

# **DAYTON DRAGONS HOMESTAND PREVIEW**

**June 21 – June 26, 2022**

**Day Air Ballpark**

**In the heart of the Water Street District**

**Dayton, Ohio**

## **\*\*Game and Radio Broadcast Schedule\*\***

- Tuesday, June 21 – Lake County Captains (Guardians) at Dayton Dragons (Reds), 7:05 p.m.
- Wednesday, June 22 – Lake County Captains (Guardians) at Dayton Dragons (Reds), 5:35 p.m.
- Wednesday, June 22 – Lake County Captains (Guardians) at Dayton Dragons (Reds), Game 2
- Thursday, June 23 – Lake County Captains (Guardians) at Dayton Dragons (Reds), 7:05 p.m.
- Friday, June 10 – Lake County Captains (Guardians) at Dayton Dragons (Reds), 7:05 p.m.
- Saturday, June 11 – Lake County Captains (Guardians) at Dayton Dragons (Reds), 7:05 p.m.
- Sunday, June 12 – Lake County Captains (Guardians) at Dayton Dragons (Reds), **1:05 p.m.**

All games are broadcast on Fox Sports 980 WONE and HD Radio on 104.7 WTUI HD 2. All games are also streamed via the Dragons website at [www.daytondragons.com](http://www.daytondragons.com). Broadcasts are also available on the Dragons App for Apple and Android devices.

### Scheduled Dragons starting pitchers for these games:

Tuesday: Evan Kravetz (LHP)

Wednesday Game 1: Thomas Farr (RHP)

Wednesday Game 2: Connor Phillips (RHP)

Thursday: Joe Boyle (RHP)

Friday: Christian Roa (RHP)

Saturday: James Proctor (RHP)

Sunday: TBA

## **\*\*Dragons On TV\*\***

- The games on Saturday and Sunday will be televised on Dayton's CW (WBBD-TV). It is available on the following outlets: Cable Channels 13 and 1013, Direct TV and DISH Network Channel 26, and over the air channel 26.1.

- WDTN Sports Director Jack Pohl will join Saturday, and Sunday's broadcast as color commentator.

## **\*\*For Your Entertainment\*\***

- Tuesday, June 21
  - National Anthem Performer: Dayton Philharmonic Vocal Ensemble
  - Mini Dugout Dancers
  - Dance Group on the Plaza
- Wednesday, June 22
  - National Anthem Performer: St. Ignatius Joyful Noise Choir
  - Home Run for Life
- Thursday, June 23
  - National Anthem Performer: Elyse Wilkinson
  - Retirement Village People
  - Pregame Parade for Midwest Ohio Baseball
  - Car Show on the Plaza
- Friday, June 24
  - National Anthem Performer: Alahna Ramby
  - Mini Dugout Dancers
  - Princess Jade
- Saturday, June 25
  - National Anthem Performer: St. Henry Trio
  - Kroger Baseball Buddies
  - Fireworks Night
  - Team Zoom
  - Cheer Group on the Plaza
- Sunday, June 26
  - National Anthem Performer: Tom Beery
  - Kroger Baseball Buddies
  - Kettering Health's Dragon for a Day
  - Noah Tune
  - Veterans Salute
  - Dance Group on the Plaza
  - Graeter's Ice Cream/Kids Run the Bases

## **\*\*Home Run for Life\*\***

Joey Chiulli takes the field for his iconic Anthem Home Run for Life lap around the bases during the Dragons game. Read more about Joey Chiulli's incredible story at [www.daytondragons.com/hrfl](http://www.daytondragons.com/hrfl).

## **\*\*Wendy's Friends and Family Deal\*\***

Thursday, June 23 and Friday, June 24 are Wendy's Friends and Family Games at Day Air Ballpark in the Heart of the Water Street District. Dragons Wendy's Friends & Family Days and Nights at Day Air Ballpark provide the best deal in town. Get a Dragons ticket, Wendy's Biggee Bag meal voucher, and Dragons hat. Cost of the package is just \$17 for stadium seats, or \$13 for lawn tickets.

## **\*\*Kroger Baseball Buddies\*\***

Kroger Baseball Buddies continues on Saturday, June 25 and Sunday, June 26. Children ages 7–13 can enter to win to be a Kroger Baseball Buddy. Each winner will get to enter the ballpark early on game days, receive a custom Dragons jersey, hat, backpack, autographed baseball, photo opportunities, Kids Meal voucher to spend at the ballpark, and more souvenirs. Buddies will also be a part of the Dragons starting lineup on their game day. Visit [www.daytondragons.com/buddies](http://www.daytondragons.com/buddies) to learn more.

## **\*\*Fireworks Night\*\***

The Dragons have scheduled six post-game fireworks shows at Day Air Ballpark during the 2022 season, with the second of the year set for Saturday, June 25. All of the shows are presented by Associated Builders and Contractors. The fireworks show will begin after the conclusion of the Dragons game, beginning at 7:05 p.m.

## **\*\*Veterans Salute\*\***

The Dayton Dragons and CareSource have partnered to bring a season long tribute to our local veterans with the Veteran Salute program. On June 26, our veteran is William Zimmerman who served 21 years in the Navy. He began his military career in 1965 served aboard the USS Enterprise at the height of the Vietnam War. Upon his return to the United States in 1969 he continued to serve in the Naval Reserves until 1990. William earned many service medals including the Vietnam Service Medal with a Bronze Star. Please join us in celebrating this honoree as part of CareSource's Veteran Salute!

## **\*\*Kettering Health's Dragon for a Day\*\***

On Sunday, June 26, Kettering Health's Dragon for a Day will provide your family the opportunity to learn about all the healthy habits that go into becoming a professional baseball player! Kids can take batting practice and run the bases on the plaza pre-game.

## **\*\*Dragons On The Field\*\***

- The Dragons are in first place in the Midwest League East Division, holding a slim lead of one-half game over second place Great Lakes. The Dragons have four games to play (all at home vs. Lake County). Great Lakes has three to play (all at Fort Wayne).
- Elly De La Cruz (seventh youngest position player in the league with at least 100 AB) over his last 22 games is batting .360 with seven home runs and 20 RBI. De La Cruz is second in the MWL in extra base hits (31), second in batting average (.304), second in slugging percentage (.594), tied for second in RBI (43), fourth in home runs (13).
- Allan Cerda over his last 16 games has six home runs and 14 RBI.
- Justice Thompson over his last 25 games is batting .292 with three home runs with 15 RBI.
- Nick Quintana over his last 20 games is batting .290 with 16 RBI.
- Joe Boyle has an earned run average of 0.78 and opponent's batting average of .089 on the year, but he is four innings short of having the minimum number of innings to qualify for the league lead.
- Connor Phillips is tied for first in the MWL lead in strikeouts with 84 and first in opponent batting average (.171). Since April 28, Phillips has made eight starts, posting a 2.35 ERA (46 IP, 26 H, 14 R, 12 ER, 17 BB, 63 SO).

- The Dragons have ten players on *MLB Pipeline's* Top 30 Reds Prospects list, and seven of the Top 17. This group is headlined by 20-year-old switch-hitting infielder Elly De La Cruz. De La Cruz is the second rated prospect in the Reds organization (No. 71 in MLB) after signing as an international free agent out of the Dominican Republic in 2018. Other top prospects on the Dragons roster include outfielder Rece Hinds, outfielder Austin Hendrick, catcher Mat Nelson, right-handed pitcher Connor Phillips, right-handed pitcher Christian Roa, infielder Jose Torres, outfielder Allan Cerda, outfielder Justice Thompson, and right-handed pitcher Joe Boyle.

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