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## **Tacoma Rainiers Break Attendance Record**

**Rainiers break season attendance record as more than 350,000 fans come out to Cheney Stadium during historic 50th season.  
Playoffs begin tonight at 7:00 pm.**

**Tacoma, WA** – In what has already become a historic season for the Tacoma Rainiers and their fans, another milestone has been reached. This season, 352,450 fans came through the gates of Cheney Stadium, which is an attendance record for a Tacoma ballclub.

“Our fans continued to show why they are the best fans in all of minor league baseball this season,” said Rainiers President Aaron Artman. “Even in some rough economic times fans came out in the hundreds of thousands to be part of this historic 50<sup>th</sup> season of baseball at Cheney Stadium.”

The previous record of 350,919 fans was set in 1994 when the Tacoma Tigers finished fifth in the Pacific Coast League Divisional Race. Former Tacoma Tigers General Manager Frank Colarusso remembers that magical 1994 season.

“It was a special summer in Tacoma with terrific weather, the roof collapsed in the Kingdome, baseball went on strike and Alex Rodriguez made his first appearance at Cheney Stadium with the Calgary Cannons,” said Colarusso. “It all made for a historic season.”

Colarusso says a lot about 2009’s record breaking season reminds him of that 1994 season.

“All records get broken and Schlegel Sports and the Tacoma Rainiers should be proud of what they achieved this summer.”

As for this season, the magic continues for the PCL Pacific North Division Champion Rainiers who begin the Pacific Conference Championship Series with the Sacramento River Cats tonight.

**Wednesday, September 9<sup>th</sup> 7:00 pm - Cheney Stadium, Tacoma, WA**  
**Thursday, September 10<sup>th</sup> 7:00 pm - Cheney Stadium, Tacoma, WA**  
**Friday, September 11<sup>th</sup> 7:05 pm – Raley Field, Sacramento, CA**  
**Saturday, September 12<sup>th</sup> 7:05 pm – Raley Field, Sacramento, CA**  
**Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup> 1:05 pm – Raley Field, Sacramento, CA**

All Rainiers playoff games are broadcast on South Sound Sports 850 AM. The winner of the Pacific Conference Championship Series proceeds to the Pacific Coast League Championship Series that begins Tuesday, September 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Playoff Tickets:** Tickets to the Rainiers two home playoff games (Wednesday, September 9<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, September 10<sup>th</sup>) at Cheney Stadium are available for purchase at [www.tacomarainiers.com](http://www.tacomarainiers.com) or by calling the Rainiers box office at (253)-752-7700. Ticket prices range from \$6 to \$25 dollars.

#### **About the Tacoma Rainiers**

This year marks the 50<sup>th</sup> season of baseball at the home of the Rainiers, Cheney Stadium, and the 15<sup>th</sup> season the Rainiers have been the Triple-A Affiliate of the Seattle Mariners. The Rainiers are owned by the Schlegel Sports Group. During the 2008 season, 21 Rainiers players also played for the Seattle Mariners. The team played in the 2005 PCL Pacific Conference Championship.

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