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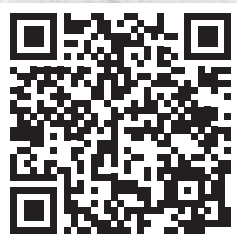
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May 4, 2021

Dear Grasshoppers Fans,

On behalf of our entire staff, I would like to welcome you to beautiful First National Bank Field and the 16th year of Greensboro Grasshoppers Baseball. This year promises to be another great season, with excitement both on and off the field. We have worked incredibly hard to provide you, our fans, with the best affordable family entertainment possible.

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We begin this season with many COVID-19 related restrictions in place and ask for your compliance with these matters.

If there is ever anything we can do to enhance your experience, please do not hesitate to let us know. You are the reason we are here, so please have fun and come back often to visit.

Go Hoppers!!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Donald C. Moore".

Donald C. Moore

President/General Manager





By Jeff Mills

We're calling it the I-40 Rivalry, this new series between the Greensboro Grasshoppers and the Winston-Salem Dash in the reimagined minor leagues of 2021.

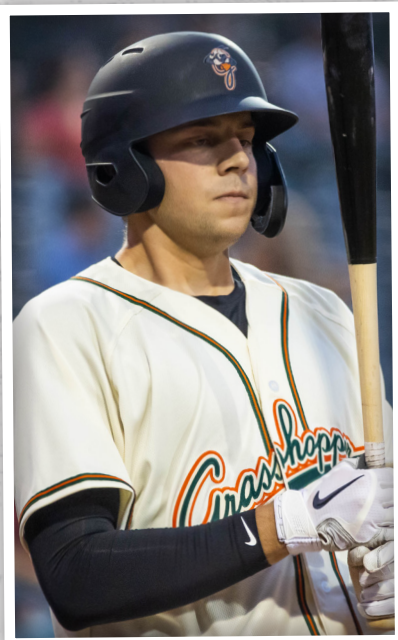
And why not? It's a 29.3-mile drive between First National Bank Field in Greensboro and Truist Stadium in Winston-Salem, with 11.75 of those miles on Interstate-40 and 14.29 miles on Business-40.

It's a similar route the old teams could've taken 53 years ago, the last time the franchises played.

Oh, sure, there are plenty of differences.

Back then, I-40 was under construction. Greensboro was still the eastern terminus of the highway first designated as an interstate in 1957.

The road was still a work in progress in 1968. The section of I-40 between Winston-Salem and Statesville wasn't even done, and no interstate at all went to Raleigh, making it one of six American state capitals not yet connected to an interstate.



Will Matthiessen

In 1968, the Greensboro Patriots played at **War Memorial Stadium** on Yanceyville Street, and the Winston-Salem Red Sox played at **Ernie Shore Field** near Wake Forest University, a ballpark built in 1956 and named for the Forsyth County sheriff who once upon a time was a teammate of **Babe Ruth**.

Neither the Patriots -- who were affiliated with the Houston Astros in '68 -- nor the Red Sox were very good that year.

**Brandy Davis** managed Greensboro to a 61-79 record, while manager **Bill Slack** led Winston-Salem to a 56-81 season.

**Jack McKeon** led the unaffiliated Hi-Toms, who still play games at Finch Field in Thomasville, to the league championship that season.

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# COACHING STAFF



## **KIERAN MATTISON • FIELD MANAGER**

Mattison is in his fifth season as a manager in the Pirates organization. He spent the 2019 season with Bristol and led the club to a 34-33 record, with a postseason berth for the first time since 2002. He led the West Virginia Black Bears to a 32-44 record in 2018 and guided the DSL Pirates to a 36-34 mark in 2017.

The former right-handed pitcher attended East Carolina University and was signed by Kansas City as a non-drafted free agent in 2002. Kieran pitched for five minor league seasons in the Kansas City, Cleveland and Los Angeles (NL) organizations, in addition to playing in various independent leagues and in the Chinese Professional Baseball League through 2010.



## **MATT FORD • PITCHING COACH**

Ford is in his first year with the Hoppers and eighth season with the Pirates organization. He spent the 2019 season as the Rehab Pitching Coach and previous two years as Pitching Coach with Bradenton after serving in the same capacity with the West Virginia Power in 2016.

Ford was Toronto's third-round selection in the 1999 First-Year Player Draft and made his professional debut with Medicine Hat in the Pioneer League that summer. As a former left-handed pitcher, he posted a 2.37 ERA with Dunedin in 2002 and was selected by Milwaukee in the Rule 5 Draft in December 2002. Ford made his Major League debut with the Brewers on April 2, 2003 and pitched a scoreless inning of relief.



## **RUBEN GOTAY • HITTING COACH**

Gotay is in his first year with the Hoppers and first full season with the Pirates organization. Prior to joining the Pittsburgh Pirates in 2020, he was with the Phillies organization.

He played professionally for 17 years (2001-2017), including parts of four seasons in the Major Leagues with the Royals (2004-05), Mets (2007) and Braves (2008). As a former infielder he compiled .255 batting average, 12 homers and 77 RBI in 316 big league games. Gotay was originally selected by Kansas City in the 31st round of the 2000 First-Year Draft.



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### BLAKE BUTLER • DEVELOPMENT COACH

Blake joined the Pittsburgh Pirates in 2020. The 2021 season will be his first full season as a Developmental Coach. Butler was born in Greensboro, NC and is a 2013 graduate of Southeast Guilford High School. He went on to play for the College of Charleston and was selected by the Cincinnati Reds in the 15th round of the First-Year Player Draft.

Butler made his professional debut with the Arizona League Reds in 2015. He spent the 2016-17 seasons playing with Daytona in the Florida State League.



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Back then, the Class-A Carolina League was compact. Eight of the 12 teams in the league were based in North Carolina, the other four in Virginia. The longest road trips were to Norfolk and Newport News, Va., or down east to Kinston.

It was a simpler time in some ways, according to the men who played in Greensboro in the 1960s.

**Ron Paul**, a center fielder for Greensboro in 1964, said the players liked the small geographic footprint.

"Back then the Carolina League was known as 'The Married Man's League,'" Paul told me during a reunion of the '64 team a few years ago. "Because we only ever stayed overnight when we went to places like Rocky Mount and Wilson. The married guys would come home every night after our games in Raleigh and Durham and Burlington and Winston-Salem."

That's a far cry from the new High-A East. Major League Baseball's hostile takeover of the minor leagues brought Greensboro and Winston-Salem together again, but it also placed the Grasshoppers and Dash in the same South Division as the Bowling Green Hot Rods.

That's a 487-mile, 8-plus-hour ride from Greensboro into a different time zone.

But that's another story ...

This story is about a next-door rivalry resuming after more than a half-century. The Hoppers and Dash will play 24 games in all this summer, 12 at First National Bank Field and 12 at Truist Stadium.

It's a short ride for the teams and a short ride for the fans.

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Colin Selby



**FRANCISCO  
ACUNA #7**

**Infielder** • Bats: Right • Throws: Right  
Born: 01/12/00 • Hometown: Stockton, CA  
Pirates Acq: 27th Round • 2019



**BRAXTON  
ASHCRAFT #51**

**Pitcher** • Bats: Right • Throws: Right  
Born: 10/05/99 • Hometown: Robinson, TX  
Pirates Acq: 2nd Round • 2018



**BEAR  
BELLAMY #18**

**Pitcher** • Bats: Right • Throws: Right  
Born: 11/29/96 • Hometown: Scott Depot, WV  
Pirates Acq: 28th Round • 2019



**MICHAEL  
BURROWS #50**

**Pitcher** • Bats: Right • Throws: Right  
Born: 11/08/99 • Hometown: Waterford, CT  
Pirates Acq: 11th Round • 2018



**OMAR  
CRUZ #26**

**Pitcher** • Bats: Left • Throws: Left  
Born: 01/26/99 • Hometown: Hermosillo, Son, Mexico  
Pirates Acq: Trade • 2021





# GREENSBORO GRASSHOPPERS ROSTER

As of May 28, 2021

**MANAGER** Kieran Mattison #24

**HITTING COACH** Ruben Gotay #12

**PITCHING COACH** Matt Ford #52

**DEVELOPMENT COACH** Blake Butler #31

**ATHLETIC TRAINER** Victor Silva

**STRENGTH & CONDITIONING** Henry Torres

| #  | PITCHERS            | B/T | BORN     | HT  | WT  | HOMETOWN                      | ACQUIRED       |
|----|---------------------|-----|----------|-----|-----|-------------------------------|----------------|
| 51 | Ashcraft, Braxton   | RHP | 10/05/99 | 6'4 | 206 | Robinson, TX                  | 2nd Rd., '18   |
| 18 | Bellomy, Bear       | RHP | 11/29/96 | 6'2 | 220 | Scott Depot, WV               | 28th Rd., '19  |
| 50 | Burrows, Michael    | RHP | 11/08/99 | 6'1 | 192 | Waterford, CT                 | 11th Rd., '18  |
| 26 | Cruz, Omar          | LHP | 01/26/99 | 6'1 | 200 | Hermosillo, Son, Mex.         | Trade '21      |
| 41 | Ford, Grant         | RHP | 03/11/98 | 6'1 | 191 | San Jose, CA                  | 5th Rd., '19   |
| 37 | Garcia, Oliver      | RHP | 01/08/98 | 6'3 | 213 | San Francisco de Marcoris, DR | Free Agent '15 |
| 49 | Kobos, William      | RHP | 08/03/97 | 6'0 | 211 | Charlotte, NC                 | 19th Rd., '18  |
| 38 | Leonard, Garrett    | RHP | 09/25/96 | 6'1 | 196 | Fort Mill, SC                 | 15th Rd., '19  |
| 28 | Manasa, Alexander   | RHP | 01/06/98 | 6'4 | 208 | Farmington, MI                | 11th Rd., '17  |
| 43 | McGough, Trey       | LHP | 03/29/98 | 6'2 | 178 | Johnstown, PA                 | 6th Rd., '19   |
| 39 | Melendez, Cristofer | RHP | 09/16/97 | 6'3 | 230 | Azua, D.R.                    | Trade '18      |
| 45 | Mlodzinski, Carmen  | RHP | 02/19/99 | 6'2 | 232 | Hilton Head, SC               | CBA Rd., '20   |
| 15 | Priester, Quinn     | RHP | 09/15/00 | 6'3 | 207 | Cary, IL                      | 1st Rd., '18   |
| 27 | Roberts, Austin     | RHP | 07/27/98 | 6'1 | 218 | Sacramento, CA                | 8th Rd., '19   |
| 48 | Selby, Colin        | RHP | 10/24/97 | 6'1 | 221 | Chesapeake, VA                | 16th Rd., '18  |
| 17 | Thomas, Tahnaj      | RHP | 06/16/99 | 6'4 | 220 | Freeport, Bahamas             | Trade '18      |

| #  | CATCHERS        | B/T | BORN     | HT   | WT  | HOMETOWN         | ACQUIRED      |
|----|-----------------|-----|----------|------|-----|------------------|---------------|
| 23 | Koch, Grant     | R/R | 02/05/97 | 6'0  | 197 | Fayetteville, AR | 5th Rd., '18  |
| 29 | Shockley, Dylan | R/R | 04/10/97 | 5'10 | 195 | Rio Grande, OH   | 34th Rd., '19 |

| #  | INFIELDERS         | B/T | BORN     | HT   | WT  | HOMETOWN      | ACQUIRED         |
|----|--------------------|-----|----------|------|-----|---------------|------------------|
| 7  | Acuna, Francisco   | R/R | 01/12/00 | 5'6  | 161 | Stockton, CA  | Free Agent, '16  |
| 47 | Finol, Claudio     | R/R | 04/13/00 | 5'11 | 171 | Maracaibo, VZ | Rule 5 Draft '20 |
| 46 | Matthiessen, Will  | R/R | 01/09/98 | 6'7  | 220 | Tualitin, OR  | 6th Rd., '19     |
| 44 | Shackelford, Aaron | L/R | 10/16/96 | 5'9  | 220 | Murrieta, CA  | 14th Rd., '19    |
| 19 | Triolo, Jared      | R/R | 02/08/98 | 6'3  | 207 | Austin, TX    | Comp B Rd., '19  |
| 5  | Valdez, Jesus      | R/R | 12/29/97 | 6'0  | 173 | Nizao, D.R.   | Trade '18        |

| #  | OUTFIELDERS      | B/T | BORN     | HT   | WT  | HOMETOWN                   | ACQUIRED        |
|----|------------------|-----|----------|------|-----|----------------------------|-----------------|
| 14 | Frazier, Matthew | L/R | 01/12/98 | 6'2  | 212 | Fresno, CA                 | 3rd Rd., '19    |
| 36 | Gorski, Matthew  | R/R | 12/22/97 | 6'3  | 209 | South Bend, IN             | 2nd Rd., '19    |
| 22 | Herman, Jack     | R/R | 09/30/99 | 5'10 | 190 | Berlin, NJ                 | 30th Rd., '18   |
| 25 | Macias, Fabricio | R/R | 03/11/98 | 6'0  | 186 | Saltillo, Coahuila, Mexico | Free Agent, '18 |
| 34 | Sanchez, Lolo    | R/R | 04/23/99 | 6'0  | 172 | Santo Domingo, D.R.        | Free Agent, '15 |



# 2021 WINSTON-SALEM DASH ROSTER

(last updated - May 30; 30 active)



| #  | PITCHERS (16)   | T | HT   | WT  | BORN     | RESIDES                   | 2019 CLUB(S)                           | ACQUIRED              |
|----|-----------------|---|------|-----|----------|---------------------------|--|-----------------------|
| 10 | Sal Biasi       | R | 5-11 | 205 | 9/30/95  | Wilkes-Barre, PA          | Wisconsin, West Virginia               | Free Agent - 2021     |
| 34 | Jeremiah Burke  | R | 6-2  | 195 | 5/16/98  | Delmar, NY                | AZL White Sox                          | 17th Round - 2019     |
| 20 | Isaiah Carranza | R | 6-5  | 180 | 3/2/97   | La Verne, CA              | Did not pitch (Injuries)               | 12th Round - 2018     |
| 26 | Declan Cronin   | R | 6-4  | 225 | 9/24/97  | Glen Ridge, NJ            | AZL White Sox, Kannapolis              | 34th Round - 2015     |
| 33 | Johan Dominguez | R | 6-4  | 190 | 1/18/96  | Santo Domingo, D.R.       | Kannapolis                             | Trade with MIL - 2018 |
| 31 | Caleb Freeman   | R | 6-3  | 215 | 2/15/95  | Worcester, MA             | AZL White Sox, Great Falls, Kannapolis | 15th Round - 2017     |
| 4  | Brian Glowicki  | R | 5-11 | 190 | 10/19/94 | Downers Grove, IL         | Myrtle Beach, South Bend               | Free Agent - 2021     |
| 27 | Trey Jeans      | L | 5-10 | 195 | 1/31/96  | Texarkana, AR             | AZL White Sox, Great Falls             | 33rd Round - 2019     |
| 24 | Davis Martin    | R | 6-2  | 200 | 1/4/97   | Abilene, TX               | Kannapolis                             | 14th Round - 2018     |
| 32 | Dan Metzdorf    | L | 5-10 | 165 | 5/28/96  | Burlington, MA            | Great Falls                            | 5th Round - 2019      |
| 35 | Edgar Navarro   | R | 6-1  | 180 | 2/5/98   | Ciudad Bolivar, Venezuela | DSL White Sox                          | Free Agent - 2018     |
| 28 | Wilber Pérez    | R | 6-2  | 170 | 11/3/97  | Santo Domingo, D.R.       | Kannapolis                             | Trade with MIL - 2018 |
| 22 | Lane Ramsey     | R | 6-9  | 245 | 7/16/96  | Oklahoma City, OK         | Kannapolis                             | 23rd Round - 2018     |
| 29 | Luke Shilling   | R | 6-3  | 230 | 9/12/97  | Lucedale, MS              | Did not pitch (Injuries)               | 15th Round - 2018     |
| 19 | Taylor Varnell  | L | 6-1  | 190 | 5/5/97   | Elk City, OK              | Kannapolis                             | 29th Round - 2018     |
| 1  | Ryan Williamson | L | 6-2  | 190 | 4/28/95  | Cranford, NJ              | Hagerstown                             | Free Agent - 2021     |

| #  | CATCHERS (3)   | B-T | HT   | WT  | BORN     | RESIDES          | 2019 CLUB(S)    | ACQUIRED          |
|----|----------------|-----|------|-----|----------|------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| 18 | Henri Lartigue | S-R | 6-0  | 205 | 2/24/95  | Memphis, TN      | Reading         | Free Agent - 2021 |
| 15 | Daniel Millwee | R-R | 5-10 | 205 | 8/2/95   | Summerfield, NC  | AZL White Sox   | 30th Round - 2019 |
| 9  | Evan Skoug     | L-R | 5-11 | 200 | 10/21/95 | Libertyville, IL | Kannapolis, W-S | 7th Round - 2017  |

| #  | INFIELDERS (7)  | B-T | HT   | WT  | BORN     | RESIDES               | 2019 CLUB(S)            | ACQUIRED          |
|----|-----------------|-----|------|-----|----------|-----------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|
| 13 | Johan Cruz      | R-R | 6-2  | 188 | 10/8/95  | Guanacico, D.R.       | Kannapolis, W-S         | Free Agent - 2012 |
| 16 | Luis Curbelo    | R-R | 6-3  | 185 | 11/10/95 | Carolina, Puerto Rico | Great Falls, Kannapolis | 6th Round - 2019  |
| 30 | Lazaro Leal     | R-R | 6-2  | 210 | 1/30/97  | Pinar del Rio, Cuba   | Kannapolis              | Free Agent - 2019 |
| 17 | Harvin Mendoza  | L-L | 6-2  | 185 | 2/19/99  | Caracas, Venezuela    | Great Falls             | Free Agent - 2015 |
| 14 | Travis Moniot   | S-R | 6-1  | 190 | 6/9/97   | Indio, CA             | Kannapolis, W-S         | 17th Round - 2018 |
| 2  | Yolbert Sanchez | R-R | 5-11 | 176 | 3/3/97   | Havana, Cuba          | DSL White Sox           | Free Agent - 2019 |
| 25 | Leryn Sosa      | R-R | 6-0  | 180 | 1/25/00  | Puerto Ordaz, Ven.    | Kannapolis              | Free Agent - 2016 |

| #  | OUTFIELDERS (3) | B-T | HT  | WT  | BORN     | RESIDES             | 2019 CLUB(S)    | ACQUIRED          |
|----|-----------------|-----|-----|-----|----------|---------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| 23 | Alex Destino    | L-L | 6-2 | 215 | 10/24/95 | Weaverville, NC     | Kannapolis, W-S | 14th Round - 2017 |
| 11 | Duke Ellis      | L-L | 6-2 | 180 | 1/16/98  | Nacodoches, TX      | N/A             | Free Agent - 2020 |
| 7  | Luis Mieses     | L-L | 6'3 | 180 | 5/31/00  | Santo Domingo, D.R. | Great Falls     | Free Agent - 2016 |

| COACHING STAFF |                                 |
|----------------|---------------------------------|
| 5              | Ryan Newman Manager             |
| 3              | Danny Farquhar Pitching Coach   |
| 8              | Mike Daniel Hitting Coach       |
| Carson Wooten  | Athletic Trainer                |
| Mike Apodaca   | Strength and Conditioning Coach |

| NUMERICAL ROSTER |                     |
|------------------|---------------------|
| 1                | LHP Ryan Williamson |
| 2                | INF Yolbert Sanchez |
| 4                | RHP Brian Glowicki  |
| 7                | OF Luis Mieses      |
| 9                | C Evan Skoug        |
| 10               | RHP Sal Biasi       |
| 11               | OF Duke Ellis       |
| 13               | INF Johan Cruz      |
| 14               | INF Travis Moniot   |
| 15               | C Daniel Millwee    |
| 16               | INF Luis Curbelo    |
| 17               | INF Harvin Mendoza  |
| 18               | C Henri Lartigue    |
| 19               | LHP Taylor Varnell  |
| 20               | RHP Isaiah Carranza |
| 22               | RHP Lane Ramsey     |
| 23               | OF Alex Destino     |
| 24               | RHP Davis Martin    |
| 25               | INF Leryn Sosa      |
| 26               | RHP Declan Cronin   |
| 27               | LHP Trey Jeans      |
| 28               | RHP Wilber Perez    |
| 29               | RHP Luke Shilling   |
| 30               | INF Lazaro Leal     |
| 31               | RHP Caleb Freeman   |
| 32               | LHP Dan Metzdorf    |
| 33               | RHP Johan Dominguez |
| 34               | RHP Jeremiah Burke  |
| 35               | RHP Edgar Navarro   |
| 3                | Danny Farquhar      |
| 5                | Ryan Newman         |
| 8                | Mike Daniel         |

| RECENT TRANSACTIONS |   |
|---------------------|---|
| 5/30                | - RHP Brian Glowicki signed to minor-league contract, assigned to Winston-Salem |
| 5/30                | - LHP Corey Stone assigned to Low-A Kannapolis                                  |
| 5/27                | - LHP Trey Jeans promoted to Dash from Low-A Kannapolis                         |
| 5/25                | - INF Samir Dueñez placed on Dash's injured list                                |
| 5/25                | - C Daniel Millwee activated from injured list, assigned to Winston-Salem       |
| 5/25                | - C Tyler Osik assigned to Low-A Kannapolis                                     |

| PRONUNCIATIONS |                        |
|----------------|------------------------|
| 2              | Yoll-bert              |
| 7              | Mee-ay-says            |
| 9              | Scow-g                 |
| 10             | Bee-ah-zee             |
| 14             | Mon-yo                 |
| 15             | Mill-wee               |
| 18             | Lar-teague             |
| 20             | Car-on-zah             |
| 21             | Vin-chen-zo Eye-yay-oh |
| 23             | Des-teen-oh            |
| 25             | Luh-neen               |
| 30             | Luh-Czar-On Lay-All    |
| 33             | Yo-Han                 |
| 34             | Mill-Toe               |
| 3              | Far-Kwar               |

| INJURED LIST (6) |                                |
|------------------|--------------------------------|
| RHP              | Hansen Butler (5/11-present)   |
| RHP              | Pauly Miltio (5/17-present)    |
| RHP              | Vincenzo Aiello (5/20-present) |
| RHP              | Cooper Bradford (5/21-present) |
| OF               | Bryce Bush (5/23-present)      |
| INF              | Samir Dueñez (5/25-present)    |



**CLAUDIO  
FINOL #47**

**Infielder** • Bats: Right • Throws: Right  
Born: 04/13/00 • Hometown: Maracaibo, VZ  
Pirates Acq: Rule 5 Draft '20



**GRANT  
FORD #41**

**Pitcher** • Bats: Right • Throws: Right  
Born: 03/11/98 • Hometown: San Jose, CA  
Pirates Acq: 5th Round • 2019



**MATTHEW  
FRAZIER #14**

**Outfielder** • Bats: Left • Throws: Right  
Born: 01/12/98 • Hometown: Fresno, CA  
Pirates Acq: 3rd Round • 2019



**OLIVER  
GARCIA #37**

**Pitcher** • Bats: Right • Throws: Right  
Born: 01/08/98 • Hometown: San Francisco de Macoris, DR  
Pirates Acq: Free Agent • 2015



**MATTHEW  
GORSKI #36**

**Outfielder** • Bats: Right • Throws: Right  
Born: 12/22/97 • Hometown: South Bend, IN  
Pirates Acq: 2nd Round • 2019



# 2021 SCHEDULE



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## TODAY'S PROSPECTS

And it's a matchup of some of the top prospects in the Pittsburgh Pirates and Chicago White Sox farm systems.

Four of Pittsburgh's top 10 prospects, according to MLB Pipeline's rankings, are playing for Greensboro this season: No. 2 **Nick Gonzales**, No. 3 **Quinn Priester**, No. 5 **Liover Peguero** and No. 7 **Tahnaj Thomas**.

Second baseman Gonzales and shortstop Peguero have both been limited by injuries so far. Gonzales is out until at least late June with a broken pinky finger on his right hand, while Peguero has played just seven of the first 24 games because of a bruised knee.

Priester, a 20-year-old right-hander (2-2, 3.18 ERA), and Thomas, a 21-year-old right-hander (0-1, 3.95 ERA), are the top two starters in Greensboro's talented six-man rotation. All six, by the way, are rated among Pittsburgh's top 30 prospects.

The rest of the rotation features No. 11 right-hander **Carmen Mlodzinski** (0-1, 1.42 ERA), No. 22 right-hander **Braxton Ashcraft** (1-0, 1.65 ERA), No. 24 left-hander **Omar Cruz** (0-3, 3.55 ERA) and No. 29 right-hander **Michael Burrows** (0-1, 1.13 ERA).

Through 23 games, the Hoppers' starting rotation boasts a 2.54 ERA and 110 strikeouts in 92 innings of work.



*Nick Gonzales*

"Man, it's a special group," Hoppers manager **Kieran Mattison** said. "I've been around pro ball for awhile now, and to run six arms out there that all have strong potential to be in a big-league rotation someday, it's pretty special and a lot of fun to watch. I've talked with the managers from other teams, and I've heard, 'You guys are running out a good starting pitcher every night.' And it's true. We're looking forward to getting these guys built up so they can go deeper into games later in the season."

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**JACK  
HERMAN #22**

**Outfielder** • Bats: Right • Throws: Right  
Born: 09/30/99 • Hometown: Berlin, NJ  
Pirates Acq: 30th Round • 2018



**WILLIAM  
KOBOS #49**

**Pitcher** • Bats: Right • Throws: Right  
Born: 08/03/97 • Hometown: Charlotte, NC  
Pirates Acq: 19th Round • 2018



**GRANT  
KOCH #23**

**Catcher** • Bats: Right • Throws: Right  
Born: 02/05/97 • Hometown: Fayetteville, AR  
Pirates Acq: 5th Round • 2018



**GARRETT  
LEONARD #38**

**Pitcher** • Bats: Right • Throws: Right  
Born: 09/25/96 • Hometown: Fort Mill, SC  
Pirates Acq: 15th Round • 2019



**FABRICIO  
MACIAS #25**

**Outfielder** • Bats: Right • Throws: Right  
Born: 03/11/98 • Hometown: Saltillo, Coahuila, Mexico  
Pirates Acq: Free Agent • 2018





**ALEX  
MANASA #28**

**Pitcher** • Bats: Right • Throws: Right  
Born: 01/06/98 • Hometown: Farmington, MI  
Pirates Acq: 11th Round • 2017



**WILL  
MATTHIESSEN #46**

**Infielder** • Bats: Right • Throws: Right  
Born: 01/09/98 • Hometown: Tualatin, OR  
Pirates Acq: 6th Round • 2019



**TREY  
McGOUGH #43**

**Pitcher** • Bats: Left • Throws: Left  
Born: 03/29/98 • Hometown: Johnstown, PA  
Pirates Acq: 6th Round • 2019



**CRISTOFER  
MELENDEZ #39**

**Pitcher** • Bats: Right • Throws: Right  
Born: 09/16/97 • Hometown: Azua, DR  
Pirates Acq: Trade • 2018



**CARMEN  
MLODZINSKI #45**

**Pitcher** • Bats: Right • Throws: Right  
Born: 02/19/99 • Hometown: Hilton Head, SC  
Pirates Acq: CBA Rd. • 2020



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Right now, after a year away from competitive games because of the coronavirus pandemic, the Hoppers' starting pitchers are working under strict pitch counts. The goal is 65 to 80 pitches per outing.

"We don't want to jump the gun and get these guys built up too early," Mattison said. "But I think that's the same everywhere in every organization."

As for Winston-Salem, the Dash have five of Chicago's top 30 prospects, according to MLB Pipeline.

**Yolbert Sanchez**, a 20-year-old slick-fielding shortstop from Cuba, leads that group at No. 17.

The rest of the Dash's top 30 are No. 20 right-handed reliever **Caleb Freeman** (1-1, 1.08 ERA), No. 21 outfielder **Bryce Bush**, No. 23 infielder **Lenyn Sosa** and No. 30 outfielder **Luis Mieses**.

## YESTERDAY'S PROSPECTS

The last time Greensboro and Winston-Salem played, the teams' rosters included 20 future big leaguers: 12 for the Patriots and eight for the Red Sox.

That's a lot. To put that in perspective, eight players from Greensboro's star-studded 2011 South Atlantic League championship team have reached the major leagues.

Of the future major leaguers on those 1968 teams, the most successful were:

- Greensboro first baseman **John Mayberry**, who went on to be a two-time American League All-Star in 15 years, and he was the runner-up (to Fred Lynn) for the 1975 MVP award when he batted .291 with 34 home runs and a league-high 119 RBIs for the Kansas City Royals.



*2011 Hoppers Championship team*

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**QUINN  
PRIESTER #15**

**Pitcher** • Bats: Right • Throws: Right  
Born: 09/15/00 • Hometown: Cary, IL  
Pirates Acq: 1st Rd. • 2018



**AUSTIN  
ROBERTS #27**

**Pitcher** • Bats: Right • Throws: Right  
Born: 07/27/98 • Hometown: Sacramento, CA  
Pirates Acq: 8th Rd. • 2019



**LOLO  
SANCHEZ #34**

**Outfielder** • Bats: Right • Throws: Right  
Born: 04/23/99 • Hometown: Santo Domingo, DR  
Pirates Acq: Free Agent • 2015



**COLIN  
SELBY #48**

**Pitcher** • Bats: Right • Throws: Right  
Born: 10/24/97 • Hometown: Chesapeake, VA  
Pirates Acq: 16th Rd. • 2018



**AARON  
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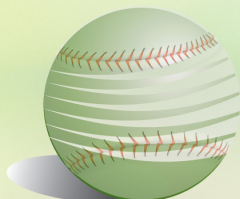
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Born: 04/10/97 • Hometown: Rio Grande, OH  
Pirates Acq: 34th Rd. • 2019



**TAHNAJ  
THOMAS #17**

**Pitcher** • Bats: Right • Throws: Right  
Born: 06/16/99 • Hometown: Freeport, Bahamas  
Pirates Acq: Trade • 2018



**JARED  
TRIOLO #19**

**Infielder** • Bats: Right • Throws: Right  
Born: 02/08/98 • Hometown: Austin, TX  
Pirates Acq: Comp. B Rd. • 2019



**JESUS  
VALDEZ #5**

**Infielder** • Bats: Right • Throws: Right  
Born: 12/29/97 • Hometown: Nizao, DR  
Pirates Acq: Trade • 2018

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- Greensboro pitcher **Ken Forsch**, a right-hander who worked as both a starter and reliever, and was a two-time All-Star during his 16 years with the Astros and Angels. Forsch finished with 114 wins and 51 saves and a career 3.37 ERA.
- Greensboro pitcher **Wayne Twitchell**, who pitched for five teams in a 10-year big-league career. The right-hander made the 1973 All-Star team when he went 13-9 with five shutouts for the Phillies.
- Winston pitcher **John Curtis**, a lefty who starred at Clemson before turning pro. He compiled a 3.96 career ERA in 15 seasons split between five big-league teams.
- Winston pitcher **Bill "Spaceman" Lee**, who was a legendary free spirit and philosopher. Lee went 119-90 with a 3.62 ERA in 14 seasons with the Red Sox and Expos. The left-hander was a 17-game winner three years in a row for Boston, including an All-Star season in 1973. ♥



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The safety and well-being of the community, guests and staff is of the utmost importance to the Greensboro Grasshoppers. We will continue to follow the guidance of national, state and local agencies in the development of our COVID-19 policies. It is our intent to do everything to ensure the health and safety of our guests and ballpark staff and make sure First National Bank Field meets or exceeds all recommended standards. Please help us keep our events safe by following these new policies when you visit us this summer. We respectfully ask that you do not attend an event at First National Bank Field if you feel unwell or if you have been knowingly exposed to COVID-19 in the 14 days prior to an event.

*We're so glad to have you back!*

## **ACCESSIBLE SEATING**

Accessible seating is available behind the back row of the seating bowl in sections 101, 102, 103, 106, 107, 108, 109, 112, and 114. To purchase accessible seating in advance, please call 336.268.2255 or stop by the First National Bank Field Box Office.

## **ALCOHOL**

Beer is available at all concession stands including the Bud Light Grandstand Bar; limit two beers (or two glasses of wine) per person, per purchase. North Carolina law prohibits the selling to or purchase of alcohol to minors under the age of 21. Each customer must present valid picture identification at the time of purchase. All beer sales will conclude with the first pitch of the middle of the 8th inning on a regular basis, however, Grasshopper management reserves the right to discontinue beer sales without notice and/or refuse the sale of beer to any individual. A Grasshoppers' staff member will gladly help arrange a ride for anyone who needs one. Alcohol is not permitted in Section (114).

## **AUTOGRAPHS**

Due to Covid-19 league protocols, players are not permitted to sign autographs.

## **ATM**

There are ATMs located next to the Hoppers Yard souvenir store, behind Section 108.

## **BABY CHANGING AREAS**

Baby changing tables are located in the Family Restroom behind Section 112 on the main concourse and also in the restrooms located throughout the ballpark.

## **BEVERAGES, FOOD & CONTAINERS**

No food, drinks, coolers or containers may be brought into First National Bank Field.

## **FAMILY SECTION**

The Cone Health Family Section is located in Section 114 near the Rotary Play Park and designed for families and young children. Alcohol and inappropriate behavior are not permitted in this section.

## **FAN CONDUCT**

The Greensboro Grasshoppers and First National Bank Field are committed to creating a safe, comfortable, and enjoyable sports and entertainment experience. Minor League Baseball fans have a right to expect an environment where:

- Players, coaches, and umpires respect and appreciate every fan.
- Patrons are treated in a consistent, professional and courteous manner by all stadium and team personnel.
- Patrons can enjoy their experience free from disruptive behavior, including foul or abusive language and obscene gestures. Any profane, racist, or sexist actions or words directed at anyone, including other patrons, will not be tolerated and are grounds for removal from First National Bank Field.
- Patrons will consume alcoholic beverages in a responsible manner. Intervention with an impaired, intoxicated, or underage guest will be handled in a prompt and safe manner.
- Patrons will sit only in their ticketed seats and show their tickets when requested.
- Patrons who engage in fighting, throwing objects, or attempting to enter the playing field will be immediately ejected from the stadium.
- Smoking is allowed in designated areas only.
- Obscene or indecent messages on signs or clothing are not permitted.

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## **FAN CONDUCT** *(continued)*

- Patrons will comply with requests from team staff regarding stadium operations and emergency procedures. The stadium staff is trained to intervene when necessary to help ensure that the above expectations are met, and patrons are encouraged to report any inappropriate behavior to the nearest usher, security guard, or guest services staff member. Patrons who choose not to adhere to this Code of Conduct will be subject to ejection, without refund, and possible revocation of future admission privileges, and may also be in violation of local ordinances resulting in possible arrest and prosecution.

## **FIRST AID**

Guilford County EMS and the Greensboro Police Department are on duty patrolling stadium areas at all times during the games to ensure your safety. Should you need assistance, please notify a Grasshoppers staff member or visit the First Aid Station, located behind Section 112 on the first base side.

## **GATES OPEN**

Gates at First National Bank Field open :30 minutes prior to game time.

## **GIFT CERTIFICATES**

Gift certificates for Grasshoppers merchandise and tickets can be purchased in any increment at The Hoppers Yard souvenir shop.

## **GUEST SERVICES**

If you have any questions about First National Bank Field or need assistance, visit our First National Bank Guest Services booth on the concourse behind Section 110.

## **GROUP OUTINGS**

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## **HANDICAP PARKING**

Handicap parking is available in the Edgeworth Street lot, located behind the Bud Light Grandstand Bar. For your convenience, we suggest purchasing your game tickets in advance, as there is no game ticket outlet available at that entrance.

## **KID'S PLAY AREA**

The Rotary Play Park is located down the first base line and is specially designed to be kid friendly! For the safety of our play park guests, **only kids 10 and under are permitted to play on the equipment.** No food or drink is permitted inside the play area. Parents should not leave their children unattended.

## **LAWN SEATING**

Lawn seating is on a first come, first served basis. Fans are welcome to bring blankets into the lawn areas at First National Bank Field, however, lawn chairs, large umbrellas, wagons, carts, and balloons are not permitted.

## **LOST AND FOUND**

Items can be turned in to, or retrieved from, the First National Bank Guest Services booth located behind Section 110.

## **LOST PARENTS/FOUND CHILDREN**

Children who have lost their parents will be escorted by a staff member to the First National Bank Guest Services booth, located behind Section 110. Parents who have lost their child may ask any First National Bank Field employee for assistance.

## **PAGING**

Paging services are available in the case of an emergency. If you need a fan paged, please speak to a representative at the First National Bank Guest Services booth.

## **PARKING**

Several parking lots surround the stadium on Grasshoppers game days, ranging from \$4-\$6.

## **RAIN POLICY**

### **IF THE GAME IS DELAYED**

Play will continue as soon as weather and safety permits. In the event five innings of one game are not completed, the game will be suspended or postponed and tickets can be exchanged as listed below. If five or more innings have been completed, it is considered an official game.

### **IF THE GAME IS OFFICIALLY POSTPONED**

Your ticket can be exchanged for any remaining 2021 regular season home game, based on availability. Your ticket must be exchanged at the Grasshoppers Box Office for a ticket of equal value, subject to availability. There will be no refunds issued.

## **RE-ENTRY**

For your safety, re-entry is not permitted into First National Bank Field, except in the possibility of a rain delay and the need to socially distance our fans.

## **RESTROOMS**

Restrooms are located throughout the concourse and are handicapped accessible. A family restroom is located on the first base side, behind section 112.

## **SECURITY**

All fans and their bags will be screened upon entering First National Bank Field. For the safety of all guests, the following items are prohibited:

- Any outside food and beverage
- Weapons of any description, including firearms (weapons carried with a permit are also prohibited)
- Knives of any size
- Canes, chains or sticks of any length (non-medical use canes)
- Fireworks or any explosive
- Illegal drugs
- Laser pointers
- Pets (except service animals)

## **SMOKING**

First National Bank Field prohibits smoking, including the use of e-cigarettes, vaporizers and other similar devices except in designated smoking areas. Smoking is allowed only in designated areas in the Bud Light Grandstand Bar and at the suite level bar.

## **SUITE ACCESS**

Fans with tickets for seats on the suite level or the Party Decks may use the stairs on either end of the concourse or the elevator located behind Section 107. Please retain your ticket to ensure your access to those areas.







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