

# HOME BASE



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# THANKSGIVING TRIVIA

1. What year was the celebration that is most commonly considered to be the first Thanksgiving?
  - a) 1492
  - b) 1521
  - c) 1621
  - d) 1628
2. How long did the first Thanksgiving last?
  - a) 2 days
  - b) 3 days
  - c) 4 days
  - d) a week
3. Which U.S. president moved the Thanksgiving holiday from the 3rd Thursday in November to the 4th?
  - a) President Lincoln
  - b) President Coolidge
  - c) President Franklin Roosevelt
  - d) President Truman
4. On average, how many turkeys do Americans prepare each year?
  - a) 46 million
  - b) 48 million
  - c) 50 million
  - d) 52 million
5. How many calls does the Butterball Turkey Talk Line (a cooking crisis management team) answer each season?
  - a) 70,000
  - b) 80,000
  - c) 90,000
  - d) 100,000
6. How many pumpkin pies are Americans estimated to eat on Thanksgiving each year?
  - a) 46 million
  - b) 48 million
  - c) 50 million
  - d) 52 million
7. Which state raises the most turkeys?
  - a) Arkansas
  - b) Iowa
  - c) Nebraska
  - d) Minnesota
8. True or False? Only male turkeys gobble.
  - a) True
  - b) False
9. What are most turkey feathers used for after the turkey is plucked?
  - a) Pillows
  - b) Decorations
  - c) Animal feed
  - d) Wigs
10. What is the wobbly red piece of flesh on top of the beak of a turkey?
  - a) Gobbler
  - b) Snood
  - c) Wattle
  - d) Giblet

# SPOKANE INDIANS IN THE PLAYOFFS



**Spokane, Wash.** – If you watched any of the exciting 2020 World Series, you may have noticed a couple of familiar faces. Reliever Peter Fairbanks ('15) and pitching coach Kyle Snyder ('99) helped guide the Tampa Bay Rays to the Fall classic, where they were ultimately defeated by the Los Angeles Dodgers in six games.

Fairbanks became one of Tampa Bay's most reliable relievers in 2020, appearing in 27 of 60 games with a 2.70 ERA and 39 strikeouts in 26.2 innings to earn the team's Rookie of the Year Award. The

hard-throwing right-hander made nine appearances for the Rays this postseason, striking out 17 over 12.1 IP while converting three saves—including the final four outs of the ALCS. Originally a ninth-round pick out of the University of Missouri by the Texas Rangers in 2015, Fairbanks posted a 3.14 ERA in 13 games (11 starts) for the Spokane Indians that summer. He reached the majors with the Rangers in 2019 before being traded to Tampa Bay for Nick Solak.

Snyder took over as Tampa Bay's pitching coach in 2018

and has guided the Rays to three consecutive top-two finishes for ERA in the American League (the team's 3.56 ERA in 2020 trailed only the Cleveland Indians in the AL). The towering right-hander was the seventh-overall pick of the 1999 MLB Draft by the Kansas City Royals and was named the top prospect in the Northwest League after striking out 25 batters over 24 innings with Spokane. He reached the majors in 2003 and spent parts of five seasons with Kansas City and Boston, winning a World Series title with the Red Sox in 2007.



Photo courtesy of the Tampa Bay Times

The Rays finished the regular season with the second-best record in baseball (40-20) before defeating the Toronto Blue Jays in the Wild Card Round and the New York Yankees in the ALDS. Before this fall, Tampa Bay had one previous World Series appearance, losing to the Philadelphia Phillies in five

games in 2008. Every World Series winner since 2013 has featured at least one Indians alum, including hitting coach Kevin Long ('99) with the Washington Nationals last year. This year's postseason featured a total of 14 former Spokane Indians players, with seven apiece in both the American League and National League. A full list can be found below:

### **Houston Astros (2)**

Zack Greinke ('02) - *Starting Pitcher*

Gary Pettis ('82) - *Third Base Coach*

### **Oakland Athletics (2)**

Al Pedrique ('95) - *Third Base Coach*

Glen Kuiper ('85) - *Broadcaster*

### **Milwaukee Brewers (1)**

Alex Claudio ('11) - *Relief Pitcher*

### **Chicago Cubs (1)**

Kyle Hendricks ('11) - *Starting Pitcher*

### **Cleveland Indians (1)**

Sandy Alomar Jr. ('84) - *First Base Coach*

### **Miami Marlins (2)**

Jorge Alfaro ('11) - *Catcher*

Richard Bleier ('08) - *Relief Pitcher*

### **San Diego Padres (3)**

Jurickson Profar ('11) - *Second Base/Outfield*

Mitch Moreland ('07) - *First Baseman*

Chris Kemp ('06) - *Director of International Scouting*



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# SPOKANE INDIANS MASCOT RECIPES



The Spokane Indians mascots want to share some of their favorite Thanksgiving recipes with you and your family! If you decide to make one of their recipes, make sure to share on social media with the hashtag #GoSpoThanksgiving!

## OTTO'S TURKEY CRANBERRY SLIDERS

### Ingredients

1 package sweet Hawaiian rolls  
3 cups cooked turkey, sliced  
1 cup prepared cranberry sauce  
6 slices of Swiss cheese  
4 tbsp. of butter, melted  
1 tsp yellow mustard  
1/2 tsp garlic powder  
1/2 tbsp poppy seeds



### Instructions

Preheat the oven to 325 degrees. Line a 9x13 baking dish with non-stick foil, or prepare with baking spray. Separate the Hawaiian rolls (top and bottom portion) and place the bottom half of each roll into the prepared baking dish. Layer with turkey, cranberry sauce, and cheese, then place the top half of the rolls back on top. In a small bowl, whisk together the melted butter, mustard, garlic powder, and poppy seeds. Pour mixture over the top of the buns, and use a brush or spoon to spread evenly over the top. Cover with foil and bake for 15 minutes. Remove the foil and bake for 3 more minutes, uncovered. Serve immediately!

## RIBBY'S RED MASHED POTATOES

### Ingredients

2 1/2 lbs red potatoes, unpeeled, quartered  
2 garlic cloves  
3 tbs. butter  
1/2 cup milk  
1 tsp. salt  
1/8 tsp. black pepper  
1/4 cup grated parmesan cheese  
Optional: chopped parsley



### Instructions

Add potatoes and garlic in a large pot and cover with water. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat and simmer for 25 minutes, or until potatoes are tender. Drain well. Add butter, milk, salt, and pepper. Mash with a potato masher or for a smoother texture, with a hand mixer. Mash until desired consistency is reached. Stir in the parmesan cheese. Top with parsley if desired. Enjoy (...just not with fish)!

# SPOKANE INDIANS MASCOT RECIPES



## RECYCLEMAN'S LEFTOVER LASAGNA

### Ingredients

- 1 1/4 lbs turkey breast
- 1 turkey gravy
- 3 cups mashed potatoes
- 3 cups cornbread stuffing
- 1 – 14 oz. can of cranberry sauce
- 6 oz. shredded sharp white cheddar



### Instructions

Start with a 9 in. square baking pan and line the bottom of the pan with half of the cornbread stuffing. On top of the stuffing, spread 7 oz. of cranberry sauce. Next, layer with 3/4 lbs. of the pieces or slices of turkey. On top of the turkey, spread half the amount of mashed potatoes and top with 3 oz. of white cheddar. Repeat layers on more time with remaining ingredients, topping with the remaining white cheddar. Bake at 400 degrees for 20 mins. Drizzle with turkey gravy and serve!

## DORIS' PECAN PIE BROWNIES

### Ingredients

- 1 box of brownie mix (plus ingredients on back of box)
- 1 cup of sugar
- 1 1/2 cups of light corn syrup
- 4 eggs
- 1/4 cup of unsalted butter
- 1 1/2 tsp vanilla extract
- 2 cups chopped pecans



### Instructions

Preheat oven and prepare brownies according to back of the box. Bake brownies for HALF the amount of time the box says to bake them. In a separate bowl, combine the sugar, corn syrup, vanilla, and butter in a saucepot and cook over medium heat. Stir until everything is melted and combined. Whisk in the eggs one at a time – stirring well. Cook on medium heat for 10-15 minutes, stirring occasionally and until the mixture is lightly browned and thick. Stir in chopped pecans and cook for an additional 2-3 minutes. Remove the brownies from the oven and let cool slightly. Pour the warm pecan pie topping on top of the brownies and spread evenly with a heat proof spatula to evenly coat. Put the brownies back in the oven for an additional 20 minutes. Let cool and serve!



# ZERO WASTE CAMPAIGN UPDATE



## INDIANS WIN WASHINGTON STATE RECYCLER OF THE YEAR AWARD

On November 2<sup>nd</sup>, the Spokane Indians were recognized for their Zero Waste Campaign during the 2019 calendar year, receiving the Washington State Recycling Association (WSRA) Recycler of the Year Award, in the Business Generator category. The WSRA presents annual Recycler of the Year (ROY) awards to spotlight individuals, businesses, government agencies and community organizations that are making outstanding contributions to strengthening and expanding recycling and waste prevention practices across the state.

“We’re honored to receive this award and to continue

building on our responsibility as an environmental leader,” said Senior Vice President Otto Klein. “We recognize that we have the opportunity to impact the community through our efforts at Avista Stadium and this award is a testament to the work that we’ve done and will continue to do.”

The Indians were nominated by Kris Major, Education Coordinator for the City of Spokane’s Solid Waste Department. “Striving towards zero waste is difficult for any business, let alone one that deals with the public in the numbers that the Spokane Indians do. This recognition is well-deserved and the

organization’s hard work and commitment to sustainability can be an inspiration to us all and a model for others to follow,” said Major.



In 2019, The Indians announced their commitment to becoming a zero waste facility with the Zero Waste Campaign. 60 zero waste stations were installed throughout Avista Stadium and an investment was made in compostable items, including beer cups, Pepsi cups (including lids and straws) and utensils. In 2019 alone, the Indians increased traditional recycling by 29% and diverted 12 tons of compostable materials from the waste stream, which equates to 28% of total waste. The compostable materials collected at the stadium were then transferred to a local facility, where they were processed into a healthy, soil building compost, used in agriculture, landscape, turf, and

garden applications. A portion of that compost was eventually brought back and used in flower beds at Avista Stadium, creating a closed-loop system.

“We understand the importance of doing our part to protect the environment and resources for future generations,” said Klein. “With the help of our local partners and staff who work tirelessly every day, the Zero Waste Campaign is the next chapter for how we are striving to take care of the place we all call home.”

The Spokane Indians would like to thank the presenting partner of the Zero Waste Campaign, Spokane County Regional Solid Waste, and major contributors: the Spokane Tribe of Indians, Wittkopf Landscape Supply, Sunshine Disposal & Recycling, and Barr-Tech. To learn more about the Indians Zero Waste Campaign and view the full 2019 Sustainability Report, [click here](#).





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# Q&A WITH JOSE TREVINO



**C**urrent Texas Ranger, Jose Trevino, spent just one season with the Indians (2014), but made a big impact during his time in Spokane. The fan favorite played in 72 of the Indians 76 games that season, batting .257 with 9 home runs and 49 RBI. The Corpus Christi native and Oral Roberts University alum was drafted in the 6th round of the 2014 MLB Draft by the Texas Rangers. After 4+ years of working his way through the Ranger's minor league system, Trevino has now spent the majority of the past 3 seasons with the big league club and looks to be in line for an increased role in 2021. Though Trevino has played just 67 games at the big league level to date, he's already provided fans with

one of the most special sports moments in recent memory. On June 10th, 2018, Jose became a father for the first time, welcoming his son, Josiah into the world. Five days later, a dream came true, as Jose made his major league debut against the Rockies. Two days later, on Father's Day, Trevino capped off an incredibly exciting and emotional week. With the bases loaded and one out in the bottom of the ninth inning, the Rangers were trailing the Rockies 12-11. Jose stepped up and promptly delivered a walk-off, two-run single for the Rangers, with his newborn son in attendance. We caught up recently with Trevino to talk about that special Father's Day moment, his thoughts on the new Globe Life field, and more:



*Photo courtesy of The Athletic*

**Thank you for taking some time to chat with us. How have you been? What do you anticipate your offseason looking like this year?**

I will be in the Dallas-Fort Worth area working out at the stadium and having a lot of family time!

**Congratulations on being named the 2020 Richard Durrett Hardest Working Man Award winner for the Rangers. What did it mean to win that award this year?**

It means the world to know that people are watching and seeing the improvements - from the early morning workouts, hard work in the cages, and in the video room. It's great.

**Two of your teammates (and former Spokane Indians), Joey Gallo and Isiah Kiner-Falefa, also picked up some hardware earlier this month, winning their first career Gold Glove Awards. What's it like playing alongside those guys and watching them work on their craft?**

Those dudes deserve it. Knowing that a ball going in their direction has a good chance of being an out is great! Hopefully, I can give them some company soon!

**Baseball fans had a chance to see Globe Life Field a lot during the MLB playoffs this year. What are your thoughts of the new ballpark? Anything you can share with us that**

**the fans may not know from watching on TV?**

It's unbelievable. They did an awesome job with it. It's very Texas themed and I like that! There really isn't anything like it!

**We've all enjoyed watching your son, Josiah, grow up over the past couple of years via social media. How's that experience been for you and when can we expect to see him step onto a baseball field?**

It's been amazing. My girlfriend does a great job with him when I'm away, but it's been fun for both of us! He's a funny kid and has a great personality on him! I think he gets that from me and his momma. I won't force him to play. I'll put it in front of him but when he's ready, I'm sure he will let us know. That said... He's been doing blocking drills for a year now. Haha - just kidding!

**Your walk-off single on Father's Day in 2018 was one of the feel-good stories of the year. You've now had a couple of years to digest that emotional moment. Can you share some thoughts on what that meant to you?**

Definitely a highlight of my career. It was like life came full circle and smacked me right in the face in front of the world.

It's an amazing story. Hopefully, it inspires people to love their parents and be thankful for what they do for them.

**Your annual Toy Drive has become a staple in the Corpus Christi community. Any info that you can share with us about the 4<sup>th</sup> annual event this December?**

I think it's going to be a good turnout! It's going to be different but I think it will work! There will be some items



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signed by me there and I might have some things signed by some friends. We will see!

**You made a big impact on Indians fans during your lone summer in the Northwest. What are some of your favorite memories of your time spent in Spokane?**

Great question I think you answered it for me. It was the fans! Everyday running out of the dugout and hearing the roar and knowing they were going to be there it was an awesome first pro ball experience and I would not mind going back to visit!

**Do you have a favorite Spokane Indians Mascot?**

Recycleman - That dude is TALENTED!

**What motivated you to start playing baseball? Any advice to young baseball players out there?**

I was never forced to play baseball, I naturally loved it! For the young kids... Be humble and work hard. Be a good teammate and have fun!

**What's your favorite quote?**

Dream Big!





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# MEMBER HIGHLIGHT

We're thankful for each and every STCU Gold Glove Member! Throughout the next several Home Base editions, we'll be highlighting some of our ticket package holders and learning how they utilize the great benefits that come with being a member.

## ANGELA WITH TAX IT EZ

### **How long have you had a ticket package with the Indians?**

We have been proud ticket package holders for about 4 years now.

### **What type of ticket package do you have?**

24-Game Mini Season Ticket Package.

### **Favorite promotional night at Avista Stadium?**

We LOVE fireworks nights at Avista Stadium!

### **Favorite ballpark food item at Avista Stadium?**

Kettle corn and pretzels with cheese are must haves when we are at the ballpark!

### **Favorite Gold Glove Member benefit?**

Guaranteed giveaways and the early ticket exchange.

### **What are you most looking forward to when baseball returns to Avista Stadium?**

We just love spending the evening at the ballpark! We enjoy supporting and being a part of our community - game nights allow us to do that!

### **How do you use your tickets?**

Our tickets get a workout! We love to share with our family, friends, & clients!

### **How have you/your office benefitted from being a Gold Glove Member with the Indians?**

We have enjoyed sharing our tickets with friends and clients alike. We love hearing and seeing the enjoyment families get from going to a game, snapping pictures with the mascots, and possibly getting a game ball! Having our box seats gives us an opportunity to see familiar faces and make new friends. Who doesn't love a night at the ballpark?!





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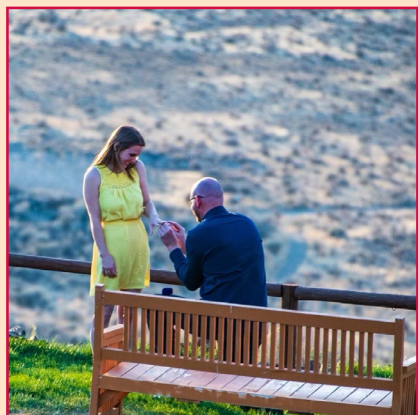
**A**vista Stadium has proven to be a special place for so many Spokane residents. Each summer, birthday celebrations, company gatherings, and family outings are hosted under the stadium lights, cheering on the Indians and soaking up a slice of summer. In 2019, for gameday employee Briana K'Burg and Gold Glove Member Kevin Blatt, Avista Stadium served as the growing place for their beautiful romance. The two met when Briana was assigned as a Section Leader in Section K, directly above Lower Box 443, where Kevin and

his mom have a season ticket package.

If you've ever been to Avista Stadium, chances are you've been coerced to get up out of your seat and do the YMCA or the Cha Cha Slide. This was the case with Briana and Kevin, and though Kevin never gave in, it became a running joke between the two that one day she *would* eventually convince him to dance. Briana even suggested that Kevin could someday be nicknamed "Cha Cha Slide Kevin," a reference to Avista Stadium legend, "Macarena Bob."



Briana and Kevin's playful friendship blossomed throughout the summer, but as the 2019 season came to an end – it was Briana who decided to make the first move. As a big fan of sending out holiday cards, Briana asked Kevin for his address (as it had come up that he was a mailman who enjoyed receiving mail himself) so she could add him to her mailing list. Kevin saw his opportunity and slipped her his phone number. It was then that she thought, "Ok there might just be something here..."



Fast forward through a Spokane Chiefs hockey game, a delivery of donuts on Star Wars Day, a Memorial Day BBQ, and a fondue night – Briana and Kevin had their first official date at a winery in Quincy, where Kevin would eventually propose a few months later! Some might say their relationship has moved quickly, but Briana and Kevin feel like they're exactly where they're supposed to be. They're in no rush to get married, especially with no desire to plan a wedding amidst a pandemic. As of right now, their plans are to get married in 2022 at the place where it all started – Avista Stadium. Kevin has also promised to do the Cha Cha slide at the wedding.

