

2018 Day 1 Power Rankings:

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

1. Rockies, 2-0 (Sandbar 1)(1) – The defending champs are right back to where they left off in 2017. Brett and Breda both pitched gems for the Rockies as they cruised past their division foes easily on Day 1. They will be well rested tomorrow as they don't start until 11:00 AM and only have three games tomorrow. It seems as though they have already cemented themselves into the playoffs and look to make another run at the title and go back to back.

2. Twins, 1-0 (Cardinal Blinds 1)(4) – Jimmy Cole is back and is hernia was left behind. He has already matched his entire 2017 season total in home runs in one game and leads the league in the category, as the only player to hit three on Day 1. He also pitched and held the Yankees to 3 runs, on the way to leading the Twins to a much needed Opening Day division win. Chris and Spencer both added 2 home runs on their own, making it a barrage of solo shots. With possibly the best rotation of three in the league, this team may have all the tools to get back to the Championship in 2018.

3. Brewers, 1-0 (Glendale 1)(5) – It was a tough fight, but they still pulled out the win thanks to a Kyle Cornell save. Stout gave up 5 in the first, and after being the first team to get the speed gun out on a team, they clawed their way back to win 6-5 on Opening Day. With the most depth on both sides of the ball, the Brewers hope multiple players can click on the same level in Season 16.

4. Royals, 0-0 (Glendale 2)(3) – Gus and Ty had to work late on Friday, so the Royals did not play on Day 1. Rookie Mike Boyles was able to watch and get acclimated, while Sam did all 4 games in the stat booth, while fan favorite rookie, Kevin Skibbe hosted up a storm. They start bright and early tomorrow against the Athletics.

5. Yankees, 0-1 (Cardinal Blinds 2)(2) – Only 3 runs scored in their 2018 debut was not what this lineup had in mind. Scott Pohle hit two home runs and John added one of his own. When Sam and Kevin can get back in the groove, this team will find the runs they need to win. On the pitching side, Jackson took the mound, and the looming speed gun may have had an early affect on him in Game 1, but that looks to change going into Saturday.

6. Athletics, 0-0 (Cardinal Blinds 3)(6) – Steve probably won't pitch, Luke is officially out, Alex is driving in late, and they might be relying heavily on two rookies this season. They have their first chance at a redemption season against their old division foes, the Royals, at 7:15 tomorrow morning.

7. Astros, 0-1 (Glendale 3)(8) – Benware and the Astros showed they are here to push the envelope. They opened their game against the Brewers winning the first inning 5-2. Benware had two solo home runs, while Farkas and Rob added a homer of their own. Cam pitched well, despite being the first person to have the speed gun used against him en route to two violations, going one MPH over. The Astros looked poised to surprise some teams in 2018.

8. Expos (Sandbar 2)(9) – Jimmy Nelson was the MVP of their Day 1 game against the Rockies. He was responsible for their only run and took the mound against a tough lineup and held them to 7. If this team wants to match or exceed their win total from 2017, they have to find some offense fast.

9. Diamondbax (Sandbar 3)(7) – A tough matchup facing off against Brett in the spotlight of the Opening Game, right after Opening Ceremonies. Peisert pitched well, while Neumann made his SWBL debut and connected for his first career home run. With more Bombay in the system, this team looks to make a splash on and off the field with their jerseys, gear, and friendship.