

Local stars drafted for Mavericks league

Eighty-two players were selected to fill out four teams in the inaugural draft

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The inaugural Mavericks Independent Baseball League season opens in less than a month at Volcanoes Stadium, and rosters for the four teams are taking shape.

Eighty-two players were selected in the inaugural draft April 9, including several players with local connections.

Alexander Wemple, the 40-year-old prospect who drove from Kentucky for the one-day tryout and was featured by the Statesman Journal, was not drafted.

Two of the first four draft picks didn't attend the April 3 tryout in Keizer — outfielder Jamal Howard, No. 1 overall by the Salem Senators, and Vladimir Galindo, fourth overall by the Portland Mavericks. Some players sent resumes and videos to the managers instead of making the trip to Oregon.

The Salem-Keizer Volcanoes used their first draft pick and second overall to select utility player Julian Hunt. Catcher Sergio Rey was the first player drafted by the Campesinos de Salem-Keizer, going third overall. Left-hander Luke Kelley, chosen fifth overall by the Mavericks, was the first pitcher drafted.

The first prospect on the draft board recognizable by Mid-Valley baseball fans was shortstop Trever Morrison, a former Oregon State University standout who was selected by the Campesinos sixth overall. Morrison, like many of the players drafted, has minor league experience.

The 20th overall pick was South Salem High School standout Danny Alvarado, a catcher-third baseman chosen by the Mavericks, managed by Alan Embree. Because players in the independent league don't get paid, they retain their amateur status. Alvarado, who helped the Saxons reach the OSAA Class 6A state semifinals in 2018 and 2019, is a senior at South.

The Campesinos, managed by Daniel Robertson, are looking like a farm team for Western Oregon University, drafting five players who played for the Wolves. Left-handed pitcher Austin Crowson was drafted 22nd overall, infielder Collin Runge 30th, right-handed pitcher AJ Burke 32nd, infielder Patrick Chung 38th, and right-handed pitcher Cam Walker 46th.

Another Western Oregon product went to the Senators, right-handed pitcher Matt Dunaway, with the 40th overall selection.

The Senators, managed by Dave Wong, also drafted right-handed pitcher Mickey Walker, who is listed as the league's CEO, with the 57th pick overall.

Walker played at McNary High School and Saint Martin's University in Lacey, Washington, before returning to Keizer to help operate the Salem-Keizer Volcanoes. His parents, Jerry and Lisa Walker, brought minor league baseball back to Salem-Keizer in 1997, and their club was affiliated with the San Francisco Giants until being left out of the mix during Major League Baseball's recent restructuring of its farm system.

The Senators also drafted JaVon Logan with their 19th round selection. Logan is a 2017 graduate of Regis High School in Stayton where he was a first-team Class 2A/1A all-state selection after batting .516 with a 1.000 slugging percentage. He is currently playing for Chemeketa Community College.

The Mavericks league has no ties to the majors.

The team selected former McKay, Chemeketa and Western Oregon outfielder Alex Emerson with the 44th pick and Riley Newman, who pitched at West Salem and Linfield, with the 76th pick.

A pair of former Giants prospects perhaps familiar to Salem-Keizer fans also were drafted — right-handed pitcher Israel Cruz eighth overall to the Senators, and catcher Keyberth Mejias 31st overall by the Volcanoes, managed by Tony Torcato.

Each team is allowed 22 players on its roster, and league rules allow only so many transactions during the season. All four teams left at least one roster spot open — the Volcanoes and Campesinos two — giving them flexibility entering the season.

The season runs from May 13 through Aug. 29, and all games will be played at Volcanoes Stadium. Game times are 6:35 p.m. Thursdays and Fridays, and 1 p.m. and 6:35 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays.

Season tickets and ticket packages are available by emailing maverick-league2021@gmail.com or calling 503-390-2225.

The league continues to recruit host families to provide housing, meals and transportation for a player or players. One of the perks of being a host family includes free season tickets. For more information, contact Judy Fromherz at judy.fromherz@gmail.com or Lisa Walker at lisa@mavsleague.com.

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2021 Draft

- 1 Salem Senators, Jamal Howard, OF
- 2 Salem-Keizer Volcanoes, Julian Hunt, UT
- 3 Campesinos de Salem-Keizer, Sergio Rey, C
- 4 Portland Mavericks, Vladimir Galindo, UT
- 5 Mavericks, Luke Kelley, LHP
- 6 Campesinos, Trever Morrison, SS, Oregon State University 2016
- 7 Volcanoes, Drew Schutt, INF
- 8 Senators, Israel Cruz, RHP, Salem-Keizer Volcanoes 2019
- 9 Senators, Kenny Peoples-Walls, SS
- 10 Volcanoes, Carson Lee, INF
- 11 Campesinos, Bradley O'Connor, RHP
- 12 Mavericks, Rodny Rodriguez, SS
- 13 Mavericks, Travis Edgar, RHP
- 14 Campesinos, Colby Nealy, RHP
- 15 Volcanoes, Seth Burris, RHP
- 16 Senators, Dalys Binder, OF
- 17 Senators, Brock Riley, RHP
- 18 Volcanoes, Jake Lialios, RHP
- 19 Campesinos, Eli Fultz, LHP
- 20 Mavericks, Danny Alvarado, C-3B, South Salem High School 2021
- 21 Mavericks, Chris Nowlin, RHP
- 22 Campesinos, Austin Crowson, LHP, Western Oregon University 2019
- 23 Volcanoes, CJ Epperson, OF
- 24 Senators, Taylor Travess, OF
- 25 Senators, Raul Shaw, INF
- 26 Volcanoes, Mason McAlister, RHP
- 27 Campesinos, Rick Phillips, OF
- 28 Mavericks, Mathew Holliday, INF
- 29 Mavericks, Conner Anderson, IB
- 30 Campesinos, Collin Runge, INF, Western Oregon University 2019
- 31 Volcanoes, Keyberth Mejias, C, Salem-Keizer Volcanoes 2019
- 32 Senators, AJ Burke, RHP, Western Oregon University 2013
- 33 Senators, Angeddy Almanzar, C
- 34 Volcanoes, Brenden Nipp, RHP
- 35 Campesinos, Kyle Lugar, RHP
- 36 Mavericks, Drake Zarate, C
- 37 Mavericks, Lenny Gwizdala, LHP
- 38 Campesinos, Patrick Chung, INF, Western Oregon University 2019
- 39 Volcanoes, Nick DiBenedetto, INF
- 40 Senators, Matt Dunaway, RHP, Western Oregon University 2021
- 41 Senators, Jordan Pearce, 3B
- 42 Volcanoes, Xavier Ulrich, C
- 43 Campesinos, Joseph Nunn, OF
- 44 Mavericks, Alex Emerson, OF, McKay High School 2012, Chemeketa Community College 2015, Western Oregon University 2017
- 45 Mavericks, Humberto Soto, INF
- 46 Campesinos, Cam Walker, RHP, Western Oregon University 2019
- 47 Volcanoes, Bryan Ruby, 3B
- 48 Senators, Travis Tanaka, C
- 49 Senators, Roberto Clemente Jimenez, LHP
- 50 Volcanoes, Evan Brisentine, LHP
- 51 Campesinos, Nick Ybarra, UT
- 52 Mavericks, Logan Campbell, RHP
- 53 Mavericks, Kyle McCormick, UT
- 54 Campesinos, Jeff Chandler, OF
- 55 Volcanoes, Sean Kiley, RHP
- 56 Senators, Jordan Drake, OF
- 57 Senators, Mickey Walker, RHP, Mavericks league front office 2021
- 58 Volcanoes, Adrian DeMar, RHP
- 59 Campesinos, Adarius Moody, C
- 60 Mavericks, Parker Swindell, UT
- 61 Mavericks, Ethan Rosebeck, RHP
- 62 Campesinos, Dakota McFadden, UT
- 63 Volcanoes, Nathan Gilman, RHP
- 64 Senators, Aaron Johnson, UT
- 65 Senators, Malcolm Dowell, OF
- 66 Volcanoes, Matt McDonald, RHP
- 67 Campesinos, Von Aulger, UT
- 68 Mavericks, Chris Sankey, OF
- 69 Mavericks, Josh Jubile, OF
- 70 Campesinos, Andrew Baxter, RHPO
- 71 Volcanoes, Dom Lincoln, UT-OF
- 72 Senators, Christian Carrera, RHP
- 73 Senators, JaVon Logan, OF, Regis High School 2017, Chemeketa 2021
- 74 Volcanoes, Darius Nobles, INF
- 75 Campesinos, Nicholas Prater, IB
- 76 Mavericks, Riley Newman, RHP, West Salem High School 2013, Linfield 2017
- 77 Mavericks, Nate Hunter, RHP
- 78 Campesinos, Eric Whitfield, UT
- 79 Volcanoes, Leomar Jimenez, OF
- 80 Senators, Austin Stephens, LHP
- 81 Senators, Justin Kortessis, RHP
- 82 Mavericks, TJ Pruneda, LHP



South Salem's Danny Alvarado, seen in 2019, is a catcher-third baseman chosen by the Mavericks, managed by Alan Embree. STATESMAN JOURNAL FILE

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A public meeting of the Budget Committee of the Silver Falls School District, Marion and Clackamas Counties, State of Oregon, to discuss the budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022, will be held virtually. The meeting will take place May 6, 2021 at 7:00 PM. The purpose of the meeting is to receive the budget message and to receive comment from the public on the budget. This is a public meeting where deliberation of the Budget Committee will take place. Any person may appear at the meeting and discuss the proposed programs with the Budget Committee. A copy of the budget document may be inspected or obtained on or after April 30, 2021 by calling the Silver Falls School District office at (503)873-5303 ext. 1137 to make arrangements. Please call 503-873-5303 if you require accommodations to fully participate in the meeting. A copy of this notice is posted at the Silver Falls School District website at <http://silverfallschools.org>

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NOTICE OF BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING

A public meeting of the Budget Committee of the Mt. Angel Fire District, Marion, State of Oregon, to discuss the budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022, will be held at Mt. Angel Fire District, 300 Monroe St, Mt. Angel, OR 97362. The meeting will take place on May 13th, 2021 at 8:00 pm. The purpose of the meeting is to receive the budget message and to receive comment from the public on the budget. This is a public meeting where deliberation of the Budget Committee will take place. Any person may attend the meeting virtually with advanced request to comply with COVID-19 regulations. A copy of the budget document may be inspected or obtained on or after May 6th, 2021 at 300 Monroe St, Mt. Angel, OR 97362, between the hours of 9:00 am and 5:00 pm. Budget Committee meeting information will be posted on the Mt. Angel Fire District website: www.mtangel-fire.org

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BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING

May 10th, 2021
Video Conference
6:00 p.m.

** please note location change**

Three public meetings of the Budget Committee of the Mt. Angel School District, Marion County, State of Oregon, to discuss the budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022, will be held in the months of May 2021 and June 2021. In response to the current health emergency resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic, the District facilities are currently closed to the public and meetings are being held electronically. The first meeting will be held May 10th, 2021 at 6:00 pm. The purpose of the meeting is to receive the budget message and to receive comment from the public on the budget. The second meeting is tentatively scheduled on May 17th, 2021, at 6:00 pm and will take place on an as needed basis. The third meeting, the School Board Meeting and Budget Hearing, will be held on June 2nd, 2021, at 6:30 pm for approval of the budget.

The meetings will be available for viewing via the District's Website: <https://www.masd91.org/domain/96>. The meetings will also be recorded and available via a link on the District website at masd91.org no later than 5 business days following the meeting. Public comment will be taken in written and phone in format. Written comments received by 5 pm on May 10th, 2021 will be read during the public comment section of the meeting on May 10th, 2021. Comments by phone will be taken on a scheduled basis during the public comment section of the meeting on May 10th, 2021. Comments, both written and phone in, will be subject to a three minute limit per community member. To schedule public comment, please provide your name, phone number, and address with the district via phone message at 503-845-2345, or email to masd.budgetcomments@masd91.org. Public comment must be scheduled no later than 5 pm on May 10th, 2021. A copy of the budget document may be inspected online at masd91.org or obtained by mail on or after May 10th, 2021, via email request to masd.budgetcomments@masd91.org or phone request via phone message to 503-845-2345. These are public meetings where deliberation of the budget committee will take place. Any person may provide comment at the meetings.

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