



RENO ACES (1-2) vs TACOMA RAINIERS (3-0)

RHP Brandon Bielak (N/A, 0-0) vs RHP Sauryn Lao (N/A, 0-0)
Tuesday, April 1, 2025 ♦ 2:05 p.m. PST ♦ Greater Nevada Field ♥ Reno, Nevada
Broadcast: MiLB.tv ♦ Online Streaming: www.RenoAces.com ♦ In Stadium: 88.1 FM
Game No. 4 ♦ Home Game No. 1 ♥ Home 0-0 ♦ Road: 1-2



TRIPLE-A NATIONAL CHAMPIONS: 2012 ♦PCL CHAMPIONS: 2012, 2022

NO PLACE LIKE HOME

♦ The Reno Aces make their return to Greater Nevada Field to kick off the first of 75 home games in 2025... The BLC-Nine will take the Tacoma Rainiers, the Triple-A affiliate of the Seattle Mariners, in the first matchup of a six-game set... The Rainiers held the upper hand over Reno in 2024, coming out on top in 19 out of 27 total matchups... Reno returns to GNF after a three-game road trip to Las Vegas where they took one from the Aviators, a 9-4 victory in Sunday's series finale... **Tristin English** came through in a big way in the win, slugging a two-out, two-RBI double to break a tie and take the lead in the seventh frame, ultimately giving Reno their first win of the season... **Trey Mancini** and **Tim Tawa** would then provide much-needed insurance in the later frames. Mancini scored **Kevin Graham** on a single up the middle to collect his second RBI of the series. Tawa then broke the game wide open with a towering three-run blast into the left-centerfield bleachers... **Cristian Mena** was efficient in his season debut, blanking the Aviators in 4 2/3 innings with four punchouts and two walks... The Aces will use this momentum into today's 2025 home opener against the Tacoma Rainiers with the first pitch scheduled for 2:05 P.M. PST.
♦ This is the first of 24 matchups between the two clubs this season... Reno will host two six-game series at GNF and travel to Tacoma for two six-game series.

WHEN RAILS MEET SAILS

♥ As a team, the Aces hit .284/.359/.467 with 53 2B, 35 HR, and 154 RBI with 100 BB against the Rainiers in 2024: **Tristin English:** .278/.347/.422, 8 XBH (2 HR), 14 RBI, 9 BB **Tim Tawa:** .310/.394/.690, 6 XBH (2 HR), 5 RBI, 3 BB **Kyle Backus:** 1.42 ERA, 6.1 IP, 1 R/1 ER, 3 BB, 9 K **ACES vs LAO**
♦ The Aces will face right-hander Sauryn Lao in Tuesday's series opener vs the Rainiers... Lao spent the first two years of his professional career in the Dodgers organization, signing as an international free agent in 2015 but wouldn't debut until 2023... He spent time between Double-A Tulsa and Triple-A Oklahoma City in 2024, posting a 3.74 ERA with 54 punchouts and 21 walks in 53 total frames working solely as a reliever... He posted a dominant 1.90 ERA with 29 strikeouts and eight walks in 23 2/3 innings in Single-A... The Aces will look to jump out to an early lead against Lao in the series opener vs the Rainiers.

CITY OF DESTINY

♦ The Aces and Rainiers have faced off 269 times since Reno joined the PCL in 2009... The BLC-Nine is 87-55 at Greater Nevada Field and 63-64 while on the road at Cheney Stadium... Tacoma took the series in 2024, taking 19 out of 27 matchups from Reno.

HOME STATS '24 ♦

AVG/OBP/SLG......312/.390/.524
XBH/HR/RBI......306
Team ERA......5.47

D-BACKS REPORT ♦

ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS (MLB)
2-2 · 5th · NL WEST
ARIZONA ♦ NEW YORK
CORBIN BURNES: (*24) 2.92 ERA, 181 K, 48 BB, 194.1 IP, 1.10 WHIP

AMARILLO SOD POODLES (AA)

0-0 · -- · TL SOUTH
AMARILLO ♥ SAN ANTONIO
FIRST PITCH: 4/4 @ 5:05 P.M

HILLSBORO HOPS (HIGH-A)

0-0 · -- · NWL
EUGENE ♦ HILLSBORO
FIRST PITCH: 4/4 @ 6:35 P.M

VISALIA RAWHIDE (CLASS-A)

0-0 · -- · CAL SOUTH
INLAND EMPIRE ♦ VISALIA
FIRST PITCH: 4/4 @ 7:00 P.M

RIISING STARS

♦ According to MLB Pipeline, the Aces have 5 of Arizona's top 30 prospects.
Jordan Lawlar (D-backs #1)
Yilber Diaz (D-backs #4)
Cristian Mena (D-backs #13)
Jorge Barrosa (D-backs #21)
Tim Tawa (D-backs #25)

♥ THIS DAY IN BASEBALL ♥

♦ **April, 1, 2013** - Bryce Harper, providing all of the offense the Nationals will need, becomes the youngest player to homer twice on Opening Day. The 20 year-old outfielder, playing in his first Opening Day as a major leaguer, hits solo shots in the first and fourth frame in Washington's 2-0 victory over Miami.

NUMBER OF THE DAY

42
Aces Home Wins in 2024

SUPPLEMENTAL NOTES

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♦ NEXT STARTER: RHP BILLY CORCORAN (N/A, 0.00) ♦

♦ **Billy Corcoran** is set to make his Aces debut in Wednesday's matchup against the Tacoma Rainiers... The right-hander spent the 2024 season climbing through the Diamondback's lower affiliates, spending time in Single-A Hillsboro and Double-A Amarillo... He spends only five games with the Hops, posting a 2.22 ERA with an impressive 36 punchouts and seven walks in 28 1/3 frames... The former 36th-round pick would spend the remainder of the season with the Sod Poodles, going 6-8 with a 4.92 ERA with a 78/30 K/BB in 106 total innings... His best performance of the year came in just his second career start with Amarillo, tossing seven shutout innings against the Northwest Arkansas Naturals with one walk and five strikeouts... Corcoran will look to start his Aces career with a win in Wednesday's matchup.

SERIES WATCH LIST

♥ **Ildemaro Vargas:** Went 2-for-5 with a double and a run scored in Sunday's win... The Ace's all-time hits leader is one score away from tying the franchise record in runs... Will tie the Aces all-time games played (374) tonight.
♦ **Cole Young:** Currently ranked as the #3 overall prospect in the Mariners system (#48 in the top 100)... **Scouting grades:** Hit: 60 | Power: 45 | Run: 55 | Arm: 50 | Field: 55 | Overall: 55... slashed .271/.369/.390 with 25 2B, 9 HR, 57 RBI, and 67 BB in 124 games with Double-A Arkansas in 2024.
♦ **Tim Tawa:** Is off to a scorching hot start to begin the 2025 campaign, going 4-for-11 (.364) with 2 HR, 5 RBI, and 2 BB... In only 37 games with the Aces in 2024, he slashed .304/.376/.616 with 11 2B, 10 HR, 26 RBI, and 13 BB in 138 AB... Before his promotion to Triple-A in August, Tawa dominated the Texas League, hitting .270/.340/.487 with 21 HR, 64 RBI, and 40 BB.

♦ RENO CAREER VS LAO ♦

BATTER	AVG	AB	H	HR	RBI	BB	SO	OBP	SLG
KAISER	.000	2	0	0	0	0	1	.000	.000
KESSINGER	.000	1	0	0	0	0	1	.000	.000

#57 BRANDON BIELAK ♦ R/R ♦ 6-2/221 ♥ AGE: 28 (APRIL 2, 1996)

BREEZY BIELAK

♦ **Brandon Bielak** will make his Aces debut in Tuesday's 2025 home opener against the Tacoma Rainiers... Bielak spent his 2024 with multiple ball clubs as he was traded from the Houston Astros to the (then) Oakland Athletics for Cash Considerations. He spent the beginning of the season in the big leagues but was sent to Triple-A Las Vegas shortly after being acquired by Oakland. In 66 2/3 innings of work with Las Vegas in 2024, the rightly posted a 6.08 ERA with 49 punchouts and 31 free bags... He only recorded 29 2/3 frames in MLB, collecting a 5.16 ERA with a 14/13 K/BB... The 28-year-old should bring some flare to the mound as he makes his Reno debut in Tuesday's matchup.
♦ Signed a minor league deal with the Diamondbacks on March 4th, 2025
GO IRISH!
♥ Attended the University of Notre Dame... from Notre Dame's Mendoza College of Business with a major in IT Management... Named to the ACC All-Academic Team and ACC Academic Honor Roll multiple times during his college career.
♦ In his freshman year in 2015, he led the Fighting Irish with 14 starts and 88.2 innings pitched, posting a 6-3 record with a 3.55 ERA. His impressive debut earned him a spot on the ACC All-Freshman Team. In his sophomore year, he further distinguished himself with a 3-2 record and a 2.10 ERA over 15 appearances, also playing summer ball for the Orleans Firebirds in the Cape Cod Baseball League, where he was named a league all-star. His junior year saw him pitch 73 innings across 14 starts, recording 75 strikeouts and allowing only four home runs.
MAJOR DEBUT
♥ Bielak made his MLB debut with the Houston Astros on July 27, 2020, in a matchup against the Seattle Mariners... Entering the game in the seventh inning, he faced six batters and struck out four while earning the win in 3 1/3 innings of one run ball.
♦ Over his MLB career, he has accumulated a 12-13 win-loss record, a 4.63 ERA, and 160 strikeouts over 204 innings pitched. In 2024, he played for both the Houston Astros and the Oakland Athletics.

2024 & CAREER RECORD													
YEAR	TEAM	W-L	ERA	G-6S	IP	H	R	ER	HR	BB	SO	AVG	WHIP
2024	LV	3-3	6.08	16-13	66.2	75	48	45	10	31	49	.285	1.59
	HOU/OAK	1-0	5.16	16-0	29.2	39	17	17	5	13	14	.312	1.75
Total	MiLB	29-26	3.62	116-82	500.0	447	223	201	40	191	512	.238	1.28
Total	MLB	12-13	4.63	76-21	204.0	223	120	105	33	91	160	.279	1.54

2024 APPEARANCES (LAST 10 GAMES)													
DATE	OPP	DEC.	IP	H	R	ER	HR	BB	SO	#P-S	ERA		
7/30	vs ABQ	L	3.0	9	7	6	1	0	2	63 - 39	7.51		
8/4	vs ABQ	ND	3.2	4	2	2	1	3	3	65 - 40	7.31		
8/10	@ SL	ND	2.0	1	0	0	0	1	3	29 - 20	7.02		
8/16	vs OKC	ND	2.0	0	0	0	0	1	2	40 - 23	6.75		
8/21	@ RNO	W	5.0	3	1	1	0	1	0	61 - 42	6.32		
8/28	@ SAC	ND	3.2	6	5	5	2	3	5	78 - 48	6.68		
9/3	vs RR	W	6.0	4	0	0	0	0	5	81 - 50	6.08		
9/8	vs DET	ND	1.0	2	0	0	0	1	0	25 - 12	4.88		
9/16	@ CHC	ND	4.0	4	0	0	0	0	1	45 - 35	4.18		
9/21	vs NYY	ND	1.2	2	4	4	1	4	1	45 - 23	5.16		

2024 STATCAST (AAA)													
TYPE	#	%	H	SO	BA	SLG	xwOBA	BABIP	WHIFF%	MPH	SPIN	EV	
4-SEAM	481	42.2	34	17	.340	.610	.351	.372	16.1	91.5	2,434	89.2	
SWEEPER	190	16.7	12	9	.273	.409	.318	.314	24.7	82.4	2,416	82.0	
CHANGEUP	186	16.3	15	7	.306	.551	.294	.308	17.2	86.7	1,978	81.9	
SINKER	182	16.0	9	5	.214	.333	.302	.222	18.8	91.3	2,216	86.8	
CURVEBALL	100	8.8	4	11	.148	.148	.195	.250	36.8	80.4	2,466	89.4	

2024 LEFT/RIGHT BREAKDOWN (AAA)													
SPLIT	AVG	AB	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	IBB	SO	2B	OBP	SLG
LEFT	.306	121	37	7	0	7	27	17	0	22	.396	.537	
RIGHT	.268	142	38	9	2	3	16	14	0	27encl	.340	.423	

2024 MISCELLANEOUS PITCHING STATS (AAA)													
K/9	K%	BB/9	BB%	HR/9	BABIP	LOB %	GB%	HR/FB	FIP	xFIP			
6.62	16.4%	4.19	10.4%	1.35	.316	64.2%	44.1%	14.9%	5.84	5.72			

LAS VEGAS CAREER VS BIELAK													
PLAYER	G	AB	H	HR	RBI	2B	3B	SO	BB	IBB	AVG	OBP	SLG
CANZONE	1	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	.500	.500	.500
PACKARD	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	.000	.500	.000
RIVAS	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	.000	.250	.000
TAYLOR	2	3	2	1	2	0	0	1	2	0	.667	.800	1.667

2024 SEASON HIGHS & LOWS													
HIGH				LOW				HIGH				LOW	
IP	- 6.0, 6/29 vs SAC	IP	- 0.1, vs COL	BB	- 5, 6/23 @ TAC	BB	- 0, 3/29 vs NYY						
H	- 9, 7/23 @ RNO	H	- 0, 4/12 vs TEX	SO	- 6, 7/4 @ OKC	SO	- 0, 4/12 vs TEX						
R	- 7, 7/23 @ RNO	R	- 0, 4/8 @ TEX	HBP	- 2, 5/7 @ NYY								
ER	- 6, 6/6 @ ELP	ER	- 0, 4/8 @ TEX	WP	- 1, 5/7 @ NYY								

♦ PROBABLE PITCHERS ♦

vs Tacoma
APRIL 2 ♥ 6:05 PM PST ♦ MiLB.tv
RHP Blas Castano vs
RHP Billy Corcoran
APRIL 3 ♥ 6:05 PM PST ♦ MiLB.tv
RHP Logan Evans vs
RHP Yilber Diaz
APRIL 4 ♥ 6:05 PM PST ♦ MiLB.tv
RHP Casey Lawrence vs
LHP Tommy Henry

♦ ACES BY THE NUMBERS ♦

Pacific Coast1-2/T-6th/-2.0
Current StreakW1
Homestand0-0
Last 5 games1-2
Last 10 games0-2
Ahead After 6
Behind After 61-2
Tied After 6
Ahead After 71-0
Behind After 70-2
Tied After 7
Ahead After 81-0
Behind After 80-2
Tied After 8
Extra-Inning Games.....
Day Games1-0
Night Games0-2
vs. LHP Starter
vs. RHP Starter1-2
Aces Score First.....1-0
Opp. Score First.....0-2
Hit Home Run.....1-2
Hit 2+ Home Runs
Do Not Homer.....
Score Over 4 R1-0
Score Under 3 R0-2
Aces 10+ H1-0
Opp. 10+ H0-2
Errorless games.....0-2
Comeback Wins (RNO-OPP).....
Last at-bat Wins (RNO-OPP).....
Walk-offs Wins (RNO-OPP).....
Shutouts (RNO-OPP).....
Series opener.....0-1
Series finale.....1-0
Series (W-L-T).....0-1-0
Aces Off-White.....
"BLC" Red1-0
"Reno" Navy0-2
Silver Sox.....
Michelasdas.....
Theme Jersey.....

♥ VS. TACOMA IN '24 (8-19) ♥

All-Time: 150-119 (H): 87-55 (R) 63-64				
DATE	H/R	WP	LP	
4/1	H/D	2:05 PM		
4/2	H/N	6:05 PM		
4/3	H/N	6:05 PM		
4/4	H/N	6:05 PM		
4/5	H/N	4:05 PM		
4/6	H/D	1:05 PM		
7/8	H/N	6:35 PM		
7/9	H/N	6:35 PM		
7/10	H/N	6:35 PM		
7/11	H/N	6:35 PM		
7/12	H/N	6:35 PM		
7/13	H/D	1:05 PM		
8/5	R/D	12:05 PM		
8/6	R/N	7:05 PM		
8/7	R/N	7:05 PM		
8/8	R/N	7:05 PM		
8/9	R/N	6:05 PM		
8/10	R/D	1:35 PM		
9/2	R/N	6:05 PM		
9/3	R/N	6:05 PM		
9/4	R/N	7:05 PM		
9/5	R/N	7:05 PM		
9/6	R/N	6:05 PM		
9/7	R/D	1:35 PM		

♦ DAY-BY-DAY ♦

DATE	OPP	W-L	SCORE	POS	A/B
3/28	@ LV	L	3-2	T-6th	-1.0
3/29	@ LV	L	10-3	T-8th	-2.0
3/30	@ LV	W	9-4	T-6th	-2.0

♦ RECENT TRANSACTIONS ♦

DATE	PLAYER	NOTE
3/28	OF Kevin Graham	Assigned to RNO from AMA
3/28	RHP Conor Grammes	Assigned to RNO from AMA
3/28	RHP Billy Corcoran	Assigned to RNO from AMA
3/29	INF Jesus Valdez	Transferred to AMA from RNO
3/29	INF Ildemaro Vargas	Transferred to RNO from AMA
3/29	C Rene Pinto	Placed on reserve list
4/1	C Rene Pinto	Activated from reserve list
4/1	OF AJ Vukovich	Placed on Injured List

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