

MEDIA INFORMATION



Winston-Salem Dash (9-10, 4th, 4.5 GB / Southern) Carolina League Affiliate of the Chicago White Sox

vs.

Wilmington Blue Rocks (11-8, 1st, 0.0 GB / Northern) Carolina League Affiliate of the Kansas City Royals

Game No. 20 • Home Game No. 13 • Frawley Stadium • Tuesday, April 23, 2019 • 6:35 p.m.

BLUE ROCKS BREAKDOWN

HOME: 6-6 | AWAY: 5-2 | STREAK: L4 | LAST 5: 1-4 | LAST 10: 5-5

FOUR IN A ROW FOR ROCKS: A three-run eighth inning doomed the Wilmington Blue Rocks on Monday as they dropped a 3-1 decision to the Winston-Salem Dash. Winston-Salem's late heroics spoiled a terrific spot start by J.C. Clowney, who allowed just one hit in 5.2 scoreless innings. The loss extended Wilmington's losing streak to a season-high four games.

IN A GOOD SPOT: Monday marked the third time the Blue Crew bullpen has made a spot start in 2019. During those outings Wilmington's substitute starters have allowed just two total runs in 14 combined innings. **J.C. Clowney** made his second start of the season on Monday. The lefty held Winston-Salem scoreless over 5.2 frames. He also started game two of a doubleheader on April 6 and yielded just one run in five innings to earn a victory over Salem. **Rito Lugo** was the other usual reliever to make a start this year. He got the ball at Carolina on April 14 and kept the Mudcats off the board during his 3.1 frames on the mound.

DEFENSIVE MISGIVINGS: The Blue Rocks continue to struggle defensively in 2019. Wilmington committed an error for the sixth consecutive game on Monday. The Blue Crew is last in the Carolina League with 28 total errors as a team. The team has committed at least three errors in five different games and at least one defensive miscue in all but four games on the year.

TOUGH YARD TO LEAVE: The Blue Rocks hit eight home runs during their first road trip of the season, but have managed just one at the pitcher-friendly confines of Frawley Stadium. **Kyle Isbel** hit Wilmington's only home dinger of the young year on Opening Day. The Rocks have gone 11 consecutive games in the First State without one since.

ON THE HUNT FOR HITS: The Blue Crew have not been able to buy a big hit over the last four games. Wilmington has gone just 2-for-32 with runners in scoring position since Saturday. On the year the Rocks are hitting only .160 with men at second and/or third base. Overall, the struggling Rocks' offense is last in the Carolina League in hits, batting average, on-base percentage and slugging percentage in 2019. Wilmington has not scored more than four runs in a game since April 15.

SOUTHERN COMFORT: Wilmington may call the Carolina League's Northern Division home, but in the early part of the season the Blue Crew will be much more familiar with the CL South. The Rocks are in the midst of 17 consecutive games against southern division foes. Wilmington is currently 9-5 during this stretch that includes nine games with the Dash and four each with the Wood Ducks and Mudcats. In a scheduling quirk this week marks the final visits to Wilmington of 2019 for Down East and Winston-Salem.

PROSPECT-LADEN ROSTER FOR THE ROCKS: The 2019 Wilmington Blue Rocks roster features six of the Kansas City Royals' top seven prospects and 11 of the organization's top 27 according to MLB.com. The team also has three first round picks from the 2018 Draft alone in their starting rotation.

Today's Starting Pitchup Matchup

Wilmington: RHP Jackson Kowar (1-0, 1.80)
Winston-Salem LHP Kyle Kubat (2-0, 1.59)

Familiar Faces for the Blue Crew

Wilmington will be opposing a man who used to dress in the home clubhouse at Frawley Stadium for the third time this season. Two weeks ago Wilmington faced two former Blue Rock pitchers on consecutive days for what is believed to be the first time in franchise history. Cristian Castillo yielded just one run and one hit in five innings of a no-decision on April 9. Meanwhile, on April 8 Kyle Kubat also allowed just one run through five frames until he ran out of gas in the bottom of the sixth, surrendering two tallies in the frame and taking a no-decision in an eventual Wilmington win. Kubat called Frawley Stadium home in 2016, going 4-1 with a 4.28 ERA in 25 total games and two starts.

2019 Regular-Season Series: WIL vs. WS

Rocks Lead 5-2 in 2019
(WS Won Series, 9-5 in 2018)

Date	Site	Result
4/8	Wilmington	W, 5-3
4/9	Wilmington	W, 2-1 (10)
4/10	Wilmington	W, 4-1
4/15	Winston-Salem	L, 9-8
4/16	Winston-Salem	W, 4-3
4/17	Winston-Salem	W, 2-1
4/22	Wilmington	L, 3-1
4/23	Wilmington	
4/24	Wilmington	
7/17	Winston-Salem	
7/18	Winston-Salem	
7/19	Winston-Salem	

Upcoming Probable Starters and Schedule

Wednesday, April 24 vs. Winston-Salem 6:35 p.m. TBA vs. TBA

89.7 WGLS-FM

Thursday, April 25 SCHEDULED DAY OFF

Friday, April 26 at Lynchburg 6:00 p.m. TBA vs. TBA

89.7 WGLS-FM

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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)

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

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

LAST TIME: 7.9.18 D.J. Burt & Emmanuel Rivera at FRE

LEADOFF HOME RUNS (1 IN 2018)

4.14.19

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

GRAND SLAM HOME RUNS (3 IN 2018)

LAST TIME: 6.24.18 McIbrys Vilorio at POT (off Jeremy Hellickson)

WALK-OFF HOME RUNS (0 IN 2018)

LAST TIME 7.24.17 Chase Vallot vs. SAL (10th inning)

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: 9 (63 IN 2018 / 23 HOME & 40 AWAY)

Carolina	6	Lynchburg	0
Down East	0	Myrtle Beach	0
Fayetteville	0	Potomac	0
Frederick	0	Salem	1
		Winston-Salem	2

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Opponents

2-HR GAMES BY OPPONENT (4 IN 2018)

LAST TIME 8.19.18 Yermin Mercedes (Solo HR & GW 3-R HR)

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)

LAST TIME: 7.21.17 Drew Turbin (FRE) off Cristian Castillo (5-3 Loss)

WALK-OFF HOME RUNS (1 IN 2018)

LAST TIME: 8.19.18 Yermin Merceds at Frederick

PINCH-HIT HOME RUNS (0 IN 2018)

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

HOME RUNS ALLOWED TO: 6 (92 in 2018/ 33 Home & 59 AWAY)

Carolina	1	Lynchburg	0
Down East	1	Myrtle Beach	0
Fayetteville	0	Potomac	0
Frederick	0	Salem	1
		Winston-Salem	4

FRAWLEY 3 ROAD 4

Blue Rocks vs. the Carolina League

Opponent	Record	Home	Road
Frederick	0-0	0-0	0-0
Lynchburg	0-0	0-0	0-0
Potomac	0-0	0-0	0-0
Salem	2-2	2-2	0-0
Northern Div.	2-2	2-2	0-0

Opponent	Record	Home	Road
Carolina	3-1	0-0	3-1
Down East	1-3	1-3	0-0
Fayetteville	0-0	0-0	0-0
Myrtle Beach	0-0	0-0	0-0
Winston-Salem	5-2	3-1	2-1
Southern Div.	9-6	4-4	5-2

Runners Left On Base

Blue Rocks: 100 | Opponents: 115

Numbers With RISP

Blue Rocks: .160 Avg. (24-for-150)

Blue Rocks On...

Mondays:	1-2	April:	11-8
Tuesdays:	1-0	May:	0-0
Wednesdays:	1-1	June:	0-0
Thursdays:	1-2	July:	0-0
Fridays:	0-0	Aug:	0-0
Saturdays:	3-3	Sept:	0-0
Sundays:	2-1		
First Game of Series:	3-4		
Last Game of Series:	4-1		
Series Won:	3		
Series Lost:	1		
Series Split:	1		
Series Swept:	1		
Rubber Matches:	0-0		

2019 Roster (27)

Pitchers (14)

Holden Capps
 J.C. Cloney
 Daniel Duarte
 Robert Garcia
 Jackson Kowar
 Rito Lugo
 Daniel Lynch
 Marcelo Martinez
 Tad Ratliff
 Brady Singer
 Collin Snider
 Daniel Tillo
 Nolan Watson
 Tyler Zuber

Infielders (6)

Ricky Aracena
 Dennicher Carrasco
 Angelo Castellano
 Cristian Perez
 Nick Pratto

Outfielders (5)

Marten Gasparini
 Brewer Hicklen
 Kyle Isbel
 Rudy Martin
 Seuly Matias
 Blake Perkins

Catchers (2)

MJ Melendez
 Sebastian Rivero

TODAY'S BLUE ROCKS STARTING PITCHER

#28 RHP Jackson Kowar

Acquired: First-Round Pick (33rd overall) in 2018 Draft

Born: Weddington, NC

Age: 22 (October 4, 1996)

Resides: Gainesville, FL

Ht: 6'5 Wt: 180

College: Florida

Bats/Throws: R/R



Pitch Repertoire: 4FB, CH, CB

THE BOOK ON JACKSON KOWAR: Jackson Kowar will make his fourth start as a Blue Rock tonight. The 33rd overall pick in the 2018 Draft out of the University of Florida signed with the Royals for \$2.14 million last summer. The righty entered 2019 as the seventh-ranked prospect in the Royals system. He spent his first professional season at Low-A Lexington where he helped the Legends win a South Atlantic League Championship. Kowar went 0-1 with a 3.42 ERA in nine total regular season starts, but posted a 1.06 ERA and a scant .125 batting average against over his final five outings, and then earned victories in both of his playoff starts.

LAST TIME OUT: Kowar earned his first Advanced-A win last week against Down East. The righty yielded three runs (two earned) on two hits and three walks. He equaled a career high with six strikeouts and turned in his longest outing as a pro, lasting 5.2 frames.

GROWTH SPURT CERTAINLY HELPED: Kowar always had the pedigree and passion necessary to succeed in baseball. His father Frank pitched at UNC-Charlotte before playing a year of rookie ball in the Blue Jays' system. Jackson lived to play the game growing up, but growing was the only thing holding him back. He stood just 5-foot-8 after his freshman year of high school, but then hit a growth spurt that summer and was up six inches to 6-foot-2 by his sophomore season. Kowar said it did not take long to harness his new frame and suddenly college recruiters were a constant presence at each of his starts.

FUN TIMES IN FLORIDA: Kowar ended up at Florida after his initial lean. Clemson, fired its coach following the 2014 season. Kowar joined the Gators' weekend rotation as a sophomore, starting behind Singer on Sundays. He enjoyed quite a run in college, winning a national championship in 2017 when he led the SEC with 12 wins and was 12-0 until losing to TCU in his final start at the College World Series (despite a then-career-high 11 strikeouts in that game). Then he and Gators got back to the College World Series as a junior. Kowar struck out 13 vs. Texas in a 6-1 elimination game win in Omaha. It was the most strikeouts in a CWS game since 2010.

FIRST-ROUND TRIO BUILDING A BOND: Last June, the Kansas City front office spent more than \$8 million on three college pitchers among the first 34 picks of the draft, selecting Brady Singer 18th, Kowar 33rd and Daniel Lynch at No. 34. Fortunately for the Royals, the trio gets along great. Singer and Kowar lived together for three years at the University of Florida. Lynch and Kowar roomed together last season in Lexington, and all three got an apartment together this season in Wilmington. "We understand that we're all in this thing kind of together," Lynch says. "The Royals have done a great job of expressing that to us. It's not about who's going to be the ace, it's about being teammates, having success as a team and about us moving up together."

WHAT A CHANGE OF PACE: The Royals told The Athletic this spring that one of the things that enticed them most about Kowar was his changeup, which has left scouts drooling for years. J.J. Picollo was quoted as saying: "It looks like a splitter and can disappear at times." He also called it a "70 or 80" pitch—a high compliment from a baseball man of Picollo's stature.

UNDERSTANDING THE PROCESS: Kowar understands the game and so he knows better than most pitchers at this level exactly what he needs to do to take the next step. "For me, I've always been a really good fastball/change-up guy," Kowar says. "But going into this season I really want to develop a third pitch and start throwing my breaking ball more consistently. As a starter, you turn lineups over three or four times and get really deep into games and eating up a bunch of innings is something that I'm really trying to focus on this year. Just be able to pitch deep into games and save the bullpen. So, developing a third pitch is going to be very important for that."

FAVORITE TEAM AND PLAYER GROWING UP: "My Dad is from Chicago and was a White Sox fan, so that was my team. And I really liked Jake Peavy growing up. When he went from the Padres to the White Sox I used to watch all their games. He was my guy."

Career Numbers Entering 2019

Year/Teams(s)	W-L	ERA	G	GS	K	BB	IP
2019 Lexington	0-1	3.42	9	9	22	12	26.1

Career Highs

Strikeouts: 6 (Thrice)
Walks: 3 (Twice)
IP: 5.2 (4.18.19)

Season Highs

Strikeouts: 6 (Thrice)
Walks: 3 (4-18)
IP: 5.2 (4-18)

Wilmington Blue Rocks 2019 Breakdown/Pitcher-Catcher Numbers

Record:	11-8
First Half:	11-8
Second Half:	
Home:	6-6
Road:	5-2
Vs. RH Starters:	7-8
Vs. LH Starters:	4-0
Day:	3-1
Night:	8-7
One-Run Games:	7-3
Two-Run Games:	1-2
Extra-Inning Games:	1-1
Doubleheaders (W-L-S):	1-1-1
Shutouts:	0-0
No-Hitters:	0-0
When Leading After 7:	7-1
When Trailing After 7:	0-4
When Tied After 7:	1-1
When Leading After 8:	7-0
When Trailing After 8:	0-4
When Tied After 8:	1-1
When the Rocks Score First:	6-2
When the Opponent Scores First:	5-6
Games Decided In Last At-Bat:	1-2
When Scoring 3 Or Less:	5-6
When Scoring 4 Or More:	6-2
When The Rocks Have 5 Hits or Less:	5-4
When The Rocks Have 10 Hits or More:	0-2
When The Rocks Hit A Home Run:	2-3
Most Games Above .500:	7
Most Games Below .500:	2
When The Rocks Commit an Error:	8-7
When The Rocks Starter Goes 6+ Inn:	3-2
Come-From-Behind Victories:	6
Postponements Home/Road:	2/1
Cancellations:	0
Total Rainouts:	3
Currently Suspended Games:	0

Blue Rocks Shutouts 1 (7 in 2018)

Date	Score Opp.	Pitchers
4/13/2019	6-0 CAR	Tillo

Opponent Shutouts (10 in 2018)

Date	Score/Opp.	Pitchers
LAST TIME		
(0) 8/22	5-0/vs. DE	Martinez, Torres, Lemoineand Fontenot

Blue Rocks Pitching Breakdown

	W-L	Sv.	ERA	IP	ER	BB	SO	HR
Starters	6-4	0	3.26	85.2	31	28	70	3
Relievers	5-4	8	2.95	73.1	24	14	64	4
Totals	11-8	8	3.06	159.0	55	42	134	7

Blue Rocks Catchers Totals

Catcher	CS	Att.	Pct.	PB
Melendez	8	12	.667	2
Rivero	2	8	.250	2
Totals	10	20	.500	4

WALK-OFF WINS/LOSSES

WINS (1) (1 in 2018)			LOSSES (1) (5 in 2018)		
Date	Opp	Score/Inn	Date	Opp	Score/Inn
4/9/19	WS	2-1/10th	4/11/19	CR	7-6/19

BLUE ROCKS HITTERS NOTES

#12 Ricky Aracena INF
Ht: 5'8 Wt: 160
Age: 21 B/T: S/R
Born: Santo Domingo, DR

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

2018 Notes:

- **4.12** Hit his first career Advanced-A homer at Carolina

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

They said it: (Coming Soon)...

#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

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

They said it: (Coming Soon)...

BLUE ROCKS HITTERS NOTES

#17 Angelo Castellano INF
Ht: 6'0 Wt: 165
Age: 24 B/T: R/R
Born: San Diego, VZ

PRONUNCIATION: CAS-TAY-YAHN-OH

Notes: Signed as an international free agent by the Royals on July 16, 2011. Signed by Alberto Garcia, Richard Castro and Orlando Estevez

2018 Notes:

- Spent the season at Advanced-A Wilmington
- Played in a career-high 120 games for the Rocks
- Batted .221 w/2HR 20XBH 36RBI 35BB 12SB in 120G
- Was better at home (.327 OBP) than on road (.255)
- Improved in the season's 2nd Half besting his batting average before the All-Star break 57 points

2017 Notes:

- Spent the season at Low-A Lexington
- Batted .245 w/ 8HR 24XBH 43RBI 51BB in 116G
- Had career-highs in homers and walks
- His 8HRs were six more than he had in any other professional season and account for 2/3 of the homers he hit in his first seven years of pro ball
- Was recipient of the 2017 Carlos Fortuna Award which is awarded to a KC player who is dedicated to improving his English, genuine work ethic and conduct.

2016 Notes:

- Spent the season with Rookie Idaho Falls
- Batted .283 w/2HR 16XBH 47RBI & 21SB in 64G
- Had 5th-best strikeout-to-plate appearance ratio in the Pioneer League (10.5-to-1)

2015 Notes:

- Split the season between Low-A Lexington and Rookie-Burlington
- Batted .230 w/6XBH 17RBI in 58G w/Burlington
- Went 2-for-16 in 4G w/Lexington

2014 Notes:

- Spent his first professional season in the United States with Rookie-Burlington
- Batted .183 with 6XBH & 8RBI in 42G

2013 Notes:

- Spent the season in the Dominican Summer League w/ the Dominican Royals
- Batted .265 w/9XBH 25RBI & 30BB in 67G
- Was named the Dominican Royals Player of the Year

2012 Notes:

- Made his professional debut w/the Dominican Royals
- Batted .248 w/4XBH 10RBI & 25BB in 52G

Castellano said it: (On coming to the US) I first came here in 2008 with my family and went to Orlando for a week on vacation. We went to Disney World and it was fun. It was five years before I came back.” **(On 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 was different and it was a bit of a shock at first.” **(On winning Carlos Fortuna Award)...** 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 meant a lot to me.”

#24 Marten Gasparini OF
Ht: 6'0 Wt: 165
Age: 21 B/T: S/R
Born: Ruba, Italy

PRONUNCIATION: MARTIN GAS-PUH-REEN-EE

Notes: Signed as an international free agent by the Royals on July 2, 2013. Signed by Nick Leto...Was ranked by MLB.com as the fourth-best international prospect and the top European prospect

2018 Notes:

- Spent the season at Low-A Lexington
- Batted .222 w/4HR 22XBH 34RBI 23BB 119K in 103G
- It was the third straight season Gasparini struck out at least 119 times
- Switch hitter batted .238 vs LHP w/32K & just .214 w/87K vs RHP despite playing just 1 more game vs LHP
- After hitting better than .300 in the month of July he slumped down the stretch ending the year in a 9-for-67 funk with 27K

2017 Notes:

- Spent the season at Low-A Lexington
- Played in a career-high 122G
- Batted .227 w/9HR 31XBH 50RBI 121K in 122G

2016 Notes:

- Spent the season at Low-A Lexington
- Batted .196 w/7HR 21XBH 42RBI & 134K in 111G
- Struggled defensively, leading all South Atlantic League SSs in errors w/48. But he had just 8 total over the next two seasons

2015 Notes:

- Spent the season with Rookie-Idaho Falls
- Batted .259 w/16XBH 25RBI 26SB in 54G
- Baseball America touted him as the 7th-best prospect in the Pioneer League after the season

2014 Notes:

- Split his first pro season w/Rookie-Burlington and Rookie Idaho Falls
- Batted .191 w/3XBH 1RBI in 19G w/Burlington
- Went 5-for-11 w/1HR 3RBI in 4G w/Idaho Falls
- Baseball America touted him as the 4th-best prospect in the Appalachian League after the season

They said it: (On getting to Advanced-A)...Lexington was a good experience for me but it's good to get out of Lexington and try to test myself with higher competition. I think it's going be good for me to have some fresh faces and some new environments to challenge myself in.” **(On dealing with injuries and finally staying healthy last year)...**“Especially at the beginning of my career, I had some injuries to both hamstrings and my groin. But what you learn from those injuries and those events is how to take care of your body better and I could say that's something that I'm really proud of. The way I was able to be on the field consistently last year.”...**(On defensive change)...** It's been very easy to move from the infield to the outfield. I was a little nervous moving back to the infield, but it turned out that it was just fine. You don't really forget how to do things now. Now I can just move around and help the team wherever it takes. It helps keep the game more fun and not as monotonous, so it definitely helps me out.

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:

- Enters the season as the 17th ranked prospect in the KC system according to MLB.com

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 a MiLB.com Organization All-Star-Hicklen ranked among Royals minor league leaders in SBs (3rd), HRs (5th) and RBI (5th)
- His 29 steals in just 82 games at Lexington ranked fifth in the South Atlantic League.

2017 Notes:

- Split his first pro season between Rookie-Idaho Falls and Rookie-Surprise
- Batted .348 w/3HR, 9XBH 13 RBI in 19G with the Surprise Royals
- 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."

#4 Rudy Martin OF
Ht: 5'7 **Wt: 155**
Age: 23 **B/T: L/L**
Born: Memphis, TN

Notes: Selected in the 25th round of the 2014 Draft out of Lewisburg High School in Mississippi. Won the Mississippi 4A State Championship his junior year. His full name is Rutilious Tamarge Martin, but he goes by Rudy

2019 Notes:

- Started the season in extended spring training
- 4.18: Was added to the Blue Rocks roster when Kyle Isbel was placed on the IL

2018 Notes:

- Split the season between Double-A Lexington Wilmington and Rookie-Idaho Falls
- Played in 9G at Idaho Falls & 1 at Northwest Arkansas
- Spent most of the year w/Rocks; Batted .232 w/ 21XBH, 37RBI & 39BB in 75G
- Finished 2nd in CL in SB (29) despite only 75G

2017 Notes:

- Spent season at Low-A Lexington
- Batted .277 w/10XBH 19RBI 16BB & 26SB in 37G
- Suffered significant face injury that cost him much of season

2016 Notes:

- Broke hamate bone in spring training
- Split season between Rookie Idaho Falls and AZL
- Batted .244 w/30R 17BB 19SB in 40G w/Idaho Falls
- Went 5-for-16 in 5G in Surprise

2015 Notes:

- Spent most of his debut season in AZL w/Surprise Royals
- Batted .338 w/16XBH 41R 34BB 14SB in 40G
- Led AZL in OBP, triples, runs and walks
- Was named Surprise Royals Player of the Year

Martin 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 can get in the pitcher's head and get him to maybe make a mistake. I know these guys 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 should help me during the season. It was a process that we really embraced last year. The prep means 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." **(On 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 the past several seasons)...**"Three years ago 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 (in 2017), I suffered the face injury when I ran into Gabriel Cancel, our second baseman--which cost me a huge chunk. Then last year it was just nagging stuff that started early and just lingered. I was having decent years, but there's nothing you can do about it but continue to work hard and put yourself in position to take advantage of opportunities."

BLUE ROCKS HITTERS NOTES

#25 Seuly Matias OF
Ht: 6'3 **Wt: 198**
Age: 20 **B/T: R/R**
Born: La Isabela, DR

PRONUNCIATION: SUE-LEE MUH-TEE-IS

Notes: Signed as an international free agent by the Royals on July 4, 2015 by Fausto Morel...Received a \$2.25 million signing bonus

2019 Notes:

- Enters the season as the 6th ranked prospect in the KC system according to MLB.com
- 4-9: Came HR shy of cycle and keyed comeback win over WS

2018 Notes:

- Spent the season at Low-A Lexington
- Batted .231 w/31HR 45XBH 63RBI 24BB in 94G
- Named Lexington's Co-Player of the Year, after hitting the sixth-most HRs in MILB, despite playing just 94G
- Season ended due to injury in August 13, at which time he led the minors in homers
- Was a South Atlantic League midseason All Star
- Was named to the International Team during ht Sirius/XM All Star Futures game in Washington DC where he wowed a National TV audience w/2 hits and a HR
- Hit a HR in each of the season's first three games including two on Opening Day

2017 Notes:

- Spent the season with Rookie-Burlington
- Batted .243 w/7HR 23XBH 36RBI in 57G
- Tied for the Appalachian League lead with 5 Sac Flies

2016 Notes:

- Split his first pro season between Rookie-Surprise and the Dominican Royals
- Batted .125 w/1XBH in 7G for the DSL Royals
- Batted .250 w/8HR 21XBH 29RBI in 46G in the Arizona Rookie League
- Finished top 3 in the Arizona Rookie League in HRs, XBHs and Total Bases

Matias said it: (On birth of his first child this winter)..."I was very excited for the birth of my son (Seuly Jr.) because now I have a goal. I play for my son. I love him more and more each day, so it makes me work hard. I work hard for my baby and just love being a father so much...**(On his favorite player growing up)...**"Carlos Gomez was my guy because I like how hard he plays and how he has fun every game. That is how I try to play the game"...**(On difficulties of being injured an unable to play)** It was difficult for me because I love this game. I need to hit homers. For me, it's still difficult (to think about not being in the lineup every day). But, I am glad that is in the past and am very focused on working hard to stay healthy this year and in the future...**(On Blue Rocks close knit clubhouse)...**"I think we had (a great clubhouse last year in Lexington) A lot of those guys are together again. We all get along really well. Yes we do (know each other really well and how everybody's minds think about the game). We push each other to work hard. For me Aracena, Carrasco, and Rivero help me all the time. And I like to have them here (to keep pushing me because) I need to keep my health up and keep working hard. And those guys help me stay focused and working to that."

#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:

- Enters the season as the 6th ranked prospect in the KC system according to MLB.com
- Enters the season as the 9th ranked catching prospect in baseball according to MLB.com

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 South Atlantic League 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
- Reached base safely in 41 of his 47G

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 at that particular moment, and so it was definitely a tough decision. But my dad and my family supported me."

BLUE ROCKS HITTERS NOTES

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

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

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

They said it: (Coming Soon)...

#22 Blake Perkins OF
Ht: 5'11 **Wt: 181**
Age: 22 **B/T: S/R**
Born: Litchfield Park, AZ

Notes: Acquired via trade with the Washington Nationals on June 18, 2018 along with Yohanse Morel and Kelvin Gutierrez in exchange for reliever and former Blue Rock Kelvin Herrera... Was originally drafted by Washington in the 2nd round of the 2015 Draft out of Verrado High School in Arizona

2019 Notes:

- Enters the season as the 23rd ranked prospect in the Kansas City system according to MLB.com

2018 Notes:

- Spent the entire season in the Carolina League, but splitting it between the Blue Rocks and Potomac Nationals
- Batted .234 w/1HR 12XBH 21RBI 12SB in 65G w/Potomac
- Batted .240 w/2HR 14XBH 18RBI 17SB in 64G w/Rocks
- Was traded during the Carolina League All Star break and had to play his first game in the Royals organization against his old team in his old ballpark.
- Switch hitter batted .42 points higher vs LHP with Potomac but 17 points better against RHP as a Blue Rock

2017 Notes:

- Spent the season at Low-A Hagerstown
- Batted .255 w/8HR 39XBH 48RBI 72BB in 129G
- Ranked 6th in the South Atlantic League and led the entire Washing farm system with 31 stolen bases
- Was named a midseason Carolina League All Star

2016 Notes:

- Split the season between Low-A Hagerstown and Rookie-Auburn
- Batted .233 w/1HR 7XBH 16RBI 25BB in 56G w/Auburn
- Went 5-for-25 w2RBI in 7G w/Hagerstown

2015 Notes:

- Spent his first pro season in the Gulf Coast League w/ the GCL Nationals
- Batted .211 w/1HR 8XBH 12RBI 13BB in 49G

Perkins said it: (On learning how to switch hit)...Our senior year of high school it was our last home game of the year and me and a couple of buddies wanted to do something cool so we went up left handed. I was the first one to go up left-handed and I hit a home run. It was definitely something I wanted to do growing up. When I got drafted, I went to a pre-draft workout for the Nationals and I took a round of batting practice for them left-handed because they saw the video from my high school game my mom took. It kind of just blossomed from there. It was from the ground up though once I continued. First it was a good swing path, making sure I was getting a good swing on the ball. A lot of tee-work, cage work, and then it transitioned to being competitive in the game playing. At first I was happy to just have a good at-bat or putting a good swing on the ball. Now it's about performing, producing and helping the team win."
(On being traded last season from Washington to Kansas City)..."I don't want to say shocked, but more so speechless. I didn't really know what to think and I said, 'Wow it actually happened to me.' It's never surprising when somebody gets traded, but at the same time I never really thought it would be me."

BLUE ROCKS HITTERS NOTES

#30 Nick Pratto INF
Ht: 6'1 Wt: 195
Age: 20 B/T: R/R
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:

- Enters 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

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

They 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. It's just solid. He gets the walks. 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 offensively.

#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:

- Enters the season as the 27th-ranked prospect in the KC system according to MLB.com
- 4.11 Went 4-5 w/HR 3RBI in walk-off loss at Carolina

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
- Went 9-for-27 w/4RBI in 8G with DSL Royals

They said it: (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 BULLPEN NOTES

#34 Holden Capps RHP Ht:62 Wt:195
Age: 24 Born: Lawton, OK

Notes: Selected in the eighth round of the 2017 Draft out of University of Central Oklahoma...Started his college career at Redlands CC then transferred to UNC Charlotte before finishing at UCO, where he led the Broncos to the postseason for the first time in 11 years

Pitch Repertoire: 4FB, SNK, SL, CH

2018 Notes:

- Spent the season at Low-A Lexington
- Went 1-1 with a 2.98ERA 2SV 69K 10BB in 63.1IP
- Led the entire KC farm system w/6.90 K/BB ratio

2017 Notes:

- Split season between Idaho Falls & Surprise
- Was a midseason Pioneer League All Star

#37 J.C. Cloney LHP Ht:6'1 Wt:226
Age: 24 Lives: Castaic, CA

Notes: Selected in the ninth round of the 2017 Draft out of Arizona...Started his college career at The College of the Canyons in California...Transferred to Arizona two years later and pitched 2 years for Cats including two scoreless CWS starts

Pitch Repertoire:

2019 Notes:

- Made spot start and got Rocks' first win of season on 4/6

2018 Notes:

- Split season between Low-A Lexington & Rookie Idaho Falls
- Won all 9 of his starts at Idaho Falls allowing 12ER in 56IP
- Went 3-1 with a 2.73 ERA in 5 starts w/Lex; 18K 9BB 29.2IP
- Named Pioneer League Pitcher of the Year

2017 Notes:

- Spent season w/Rookie-Burlington went 3-1 w/3.77 ERA

#39 Daniel Duarte RHP Ht:60 Wt:168
Age: 22 Born: Huatabampo, Mexico

Notes: Selected from the Texas Rangers in the Minor League phase of the Rule 5 Draft in December of 2017... Elbow injury limited him to just four appearances in his first year as a pro in 2015. He then spent a season in the DSL before playing the 2017 campaign in the Mexican League

Pitch Repertoire:

2018 Notes:

- Split the season between Low-A Lexington and Rookie-Idaho Falls
- Started in IF and did not allow an ER in 14IP over 7G
- Made 6 appearances down the stretch with Lexington going 1-0 with a 2.31 ERA 11K and 5BB in 11.2IP

#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 2.25ERA 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

#14 Rito Lugo LHP Ht:5'10 Wt:185
Age: 23 Born: Naiguata, Venezuela

Notes: Signed with the Royals as an international free agent on July 2, 2018

Pitch Repertoire: 4FB, SL, CB, CH

2018 Notes:

- Split his first season in the Royals organization between three different levels at Rookie-Idaho Falls Rookie-Surprise & the DSL Royals
- Went 0-2 w/a 1.15 ERA in 4G in DSL; 27K 4BB 15.2IP
- Went 2-0 w/a 2.01 ERA in 4 starts w/IF; 30K/2BB 22.1IP
- Allowed 2R on 8H w/15K and 3BB in 9IP w/Surprise
- His 13.8 K/9 and 8.00 K/BB ratio were both the best among Royals farmhands (min. 40 IP).

#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 1.68ERA 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

#40 Collin Snider RHP Ht:6'4 Wt:220
Age: 23 Born: Murfreesboro, TN

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

Pitch Repertoire: FB, 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 a 1.85 ERA in 12G with the B-Royals

#23 Tyler Zuber RHP Ht:5'11 Wt:190
Age: 23 Born: White Hall, AR

Notes: Selected in the sixth round of the 2017 Draft out of Arkansas State University. Was the highest drafted player in program history. His 258K are 2nd-most in school history

Pitch Repertoire: 4FB, CB, SL, CH

2018 Notes:

- Split season between Low-A Lexington & Adv-A Wilmington
- Went 2-2 w/a 3.10 ERA in Lex. Had 48K/4BB 9SV in 29IP
- Was promoted to Wilmington in July
- Went 1-4 w/a 4.91 ERA. Had 9Svs 22K & 8BB in 22IP

Wilmington Blue Rocks 2019 Season Highs & Lows

Blue Rocks Offense

Most Runs, Game: 8 (4/15 vs. W-S)
Most Runs, Inning: 3, 4x (Last: 5th Inning 4/18 vs. DE)
Most HRs, Inning (Team): 2 (Aracena & Rivero 4/12 vs. CAR)
Most Hits, Game: 11, 2x (4/11 vs. CAR, 4/15 vs. W-S)
Fewest Hits, Game: 2, 3x (4/6 vs. SAL G2, 4/9 vs. W-S, 4/20 vs. DE G2)
Most Walks, Game (Team): 8 (4/10 vs. W-S)
Most Doubles, Game (Team): 3, 3x (4/11 vs. CAR, 4/13 vs. CAR G2, 4/15 vs. W-S)
Most Triples, Game (Team): 1, 4x (Last: 4/18 vs. DE)
Most HRs, Game (Team): 3 (4/14 vs. CAR)
Most SB, Game (Team): 4 (4/10 vs. W-S)
10 + Hits, Game: 2 (4/11 vs. CAR, 4/15 vs. W-S)
Most Doubles, Game (Indiv.): 2, 2x (Carrasco 4/11 vs. CAR, Pratto 4/15 vs. W-S)
Most Triples, Game (Indiv.): 1, 4x (Last: Seuly Matias 4/18 vs. DE)
Most HRs, Game (Indiv.): 2 (Seuly Matias 4/14 vs. CAR)
Consecutive Games W/HR (Indiv.): 3 (Seuly Matias 4/13 vs. CAR G2 - 4/15 vs. W-S)
Consecutive Games W/HR (Team): 3 (4/13 vs. CAR G2 - 4/15 vs. W-S)
Consecutive Games W/O HR: 7 (4/16 vs. W-S - 4/22 vs. W-S)
Most RBI, Game (Indiv.): 3, 4x (Last: Seuly Matias 4/18 vs. DE)
Most Hits, Game (Indiv.): 4 (Sebastian Rivero 4/11 vs. CAR)
Most SB, Game (Indiv.): 2 (Kyle Isbel 4/6 vs. SAL G1)
Longest Hitting Streak: 7 games (Kyle Isbel 4/9 vs. W-S - 4/16 vs. W-S)
Most Runners LOB, Team: 11 (4/11 vs. CAR)
Longest Scoreless Innings Streak: 9.0 (3rd inning 4/6 vs. SAL G1 - 6th inning 4/7 vs. SAL)
Longest Hitless Innings Streak: 4.0 (4/4 vs. SAL)

Opponents Offense

Most Runs, Game: 10 (4/4 vs. SAL)
Most Runs, Inning: 5, 2x (7th Inning 4/4 vs. SAL, 7th Inning 4/15 vs. W-S)
Most Hits, Game: 16 (4/4 vs. SAL)
Fewest Hits, Game: 2 (4/13 vs. CAR G2)
Most HRs, Game (Team): 1, 7x (Last: 4/20 vs. DE G1)
Most SB, Game (Team): 2, 2x (4/11 vs. CAR, 4/22 vs. W-S)
10 + Hits, Game: 3 (4/4 vs. SAL, 4/15 vs. W-S, 4/20 vs. DE G1)
Most Home Runs, Game (Indiv.): 1, 7x (Last: Tyreque Reed 4/20 vs. DE G1)
Most RBI, Game (Indiv.): 3, 2x (Marino Campana 4/4 vs. SAL, Dallas Carroll 4/11 vs. CAR)
Most Hits, Game (Indiv.): 4 (Jagger Rusconi 4/4 vs. SAL)
Most SB, Game (Indiv.): 1, 10x (Last: Craig Dedelow 4/22 vs. W-S)
Most Runners LOB, Team: 11 (4/4 vs. SAL, 4/9 vs. W-S)

Blue Rocks Individual Pitching

Most Runs Allowed, Game: 7 (Daniel Tillo 4/20 vs. DE G1)
Most ER Allowed, Game: 7 (Daniel Tillo 4/20 vs. DE G1)
Most Hits Allowed, Game: 8 (Daniel Tillo 4/20 vs. DE G1)
Most HRs Allowed, Game: 1, 7x (Last: Collin Snider 4/20 vs. DE G1)
Most Walks Allowed, Game: 4 (Daniel Lynch 4/10 vs. W-S)
Most Strikeouts, Game: 7, 2x (Cloney 4/6 vs. SAL G2, Singer 4/11 vs. CAR)
Most Strikeouts, Game (Reliever): 5 (Rito Lugo 4/9 vs. W-S)
Most IP, Game for Starter: 7.0 (Daniel Tillo 4/13 vs. CAR G2)
Most IP, Game for Reliever: 3.2 (Rito Lugo 4/9 vs. W-S, Collin Snider 4/14 vs. CAR)
Fewest IP, Game for Starter: 2.2 (Daniel Tillo 4/20 vs. DE G1)
Longest Winning Streak (Dec.): 2 (Daniel Tillo 4/8 vs. W-S, 4/13 vs. CAR G2)
Longest Losing Streak (Dec.): N/A
10+ Strikeouts, (Indiv.): N/A
Complete Games: 1 (Daniel Tillo 4/13 vs. CAR G2, 7 innings)

Blue Rocks Team Pitching

Fewest Hits Allowed, Game: 2 (4/13 vs. CAR G2)
Most Hits Allowed, Game: 16 (4/4 vs. SAL)
Most Runs Allowed, Game: 10 (4/4 vs. SAL)
Most Runs Allowed, Inning: 5, 2x (7th Inning 4/4 vs. SAL, 7th Inning 4/15 vs. W-S)
10 + Hits Allowed, Game: 4 (Last: 4/21 vs. DE)
Most HRs Allowed, Game: 1, 7x (Last: Tyreque Reed 4/20 vs. DE G1)
Most Strikeouts, Game (9 Innings): 12 (4/14 vs. CAR)
Most Strikeouts, Game (Extra Innings): 12 (4/9 vs. W-S 10 Innings)
Most Walks Allowed, Game: 6 (4/10 vs. W-S)
Most SB Allowed, Game: 2, 2x (4/11 vs. CAR, 4/22 vs. W-S)
Longest Scoreless Innings Streak: 12.0 (4/13 vs. CAR G1 7th Inning - 4/14 vs. CAR 4th Inning)
Consecutive Games Allowing HR: 3 (4/15 vs. W-S - 4/17 vs. W-S)
Consecutive Games W/O Allowing HR: 3, 3x (Last: 4/20 vs. DE G2 - 4/22 vs. W-S)
Most Pitchers Used, Game: 4, 3x (4/4 vs. SAL, 4/10 vs. W-S, 4/22 vs. W-S)
10 + Strikeouts, Staff: 7 (Last: 4/18 vs. DE)
Most Consecutive Shutouts: N/A

Opponents Pitching

Most Strikeouts, Game (Team, Extra Innings): 10 (4/9 vs. W-S 10 Innings)
Most Strikeouts, Game (Team, 9 Innings): 13 (4/4 vs. SAL)
Most Strikeouts, Game (Indiv.): 8, 2x (AJ Alexy 4/18 vs. DE, Noah Bremer 4/20 vs. DE G2)
10 + Strikeouts, Staff: 9 (Last: 4/22 vs. W-S)

Blue Rocks Miscellaneous Season Highs & Lows

Longest Winning Streak: 5 (4/6 vs. SAL G2 - 4/11 vs. CAR)
Longest Winning Streak, Home: 6 (4/6 vs. SAL G2 - 4/18 vs. DE)
Longest Winning Streak, Road: 3 (4/13 vs. CAR G1 - 4/14 vs. CAR)
Longest Losing Streak: 4 (4/20 vs. DE G1 - Present)
Longest Losing Streak, Home: 4 (4/20 vs. DE G1 - Present)
Longest Losing Streak, Road: 1 (4/11 vs. CAR - 4/13 vs. CAR G1)
Largest Margin of Victory: 6 runs (4/13 vs. CAR G2)
Largest Margin of Defeat: 10 runs (4/4 vs. SAL)
Largest Come-From-Behind Win: 2 runs (Trailed W-S 2-0 on 4/8)
Largest Fall-From-Ahead Loss: 4 runs (Led W-S 8-4 on 4/15)
Longest Game, Innings: 10 (4/9 vs. W-S)
Longest Game, Time (9 Innings): 3:05 (4/18 vs. DE)
Longest Game, Time (Extra Innings): 3:08 (4/9 vs. W-S)
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: N/A
Most DP Turned, Game: 2, 3x (4/6 vs. SAL G2, 4/13 vs. CAR G1, 4/15 vs. W-S)
Most DP Against, Game: 2, 3x (4/6 vs. SAL G1, 4/14 vs. CAR, 4/15 vs. W-S)
Triple Plays Turned, Season: N/A
Triple Plays Against, Season: 1 (4/9 vs. W-S)
Most Errors, One Game, Player: 2 (Pratto 4/11 vs. CAR)
Most Errors, One Game, Team: 4 (4/20 vs. DE G1)
Consecutive Games W/Error: 8 (4/6 vs. SAL G2 - 4/13 vs. CAR)
Consecutive Games W/O Error: 3 (4/14 vs. CAR - 4/16 vs. W-S)
Most Errors, One Game, Opp. Player: 2 (Yeyson Yrizarri 4/10 vs. W-S)
Most Errors, One Game, Opp. Team: 3 (4/16 vs. W-S)
Largest Home Crowd: 6,313 (4/10 vs. W-S)
Smallest Home Crowd: 2,042 (4/21 vs. DE)
Home Sellouts (6,537): N/A
Largest Road Crowd: 3,490 (4/13 vs. CAR G2)
Smallest Road Crowd: 2,732 (4/14 vs. CAR)

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Blue Rocks 2019 Regular-Season Day-by-Day -- First Half

Date	OPP.	W/L	SCORE	BLUE ROCKS				OPPONENT				Winning Pitcher	Losing Pitcher	Save	Record	Pos.	GB	Daily Att.	Time
				R	H	E	LOB	R	H	E	LOB								
4-4	SAL	L	10-2	2	3	3	3	10	16	1	11	Bazardo (1-0)	Lynch (0-1)	None	0-1	3rd	1.0	5,619	3:00
4-5	SAL			Rained Out Postponed until 4/6															
4-6	SAL	L	2-1 (7)	1	4	0	5	2	5	1	3	Matta (1-0)	Singer (0-1)	Cosart (1)	0-2	5th	2.0	-	1:54
4-6	SAL	W	2-1 (7)	2	2	1	2	1	5	0	4	Cloney (1-0)	Fisher (0-1)	Ratliff (1)	1-2	4th	1.0	4,471	2:02
4-7	SAL	W	2-1	2	4	1	2	1	4	0	5	Snider (1-0)	De Jesus (0-1)	Zuber (1)	2-2	3rd	1.0	4,116	2:41
4-8	W-S	W	5-3	5	7	3	5	3	7	2	5	Tillo (1-0)	Burns (0-1)	Ratliff (2)	3-2	3rd	1.0	2,553	2:36
4-9	W-S	W	2-1	2	2	3	3	1	7	2	11	Capps (1-0)	Kincannon (0-1)	None	4-2	1st	-	2,410	3:08
4-10	W-S	W	4-1	4	3	1	6	1	6	2	10	Garcia (1-0)	Lewis(1-1)	Zuber(2)	5-2	1st	-	6,313	2:54
4-11	CAR	L	7-6	6	11	4	11	7	7	1	4	Hardy (2-0)	Cloney (1-1)	None	5-3	2nd	1.0	2,908	2:57
4-12	CAR			Rained Out Postponed until 4/13															
4-13	CAR	W	3-2 (7)	3	8	1	4	2	7	1	7	Duarte (1-0)	Zavolas (1-1)	Ratliff (3)	6-3	2nd	1.0	-	2:30
4-13	CAR	W	6-0 (7)	6	9	2	9	0	2	1	5	Tillo (2-0)	File (0-2)	None	7-3	2nd	0.5	3,490	2:13
4-14	CAR	W	5-1	5	8	0	5	1	5	1	6	Snider (2-0)	Taugner (1-1)	None	8-3	1st	-	2,732	2:54
4-15	W-S	L	9-8	8	11	0	5	9	13	2	7	Burns (1-1)	Zuber (0-1)	Ledo (1)	8-4	1st	-	2,801	3:04
;	5	Singer (1-1)	Kincannon (0-2)	Ratliff (4)	9-4	1st	-	2,922	2:38										
4-17	W-S	W	2-1	2	3	1	1	1	4	2	4	Martinez (1-0)	Battenfield (0-2)	Zuber (3)	10-4	1st	-	2,875	2:04
4-18	DE	W	4-3	4	7	1	7	3	5	0	6	Kowar (1-0)	Alexy (0-3)	Ratliff (5)	11-4	1st	-	3,524	3:05
4-19	DE			Rained Out Postponed until 4/20															
4-20	DE	L	9-1 (7)	1	4	4	7	9	13	0	7	Anderson (1-0)	Tillo (2-1)	None	11-5	1st	-	-	2:23
4-20	DE	L	3-2 (8)	2	2	2	3	3	7	1	4	Clase (2-0)	Zuber (0-2)	Mendez (1)	11-6	1st	-	3,427	2:18
4-21	DE	L	7-3	3	7	1	9	7	10	0	7	Uvila (1-0)	Singer (1-2)	None	11-7	1st	-	2,042	3:06
4-22	W-S	L	3-1	1	7	1	7	3	6	2	5	Hansen (1-0)	Capps (1-1)	Nin (1)	11-8	1st	-	2,954	2:48
4-23	W-S																		
4-24	W-S																		
4-25	OFF DAY (1)																		
4-26	LYN																		
4-27	LYN																		
4-28	LYN																		
4-29	FRE																		
4-30	FRE																		
5-1	FRE																		
5-2	FRE																		
5-3	CAR																		
5-4	CAR																		
5-5	CAR																		
5-6	OFF DAY (2)																		
5-7	SAL																		
5-8	SAL																		
5-9	SAL																		
5-10	PT																		
5-11	PT																		
5-12	PT																		
5-13	FRE																		
5-14	FRE																		
5-15	FRE																		
5-16	FRE																		
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5-18	PT																		
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5-22	SAL																		
5-23	SAL																		
5-24	MB																		
5-25	MB																		
5-26	MB																		
5-27	MB																		
5-28	OFF DAY (3)																		
5-29	FAY																		
5-30	FAY																		
5-31	FAY																		
6-1	FAY																		
6-2	MB																		
6-3	MB																		
6-4	MB																		
6-5	OFF DAY (4)																		
6-6	FAY																		
6-7	FAY																		
6-8	FAY																		
6-9	FAY																		
6-10	LYN																		
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6-13	LYN																		
6-14	LYN																		
6-15	LYN																		
6-16	LYN																		
6-17	OFF-DAY (5)																		
6-18	CAROLINA LEAGUE ALL-STAR GAME (OFF DAY 6)																		
6-19	OFF DAY (7)																		

End of First Half of the Season

*Eliminated from First Half Playoff Contention

BOLD INDICATES HOME GAME

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				R	H	E	LOB	R	H	E	LOB							Att.	Time
6-20	FRE																		
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7-2	PT																		
7-3	PT																		
7-4	PT																		
7-5	PT																		
7-6	PT																		
7-7	SAL																		
7-8	SAL																		
7-9	OFF DAY (8/1)																		
7-10	SAL																		
7-11	SAL																		
7-12	SAL																		
7-13	CAR																		
7-14	CAR																		
7-15	CAR																		
7-16	OFF DAY (9/2)																		
7-17	W-S																		
7-18	W-S																		
7-19	W-S																		
7-20	CAR																		
7-21	CAR																		
7-22	CAR																		
7-23	PT																		
7-24	PT																		
7-25	PT																		
7-26	DE																		
7-27	DE																		
7-28	DE																		
7-29	OFF DAY (10/3)																		
7-30	FAY																		
7-31	FAY																		
8-1	FAY																		
8-2	PT																		
8-3	PT																		
8-4	PT																		
8-5	OFF DAY (11/4)																		
8-6	FAY																		
8-7	FAY																		
8-8	FAY																		
8-9	MB																		
8-10	MB																		
8-11	MB																		
8-12	OFF DAY (12/5)																		
8-13	LYN																		
8-14	LYN																		
8-15	LYN																		
8-16	DE																		
8-17	DE																		
8-18	DE																		
8-19	OFF DAY (13/6)																		
8-20	SAL																		
8-21	SAL																		
8-22	SAL																		
8-23	DE																		
8-24	DE																		
8-25	DE																		
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8-27	LYN																		
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8-29	LYN																		
8-30	MB																		
8/31	MB																		
9/1	MB																		
9/2	MB																		

End of Second Half of Season
BOLD INDICATES HOME GAME