

BACKDOOR SLIDERS



Another year of mediocracy finishes in typical Slider fashion: A quarter finals sweep.

Get to know everything Sliders in this episode of the Leroy Star as we recap the 2018 Season for Jordan Mosel and Co.

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#19 Jordan Mosel



Jordan has become a household name in the Indiana Wiffle scene throughout the years. He is the only player to own a team in each of the five seasons in Leroy. He currently sits 7th in career games played with 84.

Mosel had his worst season in his five year career from the plate. A career 0.403/0.699 line came after producing a 0.327/0.518 line this year. He had just 6 Homers and 14 At Bats in 18 Games Played. The one statistic that sticks out for Jordan is his Run to RBI differential. In every season he has scored more runs than RBI's produced. After a +10 differential this year Jordan now sits at 130 Career Runs Scored compared to 92 Career RBI's, a +38 differential.

"Egg" as many call him had another solid year from the mound. In his 5 year career he has never had an ERA over 8.87, yet never had one under 6.00. He was right in the middle again this season with a 7.15 ERA. He finished with a 1.73 WHIP and 10.14 K/6 rate, both Career highs. He seemed to have more control in big moments this year leading to a 5-2 record to put him at 15-12 all time. This season he pitched his 100th Career Inning, as well as his 100th Career K. He is ranked 8th among all players, he ranked 23rd this year with a 38.84 Ranking.

2018: Ironman-44.85 (27th), Salary-32.85 (31st), Batting-23.90 (55th), Pitching-41.74 (11th)

#7 David Buczek

His rookie year was full of controversy, trash talk, and the reason for new rules. The former softball player decided to give wiffle ball a try this year and it translated very well.

Dave put up a line of 0.404/0.865 grabbing 12 Homers in 15 Games this year. In the 15 games he played he hit a homer in all but 4, only getting 2 homers in a game once. He also had at least one hit in every game he played and had 2 or more in 12 of the 15. His quick pitch antics registered him a 4.24 ERA this season to go with a 1.53 WHIP and 8.12 k/6 rating.

For a rookie coming in he had very good numbers. He also helped the Sliders get the #1 seed in the Indiana Wiffle Classic this year. Buczek came in feeling right at home with plate antics that are borderline disrespectful. His “using the bat as a cane” or “sitting on the plate” moves have divided the league. Some feature the gestures as hilarious, while others think he has no right. After a blow up after striking out and nearly splitting a guy in half, he was dropped and left with out a team for a few weeks. The Sliders picked him up and he came back better than ever. He ranks 57th All time, and 32nd this year at 32.44.

2018: Ironman-32.57 (41st), Salary-32.31 (33rd), Batting-33.63 (32nd), Pitching-30.98 (33rd)



#12 Quinn Cloghessy

A second-year player who made some big jumps from both the plate and the mound. He had a batter of the week to his name this year when he hit 6 Homers and had 10 RBI's in 14 at bats in week 6. He had a 0.326/0.804 line this year compared to 0.255/0.480 line in 2017. He had 13 Homers this year in just 17 Games Played. From the mound he dropped from a 12.21 ERA and 3.21 Whip to a 9.67 ERA and 2.89 WHIP. He still struggles to get k's with just a 6.33 k/6 rating.

Quinn is slowly becoming a recognizable figure and he will take another step in 2019 when he will be owning a team for the first time. In Leroy we have 4 groups of players: Original Guys, ORWBL Guys, GBL Guys, and the Newcomers. Quinn is the face of the newcomers becoming the first player to play in the league that wasn't an original guy or came from another league. To see him look to become more and be a team owner is great to see and many are excited to see how he fares.

All Time Quinn ranks 40th among all players. In 2018 he ranked 36th with a 31.59 Ranking.

2018: Ironman-34.06 (36th), Salary-29.12 (44th), Batting-31.26 (38th), Pitching-26.98 (50th)



#34 Andrew Felde

In 2017 we had the year of ORWBL, this was the year of GBL. Andrew Felde isn't a big name in GBL and wasn't talked about much at all in Leroy. In his first Leroy season he hopped around from team to team and finished up with the Sliders. Felde is one of the most under rated players in Leroy and was a stud at times this year.

Andrew finished with a respectable 0.407/0.779 line in 14 Games Played. He had 10 Homers on the season with 25 runs scored in just 86 at bats. His pitching was either on or off this year. He had 5 games not letting up a run and a couple giving up 5 or more. He finished with a 3-2 Record and a 9.18 ERA in his rookie season. A 2.12 WHIP is nothing to brag about, but a 8.82 k/6 shows a lot of potential for the future.

I wish we could have seen a full season from Andrew and I think this guy will be a sought-after pick in next year's draft. The only questions come from his dedication, but how could you blame him after being moved week after week. After one season he sits 61st all time in player ranking. In 2018 he finished 37th with a 31.37 Ranking, just behind teammate Quinn.

2018: Ironman-32.00 (41st), Salary-30.75 (37th), Batting-32.57 (35th), Pitching-



#5 Brad Kamstra

In a league of heavy roster turnover, Kamstra seems to stay put. Last year he was signed by the Truckers and stayed with them the whole year. This past season Brad was drafted by Jordan and was never released throughout the whole 2018 campaign even playing only 14 regular season games.

Brad had 23 fewer at bats than last year, but still found a way to get more homers and RBI's finishing with 10 Homers and 17 RBI's. He finished with a 0.279/0.640 line after last year's 0.284/0.569. His pitching numbers took a turn for the better. He dropped his ERA almost 4 points down to 6.95 and had a 1.89 WHIP to go with a 7.69 K/6 Rating. He went 0-3 on the year to bring him to 1-8 on his career.

Although he didn't get much better from last year, he for sure made some improvements. He was inconsistent this year showing up late or not at all at times due to work which could have limited him. Career wise he sits 36th among all players in ranking. In 2018 he finished 43rd with a 29.90 ranking, just under the league average of 30.00.

2018: Ironman-33.84 (38th), Salary: 25.96 (51st), Batting: 26.35 (48th), Pitching: 25.57 (52nd)



FUN FACTS AND STATS

The Backdoor Sliders have a 2-11 Playoff Record in their 5 year career. They have been swept out of the first round 4 of the 5 years, including a no hit loss to the Bushleague Badgers in 2017.

The Sliders have 2,095 Career At Bats as a Franchise, most all time. They have 2,202 opponents at bats, also most among all Franchises. Combined that means 4,297 at bats have had a Slider pitching or Batting. The league has had 17,969 at bats in its 5 Year history, that means a Slider has been at the mound or the plate in 23.91% of the Leroy at bats.



The Sliders have had 41 of the 112 players play at least one game as a member of the Sliders. That mean's 36.61% of the league has come through the Backdoor at least once in their career.



Top 10 Players in Slider History

1. 176.96 - Jordan Mosel
2. 73.90 - Neil Krooswyk
3. 72.68 - Kyle Reynhout
4. 67.53 - Kyle Jansma
5. 59.62 - Robby Zandstra
6. 44.08 - Quinn Cloghessy
7. 41.45 - Garret Lytle
8. 40.88 - Colin Lautenbach
9. 40.26 - Brad Kamstra
10. 38.51 - Jon Gibson

SEASON RECAP

The Sliders had a bye to start the 2018 season and Quinn and Jordan started the year in the booth. They faced Robby Zandstra and the Sultans in the 2nd slot with an opening lineup of Jordan Mosel, Andrew Felde, Jason Hillegonds, and Quinn Cloghessy. Jordan and Felde gave up 12 runs in the first 2 innings and the rest was history. In the 2nd week the lineup of Brad Kamstra, Jordan Mosel, and David Buczek lost both games to start the year off 0-3.

Then Jon Gibson finally made his way to the field and the Sliders emerged. They won 3 of the next 4 including a 15-4 win over the Sluggers as well as a win against their main rival Bushleague Badgers. They trailed the Badgers 15-0 and scored 16 runs in the final 3 innings in the biggest comeback in Leroy History.

Jon Gibson went inactive for 2 weeks and the Sliders returned to one of the worst teams in the league. They lost the next 3 going into the halfway mark at 3-7.



They came out swinging in the 2nd half with 2 big wins over the Dusters and Truckers moving them out of the death bracket and a 5-7 record.

They followed it up with a 4 game losing streak as they fell all the way to 5-11 and in 10th place.

Jon Gibson made a last ditch effort to save the Slider season as he helped the Sliders beat the Badgers for the 2nd time in the year and the Bombers to get them to 7-11 and a shot to break out of the death bracket.

Penalties finally derailed the team and Jordan couldn't hold onto Jon any longer. Felde was signed to the team and the Sliders went 1-1 to finish the year and sneak into 7th place with an 8-12 record.

Jordan was no where to be found for the Quarter Final series against the Sluggers as they lost both games by a handful and kept the Slider reputation of one and down moving forward. The main roster of the team missed to many games and cost themselves the season forcing Jordan to drop Jon late in the year.

This team also has my vote for best jersey's in the league, can't wait to see them next year!

FINAL GRADES

OVERALL: C-

This team was inconsistent in showing up hurting the salary cap and ultimately breaking up the squad. Jordan was too slow to make moves and should have made moves earlier in the year, knowing the type of player Jon is.

Felde and Buczek were good additions to the team late in the year, but with those signings this team lacked a star. No one on the final roster was an ace and they had no chance against a Slugger team that had 2 aces in the lineup.

With that being said this franchise is what Leroy is made of. The Sliders are slowly becoming the face of Leroy Yellow after the dynamite Jersey's and Logo.



BATTING: C

From these two pictures you wouldn't believe that the Sliders as a team had the least amount of strike outs from the plate this year. They also had the lowest at bats totaling just 500 at bats on the year, the Liners had 712 to put that into perspective.

They were also the only team in the league without a triple all year, which translated to the lowest amount of total bases of any team with only 387.

Quinn's batter of the week saved this team from being one of the worst batting season's we have seen since the One Hit Wonders.



PITCHING: C

This was probably the most average team for pitching ever. A 8.86 ERA is a little over the league average, but all the guys on the roster are stud pitchers, but aren't walk overs either.

Jon was a superstar from the mound when he played and Buczek was starting to look like a good #2, low #1 at the end of the year.

Brad, Quinn, and Jordan can have stud outings, and at times look completely lost out there.



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