



## 2019 Genesee Rapids “Hot Stove” Information

At a recently held league meeting the following important changes were approved:

- The Wellsville Nitros and Rochester Ridgemen were given a one year leave of absence. There will not be teams in these locations in 2019.
- A new franchise was awarded to the Mansfield Destroyers. This team will play in Mansfield, PA, and they will join the Western Division of the NYCLB.
- To reduce team travel expenses, some inter-divisional games will be scheduled as two 7 inning games.
- In 9 inning games, if one team is ahead by 10 runs or more at the end of 7 innings the game will be considered complete.
- The 2019 season will begin on Thursday, June 6<sup>th</sup>.

In Rapids news:

- Your Genesee Rapids are pleased to announce the hiring of Thad Johnson of Jamestown, NY, as Head Coach for the 2019 season. Coach Johnson is currently the Assistant Head Coach at Menlo College in Atherton, CA. He graduated from St. Bonaventure University where he played baseball for four years serving as team captain in his senior year. During his time at Bonaventure he played 3 summers in the NYCLB, including 1 year with the Wellsville Nitros, 2 years with the Hornell Dodgers. Last summer he was the Head Coach of the Sandbridge Seagulls in the Virginia Beach College Baseball League.

Coach Johnson says, “Sports have always been my passion, but has also been a platform for me to share my story and spread the good news of Jesus Christ.” He is excited about the opportunity to bring his baseball knowledge and teaching skills to a faith based environment the Rapids provide.

- Player signings are already beginning for the 2019 season. Be sure to follow the Rapids on social media to keep up to date with the latest news!

