

2021 Day 1 Power Rankings

Overall Rank. Team, Record, (Division Rank)(Previous Ranking)

1. Twins, 1-0, (Cardinal B&S 1)(1)

The Twins hold on to the top spot after a game that went down to the wire with the division rival, Athletics. Will Rath pitched well holding his opponents to just four runs, but the offense struggled to get going. Reigning MVP Spencer Bogard went homerless in his first game with the wind playing a big factor on Opening Day. The heroics of Cory McCarthy lifted this team to victory after his walk off home run, down by one run and Spencer on first. Chris Meador added a home run of his own and Edloe Donnan looks to get his first hit of the 2021 campaign at the early game tomorrow morning.

2. Expos, 1-0 (Glendale CDJR 1)(3)

We all saw the magic, as the Expos continued their winning ways during the fully produced "Game One" broadcast. If you missed it, go check it out on our YouTube channel, it is a special showing. When Brett goes 1-4 and your team still wins, you know that's a good day as Matt Germer and John Leicht show up big in huge moments to put this game within reach. Jimmy Nelson pitched a great game and added the walk off home run to give the Expos their first victory of their franchise history to start 1-0.

3. Royals, 0-0, (Cardinal B&S 2)(2)

No game played on Opening Day as four of their starting five were traveling to St. Louis, but they are ready to go with new uniforms and will start their first game off against the Marlins at 8:30 AM. Kevin Skibbe looks to take the mound for game one and it'll be great to see the Steffes brothers back at The Blur. Also Ty is back for the Royals and looks like he never even broke his wrist, which could be dangerous for the rest of the league.

4. Yankees, 1-0, (Koetting Eye Center 1)(6)

The Yankees came out firing, ready to prove 2020 was a fluke. They faced off against John Calloway and held the Astros to only two runs on an impressive outing from Jackson Crosley who matches his win total from last year in the first game. The Yankees hit plenty of home runs and look to be back as they always do every other year, with already a possible stronghold on their division.

5. Rockies, 0-0, (Glendale CDJR 2)(5)

No game played on Opening Day with some players traveling, and the rain delaying their game. Probably good for the schedule though as they would have played both of their Expos games back to back to start the season. Their first game will be against the Expos tomorrow with a possible Brett vs Blake situation on the mound. It will be great to see Grant Boyd back at The Blur in Season 19 as the core of the Rockies have returned.

6. Brewers, 0-1, (Koetting Eye Center 2)(4)

A tough loss to the Expos during "Game One" as they had a lead in the fourth inning, only for the bats to go quiet towards the end. Four solo home runs led their team's offense as they look to get things going at the early game against the Twins. Kyle pitched well against the Expos, but his injury is the talk of this year and could make or break this Brewers season. A pinch running rule has been added as we have a possible return of league founder Andrew Leicht getting some time on the basepaths.

7. Athletics, 0-1, (Cardinal B&S 3)(8)

The A's lost a heartbreaker to the Twins on Opening Day, losing on a walk off with one out in the bottom of the last inning. Rookie of the Year favorite, Josh Rogers pitched well in his mound debut holding the Twins to only 5 runs in a complete game. With the return of their heart and soul Alex Heck, this team can continue to grow as they all stayed in that game more than anyone expected.

8. Astros, 0-1, (Glendale CDJR 3)(7)

An excited Astros squad rolled up with new uniforms and a new lineup, only to run into the brick wall that was the Yankees offense. Cam pitched well, but the Yankees just figured him out early. Cole and Keaton struggled at the plate with no hits between them, but newcomer John Calloway made his presence known with a home run in his first at bat as an Astro. Cam added a home run as well to round out their offense which scored in the first inning and never again. Adjustments will be made, I am sure, by manager Bryan Benware as they look to bounce back tomorrow against the Rockies in their first game after a bit of a sleep in.

9. Marlins, 0-0, (Koetting Eye Center 3)(9)

No game played on Opening Day due to the rain delay, and will face off against the Royals in the morning to try and get their first win of the franchise career. Will Luke find his way to the field early to get 7,000 practice swings in?