

NICK FRANKLIN SETS THE NEW CLINTON HOME RUN RECORD

On September 5, 2010 at Burlington's Community Field, Clinton LumberKings' shortstop **Nick Franklin** made franchise history when he lifted **Keaton Hayenga's** pitch just over the wall in left for a solo home run. That opposite-field clout gave him a league-high 23 home runs, breaking Clinton's 49-year-old single-season record held by **Dick Kenworthy** of the 1961 Clinton C-Sox. The 19-year-old Franklin, a first-round pick by Seattle in 2009 became the seventh Clinton player to hit at least 20 homers in a single season.

A look at Franklin's home runs:

#	Date/Opponent	Pitcher	Type	Notes
1	4/10 vs. Peoria	Tim Clubb	Solo	
2	4/10 vs. Peoria	Jeff Beliveau	Solo	Homered from both sides of the plate for first time in career, went 4-for-4 and fell a single shy of the cycle.
3	4/20 vs. Burlington	Brendan Lafferty	Solo	First walk-off home run, came in the 10 th inning for a 4-3 win.
4	4/24 vs. Kane County	Connor Hoehn	Solo	
5	4/29 @ Cedar Rapids	David Carpenter	Solo	
6	5/15 vs. Cedar Rapids	Garrett Richards	Solo	First leadoff homer of the season.
7	5/16 vs. Cedar Rapids	Fabio Martinez	Solo	Second leadoff homer of the season.
8	5/16 vs. Cedar Rapids	Kyle Hurst	Solo	Tied game in 8 th ...would deliver walk-off double against Hurst in the bottom of the 10 th , a 4-3 win. It was his second multi-homer game.
9	5/31 @ Kane County	Jose Pina	Solo	
10	6/2 @ Bowling Green	Alexander Colome	Solo	Third leadoff home run of the season.
11	6/2 @ Bowling Green	Alex Koronis	2-run	Third multi-homer game of the season.
12	6/4 @ Dayton	Jason Braun	2-run	Homered on 3-2 pitch with 2 outs in top of the 9 th to tie the game at 6-6...Clinton would lose, 7-6.
13	6/10 vs. Lake County	Trey Haley	Solo	Part of a 3-for-5, 3 RBI game.
14	6/19 @ Beloit	Michael Tonkin	Solo	Fourth leadoff home run of the season.
15	7/11 @ Kane County	Dan Straily	Solo	
16	7/15 vs. West Michigan	Victor Larez	Solo	
17	7/18 vs. South Bend	Brian Budrow	2-run	
18	7/21 @ Great Lakes	Allen Webster	Solo	Tied Great Lakes' Jerry Sands for league lead.
19	8/3 @ Quad Cities	Eric Fornataro	2-run	Took Midwest League home run lead.
20	8/21 vs. Peoria	Frank Batista	Solo	Became just the 8 th Clinton player to hit 20 HR in a single season. Went 4-for-5 in the game, falling a triple shy of the cycle.
21	8/25 vs. Quad Cities	Jorge Rondon	2-run	Temporarily tied Quad Cities' Matt Adams for league lead...Adams hit #22 later in the game.
22	8/31 @ Peoria	Frank Batista	Solo	Tied Dick Kenworthy's franchise record.
23	9/5 @ Burlington	Keaton Hayenga	Solo	Broke Kenworthy's 49-year-old franchise record, took sole possession of league HR lead.

Further notes:

- 21 of the 23 home runs came as a left-handed hitter, where he batted .318.
- 17 of the 23 home runs came at night.
- Franklin also hit an additional 6 HR in the 2010 Midwest League Home Run Derby, qualifying for the second round but not the finals.
- He was promoted to double-A West Tennessee on September 6 and rejoined the LumberKings during the Midwest League Championship Series. Franklin was held homerless in 12 playoff at-bats with Clinton.
- Franklin was one of three players in Minor League Baseball to hit 20 home runs and steal 20 bases, joining Dan Espinosa (22 HR/25 SB) of the Washington Nationals minor-league system and Brandon Belt (23 HR/22 SB) of the San Francisco Giants minor-league system.