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TRINIDAD-RATON CONNECTION

“What do you like to do on your days off?”

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“Anything I want to. Every day's a day off. I've been on vacation since I retired in 1997 and moved here. I retired from Minnesota but I'm from Iowa.”

—Richard Jones, retired college professor of history (Raton)



“I like to be outdoors as many hours as I can, including bicycle riding, I like tending to my yard, and being with my wife. Not necessarily in that order.”

—Randy Rubin, owner, Sports Arena (Raton)



“I'm a workaholic so I like to relax around my house. I have ten acres with a pool and a pond. My wife gets stressed out more than I do and she always wants to go somewhere. We just came out of San Isabel Lake. We always stop in Raton going and coming.”

—Bob Crawford, owner, Crawford Roofing, Pampa, TX (Raton)



“I like to stay home and ‘veg.’ I catch up on the TiVo TV shows I've recorded over the past month. That usually takes 4-5 hours. I have a scotch with it, the whole time.”

—Dave Miller, retired nuclear utility engineer (Trinidad)



“I like to sleep in. Then I take my three border collies for a run in the Purgatoire River. Then I attend a recovery meeting for myself.”

—Ginger Whatley, LPC rural clinician for Spanish Peaks (Trinidad)



“I try to rest. I do chores around the house. I like to garden. I spend a lot of time with my grandson in Pueblo. I work different shifts so my days off vary.”

—Mike Fiorenzi, pharmacist, St. Mary-Corwin Medical Center, Pueblo (Trinidad)

PECOS LEAGUE PLAY



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Triggers first baseman Brian Frazier, above, racked up five RBIs and a homerun in Sunday night's win over Garden City. Matt Horan recorded his ninth win for the Trinidad Triggers on Sunday night even though he allowed seven runs over four innings. Horan struck out four, walked three and gave up nine hits.

Triggers wrap up season series against Wind in Garden City

By Adam Sperandio
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The Trinidad Triggers (40-17) wrapped up the season series against the Garden City Wind over the weekend picking up wins on Friday and Sunday, but saw Saturday's contest slip through their hands in the later innings.

The Triggers have been on a roll as of late. The best team in the Pecos League is sporting a 15-4 record in the month of July and has the No.1 spot in the Pecos League North all but locked up. Although all signs point to this year finally being the year the Triggers get over the hump and claim their

first ever Pecos League championship, ghosts from the past and Saturday's performance might lead one to speculate. With the season winding down to a close, the Triggers can't afford to see an end of the season meltdown...again

The best team in the league lit up the scoreboard and filled the stat sheet in Friday evening's 20-3 victory over the Wind (13-40) at Clint Lightner Stadium. Led by Shane Casey's career performance at the plate, the Triggers offense scored in all but the third and fifth innings and easily took care of business. The Triggers offense played the Wind pitchers with seven different hitters combining for 20 hits and 17 RBIs. They jumped out to an 8-0 lead by the bottom of the fourth and didn't look back. Garden City made a small comeback in the late in the game, but 10 Trigger runs in the last three innings was too much for the Wind to handle.

Casey finished the night 4-for-5 with six RBIs—and homeruns in the first and fourth innings. Edmund Cheatham and AJ Puma also contributed at the plate with three RBIs each. Christian Schneider picked up the win for the Triggers going seven innings and allowing one earned run, five hits and

two walks while striking out three batters.

The Triggers let a four run lead slip through their hands in Saturday's 8-5 loss. It was an old fashioned pitcher's duel as Wind pitcher Craig Jaquez and Triggers Kyle Young each worked a shutout through the top of the fifth inning when a Caleb Bryson grand slam put Trinidad on the board first with a 4-0 lead. The Triggers would allow two runs in the sixth before surrendering six more in the eighth inning capped by homeruns from Wind third baseman Julio Rodriguez and first baseman Chris Cruz.

Jaquez went eight innings and allowed, nine hits and five walks while striking out six and allowing zero earned runs in the win for the Wind. The Wind three-headed monster of Albert Gonzalez, Edgar Munoz, Julio Rodriguez and Chris Cruz combined for seven hits and seven RBIs.

Young survived five innings and gave up two earned runs off five hits. Joe Young took the loss for the Triggers surrendering five earned runs off of five hits.

The Triggers were barely able to escape Garden City Sunday night with an 8-7 win. Brian Frazier racked up five RBIs on two hits for the Triggers. The big first baseman doubled in the first inning and homered in the fourth inning. He ended the night 2-for-3 and was the spark the Triggers needed for the win.

Matt Horan recorded his ninth win for the Trinidad Triggers even though he allowed seven runs over four innings. Horan struck out four, walked three and gave up nine hits.

The Triggers will be at home through Wednesday night hosting the Santa Fe Fuego for their final home series of the year. They will be on the road in Santa Fe

to wrap up the regular season on July 28. The two will also face off in the first round of the Pecos League Playoffs with a birth in the Pecos League Championship on the line in a best of five series that has Trinidad in Santa Fe July 29-30, before returning home for the final three games of the series July 31-August 2.



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