'm great friends with Adam Carr, but I'd really like to have my name above his."

Blausler's statistics have been nothing short of spectacular. He leads the Crabs in batting average (.422), doubles (16), RBI (50), slugging percentage (.844) and on-base percentage (.511).

His eight home runs in 2005 and eight more this summer are the most since infielder Troy Schader hit 22 for the Crabs in 1998, the last season before the ball club switched from aluminum to wood bats.

"I'm tending to swing for the fences with two strikes," Blausler said. "I'm not being patient at the plate. It's not like I'm playing poorly, I'm just doing things I wouldn't normally do. I feel like I might run out of time."

"You can hear it in the way they announce his name," Crabs Manager Matt Nutter said. "That's one of the great things about the Crabs. There's always a hero, a fan favorite. He's the guy who excites the crowd and the team."

# Top eight seasons for the Humboldt Crabs

By Ray Aspuria

**Founded in 1944**, but playing their first official game in June of 1945, the Humboldt Crabs are quite the storied baseball team.

Deemed the oldest, continuously operated collegiate wood-bat summer baseball team in the country. Along with that history comes memories of both triumph and heartbreak out on the diamond. As this year's rendition of the Crabs take a crack at the new Pacific Empire League (PEL), let's take a trip down memory lane and look back at the top eight seasons for Humboldt.

## 1985: 51-3 overall record

The Lou Bonomini-led Crabbies were a fine team that racked up wins by the dozen while the three defeats are tops in team history alongside the 1999 squad led by Ken "Shorty" Ames that went 45-3. The 1985 squad ended up ranked 17th in the nation that season.

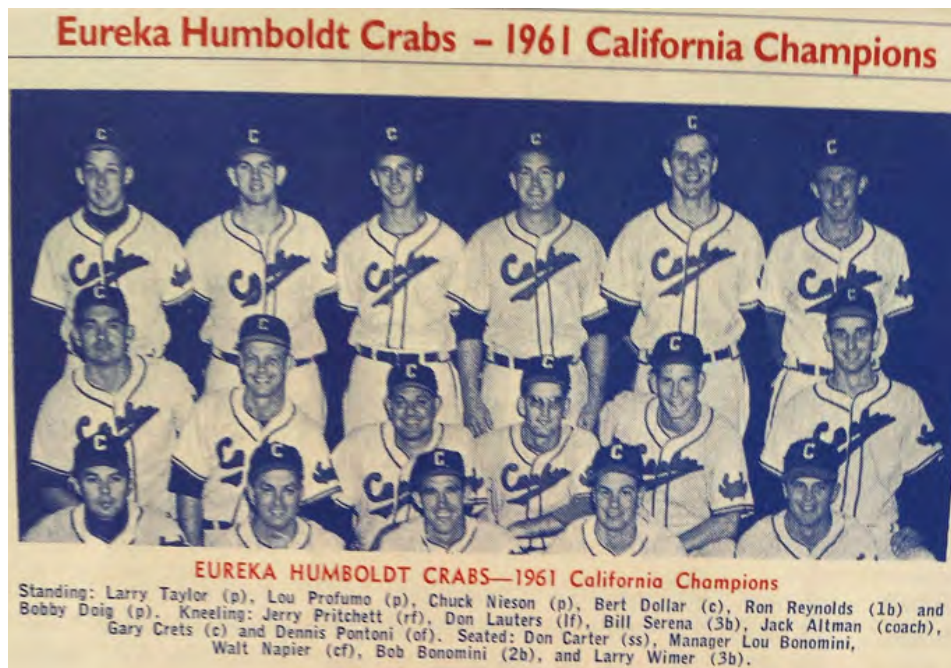
## 1966: 29-4 overall record

This is the highest the Crabbies ranked in the nation at No. 3 overall as it featured a trip to the National Baseball Congress World Series in Wichita, Kansas. The Bonomini-led Crabbies made a name for themselves that year.

## 1968: 43-11 overall record



Just two seasons after 1966, Bonomini and Jack Altman led Humboldt to another No. 3 overall ranking. The stretch from 1961-1969 was a great showcase of Humboldt at



**EUREKA HUMBOLDT CRABS—1961 California Champions**  
 Standing: Larry Taylor (p), Lou Profumo (p), Chuck Nieson (p), Bert Dollar (c), Ron Reynolds (1b) and Bobby Doig (p). Kneeling: Jerry Pritchett (rf), Don Lauters (lf), Bill Serena (3b), Jack Altman (coach), Gary Crets (c) and Dennis Pontoni (of). Seated: Don Carter (ss), Manager Lou Bonomini, Walt Napier (cf), Bob Bonomini (2b), and Larry Wimer (3b).

the national level. Then came the 1971-1977 years.

## 1977: 35-5 overall record

Bonomini and coach Berdy Harr propelled Humboldt to a No. 7 national ranking as the Crabs showcased why they're one of the best summer baseball programs in the country.

## 1961: 24-5 overall record

Another top-10 finish in the national rankings for the Crabbies as Bonomini and Altman combined to lead the team to the No. 5 ranking.

## 1949: 36-14 overall record

Just five seasons into its existence, the

Crabs rank 17th in the national rankings under Bonomini. This is the first of 23 national rankings the team garners.

## 2015: 41-9 overall record

A dominant year by Tyson Fisher's Crabs that went 36-6 at home and 5-3 on the road. Paced by a great summer from Allen Smoot (led the team in batting average .447; slugging percentage .632; on-base percentage .515.; hits 85; RBIs 57; doubles 27; walks 26; and at-bats 190), Crabs pitchers were fanning the opposition led by Andrew Weston (61 Ks) followed by Andy Burschinger (49), Justin Mullins (46), Tyler Bennett (44) and Donald Robinson (40).

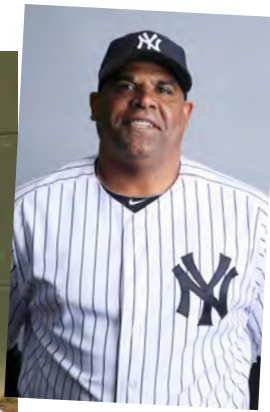
In total, Humboldt struck out 420 batters



**HUMBOLDT CRABS AT CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT, WICHITA — 1968**

Standing (l to r)—Ned Barsuglia, Gary Sanserino, 3b; Ken Crosby, P; Ross Hoffman, 1b; Rick Miller, cf; Steve Clausen, lf; Bill Kirkpatrick, P; Gary Myers, rf; Hal Bond P; Larry Gonsalves, P.  
 Kneeling (l to r)—Lou Bonomini, Mgr.; Dane Iorg, rf; Mike Noonan, P; Bill Lewis, P; Rich Zinniger, P; Irving Baker, C; Tom Tikker, C; Bob Bonomini, 2b; Lute Barnes, ss.

# Humboldt Crabs 1985



*Mike Harkey was the starting pitcher for the 1985 Crabs. He went an impressive 10-0 with an ERA of 1.89. He played from 1988 to 1997 for the Chicago Cubs, Colorado Rockies, Oakland Athletics, California Angels, and the Los Angeles Dodgers. Harkey was the New York Yankees bullpen coach from 2008-2013 and then again from 2016 to present. He was also the pitching coach for the Arizona Diamondbacks from 2014-2015.*

that summer.

A well-rounded team, the Crabbies could romp the opposition — 22-2 in five-plus run games — or grind it out in one-run contests (7-3 overall). The team was also 32-2 after six innings when leading.



Grande at 159 and Ayers at 143. Del Grande played the most games at 48 and had the most starts with 46 that season.

On the mound, Aaron West dominated with 83 strikeouts in 54 innings pitched (second highest on the team) while racking up four runners picked

off. Cedar Morgan threw the most innings at 58 and fanned 20 batters

looking.

The Crabbies won the FWL crown and did so in an impressive fashion despite losing the first game of the in-season tournament.

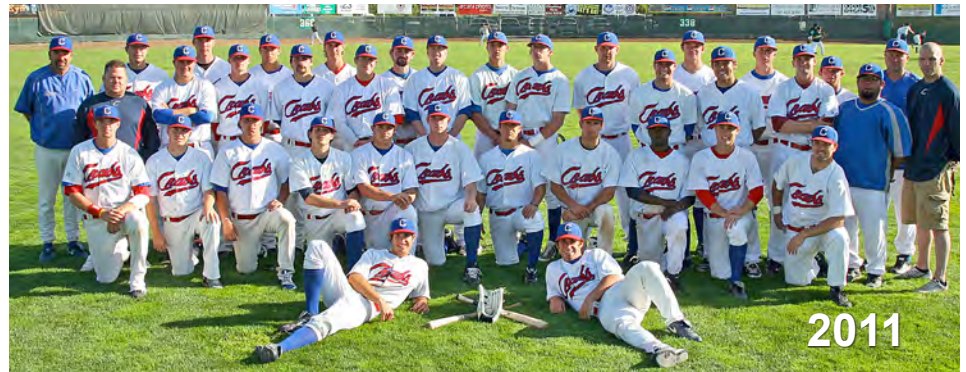
The team went 25-7 in league play and were 19-3 in five-plus run games and 6-4 in one-run tilts. Humboldt was 35-2 after six innings of play and leading. The league title was the first of three for the Crabs as the league folded after 2013 and Humboldt went independent until joining the PEL this season.

## 2011: 40-13 overall record

The inaugural season in the Far West League (FWL) proved fruitful for the Crabbies as Matt Nutter and Robin Guiver crafted a well-rounded roster featuring homegrown Humboldt County players. David Del Grande led the team in hits (54) and RBIs (26), while Andrew Ayers finished third in hits (37) and second in RBIs (23).

David Del Grande

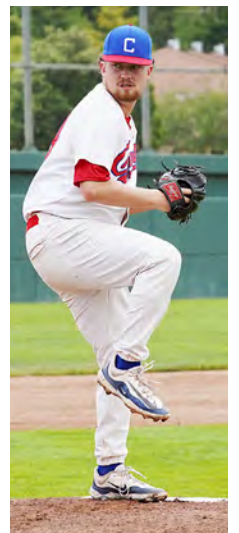
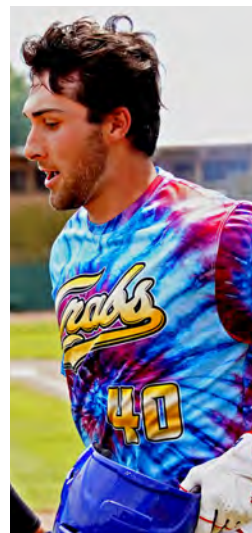
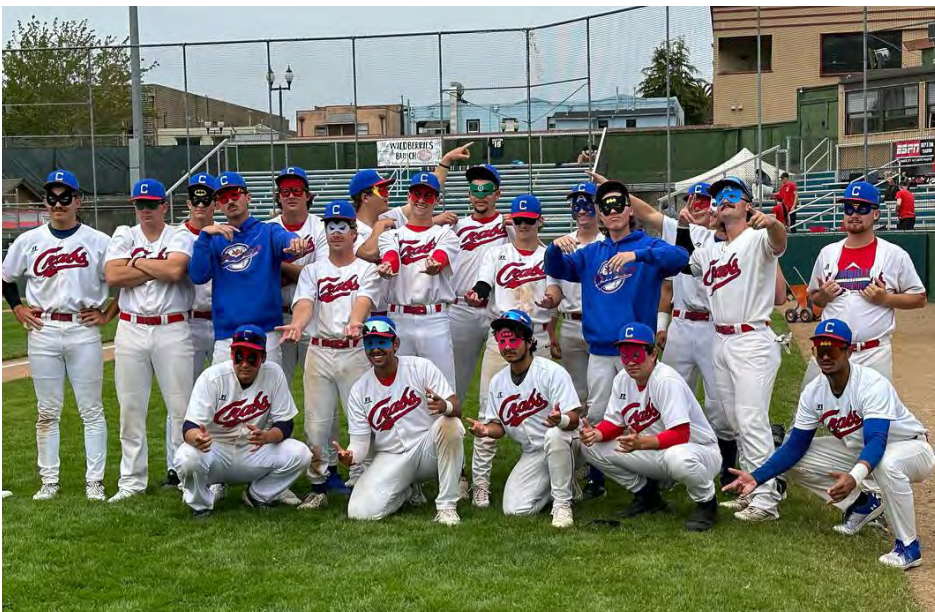
The St. Bernard's High School duo finished 1-2 in at-bats with Del



(L to R back row) Bobby Schuman, Coach Andrew Ayers, Jeremiah Moore, Dillon Kelley, Coach Andrew Nelson, Donald Robinson, Dillon Houser, Dan Deely, Justin Mullins, Cooper Brunner, Austin Root, Coach Eric Giaccone, Conor Ridley, Andy Burschinger, Nick Spini, Tyler Bennet, Manager Tyson Fisher. (L to R front row) Lucas Halstead, Ben Peterson, Allen Smoot, Ryan Dobson, Beau Bozett, Mack Boone, Jesse Medrano, Blake Edmonson, Scott Parker, Brad Plusckell, Tyler Keil and Andrew Weston. The 2015 team will be inducted into the Crabs Hall of Fame on July 13, 2024.

# Your 2024 Humboldt Crabs





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# 2024 Humboldt Crabs Hall of Fame Inductees

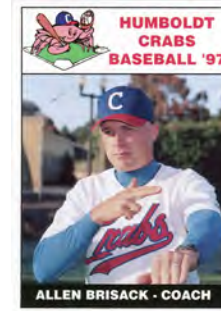


**Fred Lomelli**  
 Position: Groundskeeper  
 This year marks Fred's 29th season as the head groundskeeper at Arcata Park. With such experience (Fred has prepared the field for Crabs games well over 1000 times), it's no surprise that many fans claim he's the best ever. Visiting teams don't argue; they rave about our field, one of the finest around. Fred's intimate knowledge of the "yard" ensures the Crabs that the park is perfect for every game.

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Greg Lorenzetti



**ALLEN BRISACK**  
 #16 • Coach • Ht: 5-1 • Wt: 175 • B: R • T: R  
 Birthday: 9/9/89 • Home: Eureka, Calif.  
 School: Marian College (Wisconsin)

Brisack is the head baseball coach at St. Bernard High School in Eureka which has won the North Coast Section Championship for two years in a row. He begins his second year as assistant coach with the Crabs. Brisack is the program director for the popular Humboldt Crabs Youth Camp. He has coached at St. Bernard for six years.

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Assistant Coach  
 Reggie Christiansen



**MATT TOMLIN**  
 #19 • Pitcher • Ht: 6-1 • Wt: 185 • B: L • T: R  
 Birthday: 7/17/76 • Home: Eureka, Calif.  
 School: Scottsdale JC

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**Brandon Marcelli**  
 #20 • Catcher • Ht: 6-2 • Wt: 205  
 B: R • T: R  
 Birthday: 1/02/81 • Home: Eureka, CA  
 School: Fresno State

Marcelli returns for his third year with the Crabs. The team MVP in 2002, he batted .317 with 40 RBI's last season. He is a former Eureka High School standout player.

Career Crabs Statistics  
 G AB R H 2B 3B HR RBI SLO AVG  
 '01 28 82 15 24 2 4 1 19 453 .400  
 '02 54 184 41 62 22 4 3 49 549 .317  
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The 2015 Crabs team poses with members of the Humboldt Roller Derby (HRD). HRD is also a nonprofit sports organization and trades advertising banners with the Crabs.

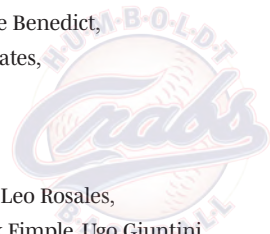
2015

**Class of 2024:** Brandon Marcelli (2000-2003), Matt Tomlin (1995-1998), Fred Lomeli (Field Manager 1975-2019), Al Brisack (1989-1990 & 1996-1999), Greg Lorenzetti (1980-1981), Reggie Christiansen (1995-1996, 2000)  
**2015 CRABS TEAM (41 Wins, 9 Losses)**

## Previous Crabs Hall of Fame Inductees

- **Class of 2012:** Ned Barsuglia, Bob Bonomini, Lou Bonomini, Adam Carr, Steve Fish, Mike Harkey, Dane Iorg, Rico Pastori, Greg Shanahan, Don Terbush  
 1985 CRABS TEAM (51 Wins, 3 Losses)
- **Class of 2013:** Eddie Oliveira, Don Carter, Sandy Vance, Mark Marquess, Randy Niemann, Craig Lefferts, Steve Olin, Tom Giacomini, Mike Redmond, Brian Blausner  
 1968 CRABS TEAM (42 Wins, 11 Losses)
- **Class of 2014:** Eldridge "Red" Hunt, Carl Del Grande, Dennis Pontoni, Augie Garrido, Rich Nye, Rich Bordi, Rod Booker, Steve Neel, Gary Wilson, Jeff Giacomini  
 1981 CRABS TEAM (43 Wins, 10 Losses)
- **Class of 2015:** Fred Papini, Douglas Clayton, Billy Olsen, Lute Barnes,

- Paul Ziegler, Shane Turner, Scott Eskra, Joe Gerber, Nick Giacone  
 2003 CRABS TEAM (43 Wins, 5 Losses)
- **Class of 2016:** Mark Pirruccello, John Oldham, Bruce Benedict, Jim Wilson, Burt Nordstrom, Chris DeBoo, Richard Cates, Jerry Nutter, Elvira Bonomini  
 1999 CRABS TEAM (45 Wins, 3 Losses)
- **No Hall of Fame Class of 2017**
- **Class of 2018:** John Austin, Lee Iorg, Troy Schader, Leo Rosales, Pat Clements, Bob Milano, Jim "Spider" Thomas, Jack Fimple, Ugo Giuntini,  
 1990 CRABS TEAM (44 Wins, 3 Losses)
- **Class of 2019:** Hans Smith, Wade Hammond, Gregg Reynolds, Eric Gunderson, Al Masterson, Larry Taylor, David Ferres, Ken Dunaway, Joe Gallaty, Mary "Baseball Betty" Lacefield
- **No Hall of Fame Class of 2020-2023**



# The ballpark downtown

The F and 9th Street park began to take shape when the City of Arcata acquired four city blocks of land through deeds. The majority of the donated land came from George Marken. Marken deeded block 165 to the City on Oct. 23, 1923 according to the City Clerk's office.

The Arcata Ballpark started to take shape in 1937-1938 as a Works Progress Administration project. The ballpark opened in 1941.

The old relic has been upgraded over time, but the entrance and barrier behind the grandstands are still the original wood!

In July, 2022, State Senator Mike McGuire announced the State of California would be investing \$1 million into the ballpark. The funds would be used to construct a new plaza in front of the ballpark, to update disability access, and to build a new facade as the old wood is rotted. The ballpark is still a work in progress 83 years later.

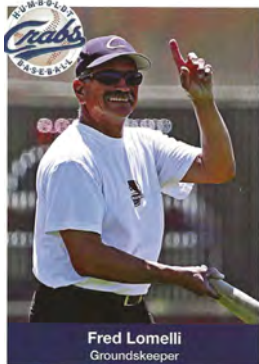
The park is used by several organizations and is a multi-use facility. Area high schools and youth teams use the park for baseball tournaments. The Judu Hut is located inside the ballpark near right field and is used for youth gymnastic and jujitsu classes — although the Judu Hut would make a great Crabs clubhouse if classes were ever moved to another city-owned facility. The City of Arcata has also rented the park out for local events.

The left field outfield wall is Arcata's own Green Monster. The wall measures 28 feet high to protect balls from leaving the park and landing on the north and southbound lanes of U.S. Highway 101.

The introduction of wooden bats in 1999 have lessened those freeway balls over the years, but keep an eye on the Crabs home run stats this summer as they are using new KJ Pearls league baseballs.

Kids once operated a manual scoreboard inside the ballpark and would receive a free hot dog and soda for their work. Today, the park has a new digital scoreboard that was purchased by the Crabs organization and donated to the City of Arcata.

When you step onto the field, you know a good groundskeeper can be as valuable as a .300 hitter and the Crabs have seen plenty of them come and go: Fred Lomelli, Dutch Sullivan, Mike O'Dowd and now Wes Crandall. The groundskeepers work for the City of Arcata's Parks and Recreation Division, and the ballpark is just one of the many city parks the



Fred Lomelli  
Groundskeeper



crews have maintained over the years.

When the summer rolls around, the Crabs will either contract with these groundskeepers or employ Crabs fans to fill in the gaps.

One field maintenance man stands out for his work at the ballpark. Fred Lomelli will be inducted into the Crabs Hall of Fame on Saturday, July 13 as the Crabs #1 groundskeeper before the game against the Kings.

The City of Arcata paid Lomelli to maintain the ballpark starting in 1972. During his off hours, he would volunteer for the Crabs lining and watering the field. Crabs manager Lou Bonomini approached Lomelli one day and asked him if he would also line the batter's box. One thing led to another and Lomelli found himself grooming the field for Crabs double headers. During a recent interview, Lomelli recounted funny stories of Bonomini suiting up in protective field attire in a tiny broom closet with him at the ballpark as Bonomini liked to water the field. Eventually, Bonomini gave way and Lomelli was tasked to prepare the field for all of the Crabs games.

Lomelli admits he wasn't much of a baseball fan, but he loved the Crabs and the people associated with the organization, so he didn't mind working for free. He just wanted to be around the team.

When the 1995 Board of Directors took over the Crabs, they decided to put Lomelli on the Crabs' payroll as he was considered the most important individual at the ballpark. Lomelli soon became a fan favorite and had his very own baseball card included in the Crabs player team pack. Not just one baseball card, either — he's had more than a few over the years.

Lomelli wasn't just a groundskeeper for the Crabs — he practically had his hands on every structure that was built at the Arcata Ball Park, including the old wood scoreboard and the old stadium lights. Lomelli is just one of a handful of community members who have dedicated their summers to the Crabs organization.

Lomelli is now retired and lives in Trinidad, but you can still find him in town or at the ballpark wearing his soiled Crabs hat.

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# Former Humboldt Crab becomes first African American MLB Crew Chief

By Ray Aspuria

During the summer of 1982, Kerwin Danley had every intention of making it to "The Show." Instead he spent the summer on the North Coast sporting a Humboldt Crabs jersey. Danley was so good, he was named to the West of the Rockies All-Tournament team. In 1983, the Los Angeles native attending San Diego State had an impressive .399 batting average and kept his eyes on the majors.

Fast forward to today and the former Crabs' outfielder, without question, made a resounding impact in the majors — as an umpire.



**Kerwin Danley batted .392, had 60 hits, 35 RBIs, and 10 doubles in 1982 for the Crabs.**

In 2020, Danley became the first African American crew chief in the league.

"I'm on top of the world," he told MLB Network after his promotion. "I'm humbled, I'm honored and I'm glad to be carrying on the legacy of the African American umpires who came before me. I'm just loving it right now."

"I always wanted a chance to play in the major leagues," Danley continued. "Being an All-American and not getting

that chance was hard, but once I got into umpiring a few years down the road, I just realized that things are meant to be. Everybody's where they're supposed to be, and I think that was just my lane. I took to it, and I still enjoy it to this day. It's been a great career for me. I don't have any regrets."

Crabs teammates remember Danley fondly.

John Klar, a Eureka native and outfielder like Danley with the Crabbies, got to spend time with the now MLB crew chief outside the diamond.

"We took a tennis class at College of the Redwoods," Klar said. "He was a great teammate and I enjoyed our time together. He was a quiet guy who went about his work."

"How many people you know have made it to the big leagues?" Klar added. "Kerwin was a baseball guy and I'm not surprised to see him on TV."

Mike Spini, Ferndale native, recalls the initial meeting between he and Danley.

"I first met Kerwin at the Pitch Hit and Throw competition in San Francisco in the early 1970s. He was the Southern California champ and I was the Northern California champ," Spini wrote on the Humboldt Crabs Facebook page.

"We were in the same group and he beat me pretty good that day. 10 years later we ended up on the same Crabs team in 1982. We were loaded with talent. Ned Barsuglia and Lou Bonomini knew how to recruit that's for sure. Kerwin was a class act and I always knew that if he didn't make it to the "Show" he would be successful in anything he attempted. Little did we know he would make it to the "Show" as an umpire. And not just any umpire but now Crew Chief."

"I remember my mom used to have the team over for dinner and she would cook Italian food for them," the post continued. "One night she made Polenta with a meat sauce but Kerwin was a vegetarian so he just ate the polenta without the sauce and he just couldn't get enough of it. He always talked about my mom's cooking. That's what I remember about Kerwin and our playing days. Great teammate!"

According to Danley, his odyssey into officiating began in 1985.

"All I know about umpires is they yell and I don't want to do that," Danley recalled. "I finally thought about it, I went to umpire school two days before it started in 1985 and I've been doing it ever since. That's how I got into it — just luck."

Through it all, Danley has been part of historic moments in baseball (he was the first base ump when Barry Bonds tied Hank Aaron's 755th career home runs mark), displayed his calm and stern approach (he ejected Eureka-born Royals manager Ned Yost), and showed remarkable toughness (he's been hit by foul tips and errant pitches).



**Kerwin Danley was promoted to crew chief in the 2020 season, becoming the first full time African American MLB crew chief. Danley umpired in the 2008 and 2018 World Series and the 2007 and 2016 Major League Baseball All-Star Games.**

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**TYLER BENNETT** struck out 44 batters and posted a 0.56 ERA in 2015.

**TYLER BENNETT**  
RHP, Western Oregon University

### Where do you work now?

I work for Grants Pass Fire and Rescue. I'm an engineer firefighter. Which means I drive the fire engines. My little brother McKinnon started working for us in 2023 and he is my backseat firefighter.

### Any family updates?

I got married October 23, 2023. My wife and I bought a house in Medford, Oregon. She is a traveling photographer. On my days off I get to travel the world with her.

### Favorite memory from 2015?

My favorite memory from 2015 is just the bond that team built. I believe we still have one of the best records to date. I keep in touch with some of the guys through social media.

### Favorite band song?

My favorite Crabs Grass Band song was the Batman tune.

### Any funny stories about the Crabs coaches?

My favorite story about the coaches, specifically Giacone and Fisher. It was my last start of the season, and I had a no hitter going into the 7th inning. I went to them that inning and said I'm going all 9 innings. Fisher looked at me like I was crazy, and he said of course you're finishing the game you have a no hitter going.

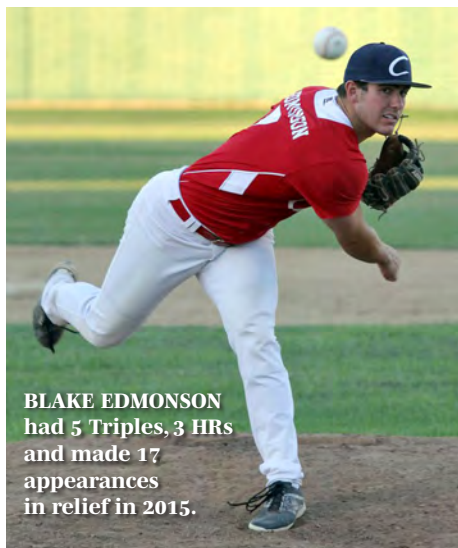
### How was your Crabs playing experience?

Playing for the Crabs was the most fun I ever had playing ball!

**BLAKE EDMONSON**  
RHP & OF, College of Sequoias

### Favorite memory from 2015?

My favorite memory playing for the Crabs



**BLAKE EDMONSON** had 5 Triples, 3 HRs and made 17 appearances in relief in 2015.

would be getting the guys together at the beach and having bonfires after games. Also, playing spike ball and just relaxing.

### Still keep in touch with the guys?

Dillon Kelley and I are from the same hometown, so we play golf together every now and then. The majority of the guys I have on social media so we talk back and forth and keep updated with how everyone is doing.

### Favorite Crabs Grass Band song?

I loved the Crabs Grass Band and every tune they played; they always got the crowd going.

### Any stories about the Crabs coaches?

My favorite story about the coaches is Crabs manager Tyson's Fisher's iconic, "Hey!" Before every sentence. We still kid about it to this day.

### Favorite memory of Arcata?

I loved every minute of Oyster Festival and good ole hippie Arcata.

### Favorite memory from 2015?

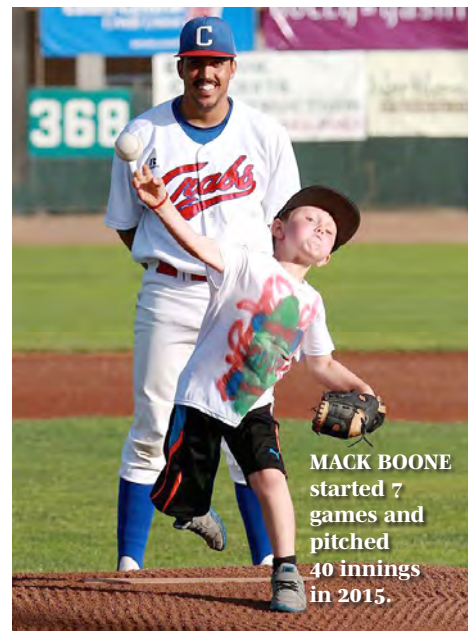
Dillon Kelley and I were headed back to the truck after a Sunday game and Dillon tried to give a homeless lady that was waiting for the bus five dollars. She said, "Your money is no good here, I'm homeless by choice pal."

### You played several positions for the team, which did you prefer?

I preferred to be a hitter rather than a pitcher when I played for the Crabs, hitting was more fun.

### How was your Crabs playing experience?

I was glad to be a part of such a great group of guys and what an unforgettable experience playing ball in Humboldt.



**MACK BOONE** started 7 games and pitched 40 innings in 2015.

**MACK BOONE**  
LHP, Menlo College

### What are you up to now?

After the Crabs, I played out my college career at Menlo College. I was going to come back and play for the Crabs the next summer, but I had to complete an internship to graduate that summer. After I graduated, I went on to play in Kufstein, Austria. I played and coached over there and taught English. I did that for a couple years and then decided to retire right before Covid-19 hit.

### Where do you work now?

I currently am back in Rocklin, California helping run All My Best Inc., which is our family business.

### You played abroad, what was that like?

Traveling to Europe taught me so much about myself and the world. It really pushed me out of my comfort zone and forced me to adapt to a completely different lifestyle. I met so many incredible people, I couldn't have asked for a better experience.

My mom and sister came over to visit me and to catch some of my games. I think they were way more excited to explore Europe than to watch me play baseball.

### Any family updates?

My younger sister is pregnant and due in November. And my twin sister is engaged and getting married in June 2025.

### Favorite memory from 2015?

My favorite memory from the 2015 season is when the coaches Giacone and Fisher nominated me to do the hot dog eating contest against a Crabs fan during the 5th inning

stretch. Whoever ate two hot dogs the fastest won. I decided to do the whole dunk the bun in water approach like Joey Chestnut. The Crabs fan just ate them as fast as he could. The whole team was cheering for me, but I got smoked by the Crabs fan. I was so mad that I lost, the coaches and my teammates were laughing at me because they saw how upset I was. That game was supposed to be my off day and then Giacone made me go warm up to potentially come out of the bullpen. Those two hot dogs did not sit great in my stomach while I was pitching.

**Still keep in touch with the guys?**

I still follow all my 2015 Crabs teammates on social media and stay in touch. I met up with Dillon Houser in Europe and we went out to a bar and got dinner together. I also played softball against Tyler Bennett in Medford a couple years ago and saw Jesse Medrano playing softball in San Jose recently. I met a former Crab Jacob Gomes who also played for Menlo College a couple years ago while playing softball in Lincoln, California. He played for the Crabs the following summer after I did and now he is essentially my best friend.

**Favorite Crabs Grass Band tune?**

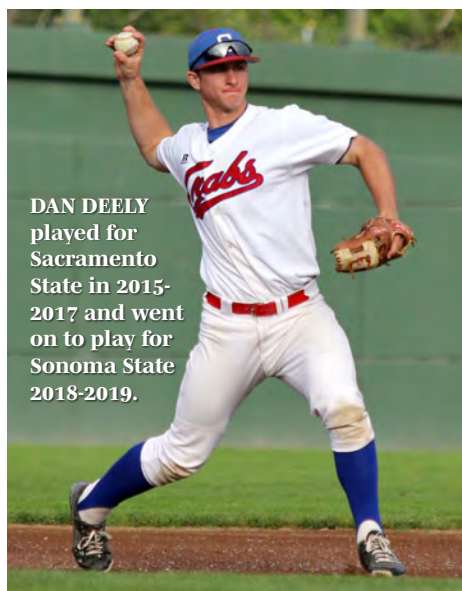
The one they played when we scored or hit a home run or the classic 7th inning stretch tune.

**Any funny stories about the Crabs coaches?**

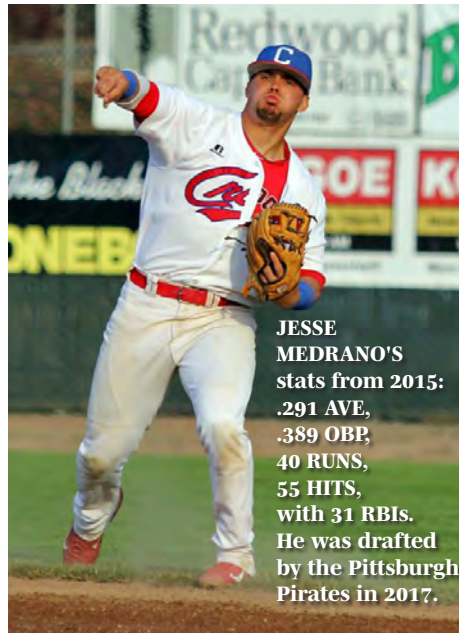
Coaches Fisher, Giacone and Andrew Nelson were fantastic. They really allowed us players to be who we are and to all come together and just play baseball. I think that is what led us to be so successful. We were a fun group of guys that ended up having great chemistry and that chemistry helped us win a lot of ballgames.

**How did you get the nickname "Peanut Butter" Boone?**

The Crabs president Vikki Rossi started calling me "Peanut Butter" Boone because I ate a scoop of peanut butter as a kind of game snack when I wasn't pitching. She witnessed me eating big spoonfuls of peanut butter multiple times in the Crabs clubhouse before and after games.



**DAN DEELY** played for Sacramento State in 2015-2017 and went on to play for Sonoma State 2018-2019.



**JESSE MEDRANO'S** stats from 2015: .291 AVE, .389 OBP, 40 RUNS, 55 HITS, with 31 RBIs. He was drafted by the Pittsburgh Pirates in 2017.

**The 2015 team had some unique signage, do you recall any of those?**

Yes, Tracy Mac from the Crabs board made all these funny signs for each player and hung them up on the bleachers in Redding when we played the Colt 45s. She brought them to Arcata and hung them up behind home plate for our first game back. I still have one of my signs she made for me. Those signs were super cool.

**DAN DEELY**  
*2B & UTL, Sacramento State*

**Where do you work now?**

I am a firefighter and paramedic in Sonoma Valley, California and have been for four years now. With my wife, I have a two-year-old daughter.

**Still keep in touch with the guys?**

I keep in touch with Blake Edmonson, Grant Kukuk and coach Andrew Ayers. I also keep in touch with L.A. Dodgers outfielder James Outman, who is a former Crab and Sac State Hornet. Outman was always a very hard worker, and was very serious about baseball. He always wanted to win and that's probably why he is so successful. We are still good friends.

**Favorite memory from your Crabs days?**

My favorite memory is just being a part of the community and being able to play so many home games in front of a great fan base.

**JESSE MEDRANO**  
*2B, Fresno State*

**What are you up to now?**

After I left the Pittsburgh Pirates farm system, I started a new career teaching and coaching baseball at Clayton Valley High School in California.

**What did the game of baseball teach you?**

Baseball has taught me how to work hard, handle failure and be a reliable teammate. Learning to control what I can and managing



**DILLON HOUSER** played two years for the Crabs. He posted 13 wins in 2018 with the S.F. Gators. Houser helped lead the Gators to the program's first-ever CCAA Championships appearance.

the process has carried over into my professional and personal life.

**Favorite memory from 2015?**

Aside from the relationships I made with Crabs teammates and the community my favorite memory had to be winning it all at the end of the summer. The 2015 team was a great group of guys and the environment was electric.

**Still keep in touch with the guys?**

I do not keep in touch with the 2015 team as much as I should, but Ryan Dobson and Allen Smoot were the two guys I'd see when we were in the MLB farm system and we'd reflect on our time spent in Arcata. I'm excited for Dobson as he landed a sweet gig for the Atlanta Braves.

**Favorite Crabs memories?**

The memories that are unforgettable are all the beach bonfires after big series wins and going to the Samoa Cookhouse for all you can eat French toast. I also enjoyed being a part of a historic season and watching Smoot hit what seemed like 1,000 doubles that summer.

**DILLON HOUSER**  
*LHP, San Francisco State*

**What are you up to now?**

I currently work as a Customer Success Manager for a mobile advertising company. Essentially, I help companies advertise on mobile in-app inventory.

**Any family updates?**

I got married to my lovely wife, Jenn, back in October 2022. Prior to that, we moved to Texas, and purchased a home just outside of Austin. We have a four-year-old orange tabby named Oliver and last year we adopted a puppy from the Austin Humane Society named Ravioli.

**Your parents came to a lot of Crabs games, what are they up to?**

My parents are living the retired life now and

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my dad has found a new passion with painting. He's been gaining some good traction with his art and has been doing shows all over the place. On top of that, he has some of his pieces on display at a gallery in Santa Monica.

### Favorite memories from the 2015 Crabs summer?

My favorite memory of that team was just how well everyone gelled. Team chemistry can be hard to find sometimes, especially in the summer ball format but that 2015 team felt like we had been playing together for years. Winning the tournament at the end of the year wasn't so bad either.

I remember I gave one of the ballpark kids, Jackson Kelly my old glove I got from Fresno State. He was so excited about the glove — that was special for me. I recently saw a clip of him pitching in a high school game and it was cool to see how passionate he still is about baseball. He's probably on his way to being a Crab someday.

### Still keep in touch with the guys?

Not daily but I follow most of those guys on social media and interact with them here and there. I had the pleasure of running into Mack Boone in Austria in 2018 and that was a cool moment.

### Favorite Crabs Grass Band tunes?

To this day I still say "Go Crabs Go" all the time. Nothing beats the 9th inning Crazy Train though, that song gets the team hyped!

The Crab Grass Band is one of a kind and makes playing for the Crabs so special — live music at the ballpark is amazing.

### Any fun stories or highlights come to mind from your time with the Crabs?

I did get a free haircut once for just being a Crab — that was awesome.

Crabs fans have the best smack talk because it's so unique and genuinely funny. I always appreciated the great puns and references like "Smoot there it is!" when Allen Smoot would come to bat. That was classic.

### What advice would you give to the new Crabs players that may be coming to Humboldt for the first time?

I would tell the new Crabs players to get ready for one of the best summers of their lives.

Play hard, give it your all and the Crabs fans will return that effort tenfold. Lastly, the people and kids are going to treat you like you're a big leaguer. Don't shy away from it, embrace the love they are giving you and enjoy it!

Check out the beaches, specifically College Cove and Mad River Beach, but check the weather first and bring a sweatshirt!

For hikes: Strawberry Rock in Trinidad has some of the best views of the redwoods. Where to eat: I loved Los Bagels, Arcata Pizza Deli (APD),



**ALLEN SMOOT**  
Crabs fans would often chant, "Smoot there it is!" Smoot led most of the offensive categories for the Crabs in 2015:  
.447 AVE,  
.632 SLUG %,  
85 HITS,  
57 RBIS,  
27 DOUBLES,  
49 RUNS (Beau Bozett had 54)

Don's Donuts and Toni's for the late-night fix.

### Why do you think the Crabs have lasted this long?

I think it's a combination of many things, but the biggest thing is the community. I've played a lot of baseball in a lot of places, and nothing beats the environment in Arcata. The fans are loud for the entire game, cheering you on, talking smack to the opposing team, and genuinely having a great time (I'm sure the beer helps with this). If I could go back and relive any point of my college career it would be hands down to go back and play summer ball for the Crabs again.

### ALLEN SMOOT 1B & 3B, University of San Francisco

### What are you up to now?

I coached college baseball at USF from 2018-2022 and San Jose State from 2023-2024. I'm currently working at a gym in the Bay Area called The Bay Club, but I'm looking to get back to coaching.

### Any favorite memories from 2015?

Playing with a great group of guys, having great coaches and winning a lot of games. Plus setting some records.

### Still keep in touch with the guys?

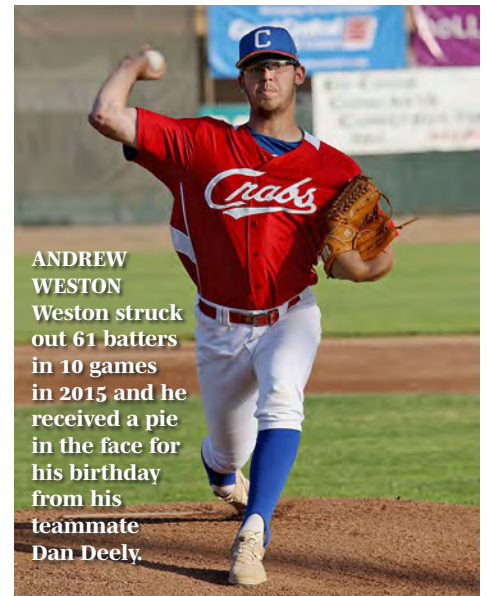
I stay in touch with about six or seven of the guys from the 2015 team.

### Any fun stories or highlights come to mind from your time with the Crabs?

All the Crabs fans were super nice and great to run into around town. A highlight was all the great bonfires at Mad River Beach after the games.

### Final thoughts on the Crabs?

It was awesome to get a chance to play professional baseball, but more importantly seeing some of my Crabs teammates make it to the big leagues too.



**ANDREW WESTON**  
Weston struck out 61 batters in 10 games in 2015 and he received a pie in the face for his birthday from his teammate Dan Deely.

### ANDREW WESTON RHP, Cal State University Northridge

### What do you do for a living?

I am currently a payroll analyst for Intuit.

### Any life lessons from playing baseball?

There are a ton of life lessons that I've learned from baseball, but I would say the one that applies to day to day life the most is teamwork and the ability to work with others.

### Any fun stories or highlights come to mind from your time with the Crabs?

I had a few favorites from that summer: I loved the Oyster Festival, I enjoyed the stand off I did against my teammate on the Prune Packers that lasted the whole game, I had fun on the road trip we did, and I had a ton of fun when playing the Seattle Studs.

### Still keep in touch with the guys?

I have unfortunately lost touch with everyone from that team, but I still follow a lot of them on social media. I'm happy everyone is doing well.

### Favorite Crabs Grass Band tunes?

It would be hard to pick just one, I just loved having the band play music all game.

### Favorite off the field memories?

We had a lot of fun on our days off, I would say my favorite time was a big bonfire with the team. We also went to the Samoa drag races and that was a ton of fun. Some other fond memories are hanging out at Mad River Brewing Company and going to the beaches up in Trinidad.

### Favorite place to eat in Arcata?

My favorite restaurant was the Big Blue Cafe. I'd go there for breakfast.

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COOPER BRUNNER  
on Pirate Night at  
the Arcata Ball  
Park.

### COOPER BRUNNER OF, Oregon State

#### What was your path after baseball, how did you transition into career?

After baseball, I continued school and finished my Finance Degree at Oregon State University. After that, I moved up to Seattle for a job, but now I live in Sherwood, Oregon where I run my family's business called Endurance Products Company & Innovite.

#### Any personal information to share?

My wife, Kayley and I have identical twin boys Walker and Wyatt and just recently gave birth to our third boy, Waylon.

#### What was your favorite memory from your summer with the Crabs?

Being a part of the kids camps was awesome and giving back to the community with those camps was one of my favorite memories. Also, going to Mad River Beach with my teammates, exploring the beach, playing spike ball, and making a fire on the beach was great!

#### If you could take a travel partner from the 2015 team back to Humboldt for a weekend, who would you pick and why?

Blake Edmonson! Our energy is contagious, as we feed off each other's positive energy. We would get a lot done and see a lot of cool places during a weekend in Humboldt.

#### Any life lessons from playing baseball that carry over to real life?

Just like in baseball, where each pitch, each inning, and each game is savored, life is about appreciating the present moment. Whether it's a quiet morning, a conversation with a friend, or a walk in nature, focusing on the now can bring joy and contentment.

#### Any advice to give to the Crabs 2024 team?

I would say have fun! Remember why you

love the game of baseball. Enjoy the unique atmosphere, the fans and the community that supports the Crabs. Take some time off from baseball and go enjoy the local area and culture as it will give you a more well-rounded experience and a mental break from the game. Lastly, stay in touch with your teammates!

### JUSTIN MULLINS

RHP, UC Davis

#### What are you up to now?

I'm living in Livermore, California with my beautiful wife, Jomie who is a nurse. We're very involved in our local church and serving the youth.

After college I went into sales and stumbled into a sales engineer role working in the semiconductor automation industry. Basically, I help make the machines that make your smartphone and computer chips. I've been doing this for the last six years.

#### Any life lessons from playing baseball that carry over to real life?

Biggest life lesson I learned from playing baseball was that I needed to feed my passions whatever they may be. These days it's serving my community, family and wife.

#### Any advice for the young players who may have never played summer ball before?

My advice for a player going from high school to college ball is to decide what you want from your baseball career. If you just want to play in college, enjoy your time and make great memories. If you really want to play beyond college, treat it like a job and don't let any distractions derail you. Summer ball is essential for both kinds of players.

#### You played for the Healdsburg Prune Packers after your summer playing for the Crabs.



JUSTIN MULLINS had 5 wins and 2 losses in 45 innings pitched. Mullins struck out 46 batters in 2015.

UC Davis pitcher Justin Mullins slides into a pile of shoes during a sideline game with ballpark staff in blue polo shirts, his Crabs teammate Scott Parker and the kids in the park. The goal of the game is to find your shoes and put them on before anyone else.

#### What are the pro and cons of playing for a summer team that is in a league?

I think every summer team is different. There are great league teams and great independent teams. You make the experience what you want it to be.

#### Any favorite memories from your Crabs summer in 2015?

My favorite memories were getting to participate in all the silly games at the ballpark during the inning breaks and hanging out at the beach with my teammates.

#### Still keep in touch with the guys?

Not as much as I'd like to. If my old teammates are reading this, give me a shout.

#### Any favorite off the field memories?

Some stories are left unsaid. But let's just say I had a lot of fun playing spike ball, going to the beach and eating late night pizza and donuts in downtown Arcata.



Catcher Dillon Kelley stands with pitcher Justin Mullins. Kelley batted .295 in 2015 and went on to play at Chico State receiving an All-CCAA Honorable Mention in 2016.

# Former Crabs, where are they now?

## Q & A with leadoff hitter Kokko Figueiredo

By Liam Warner

**Growing up about 25 miles away** from the Arcata Ball Park in Fortuna, Kokko Figueiredo was a Humboldt County kid at heart that would quickly become a fan favorite. Both for the results he would get on the field and the confidence and swagger that he would develop during his time as a Crab.

Moving on from Fortuna High School, Figueiredo would get his collegiate start at College of the Redwoods before making his summer ball debut on the Humboldt B52s. Figueiredo then joined the Crabs in 2018 and put up impressive numbers, including a .360 batting average, .486 on-base percentage, 37 RBIs and lead the team in walks, leading the team with 45.

Figueiredo would continue those impressive numbers when he rejoined the team in 2019, hitting .364 with a .469 on base percentage, 3 home runs and lead the team in walks again with 35.

Figueiredo's time with the Crabs would help form the foundation of what would be an impressive college and professional career. Figueiredo would go on to play for Cal State Monterey Bay and then moved across the country to Durham, North Carolina to play for North Carolina Central in 2021. His college numbers were impressive enough to get noticed by professional coaches.

He joined the Tucson Saguaros in the Pecos League in 2021 and had one of his best seasons hitting .407 in 54 games with 5 home runs and 54 RBIs. That season Figueiredo and the Saguaro's would go on to win the Pecos League World Series.

The next season, Figueiredo would fight off some very tough competition from former minor league and D1 players to win a spot on the Lake Erie Crushers of the revered Frontier League in 2022.

In the 2023 season, Figueiredo joined the Grand Junction Jackalopes and made a mid season move to the Schaumburg Boomers, which he described as the Yankees of the Frontier League to help them make a postseason push. Figueiredo's combined college and professional career numbers are impressive given the level he's played at, hitting a lifetime .331 with a .446 on base percentage, 30 home runs and 241 RBIs.



**Kokko Figueiredo holds up his co-batting (.360) award plaque with his teammates after the last game in 2018. Figueiredo returned to play with the Crabs in 2019.**

Currently, Figueiredo serves as an assistant baseball coach for the College of the Redwoods, helping with hitting, infield, recruiting and players academics. You also might spot him wearing the stripes as a referee at local high school basketball and football games. Figueiredo also does personal baseball coaching around Humboldt County and does some substitute teaching. Figueiredo will also help run some Crabs camps this summer.

### **What did you learn from your experience in professional baseball?**

I learned what it takes to play at that level, the mental toughness with the travel and playing six days a week. I learned a lot from the coaches and asking my teammates things like, "How do you approach this?" Or "What is your idea on this mechanic?" I had some good ideas on



**Figueiredo will coach Crabs Camps and give private lessons this summer.**

how to help hitters and at Grand Junction. I was considered one of the unofficial hitting coaches where a lot of guys were asking me for input. My teammates coming to me for help really gave me a lot of confidence that I brought into my new coaching career.

### **How did growing up n Humboldt County and going to Crabs games as a kid help your game?**

I went to the Crabs games with my dad as a kid and the sole reason why I became a switch hitter is because I went to one of those games and saw a Crabs player in the left-handed batters box. I asked, "Dad, why is that guy in the left-handed batters box?" In tee ball there were no lefties, and I didn't know that you could hit lefty so I asked my dad if I could learn how to do that. Those Crabs games inspired me to become a switch hitter. Both during and after the games my dad and I would practice in the right-field bullpen area and then hang out in the visiting team's bullpen.

### **You played for the B52s and then the Crabs, what was it like playing on both sides of that rivalry?**

It was interesting because I was friends with a lot of guys on the B52s including Spencer Duggan and Jeff Giacomini but when I played against them, I really wanted to beat them. As a Crabs player, you had everything to lose while the B52s had everything to win because everyone expected the Crabs to win those games.

When I played for the Crabs there was all this pressure to win, but when I was

on the B52s I was playing more free. We played with an edge because we were playing against Division 1 guys.

### What are the unique aspects of being a local player for the Crabs?

I think one of the biggest things about being a local player for the Crabs is living at home, having family and friends come to games to watch you play at a super high level. You're also playing in front of people that know you. There's more pressure on you as a local player and that's why I think some local guys can struggle. It's a double-edged sword, you can perform through that pressure or it can be too much.

### What did you do in your free time?

When I was with the Crabs I lived in Fortuna so I would mostly do my own thing and spend time with my girlfriend. But when I was with teammates, we usually went out to eat or hung out at the player's apartments.

### What were your favorite parts of playing for the Crabs?

Being able to play with all these high-level players and being able to prove to myself that I could play alongside these guys. Also being able to play in front of my best friends and family at that level. To be able to show off all the hard work



that I put into my career. I appreciated all the local support, being a fan favorite and enjoyed having all the kids look up to me.

A nurse who helped deliver my son — her son's favorite Crabs player was me. I was honored and I'm glad I was able to make people happy when they watched me hit, throw and catch a baseball.

### What would be your recruiting pitch for players to join the Crabs?

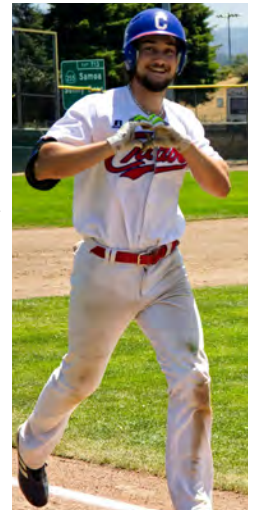
I would mention how many people come to the games and the huge fan support. Joining the PEL is a big deal because the games are going to be a lot

more competitive. Being a Crab you get taken care of like a Division 1 baseball players do. You get the attention that you deserve, you're not in the middle of nowhere with nobody showing up to your games. You feel loved when you play for the Crabs and you feel like you play a game that matters to the community.

### What would you like to say to the Humboldt Crabs fans?

Thank you for cheering on a local Fortuna kid and a College of the Redwoods baseball player who got to play for the Crabs. I wouldn't have

performed as well as I did in my professional career if it wasn't for all the support I got from Crabs fans and the community. The fans helped me to play my best and I felt that they cared about the game. It made me care about the game more too. Their support gave me the confidence and the baseball swagger to continue to play at very high levels.



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A photograph of four people (two women and two men) jumping over a wooden fence. They are all smiling and have their arms raised in celebration. The fence is made of vertical wooden slats and has some letters on it.

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# 2023 Humboldt Crabs Stats

Record: 40-7 | Manager: Robin Guiver

## Batting Stats

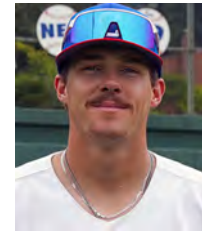
#	Name	GP	PA	AB	H	1B	2B	3B	HR	RBI	R	HBP	ROE	FC	CI	BB	SO	AVG	OBP	SLG	OPS
1	Michael McKernan	31	147	109	31	25	5	0	1	21	26	6	2	3	0	27	24	.284	.441	.358	.799
2	Peyton Miller	30	146	123	43	42	1	0	0	15	25	3	7	8	0	14	7	.350	.429	.358	.786
3	Mason Hirata	18	73	67	17	16	1	0	0	7	9	1	7	3	0	3	13	.254	.296	.269	.564
4	Luke Reece	33	148	116	41	29	12	0	0	32	33	2	3	6	0	28	16	.353	.480	.457	.937
6	Jeff Bauser	10	47	41	8	4	4	0	0	6	7	4	3	3	0	2	3	.195	.298	.293	.591
8	Andrew Crane	28	119	98	28	22	4	1	1	20	21	8	7	5	0	11	15	.286	.395	.378	.773
9	Jackson Giacone	22	98	78	16	12	3	1	0	11	18	2	2	1	0	16	19	.205	.351	.269	.620
10	Kawana Soares	28	122	101	26	20	4	2	0	20	16	5	8	2	0	11	13	.257	.347	.337	.684
12	Cameron Saso	9	32	25	6	4	2	0	0	7	8	1	2	1	0	5	4	.240	.375	.320	.695
16	Cubby Cortez	28	131	96	25	22	3	0	0	12	21	6	4	2	0	27	19	.260	.450	.292	.741
17	Luke Brown	24	101	82	13	12	1	0	0	10	12	2	2	2	0	14	13	.159	.290	.171	.461
20	Colby Lunsford	32	150	123	42	26	9	4	3	27	32	1	2	4	0	24	19	.341	.447	.553	1.000
22	Griffin Myers	20	92	81	33	26	5	0	2	18	22	2	1	2	0	8	5	.407	.473	.543	1.02
28	Javier Felix	30	127	103	27	20	5	2	0	20	22	6	6	6	0	16	18	.262	.386	.350	.735
30	Billy Ham	38	180	147	51	31	15	1	4	36	33	12	3	4	0	18	23	.347	.450	.544	.994
31	Wyatt Reginatto	31	140	103	39	28	11	0	0	25	35	9	4	2	0	27	8	.379	.536	.485	1.02
34	Braden Frank	26	109	81	20	19	1	0	0	19	18	6	1	4	0	17	21	.247	.394	.259	.654
Totals		47	1962	1574	466	358	86	11	11	306	358	76	64	58	0	268	240	.296	.416	.386	.802

## 2023 Crabs player awards

Most Valuable Player: **Billy Hamm**  
 Offensive Player of the Year: **Wyatt Reginatto**  
 Defensive Player of the Year: **Peyton Miller**  
 Co-Pitcher of the Year: **Nolan Long**  
 Co-Pitcher of the Year: **Brady Chavez**  
 "Coaches Award" - Kevin Morsching/Scott Heinig  
 Memorial Award: **Cubby Cortez and Kawana Soares**



Billy Hamm



Wyatt Reginatto



Peyton Miller



Nolan Long



Brady Chavez



Cubby Cortez



Kawana Soares

## Pitching Stats

#	Name	IP	GP	GS	W	L	SV	SVO	BS	SV%	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HBP	ERA	WHIP
2	Hayden Bode	19	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	22	10	10	3	19	4	4.737	1.316
3	Marcelo Saldana	47.2	9	9	7	1	0	0	0	0	29	11	10	18	51	4	1.888	0.986
6	Matthew McConnell	27.1	10	3	3	2	1	1	0	1	34	18	17	7	28	3	5.598	1.500
10	Drew Woody	19.2	8	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	12	9	8	10	20	1	3.661	1.119
11	Garrison Finck	21.1	11	1	0	1	2	2	0	1	19	10	9	3	25	0	3.797	1.031
12	Cameron Saso	10.1	10	0	0	0	4	4	0	1	10	3	3	5	15	2	2.613	1.452
13	Caleb Ruiz	60.2	11	9	8	0	0	0	0	0	50	21	16	7	60	8	2.374	0.940
16	Merek Sears	27	5	4	2	0	0	0	0	0	22	12	4	6	24	2	1.333	1.037
22	Nick Perryman	45.1	11	7	4	1	1	1	0	1	36	11	9	22	60	3	1.787	1.279
34	Ethan Brodsky	39	8	7	4	2	0	0	0	0	30	16	10	9	42	6	2.308	1.000
38	Ethan Brown	27.2	10	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	13	7	4	12	52	1	1.301	0.904
39	Kelan Scanlan	37	11	4	4	0	2	2	0	1	26	11	10	25	42	4	2.432	1.378
46	Andrew LaCour	23.2	13	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	12	7	7	12	41	2	2.662	1.014
Totals		405	46	46	35	10	11	11	0	1	315	146	117	139	479	40	2.596	1.119



2023 Humboldt Crabs stats recorded on the GameChanger App. Find the 2024 Crabs stats on Pointstreak.



The 2023 Humboldt Crabs celebrate their player awards after the last game on Sunday, August 6 when they defeated the Sacramento Yankees 10-1. The team finished with 40 wins and 7 losses. Manager Robin Guiver's overall record is 224 wins and 56 losses in six seasons.

## Humboldt Crabs who went on to play Major League Baseball

### These 71 Crabs went on the play in the Major Leagues:

Dave Melton (1949), John Oldham (1952-1953, 1961-1962), Chuck Nieson (1961), Danny Frisella (1964), Rich Nye (1965), Mike Paul (1965), Buzz Stephen (1965), Sandy Vance (1966), Steve Hovley (1966), Jim Nettles (1966), Bob Gallagher (1966), Greg Shanahan (1967-1970), Lute Barnes (1967-1968), Rick Sawyer (1967), Ken Hottman (1968), Ken Crosby (1968), Rick Miller (1968), Dane Iorg (1968-1970), Bruce Bochte (1969), Bill Bonham (1969), Eric Raich (1970), Bob Kammeyer (1971), Rich Dauer (1972), Frank LaCorte (1972), Warren Brusstar (1973), Steve Davis (1973), Barry Bonnell (1974), Sandy Wihtol (1974), Randy Niemann (1975), Bruce Benedict (1976), Joe Price (1976), Jim Wessinger (1976), Tim Tolman (1976), Mike Gates (1977), Stefan Wever (1977), Craig Lefferts (1978), Rich Bordi (1978), Jim Scranton (1978), Tom Dodd (1978-1979), Rod Booker (1979), Jack Fimple (1979-1980), La Schelle Tarver (1980), Jim Wilson (1981), Colin Ward (1981), Shane Turner (1982), Scott Anderson (1982-1983), Jose Mota (1983), John Fishel (1983), Xavier Hernandez (1984), Mike Harkey (1985), Scott Chiamparino (1985), Steve Olin (1985-86), Eric Gunderson (1985-86), Dennis Springer (1986), Scott Lewis (1986), Victor Cole (1987), Ed Giovanola (1988), Greg Gohr (1988), Gary Wilson (1989), Mike Redmond (1991), Mike Kinkade (1992), Roland Delamaza (1992), Mike Thurman (1993), Rob Ryan (1993), Josh Pearce (1998), Leo Rosales (2002), Brett Pill (2003), Vinnie Pestano (2004), Bradley Zimmer (2012), James Outman (2016), and David Hamilton (2016). Four players, Lee Gregory (1966-67), Bill Serena (1961), Eddie Kearse (1951), and Floyd Stromme (1950) played for the Crabs after playing in the MLB.

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# Humboldt *Crabs* baseball wins and losses

Season	Manager	Asst. Coach	Record	National Ranking	Season	Manager	Asst. Coach	Record	National Ranking
1945	Lou Bonomini		11-6		2003	Ken "Shorty" Ames	Robin Guiver +	43-5	
1946	Lou Bonomini	Fred Papini	35-12		2004	Ken "Shorty" Ames	Robin Guiver +	40-9	
1947	Lou Bonomini	Fred Papini	34-13		2005	Ken "Shorty" Ames	Robin Guiver +	37-11	
1948	Lou Bonomini	Fred Papini	26-17		2006	Matt Nutter	Robin Guiver +	42-13	
1949	Lou Bonomini	Fred Papini	36-14		2007	Matt Nutter	Robin Guiver +	42-12	
1950	Lou Bonomini	Fred Papini +	35-12		2008	Matt Nutter	Robin Guiver +	35-13	
1951	Lou Bonomini		36-14		2009	Matt Nutter	Robin Guiver +	48-11	
1952	Lou Bonomini	Phil Sarboe	38-12		2010	Matt Nutter	Robin Guiver +	43-9	
1953	Lou Bonomini	Ed Hemingway	29-11		2011	Matt Nutter	Robin Guiver +	40-13	20th
1954	Lou Bonomini		29-17		2012	Matt Nutter	Robin Guiver +	37-9	29th
1955	Lou Bonomini		22-22		2013	Matt Nutter	Robin Guiver +	42-14	26th
1956	Lou Bonomini		27-10		2014	Tyson Fisher	Eric Giacone +	34-15	
1957	Lou Bonomini	Fred Papini	24-8		2015	Tyson Fisher	Eric Giacone +	41-9	
1958	Lou Bonomini		17-11		2016	Tyson Fisher	Eric Giacone +	35-15	
1959	Lou Bonomini	Eddie Oliveria	19-8		2017	Robin Guiver	Eric Giacone +	39-7	
1960	Lou Bonomini	Jack Altman	16-7		2018	Robin Guiver	Eric Giacone +	37-10	
1961	Lou Bonomini	Jack Altman	21-5*	5th	2019	Robin Guiver	Eric Giacone +	33-16	
1962	Lou Bonomini	Jack Altman	15-6		2020	Robin Guiver	Eric Giacone +	no season (Covid-19)	
1963	Lou Bonomini	Bert Holt	27-7*	17th	2021	Robin Guiver	Eric Giacone +	39-6	
1964	Lou Bonomini	Bert Holt	27-11*	4rd	2022	Robin Guiver	Eric Giacone +	36-10	
1965	Lou Bonomini		25-10*	3rd	2023	Robin Guiver	Eric Giacone +	40-7	
1966	Lou Bonomini		29-4*	3rd					
1967	Lou Bonomini	Jack Altman	37-7*	4th					
1968	Lou Bonomini	Jack Altman	43-11*	3rd					
1969	Lou Bonomini	Wayne Hartman	30-11*						
1970	Lou Bonomini	Wayne Hartman	18-18*						
1971	Lou Bonomini	Tom Wheeler	21-20*						
1972	Lou Bonomini	Ron Brown	39-11*						
1973	Lou Bonomini	Bob Bonomini	28-19*						
1974	Lou Bonomini	Tom Hinkle	27-12-1*	5th					
1975	Lou Bonomini	Tom Hinkle	38-7*	5th					
1976	Lou Bonomini	Berdy Harr	37-11*						
1977	Lou Bonomini	Berdy Harr +	35-5*	7th					
1978	Lou Bonomini	Mike Simpson	40-10						
1979	Lou Bonomini	Bob Milano	37-16*						
1980	Lou Bonomini	Ken Snyder	45-10	7th					
1981	Lou Bonomini	Ken Snyder +	43-10	12th					
1982	Lou Bonomini	Ken Snyder	27-17^						
1983	Lou Bonomini	Nick Fuscardo	39-7^						
1984	Lou Bonomini	Nick Fuscardo	44-10^						
1985	Lou Bonomini	Bo Hughes	51-3^	17th					
1986	Lou Bonomini	Bo Hughes	51-8						
1987	Lou Bonomini	Tom Giacomini	24-11						
1988	Tom Giacomini	Ken Ames	32-12						
1989	Tom Giacomini	Ken Ames	38-5						
1990	Tom Giacomini	Ken Ames +	44-6						
1991	Tom Giacomini	Ken Ames +	36-8						
1992	Steve Neel	Burch Boehner	32-9						
1993	Vince Maiocco	Byron Pontoni	31-6						
1994	Vince Maiocco	Bryan Neagle +	32-9						
1995	Vince Miaocco	Jeff Menard	35-5						
1996	Ken "Shorty" Ames	Al Brisack	33-10						
1997	Ken "Shorty" Ames	Al Brisack	44-10						
1998	Ken "Shorty" Ames	Al Brisack	41-7						
1999	Ken "Shorty" Ames	Al Brisack	45-3						
2000	Ken "Shorty" Ames	Robin Guiver +	33-13						
2001	Ken "Shorty" Ames	Robin Guiver +	28-13						
2002	Ken "Shorty" Ames	Robin Guiver +	43-12<						

Seasons	Manager	Total Record
1945-1987	Lou Bonomini	1,330-471-1
1988-1991	Tom Giacomini	150-31
1992	Steve Neel	32-9
1993-1995	Vince Maiocco	98-20
1996-2005	Ken "Shorty" Ames	387-93
2006-2013	Matt Nutter	329-94
2014-2016	Tyson Fisher	110-39
2017-	Robin Guiver	224-56
1945-present	Overall Record	2660-813-1

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The nucleus of the 1945 Crabs team had previously played for the Eureka Tallow Company (ETC) in the Humboldt County League.

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 If you have any video footage, or historic photographs of the Crabs from before 2000, or if you know someone who should be interviewed for Lou's Team: The Story of the Humboldt Crabs film documentary, please contact Fitzgerald at: conorpatfitzgerald@gmail.com



**EUREKA HUMBOLDT CRABS—1963 California Champions**

Standing: Larry Taylor (p), Jerry Eilers (p), Manuel Fagundes (of), Joe Dorsey (p), Bob Lang (1b), Jim Langford (of), Quinton Willingham (p) and Brian Sinnott (p). Front: Bob Bonomini (2b), Bob Gillham (ss), Lou Bonomini (mgr), Don Lauters (3b), Walt Napier (cf), John Costa (lf), Bob Milano (c), Bert Holt (coach), Jim Garrett (c) and Fred Papini (trainer). Absent: Lee Walker (p).



**CALIFORNIA STATE CHAMPIONS — 1970**

Top Row (l to r)—Jim George, p; Dane Iorg, lf; Jake Lovejoy, p; Mike Folster, 3b; Iric Raich, p; Gary Robson, p; Mike Ball, ss.  
Center Row (l to r)—Wayne Hartman, coach; Jim Dumont, c; Lee Iorg, rf; Lou Bonomini, mgr.; Burt Nordstrom, p; Keith Ayala, rf.  
Front Row (l to r)—Gordon Carter, cf; Ron Altshuler, 2b; Mike Swiderski, c; Jim Vessey, 1b; Chuck Kurkjian, 2b.



**HUMBOLDT CRABS — CALIFORNIA NBC CHAMPIONS — AT WICHITA, 1971**

TOP ROW (l to r)—Jim Dumont, c; Barry Sbragia, p; Charles Bates, 3b; Bob Box, p; Greg Busey, c; Keith Ayala, 1b; Randy Whitman, p; Bob Kammeyer, p; Dave Bonomini, lf.  
BOTTOM ROW (l to r)—Roy Meisner, cf; Coach Tom Wheeler; Jerry Robison, 2b; Carlos Hernandez, ss; Dave Wright, p; Roger Stevens, rf; Jim Beal, of; Mgr. Lou Bonomini. Ball Boy, Dave Barsuglia. Bat Boy, Mark Lewis.

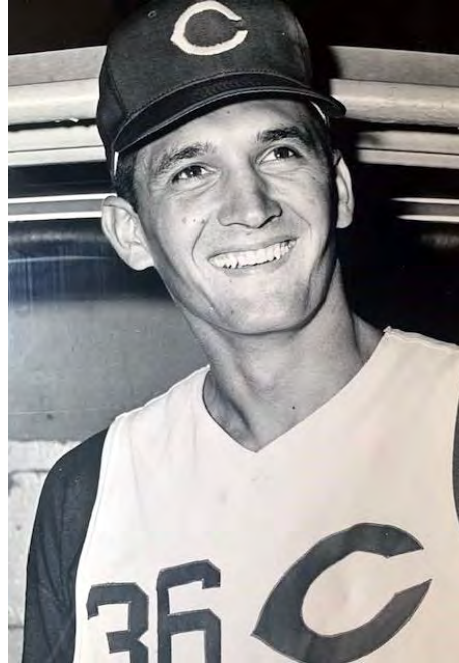
# The bigger the stage, the greater the opportunity

NOVEMBER 6, 1932 – FEBRUARY 24, 2024

**John Oldham made a name** for himself as a winning and much-loved baseball coach at the high school, junior college, and college levels. He is one of the finest baseball players and most successful coaches to come from San Jose, California.

Oldham lived in Salinas and Vallejo as a child before his family settled in Santa Cruz, California where he began to play sandlot baseball. He did not play organized baseball until his family moved to Campbell in the late 1940s. There he became a standout player at Campbell High School, where he pitched on the varsity squad for four years. After being named the top player in the 1950 North-South Prep All-Star Game, he went on to pitch for the Spartans of San Jose State University on a scholarship. Oldham was a three-year letter winner, from 1952 through 1954. A member of the school's Hall of Fame, Oldham still holds the Spartans' career and single-season records for strikeouts and walks; he also ranks among the school's top ten for career wins, and career and single-season innings pitched. In the off-season he played for the Humboldt Crabs and was the first player from the organization to enter the Major Leagues.

Oldham was signed by the Cincinnati Reds out of San Jose State in 1954 as a pitcher. He spent that season with the minor league Columbia Reds of the South Atlantic League. In 1955, he pitched for the Seattle Rainiers of the Pacific Coast League, and in 1956, the Cincinnati Reds called Oldham up to the major leagues. Oldham batted right and threw left-handed, which



was itself unusual: (about 3% of all MLB players) hit right and threw left. Oldham left the Cincinnati Reds in 1958 after an injury to begin a long career of teaching, coaching, and mentoring.

Oldham first made his transition into a career of coaching at Campbell High School, and later to Westmont High School, where he led his teams to championships during most of the seven years he coached. In 1966 Oldham transferred to San Jose City College where he coached and taught classes for the next 18 years and led his teams to 390 wins and five conference titles. Oldham's next opportunity came in 1985 with the Broncos of Santa Clara University, where he spent the next 12 years leading the team to four NCAA appearances and three West Coast Conference championships. After Oldham 'retired' in 1997, he accepted an invitation to coach the San Jose Spitfires, a professional ladies baseball team, and won the league championship that same year. When the program folded mid-season the following year, Oldham was hired by the California League where he spent the next few years supervising and managing the minor leagues umpires. During that same time, and over the course of the next 20 years, Oldham selflessly volunteered his time coaching at Leigh, Los Gatos, and Leland high schools and West Valley and Santa Clara colleges, helping lead teams to numerous championships. Along

the way he mentored countless youth athletes, some of whom have also now played professional baseball and have since started coaching careers of their own. Oldham was inducted into the San Jose Sports Hall of Fame in 2008 as one of the most respected baseball coaches and players of his time.

Oldham will be remembered by many as a great coach and mentor with a quick wit and sharp mind.

## John Oldham Memories

### ON MAKING A BAD DECISION

"Someone told me that when I get my contract, don't sign it — just send it back because they always try to low-ball rookies. I didn't know any better, so I sent it back. I wasn't aware of the fact that the Reds GM was Gabe Paul, who was known for being tough and cheap. A few weeks later, I got a letter from Paul and he said, 'I've never been so insulted in all my life. You're sold to Seattle!' Oops. The lesson is don't take bad advice."

### ON HOW IT ALL ENDED IN VISALIA

"It was 1960, and my arm was done. I was married and had a kid, so I had to make a business decision. I walked out of that ballpark and saw my wife and my child sitting in the car and I said, 'This is it, we're going home'. I got my teaching credential and when I got home, I discovered that Campbell High School had an opening and they hired me. In five years at Campbell High, we won the league four times and finished second once. My best player during that time was Craig Morton, who went on to be a star quarterback for Cal, the Dallas Cowboys and Denver Broncos."

### ON COACHING JUNIOR COLLEGE KIDS

"I got hired at San Jose City College, and I took that team to five conference championships in 18 years and produced four Major Leaguers — David Stieb, Jack Pierce, Randy Kramer, and Dave Righetti."

### ON COACHING DIVISION ONE

"After a few false starts, I finally got the job at Santa Clara University, where we won four conference crowns and produced four more big leaguers — Randy Winn, Mike McFarlane, Greg Gohr, and Ed Giovanola. We never made it to the College World Series, but I was there for 13 seasons and I loved it."



**John Oldham passed away at the age of 91. Coach Oldham, who played for the Crabs in the 1952-1953 and again in the 1960s, was the Crabs' first Major Leaguer.**

# Crabs managers and coaches overall records



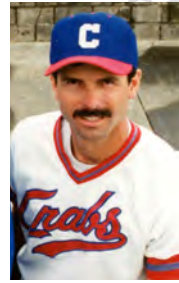
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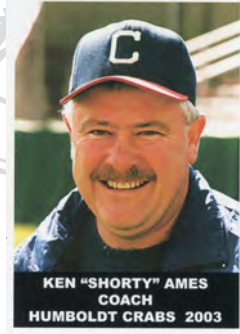
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**Steve Neel**  
1992  
Record: 32-9



**Vince Maiocco**  
1993-1995  
Record: 98-20



**KEN "SHORTY" AMES**  
COACH  
HUMBOLDT CRABS 2003  
1996-2005  
Record: 387-93



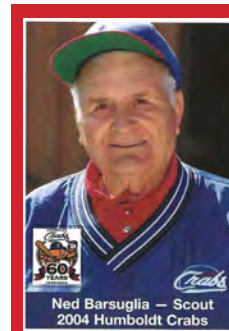
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2006-2013  
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**Tyson Fisher**  
2014-2016  
Record: 110-39



**Robin Guiver**  
2017-Present  
Record: 224-56



**Ned Barsuglia**  
1954-2004

**BOARD MEMBER, CHIEF SCOUT AND GENERAL MANAGER**

Although not a Crabs baseball coach, Barsuglia played an integral part in the formation of each Crabs team as the chief scout and head recruiter. A role he performed for more than 40 years. He remained an advisor to the organization until his death in 2012.

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# Outside the Batters Box

## *Benjamin Shaeffer's double life as a philosophy professor and Crabs' baseball announcer*

By Liam Warner

**It's a brisk June night** in downtown Arcata as Benjamin Shaeffer arrives at the ballpark around 6:30 p.m. He walks up to the media booth, sets his personal belongings down and says hello to the other people working in the radio booth that night.

Before the game starts, Shaeffer will usually talk to the others in the booth about world events of that day, philosophical musings or about how bad the Giants are doing. He looks over the lineups for both teams, noting the pronunciation of the players' names and he fills out his fielding chart, putting a player's name in each position on the baseball diamond.

It's about 6:45 p.m. when Shaeffer gets ready to put his voice on air, connecting to hundreds of radios, phones and computers across Humboldt County and beyond. He puts his headset on, waits for the countdown to go on air, then begins the broadcast with, "Good evening Crabs fans around the world and around the block, on the world wide web and on the radio, it's time for Crabs baseball!"

Shaeffer is the current philosophy department chair and for almost 10 months of the year he teaches philosophy full-time at Cal Poly Humboldt. For two months every summer, he spends his evenings in the Arcata Ball Park's broadcast booth.

Shaeffer grew up in the Southern California city of El Monte, 13 miles east of downtown Los Angeles at the base of the San Gabriel Mountains. Journalism was his primary interest as he was the editor of his high school paper and then majored in journalism at Pasadena City College. But it wasn't long before he started to lose interest in journalism, and it was then that he began to find what he believed to be his true calling in life.

"It seemed like it was more about selling papers than it was about informing people what was going on in the world," Shaeffer said. "When I discovered philosophy, I realized that these are the questions I've been wondering about my whole life, I just didn't know that you could get paid to ask them."

Shaeffer went on to get his bachelor's degree at UC Santa Cruz and then later received his Ph.D. at UC Santa Barbara (UCSB). In 1998, not long after earning his degree at UCSB, Shaeffer accepted what he thought at the time was a one-year teaching position at the then Humboldt State University. Like many students and faculty who make the trek from Los Angeles to Humboldt, Shaeffer was not sure what to expect and was anxious about living

in an unfamiliar place so far from home. He was certain that he wasn't going to be in Humboldt for long and imagined he would return to his job in SoCal soon.

"I had this image of Humboldt," Shaeffer said. "I thought I was going to live in the woods and it was going to be quiet like a small town. But when I got to Eureka and saw the Bayshore Mall, I was a little bit upset."

Aside from his interest in philosophy, a constant presence and a dear friend throughout Shaeffer's life has been baseball. Shaeffer does not consider himself a sports fan as he has never been interested in other popular sports like basketball or football, but when it comes to baseball, he can recall the exact moment he fell in love with the sport.

"When I was seven, at the end of the street I grew up on, there was a park with a little league field," Shaeffer said. "I remember going down there and just being fascinated by watching kids play baseball. I started to play as soon as I was old enough to play, but I didn't get past Little League."

Thankfully, it wasn't long before Shaeffer discovered the Humboldt Crabs baseball team that played during summertime in downtown Arcata.

"I was in heaven," Shaeffer said. "I started to hang out at the games, and in 1999 there was an opening for a ballpark announcer. I wanted to be that ballpark announcer."

Although Shaeffer didn't get the ballpark announcing gig, there was an opening for an official scorer and he took that position. After being the official scorer for a year and hanging out in the booth next to the radio broadcasters, Shaeffer was given a chance to be on the radio.

He would then join Robert "Hoke" Holcomb on the Crabs radio broadcast, and that started a summer tradition that continues to this day.

"So I sat right next to [the radio broadcasters]," Shaeffer said. "I would interject things over the air, and then after the first season, Hoke asked me if I wanted to volunteer. He asked me 'Why



**Fans can often hear radio announcer Benjamin Shaeffer yelling out the window "C'mon ump!" or his home run call "Adios Muchacho!" Shaeffer often jokes about Crabs fans being the worst foul ball fielders in baseball. There's also some controversy if the wave is appropriate to perform during a baseball game according to Shaeffer. Shaeffer said 2024 will be his 23rd summer broadcasting exciting Crabs baseball.**



**Benjamin Shaeffer throws out the first pitch in 2021.**



**Radio broadcasters Benjamin "the professor" Shaeffer and "Hoke" Holcomb at the Arcata Ball Park in 2017.**

don't you be my color man?"

Shaeffer and Holcomb would develop both an on-air and off-air friendship that would last 19 summers before Holcomb retired at the end of the 2018 season. Shaeffer and Holcomb both came from an academic background and were politically active, but most importantly loved the game of baseball, and that made for instant on-air chemistry.

"I always said that if you didn't get along with Benjamin Shaeffer, you had a personality disorder and you needed to see somebody," Holcomb said. "I think he brings enthusiasm to the broadcast without having that enthusiasm drown out what he's conveying."

Throughout his summers as the voice of the Crabs, Shaeffer has brought a unique perspective to the sport of baseball, often

sprinkling philosophical musings throughout the broadcast. His philosophical background allows him to view the game in a different light, valuing the slowness and building moments of the game rather than the high-energy, action-packed moments.

"I think the thing about baseball that is philosophical is its slowness and its meditative quality," Shaeffer said. "It creates tension and that's the source of its excitement, rather than speed and things moving really fast. It builds to these moments of

tension that have to get resolved."

Shaeffer's day job might be teaching philosophy for most of the year, but to him, there's no better place to be during the summer months than high up on a perch above the Arcata Ball Park's center bleachers, watching and announcing exciting Crabs baseball.

"If I find somewhere where there's baseball, I go," Shaeffer said.

*Note: Shaeffer is also a former Crabs Board of Director. Shaeffer will go on the road this summer to Medford, Oregon to broadcast the Crabs series.*

# Like the Crabs, Hoke celebrates his 80th year of operation

**Robert “Hoke” Holcomb** had logged countless volunteer hours for the Crabs organization as the charismatic radio announcer who had to climb up a metal ladder to get into the ballpark’s radio booth. He is now retired and living in Washington State.

“When I was in 5th grade, a survey asked our class what we wanted to be when we grew up. I answered, a baseball announcer,” Hoke recalled.

“I have enjoyed more than a quarter of a century teaching political science, but I never imagined that my boyhood dream could be fulfilled. If you had to quote me about my decades with the Crabs, it would be, “Thanks for letting me enjoy my youthful fantasy,” he added.



*Crabs Board President Jerry Nutter is interviewed by Crabs radio announcer Robert “Hoke” Holcomb at a fundraising dinner at the Arcata Community Center.*

Hoke’s favorite baseball heckle: “The pitch was outside and the ump called it a strike. From the stands you hear — That’s pretty liberal, ump. The next pitch was a tad further outside and again called a strike. From the stands you hear — Ump, that’s liberal, even for Arcata!” Hoke laughed.

When asked which Crabs special event games he enjoyed the most at the ballpark. He replied, “While I’m not a USA, rah-rah guy, I always thought the gussied-up atmosphere of the well attended 4th of July games represented small-town Americana at its best.”

When questioned about his favorite radio moments from his Crabs days, “Of course, it was always exciting to call homers by Crabs bombers like Brian Blausler, Nick “the Stick” Giacone and MVP Jeff Giacomini. Benjamin Shaeffer and I would tease each other about who got to make those home run calls on the air,” Hoke said.

Hoke recalls his first introduction to Crabs baseball in 1997. He and his wife had visited Arcata, took in a Crabs game and also listened to the radio broadcast. “The following year, having fallen in love with the city, we returned only to find there was no Crabs broadcast,” he said.

“I met with Crabs Board President Jerry Nutter one day and told him I’d be interested in getting the Crabs back on the air. Nutter told me to submit a proposal. I did so and I offered a 50-50 split on any ad revenues that I could generate for the club. Later, Nutter thanked me for the



*Robert “Hoke” Holcomb’s radio sign off was, “We’re rounding third and heading home.”*

offer, but said the board would like to do it on their own,” Hoke recalled.

Turns out, the volunteer board was unsuccessful in getting the Crabs back on the radio. “In the early Spring of 1999 Nutter circled back to me and asked if I wanted to give it a try and to go for it,” Hoke said. “With luck and pluck, I was able to put it together and we went on the air that summer,” he added.

“Even though I had sold \$3,000 worth of ads, I told Nutter to forget about the split,” Hoke said.

“The following year, Nutter and the general manager for the town’s ESPN radio affiliate were both on the Chamber of Commerce Board. We all got together and since then, the Crabs have been associated with that media group for more than 19 years,” Hoke added.

“I’m so grateful to know such great baseball people that are associated with the Crabs like Ned Barsuglia, board member Larry Zerlang, the Nutter family, Shaeffer, the entire radio booth staff and so many more I met at the ballpark,” Hoke summarized.



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# Original 1995 volunteer still helping Crabs

## Larry Zerlang logs in his 29th year as a volunteer Crabs Board of Director

Q & A by Tracy McCormack

### When did you join the Crabs?

I joined the Humboldt Crabs Board of Directors in 1995 with a group of baseball fans and community members that Crabs general manager Ned Barsuglia had recruited to fill in his shoes. Barsuglia announced he was quitting, so fans were asking him how we could keep the team going. The team was 50 years old at that point. All of us had grown up watching the Crabs play in both in Eureka and Arcata. Going to Crabs games was a big part of life around here.

Barsuglia knew exactly what he was doing. His announcement was an old trick of his — fold the team every few years and it will come back stronger. In 1995 it was more serious though. This time, he was really calling it quits. He had been keeping the Crabs going for more than 35 years.

In 1995, when I was asked to join the board, Barsuglia was 65 years old. He still seemed to have enough energy to work for the Crabs than perhaps all of the people he had recruited to take over the team. He knew it would take many years to create a working board of directors to run the team. Barsuglia stuck around for about four years after 1995 before he officially stepped down. He felt it was important to train us on how to recruit good baseball players.

It's amazing that Barsuglia ran the team all by himself for 30 years!

### When did your passion for baseball start?

I started studying up on baseball in 1961 when the Giants moved to San Francisco. I was not a very good baseball player, so I decided I could still be part of the game by being a fan of baseball. I spent many hours at Humboldt State University's microfilm room reading all the newspaper articles about Willie Mays and other major league players.

After my days at the university, I started to sponsor softball teams, coaching Little League and I stayed involved in the sport when I had some free time.

When Barsuglia said he was folding the Crabs, I saw my chance to get involved with baseball again.

### Did you know Lou Bonomini as well?

I didn't get to know Bonomini as well as I knew Barsuglia, but it was an honor to be around him. He was a great ball player, manager and had the best baseball stories.

As Bonomini got older, he still came to Crabs

games with his wife, Vera. Crabs groundskeeper Fred Lomelli and I would often sit in left field with him during the games. He never missed a play and never missed a call.

I had the most fun watching and analyzing Crabs games with Bonomini at the ballpark. I loved to listen to what he thought was right or wrong about certain plays. He was a true scholar of the game.

### What's the best part about being on the Crabs board?

The best part of being involved with the Crabs is getting the opportunity to continue what Bonomini and Barsuglia started those many years ago.

The Crabs are still focused on high quality baseball that fans can afford to watch right here in Humboldt County.

### What would you like fans to know about the Crabs Board of Directors?

I would like the fans to know that the Crabs Board of Directors work very hard to keep affordable quality baseball in the area. We volunteer many hours of our time to promote the game of baseball and youth sports in general. We bring good baseball players from all over the country to Arcata. It's always hard to turn away local players, but the coaches try to add as many local as they can to each roster.

Overall, we try to promote and recruit the best team we can every summer.

### Do you have a favorite baseball heckle?

I'm not a fan of heckling. I don't like it when fans bad mouth the umpires, players, or the visiting team. The umpires and players are the best we can get. There's an old saying, heckling is for hot dogs and hot doggers. People are trying to do their best and heckling doesn't make their jobs any easier.



(L to R) Fred Lomelli, Larry Zerlang and Ned Barsuglia.



(L to R) Current Crabs Board of Director Larry Zerlang poses with outgoing director Tracy McCormack after an interview for Lou's Team: The Story of the Humboldt Crabs documentary that's currently in production. Zerlang was part of the 1995 group of community members who saved the Crabs after the team's ownership was transferred from Ned Barsuglia into a 501(c)(4) community-owned nonprofit organization.

### Do you have some favorite Crabs players from over the years?

Some of my favorite Crabs of all time are Bill Olsen and Gregg Shanahan. I always loved to watch Jeff Giacomini play as well.



Documentary filmmaker Conor Fitzgerald interviews Crabs Hall of Famer Greg Shanahan, Crabs board member Larry Zerlang and Crabs retired field manager Fred Lomelli at the Foster Freeze Drive-In in Eureka on May 14, 2024. Fitzgerald is researching the history of the Crabs when he's not working at the Oakland Coliseum for the Oakland Athletics.



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This ever-changing group of musicians come together every summer to play at various Crabs games at the Arcata Ball Park to provide musical interludes pre-game, post-game and between innings. The band also performs the "Star Spangled Banner" in the absence of guest performers.

The band cites influences such as the former Humboldt State University Marching Lumberjacks, Ozzy Osbourne, Blue Oyster Cult, the Rebirth Brass Band, and Crabs' fans.

Monica Dekat has played trumpet with the Crab Grass band for nearly two decades. She says, "I joined the band when I was just 16 years old. Now, 18 years later, I still love seeing new members join, no matter their age. Music keeps you young and I love our World Famous Crab Grass Band community."

This summer the band will travel to Healdsburg's Rec Park on Saturday, June 22 when the Crabs play the Prune Packers.

Fans are welcome to show their appreciation for the band by leaving cash tips in the donation jar located next to the conductor's post in front of the first base bleachers.



Crab Grass Band 1983

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## Give the fans what they want!

### T-Mac steps away after 13 years of volunteer service

By Jocelyn Robinson

The Crabs community says thank you to former Crabs Board of Director Tracy "T-Mac" McCormack, who resigned at the end of last summer after volunteering for the organization for more than 13 years.

McCormack was recruited by late Crabs Board President Jerry Nutter in 2009. Initially, she worked on print projects for Nutter. She was nominated to the board of directors in 2010 and served as the board secretary for four years. In 2014, she took over sponsorship sales and the annual Crabs program production from former board member John Fesler.

In 2021, McCormack took over the ballpark's alcohol department that now sells cider, wine and seltzers in addition to beer. She also added Liquid Death water in recyclable cans to cut down on single use plastic bottles. McCormack introduced Wine Wednesdays, Beer Pick of the Week and many other special events still featured at the ballpark today.

She created the Beer Team whose motto was "Give the fans what they want." The goal of McCormack's Beer Pick of the Week was for each bartender to pick out a new beverage for the fans to try out. If the fans liked the pick, the beverage would end up being sold all summer long.

McCormack also handled several other Crabs duties over the years, including ballpark giveaways and signage, naming rights to various ballpark structures, social media and website postings, fireworks, media and radio booth coordination plus the \$1 donation shout out forms.

She often went on the road with the Crabs. "I love going to Healdsburg, but it's very expensive. I visited Lincoln once and that was too hot! I drove to Medford and Walnut Creek last year and Medford has become my new favorite park to visit," she said. "I will go on the road again this summer, but as a regular fan."

When the 2023 summer ended, McCormack no longer felt she had the energy to serve at 100 percent. "I was really tired after I hauled the last bar into storage. I felt like it was time for the newer volunteers to do the heavy lifting for the



organization," she said. "I wanted to see what a normal life and summer would be like. I had spent more than 14 summers at the ballpark not only watching the Crabs play but essentially working in the ballpark."

When asked if she had any special memories from her time with the Crabs she replied, "Queen Tamara, fireman Neil Butler and I arranged for a Humboldt Bay fire truck to show up at Blake Machado's house. He was out of the hospital after a serious scare and we thought we could cheer him and his family up with a special Crabs visit," she said. "I remembered Blake had said he wanted to be a fireman on his dad's Redwood News broadcast during a career day segment. When we can do something for our Crabs community or Crabs campers — we are going to do it!" She added. "We brought him a basket of Crabs gear, game tickets and Blake got to sit in the fire truck. We all teared up."

McCormack added, "I arranged for ballpark staffer Mary Elise Cozelmann to push the fireworks button during her last summer working for the Crabs. She was HSU's valedictorian that year, so it was a thank you gesture and goodbye moment."

McCormack often made welcome bags for the new teams. "Crabs mom Melissa Ruiz and I made player's welcome bags last summer that we stuffed with Six Rivers Brewery certificates, maps and anything I could get my hands on from local businesses. I really enjoyed using my connections to spoil the team," she said.

Things she will miss; "I will miss all the creative problem solving. The right field beer garden area came together because of the partnerships I made over the years through the Crabs. That area was a total community effort," she said. "I will miss everything about the Crabs. I will miss the history of it all, the fans, the freeway balls, Sunday games and all the sponsors that have kept the team going for 80 years."

When she's not volunteering for other nonprofit organizations or at a beer tap takeover, you can find "T-Mac" out fishing with her lucky Crabs hat on.

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# HOW TO KEEP SCORE

## Scorekeeping 101

Baseball is the only sport you can easily score as you watch. Keeping score is fun and helps you focus on and remember the game. Your scorecard is like a personal souvenir—allowing you to revisit the game long after it's over.

**THE SCORECARD:** There are two pages, one for each team. Write the starting lineups—uniform number, name and position in the three columns. There is extra space in each lineup spot if a substitute enters the game (see next page). The columns with the diamonds are numbered by inning. This is where you record the action of the game.

**BY THE NUMBERS:** The key to scorekeeping is to remember that every position on the field is represented by a number from 0 (for the designated hitter) to 9.

**GETTING ON BASE:** Draw a thick line on the diamond to indicate which base a batter reaches. Make a note of how the runner reached base in the corners of the square using the scoring abbreviations.

**ROUNDING THE BASES:** Continue drawing lines to indicate a runner's progress. If he scores, shade the diamond.

**YER OUT:** Use the position numbers to record defensive plays. Short-to-first would be **6-3**, while a short-to-second-to-first double play would be **6-4-3**. A fly out to left field would be **F-7**.

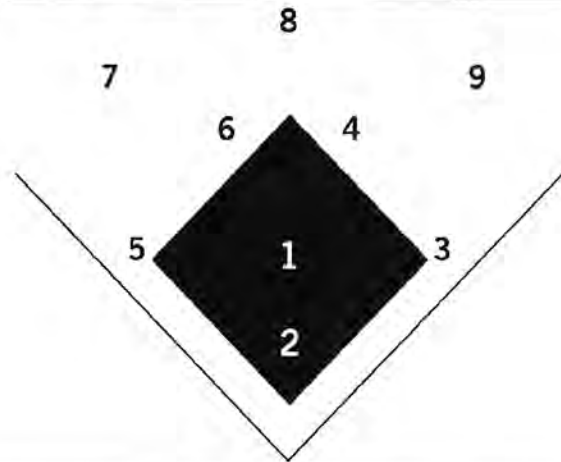
**BATTER UP:** Follow the example two innings, right: Center fielder starts the game with a walk (**BB**). Next up, right fielder strikes out (**K**) for the first out—a "1" is circled to keep track of the outs. The third batter, shortstop, goes deep, hitting a home run (**HR**), which scores himself and center fielder. Left fielder gets a single (**1B**), followed by first baseman grounding into a double play to the third baseman (**5-4 for out "2," 5-4-3 for "3"**). The end of the inning can be kept track of with a slanted dash.

In the next inning, third baseman leads off with a base hit (**1B**), but is out stealing (**CS 2-6**) with second baseman up. Second baseman doubles (**2B**). Next up, designated hitter hits a deep single to center (**1B**), but second baseman is out trying to score (**8-2**) on the hit. DH takes second on the throw home. The fourth batter of the inning, catcher, reaches third on an error by the center fielder (**E8**) and the DH scores. Center fielder flies out to the pitcher (**F-1**) to end the inning.

**PITCHERS:** Write pitchers' names and track their stats in the box in the lower right corner of the scorecard.

**A MATTER OF STYLE:** Every scorekeeper has a personal style (such as noting great plays with an exclamation point), but the basics are the same for everyone.

### BY THE NUMBERS



### SAMPLE SCORECARD

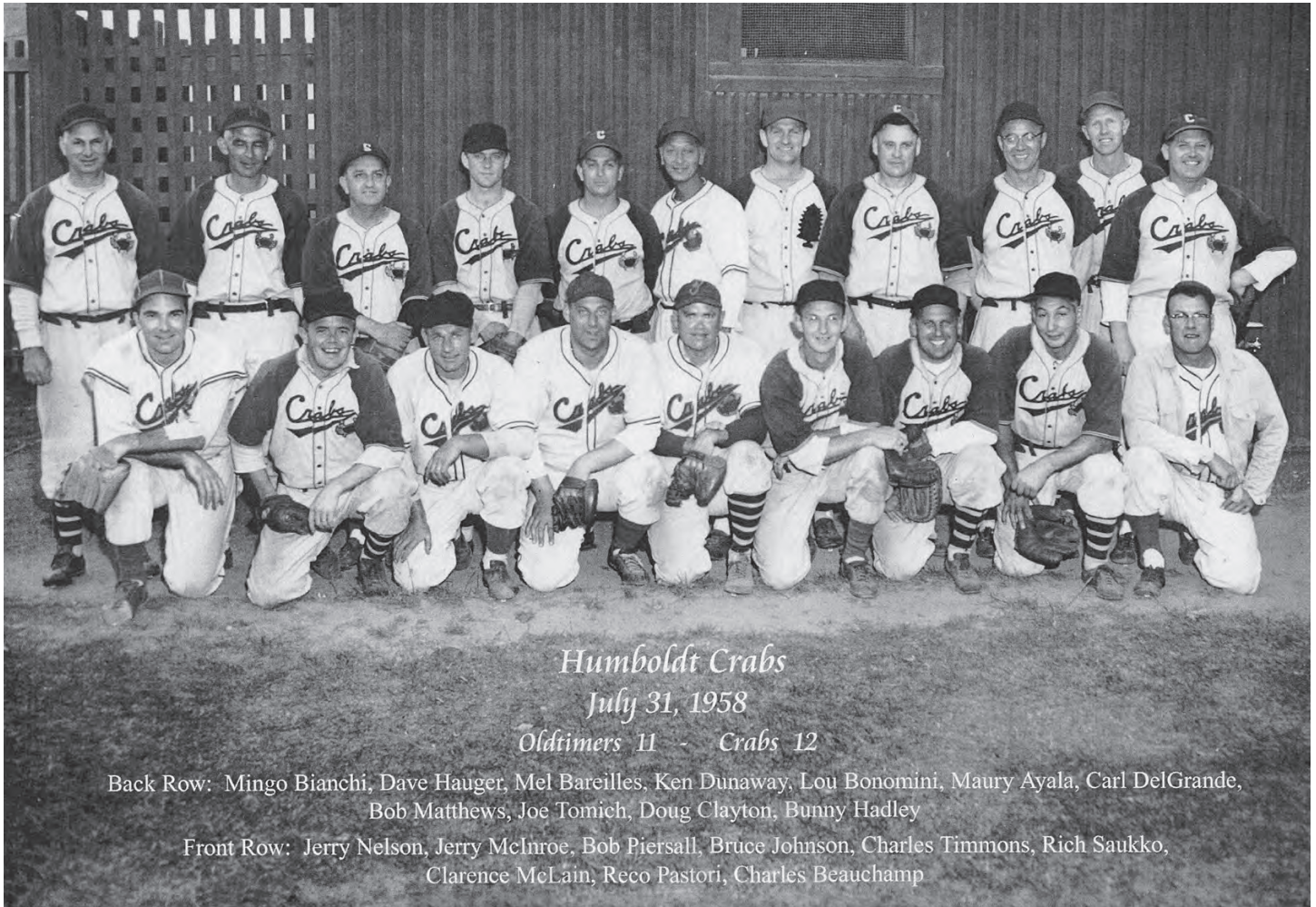
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17	Right Fielder	9	1	
9	Shortstop	6	HR	
34	Left Fielder	7	5-4 1B	
6	First Baseman	3	5-4-3	
28	Third Baseman	5		CS 2-6 1B
11	Second Baseman	4		8-2 2B
44	Designated Hitter	0		1B
2	Catcher	2		E8
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### SCORING ABBREVIATIONS

<b>1B</b> = Single	<b>K</b> = Strike Out	<b>SB</b> = Stolen Base
<b>2B</b> = Double	<b>L</b> = Line Out	<b>CS</b> = Caught Stealing
<b>3B</b> = Triple	<b>FC</b> = Fielder's Choice	<b>PO</b> = Pick Off
<b>HR</b> = Home Run	<b>NR</b> = No RBI	<b>WP</b> = Wild Pitch
<b>E</b> = Error	<b>F</b> = Fly Out	<b>PB</b> = Passed Ball
<b>BB</b> = Walk	<b>DP</b> = Double Play	<b>BK</b> = Balk
<b>IW</b> = Intentional Walk	<b>SH</b> = Sacrifice Hit	<b>PH</b> = Pinch Hitter
<b>HP</b> = Hit by Pitch	<b>SF</b> = Sacrifice Fly	<b>PR</b> = Pinch Runner



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Sara Bareilles' grandfather Mel played for the Humboldt Crabs in 1945. Mel Bareilles also played in the Crabs vs. Oldtimers games in 1958 and 1959. Follow Lou's Team: The Story of the Humboldt Crabs at [instagram.com/humboldtcrabsdocumentary](https://www.instagram.com/humboldtcrabsdocumentary)

Photo by Andrew Goff/Lost Coast Outpost



Grammy award-winning musical artist and Eureka native Sara Bareilles returned home to perform a free concert at Halvorsen Park in Eureka in October of 2022. Bareilles also coordinated a donation with the Good Tidings Foundation to the Boys and Girls Club of the Redwoods. The charity works on spaces for kids — be it athletic spaces, music spaces, education spaces — and creates safe spaces for kids to be empowered. The City of Eureka proclaimed Oct. 16 as Sara Bareilles day and presented her with a key to the city. In 2018, Bareilles teamed up with Yamaha Entertainment Group and Eastman Strings to donate string instruments and audio equipment to Eureka High School's music program. She graduated from EHS in 1998. Bareilles has sold more than three million albums and over 15 million singles in the United States.

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