

# **DAYTON DRAGONS HOMESTAND PREVIEW**

**July 4 – July 10, 2022**

**Day Air Ballpark**

**Dayton, Ohio**

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

- Monday, July 4 – West Michigan Whitecaps (Tigers) at Dayton Dragons (Reds), 7:05 p.m.
- Wednesday, July 6 – West Michigan Whitecaps (Tigers) at Dayton Dragons (Reds), 7:05 p.m.
- Thursday, July 7 – West Michigan Whitecaps (Tigers) at Dayton Dragons (Reds), 7:05 p.m.
- Friday, July 8 – West Michigan Whitecaps (Tigers) at Dayton Dragons (Reds), 7:05 p.m.
- Saturday, July 9 – West Michigan Whitecaps (Tigers) at Dayton Dragons (Reds), 7:05 p.m.
- Sunday, July 10 – West Michigan Whitecaps (Tigers) 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:

Monday: Joe Boyle (RHP)

Wednesday: Miguel Medrano (RHP)

Thursday: Christian Roa (RHP)

Friday: Evan Kravetz (LHP)

Saturday: Thomas Farr (RHP)

Sunday: Joe Boyle (RHP)

## **\*\*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.
- University of Dayton Baseball Head Coach Jayson King will join the telecast on Saturday, and WDTN Sports Director Jack Pohl will join on Sunday.

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

- Monday, July 4
  - National Anthem Performer: Cove Spring

- Honor Guard: WPAFB
- Hometown Heroes recognition of the 1,487<sup>th</sup> Transportation Company
- Pregame: Giant flag unveiling, dove release, ASL interpreter
- Fireworks presented by Associated Builders and Contractors
- Mini Dugout Dancers
- Wednesday, July 6
  - National Anthem Performer: Spirit
- Thursday, July 7
  - National Anthem Performer: Boy Scouts of America
  - Honor Guard: Scouts of America
  - Ohio 529 check presentation in pregame
  - Eagle Scout recognition in pregame
- Friday, July 8
  - National Anthem Performer: Monticello Elementary
  - Honor Guard: Boy Scout Pack 750
  - Retirement Village People
  - Ohio Lottery Magic 8 Ball Inning Break
  - Princess Jade
  - Celebrate Dayton: Centerville Bowling Team
- Saturday, July 9
  - National Anthem Performer: The Day Tones
  - Marvel Game featuring Captain America
- Sunday, July 10
  - National Anthem Performer: The Lipstick Scoundrels
  - Honor Guard: Knights of Columbus Northern Councils
  - Mini Dugout Dancers
  - Noah Tune
  - Kids Run the Bases
  - Barline a capella group performing on plaza

## **\*\*Ohio's 529 CollegeAdvantage Scholarship Giveaway\*\***

Ohio's 529 Plan, CollegeAdvantage will present educators and students with a \$529 scholarship during the Dragons game against the West Michigan Whitecaps on Thursday, July 7.

These recipients participated in the Dragons MVP Program this year and had entered themselves in for a chance to win a CollegeAdvantage 529 College Savings Award. Ohio's 529 CollegeAdvantage is a proud partner of the Dragons MVP Program.

## **\*\*First Pitches\*\***

### **July 6**

On Wednesday, July 6, Kristen Wunningham will be throwing out a ceremonial first pitch on behalf of Orthopedic Associates the presenting sponsor of the Dragons 5K. She'll be wearing a Dragons 5K t-shirt to celebrate the race hitting Day Air Ballpark on Saturday, July 16 at 8 AM. For more information on the Dragons 5K go to [daytondragons.com/dragons5k](http://daytondragons.com/dragons5k)

### **July 7**

On Thursday, July 7, Chloe Adkins will be representing Community Blood Center to throw out a ceremonial first pitch. Community Blood Center and the Dayton Dragons have teamed up on

two blood drives at Day Air Ballpark with the third coming to Day Air Ballpark on July 22 from 10 AM – 4PM. Register to donate for the next blood drive and receive an exclusive Community Blood Center water bottle, Dragons swag, and entries into a summer giveaway for Reds tickets including a Cole Swindell concert. Learn more about the upcoming blood drive at [daytondragons.com/blooddrive](http://daytondragons.com/blooddrive)

### July 8

On July 8, Erik Wood, Assistant Vice President of Property Management for the Water Street District will be throwing out a ceremonial first pitch. Day Air Ballpark sits within the heart of the Water Street District, and members of their team are pivotal in the revitalization of the downtown area growing around Dragons baseball.

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

- **Elly De La Cruz** (seventh youngest position player in the league with at least 120 AB) over his last 33 games (since May 25) is batting .323 with nine home runs and 24 RBI. De La Cruz ranks in the top five in the MWL in nine major categories: OPS, slugging percentage, home runs, RBI, batting average, hits, runs, extra base hits, and stolen bases.
- **Austin Hendrick** over his last six games has three home runs, two doubles, eight RBI, and an .810 slugging percentage.
- **Joe Boyle** has an earned run average of 0.65 and opponent's batting average of .086 on the year. Both figures would lead all Minor League Baseball, but he is four innings short of the minimum number to qualify.
- The Dragons have nine players on *MLB Pipeline's* Top 30 Reds Prospects list. This group is headlined by De La Cruz, ranked #2. Other top prospects on the Dragons roster include infielder Tyler Callihan, outfielder Austin Hendrick, catcher Mat Nelson, right-handed pitcher Christian Roa, infielder Jose Torres, catcher Daniel Vellojin, outfielder Justice Thompson, and right-handed pitcher Joe Boyle.

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