

## Nick Lachey to be Part Owner of Rainiers

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**Nick Lachey**, the oft seen tabloid magazine cover boy, and former husband of **Jessica Simpson**

will

become part owner of the AAA

**Tacoma Rainiers**

. Lachey is part of a new ownership group for the

**Seattle Mariners**

affiliate and was introduced today in Tacoma. As reported in the

[News Tribune](#)

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Nick Lachey, who appeared with ex-wife Jessica Simpson in the couple's "Newlyweds" reality show on MTV, will be a part of the Rainiers' ownership group, Schlegel Sports Group, spearheaded by Kirby Schlegel of Dallas.

Principal figures of the new ownership group, including Lachey, will be introduced to a group of 100 civic leaders, local business people and holdover season-ticket holders of the Triple-A baseball team today at the Greater Tacoma Convention and Trade Center.

It will be ownership's first public appearance since the agreement to purchase the Rainiers

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from **George and Sue Foster** in July. The sale has since been approved by various sanctioning bodies, including the Pacific Coast League, late last month.

Lachey, a native of Harlan, Ky., was a member of the pop-music boy band 98 Degrees in the mid-1990s and has since flourished as a solo artist. He was nominated in the favorite pop/rock male artist category at the 2006 American Music Awards.