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Web Site, Newsletter & The "Daily Growl" Game Wrap



The RockHounds Web Site ...

attracted more than **515,000** visits
over the last year.

The web site is available 24/7 with links
for "all things RockHounds," including:

- Online ticket purchasing
- Managing your season ticket account
- Information on promotions & special events at Momentum Bank Ballpark
- Shop online at the Team Store
- Team stats, scores, league standings
- "Daily Growl" Game Wraps
- And, during the season, our web site is the home for RockHounds Radio.

2026 ROCKHOUNDS Schedule

Season Tickets

2026 Season ticket renewal

- BANANA BALL IS COMING TO MIDLAND IN 2026
- RockHounds Announce 2026 Home Schedule
- Clark Elliott recognized as Texas League Player of the Week
- Diego Barrera Recognized as Texas League Pitcher of the Week

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Daily Growl

Thursday, September 18 *Game Wrap*

RockHounds 3
Amarillo Sod Poodles 1

GAME 2 SOUTH DIVISION CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES
MOMENTUM BANK BALLPARK

Repeat Performance ... South Division Champs!

The RockHounds broke a 1-1 tie, scoring twice in the fourth inning, and an outstanding performance on the mound made the lead stand up as the 'Hounds defeated the Amarillo, 3-1, Thursday night at Momentum Bank Ballpark, as the 'Hounds earned a sweep of the Sod Poodles in the division playoff series.

The RockHounds claimed their second consecutive South Division championship and will meet the Springfield Cardinals in the Texas League Championship Series. The best-of-three title series begins Sunday afternoon at Hammons Field in Springfield (see "Kibbles & Bits," below).

Josh Kuroda-Grauer tripled with one out in the home half of the second and scored on Nate Nankil's RBI single to open the scoring (see "Beyond the Box Score," below).

Amarillo's Manuel Pena singled with the bases empty and two out in the third and the Sod Poodles then drew three consecutive walks, the last to Ben McLaughlin, forcing in the tying run.

Nankil singled to center with one out in the third, Cole Conn followed with a walk and Sahid Valenzuela singled to center, loading the bases. Clark Elliott (who has posted a .435 on-base percentage over his last 47 games) drew a walk with the bases full, bringing home what would become the game-winning run.

Leo De Vries then made the score 3-1 with an RBI single, his third hit of the game.

In stark contrast to Game 1 in Amarillo (an 8-7 RockHounds win), the 3-1 score stood the rest of the way. Starter Braden Nett went 4 1/3 innings, allowing one run on two hits. Five walks were the only issue for Nett, but the right-hander also struck out eight batters.

Relievers Yordin Calderon (win), James Gonzalez (hold), Colin Peluse (hold) and Will Johnston (save) were tremendous, combining for 4 2/3 scoreless innings while allowing only two base runners.

Beyond the Box Score

- RockHounds third baseman Josh Kuroda-Grauer combined with first baseman Tommy White on the game-saving "web gem" that sealed Game 1 at Amarillo, and his one-out triple in the home half of the second inning Thursday turned into the game's first run.
- Nate Nankil was exceptional in the two-game series, with a double, a home run and two runs batted in, with a home run and three RBI and scored three runs.
- Leo De Vries went 5-for-8 in the two-game series, with a double, a home run and two runs batted in. The 18-year-old, rated by MLB.com as the #3 prospect in all of baseball, went 3-for-4 (RBI) Thursday.
- The RockHounds will make their second consecutive appearance in the Texas League Championship Series and the ninth in the RockHounds / A's era, which began in 1999. The RockHounds are 6-2 in their previous eight appearances in the league's title series.

Kibbles & Bits

"STATISTICS ARE TO BASEBALL WHAT A FLAKY CRUST IS TO MOM'S APPLE PIE" - HARRY READER

The Championship Match-up

The RockHounds will face the Springfield Cardinals in the (best-of-three) Texas League Championship Series, beginning Sunday in Springfield, Missouri (first pitch at 1:05 p.m.).

Springfield will clearly be favored, posting the league's best overall record (88-50), before sweeping Tulsa in the division series.

The clubs met from August 26-31 at Springfield, with the Cardinals sweeping the 5-game series.

One of the games was lopsided ... but the other five were decided by a total of eight runs, the last three going to extra innings.

Next Game

Sunday, September 21 1:05 p.m.
ROCKHOUNDS vs. SPRINGFIELD CARDINALS
GAME 1, TEXAS LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES
HAMMONS FIELD SPRINGFIELD, MO

PROBABLE STARTING PITCHERS
SPR TBA (RH, 6-11, 4.08)
RH Chen Zhuang (RH, 6-11, 4.08)
Radio: Sunday at 12:55 p.m. with Bob Hards on midlandrockhounds.org

2025 Texas League Championship Series

Game 1
Sunday September 21 1:05 p.m.
at Springfield, MO

Game 2
Tuesday September 23 6:30 p.m.
at Momentum Bank Ballpark

Game 3
(if necessary)
Wednesday Sept. 24 6:30 p.m.
at Momentum Bank Ballpark

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ROCKHOUNDS NEWSLETTER

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Star Wars Night Returns - August 23!

A long time ago,, in a ballpark not so far away ... *Star Wars Night* blasts back into Momentum Bank Ballpark on Saturday, August 23! Join us for an epic night filled with character appearances and out-of-this-galaxy entertainment.

STAR WARS NIGHT

STAR WARS

AUGUST 23, 2025

VS

7:00 PM

Our Newsletter & "Daily Growl" (Postgame Wrap)

... are delivered to more than 20,000 e-mail boxes (the Newsletter is published year 'round and the Daily Growl during baseball season).

The Daily Growl is not your typical "game wrapup" - - our goal is to both inform and entertain (baseball is, after all, a game).

We provide information designed for everyone from the casual fan to those who want to go beyond the scoreboard.

