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# COACHES CALL

It's going to be really nice to get back to our home ground, and the best baseball venue in all of Australia, the newly remodelled Harley-Davidson Ballpark. The finishing touches are still being put on our beloved venue and it's inspiring watching the changes unfold.

After 3 rounds of fixtures, and eight home games in front of us, we have an open window to continue our momentum and build on some early success. After dropping the first two games in Melbourne, both of which were very close games, our boys had to dig deep to scratch out the last two wins on the road. The Saturday night cap and Sunday games were hard fought and fighting through a few adverse situations along the way showed some character and grit.

The Geelong-Korea side has improved immensely from this past season. They play exceptional defense and have a keen focus on the fundamentals of the game, right in line with how they approach the game in the KBO. They believe in the bunt game, the hit & run, swiping bags, and putting pressure on opposing defenses throughout. We need to be prepared to play sound defense and execute throughout the series. There is more parity in the league this season than I can remember, and we need to be fully ready for the battle this week.

Our starting pitching, and pitching overall, has been a real strength for us this year. Additionally, other than a couple of hiccups along the way, our bullpen has performed nicely as well. Offensively, we've made a few adjustments lately, and a few of our bats that were scuffling early are now starting to swing with better form. We surely need to keep that rolling this weekend.

The forecast is for a few hot days along the way this weekend. Keep in mind that Harley-Davidson Ballpark has covered seating, cold drinks, and plenty of icy poles and ice cream for the kids. If you are going to sit in our new terraced grassy areas, bring your chairs and umbrellas, and kick back and relax as our boys strap it on and work hard to stay at the top of the ladder. We look forward to seeing you at the park and, as always, we are so grateful for all of your support. There will always be highs and lows along the way, but we'll stay the course, and keep our eye on the prize.

Respectfully

**Brooke Knight**  
Field Manager



## HITTER



Tim Kennelly  
Outfielder



Jess Williams  
Infielder



Robbie Glendinning  
Infielder



Jake Turnbull  
Catcher/Infielder



Alex Hall  
Catcher

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Jordan Qsar  
Outfielder



Niko Hulsizer  
Outfielder



Kaleo Johnson  
Infielder



Sam Kennelly  
Infielder



Ulrich Bojarski  
Outfielder

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Roberto Alvarez  
Catcher



Jake Bowey  
Infielder



Pete Kozma  
Infielder

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## COACHES



Brooke Knight



Kevin Hooker



Andy Kyle



Tyler Anderson



Blake Butera



Jose Gonzalez

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# PITCHER



Audry Lugo  
Right



Blake Bivens  
Right



Tom Bailey  
Right



Nick Veale  
Right



Cameron Lamb  
Right



Josh Rawlinson  
Right



Josh Hendrickson  
Left



Daniel Schmidt  
Left



Jackson Wark  
Right



Dylan Unsworth  
Right



Carlos Garcia  
Right



Conor Lourey  
Right



John Anderson  
Right



Mitch Neunborn  
Right



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## FROM THE CHAIRMAN

It's crazy how quickly the season starts and races through the rounds. This weekend we host round 4 as we welcome our international guests from Korea.

It's great to be back home and playing at Perth Harley – Davidson ballpark. The positive reactions from all the Perth Heat members and fans who attended our opening home series was wonderful.

The redeveloped ballpark was well received and appreciated, creating a special atmosphere across the weekend, especially on the Friday and Saturday nights.

On the field, we've also enjoyed a positive start to the season, winning close games and a showing a strong resilience. The series against the Aces was a titanic battle and credit to our team for coming back with wins in game three and four.

On behalf of the board, we wish everyone a wonderful time at the ballpark this weekend and thank you all for your continued support of the Alcohol. Think Again Perth Heat.

Rory Vassallo



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# MATCH PREVIEW & SERIES REVIEW



The Alcohol. Think Again Perth Heat are back to Harley-Davidson Perth's Ballpark this week to take on Geelong-Korea full of confidence on the back by two big wins over Melbourne capped by a Robbie Glendinning grand slam.

Three rounds into the 2019/20 ABL season and the Heat are just percentage behind Melbourne Aces for first place in the Southwest Division with an identical 8-4 record ahead of this week's series against division opponent Geelong-Korea.

The series gets underway on Thursday night from 7pm with the same start time as well on Friday and Saturday nights before it wraps up on Sunday from 4pm.

The Heat opened the season by claiming 3-1 series victories away to Auckland Tuatara and at home to Canberra Cavalry before splitting the series with the Melbourne Aces last week.

With three series under their belt, the Heat have shown some great performances from both the pitchers and the batters.

On the hill, our arms have only given up a league-low 37 runs after 12 games. Dylan Unsworth, John Anderson and Conor Lourey are the starters that manager Brooke Knight has trusted with starting Games 1, 2 and 3 in each series.

The Heat's bullpen is also one of the best in the league, featuring the 'unhittable' Carlos Garcia. The Dominican has not given up a run in his three outings while recording 11 strikeouts.

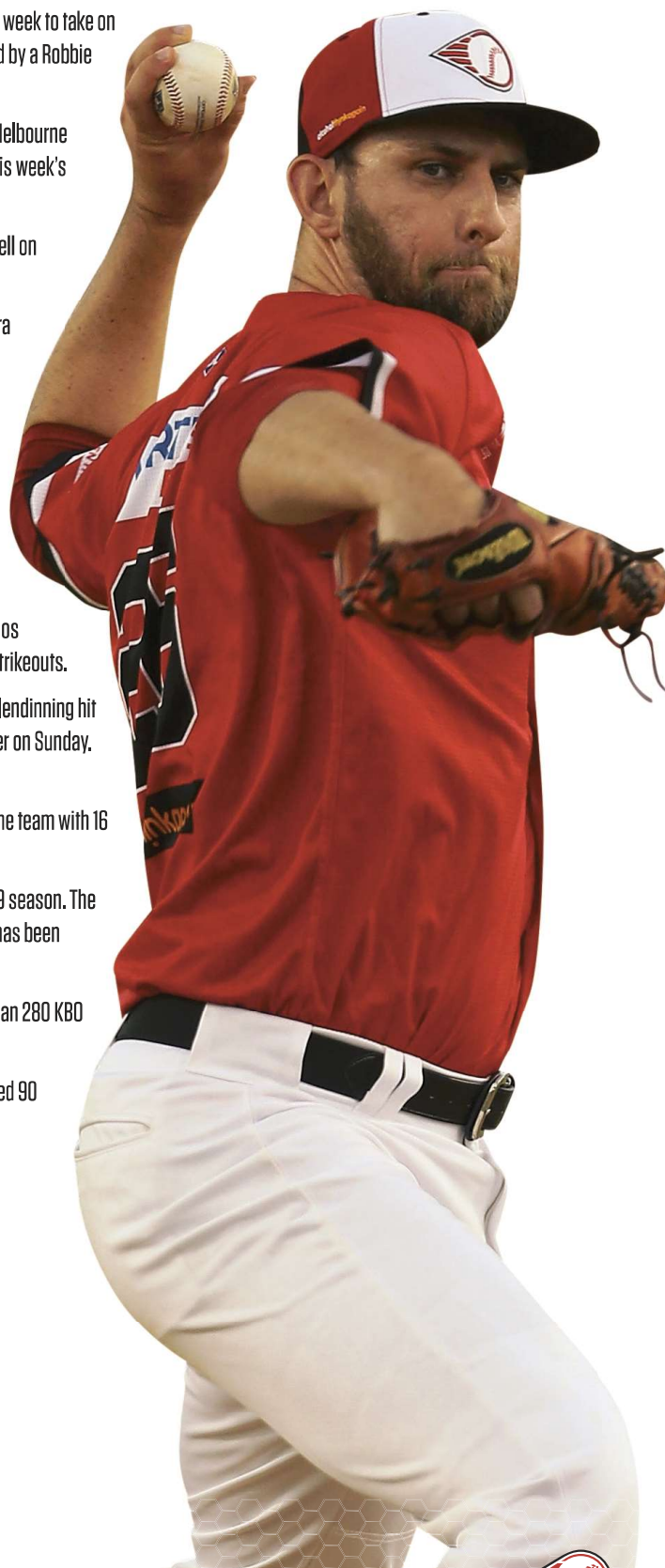
At the plate, our hitters can also do some damage in the box. Last weekend Robbie Glendinning hit a crucial grand slam in the series finale against the Melbourne Aces in a game-winner on Sunday. The star bat has already smashed three home runs and 15 hits this season.

Rays prospect Kaleo Johnson and Jordan Qsar have also impressed. Johnson leads the team with 16 hits while Qsar's eight-hit-series against Canberra made him a fan-favourite.

This will be Geelong-Korea's second visit to Perth having traveled west in the 2018/19 season. The Heat won the series 3-1 including a crazy 19-1 victory. But this year, Geelong's roster has been complemented by several KBO-affiliated talents.

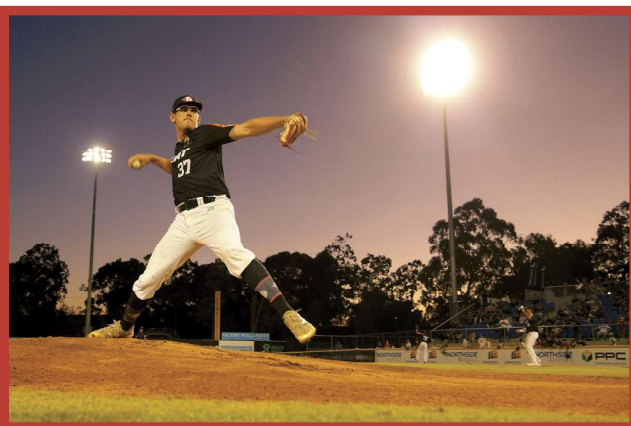
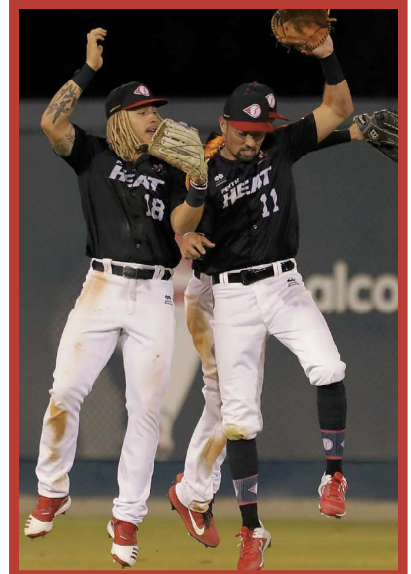
That includes 35-year-old Kyun-Eun Noh as the biggest star on the team with more than 280 KBO appearances. Noh has also begun the season in style and is the team's No. 1 pitcher.

Noh will need strong support from the bullpen this weekend. The visitors have dropped 90 runs in three rounds and will be wary of the Heat's power hitters.



# OPENING HOME SERIES

vs CANBERRA





# ROBBIE GLENDINNING

He is the reigning ABL Rookie of the Year and Robbie Glendinning has started 2019/20 in dazzling form including a stunning grand slam home run to close last week's series in Melbourne against the Aces.

The 24-year-old Perth local delivered a standout 2018/19 campaign with the Heat consisting of batting at an average of .326 on top of hitting three home runs to go with 15 hits from 46 at bats along with batting in 14 runs.

It was quite the impressive performance from Glendinning even though he made just the 12 appearances before heading back to the United States splitting his time between the AA's Altoona Curve and the A+ Bradenton Marauders.

With Altoona, he played 58 games for an average of .261 to go with 48 hits, five home runs and 31 runs batted in and at Bradenton, he was even more impressive going at .340 along with 55 hits, eight homers and 26 runs batted in.

Even though his time in America ended prematurely due to an ankle injury, that allowed him to get himself fit and firing for the 2019/20 season with the Heat, and to say it's paying off would be one of the great understatements.

Glendinning looks every bit the player now entering the prime of his career, going from exciting rookie to a player ready to really make his mark on Australian baseball much to the benefit of the Heat.

Already in the opening 12 games of which the Heat sit at 8-4 following 3-1 series wins against the Auckland Tuatara and Canberra Cavalry, and 2-2 split with Melbourne Aces, Glendinning has been brilliant.

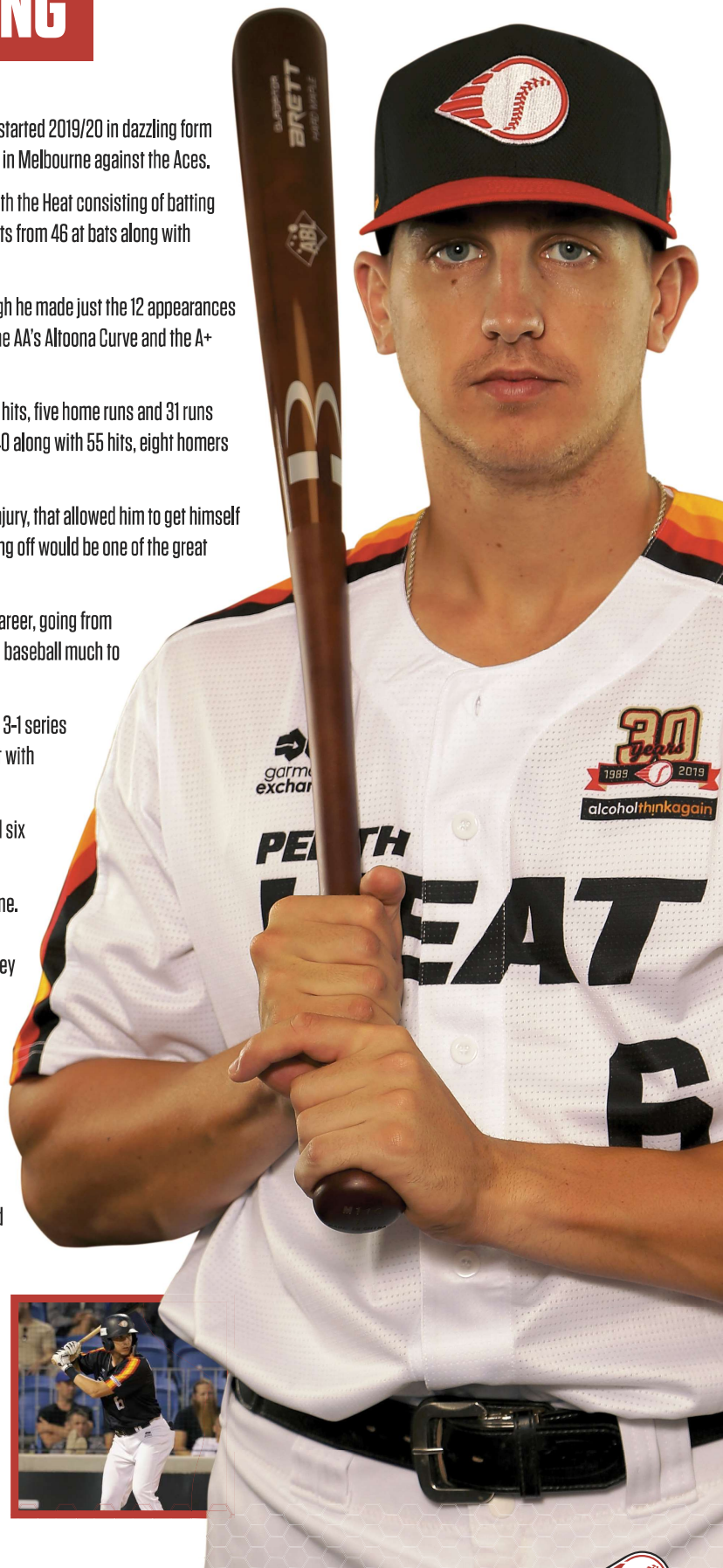
He has 15 hits to his credit already from 46 at bats which has included six doubles, 14 runs batted in and then the three massive home runs.

There were none better or more important than on Sunday in Melbourne. With bases loaded, Glendinning delivered a stunning home run at Melbourne Ballpark to send in the winning four runs for the Heat as they prepared to head home to take on Geelong-Korea this week.

For Glendinning, any home run feels good and he hopes he can continue his stunning start to the season.

"Every time you hit a home run it's a great feeling. I was just fortunate to put bat on the ball well and hopefully a few more get out," Glendinning said.

"It has been a good start for the boys. Hopefully we can carry it on and there's more where that came from."



# STAT ATTACK

1. Perth Heat have three players with more than 15 hits: **Kaleo Johnson, Jordan Qsar** and **Robbie Glendinning**.
2. **Dylan Unsworth** leads the league with 22 innings pitched, including a complete game against Auckland.
3. **Carlos Garcia** has given up 0 runs in his three relief outings.
4. Perth Heat scored **46 runs** in the home series last year against Geelong Korea.



# SUPERFAN

**Jarrad Goddard** has been a Heat fan for the best part of 30 years! Thanks for your support Jarrad, it is much appreciated!

My earliest childhood memory as a fan would be the junior heater nights in the early 90's when I got to meet the players.

My favourite Heat player is Jason Hewitt as when I was a Junior Hester member he was always awesome to me and we became good friends and I used to okay 2nd base when I played tee ball as a kid.

Best Perth Heat game I've seen is very hard to choose but I'd say the 1992/93 grand final series even though we didn't win is a highlight for me. Seeing Greame Lloyd pitching against Phil Dale was a great matchup.

This season I'm most excited about seeing the new upgrades to the ballpark and the amazing atmosphere on game night watching the Heat win.

My top 5 Perth Heat players are Tony Adamson, Greg Jelks, Scott Metcalf, Graham Lloyd and Simon Eissens.

I think the Heat will win it all this season. We got a great list and with the 7 players coming in from Tampa we are going to have a great list that will finally end Brisbane's dominance.





# TOP 5 ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN BASEBALL

## DYLAN UNSWORTH



- 1 Signing first professional contract with Seattle Mariners at 16 years old
- 2 Winning MVP of AZL Rookie League at 17 years old
- 3 2016 Futures Game selection
- 4 Pitching for South Africa in World Baseball Classics Qualifiers  
Throwing 8 scoreless innings to beat New Zealand
- 5 Invited to Big League Camp by Mariners in 2017  
Playing with Robinson Cano, Nelson Cruz, Felix Hernandez  
Pitching against Mike Trout and Albert Pujols



## TIM KENNELLY




- 1 Signing first professional contract with Philadelphia Phillies in 2003
- 2 Winning 4 championships with state league club Melville Braves ('14, '15, '17, '18)
- 3 Representing our country wearing the green and gold in many International tournaments
- 4 Winning 2 Helms Awards in the ABL (2011/12 & 2018/19)
- 5 Winning 6 championships for the Perth Heat in the Claxton Shield/ABL (08, 09, '11, '12, '14, '15)

# OUR OPPONENTS

## GEELONG KOREA

**Geelong Korea** is one of two expansion teams new to the ABL last year. They finished fourth in the Southwest Division with a 7-33 record in their inaugural season. This season, their roster features both experienced veteran and young talent from South Korea, which may help them achieve a better result.

35-year old pitcher Kyung-Eun Noh has played 328 KBO games over 14 seasons. He is a household name in South Korea and the ace of Geelong. Infielder Ji-Hwan Bae is another key player to watch. He played for the minor league team of Pittsburgh Pirates this year, recording 106 hits throughout the season.

Geelong Korea's manager Graeme Lloyd is a legend of Australian baseball. He has won two World-Series with the New York Yankees and represented the silver-medal-winning Team Australia in the 2004 Olympic Games. Lloyd has also been the pitching coach of Perth Heat alongside head coach Brooke Knight and led the team to four ABL titles.

Geelong opens the season with three straight wins against Sydney Blue Sox, but lost 7 of last 9 games including a series sweep at Brisbane. Pitching has been the weakness of Geelong as they have given up a league-highest 90 runs in the first three rounds.



### TEAM LIST

Catcher	
12	Jae-Wook Park
22	Seong-won Jung
47	Hyun-Ho Bae
Infielder	
2	Ji-Hwan Bae
6	Dea-Ryu Kim
7	Seung-Hyun Baek
16	Joo-Hyung Kim
36	Byeong-Woo Jeon
96	Kobe Greenhalgh

Outfielder	
9	Chang-ki Hong
25	Jae-Won Lee
33	Il Hur
52	Seung-min Go
53	Woo-Hyun Song
62	Jae-Hyun Choo
Pitcher	
1	In-Bok Lee
11	Kook-Hurn Jang
14	Tae-Seung Jung

18	In-Beom Kim
21	Hyo-Seung Shin
38	Kyun-Eun Noh
51	Jong-Mu Park
55	Kih-Yun Yang
97	Lachlan Hockey
98	Connor Hughes
99	Joo-Hong Park





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# SCORECARDS

## THURSDAY 12 DECEMBER 2019 - 7PM

GAME ONE	TEAM	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	RUNS	HITS	ERRORS
	Geelong Korea												
	Perth												

## FRIDAY 13 DECEMBER 2019 - 7PM

GAME TWO	TEAM	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	RUNS	HITS	ERRORS
	Geelong Korea												
	Perth												

## SATURDAY 14 DECEMBER 2019 - 7PM

GAME THREE	TEAM	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	RUNS	HITS	ERRORS
	Geelong Korea												
	Perth												

## SUNDAY 15 DECEMBER 2019 - 4PM

GAME FOUR	TEAM	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	RUNS	HITS	ERRORS
	Geelong Korea												
	Perth												





# NEXT HOME SERIES

**FRIDAY**  
**DEC 20**  
 7PM

**SATURDAY**  
**DEC 21**  
 4PM + 7PM

**SUNDAY**  
**DEC 22**  
 4PM



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