



# Northwest Arkansas Naturals

Double-A Affiliate, Kansas City Royals



Roster as of June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018

No. PITCHERS (13 + 3 DL)	B/T	Ht	Wt	BORN	AGE	RESIDES	PREVIOUS CLUB	ACQUIRED
35 Scott Blewett	R/R	6-6	210	04/10/1996	22	Phoenix, Ariz.	Wilmington	2nd round, 2014
29 Bryan Brickhouse	R/R	6-0	195	06/06/1992	26	the Woodlands, Texas	Wilmington	3rd round, 2011
Andrew Edwards (DL)	R/R	6-6	260	10/07/1991	26	Gilbertsville, Ky.	Naturals/Wilmington/Omaha	19th round, 2013
31 Arnaldo Hernandez	R/R	6-0	175	02/09/1996	22	Puerto Ordaz, VE	Wilmington/Omaha	NDFA, 09/18/2012
27 Pedro Fernandez	R/R	6-0	190	05/25/1994	24	Puerto Plata, D.R.	Naturals/Omaha	NDFA, 09/02/11
25 Grant Gavin	R/R	6-2	180	07/10/1995	22	Parkville, Mo.	Wilmington	29th round, 2016
14 Foster Griffin	L/L	6-3	200	07/27/1995	22	Orlando, Fla.	Wilmington/Naturals	1st (28th) round, 2014
28 Zach Lovvorn	R/R	5-11	206	05/26/1994	24	Oxford, Ala.	Naturals/Omaha	6th round, 2012
45 Andres Machado §	R/R	6-0	175	04/22/1993	25	Carabobo, VE	Omaha	NDFA, 06/25/12
57 Yunior Marte	R/R	6-2	175	02/02/1995	23	Santo Domingo Norte DR	Wilmington/Naturals	NDFA, 06/25/12
23 Emilio Ogando	L/L	6-2	180	08/13/1993	24	Valrico, Fla.	Wilmington/Omaha/Naturals	12th round, 2014
41 Walker Sheller	R/R	6-3	195	05/21/1995	23	DeLand, Fla.	Wilmington	9th round, 2016
53 Gabe Speier	L/L	5-11	191	04/12/1995	23	Santa Barbar, Calif.	Jackson (Arizona)	Trade w/ ARI, 06/06/18
39 Franco Terrero	R/R	6-0	180	05/20/1995	23	Las Matas de Farfan, D.R.	Wilmington	NDFA, 01/16/14

No. CATCHERS (3)	B/T	Ht	Wt	BORN	AGE	RESIDES	PREVIOUS CLUB	ACQUIRED
11 Nick Dini	R/R	5-9	185	07/27/1993	24	Monroe, N.J.	Omaha	14th round, 2015
4 Nate Esposito	R/R	5-11	195	06/25/1993	25	Granite Bay, Calif.	Burlington	33rd round, 2015
34 Xavier Fernandez	R/R	5-11	197	07/15/1995	22	Guaynabo, P.R.	Wilmington	11th round, 2013

No. INFILDEERS (5 + 1 DL)	B/T	Ht	Wt	BORN	AGE	RESIDES	PREVIOUS CLUB	ACQUIRED
8 John Brontsema	R/R	6-2	185	12/13/1994	23	Santa Barbara, Calif.	Wilmington	26th round, 2016
13 Samir Dueñez § (DL)	L/R	6-1	195	06/11/1996	23	Catia La Mar, VE	Naturals	NDFA, 07/07/12
2 Jecksson Flores	R/R	5-11	145	10/28/1993	24	Ciudad Bolívar, VE	Wilmington	NDFA, 07/21/10
15 Kelvin Gutierrez	R/R	6-3	216	08/28/1994	23	San Francisco de Macorís, DR	Harrisburg (WSH)	Trade w/ WSH, 06/18/18
22 Alex Liddi	R/R	6-4	225	08/14/1988	29	Glendale, Ariz.	Tijuana (MLB)	MiLB FA, 03/02/18
9 Erick Mejia	S/R	5-11	185	11/09/1994	23	Villa Mella, D.R.	Rancho Cucamonga/Tulsa	Trade w/ LAD, 01/04/18

No. OUTFIELDERS (4 + 1 DL)	B/T	Ht	Wt	BORN	AGE	RESIDES	PREVIOUS CLUB	ACQUIRED
Alfredo Escalera (DL)	R/R	6-1	185	02/17/1995	23	Carolina, P.R.	Naturals	8th round, 2012
21 Elier Hernandez	R/R	6-3	197	11/21/1994	23	San Cristobal, D.R.	Wilmington/Naturals	NDFA, 07/02/11
24 Khalil Lee	L/L	6-0	190	06/26/1998	20	Centreville, Va.	Wilmington	3rd round, 2016
6 Anderson Miller	L/L	6-3	208	05/06/1994	24	Lexington, Ky.	Wilmington/Naturals	3rd round, 2015
17 Kort Peterson	L/R	6-1	195	04/29/1994	23	Los Gatos, Calif.	Wilmington	23rd round, 2016

No. FIELD STAFF	POSITION	B/T	Ht	Wt	BORN	AGE	RESIDES
19 Mike Rojas	Manager	R/R	6-3	210	04/17/1963	55	Naples, Fla.
46 Steve Luebber	Pitching Coach	R/R	6-3	250	07/09/1949	68	Joplin, Mo.
7 Leon Roberts	Hitting Coach	R/R	6-3	200	01/22/1951	67	Arlington, Texas

STRENGTH COACH: Jarret Abell

ATHLETIC TRAINER: Masa Koyanagi

CLUBHOUSE MANAGER: Danny Helmer

VIDEO INTERN: Ryan West

≠ - Temporarily Inactive

‡ - MLB Rehab

§ 40-Man Roster

### Pronunciation Guide

Scott Blewett = BLUE-it  
 John Brontsema = bront-sim-uhh  
 Samir Dueñez = sah-MEER DWEN-yez  
 Nick Dini = DEE-knee  
 Jecksson Flores = Jeck-sun  
 Elier Hernandez = elle-LEE-err  
 Khalil Lee = kuh-LEE-ull  
 Alex Liddi = LIDD-dee  
 Zach Lovvorn = LOVE-urn  
 Yunior Marte = Junior with a 'y'  
 Gabe Speier = spy-er

### Recent Transactions

June 16: C Luis Villegas transferred to Triple-A, Omaha...C Xavier Fernandez transferred to Northwest Arkansas from Advanced-A, Wilmington.  
 June 18: INF Kelvin Gutierrez acquired in a trade with Washington and assigned to Northwest Arkansas.  
 June 20: OF Brandon Downes traded to Atlanta.  
 June 21: OF Donnie Dewees transferred to Triple-A, Omaha...RHP Jake Newberry transferred to Omaha...RHP Bryan Brickhouse transferred to Northwest Arkansas from Wilmington (Advanced-A)...OF Kort Peterson transferred from Wilmington to Northwest Arkansas.  
 June 25: INF Carlos Diaz transferred to AZL Royals for rehab assignemnt.  
 June 26: LHP Jake Kalish transferred to Triple-A, Omaha...RHP Arnaldo Hernandez transferred to Northwest Arkansas from Wilmington (Advanced-A).  
 June 28: INF Nicky Lopez transferred to Triple-A, Omaha...OF Khalil Lee transferred to Northwest Arkansas from Wilmington (Advanced-A).