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# INFIELD FLY RULE

By **Bill McPoil**

The ball is popped up, the runners on first and second are tagging up and before the ball is caught, one of the umpires throws his hand in the air and calls out “infield fly.” Well, we can all see that so why is he telling us? What he’s doing is invoking rule 5.09 (a)(5). That rule mandates that when there are runners on first and second, or first, second, and third, and there are one or no outs, any fly ball that can be caught with ordinary effort by an infielder is hit, the batter is automatically out. It’s a judgement call by the umpire.

The rule doesn’t get used very often (there are no statistics on its use since it is not part of the data kept by baseball statisticians), but when it is used it can be controversial. In the 2008 World Series, Phillies’ third baseman Pedro Feliz hit a pop-up with runners on first and second. The game was being played in the rain with strong winds and the umpires did not invoke the rule. The umpire crew chief Tim Tschida explained that because of the weather conditions, the player “could not make the play with ordinary effort.”

Then, in 2012, in the eighth inning of the one-game wild card playoff between the St. Louis Cardinals and the Atlanta Braves, Braves shortstop Andrelton Simmons hit a 225 foot pop up to shallow left field. Cardinals’ shortstop Pete Kozma, who was playing in normal position, ran out to

left field to catch the ball while left fielder Matt Holliday ran into catch it as well. Kozma, thinking Holliday was going to make the catch, backed off and the ball was not caught by either of them. In a very controversial call, left field umpire Sam Holbrook called the infield fly rule just before the ball hit the ground. The result meant the Braves now had runners at second and third with two outs, instead of bases loaded with one out. The Braves did not score in the inning, and the Cardinals went on to win the game, 6-3, eliminating the Braves from the postseason.

So why have the rule? What if, with runners on first and second and no outs, the batter pops up to the third baseman. Because the ball was hit in the air, neither runner on base attempts to advance, instead returning to their base. The batter, thinking it is an easy out, casually starts jogging to first. If that third baseman let the ball drop, he could quickly grab it and step on third before throwing to second. The second baseman then fires to third and the team has turned a triple play. The rule is in place to prevent the defense from abusing the tag rule to turn a double play or triple play by intentionally not catching a ball.

*Bill McPoil is the author of “Sacramento Baseball” available in the On Deck Shop.*





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# PROSPECT REPORT

## Jake WONG



Arizona native Jake Wong stayed close to home when he chose to attend Grand Canyon University after graduating from Hamilton H.S. in the Phoenix suburb of Chandler. His strong performance as a junior in 2018 helped surge the newly-admitted NCAA program and ultimately led to the school's highest draft selection since Tim Salmon went 69th overall in 1989.

Wong's profile features a mid to sometimes upper-90s fastball to go along with a curveball and a changeup. When Wong is sitting in the lower half of the zone, the fastball takes on sinker-like characteristics. This pitch helps him thrive as a weak contact pitcher as opposed to a strikeout guy, which could help him become an effective innings eater if he reaches his ceiling.

And as you would imagine, in 40.2 innings with the Augusta GreenJackets to begin this season, Wong didn't put up gaudy strikeout totals (22.1%) but

instead pitched to soft contact for an opposing batting average of .186, opposing OPS of .521, and a ground-ball rate of nearly 50%.

It all came together for a 1.99 ERA in those eight starts, prompting a mid-season promotion (alongside fellow rotation-mate Sean Hjelle) to the Advanced-A San Jose Giants. This puts the right-hander on track for another mid-season call-up to Double-A next season, as long as everything goes well in the hitter-friendly California League.

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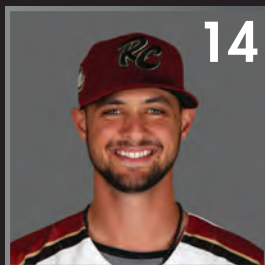


**FERNANDO ABAD**

*PITCHER*

Bat: L | Throw: L | Height: 6'1" | Weight: 220 | DOB: 12/17/85

Abad is an eight-year major-league veteran signed to a minor-league deal in the offseason. After breaking camp in Richmond, and proceeding to allow just four baserunners and zero runs in six innings, Abad was promoted to Sacramento to bolster the bullpen. Abad, who has pitched more than 300 innings combined for five different MLB teams, began the 2018 season in the New York Mets system but was suspended for 80 games after testing positive for the banned substance Stanazolol.

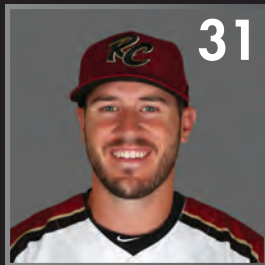


**TYLER BEEDE**

*PITCHER*

Bat: R | Throw: R | Height: 6'2" | Weight: 210 | DOB: 5/23/93

Beede, drafted in 2014's first round out of Vanderbilt University, made more starts than any other River Cats pitcher during his Triple-A debut season in 2017 and is the No. 24-ranked prospect in the system according to MLB Pipeline. He pitched six or more innings in 11 of his 19 starts, posting a 3.47 ERA in those outings. He struggled during the 2018 season with the River Cats and was sent to the bullpen for the remainder of the year, but made some mechanical adjustments in the offseason and will be back in the rotation for 2019.



**TY BLACH**

*PITCHER*

Bat: R | Throw: L | Height: 6'1" | Weight: 205 | DOB: 10/20/90

Blach is back in a River Cats uniform after spending all of 2017 and 2018 with the San Francisco Giants. There, he pitched the third most innings on the club in 2017 and followed that up with 118.2 a year later. He owns a 4.36 ERA in nearly 300 major-league innings pitched while making almost half of his 85 appearances as a starter. Blach was a three-year starter at Creighton University in Omaha, Neb. and was selected by the Giants in the fifth round of the 2012 draft.



**RAY BLACK**

*PITCHER*

Bat: R | Throw: R | Height: 6'3" | Weight: 230 | DOB: 6/26/90

After playing collegiately at the University of Pittsburgh, he was drafted by the Giants in the 7th round of 2011, though he missed the 2012 and 2013 seasons after undergoing shoulder surgery to repair a torn labrum. In 2014 while pitching for the San Jose Giants, he struck out nearly 45% of the batters he faced in 25 innings. In May of 2017 he had arthroscopic surgery on his throwing elbow, but returned healthy and made his major-league debut on July 8, 2018.



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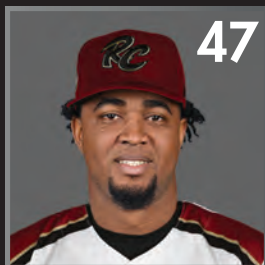
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**SAM COONROD****PITCHER**

Bat: R | Throw: R | Height: 6'2" | Weight: 215 | DOB: 9/22/92

Drafted in the fifth round in 2014, Coonrod hails from Carrollton, Ill. and played collegiately for Southern Illinois University. Following Tommy John surgery at the conclusion of 2017, Coonrod finished up his rehab in July of 2018 and returned to action pitching for the AZL Giants and the San Jose Giants, where during his brief time in San Jose he struck out 46.4% of the batters he faced in 6.1 innings. Prior to moving into the pen, Coonrod racked up more than 100 innings in three straight seasons from 2015 to 2017.

**JANDEL GUSTAVE****PITCHER**

Bat: R | Throw: R | Height: 6'2" | Weight: 210 | DOB: 10/12/92

Signed by the Houston Astros as a non-drafted free agent on 5/25/10. Played the first 9 years of his career with the Astros organization, and made his Major League debut on 8/11/16 against Minnesota. He has made 20 big league appearances and has a 3.98 ERA in 20.1 career innings. After the 2018 season, Gustave signed with the San Francisco Giants with an invitation to Major League spring training. He appeared in three games with the Advanced-A San Jose squad before being promoted to Triple-A Sacramento on May 10, 2019.

**WILLIAMS JEREZ****PITCHER**

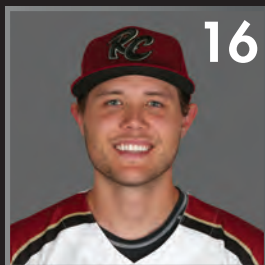
Bat: L | Throw: L | Height: 6'4" | Weight: 205 | DOB: 5/16/92

Jerez was acquired by the Giants late in March in a deal that sent starting pitcher and long-time River Cats pitcher Chris Stratton to the Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim. The left-handed reliever is a native of the Dominican Republic but went to high school in Brooklyn, N.Y. and was drafted by the Boston Red Sox in the second round of the 2011 draft. He found himself in the Angels organization when he was traded in the deal that helped the Red Sox acquire Ian Kinsler. Jerez made his major-league debut with the Angels on August 7, 2018.

**DILLON MCNAMARA****PITCHER**

Bat: R | Throw: R | Height: 6'5" | Weight: 230 | DOB: 10/6/91

The tall right-hander was traded to the Giants in exchange for cash on July 23, 2017 and has bounced between Double-A and Triple-A during his almost-two seasons in the organization. McNamara made his Triple-A debut last year, appearing in six games for the River Cats but spent most of his time in Richmond where he owned a 1.20 ERA in 33 games. He began the 2019 season in Extended Spring Training while rehabbing an injury, but was added to the River Cats roster on May 10.

**STEVEN OKERT****PITCHER**

Bat: L | Throw: L | Height: 6'2" | Weight: 210 | DOB: 7/9/91

A product of the University of Oklahoma, Okert was a fourth round pick by the Giants in 2012. He was designated for assignment on March 23 but cleared waivers and returned to Sacramento to begin the 2019 season. Okert has 48.1 career innings pitched in the major leagues spread from 2016 to 2018, and is third all-time in River Cats history for pitcher appearances.





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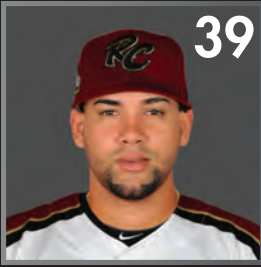
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**YOANYS QUIALA****PITCHER**

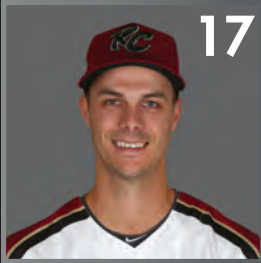
Bat: R | Throw: R | Height: 6'3" | Weight: 235 | DOB: 1/15/94

A native of Mayari, Cuba, Quiala originally signed with the Houston Astros as a minor league free agent in 2015. The right-hander was released by the Astros following the 2018 season and signed with the San Francisco Giants before spring training in 2019. His best professional season was 2017, when he went 9-5 with a 2.57 ERA with Advanced-A Buies Creek and Double-A Corpus Christi. Quiala began 2019 with Double-A Richmond before being promoted to Sacramento on April 26.

**DERECK RODRIGUEZ****PITCHER**

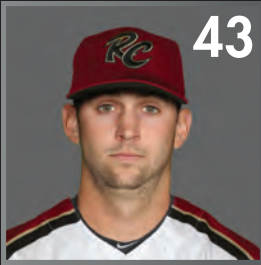
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Selected by the Minnesota Twins in the sixth round of the 2011 First-Year Player Draft out of Pace High School in Miami Gardens, Fla. He made the transition from outfielder to pitcher following the 2013 season. His father, Ivan, spent 21 years in the Major Leagues, won 13 Gold Gloves and was a 14-time All-Star. Rodriguez was signed by the San Francisco Giants as a minor league free agent before the 2018 season and began the year with the River Cats. He was called up to make his Major League debut on May 29, 2018.

**TYLER ROGERS****PITCHER**

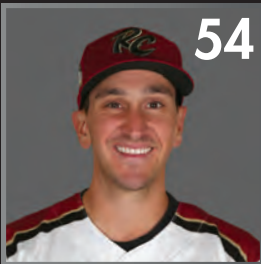
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With 55 appearances, Rogers finished tied with San Jose Giants right-hander Dylan Ruehlert for most games by a pitcher in the Giants' system in 2017, then followed that up by leading the system with 51 in 2018. The right-handed submariner totalled 143.2 innings over that span, entirely with the Sacramento River Cats, while holding opposing hitters to a .236 average, just two home runs, and a 2.37 ERA in 2017. His 61.0% ground ball rate was one of the highest on the Giants' farm over these last two seasons.

**SAM SELMAN****PITCHER**

Bat: R | Throw: L | Height: 6'3" | Weight: 190 | DOB: 11/14/90

A former second-round pick of the Kansas City Royals, Selman joins the River Cats after dominating in his seven innings pitching for the Double-A Richmond Flying Squirrels. He pitched collegiately for Vanderbilt University, where he was teammates with current River Cats Tyler Beede and Mike Yastrzemski. Pitching between Double and Triple-A during the 2017 season, Selman struck out 97 batters in just 67.2 innings while sporting a 2.66 ERA.

**PAT VENDITTE****PITCHER**

Bat: L | Throw: S | Height: 6'1" | Weight: 185 | DOB: 6/30/85

One of the most unique baseball players in the game, Venditte is a switch-pitcher. He throws with either arm and carries a special glove that allows him to switch hands while on the mound. He's a 33-year veteran who made his major-league debut for the Oakland A's in 2015, though it was the New York Yankees who signed him in the 20th round of the 2008 draft. Venditte spent 2018 in the Los Angeles Dodgers' system where he tossed 14 big-league innings while pitching most of his games with the Triple-A Oklahoma City Dodgers.

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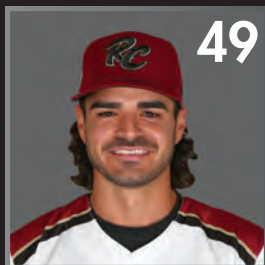
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**RONNIE FREEMAN****CATCHER**

Bat: R | Throw: R | Height: 6'1" | Weight: 190 | DOB: 1/8/91

Originally drafted by the Arizona Diamondbacks in 2012 out of Kennesaw State University, Freeman had his best season offensively in 2014 with Advanced-A Visalia, slashing .278/.340/.392 with three home runs and 24 doubles. He was traded to the Giants from the Arizona on March 24, 2018 and played in 12 games for Double-A Richmond before being called up to the River Cats. He would eventually play 61 games for Sacramento, batting .264 with seven doubles and three home runs.

**ARAMIS GARCIA****CATCHER**

Bat: R | Throw: R | Height: 6'1" | Weight: 210 | DOB: 1/12/93

Drafted in the 2nd round of the 2014 draft out of Florida International University, Garcia was the top catching prospect in the Giants' farm system until they selected Georgia Tech's Joey Bart in 2018. Garcia, though, is certainly the closest to consistent major-league time as he's currently one of three backstops on San Francisco's 40-man roster. Garcia has been known mostly for his offensive prowess, but his skills behind the dish have improved from year to year, especially during the 2018 season in Double-A Richmond.

**FRANCISCO PENA****CATCHER**

Bat: R | Throw: R | Height: 6'2" | Weight: 230 | DOB: 10/12/89

Brother of major-league infielder Tony Peña, Francisco has 86 big-league games with three different teams under his belt since debuting in 2014 with the Kansas City Royals. Peña was signed by the New York Mets out of the Dominican Republic back in 2009, but became a member of the Giants' organization on May 2, 2019 when he was traded by the St. Louis Cardinals to San Francisco in exchange for cash. Peña began the 2019 season with the Triple-A Memphis Redbirds after playing 58 games in the majors for the Cards in 2018.

**ABIATAL AVELINO****INFIELDER**

Bat: R | Throw: R | Height: 6'0" | Weight: 210 | DOB: 2/14/95

After signing out of the Dominican Republic at age 16 with the New York Yankees, Avelino was a ranked prospect in the Pinstripes' farm system for seven seasons. In 2015, he stole the fifth most bases in all of the minor leagues (54) while splitting time between Advanced-A and Double-A ball. On August 31, 2018, he was included in the trade that sent then Giants outfielder Andrew McCutchen to the Yankees. He enters the 2019 season on the Giants' 40-man roster and is ranked the No. 19 prospect in the organization by MLB Pipeline.

**RYAN HOWARD****INFIELDER**

Bat: R | Throw: R | Height: 6'2" | Weight: 195 | DOB: 7/25/94

Howard was selected by the San Francisco Giants in the fifth round of the 2016 First-Year Player Draft out of the University of Missouri. In his first full season as a professional in 2017, Howard hit .306 in 127 games with Advanced-A San Jose and was promoted to Double-A Richmond to begin the 2018 season. Howard began the 2019 season by being assigned to Double-A Richmond, but was promoted to Triple-A Sacramento on May 9, 2019 where he has played second, third, and shortstop.

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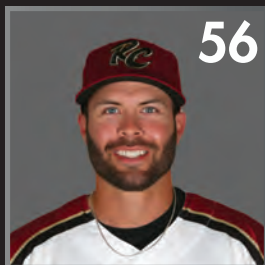
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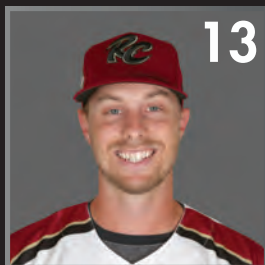


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**LEVI MICHAEL****INFIELDER**

Bat: R | Throw: R | Height: 5'8" | Weight: 175 | DOB: 2/9/91

Selected by the Minnesota Twins in the first round of the 2011 First-Year Player Draft out of the University of North Carolina. He hit .297 with 5 homers, 3 triples, 14 doubles and 48 RBIs in 60 games for the Tar Heels in 2011. He was rated as the No. 1 prospect in North Carolina by Impact Baseball. After the 2018 season he signed with the Giants with an invitation to Major League spring training. Has a .258 batting average in eight minor league seasons since becoming a professional.

**AUSTIN SLATER****INFIELDER**

Bat: R | Throw: R | Height: 6'2" | Weight: 205 | DOB: 12/13/92

Slater began 2017 playing his first 46 games in Sacramento slashing .322/.381/.460 with 12 doubles and four home runs. He received a call-up to San Francisco to make his major-league debut on June 2, going 1-for-5 with a single at Philadelphia. Before injuring his hip, the former Stanford Cardinal played in 29 games with the Giants batting .290. Similarly in 2018, Slater got off to a hot start in Triple-A and was eventually recalled to San Francisco where he played in 74 games batting .250.

**ANTHONY GARCIA****OUTFIELDER**

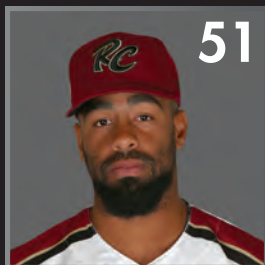
Bat: R | Throw: R | Height: 6'0" | Weight: 180 | DOB: 1/4/92

Led the Nashville Sounds, at the time a Triple-A affiliate of the Oakland A's, in plate appearances (566), doubles (31), and home runs (25) during the 2018 season, but did not receive a September call-up from the A's. He elected free agency at the end of the year and signed a minor-league deal with the Giants on January 24, 2019. A product of Puerto Rico, Garcia was originally drafted by the St. Louis Cardinals in 2009 and remained in their system until signing with Oakland after the 2017 season.

**MIKE GERBER****OUTFIELDER**

Bat: L | Throw: R | Height: 5'10" | Weight: 195 | DOB: 7/8/92

A 15th-round pick by the Detroit Tigers in 2014, Gerber was a teammate of Ty Blach's for two years at Creighton University. He made his major-league debut as the extra man during a doubleheader on April 20, 2018, pinch-running for future hall-of-famer Miguel Cabrera. He was placed on waivers in December and claimed on the 10th by San Francisco. He was the Tigers' Minor League Player of the Year in 2015 after hitting .292 with 31 doubles, 10 triples, and 13 home runs playing for Class-A West Michigan.

**HENRY RAMOS****OUTFIELDER**

Bat: S | Throw: R | Height: 6'0" | Weight: 215 | DOB: 4/15/92

Brother of highly-ranked Giants prospect Heliot Ramos, Henry joins the River Cats after playing in the Dodgers' farm system for the last two seasons. Originally a draft pick of the Boston Red Sox in 2010, Ramos is a switch-hitting outfielder who can play all three positions. He clubbed 10 home runs and 22 doubles while slugging .465 in 102 games for the Oklahoma City Dodgers last year. He received a non-roster invite to spring training this season where he was able to roam the outfield during a game with his younger brother Heliot.



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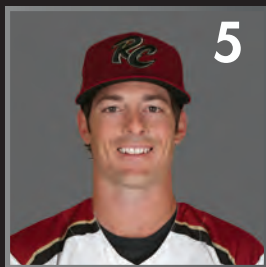
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**MIKE YASTRZEMSKI****OUTFIELDER**

Bat: L | Throw: L | Height: 5'11" | Weight: 180 | DOB: 8/23/90

Grandson of Boston Red Sox legend and Hall-of-Famer Carl Yastrzemski, Mike was a 14th-round pick in 2013 out of Vanderbilt University where he was teammates with River Cats' starting pitcher Tyler Beede. He played in the Baltimore Orioles farm system for six seasons, including his first three pro years in which was named a Mid-Season All-Star during each season. On March 23, 2019, the Orioles traded him to San Francisco for right-handed starting pitcher Tyler Herb. Yastrzemski has played in 269 Triple-A games, including 94 in 2018 with the Bowie Baysox where he slashed .265/.359/.441.





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# RIVER CATS FIELD STAFF



## **DAVE BRUNDAGE** Manager

Brundage will take the field as the River Cats' manager for the third consecutive season. Having nearly two decades of managerial experience, the veteran manager spent four previous seasons with the International League's Lehigh Valley IronPigs (Philadelphia Phillies Triple-A), compiling a 286-289 record (.497), before heading west to Sacramento. In 2016, he led the IronPigs to an 85-58 record, the second best mark in all of Triple-A baseball.



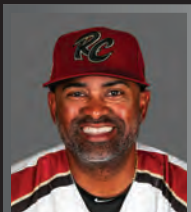
## **STEVE KLINE** Pitching Coach

Kline rejoins the River Cats for his second season as pitching coach in Sacramento after three seasons with the Giants' Double-A affiliate Richmond Flying Squirrels. He spent the six seasons before that with the Class-A Augusta GreenJackets. He was a durable left-handed reliever during his time in the majors, appearing in 89 games in 2001 for the St. Louis Cardinals, which broke a major-league single-season record for lefties.



## **DAMON MINOR** Hitting Coach

Minor is now in his fourth season with the River Cats after spending five seasons with the New Orleans Zephyrs. In his first year with the team in 2016, Minor helped the River Cats improve their batting average four points to the tune of a .272 average, good for sixth best in the Pacific Coast League.



## **JOLBERT CABRERA** Fundamentals Coach

Cabrera enters his fourth season in the Giants' organization and his first as a Fundamentals Coach for the River Cats. In 2018, Cabrera served as the manager of the Class-A Augusta GreenJackets. Before that, Cabrera was the hitting coach for the AZL Giants in 2016 and was the manager with Salem-Keizer in 2017.



## **DAVID GETSOFF** Athletic Trainer

Getsoff begins his 10th season with the Giants' organization, and his second as Athletic Trainer here in Sacramento. In 2017, he served as the organization's Latin American Coordinator and Assistant Minor League Medical Coordinator. He spent 2014-2016 with Double-A Richmond, 2012-2013 with the Class-A San Jose Giants, 2010-2011 with Class-A Augusta, and 2009 with the Class-A short season Salem-Keizer.



## **ANDY KING** Strength & Conditioning

King is in his sixth year with the Giants' organization and his second with the River Cats after spending the 2017 season with Double-A Richmond. He was in Class-A San Jose for the 2016 season and with the Salem-Keizer Volcanoes in Short-Season A-Ball the year before that. King is a 2012 graduate of Hamline University where he earned his B.A. in Exercise and Sports Science with a concentration in Physical Therapy.



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**Friday, May 31**

Raley Field

West Sacramento, CA • 7:05 p.m. (PT)

Game 55 • Home Game 31

**LAS VEGAS AVIATORS (31-24) 2nd Pacific Southern**

- vs -

**SACRAMENTO RIVER CATS (26-28) 3rd Pacific Northern**

Aviators: RHP Jake Buchanan (3-2, 6.18) • River Cats: RHP Anderson Franco (2-1, 6.89)

**Yesterday's Game:** The River Cats failed to hit a home run for the third consecutive game in an 8-4 loss to the Las Vegas Aviators. **LHP Andrew Suarez** gave up 11 hits and eight runs in five innings of work, both of which mark the most a River Cats pitcher has allowed this season. The heart of the order for the Aviators did the bulk of the damage as Jorge Mateo, Seth Brown, Sheldon Neuse, and Dustin Fowler combined to record nine of the team's 11 hits and drive in seven of the team's eight runs. On the offensive side for the River Cats, it was a nice night at the plate for both **INF Abiatal Avelino** and **OF Mike Gerber** as third baseman raked two singles and drove in a run while the center fielder clubbed his 18th double of the year and drew two walks.

**Tonight's Starter:** **RHP Anderson Franco (2-1, 6.89)** will make his team-high tenth start of the season for the River Cats. Franco is coming off a season-best outing in strikeouts in which he struck out nine Isotopes batters and picked up his second win of the season as Sacramento beat Albuquerque 10-6. Franco's Achilles heel this season has been giving up home runs as he's allowed 13 on the season -- six more than the next River Cats pitcher (**RHP Carlos Navas** - 7). Sacramento has supplied Franco with plenty of run support this season, though. When he starts the River Cats have outscored opponents 79-51, winning seven of nine.

**Owned by the "Triple" A's:** Thursday night's loss to the Aviators marked the 14th consecutive win in which the River Cats have lost to a Triple-A affiliate of the Oakland Athletics. This streak dates back to 2017 when the A's housed their AAA club in Nashville. The final two contests between the clubs that year, followed by a four-game series sweep in Nashville in 2018, and then these eight games in 2019 as the A's have now aligned with Las Vegas for Triple-A affiliation. Going back even further, the A's farm club has taken 22 of the last 24 games. In terms of the Las Vegas ballclub without respect to affiliation, they have defeated Sacramento 10 straight times dating back to the end of last season when the 51s closed out their time at Cashman Field with two wins over the River Cats.

**Struggling Suarez:** The young left-hander from the University of Miami has not been pitching his best during his time with the River Cats in 2019, especially during his most recent two outings. Though he pitched five innings in both contests, the opposition has combined to tally 13 runs on 20 hits to skyrocket his ERA to 7.59 through 32 innings.

**Bulpen:** Despite a rough outing from Suarez, the bullpen did their best to keep the River Cats in the game by pitching four scoreless innings allowing just two baserunners. One came on a hit batsman from **RHP Jandel Gustave** and another came on a walk, also from Gustave. **LHP Fernando Abad** faced three batters and struck out all of them while fellow lefty **Steven Okert** also struck out three, but did so in two perfect innings.

**This Day in River Cats History: May 31, 2008:** The River Cats cranked out 13 runs on 18 hits in Colorado Springs against the Sky Sox, winning 13-5 to take their fourth victory in a row. **INF Jeff Baisley** reached base three times, finishing the day 2-for-5 with two doubles, while **OF Danny Putnam** and **INF Wes Bankston** each collected three hits. **RHP Chris Gissell** pitched five innings allowing three runs while striking out eight, which would raise his season-high that year.

### AT A GLANCE

	OVERALL	HOME	ROAD
Record:	26-28	12-18	14-10
Day:	8-6	4-5	4-1
Night:	18-21	8-12	10-9
vs. RHP:	21-21	9-12	12-9
vs. LHP:	5-7	3-6	2-1
One-run games:	6-11	3-5	3-6
Extra-inning games:	3-4	3-2	0-2
Shutouts:	1-2	0-1	1-1
Cats Score 1st:	15-12	4-5	11-7
Opp. Scores 1st:	11-16	8-13	3-3
Leading after 7:	20-6	9-4	11-2
Leading after 8:	20-3	9-2	11-1
No errors:	8-8	2-6	6-2
1 error:	13-12	7-10	6-2
2+ errors:	5-8	3-2	2-6
Series Play (W-L-S):	6-5-2	2-4-1	4-1-1
vs. Pacific Northern:	14-10	7-6	7-4
vs. Pacific Southern:	12-18	5-12	7-6
vs. American Northern:	0-0	0-0	0-0
vs. American Southern:	0-0	0-0	0-0

### 2019 VS. LAS VEGAS (0-8)

Day	Date	Site	Time/Result
Tuesday	4/9	Road	L, 2-10
Wednesday	4/10	Road	L, 1-5
Thursday	4/11	Road	L, 3-11
Tuesday	4/16	Home	L, 4-8
Wednesday	4/17	Home	L, 4-5
Thursday	4/18	Home	L, 6-9
Wednesday	5/29	Home	L, 1-7
Thursday	5/30	Home	L, 4-8
Friday	5/31	Home	7:05 p.m. (PT)
Saturday	6/1	Home	7:05 p.m. (PT)
Sunday	6/2	Home	1:05 p.m. (PT)
Thursday	6/20	Road	7:05 p.m. (PT)
Friday	6/21	Road	7:05 p.m. (PT)
Saturday	6/22	Road	7:05 p.m. (PT)
Sunday	6/23	Road	1:05 p.m. (PT)
Monday	6/24	Road	7:05 p.m. (PT)

### UPCOMING GAMES • PROBABLE STARTERS

Day/Date	Time	Opp.	Sacramento Probable Starters	Opponent Probable Starters
Saturday, June 1	7:05 p.m. (PT)	vs. LV	RHP Yoanys Quijala (1-2, 5.70)	LHP Tyler Alexander (1-3, 6.49)
Sunday, June 2	1:05 p.m. (PT)	vs. LV	LHP Ty Black (2-2, 5.96)	RHP Paul Blackburn (5-1, 4.30)
Tuesday, June 4	5:05 p.m. (PT)	@ OKC	RHP Carlos Navas (0-4, 5.09)	TBD
Wednesday, June 5	9:05 a.m. (PT)	@ OKC	LHP Andrew Suarez (2-4, 7.59)	TBD

### UPCOMING PROMOTIONS

Saturday, June 1 (7:05 p.m. PT).....	Sutter Health Fireworks
.....& Farm to Fork Night w/ California Poppies	Jersey Auction
Sunday, June 2 (1:05 p.m. PT).....	Sunday Funday & Dorados
Wednesday, June 12 (7:05 p.m. PT).....	Wet Nose Wednesdays
Thursday, June 13 (7:05 p.m. PT).....	Thirsty Thursday

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**SACRAMENTO RIVER CATS****Manager:** #45 Dave Brundage • Triple-A Affiliate of the San Francisco Giants

#	ACTIVE BATTERS	POS	AVG	HR	RBI	SB	DOB	BORN
19	Avelino, Abtatal	INF	.277	3	26	4	2/14/95	San Pedro de Macoris, DR
22	Freeman, Ronnie	C	.252	2	5	0	1/8/91	Lawrenceville, GA
2	Garcia, Anthony	OF	.293	6	24	0	1/4/92	Carolina, PR
49	Garcia, Aramis	C	.234	8	25	0	1/12/93	Hialeah, FL
21	Gerber, Mike	OF	.344	10	33	1	7/8/92	Nashville, TN
15	Howard, Ryan	INF	.247	1	7	1	7/25/94	St. Peters, MO
5	Michael, Levi	INF	.250	5	16	1	2/9/91	Winston-Salem, NC
23	Pena, Francisco	C	.301	2	10	0	10/12/89	Santiago, DR
51	Ramos, Henry	OF	.266	7	22	0	4/15/92	Maunabo, PR
18	Shaw, Chris	OF	----	--	--	--	10/20/93	Stoneham, MA
13	Slater, Austin	OF	.318	9	28	6	12/13/92	Jacksonville, FL

**TEAM TOTALS (inc. inactive)** .283 90 301 20

#	ACTIVE PITCHERS	POS	W-L	ERA	SV	SO	DOB	BORN
28	Abad, Fernando	LHP	0-1	2.29	5	25	12/17/85	La Romana, DR
31	Blach, Ty	LHP	2-2	5.96	0	28	10/20/90	Denver, CO
38	Black, Ray	RHP	0-0	5.40	0	11	6/26/90	Wilkes-Barre, PA
40	Franco, Anderson	RHP	2-1	6.98	0	38	12/29/92	Anaco, VZ
47	Gustave, Jandel	RHP	0-1	4.70	1	9	10/12/91	Pimentel, DR
29	Jerez, Williams	LHP	2-2	3.16	1	29	5/16/92	Santiago, DR
26	McNamara, Dillon	RHP	0-0	1.04	0	6	10/6/91	Staten Island, NY
34	Navas, Carlos	RHP	0-4	5.09	0	35	8/13/92	Puerto Cabello, VZ
16	Okert, Steven	LHP	3-1	5.06	0	42	7/9/91	Rowlett, TX
6	Yoany, Quiala	RHP	1-2	5.70	0	29	1/15/94	Mayari, Cuba
17	Rogers, Tyler	RHP	2-1	2.93	1	22	12/17/90	Denver, CO
43	Selman, Sam	LHP	2-1	2.70	0	33	11/14/90	Austin, TX
33	Suarez, Andrew	LHP	2-4	7.59	0	23	9/11/92	Miami, FL
54	Venditte, Pat	SHP	2-1	2.13	0	37	6/30/85	Omaha, NE

**TEAM TOTALS (inc. inactive)** 26-28 4.68 10 528**LAS VEGAS AVIATORS****Manager:** #39 Fran Riordan • Triple-A Affiliate of the Oakland A's

#	ACTIVE BATTERS	POS	AVG	HR	RBI	SB	DOB	BORN
1	Barreto, Franklin	INF	.244	3	16	7	2/27/96	Caracas, VZ
9	Brown, Seth	INF	.286	12	35	0	7/13/92	Medford, OR
22	Campbell, Eric	INF	.276	5	16	4	4/9/87	Colchester, CT
10	Fowler, Dustin	OF	.280	7	37	6	12/29/94	Dublin, GA
5	Joseph, Corban	INF	.344	5	25	0	10/28/88	Franklin, TN
14	Mateo, Jorge	INF	.333	7	41	13	6/23/95	Santo Domingo Oeste, DR
38	Martini, Nick	OF	.327	0	13	0	6/27/90	Crystal Lake, IL
21	Neuse, Sheldon	INF	.278	7	37	2	12/10/94	Fort Worth, TX
16	Payton, Mark	OF	.305	9	40	4	12/7/91	Orland Park, IL
23	Ramirez, Tyler	OF	.193	3	18	0	2/21/95	Suffolk, VA
37	Rupp, Cameron	C	.227	0	1	0	9/28/88	Dallas, TX
6	Taylor, Beau	C	.304	3	15	0	2/13/90	Rockledge, FL

**TEAM TOTALS (inc. inactive)** .288 69 336 44

#	ACTIVE PITCHERS	POS	W-L	ERA	SV	SO	DOB	BORN
33	Alexander, Tyler	LHP	1-3	6.49	0	41	9/22/91	Tampa, FL
20	Anderson, Tanner	RHP	4-4	5.72	0	33	5/27/93	Tampa, FL
58	Blackburn, Paul	RHP	5-1	4.30	0	37	12/4/93	Scottsdale, AZ
43	Bracewell, Ben	RHP	0-2	4.40	0	27	9/19/90	Cheslea, AL
3	Buchanan, Jake	RHP	3-2	6.18	0	34	9/24/89	Fort Myers, FL
11	Dull, Ryan	RHP	1-1	4.87	3	30	10/2/89	Winston-Salem, NC
29	Dunshee, Parker	RHP	1-2	4.91	0	22	2/12/95	Zionsville, IN
51	Lobstein, Kyle	LHP	1-2	7.48	0	33	8/12/89	Scottsdale, AZ
3	McNutt, Trey	RHP	0-0	0.00	0	2	8/2/89	Haleyville, AL
19	Romero, Miguel	RHP	1-0	4.32	0	34	4/23/94	Norwood, MA
41	Ruiz, Norge	RHP	1-1	6.06	1	15	3/15/94	Spring, TX
47	Schillier, Brian	RHP	4-1	4.74	8	21	12/21/85	Park Ridge, IL
57	Wendelken, J.B.	RHP	1-1	10.29	7	7	3/24/93	Guyton, GA

**TEAM TOTALS (inc. inactive)** 31-24 5.18 13 447**PCL STANDINGS**

Pacific Northern	W-L	PCT	GB	Strk	L10
Tacoma Rainiers	28-27	.509	-	W3	7-3
Fresno Grizzlies	27-27	.500	0.5	W1	4-6
Sacramento River Cats	26-28	.481	1.5	L2	5-5
Reno Aces	22-32	.407	5.5	L1	5-5

Pacific Southern	W-L	PCT	GB	Strk	L10
El Paso Chihuahuas	34-20	.630	-	L2	5-5
Las Vegas Aviators	31-24	.564	3.5	W4	7-3
Albuquerque Isotopes	25-30	.455	9.5	W1	2-8
Salt Lake Bees	24-29	.453	9.5	L1	5-5

American Northern	W-L	PCT	GB	Strk	L10
Iowa Cubs	33-22	.600	-	W1	7-3
Omaha Storm Chasers	26-29	.473	7.0	W1	6-4
Memphis Redbirds	23-32	.418	10.0	L9	1-9
Nashville Sounds	21-33	.389	11.5	L2	4-6

American Southern	W-L	PCT	GB	Strk	L10
San Antonio Missions	34-21	.618	-	L1	7-3
Round Rock Express	32-22	.593	1.5	L1	6-4
New Orleans Baby Cakes	30-25	.545	4.0	W2	6-4
Oklahoma City Dodgers	19-34	.358	14.0	W2	3-7

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**May 31, 1869:** The first rain out involving a professional baseball game occurs when heavy rain postpones the Red Stockings' tune up game against the Antioch Nine, a Yellow Springs, Ohio college team. Aaron B. Champion, Cincinnati's owner, had been a student at the school in the 1850s.

**May 31, 1980:** Ken Landreaux's 31-game hitting streak comes to an end when he goes hitless in four at-bats in Minnesota's 11-1 loss to Baltimore at Metropolitan Stadium. The 33 year-old outfielder's accomplishment, the longest span in the American League since Dom DiMaggio's 34 for the Red Sox in 1949, establishes the record for the most consecutive games with a hit in Twins history.

**May 31, 2012:** At Coors Field, Carlos Gonzalez sets a franchise record and becomes the 22nd major league to hit a home run in his fourth straight at-bat. The Rockies outfielder's first frame three-home run off Houston pitcher Bud Norris comes on the heels of CarGo's three round-trippers in the fifth, sixth, and eighth innings of yesterday's contest.

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Manager: Randy Knorr



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Affiliate: Arizona Diamondbacks  
Stadium: Greater Nevada Field  
Manager: Chris Cron



### TACOMA RAINIERS

Affiliate: Seattle Mariners  
Stadium: Cheney Stadium  
Manager: Daren Brown

## AMERICAN NORTH



### IOWA CUBS

Affiliate: Chicago Cubs  
Stadium: Principal Park  
Manager: Marty Pevey



### MEMPHIS REDBIRDS

Affiliate: St. Louis Cardinals  
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Manager: Ben Johnson



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### ALBUQUERQUE ISOTOPES

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### EL PASO CHIHUAHUAS

Affiliate: San Diego Padres  
Stadium: Southwest University Park  
Manager: Edwin Rodriguez



### LAS VEGAS AVIATORS

Affiliate: Oakland Athletics  
Stadium: Las Vegas Ballpark  
Manager: Fran Riordan



### SALT LAKE BEES

Affiliate: Los Angeles Angels  
Stadium: Smith's Ballpark  
Manager: Lou Marson

## AMERICAN SOUTH



### OKLAHOMA CITY DODGERS

Affiliate: Los Angeles Dodgers  
Stadium: Chickasaw Bricktown Ballpark  
Manager: Travis Barbery



### SAN ANTONIO MISSIONS

Affiliate: Milwaukee Brewers  
Stadium: Wolff Stadium  
Manager: Rick Sweet



### NEW ORLEANS BABY CAKES

Affiliate: Miami Marlins  
Stadium: Zephyr Field  
Manager: Keith Johnson



### ROUND ROCK EXPRESS

Affiliate: Houston Astros  
Stadium: Dell Diamond  
Manager: Mickey Storeyv

# MLB/PCL TEAMS - TOP 10 PROSPECTS

## Houston **ASTROS**

1. Forrest Whitley
2. Kyle Tucker
3. Yordan Alvarez
4. Josh James
5. Corbin Martin
6. J.B. Bukauskas
7. Freudis Nova
8. Bryan Abreu
9. Cionel Perez
10. Seth Beer



Triple-A Affiliate:  
Round Rock Express

## Colorado **ROCKIES**

1. Brendan Rodgers
2. Colton Welker
3. Garrett Hampson
4. Peter Lambert
5. Grant Lavigne
6. Ryan Rolison
7. Tyler Nevin
8. Riley Pint
9. Ryan Vilade
10. Sam Hilliard



Triple-A Affiliate:  
Albuquerque Isotopes

## Arizona **DIAMONDBACKS**

1. Jazz Chisholm
2. Jon Duplantier
3. Taylor Widener
4. Daulton Varsho
5. Kristian Robinson
6. Geraldo Perdomo
7. Alek Thomas
8. Jake McCarthy
9. Blaze Alexander
10. Taylor Clarke



Triple-A Affiliate:  
Reno Aces

## San Diego **PADRES**

1. Fernando Tatis Jr.
2. Mackenzie Gore
3. Luis Urias
4. Francisco Mejia
5. Chris Paddack
6. Luis Patino
7. Adrian Morejon
8. Michel Baez
9. Logan Allen
10. Ryan Weathers



Triple-A Affiliate:  
El Paso Chihuahuas

## San Francisco **GIANTS**

1. Joey Bart
2. Heliot Ramos
3. Marco Luciano
4. Shaun Anderson
5. Logan Webb
6. Sean Hjelle
7. Jake Wong
8. Gregory Santos
9. Luis Toribio
10. Alexander Canario



Triple-A Affiliate:  
Sacramento River Cats

## Washington **NATIONALS**

1. Victor Robles
2. Carter Kieboom
3. Luis Garcia
4. Mason Denaburg
5. Wil Crowe
6. Tim Cate
7. Yasel Antuna
8. Israel Pineda
9. Sterling Sharp
10. Gage Canning



Triple-A Affiliate:  
Fresno Grizzlies

## Seattle **MARINERS**

1. Justus Sheffield
2. Jarred Kelenic
3. Justin Dunn
4. Evan White
5. Julio Rodriguez
6. Logan Gilbert
7. Kyle Lewis
8. Sam Carlson
9. Erik Swanson
10. Noelvi Marte



Triple-A Affiliate:  
Tacoma Rainiers

## Los Angeles **ANGELS**

1. Jo Adell
2. Griffin Canning
3. Brandon Marsh
4. Jahmai Jones
5. Jose Suarez
6. Jordyn Adams
7. Luis Rengifo
8. Matt Thaiss
9. Jeremiah Jackson
10. D'Shawn Knowles



Triple-A Affiliate:  
Salt Lake Bees

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**Milwaukee BREWERS**

1. Keston Hiura
2. Corey Ray
3. Brice Turang
4. Tristen Lutz
5. Mauricio Dubon
6. Zack Brown
7. Joe Gray
8. Lucas Erceg
9. Aaron Ashby
10. Payton Henry



Triple-A Affiliate:  
San Antonio Missions

**St. Louis CARDINALS**

1. Alex Reyes
2. Nolan Gorman
3. Andrew Knizner
4. Dakota Hudson
5. Elehuris Montero
6. Jhon Torres
7. Malcom Nunez
8. Dylan Carlson
9. Lane Thomas
10. Genesis Cabrera



Triple-A Affiliate:  
Memphis Redbirds

**Chicago CUBS**

1. Miguel Amaya
2. Nico Hoerner
3. Brailyn Marquez
4. Adbert Alzolay
5. Cole Roederer
6. Aramis Ademan
7. Brennen Davis
8. Justin Steele
9. Cory Abbott
10. Keegan Thompson



Triple-A Affiliate:  
Iowa Cubs

**Oakland ATHLETICS**

1. Jesus Luzardo
2. A.J. Puk
3. Sean Murphy
4. Lazaro Armenteros
5. Austin Beck
6. James Kaprielian
7. Jameson Hannah
8. Jorge Mateo
9. Sheldon Neuse
10. Jeremy Eierman



Triple-A Affiliate:  
Las Vegas Aviators

**Los Angeles DODGERS**

1. Alex Verdugo
2. Keibert Ruiz
3. Dustin May
4. Gavin Lux
5. Tony Gonsolin
6. Will Smith
7. Dennis Santana
8. Jeter Downs
9. Mitchell White
10. Diego Cartaya



Triple-A Affiliate:  
Oklahoma City Dodgers

**Texas RANGERS**

1. Hans Crouse
2. Julio Pablo Martinez
3. Cole Winn
4. Anderson Tejeda
5. Bubba Thompson
6. Leody Taveras
7. Joe Palumbo
8. Jonathan Hernandez
9. Brock Burke
10. Cole Ragans



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Nashville Sounds

**Kansas City ROYALS**

1. Brady Singer
2. Khalil Lee
3. MJ Melendez
4. Daniel Lynch
5. Nick Pratto
6. Seuly Matias
7. Jackson Kowar
8. Nicky Lopez
9. Kris Bubic
10. Kyle Isbel



Triple-A Affiliate:  
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**Miami MARLINS**

1. Sixto Sanchez
2. Victor Victor Mesa
3. Monte Harrison
4. Nick Neidert
5. Sandy Alcantara
6. Connor Scott
7. Isan Diaz
8. Braxton Garrett
9. Edward Cabrera
10. Jorge Guzman



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## Team Name

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Buffalo Chicken Sandwich . . .	8	Garlic Fries . . . . .	7

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<b>Vegan Tacos</b> . . . . .	12
<b>Loaded Meat Nachos</b> . . . . .	12
<b>Taco Salad</b> . . . . .	12
<i>served with shredded lettuce, black beans, black olives, and salsa in a crispy flour shell, with chili-lime vinaigrette dressing and choice of meat</i>	
<b>Three Cheese Quesadilla</b> . . . . .	8
<b>Frozen Margarita</b> . . . . .	12







California Bacon Cheeseburger . . . . .	11
Classic Cheeseburger . . . . .	8
Pork Banh Mi Burger . . . . .	11
Spicy Black Bean Burger . . . . .	10
Vegetarian Wings . . . . .	10
Regular Crispy Fries . . . . .	5

Garlic Fries . . . . .	7
Corn Dog . . . . .	5
Round Table Pizza . . . . .	9



Dinger Dog . . . . .	10
Pulled Pork Dog . . . . . <i>with slaw</i>	8
Chili Cheese Dog . . . . . <i>with confetti tortilla strips</i>	8
Chicago Dog . . . . . <i>with celery salt, sliced tomatoes, relish &amp; peppers</i>	8

Handspun Milkshake . . . . .	7
Waffle Cone . . . . .	7
Dole Whip . . . . .	7
Soda Float . . . . .	7



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Triple Play Sampler . . . . .	18
Shrimp & Tots . . . . .	12
Fish & Tots . . . . .	12
Chicken Tender Basket . . . . .	10
Dinger Dog . . . . .	10
Irish Nachos . . . . .	9

Whiskey-Battered Onion Rings . . . . .	5
Tater Tots . . . . .	5



Boozy Milkshake . . . . .	11
Dole Whip with Rum Milkshake . . . . .	11
Cinnamon Sugar Chur-Waffle Sundae . . . . .	9
<i>served with vanilla soft serve, mini M&amp;M's, Oreo pieces and caramel sauce</i>	
RC Helmet Sundae . . . . .	7
Handspun Milkshake . . . . .	7
Waffle Cone . . . . .	7
Dole Whip . . . . .	7
Soda Float . . . . .	7



# Raley's

<b>Club House Caprese</b> .....	<b>13</b>
<i>Rotisserie chicken, with fresh mozzarella, roma tomatoes, pesto, and red onion served on a french baguette</i>	
<b>Caught in a Pickle</b> .....	<b>13</b>
<i>Pork loin, black forest ham, bacon, swiss cheese, mayo, whole grain mustard, pepperocini, and pickles on a dutch crunch roll</i>	
<b>Pacific Roast League</b> .....	<b>13</b>
<i>Roast beef with Chipotle mayo, pepper jack cheese, pickled jalapenos, lettuce, tomato served on a french roll</i>	
<b>Grand Salami</b> .....	<b>13</b>
<i>Salami, provolone, lettuce, tomato and red onions served on a fresh baked french roll</i>	
<b>Victory Veg</b> .....	<b>13</b>
<i>Greek-inspired mix of cucumber, roasted red pepper, tomato, spring greens, Havarti cheese, savory hummus, and cool tzatziki on native grain bread</i>	
<b>Muffuletta Sandwich</b> .....	<b>13</b>
<b>Round Table Pizza</b> .....	<b>9</b>



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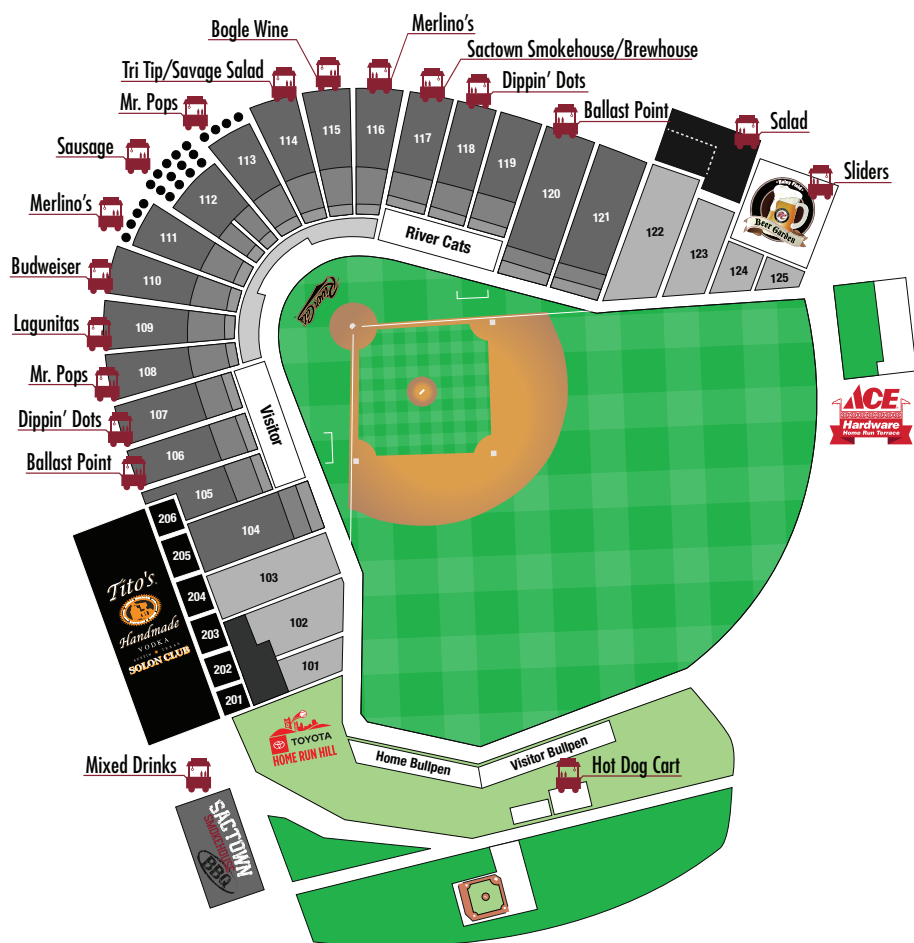
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**Milkshake**

**Onion Rings**

**Peanuts**

**Peanuts** (fresh roasted)

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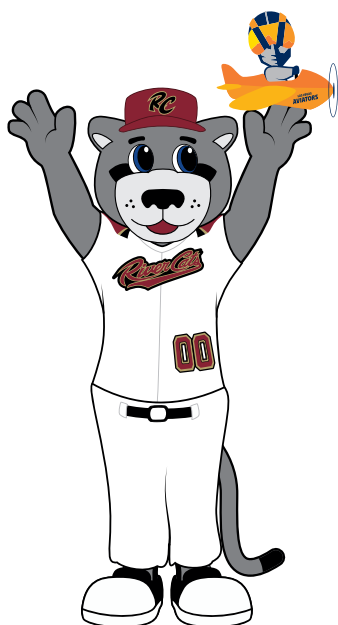
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Fran Riordan

## GAME DATES

5/29 - 6/2

*Roster current as of 5/24/2019*



PITCHERS	B/T	HT	WT	DOB
Tyler Alexander	L/L	6' 1"	180	09-22-1991
Tanner Anderson	R/R	6' 2"	203	05-27-1993
Paul Blackburn	R/R	6' 1"	200	12-04-1993
Ben Bracewell	R/R	6' 0"	195	09-19-1990
Jake Buchanan	R/R	6' 0"	232	09-24-1989
Ryan Dull	R/R	5' 9"	185	10-02-1989
Parker Dunshee	R/R	6' 0"	215	02-12-1995
Dean Kiekhefer	L/L	6' 0"	175	06-07-1989
Kyle Lobstein	L/L	6' 3"	220	08-12-1989
Miguel Romero	R/R	6' 0"	202	04-23-1994
Norge Ruiz	R/R	5' 10"	180	03-15-1994
Brian Schlitter	R/R	6' 3"	238	12-21-1985
Andrew Triggs	R/R	6' 4"	223	03-16-1989
Wei-Chung Wang	L/L	6' 1"	160	04-25-1992
J.B. Wendelken	R/R	6' 1"	240	03-24-1993

CATCHERS	B/T	HT	WT	DOB
Sean Murphy	R/R	6' 3"	232	10-10-1994
Cameron Rupp	R/R	6' 2"	260	09-28-1988
Beau Taylor	L/R	5' 11"	205	02-13-1990

INFIELDERS	B/T	HT	WT	DOB
Franklin Barreto	R/R	5' 10"	200	02-27-1996
Seth Brown	L/L	6' 3"	220	07-13-1992
Eric Campbell	R/R	6' 3"	215	04-09-1987
Corban Joseph	L/R	6' 0"	185	10-28-1988
Jorge Mateo	R/R	6' 0"	192	06-23-1995
Sheldon Neuse	R/R	6' 0"	218	12-10-1994

OUTFIELDERS	B/T	HT	WT	DOB
Skye Bolt	S/R	6' 2"	187	01-15-1994
Dustin Fowler	L/L	6' 0"	190	12-29-1994
Nick Martini	L/L	5' 11"	205	06-27-1990
Mark Payton	L/L	5' 8"	190	12-07-1991
Tyler Ramirez	L/L	5' 9"	185	02-21-1995



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**Q&A with Sam Selman, pitcher for the River Cats, and Johnny Duskow, the radio broadcaster of the Sacramento River Cats.**



**Johnny:** Left-hander Sam Selman with us, and Sam you are kind-of settling in to the Sacramento area. This is not your first rodeo in Triple-A, but how are you enjoying Sacramento so far?

**Sam:** I'm really enjoying it out here. I actually came here last year when I was

with the Omaha Storm Chasers, my previous team, and really enjoyed the area. I'm staying down here in a good apartment nearby with a bunch of the guys. I'm loving being able to explore the town, taking the Jump Bikes around to the different restaurants and things, but yeah, it's been a great time so far.



# SELMAN



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**Johnny:** You went to pitching-rich Vanderbilt – incredible tradition there. You actually went to Vandy and got humbled a bit. You dominated in high school and then went to Vanderbilt and you didn't pitch the first two years, you just soaked it all in and learned. Can you take us through those first two years, was it frustrating or were you able to embrace the situation?

**Sam:** So yeah, I came from a small high school in

Austin, Texas and we had 18 guys on our baseball team. From my school when I was a 14th round draft pick I was no doubt the first person ever to be drafted, and probably the first to play collegiate baseball. So, then I went to Vanderbilt where everyone is the same, they are all good. I only pitched a few innings during my first two years, but finally after my sophomore year, we had 14 guys either graduate or get drafted so there was an

opportunity for me to pitch 80 innings in 2012 for my Junior year.

**Johnny:** What is it about Vandy that makes it a baseball player factory, with all the players that have come out of there to have success in the minor league and in the big leagues? It's pretty special.

**Sam:** Yeah, it's the best recruiting tool you can possibly have. You get to play in Nashville, and go to a top school in the country, and by the way we've had 120-plus guys drafted and have 14 players currently in the Major Leagues. And all those guys come back and contribute to the program. There are resources for alumni to come back and work on their games after they graduate. Yaz (teammate and Vanderbilt alum Mike Yastrzemski) goes back every offseason, and I go back whenever I can. It's just a fun atmosphere that everyone wants to remain a part of.

**Johnny:** No doubt. Could

you take us through a bit about growing up in Austin, Texas?

**Sam:** You know, people ask me all the time when they go to visit there, like "what should I go do?" or "what should I see?". But it's a very different town than it was when I grew up there. So, my parents are from there, my grandparents are from there, so it was slowly on the rise when I was growing up, similar to Nashville when I was in college. Now they are both just booming great towns that everyone wants to go to. But your hometown is your hometown. I'm not sure of the best bars and hip new sushi places, but I can tell you where my brother and I golfed every Sunday or where my favorite Mexican food place is.

**Johnny:** You are going to be someone who really appreciates when you finally get the call to the big leagues. You've been through so much in this

game, can you imagine what that feeling is going to be like?

**Sam:** You know what, you think about it all the time. You think about but at the same time you don't think about it because you have to keep grinding on through. It's one of those things where you don't want to always be looking up to see how well you've done, because that's the moment when you trip and fall and things start going

south. So, I obviously thought about it and dream about that experience. I've been on this ride for so long, but so have my parents and friends who have supported me along the way, so they're a huge part of it as well.



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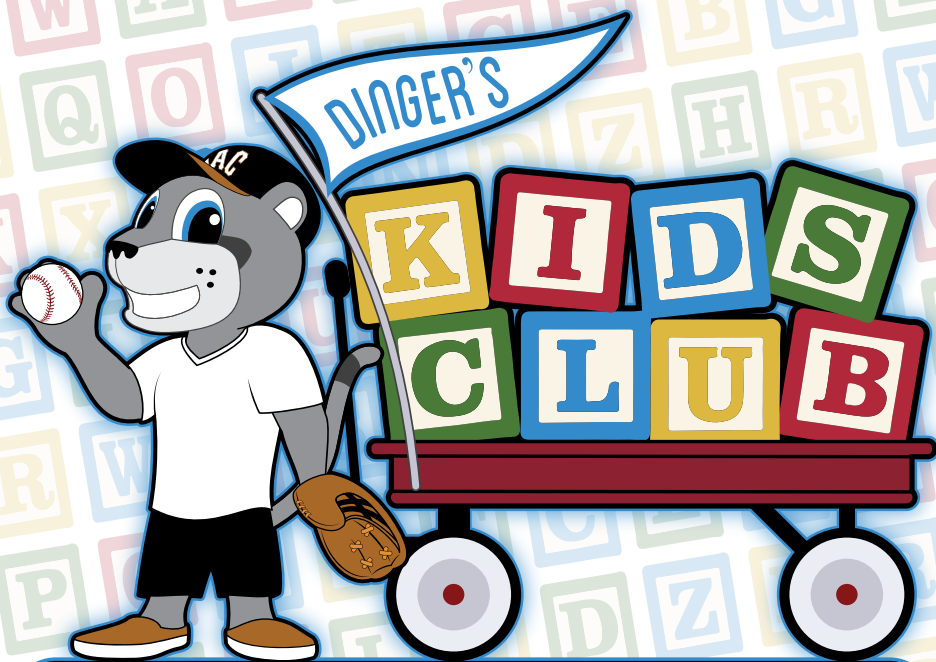
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There are two Golden 1 Credit Union ATMs at Raley Field, located on the concourse at sections 113 and 110.

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**CHILDREN**

Children 23 months and younger do not need a ticket for entry into Raley Field; however, they must sit on the lap of an accompanying adult and will not be reserved a seat. Children two years of age and older must have a ticket. Booster seats are available, free of charge, at the Guest Services Office.

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**DISABLED PARKING**

A limited number of on-site disabled parking is available on a first-come, first-served basis in the VIP Green Lot. Additional disabled parking is available in the Orange Lot, which is just south of the stadium. Guests parking in all lots can catch a shuttle back to the drop-off zone in front of the stadium. A wheelchair-accessible van is also available which can transport guests in wheelchairs back to the drop-off zone. The cost to park in any disabled spot is \$10 (+ carpool is free with Lasher Subaru Parking Pass).

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**EXIT AND RE-ENTRY**

Guests may leave Raley Field at any time through any of the exit gates. Guests may reenter the stadium only after obtaining a reentry stamp from an attendant at any of the exit gates. Reentry for non-baseball events is subject to change.

**FIELD ACCESS**

In accordance with Pacific Coast League rules, only authorized personnel with proper credentials will be permitted on the field before, during, or after a game or event. Any unauthorized person who travels onto the field will be removed from Raley Field and subject to arrest and prosecution.

**FIRST AID**

The First Aid Station is located on the concourse at Section 112. If first aid assistance is needed, please go to the First Aid Station or contact the nearest Guest Services representative.

**FOOD**

Pacific Coast League rules state that guests are not allowed to bring any outside food items into Raley Field.

**FOUL BALLS AND HOME RUN BALLS**

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**GUEST SERVICES OFFICE**

The Guest Services Office is located on the Concourse Level at Section 112 and will be open when gates open to the event and closes approximately ½ hour after the event's conclusion. Guests will find a number of services including lost and found, child booster seats, taxi service, guest assistance, and reporting lost children.

**ICE CHESTS AND COOLERS**

Guests are not permitted to bring hard-sided ice chests or coolers into Raley Field. Soft-sided cooler bags to keep unopened bottled water, baby items, or other special needs cool during the event are permitted. Admission with these items are subject to the discretion of security or front office personnel. All prohibited items should be discarded or may be returned to one's vehicle.

**LOST AND FOUND**

Items found in or around Raley Field during events should be turned in to the Guest Services Office located on the concourse at Section 112. All lost and found items will be stored for 30 days. After 30 days, Raley Field and the River Cats reserve the right to remit to charity or otherwise disposed of. Lost and found items can be picked up at the Administrative Office during the hours of 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. All calls and questions regarding the lost and found should be forwarded to the Guest Services Department at (916) 376-4700.

**MASCOT - DINGER**

Dinger, the River Cats mascot, is available for appearances at community and charitable events. For more information, call (916) 376-4754.

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The On Deck Shop is located at the Home Plate Entrance of the stadium and is open year-round. Current hours are Monday through Friday, 10:00 am - 5:00 pm. On game days, the On Deck Shop closes to the public 90 minutes prior to game time and reopens as soon as the main gates open for ticketed guests only. Hours are subject to change. Please call the On Deck Shop directly at 916-376-4796 for more information. River Cats merchandise is also available online at [www.ondeckshoponline.com](http://www.ondeckshoponline.com).

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