



TRIPLE-A ALL-STAR GAME

GAME RECAPS
1988-2008

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American League Affiliates 2, National League Affiliates 1

At Buffalo (Pilot Field), July 13, 1988

Attendance - 19,500

Played before a sellout crowd, a national television audience and broadcast over a 100+ station radio network, the first Triple-A All-Star Game was a tremendous success. An American League 2-1 victory was a result of a pitcher's duel involving 13 different hurlers. Ed Jurak (Tacoma), the game's Most Valuable Player, broke a 1-1 tie in the top of the ninth when he scored on a Bob Geren (Columbus) grounder to short after tripling to lead off the inning. The ninth inning run made a winner of Urbano Lugo (Edmonton) and a loser of Joe Boever (Richmond). Mike Kinnunen (Columbus) was credited with the save. In the seventh Gregg Jefferies (Tidewater) countered a third inning unearned American League run with a long home run to right. The National League wasted a scoring opportunity in the fifth inning when Rochester's Bob Milacki retired the side after loading the bases on two walks and an error.

National League Affiliates 8, American League Affiliates 3

At Columbus (Cooper Stadium), July 12, 1989

Attendance - 14,131

The National League affiliates tied the series at one game apiece behind an offensive outburst that produced an 8-3 victory over their American League counterparts. After a pitchers' duel resulted in an American League 2-1 victory a year earlier in Buffalo, the '89 game was anything but as Sandy Alomar, Jr. (Las Vegas) hit a home run for the NL while Scott Coolbaugh (Oklahoma City) and Brian Dorsett (Columbus) connected for the AL. Mark Lemke (Richmond) sparked a five-run fifth for the NL with a two-run single making a winner of Ramon Martinez (Albuquerque) and a loser of Mike Trujillo (Toledo). The Star of Stars award winners which recognized the MVP from each league were Coolbaugh (American Association), Lemke (International League) and Tom Drees of Vancouver (Pacific Coast League) who started for the AL and true to form (Drees had pitched 2 no-hitters earlier in the season) pitched three innings of no-hit baseball. Lemke was also the ESPN viewers MVP based on telephone call-in balloting.

National League Affiliates 8, American League Affiliates 5

At Las Vegas (Cashman Field), July 11, 1990

Attendance - 10,323

For the second consecutive year the National League affiliates emerged with a win as they recorded an 8-5 victory over their American League counterparts to take a 2-1 lead in the series. As was the case in 1989, the All-Stars remembered to bring their bats and the result was 26 hits with nine going for extra bases. Juan Gonzalez (Oklahoma City), the game's Most Valuable Player from the American Association, provided the AL an early 2-1 lead with a towering home run in the top of the third inning. The NL affiliates countered in their half of the inning by scoring three runs on four consecutive hits to take the lead for good at 4-2. The NL salted the game away as they scored two runs in the sixth inning and two more in the eighth before the AL's Joe Redfield (Denver) closed out the scoring with a two-run homer in the ninth. Luis Sojo (Syracuse) collected four hits including a triple and was named the MVP from the International League while Eddie Williams (Las Vegas), who collected an RBI in the third inning and scored a run in the sixth after a lead off double, was recognized as the MVP from the Pacific Coast League.

National League Affiliates 6, American League Affiliates 5

At Louisville (Cardinal Stadium), July 10, 1991

Attendance - 20,725

A Triple-A All-Star Game record crowd saw the National League affiliates record their third consecutive victory in the fourth annual game. For the most part the initial three games had been offensive or defensive in nature. This game provided both as eighteen hits were recorded, no errors committed and two double plays turned. After seeing the AL take the lead early and hold it through 7 1/2 innings the National League battled back due in part to the efforts of Tucson teammates Kenny Lofton (single, SB) and Andujar Cedeno (HR) and Scranton/Wilkes-Barre's Steve Scarsone (3-4, RBI). It was an eighth inning 2-run double by Gary Cooper (Tucson) which put the NL in front. The 4-run eighth made a winner of Richmond pitcher Armando Reynoso and a loser of Tom Edens (Portland). Mike Christopher (Albuquerque) was credited with the save. Cooper (PCL), Jim Olander (AA) and Scarsone (IL) received the Howe Sportsdata Star-of-Star Awards recognizing the MVP from each league. Cooper (NL) and Olander (AL) received the National and American League affiliates MVP awards as presented by Mizuno Sports.

**American League Affiliates 2, National League Affiliates 1
At Richmond (The Diamond), July 15, 1992**

Attendance - 12,186

Following a one hour, 32 minute rain delay to start the fifth annual game, the American League affiliates broke a three year string of losses to their National League counterparts with a 2-1 victory which ended at 12:35 AM. While wet around the edges, most of the sellout crowd of 12,186 remained, hoping to see hometown All-Star pitcher David Nied start for the National League squad. After warming up twice the would be Colorado Rocky was forced to relinquish the starting role to Tidewater's Randy Marshall, the first of five NL hurlers and the game's losing pitcher. Tim Salmon (Edmonton) scored on a second inning fielder's choice and then in the sixth, doubled to drive in Jim Tatum (Denver) who reached on a single. The AL took a 2-0 lead to the bottom of the eighth before singles by Paul Faries (Las Vegas), Geronimo Berroa (Nashville) and Carlos Garcia (Buffalo) produced the sole NL tally. AL starter Dennis Moeller (Omaha), recalled by Kansas City earlier in the day, was the winning pitcher and Mike Draper (Columbus) recorded the save. Salmon (PCL), Tatum (AA) and Sam Militello (Columbus-IL) were recognized as the MVPs of their respective leagues.

**National League Affiliates 14, American League Affiliates 3
At Albuquerque (Sports Stadium), July 14, 1993**

Attendance - 10,541

Rain, Rain Go Away! A two-hour rain delay preceded the fireworks generated by the National League affiliates. Performances by four Richmond Braves' representatives, especially that of Ryan Klesko, keyed the NL's success. Klesko's 4 for 4 night with a double, 2 home runs, 4 RBI and 4 runs scored made him the IL's MVP. Teammates Chipper Jones and Javier Lopez went a combined 3 for 6 with 2 RBI. R-Brave hurler Bill Taylor pitched two perfect innings while striking out 3. Hometown hero Billy Ashley (Albuquerque) was named PCL MVP for his 2 for 3, 2 RBI effort. Playing in his second Triple-A All-Star Game, the first being for Portland in 1988, NL starting pitcher Roy Smith (Buffalo) received MVP honors for the American Association.

**National League Affiliates 8, American League Affiliates 5
At Nashville (Greer Stadium), July 13, 1994**

Attendance - 11,601

Despite jumping out to early 1-0 and 4-1 leads, the AL affiliates bowed to their National League counterparts for the fifth time in the seven year history of the Game. The clubs recorded a like number of baserunners but the NL squad recorded five doubles, three of which came during the pivotal middle innings when the winners crossed the plate six times. For the second consecutive year the game's outcome was significantly impacted by the play of Richmond players. Luis Lopez earned IL MVP honors with a 3-hit night while teammate Brad Woodall was the winning pitcher as he faced only 6 hitters in 2 perfect innings of work. Gary Buckels (Louisville) recorded the save. Kirt Ojala (Columbus) was tagged with the loss following a 2 inning outing in which he allowed 3 runs on 3 hits while striking out 4. Playing in his third Triple-A All-Star Game (1990, '92, & '94), Paul Faries drove in 2 runs with a double and was named the PCL MVP. Even though the home team AL stars went down to defeat, the local faithful had Ray Durham's (Nashville) performance to cheer. Ray went 3-for-3 and was named the AA MVP.

**American League Affiliates 9, National League Affiliates 0
At Moosic, PA (Lackawanna County Stadium), July 12, 1995**

Attendance - 10,965

Seven American League hurlers combined for the first shutout in the history of the Game, limiting a formidable National League lineup to just two hits. In the top of the first inning the AL squad capitalized on three hits, two stolen bases, and three NL errors to jump out to a 3-0 lead, which proved to be more than enough support for the veteran AL staff. Starter Pat Ahern (Toledo) tossed two hitless innings to pick up the win while rookie sensation Jason Isringhausen (Norfolk) was saddled with the loss. Isringhausen took the mound as the NL starter despite being promoted to the Mets earlier in the week. The AL affiliates produced single tallies in the third, fourth, and fifth innings before AA MVP Luis Lopez (Buffalo) put the finishing touches on the 9-0 rout with a towering 3-run homer in the eighth. Lopez, who earned IL MVP honors in the '94 Game, drove in four runs on three hits and scored three more. Syracuse's Howard Battle was named the IL MVP by virtue of his three hits and two runs for the American League stars. The junior circuit affiliates swept the MVP awards as Riccardo Ingram (Salt Lake) captured PCL honors.

**National League Affiliates 2, American League Affiliates 1
At Salt Lake City (Franklin Quest Field), July 10, 1996**

Attendance - 15,500

Salt Lake infielder Todd Walker held the sellout crowd of home team faithful in the palm of his hand twice on this spectacular evening. His solo home run in the fourth loomed mighty large as the game entered the late innings. It began to look as if the 9th Annual Triple-A All-Star Game would be the first to finish by a 1-0 count. However, in the top of the eighth the NL struck quickly off of losing pitcher Jeff Schmidt (Vancouver). Schmidt struck out the side but unfortunately for he and his American League teammates, it followed a Neifi Perez (Colorado Springs) leadoff double to right and a Brook Fordyce (Indianapolis) homer to left-center. With fans on their feet, the hometown hero Walker returned to the plate in the bottom of the ninth with a chance to tie the score. It was not to be as the 2-1 score in favor of the National League was the final. Walker was selected the MVP for the PCL and Fordyce for the AA. Huck Flener (Syracuse) took MVP honors for the IL with a three inning 1-strikeout 1-hit performance. Derek Wallace (Norfolk) notched the win with a perfect eighth and Steve Mintz (Phoenix) earned the save with a perfect ninth.

**American League Affiliates 5, National League Affiliates 3
At Des Moines, IA (Sec Taylor Stadium), July 9, 1997**

Attendance - 11,183

In the final Triple-A All-Star Game matching American League and National League affiliates, the AL stars withstood four errors and two late NL rallies to win the tenth annual Triple-A All-Star Game in front of a standing-room only crowd. The AL stars got on the scoreboard early against home-town pitcher Dave Swartzbaugh as Rochester's Danny Clyburn and Toledo's Frank Catalanotto each homered in the three-run second inning. After a single run by the NL in the third, Catalanotto doubled and scored on an error by Albuquerque's Paul Konerko to give the AL stars all the runs they would need. The National League rallied for unearned runs in both the sixth and seventh innings but were silenced by relievers Jeff Darwin (Nashville) and Eddie Gaillard (Toledo) as the AL held on for a 5-3 win. Pawtucket's Brian Rose started for the AL and pitched two innings of one-hit ball to gain the win while Swartzbaugh took the loss. Catalanotto's 2 run, 2 RBI performance earned him IL "Star of Star" honors. Nashville's Magglio Ordonez (1 run, 1 RBI) and Colorado Springs' hurler Nate Minchey (2 IP, 1 hit, 3 strikeouts) earned MVP honors for the AA and PCL, respectively.

**International League All-Stars 8, Pacific Coast League All-Stars 4
At Norfolk (Harbor Park), July 8, 1998**

Attendance - 11,049

In the first game matching stars from the IL and PCL, the home team jumped to an early 3-0 lead and held on for an 8-4 victory in the 11th annual Triple-A All-Star Game. In between runs scored by Allen Battle (Ottawa) and Willis Otanez (Rochester), Columbus' Mike Lowell hit a solo home run in the first inning to give the IL stars the lead. The PCL chipped away at the margin with runs in the third and fourth frames off of Calvin Maduro (Scranton/WB), but the IL countered with two more of its own in the fifth. The IL tallied another three runs in the seventh on RBI from Charlotte's Alex Gonzalez, Battle, and Lowell, the IL MVP. Oklahoma's Warren Newson hit a solo home run in the eighth to narrow the gap but IL pitchers Shannon Withem (Syracuse) and Todd Williams (Indianapolis) shut out the opposition from that point. IL starter Joel Bennett (Rochester) pitched two shutout innings to earn the win, while Salt Lake's Travis Baptist took the loss. Colorado Springs' SS Terry Shumpert earned PCL MVP honors with a home run in the third inning. Pre-game festivities included the wedding of Tides' OF Benny Agbayani and the unveiling of the Triple-A World Series logo.

**Pacific Coast League All-Stars 9, International League All-Stars 5
At New Orleans (Zephyr Field), July 14, 1999**

Attendance - 8,895

In a year of record-setting offensive numbers, the PCL and IL squads combined to score 14 runs in the 12th Annual contest in New Orleans. The IL Stars jumped out to the early lead, taking a 1-0 advantage on D.T. Cromer's (Indianapolis) RBI grounder in the first off of Memphis' Larry Luebbers. The PCL Stars countered with three runs in their half of the first off of IL starter Micah Bowie (Richmond) with the big blast coming from PCL "Star of Stars" award winner Daryle Ward. New Orleans' Ward, a late addition to the PCL Squad, hit a three-run homer that almost landed in the right field swimming pool and plated Albuquerque's Shawn Gilbert and Vancouver's Frank Menechino. Each team scored in the fifth, before a pair of homers gave the IL Stars a 5-4 lead in the eighth inning. Buffalo's Russell Branyan, the IL "Star of Stars" recipient, had a solo home run while Ottawa's Geoff Blum hit a two-run shot. The floodgates opened in the bottom of the frame with the PCL Stars scoring five times off of a pair of IL relievers to take a four run lead. Edmonton's Scott Brow and Fresno's Cory Bailey combined to pitch a scoreless ninth, preserving the PCL victory.

**Pacific Coast League All-Stars 8, International League All-Stars 2
At Rochester (Frontier Field), July 12, 2000**

Attendance - 12,810

The 13th Annual Triple-A All-Star proved to be disappointing for the home club as seven PCL hurlers held the IL club scoreless through the first seven innings en route to an 8-2 victory in a sloppy game (7 errors) in Rochester. The two clubs traded "0's" during the first three innings as Red Wings' pitchers Josh Towers and Javier DeLaHoya (2 IP, 1 K to earn IL "Star of Stars" honors) allowed no hits to the PCL Stars. The second time through the order the hits came as the visitors scored single runs in the fourth, fifth, and sixth frames. A double by Jose Ortiz (Sacramento) followed by a single off the bat of Luis Raven (Calgary) opened the scoring in the fourth. PCL "Star of Stars" winner Joe Vitiello (Las Vegas) was the hitting star, missing the cycle by a home run, and had a key double in the eighth inning as the PCL plated four runs off of Durham's Bill Taylor to break the game open. The home team got on the scoreboard in the bottom of the eighth as Norfolk's Ryan McGuire singled home Bill Selby (Buffalo) and came around to score on Ortiz' error. Vitiello and DeLaHoya were named the Maurice LaCroix Lou Gehrig Batter and Pitcher-of-the-Game. In another interesting note, outfielder Ruben Sierra (Oklahoma) became the first player to appear in the Triple-A All-Star Game after playing in the Major League All-Star Game ('89, '91, '92, & '94).

**Pacific Coast League All-Stars 9, International League All-Stars 5
At Indianapolis (Victory Field), July 11, 2001**

Attendance - 15,868

The visiting PCL All-Stars limited the IL to four hits to win their third consecutive All-Star tilt in front of nearly 16,000 fans in Indianapolis. Both teams scored unearned runs in the first inning with the PCL's tally coming when Nashville's Tike Redman crossed the plate on an error by IL catcher Toby Hall. Durham's Hall reached on an error in the bottom of the frame, then scored on a mammoth home run by Louisville's Adam Dunn. The PCL took the lead in the fourth on a two-run homer by PCL "Star of Stars" winner Juan Thomas (Tacoma) before the IL evened the score at 3 apiece on Dunn's second home run of the game a half inning later. The visitors hit Columbus' Brett Jodie hard in the fifth & sixth innings, scoring a total of four runs. The PCL squad scored two more in the top of the ninth while home town favorite Mike Coolbaugh ended the scoring with a 2-run homer in the bottom of the inning behind key hits from Jack Cust and Mike Gulan. Dunn's 2 HR earned him IL "Star of Stars" and Maurice LaCroix Lou Gehrig Batter-of-the-Game honors while Iowa's Ruben Quevedo (3 IP, 1 ER) was named Pitcher-of-the-Game. Both IL starter Brandon Duckworth (Scranton/WB) and PCL reliever Johnny Ruffin (Calgary) set Triple-A All-Star Game records by striking out five opponents in their 2 innings pitched.

**Pacific Coast League All-Stars 5, International League All-Stars 0
At Oklahoma City (SBC Bricktown Ballpark), July 10, 2002**

Attendance - 11,343

Nine PCL pitchers worked one inning apiece, allowing just five hits, and leading the home PCL All-Stars to a 5-0 victory over the IL squad in just the second shutout in All-Star history. The game was scoreless through the first 5 1/2 innings before the PCL plated three runs in the bottom of the sixth off of Indianapolis' Derrin Ebert. Iowa's Bobby Hill led off the PCL half of the inning with a walk, then advanced to third on a single by Mike Ryan (Edmonton). Robb Quinlan (Salt Lake) and Jack Cust (Col. Spr.) both singled, driving home Hill and Ryan. Hometown favorite Hank Blalock grounded into a double play, scoring Quinlan to complete the scoring in the inning. PCL relievers Frank Lankford (Sacramento), Bart Miadich (Salt Lake), and Manny Aybar (Fresno) allowed just one hit over the final three frames to preserve the victory. The home team got single runs in the seventh and eighth innings to complete the margin. After going 2-2 with a home run and a pair of RBI, Cust was named PCL "Star of Stars" and Maurice LaCroix Lou Gehrig Batter-of-the-Game. RedHawks starter Aaron Myette opened the game on the mound for the PCL and struck out the side to earn Pitcher-of-the-Game honors. Richmond's Doug Linton was a bright spot in defeat, striking out three in two innings of work and was named the IL "Star of Stars".

**International League All-Stars 13, Pacific Coast League All-Stars 9
At Memphis (AutoZone Park), July 16, 2003**

Attendance - 15,214

The IL All-Stars broke a four-game losing streak in the series, defeating the PCL in the record-setting 2003 All-Star Game. The 22 combined runs marked the most in Triple-A All-Star play. Each team scored single runs in the first inning as Lou Collier (Pawtucket) came home for the IL and Salt Lake's Alfredo Amezaga scored for the PCL Stars. Down 3-2 heading into the fourth inning, the IL Stars plated three runs on Johnny Estrada's RBI single and Jason Smith's 2-run homer. The PCL retook the lead in the bottom of the frame as Rene Reyes (Col. Spr.) blasted a two-run homer and Albuquerque's Rob Stratton hit a sacrifice fly. The IL struck for three runs again in both the fifth and sixth innings, then had solo scores in the seventh and ninth frames. A trio of IL relievers limited the PCL to two hits over the final three innings to preserve the win. In addition to Smith and Reyes, Richmond's Estrada, Collier and PawSox teammate Anton French homered for the IL while Oklahoma's Jason Jones hit a three-run blast in the sixth to complete the PCL's scoring and earn the League's "Star of Stars" Award. Three IL batters had 3 hits each - "Star of Stars" Winner and Maurice LaCroix Lou Gehrig Batter-of-the-Game Estrada, Collier and French - while no PCL batter had more than one. Columbus reliever Sam Marsonsek worked a perfect fifth inning for the IL to earn Pitcher-of-the-Game honors.

International League All-Stars 4, Pacific Coast League All-Stars 3 (10 innings)

At Pawtucket (McCoy Stadium), July 14, 2004

Attendance - 11,192

Columbus' Andy Phillips hit a walk-off home run in the bottom of the tenth inning, sending the International League to a dramatic 4-3 win over the PCL Stars in the 2004 All-Star Game at Pawtucket's McCoy Stadium. In a rare sight in New England, Phillips, a New York Yankees' farmhand, had the pro-Red Sox faithful on their feet as he blasted a dramatic home run to center field, preventing the first All-Star tie. The PCL club jumped out to an early lead in the first inning as Trenidad Hubbard (Iowa) and Larry Sutton (Albuquerque) scored on consecutive singles by Omaha's Calvin Pickering and Memphis' John Gall. The IL Stars were hitless through the first three frames but evened the score in the bottom of the fourth as Toledo's Joe Vitiello drove in Rochester's Justin Morneau with a homer to left. The teams remained tied until the eighth inning when Durham's Midre Cummings' solo homer gave the IL the lead. Cummings had made the defense play of the game a half inning earlier - robbing Colorado Springs' Erick Almonte of a home run with a spectacular catch. Pickering singled to lead off the ninth and came around to score on a passed ball (following a walk to Salt Lake's Adam Riggs and a single by Oklahoma's Peter Zoccolillo), tying the game at 3-3. The IL couldn't answer in the bottom of the ninth, sending a Triple-A All-Star Game to extra frames for the first time, and setting up Phillips' heroics. The Clippers' Phillips was named the Dodge Most Valuable Player while Cummings earned IL "Star of the Game" honors. Memphis pitcher Dan Haren, who held the IL hitless through the first two innings, was named PCL "Star of the Game".

Pacific Coast League 11, International League 5

At Sacramento (Raley Field), July 13, 2005

Attendance - 14,414

Gerald Laird cracked the first grand slam in Triple-A All-Star Game history to lead the hosts to an 11-5 rout of the International League before a sellout crowd. The victory snapped a two-year losing streak for the PCL, which has won five of the eight contests played between the Leagues. The runs were the most the PCL has scored in the series, eclipsing nine-run outbursts in 1999 and 2001. The IL got off to a quick start, touching Memphis' Chris Gissell for a run in the first inning. Buffalo's Jake Gautreau and Home Run Derby champ Mitch Jones of Columbus put runners on the corners with back-to-back singles before Syracuse's John-Ford Griffin brought home the game's first run with a sacrifice fly. In the bottom of the first, International League starter Jason Scobie started by walking Oklahoma's Esteban German, and the PCL took off from there. Andy Green followed with a single before Tucson teammate Conor Jackson brought home German with a base hit. Sacramento's Matt Watson walked two batters later to load the bases, setting the stage for Laird. He lined Scobie's 1-1 offering onto the berm in the corner beyond the left field fence to claim his place in All-Star lore and put the PCL ahead for good. Louisville's Edwin Encarnacion smacked a solo homer off Gissell in the second, but Green and Watson drove in runs in the bottom of the inning, cementing the rout. The game was long decided by the sixth, when the PCL scored four more runs, two of which came on Watson's homer to deep left. While the PCL bats were explosive, its bullpen was no less effective through the middle innings. Portland's Clay Hensley, Memphis' Kevin Jarvis, Tucson's Jason Bulger and Sacramento's Victor Moreno each pitched a scoreless inning following Gissell. It wasn't until the seventh inning that the visitors mounted a comeback, roughing up Salt Lake's Dusty Bergman, Tacoma's Masao Kida and Albuquerque's Jim Crowell for three runs over 2 1/3 innings. But it wasn't enough. Laird was named the Bank of America Most Valuable Player as well as the PCL Baseball Advanced Media Top Star. Edwin Encarnacion was named the IL Top Star.

International League 6, Pacific Coast League 0

At Toledo (Fifth Third Field), July 12, 2006

Attendance – 11,300

Durham first baseman Kevin Witt cracked a monstrous two-run home run that powered the International League to a 6-0 victory over its Pacific Coast League counterparts before a sellout crowd of 11,300 in Toledo. The victory was the third in four Triple-A All-Star Games for the International League, which last triumphed in 2004 at Pawtucket, R.I. Witt, who also had an RBI double and a single to complete his perfect evening, was named the IL's Top Star. While Witt was recognized as his team's top player, the award easily could have gone to any of the IL pitchers, who allowed two hits en route to the third shutout in Triple-A All-Star history. The last time a team got blanked was in 2002, when the PCL posted a 9-0 victory in Oklahoma City. Charlotte's Heath Phillips earned the victory, allowing no hits and striking out one while pitching the third and fourth innings. The PCL didn't get a hit until Portland's Justin Leone laced a two-out double to left in the fifth. The IL opened the scoring in the third, getting things started with a single by Charlotte's Jorge Velandia. He went to third on Leone's throwing error at third base and scored on a wild pitch before Witt bashed his two-run homer, a shot that landed in the center field bleachers, off loser Ben Hendrickson of Nashville. Witt's RBI double in the fifth made it 4-0 before the IL padded its lead in the seventh, when Syracuse's Kevin Barker and Toledo's Ryan Raburn connected for back-to-back solo homers off Sacramento's Matt Roney. Iowa Cubs southpaw Rich Hill was named PCL Player of the Game after striking out two over two scoreless innings.

International League 7, Pacific Coast League 5

At Albuquerque (Isotopes Park), July 11, 2007

Attendance – 12,367

For the fourth time in five years, the International League defeated the Pacific Coast League, pulling the all-time series even at five games apiece since the Triple-A midsummer classic assumed its current format in 1998. An early offensive outburst produced twelve runs in the game's first four innings before the pitchers took over, keeping the score 7-5 the rest of the way. The IL jumped out to a quick four-run lead in the top of the 1st inning on the strength of an RBI double by Toledo outfielder Timo Perez and back-to-back homers by Perez's teammate Mike Hessman and Pawtucket's Brandon Moss. The PCL All-Stars cut that lead in half in the bottom of the 1st with some long ball heroics of their own. A two-run blast by Albuquerque's own Valentino Pascucci made it a 4-2 ballgame. Brandon Watson of Columbus doubled home Indianapolis' Brian Bixler in the 2nd, and two innings later RBI singles by Rochester's Matt Tolbert and Perez gave the IL a commanding 7-2 lead. The PCL bounced right back though, striking for three runs in the bottom half of the 4th, which turned out to be the game's final runs. The evening's best drama came in the bottom of the 8th inning when the PCL loaded the bases before Rochester's Bobby Korecky struck out Albuquerque's Robert Andino to end the threat. Timo Perez, who went 3-4 with two RBI and a run scored was named the IL Star of Stars for his performance, while hometown hero Valentino Pascucci took home the PCL's Star of Stars award.

Pacific Coast League 6, International League 5

At Louisville (Louisville Slugger Field), July 16, 2008

Attendance – 13,131

Over 13,000 fans packed Louisville Slugger Field for what proved to be one of the most exciting All-Star Games in history. What started as a pitching showcase turned into a wild offensive explosion as both teams fought to a furious finish. Until the 7th inning stretch, neither team had crossed the plate. IL starter David Purcey of Syracuse struck out three and did not allow a hit in 2.0 innings on his way to the Bank of America Pitcher of the Game Award. Six PCL hurlers combined to blank the IL for six frames, but in the bottom of the 7th the IL chased home two runs thanks to a RBI single by Indianapolis' Andrew McCutchen and a RBI ground out by Toledo's Mike Hessman. The IL's top closer, Blaine Neal of Toledo, took the hill in the 9th to protect the 2-0 lead, but that's when the Pacific Coast League came to life. With just one out, Tucson's Jamie D'Antona, Salt Lake's Matt Brown, and Round Rock's Mark Saccomanno each produced run-scoring hits. A fourth run came home on an error before Las Vegas' A.J. Ellis doubled home two more, making it a 6-2 game and stunning the IL fans in Louisville. The International League nearly came back in the bottom of the 9th. McCutchen drove in his second run, and with two outs Pawtucket's Chris Carter blasted a two-run homer to pull the IL within a run, but it the rally died right there. Matt Brown and Andrew McCutchen were named the PCL and IL Star of Stars for their efforts.