

MEDIA INFORMATION



Salem Red Sox (67-70, 42-28, 2nd Half Champs) Carolina League Affiliate of the Boston Red Sox

vs.

Wilmington Blue Rocks (82-56, 38-31, 1st Half Champs) Carolina League Affiliate of the Kansas City Royals

CL Northern Division Championship Series Game Five • Frawley Stadium • Sunday, September 8, 2019 • 1:35 p.m.

BEST-OF-FIVE SERIES BREAKDOWN

Series Tied 2-2; Salem Runs: 19 Wilmington Runs: 13

THE CHAMPIONSHIP CHASE BEGINS: The Wilmington Blue Rocks continue their quest for a fifth Mills Cup Championship tonight in Salem. The Rocks trail their best-of-five series 2-0. It has been two decades since Wilmington last captured the Carolina League's crown in 1999. In the Blue Crew's first decade they won the league title four times in a span of six years (1994, 1996, 1997 and 1999).

BACK IN THE POSTSEASON: Wilmington clinched its first postseason berth since 2015 with its first-half CL North championship. That year Wilmington won the first half with a 38-32 record. The Rocks won 44 games in 2019 and finished 19 games above .500 in the first half. The Blue Crew clinched their 2019 crown on June 8. The 2015 Blue Crew eventually reached the Mills Cup Championship Series by sweeping Lynchburg in the Northern Division Championship Series.

GAME ONE BLUES: The Blue Crew was trailing 4-0 before they had recorded an out in Game One of the Carolina League Northern Division Championship Series, and could never catch up in an 8-3 loss to the Salem Red Sox on Wednesday at Haley Toyota Field. Salem managed 17 hits—more than any Wilmington opponent in 2019.

GAME TWO AND IN A HOLE: For the second straight night the Blue Rocks could not dig their way out of an early deficit, as the Blue Crew dropped Game Two of the Carolina League Northern Division Championship Series to the Salem Red Sox, 5-2 on Thursday at Haley Toyota Field. Tyler Esplin hit two home runs for the Red Sox, who handed Wilmington a loss that put the Rocks in an 0-2 hole in the best-of-five series.

GAME THREE RALLY: The Rocks were three outs away from their season ending on Friday, but instead rallied for two runs in the bottom of the ninth to beat the Salem Red Sox 3-2 at Frawley Stadium. The victory extended the Carolina League Northern Division Championship Series as Wilmington pulled to within 2-1 in the best-of-five series. Brewer Hicklen's safety-squeeze single earned the Blue Crew a dramatic walk-off win.

GAME FOUR'S WILD RIDE: For the second time in as many nights Wilmington used a walk-off win to prevent its season from coming to an end, as the Blue Crew beat the Salem Red Sox 5-4 in 10 innings on Saturday at Frawley Stadium. The victory extended the Carolina League Northern Division Championship Series to a decisive Game Five, as Wilmington pulled even in the best-of-five set. Delaware native Tyler Hill was the hero, as he beat his former team with an RBI-single in extras.

WALK-OFF WIN AND COMEBACK IN EIGHTH: The Rocks started the bottom of the 10th with a runner at second base per Minor League Baseball rules. Ricky Aracena quickly moved to third when Nick Pratto reached on a sacrifice bunt. Hill then got the chance to send the fans home happy, as the local product sent a 1-1 pitch into left for the game-winning hit. It was a fittingly exciting close to an absolute roller coaster of a ride over the contest's final three innings. Down 1-0 in the eighth, Kyle Isbel jumpstarted a rally with a lead-off single to center. Brewer Hicklen wasted little time tying the game by launching an RBI-double to left three pitches later. That sent Salem back to the bullpen, as Joan Martinez was replaced by fellow reliever Yoan Aybar. The lefty struck out Dennicher Carrasco, but then Pratto gave Wilmington its first lead on an RBI-single to right. Hill put two in scoring position with a double to left and then MJ Melendez put the punctuation mark on the Blue Crew's big inning with a two-run double to right. Salem scored three times in the ninth to get it to extras thanks in large part to back-to-back doubles by Grant Williams and Garrett Bengé.

Today's Starting Pitchers

Wilmington: LHP Rito Lugo

Salem: RHP Daniel Gonzalez

2019 Regular-Season Series: WIL vs. SAL Split 10-10

Date	Site	Result
4/4	Wilmington	L, 10-2
4/6	Wilmington	L, 2-1
4/6	Wilmington	W, 2-1
4/7	Wilmington	W, 2-1
5/7	Salem	W, 3-2
5/8	Salem	L, 6-1
5/9	Salem	L, 5-3
5/20	Salem	W, 2-0
5/21	Salem	W, 2-1 (10)
5/22	Salem	L, 7-0
5/23	Salem	W 7-4
7/7	Salem	L, 9-7
7/8	Salem	L, 3-0 (7)
7/10	Wilmington	L, 3-1
7/11	Wilmington	W, 2-1 (8)
7/12	Wilmington	L, 1-0 (7)
8/20	Wilmington	W, 7-6
8/21	Wilmington	W, 11-2 (7)
8/21	Wilmington	L, 3-1 (7)
8/22	Wilmington	W, 4-1

Carolina League NDCS Best-of-Five, Salem Tied, 2-2

Date	Site	Result
9/4	Salem	L, 8-3
9/5	Salem	L, 5-2
9/6	Wilmington	W, 3-2
9/7	Wilmington	W, 5-4 (10)
9/8	Wilmington	

Upcoming Probable Starters and Schedule

Tuesday, September 10 Game One Mills Cup Championship Series

MEDIA INFORMATION CONTINUED

HOME RUN NOTES

Blue Rocks

2-HR GAMES BY BLUE ROCKS (2 IN 2018)

4.14.19 Seuly Matias at CAR (Solo HR & 2-R HR)
 7.18.19 Blake Perkins at WS (solo HRs)
 8.21.19 Brewer Hicklen vs. SAL (2-run and sol HR)

3-HR GAMES BY BLUE ROCKS

8.22.19 Brewer Hicklen vs. SAL

BACK-TO-BACK HOME RUNS (1 IN 2018)

7.17.2019 Brewer Hicklen and Dennicher Carrasco at Winston-Salem
 8.21.19 Brewer Hicklen and Kyle Isbel vs. SAL

LEADOFF HOME RUNS (1 IN 2018)

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

GRANDSLAM HOME RUNS 2 (3 IN 2018)

6.3.2019 MJ Melendez at MB
 6.15.2019 Brewer Hicklen at LYN

WALK-OFF HOME RUNS (0 IN 2018)

7.12.19 MJ Melendez vs. Salem

PINCH-HIT HOME RUNS (1 IN BOTH 2018)

LAST TIME: 5.16.15 Dex Kjerstad at LYN

INSIDE-THE-PARK HOME RUNS (2 IN 2018)

LAST TIME: 8.19.18 @ W-S Oliver Nunez (4th inning, solo HR)

BLUE ROCKS HOME RUNS: 52 (63 IN 2018 / 23 HOME & 40 AWAY)

Carolina	10	Lynchburg	6
Down East	2	Myrtle Beach	4
Fayetteville	6	Potomac	8
Frederick	9	Salem	9
		Winston-Salem	8

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Opponents

2-HR GAMES BY OPPONENT (4 IN 2018)

7.6.2019 Jackson Reetz at Pfitzner Stadium

3-HR GAMES BY OPPONENT (1 IN 2018)

LAST TIME: Michael Chavis (SAL) 4.19.17 at Hayley Toyota

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

LAST TIME 8.10.18 Jared Young & Andruw Monasterio off Nolan Waston at MB

BACK-TO-BACK-TO-BACK (0 IN 2018)

LEADOFF HOME RUNS (1 IN 2017)

LAST TIME: 7.3.18 Luis Gonzalez (W-S) off Gerson Garabito at Wilmington

GRAND SLAM HOME RUNS (3 IN 2018)

6.30.2019 Trevor Craport's (FRE) off Austin Cox (5-3 Loss)
 7.2.2019 Brian Mejia (POT) off Marcelo Martinez (10-4 loss)

WALK-OFF HOME RUNS (1 IN 2018)

LAST TIME: 8.19.18 Yermin Merced at Frederick

PINCH-HIT HOME RUNS (0 IN 2018)

INSIDE-THE-PARK HOME RUNS (0 IN 2018)

HOME RUNS ALLOWED TO: 55 (92 in 2018/ 33 Home & 59 AWAY)

Carolina	5	Lynchburg	4
Down East	6	Myrtle Beach	1
Fayetteville	11	Potomac	9
Frederick	9	Salem	9
		Winston-Salem	9

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Blue Rocks vs. the Carolina League

Opponent	Record	Home	Road
<i>Frederick</i>	10-6	6-2	4-4
Lynchburg	12-5	5-2	8-3
<i>Potomac</i>	10-11	5-6	5-5
Salem	10-10	6-6	4-5
Northern Div.	43-32	22-15	21-17

Opponent	Record	Home	Road
<i>Carolina</i>	9-3	4-0	5-3
Down East	6-7	4-3	2-4
Fayetteville	8-6	4-2	4-3
Myrtle Beach	10-3	5-2	5-1
<i>Winston-Salem</i>	7-5	3-3	4-2
Southern Div.	40-23	20-10	20-13

Runners Left On Base

Blue Rocks: 744 Opponents: 814

Numbers With RISP

Blue Rocks: .228 Avg. (235-for-1,032)

Blue Rocks On...

Mondays:	5-5	April:	15-11
Tuesdays:	13-6	May:	19-9
Wednesdays:	6-12	June:	16-10
Thursdays:	12-7	July:	13-14
Fridays:	16-6	Aug:	19-10
Saturdays:	15-10	Sept:	0-1
Sundays:	10-8		
First Game of Series:	25-16		
Last Game of Series:	24-17		
Series Won:	23		
Series Lost:	11		
Series Split:	7		
Series Swept:	7		
Rubber Matches:	2-7		

2019 Roster (41)

Pitchers (21)

Andrew Beckwith
 Jonathan Bowlan
 Holden Capps
 J.C. Cloney
 Austin Cox
 Daniel Duarte
 Josh Dye
 C.J. Eldred
 Robert Garcia
 Jackson Kowar
 Austin Lambright
 Rito Lugo
 Daniel Lynch
 Marcelo Martinez
 Josh Mitchell
 Tad Ratliff
 Brady Singer
 Collin Snider
 Daniel Tillio
 Nolan Watson
 Tyler Zuber

Catchers (3)

MJ Melendez
 Sebastian Rivero
 Stephan Vidal

Kyle Isbel
 Rudy Martin
 Seuly Matias
 Blake Perkins

Infielders (10)

Ricky Aracena
 Dennicher Carrasco
 Angelo Castellano
 Offerman Collado
 Jose Marquez
 Kyle Kasser
 Cristian Perez
 Nick Pratto
 Colby Schultz
 Bruce Steel

Outfielders (7)

Marten Gasparini
 Michael Gigliotti
 Brewer Hicklen

TODAY'S BLUE ROCKS STARTING PITCHER

#14 LHP Rito Lugo

Acquired: Signed as free agent on July 2, 2018

Born: Naiguata, VZ

Age: 23 (November 3, 1995)

Resides: Naiguata, VZ

Ht: 5'10 Wt: 185

College: None

Bats/Throws: L/L

Pitch Repertoire: 4FB, SL, CB, CH

THE BOOK ON RITO LUGO: The 23-year-old southpaw signed with Kansas City on July 2, 2018 and spent his first professional season between three different stops at the Rookie level including the DSL Royals, AZL Royals and Idaho Falls Chukars. He went a composite 2-2- with a respectable 1.72 ERA in 10 appearances with six being starts. In the Pioneer League with the Chukars, Lugo finished the 2018 season going 2-0 with a 2.01 ERA in four starts. He logged 22.1 innings, allowed just five earned runs on 19 hits, walked two and struck out 30 batters. Over his three stops he had a K-BB of 33%. Lugo skipped Low-A and was on the Blue Rocks' Opening Day roster and has served as a swing man throughout the 2019 season.

LAST TIME OUT: Lugo allowed two runs (one earned) over six frames in a tough-luck loss to Myrtle Beach. It was the lefty's fourth quality start in his last seven outings.

VERSUS OPPONENT: This is the lefty's second start against Salem and his fourth appearance. He yielded just one run over six innings in a win on his August 22nd start. During his two relief appearances (April 4 and May 9) he allowed three total runs in 4.1 combined frames.

LEAGUE HONORED: Rito Lugo was named the Carolina League Pitcher of the Week for the period ranging from August 5-11 the league office announced on Monday. It marked the third weekly award for Wilmington's pitching staff this season. Right-hander **Jonathan Bowlan** was recognized for the period from July 15-22, while southpaw **Daniel Lynch** was honored for the period from May 20-27. Lugo earned the award after posting back-to-back scoreless starts during the week. He tossed a career-high 6.2 innings of shut-out ball against Fayetteville on August 6 and added 5.2 more scoreless frames on Sunday at Myrtle Beach. It culminated a stretch where the left-hander did not allow a run over three outings, spanning 18.1 innings.

STARTING VS. RELIEVING: It certainly is a different mind-set for pitchers who are in the starting rotation and the bullpen. For Lugo, he has thrived as a starter despite making just six total starts in his career entering the 2019 season. When Lugo fills in for spot starts this season, he has been very strong going 4-1 with a sterling 1.26 ERA in 12 starts. Meanwhile, coming out of the pen, Lugo hasn't been able to match the same success, going 0-3 with an ERA of 5.08 in 17 appearances.

LATE TO THE GAME: Growing up in Venezuela where baseball talent has been immense, Lugo almost walked away from the sport entirely. In an interview with La Verdad, a newspaper in Venezuela, Lugo said "I lost my mother when I was 15 after a battle with cancer and it demotivated myself to play sports. I left baseball for about three years. That's why I never attended tryouts."

WHERE LUGO HAILS: Lugo is from Naiguata, which is home to the summit of Pico Naiguata. The mountain has a summit elevation of 9,072 feet, making it the fourth highest mountain of the Caribbean. It is also about an hour northeast from Caracas where many talented Major League Baseball players have come from such as New York Yankees infielder Gleyber Torres, and two-time All-Star catcher Miguel Montero.

Career Numbers Entering 2019

Year/Teams(s)	W-L	ERA	G	GS	K	BB	IP
2018/DSL Royals	0-2	1.15	4	2	27	4	15.2
2018/AZL Royals	0-0	2.00	2	0	15	3	9.0
2018/Idaho Falls	2-0	2.01	4	4	30	2	22.1

BLUE ROCKS POSTSEASON HISTORY

1993 NORTHERN DIVISION SERIES

Game 1: Sunday, Sept. 5 at Frederick

WIL	601 220 000	11	14	0
FRE	000 000 000	0	6	2
WP: Toth	LP: Eshelman	ATT: 3,044		

Andy Stewart drives in three runs and Robert Toth tosses a CG six-hitter with seven strikeouts.

Game 2: Monday, Sept. 6 at Wilmington

FRE	000 000 000	0	7	3
WIL	000 102 00x	3	7	0
WP: Harrison	LP: Klingenbeck	ATT: 3,076		

Brian Harrison tosses seven-hit complete-game shutout and Wilmington sweeps series, 2-0.

1993 CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES

Game 1: Wednesday, Sept. 8 at Wilmington

W-S	020 000 120 0	5	12	2
WIL	000 301 010 1	6	14	2
WP: Bladow	LP: Cullop	ATT: 2,821		

Gary Caraballo delivers game-winning RBI single in 10th innng, giving the Blue Rocks a 1-0 lead in series.

Game 2: Thursday, Sept. 9 at Wilmington

W-S	003 100 010	5	10	0
WIL	011 000 000	2	6	0
WP: Sutko	LP: Gross	ATT: 3,054		

Former major leaguer Glenn Sutko earns the win for Winston-Salem, tying the series at 1-1.

Game 3: Friday, Sept. 10 at Winston-Salem

WIL	000 010 001	2	5	3
W-S	101 210 00x	5	7	0
WP: Stewart	LP: Toth	ATT: n/a		

Blue Rocks errors lead to two unearned runs and Winston-Salem takes a 2-1 lead in the series.

Game 4: Saturday, Sept. 11 at Winston-Salem

WIL	000 200 110 00	4	12	2
W-S	101 100 001 01	5	10	3
WP: Cullop	LP: Eddy	ATT: n/a		

Tim Belk smacks a solo HR with two outs in the ninth inning and Ricky Gonzalez delivers game-winning hit in the 11th inning.

1994 CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES

Game 1: Thursday, Sept. 8 at Winston-Salem

WIL	001 010 110 1	5	10	1
W-S	001 002 001 0	4	7	2
WP: Bluma	LP: Pickett	ATT: 1,697		

Ryan Long crushes game-winning home run in the 10th inning.

Game 2: Friday, Sept. 9 at Winston-Salem

WIL	006 000 111	9	14	1
W-S	001 003 002	6	9	2
WP: Ralston	LP: Nix	ATT: n/a		

Ramon Martinez and Andy Stewart both smack doubles and drive in two runs each in the Blue Rocks' victory.

Game 3: Saturday, Sept. 10 at Wilmington

W-S	001 100 100	3	12	1
WIL	110 030 11x	7	12	0
WP: Pittsley	LP: Brunson	ATT: 7,087		

Lance Jennings hits two home runs, drives in four runs and is named series MVP as Blue Rocks win Carolina League crown.

1995 NORTHERN DIVISION SERIES

Game 1: Sunday, Sept. 3 at Wilmington

PW	000 010 000 00	1	8	2
WIL	100 000 000 01	2	6	0
WP: Anderson	LP: Cruz	ATT: 4,897		

Carlos Mendez drives in winning run with a sacrifice fly in the 11th inning to give Wilmington a Game One victory.

Game 2: Monday, Sept. 4 at Prince William

WIL	014 202 000	9	10	1
PW	002 012 000	5	7	1
WP: Byrdak	LP: Pratt	ATT: 1,077		

Anthony Medrano and Mendy Lopez each drive in two runs as Wilmington advances to CL Championship Series.

1995 CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES

Game 1: Wednesday, Sept. 6 at Wilmington

KIN	000 200 000	2	7	1
WIL	000 000 100	2	8	1
WP: Sexton	LP: Grundy	ATT: 3,604		

Phil Grundy goes eight innings and fans 10, but Richie Sexson hits a two-run home run to lead Tribe.

Game 2: Thursday, Sept. 7 at Wilmington

KIN	000 132 000	6	9	1
WIL	000 000 100	1	7	1
WP: Vaught	LP: Rosado	ATT: 4,090		

Richie Sexson smacks a double and drives in three runs to lead Kinston to a 2-0 series lead.

Game 3: Friday, Sept. 8 at Kinston

WIL	000 000 000	0	1	0
KIN	020 001 10x	4	10	0
WP: DeLaMaza	LP: Rusch	ATT: 2,026		

Roland DeLaMaza tosses eight innings of one-hit shut-out baseball and Kinston completes sweep.

1996 CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES

Game 1: Sunday, Sept. 8 at Wilmington

KIN	002 000 000	2	6	2
WIL	100 021 00x	4	2	1
WP: Grundy	LP: Warrecker	ATT: 2,944		

Steve Pihoda works two scoreless innings of relief for Rocks in Game One victory.

Game 2: Monday, Sept. 9 at Wilmington

KIN	011 000 000	2	4	1
WIL	002 012 00x	5	9	1
WP: Anderson	LP: Harvey	ATT: 1,969		

Keifer Rackley knocks in two with a double and Eric Anderson earns the win as Wilmington takes a 2-0 lead.

Game 3: Tuesday, Sept. 10 at Wilmington

WIL	100 000 000	1	6	1
KIN	000 000 002	2	3	1
WP: Mesa	LP: Priboda	ATT: 2,426		

David Miller hits homer in ninth for Kinston. Game played in Wilmington due to Hurricane Fran.

Game 4: Wednesday, Sept. 11 at Wilmington

WIL	100 020 001 02	6	12	2
KIN	000 030 001 00	4	11	1
WP: Pihoda	LP: Dougherty	ATT: 2,069		

Matt Smith drills two-run homer in the 11th inning, leading Wilmington to series-clinching win. Game Four was played in Wilmington due to Hurricane Fran.

1998 CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES

Game 1: Monday, Sept. 7 at Winston-Salem

WIL	100 014 001	7	10	0
W-S	100 002 200	5	9	1
WP: Durbin	LP: Myette	ATT: 1,017		

Brett Taft clubs a home run and drives in three while Jason Layne collects two hits to lead Wilmington.

Game 2: Tuesday, Sept. 8 at Winston-Salem

WIL	000 000 000	0	4	0
W-S	000 000 01x	1	4	1
WP: Whitley	LP: Thorn	ATT: 869		

Liu Rodriguez drives in only run of the game off Todd Thorn in the eighth inning.

Game 3: Wednesday, Sept. 9 at Wilmington

W-S	100 000 010	2	9	1
WIL	000 110 01x	3	5	2
WP: Baird	LP: Chantres	ATT: 2,104		

Paul Phillips goes 2-for-3 with a triple and RBI to lead Wilmington to the win.

Game 4: Wednesday, Sept. 11 at Wilmington

W-S	000 001 100	2	6	1
WIL	101 000 001	3	12	0
WP: Calero	LP: Iglesias	ATT: 1,971		

Blue Rocks capture third CL title in six seasons with a Game Four win. Paul Phillips is named MVP.

BLUE ROCKS POSTSEASON HISTORY

1999 CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES

Game 1: Thursday, Sept. 9 at Wilmington

MB	000 000 000	0	4	0
WIL	010 000 00x	1	6	0

WP: George **LP:** Lee **ATT:** 2,145
 Joe Dillon's home run in the second inning is the difference in Wilmington's win over Myrtle Beach. Chris George throws six scoreless innings.

Game 2: Friday, Sept. 10 at Wilmington

MB	100 100 000	2	8	0
WIL	010 000 000	1	3	0

WP: Sobkowiak **LP:** Thorn **ATT:** 2,405
 Rafael Furcal collects three hits and a stolen base and Scott Sobkowiak allows one ER over seven innings.

Game 3: Sunday, Sept. 12 at Myrtle Beach

WIL	000 000 000	0	3	1
MB	002 011 20x	6	10	0

WP: Rivera **LP:** Guerrero **ATT:** 3,277
 Luis Rivera fans 11 Blue Rocks over six innings and Marcus Giles goes 2-for-4 with two RBI for Pelicans.

Game 4: Monday, Sept. 13 at Myrtle Beach

WIL	000 000 313	7	7	2
MB	000 001 002	3	4	0

WP: Thurman **LP:** Corey **ATT:** 2,642
 Joe Caruso smacks a three-run home in the seventh while Corey Thurman allows one run over 7 innings. *Rocks share title with Myrtle Beach after Hurricane Floyd damaged the Eastern Seaboard.*

2001 NORTHERN DIVISION SERIES

Game 1: Monday, Sept. 3 at Wilmington

FRE	010 001 000	2	9	3
WIL	100 201 00x	4	5	0

WP: Guerrero **LP:** Figueroa **ATT:** 1,860
 Junior Guerrero allows two earned runs over five-plus innings to earn a win. Donnie Ross smacks a home run.

Game 2: Wednesday, Sept. 5 at Wilmington

FRE	000 000 000	0	4	2
WIL	000 022 36x	13	9	0

WP: Gobble **LP:** Bedard **ATT:** 1,025
 Jimmy Gobble records 15 strikeouts and Wilmington completes sweep of Frederick.

2001 CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES

Game 1: Thursday, Sept. 6 at Wilmington

SAL	011 000 030	5	10	0
WIL	001 200 000	3	6	3

WP: Brantley **LP:** Lamber **ATT:** 1,320
 Brian Brantley tosses 5.2 innings of scoreless relief to secure win. Dan Phillips goes 3-for-5 with two doubles.

Game 2: Friday, Sept. 7 at Wilmington

SAL	001 010 000	2	4	0
WIL	000 030 00x	3	6	1

WP: Burch **LP:** Matcuk **ATT:** 1,763
 Jeremy Dodson crushes three-run home run in the fifth inning and Matt Burch allows one run over 5.1 innings.

Game 3: Saturday, Sept. 8 at Salem

WIL	000 000 000	0	4	0
SAL	000 212 00x	5	7	1

WP: Cook **LP:** Guerrero **ATT:** 6,269
 Aaron Cook tosses four-hit complete-game shutout for Salem. Chris Moore smacks a double and a home run.

Game 4: Sunday, Sept. 9 at Salem

WIL	101 000 110	4	6	0
SAL	010 000 000	1	4	1

WP: Ferguson **LP:** Vance **ATT:** 4,267
 Eric Nelson hits a home run in the first inning and Ian Ferguson earns the win to force a decisive Game Five.

Game 5: Monday, Sept. 10 at Salem

WIL	011 002 000	4	3	0
SAL	021 002 01x	6	8	0

WP: Price **LP:** Gobble **ATT:** 3,556
 John Lindsey hits two home runs and is named series MVP as Salem wins the Mills Cup Championship.

2002 NORTHERN DIVISION SERIES

Game 1: Wednesday, Sept. 4 at Wilmington

LYN	100 000 011	3	13	4
WIL	104 004 00x	9	11	0

WP: Wilkerson **LP:** Burnett **ATT:** 1,175
 Justin Cowan and Scott Walter each homer in series opener. Cowan hits into a triple play in sixth inning.

Game 2: Thursday, Sept. 5 at Wilmington

LYN	100 001 020	4	7	0
WIL	000 000 000	0	3	1

WP: Jacobsen **LP:** Tamayo **ATT:** 3,142
 Landon Jacobsen and D.J. Carrasco combine on a three-hit shutout. Chris Duffy scores three runs in the win.

Game 3: Friday, Sept. 6 at Wilmington

LYN	100 300 000	4	11	1
WIL	300 000 000	3	8	0

WP: Higgins **LP:** Wrightsman **ATT:** 1,511
 Marco Cunningham and Byron Gettis hit back-to-back home runs, but Matt Heath's three-run blast is the difference for the Hillcats.

2003 NORTHERN DIVISION SERIES

Game 1: Wednesday, Sept. 3 at Wilmington

LYN	110 013 010	7	8	1
WIL	010 100 400	6	11	2

WP: Higgins **LP:** McCall **ATT:** 1,146
 Yurendell DeCaster's sacrifice fly in the eighth inning scores Ryan Doumit, breaking a 6-6 tie to give Lynchburg a one-run win.

Game 2: Thursday, Sept. 4 at Lynchburg

WIL	000 000 003	3	3	1
LYN	020 001 01x	4	12	0

WP: Borner **LP:** Middleton **ATT:** 792
 Hillcat starter Brady Borner pitches a no-hitter for 8.1 innings. The Rocks rally in the ninth by scoring three runs, including a two-out, two-run home run by Chris Fallon. But, the Blue Rocks were swept for the first time in the NDCS in team history.

2004 NORTHERN DIVISION SERIES

Game 1: Wednesday, Sept. 8 at Wilmington

POT	000 100 000	1	6	1
WIL	100 002 00x	3	6	1

WP: Hughes **LP:** Pauly **ATT:** 1,329
 Mike Aviles hits a two-run home run with two outs in the sixth inning to lead the Blue Rocks' offense in the series opener.

Game 2: Thursday, Sept. 9 at Potomac

WIL	020 220 000	6	12	1
POT	12(11) 000 00x	14	18	1

WP: Valdez **LP:** Kaanoi **ATT:** 817
 Potomac explodes for 11 runs in the third inning off Blue Rocks starter Jason Kaanoi and reliever John Gregg.

Game 3: Friday, Sept. 10 at Potomac

POT	010 300 000	4	8	0
WIL	000 000 000	0	3	0

WP: Lowery **LP:** Arambales **ATT:** 849
 Mike Aviles and Donnie Murphy both hit a home run and Devon Lowery combines with Nate Hoelscher and Ryan Braun on a three-hitter.

BLUE ROCKS POSTSEASON HISTORY

2004 CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES

Game 1: Saturday, Sept 11 at Kinston

WIL	000 001 021	4	11	0
KIN	000 000 000	0	4	1

WP: Stodolka **LP:** Pesco **ATT:** 412

Mike Stodolka, Steve Bray and Barry Armitage hold Kinston to just four hits en route to the shutout win in the series opener.

Game 2: Sunday, Sept. 12 at Kinston

WIL	040 130 101	10	13	0
KIN	100 000 000	1	4	2

WP: Bayliss **LP:** Ramsey **ATT:** 452

Damaso Espino hit the first-ever postseason grand slam in Blue Rocks history in the second inning and Shane Costa adds a two-run home run in the fifth inning. Jonah Bayliss goes seven innings for the victory.

Game 3: Monday, Sept. 13 at Wilmington

KIN	011 000 001	3	8	0
WIL	000 100 000	1	6	1

WP: Slocum **LP:** Hughes **ATT:** 1,337

Kinston's Brian Slocum posts a stellar outing, retiring 10 of first 11 batters he faces to earn win in Game Three.

Game 4: Tuesday, Sept. 14 at Wilmington

KIN	100 200 010	4	10	1
WIL	000 000 000	0	7	3

WP: Miller **LP:** Kaanoi **ATT:** 1,046

Adam Miller, Juan Lara and Landon Stockman combine to shut out the Blue Rocks (6th such occurrence in team history).

Game 5: Wednesday, Sept. 15 at Wilmington

KIN	100 020 000	3	4	0
WIL	000 100 000	1	4	3

WP: Martin **LP:** Lowery **ATT:** 1,032

Kinston's J.D. Martin puts forth a spectacular showing, carrying a no-hitter into the fourth inning while retiring 17 of the final 20 batters to lead the Indians to the Mills Cup Championship.

2006 NORTHERN DIVISION SERIES

Game 1: Wednesday, Sept. 6 at Frederick

WIL	020 100 000	3	10	0
FRE	000 100 000	1	3	3

WP: Buchholz **LP:** Ramirez **ATT:** 2,037

Starter Clay Buchholz ties a pair of career-high marks with six innings pitched and 10 strikeouts, allowing just one run on three hits for the win. Bubba Bell goes 2-for-4 with a home run and two RBIs. Closer Mike James hurls a scoreless and hitless ninth for the save.

Game 2: Thursday, Sept. 7 at Wilmington

FRE	000 101 000	2	1	0
WIL	100 000 000	1	5	2

WP: Anderson **LP:** Bowden **ATT:** 1,667

Craig Anderson & Rommie Lewis combine on a five-hit-ter. Frederick breaks up a 1-1 tie without a hit in the sixth. Pete Maestrales drew a lead-off walk and moved up a Paco Figueroa sac bunt. Mario Delgado reached & Maestrales scored on an Iggy Suarez error.

Game 3: Friday, Sept. 8 at Wilmington

FRE	012 400 002	9	15	2
WIL	001 000 003	4	7	4

WP: Hart **LP:** Rozier **ATT:** 986

Wilmington loses starting pitcher Michael Rozier in the third inning when he is hit in the back of the head on a line drive by Mario Delgado. Wilmington's bullpen allows six unearned runs thereafter. Nolan Reimold and Vito Chiaravalloti homer for Frederick.

2007 NORTHERN DIVISION SERIES

Game 1: Wednesday, Sept 5 at Wilmington

FRE	013 003 110	9	17	0
WIL	020 000 000	2	8	1

WP: Bergensen **LP:** Hardy **ATT:** 1,238

Carolina League Pitcher of the Year Rowdy Hardy was harassed for his worst outing of the season, yielding seven runs (five earned) over 5.2 innings, as the Rocks absorbed their second-most lopsided playoff loss in franchise history. Mario Lissou and Miguel Vega each had two of Wilmington's eight base hits on the night.

Game 2: Thursday, Sept. 6 at Frederick

WIL	000 000 001	1	1	1
FRE	000 200 100	3	7	1

WP: Spooner **LP:** Pimentel **ATT:** 1,726

Frederick starter Chorye Spooner dominated the Blue Rocks, striking out nine and walking none while hurling his fourth complete game of the season. His shutout and no-hit bids were simultaneously smashed when Jose Duarte drilled a two-out, ninth-inning home run to center field that just cleared the wall. The only other baserunner Wilmington had on its last evening of the 2007 season came courtesy of Frederick's lone defensive miscue, a ground ball through the wickets of third baseman Ryan Finan in the fifth inning off the bat of Brian McFall.

2008 NORTHERN DIVISION SERIES

Game 1: Wednesday, Sept. 3 at Potomac

WIL	000 000 010 000 000	1	5	0
POT	000 010 000 000 001	2	11	0

WP: Leatherman **LP:** Haltiwanger **ATT:** 851

In what boiled down to a battle of bullpens, the Wilmington relief corps finally cracked after three hours and 54-minutes of taut baseball. Russ Haltiwanger uncorked a wild pitch with two outs in the bottom of the 15th that scored Boomer Whiting from third base and the Potomac Nationals walked off with a 2-1 victory. The division-champion P-Nats handed the Rocks just their fifth Game One setback in 17 all-time playoff series. It marked the longest playoff game in team history.

Game 2: Thursday, Sept. 4 at Potomac

WIL	010 100 000 0	2	6	2
POT	011 000 000 1	3	13	0

WP: Everts **LP:** Chambliss **ATT:** 812

Dan Lyons delivered an RBI single off All-Star closer Tyler Chambliss in the bottom of the 10th inning to give the P-Nats a commanding 2-0 lead in the series. Jeff Bianchi had a heroic effort for the Blue Rocks in spite of the loss. The second baseman gave the Rocks their first lead of the series with a one-out solo blast off starter Erik Arnesen in the top of the second inning. Bianchi cleared both levels of the blue batter's eye in dead-center field. Trailing 2-1 in the fourth, Bianchi again came to the rescue when he singled home Paulo Orlando from second base with two outs.

Game 3: Friday, Sept. 5 at Wilmington

POT	001 000 000	1	2	2
WIL	000 000 000	0	4	0

WP: Detwiler **LP:** Teaford **ATT:** 1,103

Boomer Whiting knocked in the game's lone run with a third-inning sac fly. Starter Everett Teaford (0-1) tied a season and career-high with nine strikeouts and walked one batter over seven stellar frames. One of the two hits the lefty gave up was a ground-rule double by Michael Burgess leading off the third inning. After a sac bunt moved him to third, Burgess came plateward on Whiting's fly ball to left field. Whiting, who scored both walk-off runs in the first two games, undoubtedly was the most valuable player in the series. Wilmington's Chris Chavez and Ben Swaggerty combined to face the minimum over the final two innings. On the series, the Rocks hit a slim .133 (15-for-113). In the Game Three loss, the Rocks loaded the bases in three separate innings, yet came up empty each time en route to stranding eight men in scoring position.

BLUE ROCKS POSTSEASON HISTORY

2009 NORTHERN DIVISION SERIES

Game 1: Sept. 9 at Lynchburg

WIL	040 000 003	7	11	2
LYN	000 000 100	1	6	2

WP: Paulino **LP:** J. Wilson **ATT:** 585

Starter Eduardo Paulino allowed only a single score on four hits in 6.1 sterling frames, and the Rocks plated four second-inning runs courtesy of five singles and a pair of Lynchburg errors to take the early series lead.

Game 2: Thursday, Sept. 10 at Lynchburg

WIL	000 000 000	0	6	0
LYN	010 000 00x	1	5	1

WP: Owens **LP:** Duffy **ATT:** 572

Lynchburg starter Rudy Owens (1-0) held the Rocks at-bay for six scoreless innings, as Wilmington managed to move just three runners into scoring position all night.

Game 3: Friday, Sept. 11 at Wilmington

LYN	000 000 000 000	0	4	1
WIL	000 000 000 002	2	7	1

WP: Bowden **LP:** Uviedo **ATT:** 774

After enduring a 46-minute rain delay at the outset, dreary damp conditions all night, and 20 consecutive scoreless innings over two games, the Wilmington Blue Rocks offense ended the evening in style. Eric Hosmer blasted a two-run homer over the right-field fence to give the Rocks a 2-0 walk-off win and a two-games to one series advantage. The triumph was Wilmington's fourth walk-off postseason win in franchise history and its first since the championship-clinching victory during Game Four of the 1998 finals vs. Winston-Salem.

Game 4: Saturday, Sept. 12 at Wilmington

LYN	010 001 021	5	9	2
WIL	101 000 000	2	7	3

WP: McSwain **LP:** Rivas **ATT:** 623

The Blue Rocks could not get the big hit as they left 12 men on base including eight in scoring position. Wilmington went 1-for-11 (.091) with runners in scoring position as the series shifted back to the hill city.

Game 5: Sunday, Sept. 13 at Lynchburg

WIL	010 000 010	2	10	0
LYN	002 000 30x	5	6	0

WP: B. Morris **LP:** Villa **ATT:** 558

Lynchburg's Josh Harrison had two hits and drove in four runs, while Erik Huber added a pair of doubles and cut down two men at the plate, as the Hillcats took Game Five to pull a shocking upset over a Blue Rocks team which finished the year with the Carolina League's best record. Huber's heroics came after not appearing in any of the series' first four games. It was Wilmington's 10th loss in its last 12 postseason games.

2012 NORTHERN DIVISION SERIES

Game 1: Wednesday, Sept. 5 at Wilmington

LYN	100 010 024	8	15	0
WIL	000 000 000	0	3	2

WP: Schlosser **LP:** Pounders **ATT:** 922

The Hillcats record 15 hits (14 of them singles) to move within a game of the Mills Cup Championship Series. The Blue Rocks had no answer for Hillcats starter Gus Schlosser. He tossed eight scoreless frames, allowing only three hits and a walk while striking out six.

Game 2: Thursday, Sept. 6 at Lynchburg

WIL	004 130 040	12	18	2
LYN	100 000 020	3	7	1

WP: Adam **LP:** Delgado **ATT:** 864

Wilmington sets a postseason record with 18 hits (prior team-high was 14) to force a decisive third game. It was also the Blue Crew's most lopsided playoff win since the 2004 Mills Cup (10-1 win over Kinston). Six players recorded multiple hits, while starting pitcher Jason Adam picked up the win, going seven innings and surrendering only one earned run.

Game 3: Friday, Sept. 7 at Lynchburg

WIL	001 000 000	1	5	0
LYN	000 100 01x	2	5	0

WP: Cornely **LP:** Yambati **ATT:** 582

With one out in the bottom of the eighth and the game tied, Hillcats catcher Braeden Schlehuder belted a solo homer off Robinson Yambati to give Lynchburg the lead and the eventual win.

2015 NORTHERN DIVISION SERIES

Game 1: Wednesday, Sept. 9 at Lynchburg

WIL	100 001 202	6	13	1
LYN	000 000 001	1	5	1

WP: Mills **LP:** Peoples **ATT:** 1,744

SV: Caramo

Timely hitting and a dominant start from Alec Mills paved the way for the Blue Rocks to take the first game of the NDS. Alec Mills went six shutout innings of two

hit baseball, striking out six as the offense came through with five separate two out hits to seal the win.

Game 2: Thursday, Sept. 10 at Wilmington

LYN	020 000 001	3	8	0
WIL	000 020 020	4	8	1

WP: Goudeau **LP:** Aquino **ATT:** 2,311

SV: Cordero (1)

After falling behind early in Game Two, 2-0, the Rocks scratched across two runs in the bottom of the fifth on a two-run single by Carlos Garcia after the inning continued on a strike three wild pitch. Jack Lopez put the Rocks up for good with a two-run blast in the bottom of the eighth to return the Blue Rocks to the Mills Cup Championship Series for the first time since 2004.

2015 MILLS CUP CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES

Game 1: Sunday Sept. 13, at Wilmington

MB	000 002 000 1	3	10	1
WIL	010 000 001 0	2	6	0

WP: Berg **LP:** Rico, L **ATT:** 1,575

Ryan O'Hearn clubbed his first postseason home run to put the Blue Rocks up early, but the lead slipped out of their hands with two runs from the Pelicans in the sixth. Down a run in the bottom of the ninth inning, the Blue Rocks would load the bases with nobody out, but could only scratch across a single run to tie the game in their last outs. That would come back to haunt the Blue Rocks as the Pelicans plated a man in the tenth and the Blue Rocks fell in extras in Game One.

Game 2: Monday, Sept. 14 at Wilmington

MB	100 000 001	2	7	1
WIL	000 000 000	0	4	1

WP: Skulina **LP:** Junis **ATT:** 1,582

SV: Berg

The team that was shutout 20 times in the season finally emerged in the postseason. The Blue Rocks collected just four hits on the evening and their only threat was snuffed out on a diving catch by Pin-Chieh Chen in the fourth inning.

Game 3: Wednesday, Sept. 16 at Myrtle Beach

WIL	001 000 001	2	7	0
MB	110 100 001	3	8	1

WP: Berg **LP:** Rico, L **ATT:** 4,108

The Blue Rocks once again fought back to tie the game in the ninth only to see the lead, game, and season evaporate in the next frame. The Blue crew climbed out of an early 2-0 hole with single runs in the third and ninth. But with the bases loaded and two outs, Pin-Chieh Chen again played the hero; dribbling one off of the plate down the third baseline and out of the reach of Mauricio Ramos for the Walk-Off Championship win.

Wilmington Blue Rocks 2019 Breakdown/Pitcher-Catcher Numbers

Record:	82-56
First Half:	44-25
Second Half:	38-31
Home:	41-27
Road:	41-29
Vs. RH Starters:	56-44
Vs. LH Starters:	26-12
Day:	14-10
Night:	68-46
One-Run Games:	41-17
Two-Run Games:	12-11
Extra-Inning Games:	7-5
Doubleheaders (W-L-S)	2-1-7
Shutouts:	16-7
No-Hitters:	0-0
When Leading After 7:	53-2
When Trailing After 7:	5-33
When Tied After 7:	12-10
When Leading After 8:	59-1
When Trailing After 8:	2-36
When Tied After 8:	7-8
When the Rocks Score First:	50-19
When the Opponent Scores First:	31-37
Games Decided In Last At-Bat:	17-11
When Scoring 3 Or Less:	29-48
When Scoring 4 Or More:	52-8
When The Rocks Have 5 Hits or Less:	25-24
When The Rocks Have 10 Hits or More:	17-6
When The Rocks Hit A Home Run:	31-14
Most Games Above .500:	27
Most Games Below .500:	2
When The Rocks Commit an Error:	46-30
When The Rocks Starter Goes 6+ Inn:	44-18
Come-From-Behind Victories:	30
Postponements Home/Road:	7/3
Longest Winning Streak:	5
Longest Losing Streak:	6
Cancellations:	1
Total Rainouts:	8
Currently Suspended Games:	0

Blue Rocks Shutouts 16 (7 in 2018)

Date	Score Opp.	Pitchers
4/13/2019	6-0 CAR	Tillo
5/4/2019	2-0 CAR	Kowar, Mitchell and Duarte
5/14/2019	2-0 FRE	Lugo and Zuber
5/15/2019	1-0 FRE	Lynch, Snider and Ratliff
5/20/2019	2-0 SAL	Lynch, Capps, Zuber
5/27/2019	1-0 MB	Singer and Capps
6/7/2019	2-0 FAY	Bubic, Dye, Capps, Zuber
6/21/2019	7-0 FRE	Martinez, Lambright, Garcia, Mitchell
6/23/2019	5-0 FRE	Bowlan, Dye, Ratliff
7/15/2019	3-0 CAR	Bowlan
7/25/2019	5-0 POT	Tillo, Snider
7/27/2019	5-0 DE	Bubic, Garcia
8/15/2019	1-0 LYN	Bubic
8/23/2019	4-0 DE	Cox, Lambright, Sheller
8/29/2019	4-0 LYN	Bowlan, Dye, Ratliff
8/31/2019	6-0 MB	Bubic, Hahn, Beckwith, Martinez

Opponent Shutouts 7 (10 in 2018)

Date	Score/Opp.	Pitchers
5/22	7-0/vs. SAL	De Jesus, Baker and Politi
7/8	3-0 at SAL	Ward, Polliti and Gomez
7/12	1-0 vs. SAL	Politi, Smith
7/30	6-0 vs. FAY	Whitley, Deason
7/31	1-0 vs. FAY	Torres, Cabral
8/11	1-0 at MB	Vargas, Peyton, Rodriguez
8/28	3-0 at LYN	Hartson, Pinto

Blue Rocks Pitching Breakdown

	W-L	Sv.	ERA	IP	ER	BB	SO	HR
Starters	49-34	0	3.01	735.1	238	211	673	43
Relievers	32-22	46	3.17	450.0	160	145	446	22
Totals	82-56	46	3.03	1185.1	398	356	1118	65

WALK-OFF WINS/LOSSES

WINS (8) (1 in 2018)			LOSSES (7) (5 in 2018)		
Date	Opp	Score/Inn	Date	Opp	Score/Inn
4/9/19	WS	2-1/10th	4/11/19	CR	7-6/9
5/14/19	FRE	2-0/7th	6/1/19	FAY	2-1/9
5/27/19	MB	6-5/9th	6/13/19	LYN	4-3/10
6/9/19	FAY	4-3/10th	6/25/19	POT	5-3/7
7/12	SAL	1-0/8th	7/21/19	CAR	5-4/9
7/13	CAR	8-7/9th	8/11/19	MB	1-0/10
7/23	POT	3-2/10th	8/17/19	DE	4-3/9
8/14	LYN	4-3/11th			

Wilmington Blue Rocks 2019 Batting Breakdown

Home Run Breakdown

Player	Total	Home	Road	Solo	2R	3R	GS	Last HR	Games Since
Ricky Aracena	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	4/11/2019 CAR	63
Dennicher Carrasco	9	2	7	4	4	0	0	8/30/2019 MB	2
Angelo Castellano	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8/8/2018	43
Marten Gasparini	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8/7/2018	26
Michael Gigliotti	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6/5/2019 (Low-A)	34
Brewer Hicklen	13	5	8	6	5	1	1	8/22/2019 SAL	8
Tyler Hill	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	8/9/2019 MB	18
Kyle Isbel	5	3	2	3	1	1	0	8/21/2019 SAL	8
Kyle Kasser	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	N/A	51
Seuly Matias	4	0	4	2	2	0	0	4/15/2019 WS	44
Rudy Martin	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	4/28/2019 LYN	49
Jose Marquez	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8/21/2018	12
MJ Melendez	9	3	6	5	3	0	1	8/30/2019 LYN	3
Cristian Perez	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8/9/2018	110
Blake Perkins	6	0	6	4	2	0	0	7/18/2019 WS	14
Nick Pratto	8	3	5	4	3	1	0	8/2/2019 POT	17
Sebastian Rivero	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	4/11/2019 CAR	80
Colby Schultz	2	0	2	1	1	0	0	6/16/2019 LYN	40
Bruce Steel	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	N/A	6
Stephan Vidal	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		

2019 Month-by-Month Team Hitting

Month	G	Rec	Avg	AB	H	R	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	K	SB/CS
April	26	15-11	.201	763	153	91	31	6	11	78	89	246	28/48
May	28	19-9	.190	826	155	82	33	8	11	74	79	297	23/44
June	26	16-10	.239	825	197	107	33	9	12	96	107	231	47/57
July	28	13-15	.223	846	189	90	41	4	13	81	58	240	29/46
August	29	19-10	.233	895	214	109	33	6	16	98	84	230	20/39
September	1	0-1	.175	33	6	1	2	0	0	1	1	10	2/2

2019 Blue Rocks Pinch Hitters (2018: 1-for-1, 2 RBI, SF)

Player	Avg.	PHA	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SAC/SF	HB	BB	SO
Dennicher Carrasco	.000	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Marten Gasparini	.000	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Brewer Hicklen	.000	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Kyle Kasser	.000	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Blake Perkins	.000	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Nick Pratto	.000	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Stephan Vidal	.000	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
TOTALS	.000	10	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	5

BLUE ROCKS HITTERS NOTES

#12 Ricky Aracena INF
Ht: 5'8 Wt: 160
Age: 21 B/T: S/R
Born: San Francisco de Macoris, D.R.

PRONUNCIATION: AIR-UH-SANE-UH

Notes: Signed as an international free agent by the Royals on July 3, 2014. Signed by Royals scout Fausto Morel.

2019 Notes: Rejoined the roster on 7/30 after being placed on the IL on June 13 due to a foot injury.
- Played in nine rehab games between AZL Royals and Lexington and went a combined 10-for-34 (.294) with two doubles, a pair of home runs and nine RBI.

2018 Notes: Spent the season at Low-A Lexington
- Played in a career-high 95 games for the Legends
- Batted .261 w/3HR 13XBH 40RBI 21BB 17SB in 95G
- Switch Hitter batted .270 2HR 13RBI vs LHP and .257 with 1HR 27RBI vs RHP. His OBP was actually six points higher (.315-.309) vs. RHP
- Endured a rough month of April when he went just 4-for-29 at the plate with 2BB and 6Ks
- Enjoyed his best month in July when he posted a .369 OBP and a .297 average (both season-highs)
- Was a clutch hitter, batting .333 w/RISP and .429 w/ the bases loaded.

2017 Notes: - Split the season between Low-A Lexington and Rookie Idaho Falls
- Batted .139 with 1XBH 7RBI 0BB in 30G w/ Lexington - Batted .385n(10-for-26) 2HR 7RBI in 6G W/IF
- Injured his right thumb in late June and spent most of the rest of the season on Injured List

2016 Notes: - Spent the season with Rookie Idaho Falls
- Batted .251 w/1HR 13XBH 33RBI & 17SB in 61G

2015 Notes:
- Spent his first pro season with the Surprise Royals of the Arizona Rookie League
- Batted .294 w/4XBH 9RBI 8SB 2BB in 26G
- Baseball America touted him as the 16th-best prospect in the Arizona Rookie League after his first season

#16 Dennicher Carrasco INF
Ht: 5'11 Wt: 195
Age: 23 B/T: R/R
Born: Santo Domingo, DR

PRONUNCIATION: DENNIS-SURE CUH-RAS-CO

Notes: Signed as an international free agent by the Royals on November 16, 2015. Signed by Royals scout Edis Perez

2019 Notes:
- Struggled in April, batting just .161 w/0HR and 3RBI
- Led the Blue Rocks with 5HR in the month of May
- Slashed .212/.274/.364 in First Half w/5HR & 22RBI

2018 Notes:
- Spent the season at Low-A Lexington
- Batted .250 w/10HR 20XBH 30RBI 11BB in 62G
- Plagued by injuries throughout the season
- Missed more than three weeks (April 21-May 13) with an ankle injury
- Placed on the IL on July 14 with a thumb injury that ultimately ended his season

2017 Notes:
- Spent his first pro season in the United States with Rookie Burlington
- Batted .288 with 10 HR 27XBH 41RBI in 61G
- Ranked third in the Appalachian League with 118 total bases on the season

2016 Notes:
- Spent his first pro season with the Dominican Royals of the Dominican Summer League
- Batted .263 w/7HR 18XBH 26RBI 33BB in 63G
- The 63 games Dennicher played in 2016 are the most of his pro career

BLUE ROCKS HITTERS NOTES

#8 Brewer Hicklen OF
Ht: 6'2 Wt: 208
Age: 23 B/T: R/R
Born: Huntsville, AL

PRONUNCIATION: HICK-LIN

Notes: Selected by in the Royals in the 7th round of the 2017 Draft out of UAB... Was the highest drafted baseball player in program history... Had planned to play both football and baseball for the Blazers, but UAB unexpectedly shut down its football program before the 2014 season... Hicklen redshirted in 2015 was named to Conference USA's All-Freshman Team in 2016 and was 2nd Team All Conference in 2017 after ending the season on a 41-game on-base streak... Graduated from Huntsville High School where he was named an All American catcher and an All-State QB... His given name is Charles, but everyone calls him Brewer

2019 Notes:

- Entered the season as the 17th ranked prospect in the KC system according to MLB.com
- Started season going hitless in his first 7G
- Hitting .373 w/9RBI and 4XBH in month of June]
- Hit team's second grand slam of the season on 6/15 @ LYN
- Became first player in franchise history to hit 3HR in one game on August 22 vs. SAL

2018 Notes:

- Split the season between Low-A Lexington and Advanced-A Wilmington
- Batted .307 17HR, 38XBH 65 RBI in 82G in Lexington
- Was promoted to Wilmington in mid-July before returning to Lexington in mid-August for the Legends championship run
- Batted .211 w/1HR 5XBH 3RBI 6SB in 22G w/Rocks
- Had as many hits at Frawley Stadium as he did on the road despite 17 fewer ABs in home games
- He was named an MiLB.com Organization All-Star-Hicklen ranked among Royals minor league leaders in SBs (3rd), HRs (5th) and RBI (5th)
- His 29SB in 82G at Lexington ranked 5th in the SAL

2017 Notes:

- Split his first pro season between Rookie-Idaho Falls and Rookie-Surprise
- Batted .348 w/3HR, 9XBH 13 RBI in 19G w/ Surprise
- Batted .299 w/1HR 11XBH 10RBI in 20G in Idaho Falls
- Reached safely in 36 of 39 games in his pro debut

Hicklen said it: (On bouncing all over the place last season)... "Last year was an extended roller coaster for sure, starting off in extended spring training basically being really disappointed with that. Then I went to Lexington starting off really slow there and then kind of catching fire there for a couple months, and then having the opportunity to move up to Wilmington was really really special. Got up here, really had a good time, started playing well with the guys and then I got called into the office unexpectedly and was told that Seuly (Matias) got hurt in Lexington and that I was going to have to go back for the playoffs. Originally I was pretty upset, but I had to look through it with a different lens and just try to change my perspective. That's one of the biggest lessons I learned last year and in life was that it's all about what lens you look through. So I took that approach and made the most of my opportunity in Lexington. I went down there and felt like I contributed a lot to the team. I felt like I was a leader on the team, and at the end of the day we were able win a championship, which is what you set out to do at the beginning of every year you play this game."

#6 Kyle Isbel OF
Ht: 5'11 Wt: 183
Age: 22 B/T: L/R
Born: Fontana, CA

PRONUNCIATION: IS-BELL

Notes: Selected in the 3rd round of the 2018 Draft out of UNLV... Was named the Mountain West Conference Freshman of the Year and to the Louisville Slugger Freshman All American Team in 2016... In 2018 he was named First Team All-Conference after finishing top 5 in the league in batting average and HRs... He was a Cape Cod League All Star... Received a \$594K signing bonus

2019 Notes:

- Enters the season as the 10th ranked prospect in the KC system according to MLB.com
- Hit the Rocks' first HR of season on Opening Day vs Salem. Marked 3rd straight season a Blue Rocks hit a homer in first game of season
- Went to the injured list on 4/18
- Rehabbed with AZL Royals July 4 - July 12. Batted .360, 7 RBI, 2 doubles and 2 homeruns in 7 games
- Returned to the Blue Rocks on 7/13

2018 Notes:

- Split his first pro season between Low-A Lexington and Rookie-Idaho Falls
- Batted .381 w/4HR 15XBH 18RBI 14BB in 25G in Idaho Falls
- Was promoted to Lexington in mid-July
- Batted .289 w/3HR 16XBH 14RBI 12BB in 39G at Lexington
- Batted .382 vs LHP and just .240 against RHP

Isbel said it: (On his debut pro season)... "Last year was just the perfect situations for me in my first year of pro ball. The coaches were always helping me out. My teammates around me made it easy for me to play. I didn't really have to rely on myself too much. I knew that people behind me would do the job if I didn't get it done. And it was just stress free and having fun."
(On the experience of winning a championship in his first year as a pro)... "Stepping into that team atmosphere was absolutely awesome. The teammates I had, it was like a family. It was stress free from day one and we just would all play well together. It was good to go through that and to get a taste of it right away."
(On Draft Day)... "It was just an awesome experience. It's a dream come true. Since day one. I've been working for that. Now my goal is to be playing in the big leagues so I'll keep working and have a ways to go, but this is obviously a big first step. And everybody (at UNLV) was just so supportive. (Being the highest drafted player ever in program history) is a huge honor. I worked hard for it, but certainly could not have done it without everyone who helped me."
(On Differences between playing in college and the pros)... "The biggest (difference) is just playing every day. Everybody talks about just getting used to the grind, but it's hard to appreciate how different it is until you get to experience it. Really in college you play three days a week and in pro ball you play every single day. So just getting used to that was the biggest adjustment."
(On his appreciation of Derek Jeter)... "My favorite player growing up was Derek Jeter just the way he went out and did his business and how he's respected by other players."

BLUE ROCKS HITTERS NOTES

Tyler Hill OF
Ht: 6'0 Wt: 195
Age: 23 B/T: R/R
Born: Wilmington, DE

Notes: Originally drafted by the Red Sox in the 19th round with their 20th pick in the 2014 June Draft...A local kid who graduated from Delaware Military Academy, where he hit .432 with six home runs, 29 runs batted in and 18 stolen bases

2019 Notes:

- Started the season with Advanced-A Tampa
- Batted .242 w/5HR, 8XBH, 20RBI in 51G
- Was released by the Yankees on June 21
- Was signed by the Royals in early-August

2018 Notes:

- Spent the season with Advanced-A Salem
- Batted .254 w/.348 OBP, 1HR, 22XBH, 27SB w/Sox
- In December he was selected by the Detroit Tigers in the Minor League Phase of the Rule 5 Draft then traded to the New York Yankees for cash.

2017 Notes:

- Spent the season with Low-A Greenville
- Batted .272 w/.342 OBP, 9HR, 32XBH 42SB

2016 Notes:

- Spent the season with Lowell in NYPenn League
- Batted .332 w/.400 OBP, 4HR, 23XBH, 11SB
- Named midseason NYPenn League All-Star

2015 Notes:

- Split the season between Lowell and GCL Red Sox
- Started season in GCL where he batted .250 w/4XBH 16RBI, 22SB
- Went 6-for-15 w/ 1XBH 2SB in 4G w/Lowell

2014 Notes:

- Made professional debut with GCL Red Sox
- Went 0-for-7 w/1BB 1R in 4G

#7 MJ Melendez C
Ht: 6'1 Wt: 190
Age: 20 B/T: L/R
Born: Daytona Beach, FL

PRONUNCIATION: MUH-LEN-DEZ

Notes: Selected in the second round of the 2017 Draft out of Westminster Christian High School (Fla.)...He transferred from his original HS in Alabama in order to play closer to his father, Mervyl, Sr., who is the head coach at Florida International University...Received a \$2.05 million signing bonus...MJ stands for Mervyl Jr.

2019 Notes:

- Entered the season as the 6th ranked prospect in the KC system according to MLB.com
- Entered the season as the 9th ranked catching prospect in baseball according to MLB.com
- June 3 at MB: Hit Rocks' first Grand Slam of season
- Carolina League All Star went 0-for-2 in game

2018 Notes:

- Spent the season at Low-A Lexington
- Batted .251 w/19HR 26-2B 54XBH 73RBI and 26BB
- Played in a career-high 111G
- Ranked top 5 in the SAL in triples (3rd), RBI (4th), HRs (5th), Total Bases (5th) and slugging (5th)
- Was named Lexington's Co-Player of the Year
- Was named a midseason South Atlantic League All Star
- Earned the Mike Sweeney Award, which recognizes the Minor League player that best represents the organization on and off the field

2017 Notes:

- Spent the season at Rookie Surprise
- Batted .262 w/4HR 15XBH 30RBI 26BB in 47G
- Was ranked the 13th-best prospect in the Arizona Rookie League by Baseball America
- Led the team in homers and OBP and was 2nd in RBI

Melendez said it: (On being a catcher)...I definitely take a lot of pride in catching just because I'm not only catching for myself but also for the pitchers. I have to be able to call a good game, be able to frame pitches that are borderline, be able to block balls. I want my pitchers to have confidence in me and trust in me to be able to throw breaking ball with two strikes and know that I'm going to be able to block it. I do think that defense comes first but it's a balance. I don't think hitting should be very far behind." **(On his relationship with fellow catching prospect Silberto Rivero)**...It's been amazing working together, we have a great relationship. On and off the field. I think on the field when one of us are struggling a little bit whether it's with the bat, were able to help each other out, give each other advice. If one of us is doing good in that category, be able to like pick each other back up, and just give each other advice and kind of boost each other's confidence when we may not have it. And then when we're both doing well, just trying to piggyback on that and make sure that we can keep that flowing for as long as possible." **(On passing up the chance to play for his Dad at FIU)**... "It was definitely a tough decision. I grew up watching my dad's teams play all my life and have never been to the College World Series Super Regional. So that's something that I wanted to do. I wanted to go play for him, not only for myself, but also for him. I wanted to bring that bring back the College World Series title to wherever he's coaching if I knew at that that particular moment, and so it was definitely a tough decision. But my dad and my family supported me."

BLUE ROCKS HITTERS NOTES

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Born: Daytona Beach, FL

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#11 Cristian Perez INF
Ht: 5'10 **Wt: 170**
Age: 20 **B/T: R/R**
Born: Cauga, VZ

Notes: Signed as an international free agent by the Royals on September 27, 2015. Signed by scout Richard Castro

2019 Notes:

- 4.30: His Ground-Rule double w/2outs in 9th broke up Frederick's no-hit bid & capped off a remarkable 5-run rally on 1 hit in 9th to give Rocks a 5-4 win
- Closed the first half on a tear, recording hits in 10 of his last 11 starts w/multiple hits in 6 of the contests.

2018 Notes:

- Made his full-season debut with Low-A Lexington
- Played in a career-high 87 games for Lexington
- Batted .278 w/3HR 17XBH 37RBI 11BB 10SB
- Had much better success vs LHP batting .354 as opposed to his .252 average against righties
- Debuted in May and batted .376 in 27G before the All-Star break, but hit just .238 in the season's 2nd half
- Batted in seven different slots in the lineup for Lexington (everywhere except third and ninth)
- Came through in the clutch batting .351 w/RISP and .500 with the bases loaded

2017 Notes:

- Spent his first pro season in the United States with Rookie Surprise
- Batted .270 w/ 1HR 16XBH 23RBI 16BB in 48G

2016 Notes:

- Spent his first pro season in the Dominican Summer League with the DSL Royals
- Batted .251 w/7XBH 36RBI 26BB & 10SB in 59G

BLUE ROCKS HITTERS NOTES

#30 Nick Pratto INF
Ht: 6'1 Wt: 195
Age: 20 B/T: L/L
Born: Huntington Beach, CA

PRONUNCIATION: PRAH-TOE

Notes: Selected in the first round (14th overall pick) of the 2017 Draft out of Huntington Beach High School in California...Baseball America touted him as the best high school hitter in his draft class and he turned down a scholarship at USC to sign for \$2.5 million...Won world championships in back-to-back seasons in 2015 and 2016 with USA Baseball's U18 National Team... First time he wore a Royals uniform was in Little League, and it just happened to be the year he hit the first home run of his life on a pitch he said came in above his eyes... Had a walk-off single with the bases loaded as a 12 year old to defeat Japan 2-1 in the Little League World Series

2019 Notes:

- Entered the season as the fifth-ranked prospect in the KC system according to MLB.com
- 4-9: Got Rocks' first walk-off win w/10th inning single vs WS
- Slashed .167/.262/.230 w/2HR, 21RBI, 27BB, 8-2B in First Half

2018 Notes:

- Played in a career-high 127G for Low-A Lexington
- Batted .280 w/14HR 49XBH 62RBI 45BB 22SB
- Ranked top six in the South Atlantic League in runs, doubles, hits, total bases, games, XBHs and average
- Was named to the South Atlantic League midseason All-Star Game was named the game's MVP
- Named the Frank White Defensive Player of the Year as the organization's top defensive prospect
- Entered the season as the Royals' top-ranked prospect according to Baseball America

2017 Notes:

- Spent the season with Rookie-Surprise
- Batted .247 w/4HR 22XBH 34RBI 24BB in 52G
- Was named the Surprise Player of the Year
- Led the team in homers and RBI and was 2nd in hits

Pratto said it: (On his first year of full-season ball)...I think overall it was a good year offensively. There were some areas I can work on like consistency and cutting down on the strikeouts, but I made progress. The biggest thing was getting used to full-season ball, all the ups and downs you go through. You have to ride the wave. It was a long year, but having guys like MJ [Melendez] and Seuly [Matias]...we all just built off each other. It was a fantastic team." (On Making a Playoff Run last year in Lexington)... That was my first taste of the playoffs. Obviously, you put expectations in your head, but it lived up to it and was a lot of fun." (On his defense)...I had to work on my throwing a little bit, on throws to second and to first. I changed my arm slot mid-year, and it really didn't help me out. So we went back to how I normally do it. Naturally, I'm in a lower slot, a little more sidearm. I've always been fine in terms of accuracy, but the infielders were complaining that my throws moved too much [like a two-seam fastball]. But I went back to my normal slot and everything is fine. I think what I'm best at is picking balls in the dirt, and my agility around the bag. Picking balls and saving bad throws is huge." (On Who He Admires in Game) I really like Joey Votto's offensive approach at the plate. He has the average, the on-base percentage, the slugging percentage. He doesn't strike out too much. That's what I'd like to be.

#3 Sebastian Rivero C
Ht: 6'1 Wt: 195
Age: 20 B/T: R/R
Born: Maracay, Venezuela

Notes: Signed as an international free agent by the Royals on July 10, 2015. Signed by Richard Castro, Alberto Garcia and Orlando Estevez...His full name is Sebastian Rivero Aguilar

2019 Notes:

- Rejoined team on May 30 after playing three games in Triple-A Omaha.
- Went 3-for-8 w/3 runs scored for the Storm Chasers.
- Entered the season as the 27th-ranked prospect in the KC system according to MLB.com
- Slashed .194/.269/.253 w/1HR, 7XBH, 14RBI in First Half

2018 Notes:

- Spent the season at Low-A Lexington
- Batted .258 w/7HR 23XBH 34RBI 17BB 59K
- Played in a career-high 77G in his first year of full-season ball
- Named a midseason South Atlantic League All Star
- Posted an impressive .991 fielding percentage
- Batted .309 and slugged .473 in 15 day games
- Was recipient of the 2018 Carlos Fortuna Award which is awarded to a KC player who is dedicated to improving his English, genuine work ethic and conduct.

2017 Notes:

- Spent the season at Rookie-Burlington
- Batted .265 w/4HR 13XBH 28RBI in 48G
- Finished 6th among Appalachian League catchers in RBI

2016 Notes:

- Split the season between the Arizona Rookie League and the Dominican Summer League
- Batted .269 w/10XBH 20RBI in 38G w/Surprise

Rivero said: (On his relationship with former Blue Rock and current Royal Salvador Perez)... "My favorite player is Salvador Perez. He's exactly (what a catcher should be). He is injured this year, but I had the pleasure to play with him last spring training in the Big League camp. He told me a lot of tips and and was go (generous) with his time. It was really an amazing experience. I had a bunch of fun. He's a funny guy. I laughed a lot with him and I tried to ask a lot of questions to him, and that helped me. I appreciate him as a person and as a catcher." (On his relationship with fellow catcher MJ Melendez)... "We have a pretty good communication with each other and we push each other. If he went bad one day I'll step up for him and he does the same for me, so we just really help each other" (On working with a pitching staff full of prospects)...It's pretty fun working (with these prospect pitchers) because these guys know what they're doing and what they want to throw and why." (On how he can become a better hitter)...My (biggest thing) is to be ahead in the count. That is my focus. When I'm ahead I get better pitches, make better swings make more doubles, make more RBI, Make more of everything (but) strikeouts." (On being from Venezuela)...My family is still all back home and they watch and listen to everything on the internet. They follow so close for being so far. I got to go home and spend some time with them this offseason. That was great because I don't know if I will get back there next winter. I'm going to spend a lot of time in Arizona working (to improve at the) Royals' facility. It's tough, but they understand and support me."

BLUE ROCKS HITTERS NOTES

#27 Colby Schultz INF
Ht: 6'0 **Wt: 180**
Age: 24 **B/T: L/R**
Born: San Juan Capistrano, CA

Notes: Signed as a non-drafted free agent on June 16, 2018. Signed by Colin Gonzales Attended Saddleback College where he batted .315/.381/.466 Earning Second Team All-Orange Empire Conference Honors, Transferred to the University of California Riverside

2019 Notes:

- Hit his first-career professional home run on 5/19 @ Potomac.
- Has made starts at 2B, SS, 3B and LF this season.
- Joined Blue Rocks on May 11th

2018 Notes:

- Split time between Rookie Burlington and Surprise
- Batted .246 w/ 0HR 5XBH 24 RBI 16BB in 40G

Schultz said it: On living with a host family "I have lived with host families in the past during summer ball. It's awesome. What host families do for the players, the behind the scenes stuff that they take care of to make it an easy transition for us, they are the real heroes. **On going to UC Riverside** "I went to a community college out of high school and at the time, they came and saw me play a few times and I had a few teammates on the team who were committed there so they would come out and watch them play and consequently saw me play and after that, I signed and really enjoyed my time there." **On signing free agent deal with the Royals** "It was a dream come true. The fact that they are giving me an opportunity to continue my baseball career is something I will forever be grateful. I want to ride this wave as long as I can." **On playing other positions** "I can play third base, but middle infield, especially shortstop is where I played mostly in college. As long as I'm out on the field trying to help the team win, it doesn't matter where I play. At third base, it's more of a one-handed position. Sometimes you are playing for a bunt, other times you don't have that much reaction time and you have to be ready." **On deciding to want to pursue baseball as a career** "I grew up playing the game. "My two older brothers played and my dad played in college and a little bit after that. I'd say it was after high school when I had the opportunity to either pursue baseball or sit back. Due to an elbow injury, I actually took my freshman year off and that really opened my eyes and solidified that I would miss the game. It's a grind and if you don't really love the game, it can chew you up and spit you out." **On learning more than just the elbow injury** "I actually found out that I have a gluten allergy so now my diet is extremely important to me. I put on muscle, I put on weight and now I've never felt better and it's really been beneficial for me. **Person or player he idolized** "Although my dad is a Boston Red Sox fan, I've always loved watching Derek Jeter. Just the type of guy he is and his work ethic. Dustin Pedroia is an absolute grinder and a little guy. Then there's my dad, he's been there every step of the way baseball wise. My mom as well, she has been the worker of the house, supporting myself and my brothers. My family in general just really have supported me and I can't thank them enough."

#17 Bruce Steel INF
Ht: 6'2 **Wt: 195**
Age: 22 **B/T: R/R**
Born: White Plains, N.Y.

Notes: Signed as a non-drafted free agent on June 22, 2019. Played college ball at Wake Forest University. Missed parts of two seasons after tearing a ligament in his thumb in his sophomore season in 2016. Following season hit .264 with 13 home runs, 10 doubles, 38 RBI and 37 runs scored in 52 starts. Had .968 fielding percentage and made just one error over final 36 games. Missed most of 2018 season due to an injury. Was a team captain.

2019 Notes:

- Started the season with the Surprise Royals in Rookie Arizona League.
- Played four games in and went 3-for-10 with a double, and two walks.

BLUE ROCKS BULLPEN NOTES

#34 Andrew Beckwith RHP Ht: 6'0 Wt: 180
Age: 24 Born: Blythewood, SC

Notes: Selected in the 32nd round of the 2017 Draft out of Coastal Carolina. In 2014 he set a school Division I ERA record with a 1.33 ERA in team-high 29 app. In 2016 led the NCAA in wins going 15-1 with a 1.85 ERA. Named College World Series' Most Outstanding Player that same year.

Pitch Repertoire: 4FB, SL, CH

2019 Notes:

-Started season in AA NW Arkansas & went 1-0 with a 5.84 ERA in 26 appearances. 37IP, 24ER, 15BB, 28K.

2018 Notes: Split season between WIL and Low-A LEX.

-Composite 4-1 with 1.75 ERA in career-high 36 app.
-W/WIL 1-0 with 1.42 ERA in 11G 12.2IP, 2ER, BB, 11K

#39 Josh Dye LHP Ht: 6'3 Wt: 175
Age: 22 Born: DeLand, FL

Notes: Selected in the 23rd round of the 2018 draft out of Florida Gulf Coast University. Missed 2016 season due to injury. In 2017 led the team in starts, wins and ranked second among qualified pitchers with a 3.23 ERA.

Pitch Repertoire: FB, CH, SL

2019 Notes:

-Started season with Low-A Lexington and went 1-1 with 3.38 ERA in 14 relief appearances. 26.2 IP, 3SV, 6BB, 43K, .229 BAA

2018 Notes:

-Spent majority of season with Rookie Burlington.
-Went 1-3 with a 4.54 ERA, 35.2 IP, 18 ER, 5BB, 34 K.
-Made spot start with WIL and earned win with 5 IP, ER, BB, 6K.
-His 6.67 K to BB ratio (40K, 6BB) ranked 4th among Royals' farmhands (min 40 IP)

#31 Robert Garcia LHP Ht: 6'3 Wt: 220
Age: 22 Born: Manteca, CA

Notes: Selected in the 15th round of the 2017 Draft out of UC Davis

Pitch Repertoire: 4FB, 2FB, CH, SL, Slurve

2018 Notes:

- Split season between Low-A Lexington & Rookie Idaho Falls
- Posted a 1.61 ERA w/3SV 18K 8BB in 22.1 IP with IF
- Went 0-2 with a 2.25 ERA in 13G for Legends. Had 31K 11BB
- Did not allow an ER over 12 appearances from 7/16-9/2

2017 Notes:

- Split season between Rookie Idaho Falls & the Surprise Royals
- Went 1-5 with a 10.65 ERA in 11G 10 starts for Idaho Falls
- Allowed 3ER in 5IP over 2G in the Arizona Rookie League

#24 Austin Lambright LHP Ht: 6'3 Wt: 205
Age: 22 Born: Anacortes, WA

Notes: Selected in the 10th round of the 2018 Draft out of Central Oklahoma...Started his college career at Abilene Christian University where he spent four seasons...Missed entire 2016 campaign due to Tommy John Surgery. Transferred for 2018 season

Pitch Repertoire: FB, CH, CB, SL

2019 Notes:

- Started the season at Low-A Lexington
- Went 2-0 w/2.43 ERA 1/2SV: In 29.2IP he had 45K/16BB 1HRA
- Promoted to Wilmington on June 20

2018 Notes:

- Spent his first pro season with Rookie-Burlington
- Went 0-3 w/4.84 ERA w/1SV in 16G; 22.1IP 31K/27BB

#15 Josh Mitchell LHP Ht: 6'2 Wt: 220
Age: 24 Born: Ridgeway, PA

Notes: Selected in the 22nd round of the 2017 Draft out of Pittsburgh. Made 41 appearances (16 starts) at the University of Pittsburgh over three seasons.

Pitch Repertoire: 4FB, 2FB, SL, CH

2018 Notes:

-Split season between Low-A Lexington and Wilmington.
- With LEX: 1-0 with a 0.90 ERA in seven relief outings.
-10.0 IP, 8H, 4R, 1ER, BB, 11K, .205 BAA
-Promoted to WIL in May and went 2-1 with 8.39 ERA in 21 appearances.
-34.2 IP, 24 ER, 13BB, 33K, .261 BAA.
-Missed last month of season due to right knee injury.

#38 Tad Ratliff RHP Ht: 6'1 Wt: 230
Age: 23 Born: Taylorsville, NC

Notes: Signed as a non-drafted free agent on June 28, 2017...Attended Lenoir-Rhyne University where he posted a 3.35 ERA and 97Ks in his career

Pitch Repertoire: 4FB, 2FB, SL, SP

2019 Notes:

- 4-6-19 Recorded the first save of the season for the Rocks

2018 Notes:

-Spent the season at Low-A Lexington
- Went 2-0 with a 1.68 ERA in 27G w/Lexington
- Held batters to a .211 BA w/29K & 5BB in his last 17G
- Recorded the save in all three wins in the South Atlantic League championship series.

2017 Notes:

-Spent season w/Rookie-Burlington 2G allowed 5R in 4IP

#26 Walker Sheller RHP Ht: 6'3
Wt: 195 Age: 24
Born: Abington, PA

Notes: Drafted in the 9th round of the 2016 June Amateur Draft by Kansas City from Stetson University, the same program that has produced MLB pitchers Jacob deGrom of the New York Mets and Corey Kluber of the Cleveland Indians. He also is the first player drafted by Kansas City out of Stetson University since George Kauffman (1996), the grandson of the late Ewing Kauffman, the Royals' founder.

Pitch Repertoire: FB, CH, SL

2019 Notes: Started season in AA NW Arkansas and went 0-2 with a 9.00 ERA in 13G

-Has had two stints on the IL (May 9-31 & June 3-26)
-In his third stint with WIL (2017, 4-1, 4.02 ERA in 18G, 2018 1-1, 1.42 ERA in 5G)

2018 Notes: Spent the season between WIL & NW Arkansas.

-Went composite 3-2 with a 3.53 ERA in 35 appearances with two saves.

#40 Collin Snider RHP Ht: 6'2 Wt: 220
Age: 23 Born: Murfreesboro, TN

Notes: Selected in the 12th round of the 2017 Draft out of Vanderbilt University...59 of 60 college outings came out of the bullpen.

Pitch Repertoire: 4FB, SL, CH

2018 Notes:

-Spent the season at Low-A Lexington.
-Went 5-7 w/a 5.57 ERA in 29G/9GS. Had 50K & 16BB in 76IP.

2017 Notes:

-Split season between Low-A Lexington & Rookie Burlington.
-Had 1.85 ERA in 12 G with B-Royals.

Wilmington Blue Rocks 2019 Season Highs & Lows

Blue Rocks Offense

Most Runs, Game: 11, 2x (6/15 vs. MB, 8/21 vs. SAL G1)
Most Runs, Inning: 5, 7x (Last: 8/16 vs. DE 8th Inning)
Most HRs, Inning (Team): 2, 4x (Last: Hicklen and Isbel 6th inning 8/21 vs. SAL G1)
Most Hits, Game: 14, 4x (6/3 vs. MB, 8/21 vs. SAL G1, 8/24 vs. DE, 8/27 vs. LYN)
Fewest Hits, Game: 1 (4/30 vs. FRE)
Most Walks, Game (Team): 10 (6/6 vs. FAY)
Most Doubles, Game (Team): 4, 4x (7/7 vs. SAL, 7/27 vs. DE, 8/9 vs. MB, 8/23 vs. DE)
Most Triples, Game (Team): 2, 2x (4/27 vs. LYN & 6/1 vs. FAY)
Most HRs, Game (Team): 3, 4x (4/14 vs. CAR, 7/18 vs. W-S, 8/21 vs. SAL G1, 8/22 vs. SAL)
Most SB, Game (Team): 5 (6/4 vs. MB)
10 + Hits, Game: 25 (Last: 11 hits 8/30 vs. MB)
Most Doubles, Game (Indiv.): 2, 10x (Last: Demichier Carrasco 8/30 vs. MB)
Most Triples, Game (Indiv.): 1, 30x (Last: Kyle Kasser 8/31 vs. MB)
Most HRs, Game (Indiv.): 3 (Hicklen 8/22 vs. SAL)**
Consecutive Games W/HR (Indiv.): 3, 2x (Last: Hicklen 8/6 vs. FAY - 8/9 vs. MB)
Consecutive Games W/ HR (team): 4 (8/6 vs. FAY - 8/10 vs. MB)
Consecutive Games W/O HR: 11 (4/16 vs. W-S - 4/28 vs. LYN)
Most RBI, Game (Indiv.): 4, 5x (Last: Brewer Hicklen 8/21 vs. SAL G1)
Most Hits, Game (Indiv.): 4, 3x (Last: Cristian Perez 8/23 vs. DE)
Most SB, Game (Indiv.): 4 (Rudy Martin 5/19 vs. POT)
Longest Hitting Streak: 9 games (Brewer Hicklen 8/15 vs. LYN - 8/24 vs. DE)
Most Runners LOB, Team: 15 (6/6 vs. FAY)
Longest Scoreless Innings Streak: 27.0 (5th Inning 7/28 vs. DE - 4th Inning 8/1 vs. FAY)
Longest Hitless Innings Streak: 9.1 (4/29 9th inning vs. FRE - 4/30 9th Inning vs. FRE)

Opponents Offense

Most Runs, Game: 13 (8/7 vs. FAY)
Most Runs, Inning: 9 (8th Inning 8/7 vs. FAY)
Most Hits, Game: 16, 2x (4/4 vs. SAL, 5/1 vs. FRE)
Fewest Hits, Game: 0 (7/15 vs. CAR)
Most HRs, Game (Team): 3 (6/9 vs. FAY)
Most SB, Game (Team): 2, 8x (Last: 8/30 vs. MB)
10 + Hits, Game: 35 (Last: 10 hits 8/26 vs. LYN)
Most Home Runs, Game (Indiv.): 2, 2x (Gavin Collins 6/12 vs. LYN, Jakson Reetz 7/6 vs. POT)
Most RBI, Game (Indiv.): 5 (Jakson Reetz 7/6 vs. POT)
Most Hits, Game (Indiv.): 4, 5x (Last: Ryan Fitzgerald 5/23 vs. SAL)
Most SB, Game (Indiv.): 2, 2x (Last: Delvin Zinn 8/30 vs. MB)
Most Runners LOB, Team: 14 (6/25 vs. POT G2)

Blue Rocks Individual Pitching

Most Runs Allowed, Game: 7, 3x (Last: Marcelo Martinez 5/18 vs. POT G1)
Most ER Allowed, Game: 7, 2x (Daniel Tillo 4/20 vs. DE G1, Marcelo Martinez 5/18 vs. POT G1)
Most Hits Allowed, Game: 10 (Daniel Lynch 5/8 vs. SAL)
Most HRs Allowed, Game: 3 (Marcelo Martinez 6/9 vs. FAY)
Most Walks Allowed, Game: 4, 6x (Last: Daniel Tillo 7/8 vs. SAL)
Most Strikeouts, Game: 11, 3x (Kris Bubic 7/17 vs. W-S, 8/8 vs. FAY, 8/15 vs. LYN)
Most Strikeouts, Game (Reliever): 5, 4x (Last: Rito Lugo 7/26 vs. DE)
Most IP, Game for Starter: 9.0, 3x (Bowlan 7/15 vs. CAR & Bubic 8/8 vs. FAY, 8/15 vs. LYN)
Most IP, Game for Reliever: 6.0 (Jonathan Bowlan 8/25 vs. DE)
Fewest IP, Game for Starter: 1.1, 2x (Daniel Lynch 6/1 vs. FAY, Daniel Tillo 6/11 vs. LYN)
Longest Winning Streak (Dec.): 5 (Josh Mitchell 5/19 vs. POT - Present)
Longest Losing Streak (Dec.): 4, 2x (Tillo & Martinez, Last: Martinez 6/26 vs. POT - 7/30 vs. FAY)
10+ Strikeouts, (Indiv.): 7 (Last: Kris Bubic 11 Ks 8/15 vs. LYN)
Complete Games: 4 (Last: Bubic 8/15 vs. LYN)

Blue Rocks Team Pitching

Fewest Hits Allowed, Game: 0 (7/15 vs. CAR)
Most Hits Allowed, Game: 16, 2x (4/4 vs. SAL, 5/1 vs. FRE)
Most Runs Allowed, Game: 13 (8/7 vs. FAY)
Most Runs Allowed, Inning: 9 (Last: 8th inning 8/7 vs. FAY)
10 + Hits Allowed, Game: 35 (Last: 10 hits 8/26 vs. LYN)
Most HRs Allowed, Game: 3 (6/9 vs. FAY)
Most Strikeouts, Game (9 Innings): 17 (Last: 8/24 vs. DE)
Most Strikeouts, Game (Extra Innings): 13 (6/8 vs. FAY 10 Innings)
Most Walks Allowed, Game: 7, 2x (4/24 vs. W-S, 5/26 vs. MB)
Most SB Allowed, Game: 2, 8x (Last: 8/30 vs. MB)
Longest Scoreless Innings Streak: 25.1 (5/14 vs. FRE G1 5th Inning - 7th inning 5/16 vs. FRE)
Consecutive Games Allowing HR: 4 (Last: 4/29 vs. FRE - 5/2 vs. FRE)
Consecutive Games W/O Allowing HR: 9 (Last: 5/14 vs. FRE G1 - 5/22 vs. SAL)
Most Pitchers Used, Game: 5, 3x (7/13 vs. CAR, 7/28 vs. DE, 8/14 vs. LYN)
10 + Strikeouts, Staff: 38 (Last: 17 K's 8/24 vs. DE)
Most Consecutive Shutouts: 2 (5/14 G2 - 5/16 vs. FRE)

Opponents Pitching

Most Strikeouts, Game (Team, Extra Innings): 15 (Last: 6/8 vs. FAY 10 Innings)
Most Strikeouts, Game (Team, 9 Innings): 18 (5/7 vs. SAL)
Most Strikeouts, Game (Indiv.): 12, 2x (Last: Brett Conine 6/1 vs. FAY)
10 + Strikeouts, Staff: 62 (Last: 14 K's 8/27 vs. LYN)
10+ Strikeouts, Indiv.: 7 (Last: 10 K's Kirk McCarty 8/13 vs. LYN)

Blue Rocks Miscellaneous Season Highs & Lows

Longest Winning Streak: 5, 3x (Last: 7/13 vs. CAR - 7/18 vs. W-S)
Longest Winning Streak, Home: 6 (4/6 vs. SAL G2 - 4/18 vs. DE)
Longest Winning Streak, Road: 5 (Last: 4/16 vs. W-S - 4/28 vs. LYN)
Longest Losing Streak: 6 (4/20 vs. DE G1 - 4/24 vs. W-S)
Longest Losing Streak, Home: 6 (4/20 vs. DE G1 - 4/24 vs. W-S)
Longest Losing Streak, Road: 3, 2x (7/6 vs. POT - 7/8 vs. SAL, 8/17 vs. DE - Present)
Largest Margin of Victory: 10 runs (6/15 vs. LYN)
Largest Margin of Defeat: 10 runs, 2x (4/4 vs. SAL, 5/1 vs. FRE)
Largest Come-From-Behind Win: 5 runs (Trailed CAR 7-2 on 7/13)
Largest Fall-From-Ahead Loss: 5 runs (Led SAL 5-0 on 7/7)
Longest Game, Innings: 11 (8/14 vs. LYN)
Longest Game, Time (9 Innings): 3:53 (6/6 vs. FAY)**
Longest Game, Time (Extra Innings): 4:08 (6/8 vs. FAY 10 Innings)
Shortest Game, Time (9 Innings): 2:04 (4/17 vs. W-S)
Shortest Game, Time (Overall): 1:54 (4/6 vs. SAL G1 7 Innings)
Longest Weather Delay: 1:01 (4/30 vs. FRE)

Most DP Turned, Game: 4, 3x (4/28 vs. LYN, 5/1 vs. FRE, 5/21 vs. SAL)
Most DP Against, Game: 3, 5x (4/24 vs. W-S, 6/21 vs. FRE, 7/26 vs. DE, 8/4 vs. POT, 8/20 vs. SAL)
Triple Plays Turned, Season: N/A
Triple Plays Against, Season: 1 (4/9 vs. W-S)

Most Errors, One Game, Player: 2, 8x (Last: Demichier Carrasco 7/5 vs. POT G2)
Most Errors, One Game, Team: 4, 3x (4/20 vs. DE G1, 5/1 vs. FRE, 5/3 vs. CAR)
Consecutive Games W/Error: 8, 2x (Last: 4/26 vs. LYN - 5/4 vs. CAR)
Consecutive Games W/O Error: 4 (5/26 vs. MB - 5/30 vs. FAY)

Most Errors, One Game, Opp. Player: 2, 7x (Last: Gavin Collins 8/27 vs. LYN)
Most Errors, One Game, Opp. Team: 4 (6/8 vs. FAY)

Largest Home Crowd: 6,733 (5/24 vs. MB)
Smallest Home Crowd: 1,811 (7/31 vs. FAY)
Home Sellouts (6,537): N/A
Largest Road Crowd: 7,019 (6/29 vs. FRE)
Smallest Road Crowd: 880 (7/21 vs. CAR)

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