

Tucson Triple-A Baseball History

■**2011:** Triple-A baseball returns to Kino Stadium in Tucson for the first time since 2008. The San Diego Padres top affiliate, the Tucson Padres play in the Pacific Coast League's Pacific Conference South Division.

■**2008:** The Tucson Sidewinders finish 60-82 in their final season before moving to Reno, NV.

■**2006:** The Tucson Sidewinders finish 91-53, the best record in all of Minor League Baseball, and beat Salt Lake and Round Rock on their way to the PCL Championship. Tucson beat Toledo 5-2 in the first Bricktown Showdown Triple-A Championship Game.

■**2005:** Tucson Sidewinder Andy Green hits .343 with 80 RBI and is named PCL MVP.

■**1998:** In their first season affiliated with the expansion Arizona Diamondbacks, the Sidewinders open Tucson Electric Park and finish 57-85. The team features future Major League veterans David Dellucci and Jeff Suppan.

■**1997:** In their only season as a Milwaukee Brewers affiliate, the Tucson Toros finish fourth with a 64-78 record. Future major leaguers Geoff Jenkins and Ronnie Belliard anchor the lineup.

■**1995:** Pitcher Donne Wall goes 17-6, striking out 119 batters on his way to winning the PCL MVP. He is Tucson's second MVP in three seasons.

■**1994:** Tucson's Mark Petkovsek throws a nine-inning no-hitter against Colorado Springs on May 6th.

■**1993:** Tucson wins the PCL title after finishing first in both halves. Second baseman James Mouton is named PCL MVP.

■**1991:** Kenny Lofton leads the PCL in hits with 168 and the Tucson Toros beat Calgary to win the PCL Title. Curt Schilling pitched 13 games in relief for the '91 Toros.



■**1981:** Tucson's Billy Smith throws a six-inning no-hitter against Vancouver on June 2nd.

■**1980:** The first of 17 seasons as a Houston Astros affiliate, the Toros finish first, but are swept in the first round of the playoffs by Albuquerque.

■**1977:** The Texas Rangers begin their three year stay in the Old Pueblo. Len Barker makes 20 starts, four years before his Major League perfect game for Cleveland.

■**1973:** The Tucson Toros finish first in their inaugural season as the Athletics top farm club. Tucson is swept by Spokane in the league finals.

■**1969:** Tucson's first of 40 consecutive seasons in the Triple-A Pacific Coast League. The Toros were a White Sox affiliate, and finished 60-86. Angel Bravo wins the batting title, hitting .342.

■**Batting Champions** – Brian Hunter, 1994, (.372)... James Lindeman, 1993, (.362)... Ty Gainey, 1986, (.351)... Danny Heep, 1980, (.343)... Angel Bravo, 1969, (.362).

■**Home Run Champions** – None.

■**ERA Champions** – Donne Wall, 1995, (3.30).