



FRONTIER FIELD VITALS

Address	One Morrie Silver Way Rochester, New York 14608	Opened	1997 (21st season)
Office Phone	(585) 454-1001	Seating Capacity	10,840
Ticket Office	(585) 423-WING (9464)	Playing Surface	Natural Grass
Press Box	(585) 454-1001, ext. 3095	Dimensions	LF: 335' LC: 385' CF: 402' RC: 370' RF: 325'

Directions

Frontier Field is located in downtown Rochester, accessible from I-490. From the west, take Exit #12 (Brown/Broad Street). From the east, take Exit #14 (Plymouth Avenue). From the airport (ROC), take I-390 North to I-490 East.

Parking

Parking for working members of the media is in the VIP Lot along the first-base line of Frontier Field. The entrance to the VIP Lot is at the corner of Morrie Silver Way and Oak Street.

FRONTIER FIELD HISTORY

Frontier Field opened for baseball on April 11, 1997, when the Red Wings played host to the Scranton/Wilkes-Barre Red Barons (Phillies) before a crowd of 13,227. The downtown ballpark replaced Silver Stadium, which was home to Rochester's International League franchise for 68 years beginning in 1929. Frontier Field is the 7th ballpark to serve as the home of pro baseball in the Flower City.

Frontier Field was designed by the Kansas City-based architectural firm Ellerbe Becket. A groundbreaking ceremony was held on November 16, 1994, but actual construction didn't begin until July 1995 due to cuts in the state budget. Funds were eventually restored, and after a 5-month delay, it took one year to build at a price of \$33 million. There were 169,000 bricks used in the ballpark structure. Frontier, the primary telephone company in Rochester, bought the naming rights for \$3.5 million over 20 years.

The first event at Frontier Field was a Beach Boys concert on July 12, 1996, when 12,982 music lovers poured into the brand-new ballpark. The first sporting event at Frontier took place the next night, when 14,717 soccer fans came to see the Rochester Raging Rhinos defeat the Montreal Impact 3-2. The first baseball game wouldn't be until the home opener of the 1997 season. The Red Wings lost 8-5 to Scranton/Wilkes-Barre in the inaugural game despite leading 5-0 through 6 innings.

Since its opening, Frontier Field has hosted two Governors' Cup Championship Series in 1997 and 2006. The Red Wings defeated the Columbus Clippers (Yankees) 3 games to 2 in the 1997 series, clinching at home for their 10th International League Governors' Cup title. The Wings fell to the Toledo Mud Hens (Tigers) 3 games to 2 in the 2006 series.

Frontier Field hosted the 2000 Triple-A All-Star Game, an 8-2 win by the Pacific Coast League All-Stars over the IL All-Stars on July 12 before 12,810 fans and a nation-wide television audience on ESPN2. The Red Wings had three representatives at the hometown game: Javier De La Hoya, Karim Garcia, and Josh Towers.

Frontier Field served as the home ballpark for the Scranton/Wilkes-Barre Yankees in 2012 while PNC Field in Moosic, Pennsylvania underwent a season-long renovation. The Yankees played 38 regular-season home games at Frontier, as well as two post-season contests. The Yankees were originally scheduled to play 37 home games at Frontier Field, but added a game on May 6 when it was decided that New York Yankees left-handed pitcher Andy Pettitte would be making a rehab start. The game switched locations from Dwyer Stadium in nearby Batavia to Frontier Field. The game established a Frontier Field record for a regular-season baseball game with 13,584 in attendance.

FRONTIER FIELD FIRSTS

Batter	Darren Burton (SWB)	RBI	Danny Clyburn
Red Wings' Batter	Scott Bullett	Run	B.J. Waszgis
Hit	B.J. Waszgis (single)	Steal	Tony Barron (SWB, 4/13/97)
Extra-Base Hit	Danny Clyburn (double)	Grand Slam	Tommy Davis (vs. PAW, 6/2/97)
Home Run	Tony Barron (SWB)	Strikeout	Brian Sackinsky

LARGEST BASEBALL CROWDS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent/Game</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
1. July 10, 1997	Baltimore Orioles Exhibition	13,723
2. May 6, 2012	Scranton/WB Yankees vs. Pawtucket (A. Pettitte rehab)	13,584
3. June 30, 1997	Columbus Clippers (Hideki Irabu)	13,485
4. June 28, 1999	Baltimore Orioles Exhibition	13,307
5. April 11, 1997	Scranton/WB Red Barons (ballpark opener)	13,227
6. April 9, 2005	Syracuse Chiefs (Home Opener)	13,158
7. September 5, 2009	Scranton/WB Yankees (Home Finale)	13,120
8. June 15, 2007	Louisville Bats	13,114
9. September 2, 2016	Lehigh Valley (Home Finale)	12,889
10. June 18, 2004	Columbus Clippers	12,831

SEASON ATTENDANCE RECORDS

<u>Rank</u>	<u>Season</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
1.	1997	540,842
2.	1998	515,436
3.	2008	490,806
4.	1999	481,037
5.	2000	480,892
6.	2006	476,734
7.	2007	473,288
8.	2010	462,004
9.	2009	461,946
10.	2001	455,123

NON-RED WINGS EVENTS

Frontier Field plays host to over 30 non-Red Wings events each year, including several 5k runs, charity events, rehearsal dinners, live music and non-Red Wings baseball games. The Puerto Rican Festival, Summer Jam and Making Strides Cancer Walk drew approximately 10,000 at each event and, in total, over 60,000 people attended non-Red Wings events in 2016.

The stadium has been home to several marquee events the past several seasons including the LeSean McCoy Celebrity Softball Game in June, 2015, the 2nd Annual Pepsi Max Field of Dreams Game in May, 2013 as well as the Greater Rochester Area Honda Dealers Frozen Frontier presented by Labatt, a two-week outdoor hockey festival in December, 2013.

Frozen Frontier was highlighted by an AHL hockey game between the Rochester Americans and Lake Erie Monsters on December 13th that drew over 11,000 fans.

BROADCASTERS



Josh Whetzel

VOICE OF THE RED WINGS

Josh enters his 15th season as the Voice of the Red Wings in 2017 and his 23rd season broadcasting professional baseball. He was honored as Ballpark Digest's Broadcaster of the Year following the 2015 season. Prior to coming to Rochester, Whetzel spent three years as the play-by-play announcer for the Binghamton Mets, following stints with the Kinston Indians (1996-99) of the Carolina League and the Albany Polecats (1995) of the South Atlantic League.

During his career, he has called the play-by-play for the 1995 South Atlantic League All Star Game, 1998 Carolina League All Star Game and the 2009 Triple-A All Star Game. He also called the Yankees-Twins game on September 19, 2011 in which Yankee pitcher Mariano Rivera set the Major League record for career saves. Whetzel is a native of Parsons, Kansas and a 1994 graduate of the University of Kansas.

J.C. DeLass

J.C. DeLass has been a member of the Red Wings' broadcast team on Time Warner Cable Sports since 2008, primarily working alongside Josh Whetzel. The 30-year broadcast veteran of Rochester has been the station manager at WYSL 1040AM/92.1 FM since 2001. He is the primary play-by-play announcer for WYSL's extensive local college sports coverage, broadcasting more than 120 events each year. DeLass has twice been honored as the Rochester Press-Radio Club's top sports broadcaster (2005 at WYSL and 1990 at WROC-TV) in addition to being named the Monroe County American Legion Sports Reporter of the Year in 2010. A graduate of SUNY Geneseo, DeLass resides in Penfield with his wife Michele and daughters Gabrielle and Karleigh.

Matt Park

Matt Park will fill in on Red Wings radio broadcasts this season when Whetzel is handling TV duties. Park is "The Voice of the Orange", as the play-by-play announcer for Syracuse University football and basketball and the host of the Scott Shafer and Jim Boeheim Shows. Park has extensive experience in Minor League Baseball having served as the primary play-by-play voice for the Piedmont Boll Weevils, the West Tenn Diamond Jaxx and the Binghamton Mets. He is a graduate of Syracuse University.

Brendan Harrington

Brendan Harrington will also help fill in on Red Wings radio broadcasts this season. A native of nearby Naples, Harrington has worked with the Red Wings since 2012. A 2001 graduate of Washington and Lee University (VA), he was the voice of UNC Asheville basketball for six seasons prior to moving back home to Western New York. Harrington has also worked as a play-by-play broadcaster in minor league baseball for the Lakewood (NJ) BlueClaws and Salem (VA) Avalanche. In addition to his work behind the microphone, Harrington has been a high school social studies teacher for the past 10 years. He currently resides in Brighton with his wife Amy and daughter Macy.

BROADCASTER HISTORY

Year(s)	Station	Broadcaster(s)
2009-present	WHTK	Josh Whetzel
2003-08	WHTK	Josh Whetzel, Joe Altobelli
1998-2002	WHTK	Joe Castellano, Joe Altobelli
1997	WHTK	Joe Castellano, Gary Smith
1996	WCMF	Glenn Geffner, Eric Collins
1995	WCMF	Glenn Geffner, Mike Schopp
1994	WCMF	Josh Lewin, Glenn Geffner
1993	WPXY	Josh Lewin, J.C. DeLass
1992	WPXY	Josh Lewin, Bob Socci
1991	WKQG	Josh Lewin, Bob Socci
1990	WPXY	Josh Lewin, Steve Hausmann
1988-89	WBBF	Jay Colley, Josh Lewin, Warren Kozireski
1987	WGMC	Jay Colley, Josh Lewin, Warren Kozireski
1986	WGMC	Jay Colley, Fred Cowgill, Josh Lewin
1985	WGMC	Jay Colley, Bob Bonner
1984	WGMC	Jay Colley, Pete Weber
1983	WRTK	Jay Colley, Rick Peckham, Pete Weber
1982	WSAY	Jay Colley, Rick Peckham, Pete Weber
1981	WPXN	Bob Drew, Don Fischer, John Harmon
1980	WPXN	Pete Brown, Frank Williams, Dave Collins
1979	WROC	Pete Brown, Frank Williams
1978	WSAY	Pete Brown, Dave Slade
1977	WAXC	Pete Brown, Dave Slade
1976	WROC	Pete Brown, Dave Slade
1975	WROC	Pete Brown
1973-74	WROC	Joe Cullinane, Pete Brown
1970-72	WROC	Joe Cullinane
1969	WHAM	Joe Cullinane
1964-68	WHEC	Joe Cullinane
1962-63	WROC	Joe Cullinane
1959-61	WVET	Tom Decker, Jerry Flynn, Gary Smith
1956-58	WVET	Tom Decker, Jerry Flynn
1955	WVET	Tom Decker
1954	WBBF	Tom Decker
1953	WVET	Jack Buck, George Libutti
1952	WVET	Ed Edwards
1951	WRNY	Dave Curtin
1950	WHEC	Lowell MacMillan
1948-49	WRNY	Add Penfield

MLB BROADCASTERS WITH WINGS' TIES

Broadcaster	Team/Organization	Years with Red Wings
Glenn Geffner	Miami Marlins	3 (1994-96)
Josh Lewin	New York Mets	9 (1986-94)
Tim McCarver	St. Louis Cardinals	1 (1959; player)

McCarver in 2012 was honored at the National Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, NY as the recipient of the Ford C. Frick Award for excellence in baseball broadcasting.

MEDIA INFORMATION

CREDENTIALS — Daily credential requests can be emailed to Director of Communications, Nate Rowan, at NRowan@RedWingsBaseball.com, or mailed on company letterhead from the sports editor/director/producer to Communications Department, One Morrie Silver Way, Rochester, New York 14608. Applications should be received at least 24 hours in advance of game time.

Due to limited space availability, applications will be processed on a first-come, first-served basis. Upon approval of request, media may pick up their daily credentials at the Frontier Field Will Call window beginning at 10 a.m. on game day.

Media members are asked to wear their credential at all times while at Frontier Field. Credentials are not to be transferred from person-to-person and under no circumstance should a credentialed member of the media seek autographs from uniformed personnel. Failure to abide by these rules will result in removal from Frontier Field and the credential being revoked.

PRESS BOX — The press box is located on the suite level directly behind home plate and is accessible only to working media members with valid credentials.

FIELD ACCESS — Media members holding credentials will have access to the field for pre-game interviews. The field and dugouts must be cleared of all media 30 minutes prior to game time. Media can enter the field from the clubhouse level directly behind home plate or via the gates at the bottom of sections 104 and 128.

CLUBHOUSE ACCESS — In accordance with the regulations designated by Major League Baseball, the Red Wings clubhouse is open to properly credentialed media members 3 1/2 hours prior to the start of the game and closes an hour prior to the game. The clubhouse will re-open approximately 15 minutes following the game. There will be no admission to the clubhouse during rain delays or between games of a doubleheader. The training room, players lounge and equipment areas are off limits to the media. The visitor's clubhouse is governed by the visiting club.

PHOTOGRAPHERS — Photographers must have credentials and must work out of stationary camera wells located adjacent to both dugouts. Television camera locations are available in the press box.

GAME INFORMATION — Game notes, statistics, rosters, etc. are available in the press box two hours prior to game time. To receive game notes in your inbox daily, please email NRowan@RedWingsBaseball.com.

MEDIA INTERVIEWS - Red Wings uniformed players and coaches can be made available for interviews prior to on-field stretching and following batting practice. Media members wishing to do an off-site interview or a feature story should contact the Red Wings no later than 72 hours prior to scheduled interview time. The media is asked to be respectful of the players' pre-game schedule when requesting an interview.