

# Mazatlán Venados

## 2019-2020 season schedule, roster and team history

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Mazatlan Venados home baseball games at Estadio Teodoro Mariscal are played in the late afternoon or evening, under the lights. Most weekend games start at 6:00 pm, weekday games at 7:30 pm.

Tickets for Venados games can be purchased in a number of locations within Mazatlan. For many, the most convenient is the Venados ticket office right at the beautiful new Estadio Teodoro Mariscal!

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## How to buy tickets to 2019-2020 Mazatlán Venados LMP baseball games

There are lots of easy ways to buy tickets to 2019-2020 Venados LMP baseball games!

For those who like doing things on their phones, the Venados have apps in both the Google Play Store and the Apple App Store. You can buy tickets to scheduled 2019-2020 games through those apps. Just click on these links, download the app and begin buying Venados 2019-2020 tickets right now!



For those who prefer to buy their Venados tickets in the real world, the Venados offer a number of box office locations within Mazatlan.

- At Estadio Teodoro Mariscal, the stadium  
Avenida Reforma / GPS 23.235418, -106.432267
- The Venados Barbershop  
Avenida de la Marina 1804, Local 4, Colonia Sánchez Celis
- The Venados ticket office in the Golden Zone  
Avenida Playa Gaviotas 212, next to Hotel las Flores, Golden Zone
- The Venados ticket office in Centro  
Calle Leandro Valle, across from Mercado Pino Suarez, Colonia Centro

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- The Venados ticket office in La Gran Plaza  
Avenida Reforma y Apolo

- The Venados ticket office Carretera Internacional  
At Plaza Acaya, Avenida Oscar Pérez Escoboza 8201, Colonia El Venadillo

The Venados also have a ticket office in Villa Union, which is very convenient when you're dining on the best sea food in Northwest Mexico at **Cuchupetas...**

# Venados 2019-2020

October 11 (Season Opener)

**Mazatlan Venados at Culiacan**

October 12 (Home Opener)

**Tomateros de Culiacan at Mazatlán**

October 15, 16, 17 (Away Games)

**Mazatlan Venados at Navajoa**

October 18, 19, 20 (Home Games)

**Charros de Jalisco at Mazatlán**

October 22, 23, 24 (Away Games)

**Mazatlan Venados at Los Mochis**

October 25, 26, 27 (Home Games)

**Yaquis de Obregon at Mazatlán**

October 29, 30, 31 (Away Games)

**Mazatlan Venados at Hermosillo**

November 1, 2, 3 (Home Games)

**Algodoneros de Guasave at Mazatlán**

November 5, 6, 7 (Home Games)  
**Tomateros de Culiacan at Mazatlán**

November 8, 9, 10 (Away Games)  
**Mazatlan Venados at Mexicali**

November 12, 13, 14 (Home Games)  
**Sultanes de Monterrey at Mazatlán**

November 15, 16, 17 (Away Games)  
**Mazatlan Venados at Jalisco**

November 19, 20, 21 (Home Games)  
**Mayos de Navajoa at Mazatlán**

November 22, 23, 24 (Away Games)  
**Mazatlan Venados at Jalisco**

November 26, 27, 28 (Home Games)  
**Caneros de Los Mochis at Mazatlán**

Nov 29, 30 and Dec 1 (Away Games)  
**Mazatlan Venados at Obregon**

December 3, 4, 5 (Home Games)  
**Naranjeros de Hermosillo at Mazatlán**

December 6, 7, 8 (Away Games)

**Mazatlan Venados at Guasave**

December 10, 11, 12 (Away Games)

**Mazatlan Venados at Culiacan**

December 13, 14, 15 (Home Games)

**Aguilas de Mexicali at Mazatlán**

December 17, 18, 19 (Away Games)

**Mazatlan Venados at Monterrey**

December 20, 21, 22 (Home Games)

**Charros de Jalisco at Mazatlán**

December 25, 26, 27 (Away Games)

**Mazatlan Venados at Navajoa**

December 28, 29, 30 (Home Games)

**Caneros de Los Mochis at Mazatlán**

# Mazatlán Venados 2019 Opening Day Roster

## PITCHERS

#10 Edgar Osuna

Throws / Bats - L / L

Height 6' 1" Weight 190 lbs

Born 1987, Mazatlán, Sinaloa

#15 Casey Harman

Throws / Bats - L / L

Height 6' 1" Weight 183 lbs

Born 1989, Fort Myers, Florida

#16 Norman Elenes

Throws / Bats - R / R

Height 6' 1" Weight 181 lbs

Born 1992, Culiacán, Sinaloa

#22 Carlos Morales

Throws / Bats - R / R

Height 6' 1" Weight 220 lbs

Born 1997, Saltillo, Coahuila

#25 Alejandro Soto

Throws / Bats - L / L

Height 6' 5" Weight 220 lbs

Born 1986, Huatabampo, Sonora

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## #48 Konner Wade

Throws / Bats - R / L

Height 6' 5" Weight 220 lbs

Born 1991, Scottsdale, Arizona

## #54 Daniel Guerrero Torres

Throws / Bats - R / R

Height 6' 3" Weight 240 lbs

Born 1985, Tecuala, Nayarit

## #55 Brandon Cunniff

Throws / Bats - R / R

Height 6' 1" Weight 183 lbs

Born 1988, California

## #60 Francisco Moreno

Throws / Bats - R / R

Height 5' 11" Weight 176 lbs

Born 1994, Los Mochis, Sinaloa

## #62 Marco Rivas

Throws / Bats - R / R

Height 5' 11" Weight 183 lbs

Born 1994, Hermosillo, Sonora

## #65 José Luis Urquidy

Throws / Bats - R / R

Height 6' 1" Weight 220 lbs

Born 1995, Mazatlán, Sinaloa



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## #80 Adrián Ramírez

Throws / Bats - R / R  
Height 5' 11" Weight 198 lbs  
Born 1988, Cuitláhuac, Veracruz

## #90 Román Peñazonta

Throws / Bats - L / L  
Height 6' 1" Weight 198 lbs  
Born 1986, Tijuana, Baja California

## #91 Irwin Delgado

Throws / Bats - L / L  
Height 5' 11" Weight 183 lbs  
Born 1989, Mexicali, Baja California Norte

## #95 Gerardo Gutiérrez

Throws / Bats - R / R  
Height 6' Weight 176 lbs  
Born 1998, Tecax, Mexico

## Gabino Ávalos

Born 1994

## CATCHERS

## #50 Ricardo Valenzuela

Throws / Bats - R / R  
Height 6' Weight 198 lbs  
Born 1990, Hermosillo, Sonora

## #52 Sebastián Valle

Throws / Bats - R / R

Height 6' Weight 210 lbs

Born 1990, Los Mochis, Sinaloa

## #53 Gilberto Galaviz

Throws / Bats - R / R

Height 5' 11" Weight 198 lbs

Born 1991, Los Mochis, Sinaloa

## Marco Chicuate

Throws / Bats - R / R

## INFIELDERS

## #5 Carlos Gastélum

Throws / Bats - R / R

Height 5' 9" Weight 176 lbs

Born 1979, Huatabampo, Sonora

## #12 Samar Leyva

Throws / Bats - R / R

Height 6' Weight 161 lbs

Born 1993, Los Mochis, Sinaloa

## #14 Brian Hernandez

Throws / Bats - R / R

Height 6' Weight 194 lbs

Born 1988, Los Angeles, California

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## #20 Alex Liddi

Throws / Bats - R / R  
Height 6' 2" Weight 198 lbs  
Born 1988, San Remo, Italy

## #29 Carlos Muñoz

Throws / Bats - L / L  
Height 5' 11" Weight 225 lbs  
Born 1994, Parral, Mexico

## #74 Roberto Valenzuela

Throws / Bats - R / R  
Height 5' 9" Weight 183 lbs  
Born 1995, Obregon, Sonora

## OUTFIELDERS

## #2 Justin Greene

Throws / Bats - R / R  
Height 6' 1" Weight 181 lbs  
Born 1985, Goose Creek, South Carolina

## #19 Jeremias Pineda

Throws / Bats - R / S  
Height 6' 1" Weight 192 lbs  
Born 1990, Hormigo, Dominican Republic

## #33 Asael Sánchez

Throws / Bats - R / R  
Height 6' 3" Weight 198 lbs  
Born 1994, Cuautitlán, Mexico

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## #36 Jesús Fabela

Throws / Bats - R / R

Height 5' 9" Weight 165 lbs

Born 1994, Tijuana, Baja California Norte

## #92 Edson García

Throws / Bats - S / R

Height 5' 11" Weight 187 lbs

Born 1992, Puebla

## #93 Anthony Giansanti

Throws / Bats - R / R

Height 5' 11" Weight 192 lbs

Born 1988, New London, Connecticut

## MANAGER & COACHES

### #27 Joe Álvarez

Manager

### #63 Ricardo Osuna

Pitching Coach

### #32 Plácido Pinto

Catching Coach

### #3 Porfirio Mendoza

1st Base Coach

### #6 Gerardo Álvarez

3rd Base Coach

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**#77 Alfredo Amézaga**  
Batting Coach

**#31 Cory Domel**  
Bullpen Coach

**#42 Vicente Romo**  
Bullpen Coach

# A brief history of the Mazatlán Venados baseball team

The history of the Mazatlan Venados actually predates the founding of Liga de la Costa del Pacifico, the first professional baseball league on the Pacific coast of Mexico.

In 1941 there was no real baseball stadium in Mazatlan: the old stadium had been torn down and nothing had replaced it. Mazatlan businessman Teodoro Mariscal was made head of the Pro-Estadio Committee of Mazatlan, the goal of which was to raise funds to build a new baseball stadium in Mazatlan.

In 1942, when the new Mazatlan baseball stadium was still under construction, Teodoro Mariscal organized the first professional baseball games in the history of the city, recruiting players such as Felino Cárdenas, Mario Collazo, Indian Torres and pitcher Daniel ("La Coyota") Rios.

Mariscal was a promoter, and not about to let his young team suffer from lack of talent. On one occasion in early 1942 he hired Ramón Bragaña, a Cuban pitcher who was an established star playing for Veracruz on the Gulf Coast, to reinforce the Mazatlan pitching staff for a single series against the team from arch-rival Culiacán!

The Mazatlan Venados official team history begins on June 6, 1945, when the Liga de la Costa del Pacífico was formed.

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The league was the creation of six prominent Mexican businessmen -- Enrique Peña Batiz in Culiacan, Rogelio Rodríguez in Empalme, Florencio Zaragoza in Guaymas, Fernando M. Ortiz and Juan Chávez E. by Hermosillo and Teodoro Mariscal in Mazatlán -- and the five teams that they created brought professional baseball to fans in Northwest Mexico.

Liga de la Costa was originally semi-professional, and team payroll was capped at ten thousand dollars.

Teodoro Mariscal was named President of the league, with Florencio Zaragoza serving as Vice-President, Ramón. A. Robles Secretary, Justo Ornelas Treasurer and Enrique Peña Batiz and Fernando M. Ortiz as voting founding members.

The Mazatlan Venados won the first Liga de la Costa championship in 1945 - 1946, largely as the result of the performance of their extraordinary pitcher Daniel Ríos, who pitched 10 wins during the 1945 - 1946 season, striking out 72 batters and ending the season with a 2.36 earned run average.

Rios was named the league's Most Valuable Player for the 1945 - 1946 season, an achievement he duplicated during the 1950 - 1951 season. Other early Mazatlan Venados superstars included Willie Aikens, Francisco Campos, Ángel Castro, Daniel Fernández, Dick Hall and Aurelio López.

In all, the Mazatlan Venados won five Liga de la Costa championships: 1945 - 1946, 1952 - 1953, 1953 - 1954, 1954 - 1955 and in the final year of the league's existence, 1957 - 1958.

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The 1958 - 1959 season saw the debut of Liga Invernal de Sonora, an expanded baseball league that added teams from Los Mochis and Guasave.

The Mazatlan Venados were always competitive in this new league, and in 1962 won its championship following the inauguration of Estadio Teodoro Mariscal, the stadium that they still play in to this day. The original seating capacity of the stadium was 12,000, which was increased to 14,000 during a major renovation in 2000.

In 1965, Mazatlan joined the Mexican Pacific League (Liga Mexicana del Pacifico), and began to establish themselves as the premier professional baseball team in northwest Mexico. The Venados have won nine Pacific League championships: 1974, 1977, 1987, 1993, 1998, 2005, 2006, 2009 and 2016.

The 2005 season marked a first in the history of the franchise: having won the Pacific League championship the Venados went on to win the Caribbean World Series, beating the Aguilas from the Dominican Republic 4 - 3 at home in Estadio Teodoro Mariscal under the leadership of manager Juan Jose Pacho.

The 2005 Venados were a powerhouse team with a star-studded lineup, including Luis Ayala, Jorge Campillo, Francisco Campos, Vinny Castilla, Elmer Dessens, Erubiel Durazo, Johnny Gomes, Miguel Ojeda and Derrick White.

Venados pitcher Francisco Campos was the hero of the day. The Dominican Republic roster included 18 players with major league affiliations. Campos was unfazed, and struck out 13 Dominican batters.



Vinny Castillo, Erubiel Durazo and Derrick White provided the batting firepower that powered the win, with relief pitcher Luis Ignacio Ayala sealing the victory by retiring Dominican Republic batter Bernie Castro to end the game.

The heroics of individual players during the 2005 season were exceptional, but the Mazatlan Venados team history is filled with extraordinary individual accomplishments.

- While Estadio Teodoro Mariscal is generally believed to favor pitchers, the Cuban-born major league superstar Orestes ("Minnie") Minoso won the Pacific League batting title in 1966-1967 and again in 1969-1970 playing for the Venados during the winter.
- Mazatlan Venados sluggers James Collins, Heber Gómez, Christian Quintero and Nelson Simons have also won Pacific League batting titles.
- American Jack Pierce won the Pacific League home run title during the 1974-75 season, knocking 14 out of the park.
- Other Mazatlan Venados Pacific League home run title holders include Willie Aikens, Wayne Cage, Kevin Grijak, Jeff Leonard and Bubba Smith.
- American Willie Aikens set another remarkable Pacific League batting record, hitting home runs in six consecutive games in 1986. Only Calvin Pickering, playing for Los Mochis, has equalled this record.

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- The Venados roster has seen a number players named Pacific League Rookie of The Year including the first, Armando Lara, in 1972 -1973 who has been followed by Genaro Rodríguez, Martín Hernández, Andrés Cruz, Armando Valenzuela and Francisco Córdoba.
- Four Mazatlan Venados pitcher have thrown no-hitters: Kenneth Frailing, Rafael García and Blaine Beatty and Andrés Cruz.

Frailing, García and Beatty pitched their games during the the regular season, with Andrés Cruz pitching his spectacular no-hitter on January 14 in the 1990 postseason, delivering a knockout blow to the Mayos of Navojoa in Estadio Teodoro Mariscal.