



High-A Affiliate



# OFFICIAL GAME INFORMATION

Lake County Captains (1-1) at Lansing Lugnuts (1-1)  
Thursday, May 6th • 7:05 p.m. • Jackson Field • Broadcast: [WJCU.org](http://WJCU.org)  
Game #3 • Road Game #3 • Season Series: 1-1, 16 Games Remaining  
RHP Nathan Ocker (0-0, 0.00 ERA) vs. RHP Richard Guasch (0-0, 0.00 ERA)

## High-A Central League

### Eastern Division

W L GB

Dayton (Cincinnati)	2	0	--
Fort Wayne (San Diego)	2	0	--
<b>LAKE COUNTY (Cleveland)</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1.0</b>
Lansing (Oakland)	1	1	1.0
Great Lakes (Los Angeles - NL)	0	2	2.0
West Michigan (Detroit)	0	2	2.0

### Western Division

W L GB

Cedar Rapids (Minnesota)	2	0	--
South Bend (Chicago - NL)	2	0	--
Wisconsin (Milwaukee)	2	0	--
Beloit (Miami)	0	2	1.0
Peoria (St. Louis)	0	2	1.0
Quad Cities (Kansas City)	0	2	1.0

**YESTERDAY:** The Captains won their first game of 2021 behind a lights out starting pitching performance by **Logan Allen**. In his professional debut, Allen pitched five shutout innings, in which he struck out eight, walked one and surrendered just one hit. The Captains gave Allen run support with one run each in the fourth, fifth and sixth. **George Valera** led off the fourth with a triple and scored on a single by **Aaron Bracho**. **Victor Nova** singled to begin the fifth, moved to second on a wild pitch and later scored on a Lansing error when first baseman Will Simoneit failed to catch a low throw by shortstop Elvis Peralta, Jr. on a ground ball by **Brayan Rocchio**. The Captains scored again in the sixth when **Raynel Delgado** doubled, stole third and came home on a sacrifice fly by **Joe Naranjo**. **Nick Gallagher** followed Allen and only surrendered one hit – a leadoff home run in the eighth by Simoneit – over three innings. **Kevin Kelly** nailed down the save with a scoreless ninth. Allen earned the victory for the Captains, while Lansing starter Brady Basso took the loss. Basso surrendered one run over four innings. He struck out two, walked none and gave up five hits.

**IN THE WIN COLUMN:** Yesterday was the Captains' first win in 608 days, since their victory in game two of the 2019 Midwest League Quarterfinals on September 5, 2019. It was also their first regular season victory in 611 days, since defeating the Great Lakes Loons on September 2, 2019.

**HIGH-A:** The 2021 season marks the Captains' first as the High-A Affiliate of the Cleveland Indians. Lake County had been Cleveland's Low-A Affiliate for 17 seasons (2003-2019) and 18 years (2003-2020).

**NEW LEAGUE:** The Captains begin 2021 playing in a brand new league. As part of the restructuring of the minor leagues, the Captains are now members of the High-A Central League (HA-C). This marks the third different league in the Captains' 19-year history. Lake County was a member of the South Atlantic League (SAL) from 2003-2009 (11 seasons) and the Midwest League from 2010-2020 (10 seasons; 11 years).

**NEW SKIPPER:** Greg DiCenzo was named the Captains' manager before the eventually-canceled 2020 season. DiCenzo spent the previous 12 seasons as the head baseball coach at the College of the Holy Cross in Worcester, MA. During his time at the helm, DiCenzo was twice named Patriot League Coach of the Year (2008 and 2013). Prior to his time at Holy Cross, DiCenzo was the pitching coach and recruiting coordinator at Northeastern University for five seasons. He also served as a coach for the Falmouth Commodores in the Cape Cod Baseball League and at his alma mater, St. Lawrence University. DiCenzo enters his second year and first season as a coach in Cleveland's organization.

**CAPTAINS AGAIN:** 14 players on the Captains' Opening Day roster played for Lake County previously: RHP **Nick Gallagher** (2018-19), LHP **Tim Herrin** (2019), RHP **Thomas Ponticelli** (2018-19), LHP **Kellen Rholl** (2019), RHP **Alex Royalty** (2019), LHP **Matt Turner** (2019), C **Gianpaul Gonzalez** (2018-19), C **Bryan Lavastida** (2019), INF **Raynel Delgado** (2019), INF **Daniel Schneemann** (2018-19), OF/1B **Jonathan Engelmann** (2019), OF **Quentin Holmes** (2019), OF **George Valera** (2019) and OF **Austen Wade** (2018)

**LONG AWAITED:** Tuesday marked the Captains' first game in 606 days. On September 6, 2019 the Captains lost the decisive game in a best-of-three Midwest League quarterfinal series to the Great Lakes Loons, 5-0, at Dow Diamond in Midland, MI. It was the Captains' first regular season game in 610 days. On September 2, 2019, the Captains defeated the Great Lakes Loons, 6-3, at Classic Park. The Captains will return to Classic Park for their home opener on May 11, which will mark Lake County's first home game in 615 days. On September 4, 2019, the Captains hosted the first game of the Midwest League quarterfinals against the Great Lakes Loons and lost, 6-4.

**NOW IN THE DUGOUT:** Grant Fink returns to Lake County in his first year as Captains Hitting Coach. Fink was a Captains infielder in 2014 and 2015, and was the team's starting third baseman in 2014 when the Captains reached the Midwest League Championship Series. The 2021 season is Fink's fifth season coaching in the Cleveland organization. Former Captains outfielder Jordan Smith also returns to Lake County in his second season as Bench Coach. Smith led the Captains with a .316 batting average in 2012 and led the Captains to a playoff berth. Smith was the Captains Bench Coach in 2019 and is entering his third season coaching in Cleveland's organization.

**2020 DRAFT:** The Captains have three players on their Opening Day roster who were selected by Cleveland in last year's draft. RHP **Tanner Burns** (Competitive Balance Round A), LHP **Logan Allen** (2<sup>nd</sup> Round), and RHP **Mason Hickman** (5<sup>th</sup> Round).

**2017 INTERNATIONAL CLASS:** There were four Captains acquired by Cleveland in the 2017 International free agent class, led by OF **George Valera**. According to Baseball America, Valera was the sixth overall international prospect that year. Also now on the Captains from that class are INF **Aaron Bracho**, INF **Brayan Rocchio** and INF **Jose Tena**. Brach received the highest signing bonus of Cleveland's 2017 international signees at \$1.5 million.

**YOUNGSTERS:** Eight Captains enter the 2021 season at the age of 21 or younger. INF **Joe Naranjo** is the youngest on the squad at 19, followed by INF **Aaron Bracho** (20), INF **Jose Tena** (20), INF **Brayan Rocchio** (20) and OF **George Valera** (20). There are three Captains who are 21 years old. INF **Raynel Delgado** is the youngest of the trio, which also includes INF **Victor Nova** and OF **Quentin Holmes**. The youngest pitcher on the team is RHP **Tanner Burns**, who is 22.

**SWITCH IT UP:** Only 1/3 of Captains' position players are true right-handed hitters. The Captains have four (3) switch-hitters, six (7) left-handed hitters and five (5) right-handed hitters.

**CAPTAINS FAMILY TIES:** Captains 1B **Joe Naranjo** has a close connection with former Captains SS **Tyler Freeman**. Naranjo, who is from Whittier, CA, grew up as close friends with Tyler's younger brother Cody, an infielder who was drafted in the 4<sup>th</sup> round by Texas in 2019. Naranjo remains close with Tyler, Cody and the Freeman family.

### Top Prospects

The Cleveland farm system enters 2021 as the 11<sup>th</sup> best farm system in baseball according to [MLB.com](http://MLB.com). Below are current Captains and their ranking in Cleveland's system, according to various publications.

FanGraphs	Baseball America	MLB.com
#3 George Valera	#6 George Valera	#4 George Valera
#4 Brayan Rocchio	#8 Brayan Rocchio	#7 Brayan Rocchio
#8 Aaron Bracho	#11 Aaron Bracho	#8 Aaron Bracho
#20 Tanner Burns	#16 Tanner Burns	#15 Tanner Burns
#21 Logan Allen	#21 Logan Allen	#23 Logan Allen
#29 Hunter Gaddis		#24 Jose Tena
#30 Bryan Lavastida		#27 Bryan Lavastida
#32 Jose Tena		


## CURRENT SERIES SCHEDULE, RESULTS & PROBABLE PITCHING MATCHUPS

Date	Opp.	Time/Result	Captains Starter	Opponent Starter	Broadcast
5/4	at LAN	L, 8-1	Hunter Gaddis, RHP (0-1, 12.00)	Seth Shuman, RHP (1-0, 0.00)	WJCU.org
5/5	at LAN	W, 3-1	Logan Allen, LHP (1-0, 0.00)	Brady Basso, LHP (0-1, 2.25)	WJCU.org
5/6	at LAN	7:05 p.m.	Nathan Ocker, RHP (0-0, 0.00)	Richard Guasch, RHP (0-0, 0.00)	WJCU.org
5/7	at LAN	7:05 p.m.	Tanner Burns, RHP (0-0, 0.00)	Reid Birlingmair, RHP (0-0, 0.00)	WJCU.org
5/8	at LAN	7:05 p.m.	Matt Turner, LHP (0-0, 0.00)	Jeff Criswell, RHP (0-0, 0.00)	WJCU.org
5/9	at LAN	1:05 p.m.	Mason Hickman (0-0, 0.00)	Steve Emanuels, RHP (0-0, 0.00)	WJCU.org



TODAY'S CAPTAINS STARTING PITCHER

#22 **NATHAN OCKER** RHP



**Born (Age):** December 3, 1996 (24)  
**Hometown:** Middletown, PA  
**School:** College of Charleston (South Carolina)  
**HT:** 6'0" | **WT:** 190 lbs | **Bats:** R | **Throws:** R  
**Acquired:** 2019 Draft – 29<sup>th</sup> Round  
**Pitch Selection:** 4-Seam Fastball, Curveball

**2021 Statistics**

Team	W	L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	IP	H	R	ER	HR	HBP	BB	SO
LC	0	0	0.00	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0.00	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

**Career Statistics**

Year	Team	W	L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	IP	SO	BB	WHIP
2019	AZL Blue	0	1	1.50	14	0	0	0	18.0	31	4	1.22
Total	1 Team	0	1	1.50	14	0	0	0	18.0	31	4	1.22

**2019:** Across 14 appearances, Ocker finished the season with an 0-1 record and a 1.50 ERA. He finished seven games, coming out of the bullpen in every appearance with five saves for Indians Blue in the Arizona League.

**UNEARNED RUNS:** In 2019 Ocker allowed just three earned runs over 18 innings, however six unearned runs came around to score when Ocker was on the mound.

**FIRST START SINCE:** Ocker has not started a game since 2017, his sophomore year of college. The last time he started was April 7, 2017 against James Madison. Ocker went seven innings, allowing four runs on nine hits with six strikeouts and no walks. After Ocker left the game with a 5-4 lead, and JMU tied the game in the eighth inning. Current Captains' reliever **Kevin Kelly** came on in relief in the 12<sup>th</sup> inning for James Madison throwing a scoreless frame and would pick up the win after the Dukes hit a walk-off home run in the bottom of the 12<sup>th</sup>.

**CLASS OF THE COUGARS:** As a primarily a closer at Charleston, Ocker racked up big numbers out of the bullpen finishing second all-time at Charleston in career saves (26), WHIP (0.98), appearances (92) and relief appearances (85). He also is third all-time in K/9 (10.24), fifth in BB/9 (1.81) and sixth in strikeouts (215). At the conference level Ocker finished his career second all time in the Colonial Athletic Association (CAA) in saves and was selected for the second team All-CAA his senior season in 2019.

**COMFORT ZONE:** Ocker only started 7 games in college and moved to a full time reliever position after his sophomore year. While a at the College of Charleston he allowed 21 earned runs over 36 IP as a starting pitcher for a 5.25 ERA. When coming out of the bullpen Ocker surrendered just 42 runs over 153 innings for a 2.40 ERA.

**ADJUSTMENTS:** In the offseason Ocker told *PressandJournal.com* he made some major adjustments to his mechanics in order to help his arm health and throw harder. "It's a lot shorter and compact and more powerful. Even my lower body is changing, where my back knee sits when I'm striding down the mound, rotating off the rubber instead of pushing. It's constantly evolving, daily," he said. "The main thing is health. My arm feels 100 percent healthier with the new arm path that the coaching staff and I worked on. Velocity, too. I feel more powerful. The ball is coming out of my hand better," he said.

**2021 Game-By-Game**

Date	Opp	Dec	IP	H	R	ER	HR	SO	BB	Result
Total		0-0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	

\* Relief Appearance

**2021 Highs**

INNINGS.....  
 STRIKEOUTS.....  
 WALKS.....  
 HITS.....  
 RUNS.....  
 EARNED RUNS.....  
 HR.....  
 FEWEST HITS (5+IP).....

**LAST WIN:** N/A  
**LAST LOSS:** 7/18/19 vs AZL Brewers  
**LAST HR ALLOWED:** 6/21/19 vs AZL Reds  
**NO-HITTER/PERFECT GAME:**

**Career-Highs**

INNINGS..... 2.0 (4x last 8/23/19 vs CLE)  
 STRIKEOUTS..... 5 (4x last 8/23/19 vs CLE)  
 WALKS..... 1 (4x last 8/23/19 vs CLE)  
 HITS..... 3 (2x last 7/18/19 vs MIL)  
 RUNS..... 4 (8/20/19 at SD)  
 EARNED RUNS..... 2 (7/7/19 vs. CLE)  
 HR..... 1 (6/21/19 vs. CIN)  
 FEWEST HITS (5+IP)..... (N/A)



Season Totals	W-L	ERA	CG	SHO	Team Pitching Totals							
					SV/OPP	IP	H	R	ER	BB-I	SO	HR
Starters	1-1	4.50	-	-	N/A	8.0	8	7	4	2-0	8	1
Relievers	0-0	2.00	N/A	N/A	-	9.0	4	2	2	1-0	11	1
Classic Park	0-0	0.00	-	-	-	0.0	-	-	-	-	-	-
Road	1-1	3.17	-	-	-	17.0	13	9	6	4-0	19	2
May	1-1	3.17	-	-	-	17.0	13	9	6	4-0	19	2
June	0-0	0.00	-	-	-	0.0	-	-	-	-	-	-
July	0-0	0.00	-	-	-	0.0	-	-	-	-	-	-
August	0-0	0.00	-	-	-	0.0	-	-	-	-	-	-
September	0-0	0.00	-	-	-	0.0	-	-	-	-	-	-

Pitcher	Last Game	IP, H, R, ER, BB, K	Last Win	Captains Bullpen Notes			SV/OPP	IBF/R	IR/RS
				Last Save	Last Loss				
Gallagher	5/5 at LAN	3 IP, 1 H, 1 R, 1 ER, 0 BB, 4 K	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Herrin	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Janczak	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Kelly	5/5 at LAN	1 IP, 1 H, 0 R, 0 ER, 0 BB, 1K	-	5/5/21 at LAN	-	1/1	-	-	
Ocker	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Ponticelli	5/4 at LAN	4 IP, 2 H, 0 R, 0 ER, 0 BB, 5 K	-	-	-	-	-	3/2	
Rholl	5/4 at LAN	1 IP, 1 H, 1R, 1 ER, 1BB, 1 K	-	-	-	-	-	-	

Starter Run Support						Starter Advanced Stats (As Starters)										
Pitcher	GS	W-L	Team W-L	Support	Per Game	Pitcher	K/9	BB/9	K/BB	HR/9	AVG	WHIP	BABIP	GB%	FIP	ERA
Allen	1	1-0	1-0	3	3	Allen	14.4	1.8	8	0	.063	0.40	.125	50%	0.50	0.00
Burns	-	0-0	0-0	-	-	Burns	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gaddis	1	0-1	0-1	1	1	Gaddis	0.0	6.0	0.0	3.0	.412	3.00	.375	20%	11.43	12.00
Hickman	-	0-0	0-0	-	-	Hickman	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Royalty	-	0-0	0-0	-	-	Royalty	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Turner	-	0-0	0-0	-	-	Turner	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	2	1-1	1-1	4	2											

Player	Multi-Hit				Last MH	Multi-RBI				Last MRBI	HR Type/Last HR					
	2	3	4	5+		2	3	4	5+		solo	2R	3R	GS	Last HR	
Amditis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bracho	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Brennan	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Delgado	1	-	-	-	5/5 at LAN	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Engelmann	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
G. Gonzalez	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Holmes	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Lavastida	1	-	-	-	5/4 at LAN	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Naranjo	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nova	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rocchio	1	-	-	-	5/4 at LAN	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Schneeman	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tena	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Valera	1	-	-	-	5/5 at LAN	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wade	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Player	Starts In The Order								
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Amditis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bracho	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Brennan	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Delgado	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-
Engelmann	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
G. Gonzalez	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Holmes	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Lavastida	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
Naranjo	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-
Nova	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Rocchio	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Schneeman	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Tena	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Valera	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-
Wade	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1

Player	Games Started by Position								
	C	1B	2B	3B	SS	LF	RF	CF	DH
Amditis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bracho	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Brennan	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-
Delgado	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-
Engelmann	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
G. Gonzalez	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Holmes	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Lavastida	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Naranjo	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nova	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Rocchio	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-
Schneeman	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Tena	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-
Valera	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-
Wade	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-



## CAPTAINS BATTING NOTES

## #4 Brayan Rocchio, INF

Age: 20

Resides: Caracas, VZ

Acquired: 2017 NDFA

5'10" — 150 lbs

Bats/Throws: S/R

Yesterday: 0-5, K, 1-1 SB

This Series: 2-9, 2-2 SB, 2 K

vs. LAN: 2-9, 2-2 SB, 2 K

Streak: -1 (Since 5/5)

📌 Ranked as CLE's #4 prospect by *FanGraphs*, #7 by *MLB.com* and #8 by *Baseball America*. . . Did not play at the alt site or instructs in 2020 due to travel restrictions going to and from Venezuela

📌 2019 New York-Penn League All Star. . . Was the NYPL's youngest regular in 2019 and finished eighth in TB (100), SB (14) and H (67). . . Made his stateside debut at the age of 17 in 2018.

📌 Nicknamed "The Professor" due to exceptional baseball IQ. . . Has played in big league spring training games each of the last three years, starting in 2019 when he was just 18 years old.

## #6 Joe Naranjo, 1B

Age: 19

Resides: Whittier, CA

Acquired: 3<sup>rd</sup> Round (2019) — Ruben S. Alaya High School

5'8" — 198 lbs

Bats/Throws: L/L

Yesterday: 1-3, RBI, K

This Series: 1-6, RBI, K

vs. LAN: 1-6, RBI, K

Streak: +1 (Since 5/5)

📌 Originally committed to Cal State Fullerton before being drafted by Cleveland. Was also recruited a LHP as well as first baseman

📌 Played for both the U12 and U15 USA National team.

📌 Grew up as close friends with Texas infield prospect Cody Freeman, the younger brother of former Captains SS Tyler Freeman.

## #7 Jose Tena, INF

Age: 20

Resides: San Cristobal, DR

Acquired: 2017 NDFA

5'10" — 160 lbs

Bats/Throws: L/R

Yesterday: 0-3

This Series: 0-6, BB, 2 K

vs. LAN: 0-6, BB, 2 K

Streak: -2 (Since 5/4)

📌 Ranked as CLE's #24 prospect *MLB.com* and #32 by *FanGraphs*. . . Keith Law of *The Athletic* is the highest on Tena, [ranking him as CLE's #11 prospect](#). Law ranked Tena as [CLE's #6 prospect in 2020](#).

📌 "One of several prospects in the system who looks like they spent a lot of time working out during quarantine" — Eric Longenhagen, *FanGraphs*

📌 Nephew of 16-year big leaguer Juan Uribe. . . Regarded as having some of the best bat-to-ball skills in Cleveland's organization. . . A free swinger who walked in just 3% of his plate appearances in 2019

## #8 Daniel Schneemann, INF

Age: 24

Resides: Provo, UT

Acquired: 33<sup>rd</sup> Round (2018) — Brigham Young University

6'1" — 180 lbs

Bats/Throws: L/R

Yesterday:

This Series: 0-4, 3 K

vs. LAN: 0-4, 3 K

Streak: -1 (Since 5/4)

📌 Spent 2020 training at his home in Utah and in Arizona. . . Adopted a puppy that he and his wife Allie named Benny, after "Benny The Jet" from the movie *The Sandlot*.

📌 Wife, Allie Hancock-Schneemann, is a volunteer assistant softball coach at BYU and was a renowned defensive first baseman at BYU, posting the program's highest single-season fielding percentage in 2019.

📌 Was the Captains' starting shortstop at the end of 2019 and during the playoffs. He also spent time at second base and third base.

## #10 Austen Wade, OF

Age: 25

Resides: Midland, TX

Acquired: 5<sup>th</sup> Round (2017) — Texas Christian university

6'1" — 185 lbs

Bats/Throws: L/L

Yesterday:

This Series: 0-2, BB, R, K

vs. LAN: 0-2, BB, R, K

Streak: -1 (Since 5/4)

📌 Captains starting CF at the beginning of 2018. . . Suffered an injury in a collision with SS **Ernie Clement** at West Michigan in late May. . . Returned July 26 after rehab. . . Promoted to High-A on August 1

📌 Finished his degree in economics and got married in the offseason following his season with Lake County in 2018. . . Austen and his wife, Emily, adopted a puppy during 2020.

📌 Part of TCU's Big 12 championship team in 2016. . . Led TCU in AVG (.332), H (82)

## #11 Bryan Lavastida, C

Age: 22

Resides: Hialeah, FL

Acquired: 15<sup>th</sup> Round (2018) — Hillsborough CC (FL)

6'0" — 200 lbs

Bats/Throws: R/R

Yesterday: 0-4, K

This Series: 2-8, 1-1 SB, K

vs. LAN: 2-8, 1-1 SB, K

Streak: -1 (Since 5/5)

📌 2019 New York-Penn League All-Star (starting catcher). . . Hit .335/.408/.483 with Short Season Mahoning Valley. . . NYPL's lowest K% (11.3%). . . Finished second in NYPL with a 165 wRC+

📌 Transferred to Lake County at the end of 2019. . . Played one regular season game and three postseason games. . . Won NYPL August Player of the Month before promotion, hitting .413/.486/.554

📌 Drafted by Cleveland as a catcher, despite mostly playing third base as an amateur. . . Worked on receiving during 2020 in virtual training sessions with former Captains managers Luke Carlin and Larry Day

## #13 George Valera, OF

Age: 20

Resides: San Pedro de Macoris, DR

Acquired: Signed as a NDFA in 2017

5'10" — 160 lbs

Bats/Throws: L/L

Yesterday: 2-4, 3B, R, 1-1 SB

This Series: 2-8, 3B, R, 1-1 SB, 2 K

vs. LAN: 2-8, 3B, R, 1-1 SB, 2 K

Streak: +1 (Since 5/5)

📌 Ranked as CLE's #3 prospect by *Fangraphs*, #4 by *MLB.com* and #6 by *Baseball America*. . . Ranked as the #100 prospect in MLB by *MLB.com*

📌 2019 New York-Penn League All-Star. . . 10<sup>th</sup> in NYPL in OPS (.802) when promoted to Lake County at the end of August, 2019. . . Missed all but six (6) games in 2018 with a broken hamate bone.

📌 Born in Queens, NY. . . Moved to the family's ancestral home in San Pedro de Macoris, DR, when he was 13. . . Father had severe car accident. . . Metal rods in his arms and legs were sensitive to cold.

## #15 Raynel Delgado, INF

Age: 21

Resides: Miami Lakes, FL

Acquired: 6<sup>th</sup> Round (2018) — Calvary Christian Academy (FL)

6'2" — 185 lbs

Bats/Throws: S/R

Yesterday: 2-4, 2B, R, 1-1 SB

This Series: 2-8, 2B, R, 1-1 SB, 4 K

vs. LAN: 2-8, 2B, R, 1-1 SB, 4 K

Streak: +1 (Since 5/5)

📌 Born in Cuba and came to the United States with his mother when he was seven years old. . . Won a gold medal with the 18U USA National Team at the 2017 World Cup.

📌 Was previously rated as CLE's #18 prospect by *MLB.com* and #23 by *Baseball America* at the start of the 2019 season.

📌 Finished the 2019 season with the Captains, playing second base, third base and shortstop. During the playoffs, Delgado played one game at second base and two games at third base.



## CAPTAINS BATTING NOTES

## #16 Will Brennan, OF

Age: 23

Resides: Colorado Springs, CO

Acquired: 8<sup>th</sup> Round (2019) — Kansas State

6'0" — 190 lbs

Bats/Throws: L/L

Yesterday: 1-4, K

This Series: 2-8, 2B, RBI, K

vs. LAN: 2-8, 2B, RBI, K

Streak: +2 (Since 5/4)

- Was a two-way player all three years at Kansas State... Played outfield and pitched, both as a starter and reliever... No home runs in college until his junior year (2019) when he hit four.
- All Big 12 First Team (2018)... Collegiate Freshman Baseball All American (2017)... Played for Falmouth in the Cape Cod Baseball League and Anchorage in the Alaska Baseball League.
- Posted a .824 OPS in 31 games in the Arizona League in 2019. Brennan tallied 11 extra-base hits, 15 walks and only six strikeouts.

## #26 Mike Amditis, C

Age: 23

Resides: Boca Raton, FL

Acquired: 21<sup>st</sup> Round (2019) — University of Miami

5'11" — 190 lbs

Bats/Throws: R/R

Yesterday:

This Series:

vs. LAN:

Streak:

- Originally drafted by Cleveland out of college in 2016 (37<sup>th</sup> round) as a favor, according to a [Miami Herald article](#). His father, also named Michael, was sick with diabetes and passed away two months later.
- Broke his leg after five (5) games with the University of Miami in 2017 and took a medical redshirt... Played 24 games in 2018... Hit seven (7) HR his junior year (2019) after hitting none in 2017-18.
- Played for the Wareham Gatemen in the summer collegiate Cape Cod Baseball League in 2018.

## #27 Gianpaul González, C

Age: 25

Resides: Toa Alta, PR

Acquired: 20<sup>th</sup> Round (2014) — Discipulos De Cristo HS (P.R.)

6'0" — 185 lbs

Bats/Throws: R/R

Yesterday:

This Series:

vs. LAN:

Streak:

- González hit his first and, thus far, only career home run on May 8, 2018 for the Captains at Kane County. The homer came on Gonzalez's 100<sup>th</sup> career professional game, in his fifth season.
- Learned how to play guitar during the 2020 shutdown... Favorite baseball player is Yadier Molina
- Missed a month during the 2019 season with a hand injury sustained on a catcher's interference.

## #31 Victor Nova, INF/OF

Age: 21

Resides: Santo Domingo, DR

Acquired: Trade with San Diego (July 31, 2019)

5'9" — 160 lbs

Bats/Throws: L/R

Yesterday: 1-4, R, 2 K

This Series: 1-4, R, 2 K

vs. LAN: 1-4, R, 2 K

Streak: +1 (Since 5/5)

- Acquired by Cleveland from San Diego in the seven-player, three-way trade with the Padres and Reds that sent Trevor Bauer to Cincinnati and Franmil Reyes to Cleveland.
- Split time between left field, centerfield, second base and third base in 2019. His 41 career starts at third base are Nova's most at any position.
- Noted as a "Young Hit Tool Sleeper" by *FanGraphs*... "Nova is a powerfully-built 5-foot-9, has feel to hit, a somewhat advanced idea of the strike zone, and well-regarded makeup" — Eric Longenhagen

## #36 Aaron Bracho, INF

Age: 20

Resides: El Tigrito, VZ

Acquired: 2017 NDFA

5'11" — 175 lbs

Bats/Throws: S/R

Yesterday: 1-4, RBI, 3 K

This Series: 1-4, RBI, 3 K

vs. LAN: 1-4, RBI, 3 K

Streak: +1 (Since 5/5)

- Ranked as CLE's #8 prospect by *MLB.com*, #8 by *FanGraphs* and #11 by *Baseball America*... Received the highest bonus in Cleveland's 2017 international signing class (\$1.5 million)
- At age 19, Bracho was the youngest player at Cleveland's alternate site in Lake County in 2020.
- Missed 2018 with a broken right arm... Missed a month during his pro debut season (2019) with an oblique injury... Would have finished sixth in the Arizona League in OPS (1.009) if qualified.

## #37 Quentin Holmes, OF

Age: 21

Resides: Queens, NY

Acquired: 2<sup>nd</sup> Round (2017) — Monsignor McClancy HS (NY)

6'3" — 175 lbs

Bats/Throws: R/R

Yesterday:

This Series:

vs. LAN:

Streak:

- Was ranked as CLE's #27 prospect by *MLB.com* at the start of the 2019 season... Was Cleveland's first pick in 2017 (64<sup>th</sup> overall) after the club forfeited its first round pick to sign Edwin Encarnación.
- Played all of 2019 with the Captains as the team's starting centerfielder... Holmes missed all but seven games in 2018 due to a hamstring injury.
- Won gold with the 18U USA National Team at the 2016 Pan-American on a team that included Royce Lewis and Hunter Greene... Holmes was considered one of the fastest players in the 2017 MLB Draft.

## #43 Jonathan Engelmann, 1B/OF

Age: 24

Resides: Burlingame, CA

Acquired: 31<sup>st</sup> Round (2018) — University of Michigan

6'4" — 210 lbs

Bats/Throws: R/R

Yesterday:

This Series:

vs. LAN:

Streak:

- Spent the 2020 training with former Captains SS **Tyler Freeman** and Cleveland OF prospect **Steven Kwan** in Texas. The trio faced professional pitchers, including major leaguers Jake Arrieta and Zack Britton.
- Hit a pinch-hit, walk-off home run against West Michigan on June 23, 2019. His home run came immediately after a homer by **Miguel Jerez**, who tied the game with a solo shot.
- All-Big 10 First Team and ABCA/Rawlings All-Mideast Region Second Team last year... Hit .351/.431/.521 with six homers at Michigan last season



CAPTAINS BULLPEN NOTES

#9 Nick Gallagher, RHP

Age: 25

Resides: Iowa City, IA

Acquired: 16th Round (2017) — University of Iowa vs. LH: .000/.000/.000 vs. RH: .125/.125/.500 Home: Road: .100/.100/.400 Pitches: Fastball, slider, cutter, changeup Scoreless: 1.0 (Since 5/5)

- Started 2019 with High-A Lynchburg... Suffered shoulder injury in late May... Assigned to Low-A Lake County in mid-August after six rehab appearances in the Rookie Level Arizona League.
Was a walk-on at Iowa in 2015. Became the Hawkeyes' Friday starter in 2017. Tied for the Big Ten lead in wins (8) and earned Second Team All-Big Ten in 2017.
Was planning on being the Hawkeyes' basketball manager before his fastball jumped up nearly 10 MPH (high-70's to high 80's) ahead of his senior year in high school.

#17 Thomas Ponticelli, RHP

Age: 24

Resides: Newbury Park, CA

Acquired: 12th Round (2018) — University of San Francisco vs. LH: .000/.000/.000 vs. RH: .182/.182/.182 Home: Road: .154/.143/.154 Pitches: Fastball, curveball, slider, changeup Scoreless: 4.0 (Since 5/4)

- Spent 2019 with the Captains, splitting time as a piggyback pitcher and starter.
Ponticelli walked just 44 batters in 236.2 career innings at the University of San Francisco for a career 1.67 BB/9 rate. He ended his career with the ninth-most strikeouts in USF history (187)
Pitched in 2016 and 2017 for the Falmouth Commodores in the Cape Cod League

#22 Nathan Ocker, RHP

Age: 24

Resides: Middletown, PA

Acquired: 29th Round (2019) — College of Charleston vs. LH: vs. RH: Home: Road: Pitches: Fastball, curveball Scoreless:

- Was a closer throughout his career at Charleston, made 85 career relief appearances with seven starts. He is second all-time in saves (26), WHIP (0.98), total appearances (92) and relief appearances (85)
Told PressandJournal.com he made some major adjustments to his mechanics after going pro - "It's a lot shorter and compact and more powerful. The main thing is health."
2019 All-CAA in 2019 with a career best 12 saves in 30 appearances

#24 Jared Janczak, RHP

Age: 25

Resides: Belton, TX

Acquired: 31st Round (2019) — Texas Christian University vs. LH: vs. RH: Home: Road: Pitches: Fastball, curveball, slider Scoreless:

- Spent 5 seasons at TCU due to a Red-Shirt season in 2015. His best season came as a sophomore when he finished 2nd-team All-American (Perfect Game, NCBWA, ABCA) finishing with a 2.31 ERA
Started 15 games in 2017 2nd Team All-American season. TCU went 12-3 in those games. He struck out 102 in 93.1 IP and walked only 24.
Worked out of the bullpen in his first pro season notching one save and striking out 13.8/9 IP

#30 Tim Herrin, LHP

Age: 24

Resides: Terre Haute, IN

Acquired: 29th Round (2018) — Indiana University vs. LH: vs. RH: Home: Road: Pitches: Fastball, cutter, slider, changeup Scoreless:

- Split 2019 with Low-A Lake County and Short Season Mahoning Valley... Allowed 0 ER in 17 IP for MV with 10 K and 2 BB... Posted a 4.85 ERA in 26 IP for LC with 19 K and 12 BB.
Drafted by Cleveland after his junior season at Indiana... Enjoyed his best collegiate season as a junior, posting a 3.22 ERA... One of four Hoosiers selected in last year's draft (10 selected this year)
Was a First Team All-State quarterback at South Vigo High School (Terre Haute, IN) and led his team to Sectional and Conference titles in 2015.

#35 Kevin Kelly, RHP

Age: 23

Resides: Springfield, VA

Acquired: 19th Round (2019) — James Madison University vs. LH: .000/.000/.000 vs. RH: .333/.333/.333 Home: Road: .250/.250/.250 Pitches: Fastball, sinker, slider, curveball, changeup Scoreless: 1.0 (Since 5/5)

- Computer Science Major - He helped develop a web application to improve the NCAA statistics website. Says that coding is his passion outside of baseball. Went back and finished his degree in fall of 2019
Primarily a reliever in first professional season (2 saves). Split time in the rotation and bullpen in college with 26 starts and 28 appearances in relief
Only 48 career walks in 189.2 IP at JMU but he did hit 26 batters in his career. Only walked two and hit none in 17.1 Professional innings

#40 Kellen Rholl, LHP

Age: 24

Resides: Hugo, MN

Acquired: 25th Round (2018) — Angelo State University vs. LH: vs. RH: .333/.500/.667 Home: Road: .333/.500/.667 Pitches: Fastball, slider, cutter Scoreless: 0.2 (Since 5/4)

- Secured the final three outs of the Captains' seven-inning combined no-hitter on June 21, 2021 against West Michigan at Classic Park. Eli Lingos pitched the first four innings and Luis Araujo pitched two.
High school teammates former Captains LHP Sam Hentges, who made his big league debut with CLE this year. The pair won back-to-back state championships for Mounds View High School (Arden Hills, MN)
Rholl can play the cello/bass and says he would be making music if he wasn't playing baseball.



CAPTAINS BREAKDOWN

Table with 2 columns: Statistic and Value. Includes Overall, Last 5, Last 10, Longest Winning/Losing Streak, Day/Night, vs. RH/LH Starter, When leading/trailing/tied after 6/7/8, Captains score first, Opponent scores first, Shutouts, Score 0-2 runs, Score 3-4 runs, Score 5+ runs, Captains hit HR, Opponent hits HR, When committing 0/1+ errors, Captains steal a base, Captains don't steal, 1-Run games, 2-Run games, Extra innings, Doubleheader W-L-T, Series W-L-T, Series Sweeps (LC - OPP), Come-From-Behind Wins, Innings batted around, Walk-offs (LC - OPP), Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday.

IN THE SYSTEM

MLB - Cleveland (AL)

16-13 • T-1st AL Central • 0.0 GB
Yesterday: W, 5-4 at Kansas City
Today: at Kansas City (2:10 p.m.)

AAA - Columbus (TA-E)

2-0 • T-1st TA-E West • 0.0 GB
Yesterday: W, 2-1 at Louisville
Today: at Louisville (6:30 p.m.)

AA - Akron (DA-NE)

2-0 • T-1st DA-NE Western • 0.0 GB
Yesterday: W, 4-1 vs. Binghamton
Today: vs. Binghamton (6:35 p.m.)

Low-A - Lynchburg (LA-E)

2-0 • 1st LA-E Northern • 0.0 GB
Yesterday: W, 19-3 vs. Fredericksburg
Today: vs. Fredericksburg (6:30 p.m.)

2021 HIGHS & LOWS

Team Batting

Table with 2 columns: Statistic and Value. Includes Runs, Game; Runs, Inning; Most Hits, Game; Fewest Hits, Game; Doubles; Triples; Home Runs; Stolen Bases; Strikeouts; Walks; Left On Base.

Individual Batting

Table with 2 columns: Statistic and Value. Includes Runs, Game; Most Hits, Game; Most RBI, Game; Most Doubles, Game; Most Triples, Game; Most Home Runs, Game; Most Extra-Base Hits, Game; Most Steals, Game; Most Walks, Game; Most HBP, Game; Most Times On Base, Game; Most Strikeouts, Game.

Team Pitching

Table with 2 columns: Statistic and Value. Includes Most Runs Allowed, Game; Most Runs Allowed, Inning; Most Hits Allowed, Game; Fewest Hits Allowed, Game; Most HR Allowed, Game; Most Strikeouts, Game; Most Walks, Game; Most Errors, Game; Most SB Allowed, Game; Largest Blown Lead, Game.

Individual Pitching/Defense

Table with 2 columns: Statistic and Value. Includes Most Innings, Game; Most Runs, Game; Most Hits, Game; Most Home Runs, Game; Most Strikeouts, Game; Most Walks, Game; Most Errors, Game.

Game Times/Attendance

Table with 2 columns: Statistic and Value. Includes Longest Game, Innings; Longest Game Time, Extra Innings; Longest Game Time, 9 Innings; Longest Game Time, 7 Innings; Shortest Game Time, Extra Innings; Shortest Game Time, 9 Innings; Shortest Game Time, 7 Innings; Largest Home Crowd; Largest Road Crowd.

Ejections

LAST TIME IT HAPPENED

Batting

Table with 2 columns: Statistic and Value. Includes Win on a Walk-off; Win on a Walk-off HR; Grand Slam; Inside-the-Park HR; Hit for the Cycle; HR to lead off game; Back-to-back HR; 2-HR game; 3-HR game; 4-HR game; 4-hit game; 5-hit game; 3+ steal game.

Pitching/Defense

Table with 2 columns: Statistic and Value. Includes Team No-Hitter (9 IP); Team No-Hitter (7 IP); CG No-Hitter (9 IP); CG No-Hitter (7 IP); CG (7 IP); CG (9 IP); CG SHO (7 IP); CG SHO (9 IP); 10+ K game; Turn Triple Play; Immaculate Inning; 4 K inning.

Miscellaneous

Table with 2 columns: Statistic and Value. Includes 7+ game win streak; 7+ game losing streak; 15+ runs, game; 20+ hits, game; Back-to-back shutout wins; Back-to-back shutout losses; Sweep home series; Swept in home series; Sweep road series; Swept in road series; 9 innings in under 2 hrs; Play game in over 4 hrs.

Postponed/Suspended/Cancelled

Delays

CAPTAINS SEASON RECORDS

Table with 7 columns: Overall, Home, Road, May, June, July, August, September, Total. Shows performance metrics for each month and overall totals.

SCORE BY INNING

Table with 12 columns: Inning (1-10+), Total. Shows runs scored by Captains and Opponents in each inning.







2021 REGULAR SEASON DAY-BY-DAY

Date	Opponent	Result	Record	Pos.	GA/GB	WINNING PITCHER	LOSING PITCHER	SAVE	TIME	ATT.
7/13	at Lansing									
7/14	at Lansing									
7/15	at Lansing									
7/16	at Lansing									
7/17	at Lansing									
7/18	at Lansing									
7/19	OFF DAY									
7/20	<b>GREAT LAKES</b>									
7/21	<b>GREAT LAKES</b>									
7/22	<b>GREAT LAKES</b>									
7/23	<b>GREAT LAKES</b>									
7/24	<b>GREAT LAKES</b>									
7/25	<b>GREAT LAKES</b>									
7/26	OFF DAY									
7/27	at Dayton									
7/28	at Dayton									
7/29	at Dayton									
7/30	at Dayton									
7/31	at Dayton									
8/1	at Dayton									
8/2	OFF DAY									
8/3	<b>LANSING</b>									
8/4	<b>LANSING</b>									
8/5	<b>LANSING</b>									
8/6	<b>LANSING</b>									
8/7	<b>LANSING</b>									
8/8	<b>LANSING</b>									
8/9	OFF DAY									
8/10	<b>WEST MICHIGAN</b>									
8/11	<b>WEST MICHIGAN</b>									
8/12	<b>WEST MICHIGAN</b>									
8/13	<b>WEST MICHIGAN</b>									
8/14	<b>WEST MICHIGAN</b>									
8/15	<b>WEST MICHIGAN</b>									
8/16	OFF DAY									
8/17	at Dayton									
8/18	at Dayton									
8/19	at Dayton									
8/20	at Dayton									
8/21	at Dayton									
8/22	at Dayton									
8/23	OFF DAY									
8/24	<b>GREAT LAKES</b>									
8/25	<b>GREAT LAKES</b>									
8/26	<b>GREAT LAKES</b>									
8/27	<b>GREAT LAKES</b>									
8/28	<b>GREAT LAKES</b>									
8/29	<b>GREAT LAKES</b>									
8/30	OFF DAY									
8/31	at South Bend									
9/1	at South Bend									
9/2	at South Bend									
9/3	at South Bend									
9/4	at South Bend									
9/5	at South Bend									
9/6	OFF DAY									
9/7	<b>DAYTON</b>									
9/8	<b>DAYTON</b>									
9/9	<b>DAYTON</b>									
9/10	<b>DAYTON</b>									
9/11	<b>DAYTON</b>									
9/12	<b>DAYTON</b>									
9/13	OFF DAY									
9/14	<b>BELOIT</b>									
9/15	<b>BELOIT</b>									
9/16	<b>BELOIT</b>									
9/17	<b>BELOIT</b>									
9/18	<b>BELOIT</b>									
9/19	<b>BELOIT</b>									

END OF REGULAR SEASON



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## 2021 TRANSACTIONS

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4/29 – Captains Announce 2019 Opening Day Roster

5/6 – RHP **Alex Royalty** transferred to Akron from Lake County