

# Flatheads are the 'monsters of the Maumee'

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Fifteen-year-old Kevin Bedal hunts big wild cats, alone, at night — armed with a hook and line.

We're talking about flathead catfish, that is, the monsters of the Maumee River and the teenage angler has got the catching system down pat. Witness the 40-inch, 24 1/2-pound monster he raised from the depths on a recent, muggy midsummer night.

It was one of those 90-degree nights, right after a thunderstorm and sweltering still even at 9:30 p.m., which is when the cat ate the bluegill.

"He wades the Maumee up near Defiance, at night," said his proud uncle, Bill Rabara, of Temperance, Mich. "He uses a live bluegill set below a bobber, fishing the deep holes." When Rabara's nephew landed the big flathead, it was a lesson learned — for Rabara.

"You would think that these big fish would come from the Ohio and Mississippi rivers," said Rabara. Not the Maumee. Wrong.

Young Bedal, son of Gerry and Mary Jo Bedal, of Berkey, started fishing five years ago, targeting channel catfish around Mary Jane Thurston State Park at Grand Rapids. But he has graduated from 8 to 12-inch channels to 40-inch flatheads. Nice step up.

"It's pretty much all I go for now," said the teen angler. He chases flatheads weekly all summer and into September. The recent behemoth is his largest so far. The tackle is tough stuff — a heavy eight-foot rod, bait-casting reel with 30-pound-test-line, and large bobber and stout hook. Big flatheads are not, well, bluegills.

Larry Goedde, fish management supervisor for Ohio Wildlife District 2, said that

the Maumee is the king of flathead waters in the region, though the Huron River east of Sandusky has a fishable population and occasional flatheads are raised in the Sandusky River below the Ballville Dam and Fremont.

Further afield, the Black Fork of the Mohican River, which passes through Charles Mill Reservoir east of Mansfield, also has some flatheads.

"You have to have live bait, unlike channel catfish," the biologist noted. Small bluegills are preferred, though creek chubs, small suckers, or small gizzard shad also will work.

Some anglers also catch flatheads on trotlines, but, Goedde added, "they are more exciting on hook and line."

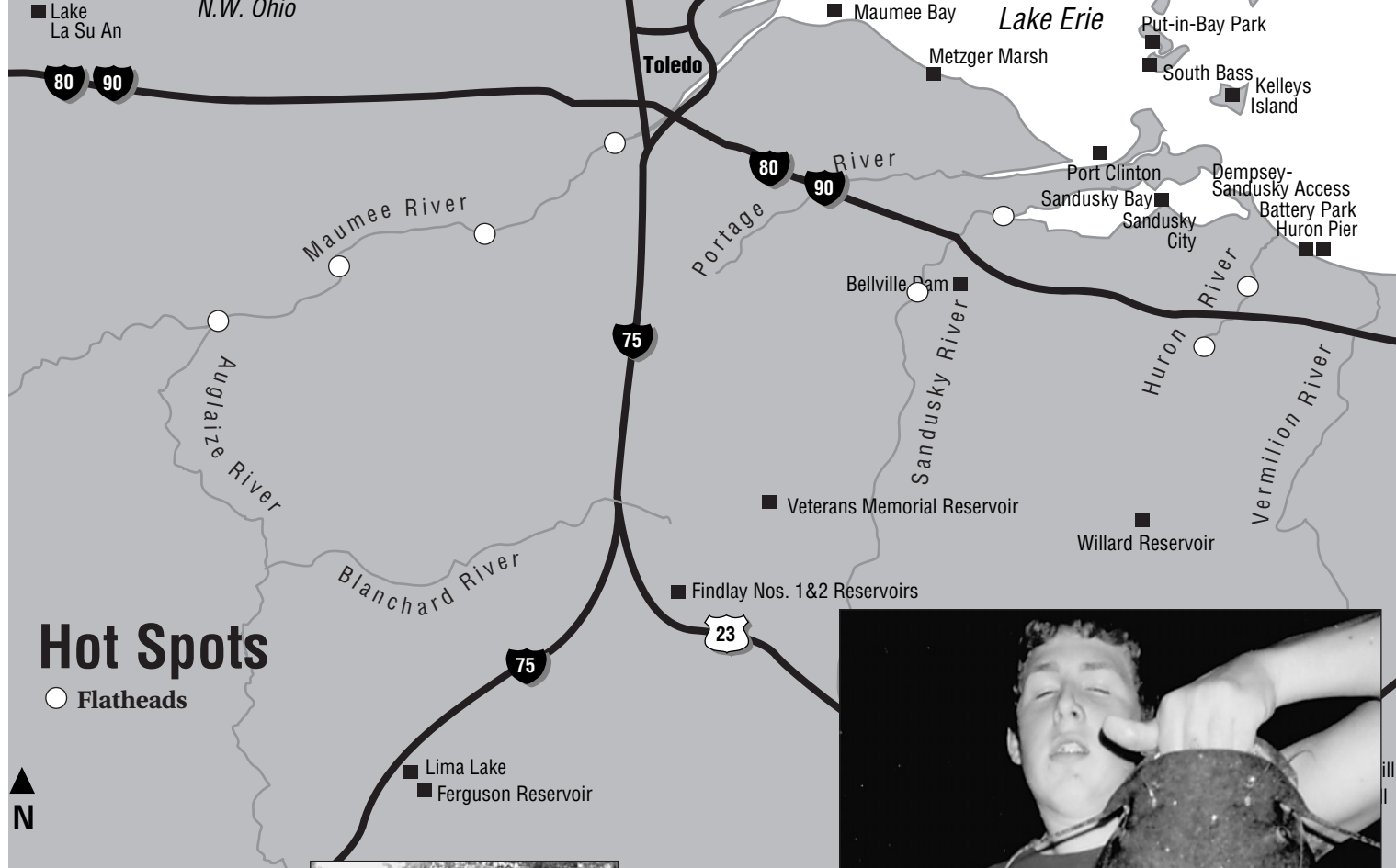
Typical Maumee River flatheads are 20 to 30 inches long and 3 to 15 pounds, for which four to six-inch bluegills are ideal bait. But Maumee flatheads may grow to as large as 50 pounds and 40 inches long. Use larger baits when you expect to target larger fish.

Imagine, then, what catching the state record flathead must have been like. It was 58-5/8 inches long and went 76 1/2 pounds. It was taken from Clendening Reservoir in Harrison County in 1979.

One simple telltale field mark that helps discern a flathead from a channel catfish is that flatheads, like brown bullheads, have square tails. Channel cats have forked tails.

Flatheads also have, well, flat heads — between the eyes — plus a lower jaw longer than the upper jaw. It is sort of an underbite. Sometimes they also are called shovelheads.

Flatheading can be done anytime, but by day it is better to try deeper pools. After dark the big boys come from the deep to feed in nearby



## Hot Spots

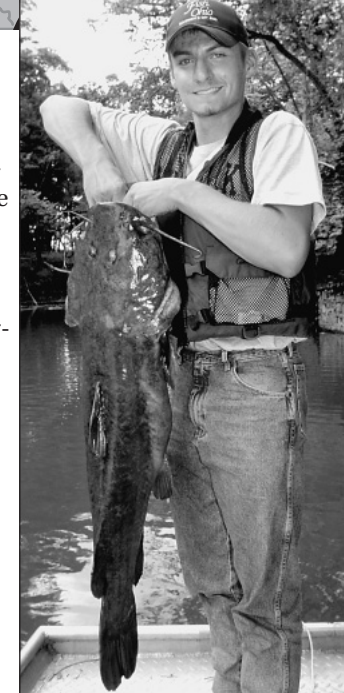
- Flatheads

Unlike Bedal, biologist Goedde prefers to tightline for flatheads, with a sinker on the bottom and a hook or two stacked above. "You have to keep it [bait] off the bottom a little bit for flatheads," he said.

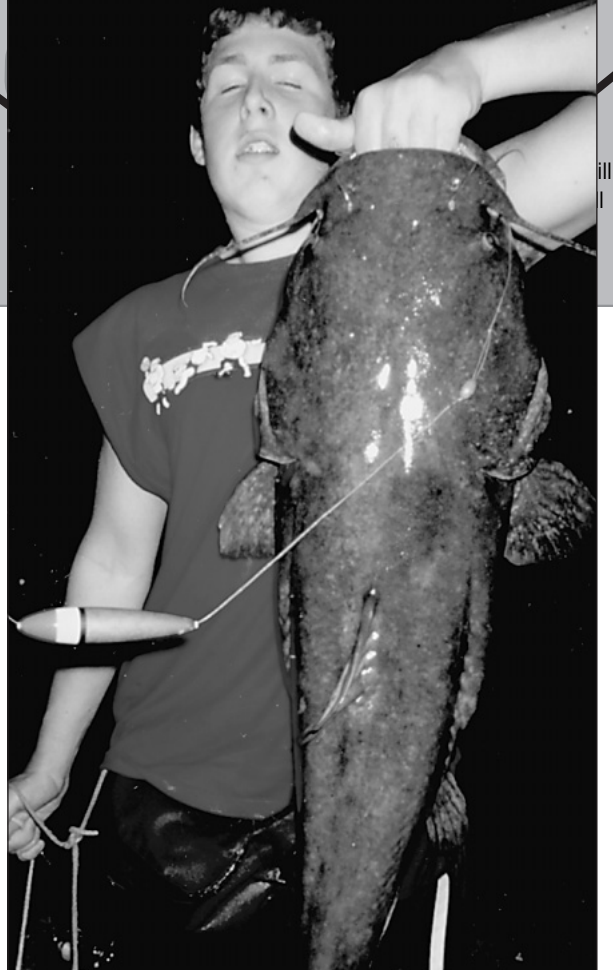
He suggests running the hook under the baitfish's dorsal fin so it can swim about. But if a big flathead is around, the bluegill won't swim far.

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Right; An Ohio stream angler displays a flathead catfish.



Right; Kevin Bedal 15, of Berkey, struggles to hoist a 24 1/2-pound Maumee River flathead catfish



## GOLF

### Canadian Women's Open

Halifax, Nova Scotia; par 72

Janice Moodie	31-35-66
Emily Bastal	36-31-67
Linda Edli	34-34-68
Li M Chung	35-34-69
Angela Stanford	35-34-69
Johanna Head	33-36-69
Sherril Turner	35-36-69
Brittany Lang	35-34-69
Cathy Johnston-Forbes	36-33-69
Mhairi McKay	34-35-69
Karen Weiss	35-35-70
Diana D'Alessio	38-32-70
Jin Hanna	31-39-70
Shani Waugh	36-34-70
Beth Bader	35-35-70
Meg Mallon	33-37-70
Christina Kim	36-34-70
Young-A Yang	35-35-70
Naree Song	34-36-70
Audra Burks	36-34-70
Susie Parry	37-34-71
Kim Salki	35-36-71
Dorothy Delasin	37-34-71
Erica Blasberg	36-35-71
Joanne Morley	37-34-71
Leta Lindley	35-36-71
Tracy Hanson	37-34-71
Brittany Lincicome	36-35-71
Carri Wood	39-32-71
Alena Sharp	37-35-72
Maggie Will	36-36-72
Tina Fischer	35-37-72
Marie-Josée Rouleau	37-35-72
Patricia Baxter-Johnson	37-35-72
Kim Williams	37-35-72
Young Jo	36-36-72
Nanci Bowen	36-36-72
Charlotta Sorenstam	35-37-72
Michelle Estill	37-35-72
Stephanie Louden	38-34-72
Emilee Klein	33-39-72
Beth Bauer	36-36-72
Mikaela Parnill	36-36-72
Kris Tschetter	40-32-72
Nancy Scranton	36-36-72
Katherine Hull	35-37-72
Aree Song	37-35-72
Pamela Kerrigan	36-36-72
Paula Marti	37-35-72
Pearl Sinn-Bonanni	36-36-72

### B.C. Open

PGA  
At En-Jole Golf Course, par 72

Matt Hendrix	31-32-63
Glen Day	32-31-63
Mike Springer	30-34-64
Jason Both	30-34-64
Brenden Pappas	32-32-64
Ben Crane	32-32-64
Omar Uresti	33-32-65
Mathias Gronberg	34-31-65
Mark Wilson	35-30-65
Arjun Atwal	34-31-65
Chris Smith	31-34-65
David Edwards	34-32-66
Hank Kuehne	35-31-66
Harison Frantz	33-33-66
J.P. Hayes	34-33-67
John Senden	36-31-67
Bradley Hughes	35-32-67
Hidemichi Tanaka	34-33-67
John Hollins	35-32-67
Trevor Dods	35-32-67
Dave Rummels	35-32-67
Ryan Palmer	33-34-67
Brett Quigley	37-30-67
Brendan Jones	35-32-67
Scott Piercy	33-34-67

## HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

### Regional All-Star Game

TONIGHT AT PERRYSBURG  
GOLD TEAM

Josh Swiwicki, Bowling Green, QB/DB/P
Adam Metcalf, Bowling Green, C/DE
Brad Manders, Cardinal Stritch, WR/DB
Craig Huntermark, C. Stritch, QB/DB/WR
Nick Sondergeld, Clay, SS/DB
John Huston, Clay, C/LE
Steve Lowery, Sandusky, RB/PR/PK
Nate Kim, Delta, RB/PR/PK
Ryan Gombash, Delta, QB/P
Ryan Gombash, Delta, DL
Marshall Severhof, Eastwood, LB
Andy Stickle, Eastwood, RB/SS
Andrew Carlin, Edgerton, RB/WR
Nathan Osborn, Edgerton, WR
Steve Olin, Fairview, WR/WR
Cody Rice, Fairview, WR/WR
Mike Mack, Fairview, WR/WR
Greg Mills, Findlay, RB
Mark Rasmussen, Findlay, DB/WR
Dustin Roun, Gibsonburg, OL/DE
Andrew Behnfeldt, Holgate, C/DE
Jay-Ron Kynard, Libbey, RB
John E. Morgan, Libbey, WR/WR
Keith Huber, Liberty Center, TB/CB
Gavin Flitt
Mark Tucker

### Women's Ohio Amateur

South Euclid  
CHAMPIONSHIP FLIGHT  
THIRD ROUND

Amber Churchill d. Anne Caja 1 up; Hillary Wilson d. Lynn Thompson 1 up; Carling Coffing d. Jenna Cox 3 & 2; Kathleen Ekey d. Natalie Stocker 2 & 1
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FOURTH ROUND

Churchill d. Wilson 4 & 3; Ekey d. Coffing, 19 holes.
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## LOCAL GOLF

### TWDGA Match-Play

AT INVERNESS  
Championship Flight semis: Sally Robinson d. Deb Smith, 3 & 1; Kathy Netter d. Sue Stout, 5 & 4; A flight championship: Grebe d. Hampton, 2 & 1; B flight championship: Barkenquest by forfeit over Giralsky; Consolation semis: Pat Hoppie d. Mary Cowan, 2 up; Pat Ligan d. Holly Bennett, 3 & 2.

### TDGA Jr. Match Play

AT HEATHER DRIPS  
BOYS: quarterfinals— Adam Crisp d. Pat Ducey, 1-up, 21 holes; Jason Crow d. Erik Hoops, 2 and 1; Corey Nelson d. Alex Hofbauer, 2-up; Tom Harman d. Chad Early, 2 and 1; semis— Crisp d. Crow, 4 and 3; Harman d. Nelson, 2 and 1.  
GIRLS: semis—Angie Sparagowski d. Caroline Powers, 1-up, 20 holes; Jordan Fesh d. Katie Sprunk, 2 and 1.

### NW Ohio Jr. Golf Association

At Pike Run  
BOYS: 17-18-1. Chad Karhoff, 73. 2. Tyler Hollabaugh, 78. 3. Matt Brubaker, 80. 15-16-1. Jason Crow, 68. 2. Tyler Uphaus, 70. 3. Jordan Mack, 74. 14-and under-1. Zach Davenport, 78. 2. Trent Feltz, 84. 3. Tyson Bostelman, 90.  
GIRLS: 1. Megan Hall, 88. 2. Angela Lott, 101. 3. Kaitlan Stockhorst, 116.

## WNBA

### Eastern Conference

Connecticut	12	4	.750	GB
Indiana	9	6	.600	2 1/2
New York	8	7	.533	3 1/2
Washington	9	8	.529	3 1/2
Detroit	7	8	.467	4 1/2
Charlotte	3	14	.176	9 1/2

### Western Conference

Sacramento	12	5	.706	GB
Houston	10	6	.625	1 1/2
Los Angeles	10	7	.588	2
Minnesota	9	8	.529	3
Seattle	8	10	.444	4 1/2
Phoenix	6	11	.353	6
San Antonio	6	14	.263	8

### YESTERDAY

Sacramento 72, San Antonio 61  
TONIGHT  
Houston at Connecticut, 7:30  
Minnesota at New York, 7:30  
Detroit at Indiana, 8  
San Antonio at Seattle, 10  
Washington at Phoenix, 10

## LOCAL BASEBALL

### American Legion

Ohio Trojans 001 025 x - 8 8 1  
Michigan Legion 000 000 x - 0 2 2  
WP—Leady, LP—Boyer. Calvin (OT), 2 BP, HR, 4 RBI.

### Senior Knothole

Ernie Hoops 200 211 0 - 6 8 0  
Toledo Tribyl 000 112 0 - 4 7 3  
WP—Phillips. LP—Gleinn. Batanian (TO), 2-4, 2 RBI.

## SOCCER

### Major League Soccer

TONIGHT  
San Jose at D.C. United, 7:30  
TOMORROW  
Columbus at Chicago, 4  
FC Dallas at New England, 7  
Colorado at MetroStars, 7:30  
Real Salt Lake at Kansas City, 8  
CD Chivas USA at Los Angeles, 10

## TRANSACTIONS

### BASEBALL

**American League**  
CHICAGO WHITE SOX—Activated LHP Damaso Marte from the 15-day DL. Optioned LHP Kevin Walker to Charlotte of the IL.  
DETROIT TIGERS—Placed RHP Troy Percival on the 15-day DL. Purchased the contract of RHP Zack Dingman from Toledo of the IL.  
LOS ANGELES ANGELS—Agreed to terms with SS Ryan Mount on a minor league contract.  
NEW YORK YANKEES—Placed RHP Chien-Ming Wang on the 15-day DL. Purchased the contract of RHP Tim Redding from Columbus of the IL. Designated INF Eric Crozier for assignment.  
TEXAS RANGERS—Recalled LHP Erasmo Ramirez from Oklahoma of the PCL.

**National League**  
FLORIDA MARLINS—Designated LHP AJ Letter for assignment. Recalled LHP Jason Vargas from Carolina of the Southern League.  
HOUSTON ASTROS—Recalled RHP Ezequiel Astacio from Round Rock of the PCL. Optioned RHP Travis Driskill to Round Rock. Agreed to terms with INF Kobay Clemens on a minor league contract.  
WASHINGTON NATIONALS—Sent OF Preston Wilson outright to New Orleans of the PCL.

### FOOTBALL

**National Football League**  
NFL—Announced Miami selected DT Manuel Wright in the supplemental draft.  
NEW ORLEANS SAINTS—Agreed to terms with DT Jason Jefferson on a three-year contract.  
NEW YORK JETS—Acquired CB Pete Hunter from Dallas for a conditional draft pick.

### HOCKEY

**National Hockey League**  
DETROIT RED WINGS—Agreed to terms with Mike Babcock, coach.  
NEW JERSEY DEVILS—Named Larry Robinson coach.

### COLLEGE

CULVER-STOCKTON—Named Brad Hoyt men's basketball coach.  
NEW HAVEN—Named Al Seibert men's basketball coach.  
TEXAS A&M INTERNATIONAL—Named Anna Birdwood women's soccer coach.  
WASHINGTON—Named Leticia Pineda-Boutte softball coach.

## FOOTBALL

TONIGHT  
Winnipeg at Edmonton  
Toronto at British Columbia  
TOMORROW  
Calgary at Ottawa  
SUNDAY  
Hamilton at Saskatchewan

## HOLES IN ONE

TERRY MCGHEE, No. 3 at White Pines, 161 yards, 6-iron.  
DOW SCHUMAKER, No. 10 at Maumee Bay, 150 yards, 7-iron.

## CYCLING

### Tour de France

At Digne-les-Bains, France  
Stage 12: 116.2 miles from 05-11-05  
1. David Moncouffie, France, Cofidis, 4 hours, 20 minutes, 6 seconds. 2. Sandy Casar, France, Francaise des Jeux, 57 seconds behind. 3. Angel Vicioso, Spain, Liberty Seguros, same time. 4. Patrice Halgand, France, Credit Agricole, same time. 5. Jose Luis Arrieta, Spain, Illes Balears, same time. 6. France Pellizzotti, Italy, Liquigas-Bianchi, same time. 7. Axel Merckx, Belgium, Davitamon-Lotto, same time. 8. Juan Manuel Garate, Spain, Saunier Duval, same time. 9. Thor Hushovd, Norway, Credit Agricole, 3:05. 10. Stuart O'Grady, Australia, Cofidis, same time.  
11. Massimo Giunti, Italy, Fassa Bortolo, same time. 12. Stephan Schreck, Germany, T-Mobile, 3:18. 13. Giovanni Lombardi, Italy, CSC, 3:21. 14. Robbie McEwen, Australia, Davitamon-Lotto, 10:33. 15. Peter Wrolich, Austria, Gerolsteiner, same time.  
16. Janek Tombak, Estonia, Cofidis, same time. 17. Sebastian Hinault, France, Credit Agricole, same time. 18. Fred Rodriguez, United States, Davitamon-Lotto, same time.  
19. Yury Krivtsov, Ukraine, AG2R Prevoyance, same time. 20. Philippe Gilbert, Belgium, Francaise des Jeux, same time.

### Also

32. Jose Azevedo, Portugal, Discovery Channel, same time. 33. Pawel Padmos, Czech Republic, Discovery Channel, same time. 38. Jose Luis Rubiera, Spain, Discovery Channel, same time. 41. Lance Armstrong, United States, Discovery Channel, same time.

### Overall Standings

(After 12 stages)  
1. Lance Armstrong, United States, Discovery Channel, 46 hours, 30 minutes, 36 seconds. 2. Mikael Rasmussen, Denmark, Rabobank, 38 seconds behind. 3. Christophe Moreau, France, Cofidis, 2:34. 4. Ivan Basso, Italy, CSC, 2:40. 5. Alejandro Valverde, Spain, Illes Balears, 3:16.  
6. Santiago Botero, Colombia, Phonak, 3:37. 7. Levi Leipheimer, United States, Cofidis, 3:58. 8. Francisco Mancebo, Spain, Illes Balears, 4:00. 9. Jan Ullrich, Germany, T-Mobile, 4:02. 10. Andreas Kildan, Germany, T-Mobile, 4:16.  
11. Floyd Landis, United States, Phonak, same time. 12. Alexandre Vinokourov, Kazakhstan, T-Mobile, 4:47. 13. Jorg Jaksche, Germany, Liberty Seguros, 5:33. 14. Cadel Evans, Australia, Davitamon-Lotto, 5:55. 15. Yaroslav Popovych, Ukraine, Discovery Channel, 6:25.

## NOTES

The STEVE MIX BASKETBALL ACADEMY has openings in its August/Fall Leagues. Interested participants contact Dave Matthews at 419-893-4033.  
TORONTO  
Dwens Community College will be holding OPEN SOFTBALL TRYOUTS July 19 at 4 p.m. at softball complex on Oregon Road. Prospective high school graduates and area residents interested in playing intercollegiate women's softball are welcome. Information: Call 567-661-7937 or 1-800-GO-OWENS Ext. 7537.  
Memorial Field in Sylvania will be the site of a U-8 BASEBALL TOURNAMENT August 6 and 7. Entry fee is \$125 per team. Contact Steve at sHardin@P-I.com or call 419-467-6339.

## BASEBALL

### Triple-A All-Star Game

WEDNESDAY  
PCL 11, IL 5

ab r h bi	ab r h bi
Upton ss 3 1 0	German ss 2 1 0
Gautreaux 2b 3 1 0	Furmaniak ss 2 1 2 0
Castro 2b 1 0 0	AGreen 2b 3 2 2 1
MJones 1b 3 0 1 0	Kinsler 2b 2 1 1 0
Liefer 1b 1 1 1 2	Jackson 1b 2 1 2 1
Griffin lf 1 0 1 1	Shealy 1b 2 1 1 1
McLouth lf 2 1 1 0	Coolidge 3b 3 0 1 0
EYoung dh 2 0 0	Cervenak 3b 0 1 0 1
LaForest dh 1 0 0	Watson rf 3 2 1 3
Garko c 2 0 0 0	Laird c 3 1 2 4
Pena ph-c 2 0 0	Haad ph-c 1 0 0 0
Encrnan 3b 2 1 1	Short dh 3 0 1 0
Coste ph-3b 0 1 1	Thurston dh 1 0 0 0
Vento rf 3 0 0	R Gonzalez lf 3 0 0 0
Ambres cf 3 0 0	Hart lf 1 0 0 0
	Godwin cf 0 0 0 0
	ABrown of 1 0 0 0
Totals	30 5 5 5
International	110 000 120-5

### Pacific

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E-Cupen 2 (2), DP-International 1, Pacific 1, LOB-International 3, Pacific 6, 2Berman (1), HR-Laird (1), Encarnacion (1), Watson (1), SF-Griffin, Costo, Watson, Cervenak.

International	IP H R ER BB SO
Scobie L-D-1	1 4 5 2 0 0
Alvarez	1 3 2 2 0 1
Eyre	1 0 0 0 0 0
Bajenaur	1 1 0 0 1 2
Darensbourg	1 1 0 0 0 1
Karnuth	1 4 4 0 0 0
Padilla	1 1 0 0 0 0
Boywer	1/2 0 0 0 1
Corey	1/2 0 0 0 0

### Pacific

Gissell W-1-0	2 3 2 0 0 2
Hensley	0 0 0 0 2
Julver	1 1 0 0 0 0
Bajenaur	1 0 0 0 1
Moreno	1 0 0 0 0 0
Bergman	1/2 1 1 1 0 0
Kida	1/2 0 1 1 2 1
Crowell	1 1 1 1 0 1
Van Buren	1/2 0 0 0 1 0

WP—Padilla, Bergman.  
T-2-47, A-14,414.

## LATEST LINE

### Baseball

CHICAGO CUBS	9-11	Pittsburgh
PHILADELPHIA	6-7	Florida
Atlanta	6 1/2-7 1/2	NY METS
CINCINNATI	6-7	Colorado
MILWAUKEE	5 1/2-6 1/2	Washington
ST. LOUIS	8-9	Houston
SAN DIEGO	5 1/2-6 1/2	Arizona
LA DOGGERS	7-8	San Francisco

### American League

CLEVELAND	Even-6	Chi White Sox
DETROIT	8-9	Kan. City
BOSTON	5 1/2-6 1/2	NY Yankees
TORONTO	8 1/2-9 1/2	Tampa Bay
LA Angels	Even-6	MINNESOTA
Baltimore	Even-6	SEATTLE
OAKLAND	6 1/2-7 1/2	Texas

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