



MEDIA INFORMATION



Myrtle Beach Pelicans (51-66 / 17-30, 4th, 13.0 GB / Southern) Carolina League Affiliate of the Chicago Cubs
 vs.
 Wilmington Blue Rocks (60-57 / 29-18, 1st, – GB / Northern) Carolina League Affiliate of the Kansas City Royals
 Game No. 118 / 48 • Road Game No. 62 • TicketReturn.com Field • Sunday, August 12, 2018 • 6:05 p.m.

BLUE ROCKS BREAKDOWN

HOME: 30-26 | AWAY: 30-31 | STREAK: W1 | LAST 5: 3-2 | LAST 10: 5-5

BLUE ROCKS SHOO PELICANS AWAY IN THE NINTH FOR WIN: The Wilmington Blue Rocks held on to a thrilling one-run victory and escaped a Myrtle Beach Pelicans' ninth inning rally to earn a 5-4 victory Saturday night at TicketReturn.com Field. **Oliver Nunez** led the offense with three hits and stole three bases in the win. Wilmington still holds a 1.5 game lead over Lynchburg in the Northern Division Second Half playoff race.

A QUICK TRIP TO THE BEACH: The Blue Crew wrap up their longest remaining road trip of the season with the series finale tonight against Myrtle Beach.

-With a win, the Blue Rocks will earn a winning road trip as they are currently 3-2 through the first five games.
 -After taking the final two games of the three game set at Salem, the Rocks have split the first two contests against the Pelicans.

-It is the first and only time the Blue Rocks visit the Pelicans as the two teams, who are separated the most in the league in terms of distance (542 miles), finish up their head-to-head matchup.

-The Pelicans traveled north to visit the Blue Rocks back in mid-May to play a three-game set in two days as it was shortened due to rain.

-The Blue Rocks took two of three in the series, with a pair of bookend 3-1 wins while dropping to the Pelicans 10-1 in the middle game.

-The Rocks earned the win in the series finale thanks to an inside-the-park home run hit by **Nick Heath**.

HATE TO SEE JULY GO: The Blue Rocks continue to play some of their best baseball in the second half with their performance in July being a vital reason for their recent success.

-Wilmington closed out the month of July with a 19-9 record which was the best record of any team in the CL during the month.

-The Rocks as a team hit .277, the highest batting average of any month this season and also scored more runs (155) than they did in any previous month.

ROCK SOLID IN THE SECOND HALF: The Blue Rocks have the second-best winning percentage in the Carolina League in the second half at .617 (Winston-Salem 1st, .636)

-With the win in the middle game of the series Wednesday night at Salem, the Rocks once again avoided losing three straight games in the second half for the first time. (Lost three or more in a row six times in the first half.)

-Wilmington has either been atop of the division or out of the top spot by just one game since July 11 and have led the division since July 18 and hold a 1.5 game lead over second place Lynchburg.

-The Blue Rocks also have not been below .500 at any point this half. (Have been at .500 mark four times)

-The Rocks are currently 24-12 against Northern Division foes in the second half which is the best mark in the division.

WALK OR RUN THIS WAY: The Blue Rocks have led the Carolina League in walks for the majority of the season and also lead the league in stolen bases.

-Wilmington has racked up 457 walks this season.
 -The Rocks have swiped 153 bags through 117 games this year, which paces the league.

-The Blue Crew also have been stealing bases at a rapid clip in the second half and have stolen 76 bases through 47 games of the second half.

-Wilmington has four different active players with double-digit stolen bases including **D.J. Burt** who is the active team-leader and third in the CL with 27, **Blake Perkins** ranks fourth in the CL with 24 between Potomac and Wilmington, **Rudy Martin** has 21 stolen bases on the year and **Travis Jones** has 14.

-The Blue Crew set a new, single-game season-high with six stolen bases Saturday night.

-**Oliver Nunez** stole three bases while **Brewer Hicklen** swiped two and **Angelo Castellano** stole one.

-It marked the seventh time this season Wilmington has stolen at least five bases in a game this season.

-Wilmington is the only team in the Carolina League to steal 20 or more bases in each month of the season. (37 in April, 20 in May, 37 in June, 38 in July and have 20 in August)

-They also have an impressive 74% success rate stealing bases this season (153 out of 207).

CAN COUNT ON CANCEL: Infielder **Gabriel Cancel** has been a major run producer for the Blue Rocks, especially in the second half.

-Cancel has driven in 50 runs over his last 53 games and has also put together 14 multi-RBI games during the stretch and leads the team with 18 games driving in multiple runs.

-He currently is the team leader, second amongst Royals' farmhands and has the most RBI amongst active players in the Carolina League with 70.

-Cancel drove in 26 runs in 27 games in the month of July.
 -When batting third, the infielder is hitting .264 (34-for-129) with 29 RBI in 33 games.

-When he bats cleanup, Cancel is a .333 hitter (28-for-84) with 22 RBI in 22 games.

BURT PROVIDING THE HURT: Second-year Blue Rock **D.J. Burt** is not suffering from a sophomore slump in the Carolina League and was named a Carolina League All-Star.

-He is third in the CL in on-base percentage (.383), third in the Carolina League in stolen bases (27), and sixth in batting average (.298)

-He picked up a hit in 20 of 24 games in July to help him post a .330 batting average (31-for-94) with two homers, 18 RBI and a .404 OBP.

-Tied for first on the team with 29 multi-hit games. (Had 20 all of last season)

-The 22-year-old has served as the Rocks' utility man this season, making 31 starts at third base, 24 at second base, 10 at shortstop and 11 in left field.

THEY SAID IT, MANAGER DARRYL KENNEDY: (On team's ability to bounce back Saturday night) "These guys are playing hard. Even though we lost (Friday) night, it doesn't stick with them. They let it go and come out and go at it again. It's huge for us not to get on big losing streaks. We had a beautiful month of July and right now we aren't tearing it up, but we have been able to stop losing streaks and that's big for this team."

Tonight's Starters

WIL: RHP Ofreidy Gomez (4-9, 3.88 ERA)

vs.

MB: LHP Justin Steele (0-1, 3.38 ERA)

-Righty **Ofreidy Gomez** makes his 23rd appearance of the season and 18th start with the Blue Rocks tonight.

-He also is making his second start against the Pelicans.
 -He signed as an international free agent on May 10, 2012.

-Top 30 prospect according to MLB Pipeline.com. (#30)
 -Last time out on August 7 at Salem he suffered the loss in his shortest start of the season.

-Gomez lasted two innings, allowed six runs (three earned) on four hits, walked three, struck out one and allowed a home run.

-Despite the tough start for the righty, Gomez has been solid in his last nine outings and has allowed an earned run or less in five of them and has posted a 3.33 ERA during that span.

-Made his first start against Myrtle Beach on May 17 and did not factor in the decision.

-He lasted five innings, allowed one run (earned) on four hits, walked three and struck out six.

-Ranked 10th in the Carolina League in ERA and sixth in the Royals' farm system.

-Ranks second amongst active Wilmington pitchers in innings pitched (102) and strikeouts (81).

-Spent last season with Low-A Lexington which was his first year in full season baseball.

-With the Legends, he posted a 7-12 record with a 5.18 ERA in 28 games including 22 starts. He tossed 137.1 innings and allowed 162 hits, 92 runs, 79 earned, 46

walks and struck out 108 batters.

-The 23-year-old Dominican Republic native led the team in and made career highs in starts, innings pitched, strikeouts and was tied for second in games pitched.

-Features a fastball, curveball and changeup.

-Left-hander **Justin Steele** makes his third start of the season with the Pelicans and first against Wilmington.

-The 23-year-old was drafted by the Chicago Cubs out of George County High School in Mississippi.

-Rated the eighth-best prospect in the Cubs' system according to MLB Pipeline.com

-In his last start on August 5 at Potomac, he suffered the loss.

-He worked three innings, allowed three runs (all earned) on six hits, walked one and struck out five.

-Made five starts in the Arizona League to start his return to the mound after he had Tommy John Surgery which cut short what was a solid 2017 season for the lefty.

-Last season with the Pelicans, he went 6-7 with a respectable 2.92 ERA in 20 starts.

-Worked 98.2 innings, allowed 100 hits, allowed 42 runs (32 earned), 36 walks and struck out 82 while opponents hit .265 against him.

-Was named a mid-season Carolina League All-Star and ranked second in the Carolina League in ERA (2.92) before injuring his elbow.

-Features a fastball, curveball and changeup.

2018 Regular-Season Series: WIL vs. MB (WIL Leads Series 3-2) (MB Won Series 6-0 in 2017)

Date	Site	Result	WP	LP	Save
5/15	WIL		PPD	MAKE UP SCHEDULED FOR 5/16	
5/16	WIL	W, 3-1	Vines (2-5)	Miller (3-4)	
5/16	WIL (G2)	L, 10-1	Hudson (3-3)	Bender (1-2)	
5/17	WIL	W, 3-1	Mitchell (1-0)	Clark (0-1)	Brickhouse (7)
8/10	MB	L, 6-5	Abbott (3-5)	Watson (6-2)	Peyton (8)
8/11	MB	W, 5-4	Sotillet (2-3)	Rondon (0-3)	Pinto (9)
8/12	MB				

Upcoming Probable Starters and Schedule

Monday, August 13 OFF DAY

Tuesday, August 14 vs. Lynchburg, 6:35 p.m.

RHP Gerson Garabito (6-6, 3.38 ERA) vs. TBD

Wednesday, August 15 vs. Lynchburg, 6:35 p.m.

LHP Daniel Tillo (2-2, 4.44 ERA) vs. TBD

MEDIA INFORMATION CONTINUED

HOME RUN NOTES

Blue Rocks

2-HR GAMES BY BLUE ROCKS (2 IN 2017 / 4 IN 2016)

4.21.18 Kort Peterson at FRE (2-R HR & go-ahead 3-R HR in 7th)
5.2.18 Chase Vallot at POT (Solo HR & 3-R HR)

3-HR GAMES BY BLUE ROCKS (HAS NEVER HAPPENED)

BACK-TO-BACK HOME RUNS (1 IN 2017 / 3 IN 2016)

7.9.18 D.J. Burt and Emmanuel Rivera at FRE (4th inning)

LEADOFF HOME RUNS (1 IN 2017 / 0 IN 2016)

7.10.18 Nick Heath at FRE (Off big-league rehabber Chris Tillman)

GRANDSLAM HOME RUNS (2 IN 2017 BOTH BY VALLOT / 3 IN 2016)

4.19.18 Chase Vallot at FRE (1st inning off Cody Sedlock)
6.12.18 Gabriel Cancel at DE (5th inning off Edgar Arredondo) (Game 1 of DH)
6.24.18 Meibrys Vioria at POT (3rd inning off Jeremy Hellickson) (Game 1 of DH)

WALK-OFF HOME RUNS (1 IN 2017 / 0 IN 2016)

7.24.17 Chase Vallot vs. SAL (10th inning, two out in 3-1 win)

PINCH-HIT HOME RUNS (0 IN BOTH 2016-17 / 1 IN 2015)

5.16.15 Dex Kjerstad at LYN

INSIDE-THE-PARK HOME RUNS (0 IN 2017 / 2 IN 2016)

5.17.18 vs. MB (8th inning, two-run HR down left field line)

BLUE ROCKS HOME RUNS: 57 (78 IN 2017 / 21 HOME & 57 AWAY)

Buies Creek 1	Lynchburg 10
Carolina 3	Myrtle Beach 3
Down East 1	Potomac 13
Frederick 13	Salem 13
	Winston-Salem

FRAWLEY 20

ROAD 37

Opponents

2-HR GAMES BY OPPONENT (2 IN 2017 / 2 IN 2016)

5.3.18 Juan Soto (3-R HR in 1st inning & Solo HR in 8th inning)
5.21.18 Rhett Wiseman (Solo HR in 7th inning & 2-R HR in 8th inning)
7.24.18 Jerry Downs (Solo HR in 2nd inning & 2-R HR in 9th inning)

3-HR GAMES BY OPPONENT (1 IN 2017 / 0 IN 2016)

Michael Chavis (SAL) 4.19.17 at Hayley Toyota (2-R, Solo, 2-R)

BACK-TO-BACK HOME RUNS (0 IN 2016)

BACK-TO-BACK-TO-BACK (0 IN 2017 / 0 IN 2016)

LEADOFF HOME RUNS (0 IN 2017 / 2 IN 2016)

7.3.18 Luis Gonzalez (W-S) off Gerson Garabito at Wilmington (Game currently suspended)

GRAND SLAM HOME RUNS (3 IN 2017 / 1 IN 2016)

5.27.17 Ian Sagdal (POT) off Colin Rodgers at Wilmington (7-6 Win)
6.28.17 Randolph Gassaway (FRE) off Luis Rico at Frederick (10-4 Loss)
7.21.17 Drew Turbin (FRE) off Cristian Castillo (5-3 Loss)

WALK-OFF HOME RUNS (1 IN 2017 / 1 IN 2016)

Michael Chavis (SAL) (9th inning of 7-6 Red Sox win)

PINCH-HIT HOME RUNS (0 IN 2016)

INSIDE-THE-PARK HOME RUNS (0 IN 2016)

HOME RUNS ALLOWED TO: 82 (81 in 2017/ 31 Home & 50 AWAY)

Buies Creek 2	Lynchburg 9
Carolina 4	Myrtle Beach 3
Down East 4	Potomac 20
Frederick 16	Salem 16
	Winston-Salem 6

FRAWLEY 29

ROAD 53

Blue Rocks vs. the Carolina League

Opponent	Record	Home	Road
Frederick	12-11	3-8	9-2
Lynchburg	14-6	9-3	5-3
Potomac	8-12	2-4	6-8
Salem	12-11	8-3	4-8
Northern Div.	46-40	22-18	24-21

Opponent	Record	Home	Road
Buies Creek	3-3	2-1	1-2
Carolina	2-5	1-2	1-3
Down East	1-2	0-0	1-2
Myrtle Beach	3-2	2-1	1-1
Winston-Salem	5-5	3-3	2-2
Southern Div.	14-17	8-7	6-10

Runners Left On Base

Blue Rocks: 807 | Opponents: 824

Numbers With RISP

Blue Rocks: .264 Avg. (284-for-1076)

Blue Rocks On...

Mondays:	7-4	April:	11-12
Tuesdays:	5-10	May:	10-20
Wednesdays:	8-9	June:	15-11
Thursdays:	13-7	July:	19-9
Fridays:	7-8	Aug:	5-5
Saturdays:	12-6	Sept:	0-0
Sundays:	7-11		
First Game of Series:	14-18		
Last Game of Series:	15-13		
Series Won:	12		
Series Lost:	14		
Series Split:	3		
Series Swept:	3-3		
Rubber Matches:	7-7		

2018 Roster (43)

Pitchers (23)

Nolan Becker -
Andrew Beckwith
Anthony Bender
Bryan Brickhouse
Justin Camp
Cristian Castillo*+
Jacob Condra-Bogan >
Gabe Cramer#
Gerson Garabito
Grant Gavin +
Ofreidy Gomez
Arnaldo Hernandez+
Carter Hope
Josh Mitchell#
Julio Pinto
Corey Ray
Jared Ruxer +
Walker Sheller +
Andres Sotillet
Vance Tatum-
Daniel Tillo
Jose Veras#
Jace Vines+
Nolan Watson
Matt Wynne#
Tyler Zuber

Catchers (4)

Nate Esposito
Xavier Fernandez+
Chase Vallot*#
Meibrys Vioria*

Names followed by an asterisk (*) were Opening Day starters on April 7.

Infielders (8)

John Brontsema +
D.J. Burt
Gabriel Cancel*
Angelo Castellano*
Chris DeVito*-
Travis Jones
Oliver Nunez
Emmanuel Rivera*

#: On disabled list
^: Inactive
%: MLB rehab
+: Promoted
-: Released
>: Traded

Outfielders (8)

Brandon Downes +
Nick Heath +
Brewer Hicklen
Khalil Lee*+
Rudy Martin*
Blake Perkins
Kort Peterson*+
Vance Vizcaino

TONIGHT'S BLUE ROCKS STARTING PITCHER

#28 RHP Ofreidy Gomez

Acquired: Signed as an international free agent by Kansas City on May 10, 2012.
 Born: Pueblo Viejo, Dominican Republic Age: 23 (July 6, 1995)
 Resides: Pueblo Viejo, Dominican Republic Ht: 6'3 Wt: 190
 College: N/A Bats/Throws: R/R



Pitch Repertoire: Fastball, Curveball, Changeup

THE BOOK ON OFREIDY GOMEZ: Ofreidy Gomez was signed by the Kansas City Royals as an international free agent on May 10, 2012. The 23-year-old native of the Dominican Republic spent last season in Low-A Lexington where he pitched in full-season baseball for the first time in his career. With the Legends, he went 7-12 with a 5.18 ERA in 28 games pitched including 22 starts. He set career-highs in games pitched, starts, innings pitched (137.1) and strikeouts (108). He paced the Legends' pitching staff in starts, innings pitched and strikeouts and tied for second in games pitched and was tied for the most losses in the South Atlantic League. Gomez made his stateside debut in 2016 when he pitched for the Burlington Royals, who made it to the Appalachian League Championship Series that season. With Burlington, the righty went 5-4 with a 5.20 ERA in 12 starts and also tossed a complete game. He worked 55.1 innings and allowed 32 earned runs on 46 hits. He struck out 44 batters and walked 27 while holding opponents to a .236 batting average. The righty spent his first three seasons in the Dominican Summer League with the DSL Royals. He made a good first impression in his professional debut season, going 3-0 with a solid 2.35 ERA in 10 relief appearances. He held opponents to a .192 contact clip and struck out 17 men and walked 14. However, his next two seasons were more of a struggle as he made the transition into a starter. In 2014-15, Gomez went a combined 0-8 with a 4.32 ERA in 26 appearances including 15 starts.

LAST TIME OUT: The right-hander is coming off his shortest start of the season on August 7 at Salem when he suffered the loss and lasted just two innings. Gomez allowed six runs (three earned) on four hits, walked three, struckout one and allowed a home run. Over his last seven starts, Gomez has allowed 22 runs (13 earned) to yield a solid 3.16 ERA during that stretch (37.0 innings).

STARTING VS. RELIEVING THIS SEASON: Gomez started the season piggybacking with Anthony Bender and alternated starts. As a starter, Gomez is 3-8 with a 3.92 ERA in 17 starts. He has logged 87.1 innings, allowed 93 hits, 52R/38ER, walked 41 and struck out 68 and opposing hitters are hitting .273 against him. Coming out of the bullpen, the 23-year-old has a 3.68 ERA in five relief appearances. (14.2 IP, 10H, 6 ER, 15 BB, 17 K, .200 BAA).

FIRST IMPRESSION OF FULL-SEASON BASEBALL: The 2017 season marked the first season in the right-hander's career that he pitched in full-season baseball. Like all pitchers, Gomez found what worked for him to contribute to his durability last year. "I think I worked on my routine and it helped me a lot. I worked hard every day and focused on what I needed to do. During the season, I continued to work on my pitches during my bullpens and it helped." Last season, Gomez pitched in just 26.1 less innings with Lexington (137.1 IP) than he did in his entire career (163.2). "I think there wasn't a big adjustment, but I did only throw about 55 innings in short season the year before. So I just tried to be better every day. I kept working as much as I could to build up my arm strength."

MAKING IMPROVEMENTS IN THE OFFSEASON: Gomez continued to work on his arsenal this offseason to get ready for the increase in competition in the Carolina League. "I worked on all my pitches including my curveball and changeup to make them better pitches off of my fastball. I also focused on the command of my fastball because it's my best pitch. I can control it better than my other three pitches and I can throw it both inside and outside. Especially inside which helps me make it tough on right-handers."

IDOLIZING FORMER DOMINICAN REPUBLIC GREATS: Hailing from a hot bed for baseball talent, Gomez grew up idolizing a trio of former MLB greats that lived two hours east of Gomez in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic. "I actually have three favorite players. Pedro Martinez, Manny Ramirez and David Ortiz. They were my favorites growing up as a child. I liked when Pedro would pitch aggressively and wanted to be the best every day. He had really good command of his pitches and that's what I want to have. Especially with his fastball, he was able to throw it up and in and I can throw mine in on hitters." The fandom for David Ortiz and Manny Ramirez comes from Gomez being a two-way player when he was younger. "I liked Ortiz and Ramirez because when I was a kid I loved to hit. I don't want to hit in the minor leagues, but with my friends back home I will."

The Book on Gomez (2018)

At Home: 4-5, 3.23 ERA 12G/8GS
 On the Road: 0-4, 4.66 ERA 10G/9GS
 LH Opp Avg: .282
 RH Opp Avg: .251
 Record when he pitches: 4-9
 Wilmington Record when he starts: 8-9
 Run Support (overall): 3.6
 Run Support (starting): 2.0
 ERA: 3.88

Season-High K's: 9, (4/29 vs. Winston-Salem Dash)
 Career-High K's: 10, (9/1/16 @ Danville Braves)

Last Win: 7/26/18 vs. Salem Red Sox
 Last Loss: 8/7/18 @ Salem Red Sox

Most IP, 2018: 7.0, (6/8 vs. Frederick Keys)
 Most IP, Career: 7.0 IP, 5x (Last: 6/8/18 vs. Frederick Keys)

Career Numbers

Year/Teams(s)	W-L	ERA	IP
2013/DSL Royals	3-0	2.35	23.0
2014/DSL Royals	0-4	6.17	35.0
2015/DSL Royals	0-4	3.04	50.1
2016/Burlington	5-4	5.20	55.1
2017/Lexington	7-12	5.18	137.1
2018/Wilmington	4-9	3.88	102.0
Totals	19-33	4.51	403.0

2018 Appearances

Date	OPP	G	GS	DEC	ERA	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	HBP	WP	Score Upon Exit	Result	Notes
4/7	@ POT	1	1	ND	6.75	4.0	6	3	3	4	4	0	1	0	WIL, 5-3	WIL, 5-4	First-career Adv.A Start
4/12	vs. LYN	2	1	ND	4.91	3.1	1	1	1	6	6	0	1	1	Tied, 2-2	WIL, 4-2	Career-high six walks
4/18	vs. CAR	3	2	L	5.40	2.2	3	3	2	3	3	1	3	0	CAR, 3-0	CAR, 9-7	Tied career-high in HBP
4/24	vs. POT	4	2	L	4.97	2.2	3	1	1	1	5	1	0	1	POT, 2-1	POT, 5-1	Tossed 54 pitches/36 strikes
4/29	vs. W-S	5	3	W	3.38	6.0	3	0	0	1	9	0	0	1	WIL, 3-0	WIL, 3-0	First win of the season
5/5	vs. FRE	6	3	ND	4.87	1.2	3	4	4	4	1	0	0	1	FRE, 9-6	FRE, 12-9	Most runs allowed this year
5/10	@ CAR	7	4	L	5.40	4.2	6	4	4	3	2	0	1	2	CAR, 4-1	CAR, 5-3	
5/17	VS. MB	8	5	ND	4.80	5.0	4	1	1	3	6	0	0	0	Tied, 1-1	WIL, 3-1	Second longest start of year
5/23	@ POT	9	6	ND	4.73	6.0	5	3	3	2	2	1	0	1	POT, 3-1	POT, 6-5	Matched season-high IP
5/28	vs. SAL	10	6	W	4.28	4.0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	WIL, 3-2	WIL, 3-2 (F/10)	First win since April 29
6/2	@SAL	11	7	ND	3.89	4.0	7	2	0	3	3	0	0	1	SAL, 2-1	WIL, 7-5	Back-to-back outings w/ 0ER
6/8	vs. FRE	12	8	L	3.88	7.0	9	3	3	3	3	0	1	1	FRE, 3-0	FRE, 3-2	Matched career-high IP
6/14	@W-S	13	9	L	4.34	5.0	5	6	5	3	3	1	1	1	W-S, 6-1	W-S, 8-2	Season-high in ER allowed
6/21	@POT	14	9	SV	4.12	3.0	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	WIL, 2-1	WIL, 2-1	First save of the season
6/27	vs. LYN	15	10	L	4.29	6.0	7	5	4	1	5	2	0	0	LYN, 5-1	LYN, 5-1	Allowed four runs in 6th
7/2	vs. W-S	16	11	L	4.06	6.0	3	3	1	1	5	1	0	0	W-S, 3-1	W-S, 5-2	First QS since June 8
7/8	@LYN	17	12	L	3.87	5.2	5	4	1	4	2	0	0	0	LYN, 4-0	LYN, 4-0	Allowed just one ER
7/14	vs. SAL	18	13	W	3.75	5.0	5	1	1	2	5	1	1	0	WIL, 10-0	WIL, 16-1	First win as starter since 5/28
7/20	@LYN	19	14	ND	3.95	5.0	10	4	4	1	3	2	0	0	WIL, 7-4	WIL, 12-11 (F/10)	Season-high in hits allowed
7/26	vs. SAL	20	15	W	3.87	6.1	7	3	2	2	1	0	0	0	WIL, 4-2	WIL, 5-4	Second win in last three starts
8/1	@BC	21	16	ND	3.69	7.0	4	1	1	2	7	1	0	1	BC, 1-0	WIL, 2-1	Second start with 7 IP
8/7	@SAL	22	17	L	3.88	2.0	4	6	3	3	1	1	0	0	SAL, 6-0	SAL, 7-0	Shortest start of the season

Wilmington Blue Rocks 2018 Regular-Season Breakdown

Record:	60-57
First Half:	31-39
Second Half:	29-18
Home:	30-26
Road:	30-31
Vs. RH Starters:	41-39
Vs. LH Starters:	20-17
Day:	13-12
Night:	47-45
One-Run Games:	21-14
Two-Run Games:	14-10
Extra-Inning Games:	4-1
Doubleheaders (W-L-S):	2-2-4
Shutouts:	6-7
No-Hitters:	0-0
When Leading After 7:	46-3
When Trailing After 7:	5-47
When Tied After 7:	9-6
When Leading After 8:	44-1
When Trailing After 8:	4-45
When Tied After 8:	2-3
When the Rocks Score First:	36-24
When the Opponent Scores First:	25-32
Games Decided In Last At-Bat:	14-24
When Scoring 3 Or Less:	15-45
When Scoring 4 Or More:	45-12
When The Rocks Have 5 Hits or Less:	6-20
When The Rocks Have 10 Hits or More:	23-5
When The Rocks Hit A Home Run:	30-17
Most Games Above .500:	4/12
Most Games Below .500:	12
When The Rocks Commit an Error:	24-39
When The Rocks Starter Goes 6+ Inn:	26-21
Come-From-Behind Victories:	29
Postponements:	11
Cancellations:	-
Total Rainouts:	11
Currently Suspended Games:	1

WALK-OFF WINS/LOSSES

WINS (1) (9 in 2017)			LOSSES (3) (3 in 2017)		
Date	Opp	Score/Inn	Date	Opp	Score/Inn
5/28	SAL	3-2/10th	4/8	POT	3-2/9th
			5/23	POT	6-5/9th
			8/2	BC	4-3/9th

Blue Rocks Shutouts (11 in 2017 | 5 in 2016)

Date	Score Opp.	Pitchers
1) 4/20	2-0 / @FRE	Amaldo Hernandez, Grant Gavin, Bryan Brickhouse
2) 4/26	5-0 / vs. POT	Amaldo Hernandez, Vance Tatum, Justin Camp
3) 4/29	3-0 / vs. W-S	Ofreidy Gomez, Anthony Bender
4) 6/29	3-0 / vs. LYN	Nolan Watson, Corey Ray, Julio Pinto
5) 7/23	8-0 / @ FRE (G1)	Nolan Watson
6) 7/28	1-0 / vs. BC (G1)	Gerson Garabito, Andrew Beckwith, Tyler Zuber

Opponent Shutouts (11 in 2017 | 15 in 2016)

Date	Score/Opp.	Pitchers
1) 4/27	5-0 / vs. W-S	Jimmy Lambert, Kyle Kubat, Matt Foster
2) 6/22	10-0 / @POT	Ben Braymer, Steven Fuentes, James Bourque
3) 7/8	4-0 / @LYN	Eli Morgan, Ben Krauth, Dalbert Siri
4) 7/19	10-0 / @LYN (G2)	Leandro Linares, Ben Krauth, James Karinchak
5) 7/28	3-0 / vs. BC (G2)	Tyler Ivey, Colin McKee
6) 8/5	5-0 / vs. FRE	Alex Wells, Steven Klimek
7) 8/7	7-0 / @SAL	Jake Thompson, Yankory Pimentel, Durbin Feltnan

2018 Games Started by Position

1B – DeVito (65), Jones (37), Fernandez (6), Vallot (6), Vizcaino (4)
2B – Cancel (73), Burt (24), Nunez (16), Brontsema (4)
3B – Rivera (71), Burt (32), Cancel (8), Jones (4), Nunez (2)
SS – Castellano (98), Burt (10), Cancel (8), Nunez (1)
C – Vitoria (74), Fernandez (21), Esposito (14), Vallot (8)
LF – Vizcaino (34), Heath (25), Martin (22), Burt (11), Hicklen (10), Downes (9), Peterson (3), Perkins (1), Jones (1)
CF – Lee (57), Perkins (42), Martin (12), Heath (5), Downes (1)
RF – Peterson (55), Heath (23), Martin (18), Lee (9), Hicklen (9), Downes (1), Vizcaino (1),
DH – Vallot (30), Nunez (15), Burt (12), Vizcaino (11), Vitoria (11), Fernandez (9), Cancel (8), Rivera (7), Lee (5), Downes (2), Peterson (2), Perkins (2), Heath (1), Jones (1), Hicklen (1)

2018 Games Started by Batting Order

1) – Perkins (44), Heath (29), Martin (25), Peterson (11), Burt (7)
2) – Burt (68), Cancel (31), Heath (6), Martin (3), Hicklen (3), Castellano (2), Lee (1), Vizcaino (1)
3) – Lee (70), Cancel (33), Burt (8), Rivera (4), Peterson (2)
4) – Rivera (70), Cancel (22), Peterson (9), Jones (5), Downes (4), Fernandez (3), Vitoria (2), DeVito (1), Vallot (1)
5) – Vitoria (33), Peterson (20), DeVito (19), Jones (15), Fernandez (11), Downes (9), Cancel (3), Vallot (3), Rivera (3), Hicklen (1)
6) – Vitoria (30), Vallot (22), Jones (20), Fernandez (15), DeVito (9), Heath (7), Hicklen (6), Vizcaino (5), Cancel (1), Nunez (1)
7) – Vitoria (20), Martin (18), DeVito (17), Vallot (12), Vizcaino (10), Cancel (8), Esposito (6), Castellano (6), Hicklen (5), Fernandez (4), Heath (4), Jones (3), Brontsema (2), Nunez (2)
8) – Vizcaino (21), Peterson (17), DeVito (17), Nunez (17), Castellano (9), Martin (9), Esposito (7), Vallot (6), Hicklen (5), Heath (3), Vitoria (2), Fernandez (2), Burt (1), Brontsema (1), Cancel (1)
9) – Castellano (79), Vizcaino (13), Nunez (13), Burt (5), Peterson (2), Heath (2), Brontsema (1), Martin (1), Esposito (1)

Wilmington Blue Rocks 2018 Notes Continued

Blue Rocks Pitching Breakdown

	W-L	Sv.	ERA	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR
Starters	32-42	0	4.46	609.2	660	342	302	262	416	53
Relievers	28-15	39	3.80	384.0	368	186	162	172	338	29
Totals	60-57	39	4.20	993.2	1028	528	464	434	754	82

Wilmington Starts of 7+ Innings (23 in 2017, 14 in 2016)

Pitcher	IP	Date	Opponent	Dec.	Game Result
1) Gerson Garabito	7.0	5/6	vs. Frederick	ND	WIL lost 3-2
2) Jace Vines	7.0	5/16	vs. Myrtle Beach (G2)	W	WIL won 3-1
3) Anthony Bender	7.0	5/22	@ Potomac	ND	WIL won 7-4
4) Jace Vines	7.0	5/27	vs. Salem	L	WIL lost 7-2
5) Gerson Garabito	7.0	5/29	vs. Frederick	L	WIL lost 2-1
6) Jace Vines	7.0	6/1	@ Salem	L	WIL lost 4-2
7) Anthony Bender	7.0	6/7	vs. Lynchburg	W	WIL won 7-4
8) Ofreidy Gomez	7.0	6/8	vs. Lynchburg	L	WIL lost 3-2
9) Anthony Bender	7.0	6/13	@ Down East	W	WIL won 2-1
10) Gerson Garabito	7.0	6/28	vs. Lynchburg	W	WIL won 9-2
11) Jace Vines	7.0	7/1	vs. Lynchburg	W	WIL won 4-3
12) Nolan Watson	7.0	7/10	@ Frederick	W	WIL won 8-3
13) Gerson Garabito	7.0	7/15	vs. Salem	ND	WIL lost, 7-4
14) Nolan Watson	7.0	7/16	vs. Salem	W	WIL won 5-2
15) Gerson Garabito	7.0	7/22	@ Frederick (G1)	W	WIL, won 8-1
16) Nolan Watson	7.0	7/23	@ Frederick (G1)	W	WIL won, 8-0
17) Ofreidy Gomez	7.0	8/1	@ Buires Creek	ND	WIL won 2-1

Inherited Runners/Scored

Pitcher	Runners		Pct.
	Inherited	Runs Allowed	
Becker	1	1	1.000
Beckwith	1	1	1.000
Bender	7	2	.286
Brickhouse	8	1	.125
Camp	6	2	.333
Castillo	7	2	.286
Condra-Bogan	2	2	1.000
Gavin	5	0	.000
Gomez			
Hernandez			
Hope	3	1	.333
Mitchell	6	1	.167
Pinto	3	1	.333
Ray	4	1	.250
Ruxer	3	0	.000
Sheller	7	1	.143
Tatum	16	6	.375
Wynne	8	2	.250
Zuber	9	0	.000
Totals	97	24	.247

Starter Breakdown

Starter	Starts	WIL Rec.	No-Dec.	Rec.	Longest Outing
Cristian Castillo	9	4-5	3	1-5	6.0 IP (2x) Last: @ CAR 5/13
Jace Vines	17	7-10	7	2-8	7.0 IP (4x) Last: vs. LYN 7/1
Ofreidy Gomez	17	8-9	4	4-9	7.0 IP (2x) Last: @ BC 8/1
Gerson Garabito	21	8-13	9	6-6	7.0 IP (5x) Last: @ FRE 7/22 (G1)
Arnaldo Hernandez	12	7-5	2	6-4	6.1 IP vs. SAL 5/25
Anthony Bender	9	6-3	3	5-2	7.0 IP (3x) Last: @ DE 6/13
Daniel Tillo	15	8-6	11	2-1	6.0 IP (3x) Last: vs. FRE 8/4
Nolan Watson	9	7-2	1	6-2	7.0 IP (3x) @ FRE 7/23 (G1)
Andres Sotillet	6	3-3	1	2-3	6.2 IP @ LYN (G1) 7/19
Carter Hope	2	1-1	1	0-1	4.0 IP vs. SAL 7/25

Catchers Totals

Catcher	CS	Att.	Pct.	PB
Esposito	4	13	.308	4
Fernandez	8	25	.320	0
Vallot	2	10	.200	3
Viloria	32	82	.390	5
Totals	46	130	.354	12

Pickoffs

Pitchers	#	Last Time
Bender		
Brickhouse		
Camp		
Castillo	2	6/16 @ W-S
Garabito		
Gavin		
Gomez		
Hernandez	2	6/10 vs. FRE
Hope	2	7/4 @ LYN
Mitchell		
Pinto	1	6/15 @ W-S
Ruxer		
Sheller		
Tillo	1	7/28 vs. BC (G2)
Vines		
Watson		
Wynne		
Zuber		

Blue Rocks Hitting Breakdown

Month-by-Month Team Hitting

Month	G	Rec	Avg	AB	H	R	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	K	SB/ATT
April	23	11-12	.224	736	165	93	29	4	15	88	104	214	37/10
May	30	10-20	.243	953	232	117	51	7	13	106	120	210	20/15
June	26	15-11	.252	791	199	119	36	6	11	108	98	218	37/12
July	28	19-9	.272	894	243	151	42	4	14	133	113	225	39/14
August	10	5-5	.232	323	75	32	15	1	4	31	22	85	20/3
September													

Scoring by Inning

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13+	Total
Blue Rocks	61	73	54	51	50	53	53	45	42	6	3	3	2	512
Opponents	64	41	88	65	70	60	53	47	28	8	3	1	0	527

Wilmington Blue Rocks 2018 Notes Continued

Home Run Breakdown (With Wilmington)

Player	Total	Home	Road	Solo	2R	3R	GS	Last HR	Opposing Pitcher/Inn.	Games Since
John Brontsema	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8/22/17	Matthew Grimes (FRE)/2nd	13
D.J. Burt	2	0	2	1	1	0	0	7/18/18	Tanner Tully (LYN)/1st	21
Gabriel Cancel	8	2	6	3	3	1	1	7/23/18	Matt Trowbridge (FRE)/7th	17
Angelo Castellano	2	0	2	1	1	0	0	8/8/18	Daniel Gonzalez (SAL)/9th	3
Brandon Downes	2	2	0	0	1	1	0	4/29/18	Bernardo Flores (W-S)/3rd	8
Chris DeVito	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	5/19/18	Algenis Martinez (SAL)/9th	30
Nate Esposito	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8/12/16	Edrick Agosto (Princeton)/3rd	83
Xavier Fernandez	2	0	2	2	0	0	0	5/10/18	Trey Supak (CAR) / 2nd	19
Travis Jones	2	1	1	1	1	0	0	8/8/18	Daniel Gonzalez (SAL) /8th	2
Nick Heath	2	1	1	1	1	0	0	7/10/18	Chris Tillman (FRE)/1st	5
Brewer Hicklen	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	8/10/18	Tyler Peyton (MB)/9th	-
Khalil Lee	4	3	1	2	1	1	0	6/7/18	Tanner Tully (LYN)/3rd	15
Rudy Martin	3	2	1	2	1	0	0	7/28/18	Cristain Javier (BC)/6th	8
Oliver Nunez	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	5/24/18	Matthew Crownover (POT)/1st	29
Blake Perkins	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	7/11/18	Zac Lowther (FRE) /5th	24
Kort Peterson	8	5	3	1	6	1	0	6/9/18	Cristian Alvarado (FRE)/5th	8
Emmanuel Rivera	5	1	4	3	0	2	0	7/20/18	Zach Plesac (LYN)/5th	18
Chase Vallot	6	1	5	3	1	1	1	5/29/18	Alex Wells (FRE)/2nd	15
Meibrys Viloría	6	2	4	1	3	1	1	8/10/18	Cory Abbott (MB)/2nd	-
Vance Vizcaino	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	6/1/18	Algenis Martinez (SAL)/9th	40

Multi-Hit Games (With Wilmington)

Player	Total	2	3	4	5	6+
John Brontsema	1	1	0	0	0	0
D.J. Burt	29	25	4	0	0	0
Gabriel Cancel	29	20	9	0	0	0
Angelo Castellano	15	11	4	0	0	0
Chris DeVito	8	7	0	1	0	0
Brandon Downes	3	2	1	0	0	0
Nate Esposito	2	2	0	0	0	0
Xavier Fernandez	9	8	1	0	0	0
Nick Heath	13	6	6	1	0	0
Brewer Hicklen	4	4	0	0	0	0
Travis Jones	8	7	1	0	0	0
Khalil Lee	19	17	2	0	0	0
Rudy Martin	7	6	1	0	0	0
Oliver Nunez	3	1	2	0	0	0
Blake Perkins	11	9	0	2	0	0
Kort Peterson	15	11	3	1	0	0
Emmanuel Rivera	22	17	3	2	0	0
Chase Vallot	2	2	0	0	0	0
Meibrys Viloría	19	15	4	0	0	0
Vance Vizcaino	10	9	1	0	0	0

Multi-RBI Games (With Wilmington)

Player	Total	2	3	4	5	6+
John Brontsema	0	0	0	0	0	0
D.J. Burt	10	9	1	0	0	0
Gabriel Cancel	18	9	8	1	0	0
Angelo Castellano	5	3	2	0	0	0
Chris DeVito	3	3	0	0	0	0
Brandon Downes	4	3	1	0	0	0
Nate Esposito	1	0	1	0	0	0
Xavier Fernandez	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nick Heath	4	4	0	0	0	0
Brewer Hicklen	0	0	0	0	0	0
Travis Jones	1	1	0	0	0	0
Khalil Lee	10	7	3	0	0	0
Rudy Martin	5	3	1	0	1	0
Oliver Nunez	2	2	0	0	0	0
Blake Perkins	3	2	1	0	0	0
Kort Peterson	10	9	0	0	1	0
Emmanuel Rivera	12	6	4	2	0	0
Chase Vallot	4	3	0	0	1	0
Meibrys Viloría	13	9	1	3	0	0
Vance Vizcaino	3	3	0	0	0	0

2018 Blue Rocks Pinch Hitters (2017: 5-for-31, 3 RBI, 5BB, 8SO)

Player	Avg.	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SAC/SF	HB	BB	SO
Angelo Castellano*												
Travis Jones	1.000	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0/0	0	0	0

*Pinch hit for Emmanuel Rivera in a 1-2 count and struck out. Strikeout charged to Rivera

BLUE ROCKS HITTERS NOTES

#7 D.J. Burt INF
Ht: 5'9 Wt: 160 Age: 22 B/T: R/R
Lives: Fuqay-Varina, N.C
LG: 1-for-3,RBI Road Trip: 6-for-2L, 4R, RBL,BSO HS/OBS: +4/+4

Notes: Selected in the 4th round of the 2014 June MLB Amateur Draft by Kansas City out of Fuqay-Varina High School. Rated as the 28th-best prospect in the Royals' system per MLB Pipeline.com's mid-season rankings.

2018 Notes: Longest H.S./O.B.S.: +9, (7/7 - 7/19) / +11 (6/22 - 7/4)
 -Named Carolina League mid-season All-Star.
 -Active leader on team and third in the CL in stolen bases (27). Also third in the league in OBP (.383) and sixth in AVG (.298)
 -Hit first home run in 187 games on July 9 at Frederick. (Last HR was on Aug. 10, 2016)
 -Drove in season-high three runs on 5/4 against Frederick.
 -Made his first-career start in the outfield on 4/25 vs. POT (Started in LF) first-career start at third base on May 26 vs. SAL.
 -Has recorded a hit in 68 of 91 games played this season.
 -Tied for first on team with 29 multi-hit games.
 -Had 20 total multi-hit games last season and five games with at least three hits.
 -Has served as utility player, making starts at 2B, SS, 3B and LF this season.

2017 Notes: Spent the season with the Wilmington Blue Rocks and played in 103 games.
 -Was injured in early August and missed rest of the season.
 -Hit .227 with 19 doubles, five triples and drove in 29 RBI.
 -Led the team and finished fifth in the Carolina league with 32 stolen bases.
 -Finished second in organization in stolen base department and fell one shy of being tied for most by a farmhand.
 -Had a 10-game hitting streak from July 3-July 13. Went 11-for-41 during that span.

2016 Notes: Spent the season with the Lexington Legends (Low-A/SAL)
 -Hit .257 with career-highs in home runs (4) and RBI (59) in 125 games.
 -Led the Legends with his 59 RBI and 74 runs scored.
 -Finished tied for second in the South Atlantic League with career-high 43 SB.
 -Had 27 stolen bases through his first two seasons in professional baseball.
 -Finished fourth in SAL with his 74 runs scored.
 -Hit .350/2/10 and stole 11 bases in month of June (22 games) after hitting .189 in May (28 games)

2015 Notes: Spent the season with the Idaho Falls Chukars (Rookie/PIO)
 -Hit .290 with a home run and 28 RBI in 65 games.
 -Ranked among Pioneer League leaders in sacrifice hits (first), runs and walks (third) and triples (tied for third).
 -Reached safely in 59 of his 62 starts with Idaho Falls, including his last 54 starts.
 -Ended the season on an 11-game hitting streak. Carried streak over through first four games with Lexington to set career-high 15 game hitting streak. (8/27/15-4/10/16)
 -Reached safely in 59 of his 62 starts with Idaho Falls, including his last 54 starts.
 -On-base streak of 62 games started on July 12 and went through first eight games with Lexington in 2016 and ended on April 16, 2016.

They said it: (On his style of play)...That's my game, speed and getting on and creating havoc on the bases. I told myself I had two pitches and then I'm out...It took its own form **(on 62-game on-base streak)**. I pretty much just rolled with it. I ended the season in Idaho and pretty much knew about my streak but when I started in Lexington in 2016. I didn't even think about it. **(On what is important to him on the field)** I think defense is the number one key to me. That helps wins games. I know hitting does too but if you have pitching and defense, that can help make a run in the playoffs... **(On players he tries to emulate)** I know Brandon Phillips doesn't really run like that but I compare myself to him. Jose Altuve as well."

#12 Gabriel Cancel INF
Ht: 6'1 Wt: 185 Age: 21 B/T: R/R
Lives: Arecibo, Puerto Rico
LG: 0-for-4SO Road Trip: 5-for-23 2R,2B,2RBI,4SO,SB HS/OBS: -1/1

Notes: Selected in the 7th round of the 2015 June MLB Amateur Draft by Kansas City out of Belen, Hatillo, P.R. Top second base prospect in organization and entered the season ranked No. 22 prospect according to MLB Pipeline.com (Not rated in Top-30 by Baseball America)

2018 Notes: Longest H.S./O.B.S.: +6, (7/11 - 7/16) / +11, (6/12 - 6/26)
 -Had his season-high 11-game on-base streak snapped on 6/27 vs. LYN. Slashed .368/.442/.605
 -Leads team in RBI (70) multi-RBI games (17), and tied for first in multi-hit games (29)
 -Second in the Royals' system in RBI and first amongst active players in the CL.
 -Active team-leader in home runs with eight.
 -Hit first-career Adv. A grand slam in first game of doubleheader at Down East on 6/12.
 -One of three Blue Rocks to hit a grand slam this season (Chase Vallot/Meibry's Vilorio)
 -First three-RBI game of the season on 5/22 @ POT. First since Aug. 16, 2017.
 -Posted first three-hit game of the season on 5/6 vs. FRE (3-for-5, RBI)
 -Activated from the disabled list on 4/26 after suffering a lower body injury on 4/18 vs. CAR.
 -Had first multi-RBI game on 4/16 vs. CAR (2-for-4, 2B, 2RBI)
 -Smacked his first-career Advanced-A home run in his first at-bat of the season @ POT on 4/5.
 -Finished the game 2-for-4 with two runs scored, a home run, RBI and two strikeouts.
 -Has made eight starts at third base this season. It's the first time since 2016 season he's made starts at the position.

2017 Notes: Spent the season with the Lexington Legends (Low-A/South Atlantic League) -Hit .277 with 30 doubles, 14 home runs and 49 RBI in 103 games.
 -He ranked sixth in the league and first among middle infielders with career-high 46 extra-base hits which was fifth most among Royals farmhands.
 -Had 30 multi-hit games including 12 games in which he collected at least three hits.
 -Had his first-career multi-home run game on April 28 vs. Hagerstown. (Two HRs)
 -Homered in back-to-back games three different times: June 22-24, July 9-10 and Aug. 3-5.
 -Named Organization All-Star at second base by MiLB.com.

2016 Notes: Spent the season with the Burlington Royals (Rookie/Appalachian League)
 -Hit a career-best .291 in 46 games to go along with 18 doubles, five homers and 26 RBI. -Ranked among Appalachian League leaders in doubles (tied for second), extra-base hits (24, tied for third) and slugging percentage (.494, fifth).

2015 Notes: Spent the season with the Royals (Rookie/Arizona League) in his pro debut
 -Hit .209 with a pair of homers and 14 RBI in 34 games.
 -Made the transition from shortstop to second base during the season.

#11 Angelo Castellano INF
Ht: 6'0 Wt: 165 Age: 23 B/T: R/R
Lives: San Diego, VZ
LG: 1-for-4, R,SO,SB Road Trip: 6-for-19,2R,2B, HR,3RBI,3SO,SB HS/OBS: +4/+4

Notes: Signed as a non-drafted free agent by Kansas City on July 16, 2011. Was named Dominican Summer League Player of the Year in 2013. Was recipient of 2017 Carlos Fortuna Award which awarded to a player who is dedicated to improving his English, genuine work ethic and conduct. Has versatility in the infield and can play second base, shortstop and third base.

2018 Notes: Longest H.S./O.B.S.: +6 (4/21 - 4/27) / +6, twice, (4/21 - 4/27)
 -Hit first home run in 90 games on 8/8 @ SAL.
 -Broke an 0-for-20 skid with a go-ahead, three-run triple in sixth inning vs. LYN on 6/28.
 -Posted first, three-hit game of the season on 5/11 @ CAR
 -Has had three hitting streaks of at least five games this season.
 -Had six-game hitting streak end on 4/28 vs. W-S. Hit .333 during stretch. (7-for-21, 2R, 2B, 2RBI)
 -Posted first multi-hit game of the season on 4/26 vs. POT.
 -Hit first-career Adv. A home run on 4/9 @ Salem (2-R HR)

2017 Notes: Spent the season with the Lexington Legends (Low-A/South Atlantic League)
 -Hit .245 with eight homers and 43 RBI in 116 games.
 -Ranked in the top-five on the team in multiple categories including walks (2nd, 51), stolen bases (3rd, 19), run scored (3rd, 63), games played (4th, 116) and hits (4th, 106).
 -Had 29 multi-hit games, including a trio of four-hit games.
 -Hit eight home runs in 433 at-bats (51.4 AB/HR) after hitting just two homers in his previous 957 at-bats (478.5 AB/HR).

2016 Notes: Spent the season with the Idaho Falls Chukars (Rookie/Pioneer League)
 -Hit .283 with a pair of homers and 47 RBI in 64 games.
 -Struck out once every 10.50 plate appearances, the fifth-best rate in the league.

They said it: (On playing in most games in career last year)..."It's hard to do it that for the first time. I had to make a lot of adjustments and work every day. It's 140 games which is a lot more than where I was two years ago where I just played in 60 games. It was more of a mental adjustment for me. It's a lot of playing and a lot of games. If you didn't do good one week, you have to keep working. I dealt with my struggles by staying positive, trust in the process and come to work every day...**(On who helped him get through the season)** My hitting coach last year in Lexington really helped me a lot and talked to me a lot. My teammates as well, including (Meibry's) Vilorio also helped me a lot...**(On Winning Carlos Fortuna Award)** That means a lot to me. I knew Carlos Fortuna and he was a great person. The organization recognized me and how I am like him in some ways and that means a lot to me...**(On learning how to speak English)** It's been hard. I didn't know too much when I came to the United States. I try to keep close to the American teammates and talk to them. I don't try to use a lot of translation because the more I talk to people without help, the more I can learn...**(Coming to the United States)** I first came in 2008 with my family and went to Orlando for a week on vacation. We went to Disney World and it was a lot of fun. I came later in 2013 and went to Kansas City because I won the Player of the Year in the Dominican Summer League...**(Culture shock moving to U.S.)** In the Dominican Leagues you are just in the complexes that they have 24/7. Here in the United States, we go to hotels, we can walk to different places, go to dinner and it is a bit of a shock...**(Goals this season)** I just want to keep going and have better numbers and stay healthy. It's a long season and I want to do what I can to help the team win."

#16 Nate Esposito C
Ht: 5'11 Wt: 195 Age: 25 B/T: R/R
Lives: Granite Bay, CA
LG: 1-for-4, RBI, SO Road Trip: 1-for-4, RBI, SO HS/OBS: +1/+2

Notes: Selected in the 33rd round of the 2015 June MLB Amateur Draft by Kansas City out of Concordia University-Portland (Portland, OR). Originally attended Oregon State University in 2012 before transferring.

2018 Notes: Started the season with Double-A Northwest Arkansas.
 -Hit .156 with a pair of doubles and drove in a run in 18 games.
 -Picked up first multi-hit game of the season with WIL on 7-4 @ LYN (2-for-4)
 -Posted three-RBI game in second game of doubleheader at Frederick on 7/23.

2017 Notes: Spent the season with the Blue Rocks.
 -Hit .225 with seven doubles, a triple and drove in 16 runs in 68 games with Wilmington.
 -Rejoined team on 8/2 after playing in four games with Triple-A Omaha.
 -Went 2-for-12 in the four AAA games.
 -Hit second-career triple on 7/26 vs. SAL.
 -Collected his third, three-hit game of the season on 7/17 vs. POT.
 -Had career-high 10-game hitting streak snapped on 6/9 vs. BC.
 -Picked up his first multi-hit game of the season while throwing out a pair of base runners on 4/18 @ SAL.
 -Collected first multi-RBI game of the season on 4/30 @ BC

2016 Notes: Spent the season with the Burlington Royals (Rookie/Appalachian League)
 -Hit .317 with two home runs and 17 RBI in 29 games.
 -Did not commit and error behind the dish. (250 innings)
 -Threw out 28% of would-be base stealers.

2015 Notes: Spent the season with the Royals (Rookie/Arizona League) and hit .250 with five RBI in 27 games. Made just one error behind the plate.

They said it: (Worked on in offseason)"I would say definitely attitude was huge for me. Learning how to take each at-bat at a time and move forward from the negative things and take the positives of each at-bat and that's helped me relax at the plate... **(On driving in seven runs in a game)** No. Absolutely not. I never had seven RBIs before. It was really cool. I guess the coolest thing about it was that I had no idea how many RBIs I had until the game was over and my teammates were telling me. I think that's the only reason why it happened. If I went in to each at-bat saying I already have four, let me get another RBI, it wouldn't have happened for me and messed with my attitude. I don't think it would've been as successful as a game... (On importance of defense behind the plate) I think that's the reason why I'm here. I really pride myself on defense. I try to come out every day to run a pitching staff, keep the ball in front of me and not let runners advance. I think that's what I pride myself on the most... I don't have a specific catcher. I can give you one guy. **(Player grew up idolizing)** I was a big Jorge Posada fan of the New York Yankees. Just the way he was so agile behind the plate and lanky. He wasn't a big stocky dude because I'm not like that either, but I liked the way he moved behind the plate for sure... **(On type of teammate he is in the clubhouse)** Definitely an energizer bunny for these guys, I think I provide a lot of energy on the field, in the bullpen or the clubhouse. Someone that can provide energy day in and day out because we all know the season can get long."

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#34 Brewer Hicklen **OF**
Ht: 6'2 Wt: 208 **Age: 22 B/T: R/R**
Lives: Huntsville, AL
LC: 1for-4,R,SO,2SB **Road Trip: 3for-14,2R,HR,RBI,3SO,SB HS/OBS: +2/+2**

Notes: Drafted in the 7th round of the 2017 June Amateur Draft by Kansas City out of University of Alabama at Birmingham. Was a two-sport athlete at Huntsville High School (AL). Named Louisville Slugger High School All-America Catcher Honorable Mention as a senior. Also played quarterback on the football team. Was a walk-on for the UAB baseball team, missed first season due to a rotator cuff injury and became the highest draft pick in program history when the Royals drafted him as a red-shirt sophomore. Also earned a football scholarship prior to the 2017 season as he was expected to play wide receiver for the Blazers. Rated 21st-best prospect in system according to MLB Pipeline.com's mid-season rankings.

2018 Notes: Longest H.S. / O.B.S.: +9, (5/27 - 6/6) / +11 (7/2 - 7/13)
 -Hit his first-career Advanced-A home run on 8/10 @ MB.
 -Picked up first-career Advanced-A hit in first game of doubleheader on 7/19 @ LYN with an RBI single. Finished the game with two hits.
 -Made Adv. A debut on 7/18 @ LYN (0-for-4, 2SO)
 -Started the with the Lexington Legends (Low-A / South Atlantic League)
 -Hit .290 with 13 home runs and drove in 48 runs in 66 games.
 -Also posted a .353 on-base percentage to go along with a .520 slugging percentage.
 -At the time of his promotion, he led the team in stolen bases with 20 (caught five times)
 -Also ranked second on the team in hits (72), home runs (13), RBI (48), third in runs scored (43) and tied for second in doubles (14).
 -Had 11 multi-RBI games with a five-RBI game coming back on June 10. (2-for-5, 2R, 2HR, 5RBI)
 -Also drove in three or more runs in seven games.

2017 Notes: Made his professional debut with the AZL Royals (Rookie/Arizona League) and finished the season with the Idaho Falls Chukars (Rookie/Pioneer League)
 -Hit a composite .321 with four home runs and 23 RBI in 39 games between the two levels.
 -In his 39 total games, he reached base safely in 36 of them.
 -In the AZL, Hicklen played in 19 games and hit a robust .348 (24-for-69) with six extra-base hits including three home runs and 13 RBI.
 -Posted an impressive .439 on-base percentage and .609 slugging percentage.
 -Also stole 13 bases in 16 tries.
 -Promoted to Idaho Falls in August and hit .299 with a home run and 10 RBI in 20 games.

#19 Travis Jones **INF**
Ht: 6'4 Wt: 195 **Age: 22 B/T: R/R**
Lives: Humble, TX
LC: 0-for-3,R,BB,SO **Road Trip: 4for-15,2R,HR,3RBI,4BB,4SO HS/OBS: -1/+5**

Notes: Drafted in the 29th round of the 2017 June Amateur Draft by Kansas City out of the University of Texas. In his junior year, he hit .253/.393/.401 with 23 extra-base hits and 32 RBI in a team-high 63 games. Earned the first James and Huston Street Longhorn Award which is given to the player who most embodies what it means to be a Longhorn through leadership, selflessness and integrity both on and off the field.

2018 Notes: Longest H.S. / O.B.S.: +10, (5/11 - 5/22) / +12 (5/11-5/24)
 -Has reached base in 36 of his first 44 games since joining Wilmington and has an OBP% of .429.
 -Hit first-career, Advanced-A home run on July 25 against Salem and second homer with WIL also against the Red Sox on August 8.
 -Has played first base, third base and left field with the Blue Rocks.
 -Made his Wilmington debut on June 21 at Potomac.
 -Went 1-for-3 with a walk, strikeout and stole a base.
 -Started the season with the Lexington Legends (Low-A/South Atlantic League)
 -Hit .285 with five home runs and 32 RBI in 62 games.
 -Led the Legends in batting average, hits (65), doubles (13), stolen bases (14), second in runs scored (41) and tied for second in RBI (32).
 -Fourth in the Royals' organization in stolen bases with 22.
 -Posted 18 multi-hit games with Lexington.
 -Started the year with a seven-game hitting streak and has had three different hitting streaks span at least seven games including a 10-game hit streak from May 11-22 (.415/.489/.634)

2017 Notes: Spent the season between the Surprise Royals (Rookie/Arizona League), Burlington Royals (Rookie/Appalachian League) and Idaho Falls Chukars (Rookie/Pioneer League).
 -Turned in an impressive professional debut season and slashed a composite .364/.445/.541 in 58 total games between the three stops.
 -Played in just nine games in the Arizona League and hit .485 (16-for-33) with six RBI.
 -Played in seven games with Burlington and hit .391 (9-for-23) with four RBI.
 -Spent majority of the season with Idaho Falls and in 42 games hit .335 with four home runs and drove in 42 RBI.
 -Smacked 15 doubles, three triples in addition to stealing 20 bases.
 -He started his pro career reaching in 20 of his first 22 games.
 -Ranked first among Royals farmhands in average (.364), on-base percentage (.445), and second in slugging percentage (.541).
 -Also ranked sixth with 24 stolen bases despite not making his debut until June 25.

#4 Rudy Martin **OF**
Ht: 5'7 Wt: 155 **Age: 22 B/T: L/L**
Lives: Olive Branch, MS
LC: 0for-1 **Road Trip: 5for-16, 2R,22B,RBI,BB,6SO,SB HS/OBS: -2/-1**

Notes: Drafted in the 25th round of the 2014 June Amateur Draft by Kansas City from Lewisburg High School. Won 4A State Championship his junior year. Has 70 career stolen bases and has been caught just 11 times.

2018 Notes: Longest H.S./O.B.S.: +9 (4/24 - 6/27) / +10, twice (4-24 - 6/28 & 7/20 - 8/4)
 -Rejoined team on June 26 after missing time since May 2 due to injury.
 -Had season-high 10-game on-base streak come to an end on 6/30 vs. W-SO. Hit .278 (10-for-36) with eight runs scored, a triple, RBI and three walks during the streak.
 -Fell HR shy of cycle on 4/19 @ FRE (3-for-5, 3R, 2B, 3B, 5RBI, 2SB)
 -Hit first Adv. A home run to break up LYN starter Zach Plesac no-hit bid in the sixth inning on 4/12.
 -Has stolen 21 bases in 55 games played and is fourth on the team in stolen bases.
 -At time of injury, he was tied for first in all of MiLB in stolen bases.
 -Has stolen multiple bases in three games this season and at least one base in 18 of 55 games.
 -Last season, had six games where he stole 2+ bases. (Played in 37 total games last season)

2017 Notes: Spent the season with the Lexington Legends (Low-A/South Atlantic League)
 -Played in 37 games before missing rest of the season due to injury.
 -He hit .277 with a pair of homers and 19 RBI during that span.
 -Led the team with an impressive 26 stolen bases in 30 attempts.
 -Had six multi-stolen base games, including July 4 when he stole swiped three bags.
 -Finished fourth overall in stolen bases in entire farm system.
 -Earned Willie Wilson Base Runner of the Year Award for organization's top base runner.

2016 Notes: Spent the season with the Royals (Rookie/Arizona League) and Idaho Falls Chukars (Rookie/Pioneer League).
 -Started the season with a 12-game hitting streak in both AZL and Pioneer League.
 -In the Arizona League, Martin played in just five games and went 5-for-16 (.313).
 -With the Chukars, he hit .244 with two homers and 14 RBI in 41 games.
 -He stole 19 bases in 22 attempts.

2015 Notes: Spent the season with the Royals (Rookie/Arizona League) and the Idaho Falls Chukars.
 -Had a tremendous professional debut in the Arizona League and hit to the tune of .338 with six doubles, nine triples and one home run in 40 games.
 -He was the Surprise Player of the Year, ranking among Arizona League leaders in on-base percentage (.477, first), triples (tied for first), runs (41, tied for first), walks (34, tied for first), slugging percentage (.541, second) and batting average (.404, fourth).
 -He also reached safely in 26 consecutive games (July 24-Aug.28), the second-longest streak in the AZL.
 -Named Arizona League postseason All-Star.

They Said It: On his goals at the plate... "I really just want to get on base and keep my on-base percentage high. I know my teammates will do their job and drive me in. As long as I get on, I can do my job steal second or third, or even if I don't steal a base, I feel they can drive me in from first base...**(On his great success at stealing bases)** "We really worked on it at Spring Training. We harp on keying on what certain pitchers do, studying them and the game so it could help me during the season. I might notice that a pitcher has a quick pickoff move, but he's slow to home. So things like that help me. Stealing bases is what I have to do...**(Player he tries to emulate)** "A guy I look at now is Mookie Betts. He doesn't strikeout a lot, he can steal bases, he's not the biggest guy and he plays hard every day...**(On dealing with injuries past two seasons)** "The year before last I broke my hamate bone and that was in Spring Training. That was pretty frustrating because I couldn't get a chance to go to a full-season club and show what I could do. I overcame that and then last season, I suffered the face injury when I ran into **Gabriel Cancel**, our second baseman. I was having decent years, but I have good teammates and they have helped me overcome those injuries. If a play like that happens (collision with Cancel) again, I still won't think twice about going for the ball.

#6 Oliver Nunez **INF**
Ht: 5'10 Wt: 170 **Age: 23 B/T: S/R**
Lives: Bani, D.R.
LC: 3for-4,2R,RBI,3SB **Road Trip: 3for-4,2R,RBI,3SB HS/OBS: +3/+3**

Notes: Signed by the Kansas City Royals as an international free agent on December, 10, 2013

2018 Notes: Longest H.S. / O.B.S. : +5 (5/20 - 5/29) / +5 (5/20 - 5/29)
 -Went 3-for-4 with two runs scored and stole three bases on 8/12 @MB.
 -Hit his first-career HR as a Blue Rock on 5/24 @ POT(Solo HR)
 -Picked up first-career Adv. A hit with an RBI single in second game of doubleheader @ SAL on 5/20.
 -Made Advanced-A debut on 5/11 @ CAR (0-for-4, SO)
 -Drove in first run as a Blue Rock in second game of doubleheader against Myrtle Beach.
 -Started the season with the Lexington Legends (Low-A/South Atlantic League)
 -In 19 games, he hit .219 (14-for-64) with a pair of doubles, one triple, three RBI, walked four times and had 16 strikeouts.
 -Stole two bases and did not get caught.

2017 Notes: Spent the season with the Burlington Royals (Rookie/Appalachian League)
 -Put together his best season and hit .321 with two home runs and 20 RBI in 59 games.
 -Had 71 hits during the campaign including 10 doubles and three triples.
 -Stole a career-high 19 bases.
 -Ranked among Appalachian League leaders in stolen bases (second), runs (44, second), and batting average (seventh)
 -Finished second on the team in AVG, tied for fourth in doubles, and seventh in RBI.

2016 Notes: Spent the season with the Surprise Royals (Rookie/Arizona League)
 -In his first season stateside, he hit .273 with four doubles, a triple and drove in nine runs in 27 games.

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#29 Blake Perkins **OF**
Ht: 6'1 Wt: 165 **Age: 21 B/T:S/R**
Lives: Litchfield Park, AZ
LG: 0-for-3, 2BB, 2SO **Road Trip: 2-for-10, R, 4BB, 4SO** **HS/OBS: -1/5**

Notes: Acquired by the Kansas City Royals on June 18, 2018 when the Royals traded Kelvin Herrera to the Washington Nationals for Perkins, third baseman Kelvin Gutierrez and right-handed pitcher Yohanse Moral. Was originally drafted by Washington in second round of the 2015 June Amateur Draft out of Verrado High School in Buckeye, AZ. Received the highest bonus by a Nationals' pick with \$800,000 for his five-tool potential. Was ranked 11th-best prospect in the National's system and is now ranked 15th in the Royals' system per MLB Pipeline.com.

2018 Notes: Longest H.S./O.B.S.: +8 (4/9-4/16) / +17, (7/14 - 8/2)
 -Leads CL and all of Advanced-A in walks (80), runs scored (75)
 -Fourth in the league in stolen bases (24);
 -Picked up four-hit game on 7/19 @ LYN (4-for-5, 2R, 2B)
 -Had a strong debut with WIL on June 21 against former team at POT.
 -Went 2-for-3, with two runs scored, two walks, and stole a base.
 -Posted a season-high 12-game on base streak from June 8-21 (.286/.434/.310)
 -Started the season with the Potomac Nationals.
 -Was one of three players traded from Washington to Kansas City in the Kelvin Herrera trade on June 18.
 -Hit .234 with one home run and 21 RBI with the P-Nats in 65 games.
 -Has stolen 24 bases this season and has been caught seven times.
 -Has 23 multi-hit games this season. (11 with Wilmington)
 -Vs. RHP: .223 / vs. LHP: .273
 -Can play all three outfield spots.
 -Was named the Nationals' Best Defensive outfielder entering this season according to *Baseball America*.

2017 Notes: Spent season with the Hagerstown Suns (Low-A/South Atlantic League)
 -Hit .255 with eight home runs and 48 RBI in 129 games.
 -Also collected five doubles and a triple while drawing 72 walks and stealing 31 bases.
 -Led the South Atlantic League in runs (105) and walks (72) and was named a South Atlantic League All-Star.
 -Made great strides as a converted switch-hitter and showed great progress from the left side after being a natural right-handed hitter.
 -Hit all of his home runs from the left side of the plate.

2016 Notes: Spent the season between both the Hagerstown Suns and Auburn Doubledays (Short-Season/NY-Penn League)
 -Hit a composite .230 with one home run, 18 RBI in 63 games.
 -Spent majority of the season with Auburn and in 56 games hit .233 with seven extra-base hits to go along with 16 RBI.

#26 Emmanuel Rivera **INF**
Ht: 6'2 Wt: 195 **Age: 22 B/T: R/R**
Lives: Mayaguez, Puerto Rico
LG: 1-for-4, R, SO **Road Trip: 5-for-17, 3R, 22B, RBI, 3SO** **HS/OBS: +4/+4**

Notes: Drafted in the 19th Round of the 2015 June Amateur Draft by Kansas City from Interamerican Univ. of Puerto Rico. Ranked 11th-best prospect in system according to MLB.com and also ranked No.27 according to *Baseball America*. Played in his hometown during Puerto Rican Winter League in both 2016-17. His hometown was damaged by Hurricane Irma (Category 5) in which the island is still trying to recover from.

2018 Notes: Longest H.S./O.B.S.: +8 (4/14 - 4/22) / +9 (7/18 - 7/28)
 -In first game back with the team he picked up four hits and drove in three runs on July 7 @ LYN
 -Rejoined team on July 6 after missing over a month due to injury (Last played with WIL on May 25)
 -At the time of injury, he led the team in RBI and tied for first on the team in doubles and hits.
 -Set season-highs in hits (4) and RBI (4) on 5/2 @ POT.
 -Tied for team-lead with two, four-hit games on the season. (5/2 @ POT & 7/7 @ LYN)
 -Tied for second amongst active players on team with five home runs.
 -Posted first three-hit game of the season on 4/26 vs. POT.

2017 Notes: Spent the season with the Lexington Legends (Low-A/South Atlantic League)
 -Won the batting title hitting .310 to go along with 12 homers and 72 RBI in 122 games.
 -Also led the league in hits (144), third in total bases (217), tied for fourth in slugging percentage (.468), and fifth in on-base percentage (.364).
 -Set career-highs with 27 doubles, 12 home runs and his team-leading 72 RBI, which were fourth most by a Royals minor leaguer.
 -Led the team with 37 multi-hit games including a trio of four-hit contests.
 -Hit an impressive .336 against LHP and .301 against RHP.
 -Was named MiLB.com Organizational All-Star and Lexington Player of the Year.

2016 Notes: Spent the season with the Burlington Royals (Rookie/Appalachian League)
 -Hit .249 with 13 doubles, four triples, four homers in addition to 27 RBI in 58 games.

2015 Notes: Spent the season with the Royals (Rookie/Arizona League) and in 38 games hit .174 with five doubles and 14 RBI in his professional debut. He stole a career-high nine bases in 13 attempts.

They said it: (On success in Lexington last season) Just going to the cages every day with my hitting coach in Lexington really helped me. We did a bunch of different drills hitting of the tee and front toss. I continued to work hard every day and it was a good year... **(On bouncing back after tough first two seasons in system)...** The first two seasons in the organization was very hard for me. I never saw pitchers throw 90-94 m.p.h. It took me about a season to get adjusted to that kind of pitching. Last year, I was able to see the pitches better and it was great. It's important to make adjustments and I was late at the plate when I first started and worked on my timing and now I feel comfortable... **(On going through a transition on defense)**...Before I was signed, I played shortstop. After my first practice, the coaches moved me to third base. I played shortstop for five years before joining the Royals. I miss it sometimes. I played it since I was five years old. At third base, the reaction time is the biggest difference from the two positions. It takes a lot of practice to get better with my reaction... **(On coming to the U.S.)**...I came to the U.S. four years ago and the biggest difference was the language. I try to speak English the best I can. My family and friends are still in Puerto Rico and were effected by Hurricane Irma. They had no lights, no gas, no power for months. It was bad. I've talked to my friends and family and they were telling me how bad it was. It's getting better now, but where I grew up, it was hit by the storm. My family still lives in the house I grew up and it was damaged."

#22 Meibrys Vitoria **C**
Ht: 5'11 Wt: 220 **Age: 21 B/T:L/R**
Lives: Cartagena, Columbia
LG: 2-for-4, R, 2B, HR, 4RBI, SO **Road Trip: 5-for-17, 2R, 22B, HR, 6RBI, 6SO** **HS/OBS: +3/+3**

Notes: Signed as non-drafted Free Agent by Kansas City on July 2, 2013. Enters this season Rated as the 18th-best prospect according to MLB.com and 24th-best prospect in the organization per *Baseball America* and only player on Blue Rocks roster on Royals' 40-man roster. Was on the 2017 Columbia WBC Team Roster. Can speak both English and Spanish and hails from same city as Atlanta Braves pitcher Julio Teheran and Reds outfielder Dilson Herrera. Was a shortstop when the Royals first saw him play.

2018 Notes: Longest H.S./O.B.S.: +7 (7/16 - 7/28) / +13 (5/19 - 6/7)
 -Had season-high seven-game hitting streak come to an end on 7/28. Hit .458 (11-for-24) during the stretch.
 -Smacked second-career grand slam on June 24 at Potomac against big-league rehabber Jeremy Hellickson.
 -Hit go-ahead two-run single in bottom of the sixth in game two of doubleheader against LYN on 6/6.
 -Had his 13-game on-base streak snapped on 6/7 vs. LYN.
 -Posted fifth-career, four-RBI game on 8/10 @ MB.
 -Posted first, three-hit game of the season on 4/19 @ FRE (3-for-6, 2R, 22B, RBI).
 -Hit first homer of the season on 4/14 vs. LYN. (Game-Tying 2-R HR in 7th)
 -Recorded first multi-hit game of the season in the same game (2-for-4 with 2B and HR.)
 -Has 20 multi-hit games this season.

2017 Notes: Spent the season with the Lexington Legends (Low-A/South Atlantic League)
 -Was one of the youngest catchers in the circuit at just 20-years-old.
 -He hit .259 with 25 doubles, eight homers and 52 RBI in a career-high 101 games.
 -He finished third on the team in doubles, RBI and fifth in hits (94).
 -Ranked second among South Atlantic League catchers in doubles (25) and RBI (52)
 -Also led the league's catchers in runners caught stealing (45) and percentage (.398)
 -After struggling in the first half, batted .287/.333/.425 (48-for-167) after the All-Star break, including .312 (24-for-77) with six doubles, two homers and 15 RBI from Aug. 1 to the end of the season (22 games).

2016 Notes: Spent the season with the Idaho Falls Chukars (Rookie/Pioneer League)
 -Put together his best pro season and hit .376 with 28 doubles, three triples, six homers and 55 RBI in 58 games.
 -Had a league-best 20-game hitting streak (July 7- Aug. 7) to help earn him MLB.com Pioneer League Player of the Month for July.
 -Was a mid-season All-star, led the Pioneer League in hitting and earned MVP honors in the league and Idaho Falls Player of the Year.
 -Behind the plate, he threw out 34% of base stealers.

2015 Notes: Spent the season with the Burlington Royals (Rookie/Appalachian League)
 -Hit .260 in 45 games with no 39 hits, all being singles.

They Said It: (Thoughts on last season) "It was a long season last year. I tried to go out and play hard every night. I started out struggling, but I worked with my hitting coach and it helped me a lot. I watched a lot of video on my swing to watch my mechanics. I hit with a leg kick which is more difficult. If you don't have your timing down with a leg kick, you don't have a chance. I had to make adjustments mentally during the first month of the season. If you aren't strong mentally, you can't play this game... **(On feeling pressure as one of the youngest player in the SAL)** I felt pressure being in A-ball for the first time in my career. I just wanted to go out and just play. I wanted to just play my game and put the ball in play... **(Lifestyle in Columbia)** It's too hot. Where I'm from in Cartagena it is really hot. We have everything though. We have a lot of beaches and lakes and it's fun. I miss the food the most, especially the fish. I miss my family too.

#15 Vance Vizcaino **OF**
Ht: 6'1 Wt: 200 **Age: 24 B/T: L/R**
Lives: Wake Forest, N.C.
LG: 1-for-4, SO **Road Trip: 1-for-4, SO** **HS/OBS: +1/+2**

Notes: Drafted in the 11th round of the 2016 June Amateur Draft out of Stetson University by the Kansas City Royals. Was drafted out of Wakefield High School (N.C.) by the New York Mets in the 31st round of the 2012 Draft but did not sign. In 2013, he attended the University of Tennessee. Kansas City drafted him in the 29th round in 2014 despite him taking the season off. In 2015 attended Stetson University, where he matched a school record with five stolen bases in a game and finished eighth in the Atlantic Sun Conference with a .341 batting average. Was selected by the Arizona Diamondbacks in the 31st round that year but did not sign. Son of Junior Vizcaino, a former national scouting supervisor for the Royals, who played five seasons in the Pittsburgh organization.

2018 Notes: Longest H.S./O.B.S.: +10 (5/26 - 6/13) / +13 (5/26 - 6/17)
 -Had his 13-game on-base streak snapped on June 17.
 -Slashed .388/.400/.490 during the streak.
 -Hit first-career Advanced-A home run on 6/1 at Salem in first three-hit game as a Blue Rock (3-for-4, R, 2B, HR, RBI)
 -Turned in first multi-hit game of the season on 5/26 vs. SAL (2-for-4, SO)
 -Picked up his first-career Advanced-A hit on 5/10 @ Carolina
 -Made Wilmington debut on 5/6 vs. FRE (0-for-3, BB, SO)
 -Started the season with the Lexington Legends (Low-A / South Atlantic League)
 -Played in 16 games with the Legends and hit .192 (10-for-52) with seven runs scored, two doubles, a triple, a home run, six RBI, eight walks and struck out 10 times.
 -Stole one base in three attempts.
 -Had an on-base percentage of .311

2017 Notes: Spent the year between Lexington and the Idaho Falls Chukars (Rookie/ Pioneer League)
 -Started the season with the Chukars and hit .287 with two homers and 16 RBI in 22 games.
 -Also scored 17 runs, had five doubles, two triples, seven walks and 20 strikeouts. Posted a .344 OBP%
 -Promoted to Lexington on July 15 and finished the season with the team.
 -Hit .315 with nine doubles and 14 RBI in 42 games.
 -Has 47 hits in 42 games and scored 22 runs.
 -Stole a career-best 21 bases between the two levels.

2016 Notes: Made his professional debut with the Burlington Royals (Rookie/Appalachian League)
 -Part of team that won a Division title and made it to the championship series. (Burlington lost to Johnson City 2-0 in the finals)
 -Played in 53 games and hit .265 with five doubles, a pair of triples, 11 RBI and stole 16 bases.
 -Finished second on team in stolen bases (Nicky Lopez, 2017 Blue Rock led team with 24)
 -Scored 25 runs and had 49 total hits.

BLUE ROCKS BULLPEN NOTES

#37 Anthony Bender RHP
Ht: 6'4 Wt: 205 Age: 23 B/T: R/R
Lives: Petaluma, CA
Last App: 8/8 @SAL, 2.0 IP, 3K Record: 6-2 SV: 01 IR/IRS: 7/2

Notes: A hard-throwing righty, Bender was selected by the Kansas City Royals in the 20th round of the 2016 Draft out of Santa Rosa Junior College where he started as a shortstop and moved around the diamond in addition to being a pitcher for the team.

Pitch Repertoire: Fastball, Curveball, Slider, Changeup

2018 Notes: vs. LHB: .281 / vs. RHB: .237
 -Earned sixth win of the season on 7/23 @ FRE in game two of doubleheader. (Leads active pitchers).
 -Rejoined the team from the disabled list on 7/13.
 -Has spent the season with the Blue Rocks as both a starter and reliever.
 -Started the year piggybacking with starting pitcher Ofreidy Gomez.
 -On the season, Bender is 5-2 with a 4.37 ERA in 15 outings including nine starts.
 -As a starter, Bender is 3-2 with a 4.20 ERA in nine starts.
 -49.1 IP, 47H, 24R/23 ER, 24BB, 16K, .261 BAA
 -Coming out of the bullpen, the righty is 3-1 with a 3.55 ERA in 14 relief appearances.
 -33.0 IP, 32H, 15R/13ER, 10BB, 28K, .250 BAA.
 -Turned in a fantastic month of June when he went a perfect 4-0 with a 2.42 ERA in five outings with three of them being starts.

2017 Notes: Spent the majority of the season with Low-A Lexington and made a spot start with Wilmington.
 -Went 5-5 with a 3.93 ERA in 23 total appearances including eight starts with Lexington.
 -Worked 73.1 innings, allowed 69 hits, 35 runs (32 earned) walked 20 and struck out 74.
 -Earned four saves in five opportunities.
 -Opponents hit .246 against him.
 -Made a start with Wilmington on the last day of the season against Lynchburg.
 -Suffered the loss and worked four innings, allowed three runs (two earned) on five hits.

2016 Notes: Made his professional debut with the AZL Royals.
 -Posted a 2-0 record with a 3.03 ERA in nine games with five being starts.
 -Also earned two saves in as many opportunities.
 -Worked 32.2 innings, allowed 31 hits, 15 runs (11 earned) walked four and struck out 32.

Career Notes: In his third season with the Royals' organization and is 13-9 with a 3.79 ERA in 56 total appearances with 23 being starts.
 -Also seven of eight in save opportunities.
 -Logged 192.1 innings, 184 hits, 92 runs (81 earned), walked 60 and struck out 153.
 -Opponents hitting .249 against him.

#39 Andrew Beckwith RHP
Ht: 6'0 Wt: 180 Age: 23 B/T: R/R
Lives: Blythewood, S.C.
Last App: 8/10 @MB, 2.0 IP, H, 0R, 4K Record: 1-0 SV: 00 IR/IRS: 1/1

Notes: Beckwith was selected by the Kansas City Royals in the 32nd round of the 2017 Draft out of Coastal Carolina where as a freshman he set a Division I era record with a 1.33 ERA in a team-high 29 appearances. IN 2016, he paced the entire nation in wins, going an impressive 15-1 with a sterling 1.85 ERA in 26 appearances. Named the College World Series' Most Outstanding Player that season after going 3-0 (two complete games) with a 0.76 ERA. Was one of 55 players on the Golden Spikes Award Watch List which goes to the country's top amateur player.

Pitch Repertoire: Fastball, Slider, Changeup

2018 Notes: vs. LHB: .300 / vs. RHB: .385
 -Earned his first-career Advanced-A win in his debut with WIL on 7/24 vs. SAL. (2.0 IP, H, 0R, 3K)
 -Started the season with the Lexington Legends (Low-A/South Atlantic League)
 -Posted a 3-1 record with a 1.84 ERA in 25 relief appearances.
 -Logged 49.0 innings, allowed 33 hits, 17 runs (10 earned), walked 13 and struck out 43.
 -Held opponents to .192 BAA.
 -At time of promotion he was third in the South Atlantic League in lowest batting average against and ranked first on the Legends in ERA, appearances, and eighth in strikeouts.
 -Allowed two earned runs or less in every relief appearance. (two earned runs once, one earned run eight times and did not allow a run in 15).

2017 Notes: Made his professional debut with the Surprise Royals (Rookie/Arizona League) before finishing the season in Idaho Falls (Rookie/Pioneer League).
 -Made just three appearances with the Surprise Royals and went 0-0 with a 10.13 ERA in just 2.2 innings of work.
 -With the Chukars, he posted an 1-0 record with a 2.55 ERA in 13 appearances and earned four saves in five chances.
 -24.2 IP, 27H, 7R/7ER, 8BB, 30K, .281 BAA.

Career Notes: In his career, Beckwith is 5-1 with a 2.20 ERA in 46 appearances.
 -He is 6-for-8 in save opportunities.
 -82.0 IP, 73H, 27R/20ER, 23BB, 82K, .240 BAA.

#38 Bryan Brickhouse RHP
Ht: 6'0 Wt: 195 Age: 26 B/T: R/R
Lives: The Woodlands, TX
Last App: 8/9 @SAL, IP, K Record: 1-0 SV: 12/12 IR/IRS: 8/1

Notes: Drafted in the 3rd round of the 2011 Amateur Draft by Kansas City out of The Woodlands High School. Bypassed an opportunity to pitch at UNC. Was high school teammates with Pirates pitcher Jameson Taillon, the second overall pick in the 2010 draft. Brickhouse was named All-Greater Houston Pitcher of the Year in high school. In his senior year, he went 7-2 with a 1.08 ERA and 129 strikeouts in 72 innings, helping his stock rise. He features a fastball that can touch upper 90's. His grandfather Norman, was a catcher at North Carolina State.

Pitch Repertoire: 4-seam Fastball, 2-seam Fastball, Slider and Changeup

2018 Notes: vs. LHB: .031 / vs. RHB: .116 (With Wilmington)
 -With Double-A Northwest Arkansas he went 0-5 with an 11.81 ERA in 11 relief appearances.
 -10.2 IP, 18H, 18R/14ER, 12BB, 11K, .353 BAA.
 -Started the season with Wilmington and became one of the best relievers in the league.
 -Was a Carolina League All-Star and went 1-0 with a 2.01 ERA in 19 appearances.
 -At time of promotion led the CL with 12 saves in as many opportunities.
 -Fourth save came on 4/28 vs. W-S where he left the tying-runs on base.
 -Picked up third save on 4/20 @ FRE. Stranded tying-runs on base in 9th.
 -Earned first-career save on 4/7 @POT. It was first game he pitched in since 9/3/15.

2017 Notes: Did not pitch due to injury.

2016 Notes: Did not pitch due to injury.

2015 Notes: Spent the season with the Royals (Rookie/Arizona League) and Idaho Falls Chukars (Rookie/Pioneer League).
 -Posted a composite 2.93 ERA in seven starts between the two stops in just 15.1 innings of work.
 -He missed most of the season and needed Tommy John surgery.
 -In the short sample size, the righty struck out 13 batters and walked 11 and allowed five earned runs.

2014 Notes: Spent the season with the Idaho Falls Chukars (Rookie/Pioneer League)
 -Posted a 1-2 record with a 4.88 ERA in nine games including eight starts during a rehab assignment and missed most the season due to injury.
 -Struck out 22 batters and walked 10 while yielding 30 hits in 27.2 innings of work.

2013 Notes: Spent the season with the Kane County Cougars (Low-A/ Midwest League)
 -Went 4-4 with a 2.25 ERA in 11 starts and pitched 60 innings, allowed 54 hits, 20R/15ER, 21 walks and struck out 49 batters.
 -Missed second half of the season with a right elbow strain.

2012 Notes: Spent the season with the Idaho Falls Chukars (Rookie/Pioneer League) and Kane County Cougars.
 -Made just one start with the Chukars and allowed seven earned runs on five hits in 1.2 innings of work.
 -With Kane County, posted a 3-3 record with a 5.61 ERA in 10 starts.
 -In 51.1 innings of work, he allowed 50 hits, 39R/32ER, 23 walks and struck out 40 batters.

Career Notes: Has a 9-14 record with a 4.41 ERA in 69 games including 37 starts.
 -190.0 IP, 173H, 112R/93ER, 96 walks and has 168 strikeouts.
 -Opponents are hitting .238 against him.

#46 Justin Camp RHP
Ht: 5'11 Wt: 230 Age: 25 B/T: R/R
Lives: Decatur, AL
Last App: 8/10 @MB, 3.0 IP, 3H, R/ER, K Record: 2-1 SV: 02 IR/IRS: 6/2

Notes: Drafted in the 37th round of the 2016 June Amateur Draft by Kansas City out of Auburn University. Grew up in an Auburn family and decided to play there. Missed 2012 season due to Tommy John surgery. With Auburn, he served as both a reliever and starter during three different coaching changes. In 2015 he recorded eight saves as the team's closer and the following season paced the staff with 14 starts. In 2015, recorded eight saves as Auburn's closer before leading the team in 2016 with 14 starts.

Pitch Repertoire: Fastball, Slider, Changeup

2018 Notes: vs. LHB: .238 / vs. RHB: .270
 -Earned first-career win on 7/11 @ FRE. (63rd professional appearance)
 -Made an appearance with Triple-A Omaha on July 3. (1.2 IP, H, 0R, 2BB, 4K)
 -Leads Wilmington's pitching staff in appearances (31).
 -Has pitched at least two innings or more in 12 relief appearances with Wilmington.
 -Had his 9.1 scoreless innings streak snapped on 8/10 @ MB (allowed an earned run)
 -Has allowed earned runs in just 10 of his 31 relief appearances this season.

2017 Notes: Spent the season with the Lexington Legends (Low-A/ South Atlantic League), Wilmington Blue Rocks and Omaha Storm Chasers (Triple-A/Pacific Coast League).
 -With the Legends, the right-hander made 11 appearances and dominated opposing batters and allowed just an earned run in 26.2 inning of work for a 0.34 ERA.
 -He also struck out 32 batters during that frame of work and just walked six while holding opponents to a .124 batting average.
 -With the Blue Rocks, Camp made 11 appearances and went 0-2 with a 3.63 ERA.
 -Earned first-career Advanced-A save on 8/10 @ DE.
 -Made Class-A Adv. debut on 6/2 @ WS and tossed 1.2 innings, allowed two earned runs on six hits.

2016 Notes: Made professional debut with the Burlington Royals (Rookie/Appalachian League).
 -Posted an 0-3 record but did yield a spectacular 1.85 ERA in 16 appearances.
 -He struck out 32 batters in 34 innings of work while opposing batters hit .252 against him.

Career Notes: In his third season with the Royals' organization and is 2-6 with a respectable 2.66 ERA in 71 relief appearances.
 -He also is 5 of 8 in save opportunities.
 -In 132.0 innings of work he has allowed 113 hits, 49R/39ER, 51 walks and has struck out 112 batters. Opponents are hitting .232 against him.

BLUE ROCKS BULLPEN NOTES

#30 Carter Hope **RHP**
Ht: 6'3 Wt: 195 **Age: 23 B/T: L/R**
Lives: Magnolia, TX
Last App: 8/9 @SAL, W 2.0 IP, 3H, 0R, K Record: 5-3 SV: 3/5 IR/IRS: 3/1

Notes: Drafted in the 3rd round of the 2013 June Amateur Draft by Kansas City out of The Woodlands High School (Texas) where he was named MVP as his team won the Texas 5A Championship. His brother Mason, played three seasons in the Miami Marlins' organization. Attended same high school as fellow Blue Rocks reliever Bryan Brickhouse.

Pitch Repertoire: Fastball, Slider, Changeup

2018 Notes: vs. LHB: .301 / vs. RHB: .311
 -Made second start with WIL on 7/25 vs. SAL. (ND, 4.0 IP, 2ER, 6H, BB, 3K
 -Made first start with the Rocks on 7/19 @ LYN in second game of doubleheader.
 -Suffered the loss and worked two innings. Was first start since 9/5/15 when he was with Idaho Falls. (Rookie)
 -Tossed three scoreless innings of relief on 6/30 against W-S.
 -Earned second save of the season on 6/5 vs. LYN. Second time with WIL he's earned a save going 3+ innings.
 -Notched first save as a Blue Rock on 5/26 vs. SAL (3.0 IP, R, ER, 4K)
 -Earned first-career win in Advanced-A in his debut on 5/4 vs. FRE (2.0IP, H, R, 0ER, K)
 -Started the season with the Lexington Legends (Low-A/South Atlantic League)
 -Made six relief appearances and went 4-0 and earned a save to go with an impressive 1.32 ERA
 -13.2 IP, 6H, 3R/2ER, BB, 16K, .128 BAA.
 -Worked multiple innings in every relief outing with Lexington.
 -At time of promotion, Hope was leading the South Atlantic League in wins (4), had the fourth-lowest batting average against (.128) and the fourth lowest BB/9 ratio (1BB/13IP).

2017 Notes: Spent the season with both the Surprise Royals (Rookie/Arizona League) and Idaho Falls Chukars (Rookie/Pioneer League)
 -Posted a composite 1-0 record with a 4.96 ERA in nine relief appearances.
 -Pitched in 16.1 innings, allowed 24 hits, nine earned runs, one walk, and struck out 11.

2016 Notes: Did not play

2015 Notes: Spent the season between the Surprise Royals and Idaho Falls Chukars.
 -Went a combined 0-3, 6.07 ERA in 14 games including 13 starts.
 -Pitched in 67 innings, allowed 88 hits, 44 earned runs, 13 walks and 33 strikeouts.
 -It was his final season pitching as a starter.

Career Notes: In his career, Hope owns a 11-12 record with a 4.77 ERA in 67 games including 29 starts.
 -He also has earned five saves in seven opportunities.
 -219.0 IP, 262H, 138R/116ER, 15HR, 52BB, 145K.
 -Opponents are hitting .293 against him.

#45 Julio Pinto **RHP**
Ht: 6'3 Wt: 185 **Age: 22 B/T: R/R**
Lives: San Joaquin, VZ
Last App: 8/11 @ MB, SV, IP, H, BB, K Record: 1-3 SV: 9/10 IR/IRS: 3/1

Notes: Signed by the Kansas City Royals as an international free agent on July 7, 2012 at the age of 16-years-old for a reported \$375,000. Was the pitching MVP in the Dominican Prospect League's Perfect Game International Series all-tournament showcase game. Has spent time as both a starter and reliever since joining the organization.

Pitch Repertoire: Fastball, Curveball, Splitter

2018 Notes: vs. LHB: .486 / vs. RHB: .239
 -Left tying-run at third base to earn his ninth save of the season.
 -Seventh save earned in second game of doubleheader at FRE, left tying and winning-runs on base.
 -Picked up sixth save of the season on 7/19 (G1) at LYN and stranded tying runs on base.
 -Earned third save of the season on 6/29 vs. LYN. (IP, 2BB, 2K)
 -Notched second save of the season in dominant fashion on 6/25 vs. LYN and struck out the side in the ninth inning.
 -Earned first-career Adv. A save and just second in overall on 6/6 vs. LYN in game two of doubleheader. (Tossed a scoreless seventh inning and picked up a strikeout)
 -Made Advanced-A debut on 5/24 @ POT (1.2 IP, 2H, 2ER, 3BB, 2K)
 -Snapped a 10.1 scoreless innings streak.
 -Started the season with the Lexington Legends (Low-A / South Atlantic League)
 -Went 2-0 with a 4.86 ERA in 10 relief appearances.
 -16.2 IP, 12H, 9R/9ER, 4HR, 7BB, 21K, .200 BAA.

2017 Notes: Spent the season with Idaho Falls Chukars (Rookie / Pioneer League) and Lexington Legends.
 -Went a composite 4-10 with a 10.97 ERA in 26 appearances including 14 starts.
 -With Idaho Falls, he went 4-8 with a 10.33 ERA in 14 starts.
 -61.0 IP, 91H, 80R/70ER, 47BB, 54K, .338 BAA
 -With the Legends, he posted an 0-2 record with a 13.83 ERA in 12 relief appearances.
 -13.2 IP, 22H, 22R/21ER, 16BB, 14K, .349 BAA.

2016 Notes: Split the season between the Lexington Legends and Surprise Royals (Rookie/Arizona League)
 -Went a combined 2-4 with a 5.67 ERA in 21 games including 15 starts.
 -In his first year in full-season baseball, he went 2-4 with a 5.84 ERA in 16 outings including 11 starts.
 -In the Arizona League, he posted a 4.91 ERA and did not earn a decision in five appearances with four being starts.

Career Notes: In his sixth season in the Royals' system.
 -Has an overall record of 19-25 with a 6.09 ERA in 114 total appearances with 56 being starts.
 -He is 10 for 13 in save opportunities.
 -315.0 IP, 340H, 244R/213ER, 32 HR, 195 BB, 268 K, .278 BAA.

#31 Corey Ray **RHP**
Ht: 6'4 Wt: 195 **Age: 25 B/T: R/R**
Lives: Spring, TX
Last App: 8/11 @ MB, 2.0 IP, 5H, 2K Record: 2-0 SV: 0/1 IR/IRS: 4/1

Notes: Drafted in the 5th round of the 2014 June Amateur Draft by Kansas City out of Texas A&M. Posted a 6-1 record with a 1.91 ERA in 37.2 innings as a junior. Prior to joining the Aggies, Ray attended Klein High School in Spring, Texas, where he helped the school reach consecutive state tournament appearances.

Pitch Repertoire: Fastball, Curveball, Slider, Changeup

2018 Notes: vs. LHB .296 / vs. RHB .265
 -Picked up second win with WIL on 7/25 vs. SAL and tossed two scoreless innings.
 -Earned first win with the Rocks on 7/18 @ LYN (2.0IP, 3H, 2R/2ER, BB, 2K)
 -Started the season with Double-A Northwest Arkansas.
 -Pitched in eight games as a reliever and went 0-1 with a 10.80 ERA before suffering an injury.
 -In 8.1 innings, he allowed 11 runs, 10 earned on 13 hits, walked 11 and struck out eight batters.
 -In his last three relief appearances prior to the injury, he did not allow a run in three innings.
 -In his first five outings, he allowed 10 earned runs in 5.1 innings of work.

2017 Notes: Spent the season with Double-A Northwest Arkansas.
 -With the Naturals, he posted a 6-12 record with a 5.41 ERA in 29 starts.
 -He logged 143 innings, allowed 170 hits, 97R/86ER, 59 walks and struck out 93 batters.
 -Matched former Blue Rock Emilio Ogando for most starts by a Royals farmhand (29) and also tied the Texas League lead, matching former Oakland prospect Heath Fillmyer, who is now in the Royals' organization.
 -Tossed a complete game shutout on June 8 against Springfield. (9IP, four hits, no walks, four strikeouts).

2016 Notes: Spent the season with the both Low-A Lexington and Wilmington.
 -Posted a composite 10-7 record with a 4.07 ERA in 27 starts.
 -With the Blue Rocks he went 8-6 with a 4.13 ERA in 19 starts.
 -In 100.1 innings of work he allowed 97 hits, 58R/46ER, walked 35 and struck out 87 batters.
 -He finished third on the pitching staff in innings pitched and fourth in strikeouts.
 -With Lexington, he went 2-1 with a 3.92 ERA in eight starts and tossed a complete game.
 -He worked 39 innings, allowed 46 hits, 26R/17ER and had a solid strikeout to walk ratio of 32:10.

Career Notes: In his career, Ray is 24-29 with a 4.97 ERA in 112 total appearances including 83 starts.
 -He has logged 463.1 innings, allowed 533 hits, 302R/256ER, walked 183 and has struck out 360 batters.
 -Opponents hitting .289 against him.

#23 Tyler Zuber **RHP**
Ht: 5'11 Wt: 190 **Age: 23 B/T: R/R**
Lives: White Hall, AR
Last App: 8/9 @SAL, SV, IP, 2H, 2K Record: 1-0 SV: 8/10 IR/IRS: 9/0

Notes: Drafted in the sixth round of the 2017 draft by Kansas City out of Arkansas State University. From 2014-17 he racked up 258 strikeouts which ranked second in school history and his 89 appearances rank third. During his junior season in 2017, he led the team with a 2.06 ERA and whiffed 8- batters in just 52.1 innings pitched (13.8 K/9). Became the highest drafted player from Arkansas State.

Pitch Repertoire: Fastball, Curverball, Slider, Changeup

2018 Notes: vs. LHB .350 / vs. RHB .133
 -Left game-tying and game-winning runs in scoring position to earn eighth save at SAL on 8/9
 -Earned sixth save with WIL escaping a bases loaded, one-out jam against Buies Creek.
 -Picked up fifth save on 7/26 vs. SAL. Needed just one pitch and stranded tying and go-ahead runs on base.
 -Notched fourth save with the Blue Rocks on 7/19 and tossed a clean ninth.
 -Picked up third save with the Rocks on 7/16 with a scoreless ninth inning.
 -Earned second save with WIL on 7/7 and struck out the two batters he faced in the bottom of the 13th inning.
 -Earned first-career Advanced-A save on 7/5 @ LYN (Entered with bases loaded and no outs in bottom of ninth and stranded all three runners)
 -Made Advanced-A debut on 7/2 at home against Winston-Salem and tossed a scoreless inning.
 -Started the season Low-A Lexington.
 -Posted a 2-2 record with a 3.10 ERA in 23 appearances.
 -Also went a perfect nine-for-nine in save opportunities.
 -Worked 29 innings, allowed 26 hits, 11R/10ER and had an impressive strikeout to walk ratio of 48 to 4.
 -Led pitching staff in appearances, third in strikeouts (48)

2017 Notes: Spent last season with Low-A Lexington and Rookie Burlington
 -Went a composite 1-0 with a 3.62 ERA in 19 relief appearances.
 -He spent majority of the season with Burlington and made 16 relief appearances and earned six saves.
 -25 innings, 26 hits, 12R/6ER, walked seven and struck out 38 batters.

Career Notes: In his first full-season with the organization after being drafted last season.
 -Owns a 4-3 record with a 3.58 ERA in 56 total relief appearances .
 -He has earned 23 saves in 25 opportunities.
 -70.1 IP, 71H, 36R/28ER, 5HR, 20BB, 98SO, .263 BAA.

Wilmington Blue Rocks 2018 Season Highs & Lows

Blue Rocks Offense

Most Runs, Game: 16, (7/14 vs. SAL)
Most Runs, Inning: 7, 2x (4/19 @ FRE in 4th inning & 6/5 vs. LYN 2nd inning)
Most HRs, Inning (Team): 2, 2x (7/9 @ FRE & 7/23 @ FRE G1)
Most Hits, Game: 20, (7/14 vs. SAL)
Fewest Hits, Game: 1, 2x (5/9 vs. POT & 7/28 vs. BC G2)
Most Walks, Game (Team): 10, (4/7 @ POT)
Most Doubles, Game (Team): 5, (5/2 @ POT)
Most Triples, Game (Team): 2, 2x (5/23 & 5/24 @ POT)
Most HRs, Game (Team): 2, 10x (Last: 8/10 @ MB)
Most SB, Game (Team): 6, (8/11 @ MB)
10 + Hits, Game: 27, (Last: 8/9 @ SAL)
Most Doubles, Game (Indiv.): 2, 13x, (Last: Brewer Hicklen 8/4 G1 vs. FRE)
Most Triples, Game (Indiv.): 1, 14x, (Rudy Martin 8/9 @ SAL)
Most HRs, Game (Indiv.): 2, 2x (Kort Peterson, 4/21 @FRE & Chase Vallot 5/2 @ POT)
Consecutive Games W/HR (Indiv.): 2, (Chase Vallot 5/1 - 5/2 @ POT)
Consecutive Games W/HR (team): 6, (4/9 @SAL - 4/14 vs. LYN)
Consecutive Games W/O HR: 7, (6/13 @ DE- 6/23 @ POT)
Most RBI, Game (Indiv.): 5, 3x, (Last: Kort Peterson 4/21 @FRE)
Most Hits, Game (Indiv.): 4, 7x, (Last: Blake Perkins 7/18 @LYN)
Most SB, Game (Indiv.): 3, 4x, (Last: Oliver Nunez 8/11 @ MB)
Longest Hitting Streak: 11 games, Kort Peterson (6/1 - 6/12)
Most Runners LOB, Team: 14, 2x (7/2 vs. W-S & 7/11 @ FRE 12-inning game)
Longest Scoreless Innings Streak: 22, (8/5 vs. FRE - 8/8 @ SAL two outs in 2nd inning)
Longest Hitless Innings Streak: 8.0, (5/9 vs. POT)

Opponents Offense

Most Runs, Game: 12, 2x, (5/3 @ POT & 5/5 vs. FRE)
Most Runs, Inning: 8, (5/24 @ POT)
Most Hits, Game: 17, 2x, (4/21 @ FRE & 7/11 @FRE)
Fewest Hits, Game: 3, (6/29 vs. LYN)
Most HRs, Game (Team): 3, 4x (8/10 @ MB)
Most SB, Game (Team): 3, 2x, (4/8 @ POT & 4/21 @ FRE)
10 + Hits, Game: 46, (Last: 8/11 @ MB)
Most Home Runs, Game (Indiv.): 2, 2x (Juan Soto 5/3 @ POT & Rhett Wiseman 5/21 @POT)
Most RBI, Game (Indiv.): 5, 2x, (Juan Soto 5/3 @ POT & Dillon Persinger 7/20 @LYN)
Most Hits, Game (Indiv.): 4, 6x, (Last: Brett Netzer 7/25 vs. SAL)
Most SB, Game (Indiv.): 2, 2x (Ryan McKenna 4/22 @ FRE & Keston Hiura 5/11 @ CAR)
Most Runners LOB, Team: 15, (5/5 vs. FRE)

Blue Rocks Individual Pitching

Most Runs Allowed, Game: 8, 3x, (Last: Carter Hope 7/19 @LYN G2)
Most ER Allowed, Game: 8, 2x, (Castillo 4/21 @ FRE & Garabito 5/24 @ POT)
Most Hits Allowed, Game: 11, 4x (Last: Nolan Watson 6/24 @ POT)
Most HRs Allowed, Game: 3, 3x, (Last: Nolan Watson, 8/10 @ MB)
Most Walks Allowed, Game: 6, 3x (Last: Daniel Tillo 7/28 vs. BC G2)
Most Strikeouts, Game (Starter): 9, 2x (Gerson Garabito (4/8 @ POT) & Ofreidy Gomez (4/29 vs. W-S)
Most Strikeouts, Game (Reliever): 7, (Grant Gavin 4/27 vs. W-S)
Most IP, Game for Starter: 7.0, 14x (Last: Ofreidy Gomez 8/1 @ BC)
Most IP, Game for Reliever: 5.0, Anthony Bender (5/2 @ SAL)
Fewest IP, Game for Starter: 2.0, 2x, (Daniel Tillo 7/28 vs. BC, G2 & Ofreidy Gomez 8/7 @SAL)
Longest Winning Streak (Dec.): 5, twice (Last: Nolan Watson 7/10 - 8/4)
Longest Losing Streak (Dec.): 4, 2x (Jace Vines 4/6 @ POT - 4/22 vs. W-S & Cristian Castillo 4/27 vs. W-S - 5/30)
10+ Strikeouts, (Indiv.):
Complete Games: 4, (Last: Nolan Watson 7/23 @ FRE G1)

Blue Rocks Team Pitching

Fewest Hits Allowed, Game: 3, (6/29 vs. LYN)
Most Hits Allowed, Game: 17, 2x, (4/21 @ FRE & 7/11 @FRE)
Most Runs Allowed, Game: 12, 2x, (5/3 @ POT & 5/5 vs. FRE)
Most Runs Allowed, Inning: 8, (5/24 @ POT)
10 + Hits Allowed, Game: 46, (Last: 8/11 @ MB)
Most HRs Allowed, Game: 3, 4x (Last: 5/3 @ POT)
Most Strikeouts, Game (9 Innings): 14, 2x (Last: 4/18 vs. CAR)
Most Strikeouts, Game (Extra Innings): 8 (7/7 @ LYN)
Most Walks Allowed, Game: 12, (5/5 vs. FRE)
Most SB Allowed, Game: 3, 5x (Last: 5/11 @ CAR)
Longest Scoreless Innings Streak: 20, (4/28 vs. W-S 1st inning w/one out - 5/1 @ POT Bot. 3 one out)
Consecutive Games Allowing HR: 6 (4-5 @ POT - 4/10 @ SAL)
Consecutive Games W/O Allowing HR: 9, (6/15 @ W-S - 6/26 vs. LYN)
Most Pitchers Used, Game: 6, (7/7 @ LYN - 13 innings)
10 + Strikeouts, Staff: 17, (Last: 8/8 @ SAL)
Most Consecutive Shutouts:

Opponents Pitching

Most Strikeouts, Game (Team, Extra Innings): 14, (7/11 @ FRE)
Most Strikeouts, Game (Team, 9 Innings): 18, (4/5 @ POT)
Most Strikeouts, Game (Indiv.): 11, Matthew Crownover (4/5 @ POT)
10 + Strikeouts, Staff: 31, (Last: 8/9 @ SAL)
10+ Strikeouts, Indiv.: 1, Matthew Crownover, 11 (4/5 @ POT)

Blue Rocks Miscellaneous Season Highs & Lows

Longest Winning Streak: 8, (7/20 @ LYN - 7/28 vs. BC, G1)
Longest Winning Streak, Home: 4, (6/5 vs. LYN - 6/7 vs. LYN)
Longest Winning Streak, Road: 5, (7/10 @ FRE - 7/19 @LYN G1)
Longest Losing Streak: 4, 3x, (Last: 5/29 vs. FRE - 6/1 @ SAL)
Longest Losing Streak, Home: 4, (4/17 vs. CAR - 4/25 vs. POT)
Longest Losing Streak, Road: 4, 2x (4/8 @ POT- 4/11 @ SAL & 5-19 @ SAL - 5/22 @POT)
Largest Margin of Victory: 15, (7/14 vs. SAL)
Largest Margin of Defeat: 10, 3x (Last: 7/19 @ LYN G2, Lost 10-0)
Largest Come-From-Behind Win: 5, (4/21 @ FRE, Down 8-3 after 3rd inning)
Largest Fall-From-Ahead Loss: 4, (5/24 @ POT, Leading 4-0 after 4th inning)
Longest Game, Innings: 13, (7/7 @ LYN)
Longest Game, Time (9 Innings): 3:43 (5/5 vs. FRE)
Longest Game, Time (Extra Innings): 4:20 (7/11 @FRE)
Shortest Game, Time (9 Innings): 2:11, (4/13 vs. LYN)
Shortest Game, Time (Overall): 1:45, (4/16 vs. MB, G1 of doubleheader)
Longest Weather Delay: 1:18 (5/10 @ CAR)
Most DP Turned, Game: 4*, 3x, (4/11 @ SAL & 4/21 @ FRE & 6/29 vs. LYN)
Most DP Against, Game: 3, (6/29 vs. LYN)
Triple Plays Turned, Season:
Most Errors, One Game, Player: 2, 6x (Last: Travis Jones & Carter Hope 6/26 v s. LYN)
Most Errors, One Game, Team: 6*, (6/26 vs. LYN)
Consecutive Games W/Error: 7, 2x (4/11 @SAL - 4/18 vs. CAR & 5/1 - 5/7 vs. POT)
Consecutive Games W/O Error: 8, (7/9 @FRE - 7/16 vs. SAL)
Most Errors, One Game, Opp. Player: 3, Jakson Reetz (6/21 @ POT)
Most Errors, One Game, Opp. Team: 3, 2x (5/4 vs. FRE & 6/21 @ POT)
Largest Home Crowd: 6,302 (6/29 vs. LYN)
Smallest Home Crowd: 1,978 (7/2 vs. W-S)
Home Sellouts (6,537):
Largest Road Crowd: 5,048 (5/12 @ CAR)
Smallest Road Crowd: 267 (8/2 @ BC)
* Ties Club Record ** Establishes New Club Record
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Blue Rocks 2018 Regular-Season Day-by-Day -- Second Half

Date	OPP.	W/L	SCORE	BLUE ROCKS				OPPONENT				Winning Pitcher	Losing Pitcher	Save	Record	Pos.	GB	Daily	
				R	H	E	LOB	R	H	E	LOB							Att.	Time
6-21	POT	W	2-0	2	6	0	9	1	9	3	5	Bender (5-2)	Pantoja (0-4)	Gomez (1)	32-39/1-0	T-1st	-	3,153	2:31
6-22	POT	L	10-0	0	4	0	6	10	11	0	8	Braymer (3-1)	Garabito (2-6)		32-40/1-1	T-2nd	0.5	2,211	2:45
6-23	POT	PPD		POSTPONED DUE TO RAIN (MAKE UP SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 24)															
6-24	POT	W	11-5	11	11	0	5	5	12	0	8	Castillo (3-5)	Hellickson (0-1)		33-40/2-1	3rd	0.5	4,307	2:41
6-24 (G2)	POT	PPD		POSTPONED DUE TO RAIN (MAKE UP SCHEDULED SEPTEMBER 1)															
6-25	LYN	W	6-5	6	6	2	5	5	8	1	9	Tatum (3-2)	Karinchak (0-1)	Pinto (2)	34-40/3-1	T-1st	-	3,077	3:16
6-26	LYN	L	8-3	3	7	6	4	8	9	0	8	Linares (1-0)	Hope (3-2)	Krauth (2)	34-41/3-2	T-2nd	0.5	2,944	2:58
6-27	LYN	L	5-1	1	4	1	7	5	7	1	3	Morgan (4-2)	Gomez (2-6)	Karinchak (7)	34-42/3-3	T-2nd	1.5	2,887	2:33
6-28	LYN	W	9-2	9	12	1	9	2	5	0	4	Garabito (3-6)	Plesac (4-4)		35-42/4-3	2nd	0.5	3,271	3:05
6-29	LYN	W	3-0	3	7	0	7	0	3	1	9	Watson (1-0)	Garza (3-6)	Pinto (3)	36-42/5-3	1st	-	6,302	3:02
6-30	W-S	L (F/10)	6-3	3	7	0	3	6	12	1	8	Johnson (1-0)	Camp (0-1)		36-43/5-4	T-2nd	0.5	2,934	3:04
7-1	W-S	W	4-3	4	7	0	4	3	8	1	7	Mitchell (2-0)	Henzman (0-1)	Pinto (4)	37-43/6-4	2nd	0.5	2,064	2:16
7-2	W-S	L	5-2	2	10	2	14	5	6	2	3	Parke (1-1)	Gomez (2-7)	Dopico (3)	37-44/6-5	2nd	1.5	1,978	3:06
7-3	W-S			SUSPENDED DUE TO RAIN (GAME TO RESUME ON AUGUST 18 AT WINSTON-SALEM)															
7-4	LYN	L	6-4	4	8	1	4	6	14	2	10	Garza (4-6)	Watson (1-1)	Karinchak (9)	37-45/6-6	2nd	3.0	4,521	2:58
7-5	LYN	W	7-6	7	9	0	7	6	10	0	10	Pinto (1-2)	Siri (1-3)	Zuber (1)	38-45/7-6	2nd	2.0	1,261	3:19
7-6	LYN			POSTPONED DUE TO RAIN (MAKE UP SCHEDULED FOR JULY 19)															
7-7	LYN	W (F/13)	9-7	9	15	1	13	7	10	0	10	Hope (4-2)	Strode (2-1)	Zuber (2)	39-45/8-6	T-2nd	1.0	2,812	4:08
7-8	LYN	L	4-0	0	3	1	5	4	6	0	7	Morgan (6-2)	Gomez (2-8)		39-46/8-7	3rd	2.0	1,393	2:46
7-9	FRE	L	4-2	2	7	0	8	4	9	0	9	Trowbridge (3-1)	Mitchell (2-1)	Erwin (9)	39-47/8-8	3rd	3.0	3,148	2:44(12)
7-10	FRE	W	8-3	8	8	0	5	3	13	2	9	Watson (2-1)	Tillman (0-1)		40-47/9-8	3rd	2.0	3,191	2:46
7-11	FRE	W	12-11 (F/12)	12	17	0	14	11	17	2	12	Camp (1-1)	Silva (0-1)		41-47/10-8	2nd	1.0	3,077	4:20
7-12	FRE	W	3-2	3	7	0	4	2	6	1	7	Castillo (4-5)	Alvarado (8-7)	Pinto (5)	42-47/11-8	T-1st	-	3,526	2:39(17)
7-13	SAL	L	10-1	1	8	0	7	10	13	1	11	Hernandez (6-5)	Sotillet (0-1)		42-48/11-9	3rd	1.0	4,958	3:32
7-14	SAL	W	16-1	16	20	0	9	1	6	1	7	Gomez (3-8)	Gonzalez (7-4)	Hope (3)	43-48/12-9	T-1st	-	4,486	3:09
7-15	SAL	L	7-4	4	6	0	10	7	7	2	3	Cooney (2-0)	Pinto (1-3)		43-49/12-10	3rd	1.0	3,271	3:10
7-16	SAL	W	5-2	5	8	0	3	2	6	2	5	Watson (3-1)	Thompson (4-8)	Zuber (3)	44-49/13-10	T-2nd	1.0	3,747	2:26
7-17		OFF DAY (8)																	
7-18	LYN	W	5-4	5	11	1	7	4	9	0	7	Ray (1-0)	Miniard (2-3)	Zuber (4)	45-49/14-10	T-1st	-	1,563	3:02
7-19	LYN	W	3-1	3	8	0	5	1	6	1	6	Sotillet (1-1)	Morgan (6-3)	Pinto (6)	46-49/15-10	1st	-	N/A	2:09
7-19 (G2)	LYN	L	10-0	0	3	3	6	10	12	1	5	Krauth (3-2)	Hope (4-3)		46-50/15-11	T-1st	-	2,289	2:17
7-20	LYN	W (F/10)	12-11	12	13	1	9	11	15	3	7	Zuber (1-0)	Robinson (2-3)		47-50/16-11	1st	-	2,077	4:05
7-21	FRE			POSTPONED DUE TO RAIN (MAKE UP SCHEDULED FOR JULY 22)															
7-22	FRE	W	8-1	8	7	0	8	1	5	1	4	Garabito (4-6)	Dietz (0-3)		48-50/17-11	1st	-	3,762	2:08
7-22 (G2)	FRE			POSTPONED DUE TO RAN (MAKE UP SCHEDULED FOR JULY 23)															
7-23	FRE	W	8-0	8	9	0	6	0	2	2	3	Watson (4-1)	Lowther (3-2)		49-50/18-11	1st	-	N/A	1:51 (:22)
7-23 (G2)	FRE	W	7-6	7	8	0	5	6	11	3	8	Bender (6-2)	Klimek (2-2)	Pinto (7)	50-50/19-11	1st	-	2,403	2:36
7-24	SAL	W	8-6	8	9	0	8	6	13	1	11	Beckwith (1-0)	Oliver (3-3)		51-50/20-11	1st	-	4,417	3:12
7-25	SAL	W	8-4	8	10	0	7	4	12	1	12	Ray (2-0)	Gonzalez (7-6)		52-50/21-11	1st	-	4,573	3:26
7-26	SAL	W	5-4	5	8	0	10	4	9	0	6	Gomez (4-8)	Mata (6-3)	Zuber (5)	53-50/22-11	1st	-	3,676	3:12
7-27	BC			POSTPONED DUE TO RAIN (MAKE UP SCHEDULED FOR JULY 28)															
7-28	BC	W	1-0	1	2	0	2	0	7	0	6	Garabito (5-6)	Javier (3-3)	Zuber (6)	54-50/23-11	1st	-	N/A	2:05
7-28 (G2)	BC	L	3-0	0	1	0	2	3	4	0	8	Ivey (2-3)	Tillo (2-2)	McKee (5)	54-51/23-12	1st	-	4,402	2:27
7-29	BC	W	7-2	7	10	1	5	2	7	1	5	Watson (5-1)	Saldana (8-2)		55-51/24-12	1st	-	3,016	2:55
7-30		OFF DAY (9)																	
7-31	BC	L	7-2	2	11	1	11	7	8	0	4	Valdez (6-4)	Sotillet (1-2)		55-52/24-13	1st	-	406	3:39(49)
8-1	BC	W	2-1	2	3	0	3	1	4	0	5	Camp (2-1)	DeJueas (0-1)	Zuber (7)	56-52/25-13	1st	-	331	2:17
8-2	BC	L	4-3	3	8	0	10	4	9	0	7	Paredes (1-1)	Zuber (1-1)		56-53/25-14	1st	-	267	3:10
8-3	FRE			POSTPONED DUE TO RAIN (MAKE UP SCHEDULED FOR AUGUST 4)															
8-4	FRE	L	2-1 (F/8)	1	4	0	5	2	8	1	7	Erwin (3-3)	Bender (6-3)		56-54/25-15	1st	-	N/A	2:12
8-4 (G2)	FRE	W	4-2	4	9	0	3	2	5	1	8	Watson (6-1)	Alvarado (10-8)	Pinto (8)	57-54/26-15	1st	-	4,389	1:54
8-5	FRE	L	6-0	0	4	1	7	6	12	1	7	Wells (5-7)	Sotillet (1-3)		57-55/26-16	1st	-	3,167	2:20
8-6		OFF DAY (9)																	
8-7	SAL	L	7-0	0	6	2	5	7	9	1	3	Thompson (5-10)	Gomez (4-9)		57-56/26-17	1st	-	1,854	2:21
8-8	SAL	W	6-2	6	12	0	6	2	5	1	7	Garabito (6-6)	Crawford (0-1)		58-56/27-17	1st	-	1,675	2:35
8-9	SAL	W	6-5	6	12	1	8	5	11	0	9	Hope (5-3)	Smith (2-2)	Zuber (8)	59-56/28-17	1st	-	2,751	2:51
8-10	MB	L	6-5	5	9	0	7	6	8	0	3	Abbott (3-5)	Watson (6-2)	Peyton (8)	59-57/28-18	1st	-	5,664	3:00
8-11	MB	W	5-4	5	8	1	5	4	16	3	11	Sotillet (2-3)	Rondon (0-3)	Pinto (9)	60-57/29-18	1st	-	4,081	3:12
8-12	MB																		
8-13		OFF DAY (10)																	
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End of Second Half of Season