

NW Baseball as Community Timeline

1898

Dan Dugdale moves to Seattle from Illinois. Forms first Seattle baseball teams.

1906

First Seattle Japanese baseball team forms – The Seattle Nippon.

1908

University of Washington baseball team travels to Japan to play and tour

1912

Dugdale Park opens in the Rainier Valley.

1916

Jimmy Claxton, part Irish and English, part black and part Native American, becomes the first African-American in the 20th century to play in the minor leagues, appearing for the Oakland Oaks for two games.

1920

The *Seattle Times* holds its first “Old Woodenface” contest.

1921

Suquamish Tribe becomes the first Native American team to tour Japan.

1923

The Seattle Mikado team tours devastation in Japan after an earthquake killed 100,000 people.

1930

Claxton, an African American Tacoma native who played for a Roslyn, WA team as a teenager, pitches for the Royal Giants—the dominant African American team of the time.

1932

Emil Sick buys Seattle Indians, renames team Seattle Rainiers and builds Sick’s Stadium.

1938-1964

Seattle Rainiers play in the Pacific Coast League.

1941

Pearl Harbor is bombed, marking American entrance into World War II.

1942

President Roosevelt signs an executive order in February ordering all Americans of Japanese ancestry to imprisonment camps.

1947

Jackie Robinson breaks the skin color barrier in the major leagues and starts at first base for the Brooklyn Dodgers.

1952

Artie Wilson and Bob Boyd are first two black players to integrate the Seattle Rainiers.

1986

Samoan Cricket League is created.