

Major League Baseball springs into season

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With the first day of spring having come and gone, Tulane students are preparing for a number of exciting events. The temperature is finally above 70 degrees, which not only means freshman boys can resume their beach volleyball matches outside of Sharp Hall, it also ushers in the 2018 Major League Baseball season.

Coming off the Houston Astros' 2017 World Series win, many teams are looking to make a comeback after falling short last season. The Los Angeles Dodgers, the runner-up in the 2017 World Series, are actively seeking the team's seventh World Series win, but recent spring training performances might render this dream unreachable yet again. Currently placed eighth within the Cactus League, the Dodgers have only been playing .500 ball during the pre-season. Some major changes will have to occur before the team enters into regular play, or it might be left near the bottom of the rankings.

The Milwaukee Brewers have the opportunity to come out of the shadows and take the team's first-ever World Series win this season. The team has only appeared in the Series once, when it lost to the 11-time world champion St. Louis Cardinals in 1982. Currently leading the Cactus League with a record of 17-7, the Brewers should not be disregarded as in years past.

Setting standings and number of victories aside, several Tulane students and faculty root for their favorite team no matter how they may be ranked. Freshman Sasha Rubenstein said baseball has surrounded his life and has always been a major part of his family.

"My family supports the New York Yankees, mostly because it is a representation of my hometown," Rubenstein said. "The Yankees draw out a sense of city-wide pride that cannot be matched by anything else."

This same trend holds true for many members of the Tulane community. Eric Hollier, associate director of strategic communications for Tulane Athletics and an avid follower of the Atlanta Braves, takes every precaution to ensure he is kept up to date about his favorite team, since it was such a large component of his childhood.

