



High-A Affiliate



OFFICIAL GAME INFORMATION

Lake County Captains (0-0) at Lansing Lugnuts (0-0)

Tuesday, May 4th • 7:05 p.m. • Jackson Field • Broadcast: WJCU.org

Game #1 • Road Game #1 • Season Series: 0-0, 18 Games Remaining

RHP Hunter Gaddis (0-0, 0.00 ERA) vs. RHP Seth Shuman (0-0, 0.00 ERA)

High-A Central League

Eastern Division	W	L	GB
Dayton (Cincinnati)	0	0	--
Fort Wayne (San Diego)	0	0	--
Great Lakes (Los Angeles - AL)	0	0	--
LAKE COUNTY (Cleveland)	0	0	--
Lansing (Oakland)	0	0	--
West Michigan (Detroit)	0	0	--
Western Division	W	L	GB
Beloit (Miami)	0	0	--
Cedar Rapids (Minnesota)	0	0	--
Peoria (St. Louis)	0	0	--
Quad Cities (Kansas City)	0	0	--
South Bend (Chicago - NL)	0	0	--
Wisconsin (Milwaukee)	0	0	--

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 (HAC). 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 Austin Wade (2018).

LONG AWAITED: Today marks 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. Today will be 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.

IF THEY WIN: It would be the first Captains win in 607 days. A win would also mark the first Captains regular season victory in 610 days, since defeating the Great Lakes Loons on September 2, 2019.

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 (Second Round), and RHP Mason Hickman (Fifth 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 Bryan Rocchio and INF Jose Tena. Bracho 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 Bryan 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 (4) switch-hitters, six (6) 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 4th round by Texas in 2019. Naranjo remains close with Tyler, Cody and the Freeman family.

SUN BELT SHOWDOWN: The pitching matchup to open the season features two starters who are familiar with each other dating back to college. Captains RHP Hunter Gaddis pitched at Georgia State while Lansing starter Seth Shuman was a starter for Sun Belt conference rival Georgia Southern. In 2019, the two squared off head-to-head in the final Friday night start of the regular season for both aces. Shuman eventually prevailed, leading his squad to a 4-3, 10-inning victory. Gaddis went 8.2 innings, allowing three runs, all in the top of the ninth inning, which forced the extra frame. Gaddis scattered seven hits, while striking out 10 and walking one on 130 pitches. Shuman went seven innings, allowed two earned runs with one walk and seven strikeouts.

CURRENT SERIES SCHEDULE, RESULTS & PROBABLE PITCHING MATCHUPS

Date	Opp.	Time/Result	Captains Starter	Opponent Starter	Broadcast
5/4	at LAN	7:05 p.m.	Hunter Gaddis, RHP (0-0, 0.00)	Seth Shuman, RHP (0-0, 0.00)	WJCU.org
5/5	at LAN	7:05 p.m.	Logan Allen, LHP (0-0, 0.00)	Brady Basso, LHP (0-0, 0.00)	WJCU.org
5/6	at LAN	7:05 p.m.	Alex Royalty, 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 Emanuel, RHP (0-0, 0.00)	WJCU.org



TODAY'S CAPTAINS STARTING PITCHER

#44

HUNTER GADDIS

RHP



Born (Age): April 9, 1998 (23)
Hometown: Canton, GA
School: Georgia State University
HT: 6'5" | **WT: 202 lbs** | **Bats:** R | **Throws:** R
Acquired: 2019 Draft – 5th Round
Pitch Selection: Fastball, Changeup, Curveball, Slider

Team	W	L	ERA	G	GS	CG	2021 Statistics								
							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

Year	Team	W	L	ERA	Career Statistics							
					G	GS	CG	SHO	IP	SO	BB	WHIP
2019	AZL Blue	1	2	3.12	7	5	0	0	17.1	26	3	0.95
2019	MV	0	1	2.30	6	6	0	0	15.2	27	4	0.92
Total	2 Teams	1	3	2.73	13	11	0	0	33.0	53	7	0.94

PROSPECTING: Gaddis ranks as Cleveland's #29 prospect, according to *FanGraphs*. He is unranked on Cleveland's top prospect lists published by *MLB.com* and *Baseball America*.

2019: Across 13 appearances and 11 starts in 2019, Gaddis posted a 2.73 ERA across two levels – the Rookie Level Arizona League Indians Blue and Short Season Mahoning Valley.

NO-HITTER: On August 23, 2019, Gaddis threw three perfect innings after a 93-minute rain delay to begin what turned into a combined no-hitter against the Williamsport Crosscutters. It was the first no-hitter for Mahoning Valley since 2013. After Gaddis left the game, RHP **Matt Waldron** and RHP **Luis Sanchez** finished the game for the Scrappers. Gaddis set his career high with six strikeouts, throwing 35 pitches in the outing. Also in the starting lineup for Mahoning Valley that day were current Captains INF **Brayan Rocchio**, C **Bryan Lavastida** and OF **Will Brennan**.

THE MAGIC NUMBER: Gaddis has thrown exactly three innings nine times in his first 13 appearances as a professional. He has never thrown more than three innings so far in his professional career. In college Gaddis worked 266.2 total innings over 46 appearances, or 5.2 innings pitched per appearance.

GEORGIA STATE STAR: Gaddis is in the history books as an all-time great at Georgia State finishing his career with a program best 3.81 ERA. He also is second all-time in program history with 266 strikeouts, fourth in innings pitched (266.2) and sixth in games started (40). His junior season he finished with 112 strikeouts to lead the Sun Belt and finish 14th in the country. He wrapped up 2019 with his second consecutive second-team all-Sun-Belt selection.

PANTHER PRO'S: David Buchanan is currently the only Georgia State Panther to ever make the big leagues. Gaddis is trying to become the second, after being drafted in the 5th round at 160 overall he is also the highest ever draft pick from Georgia State. Buchanan was a starting pitcher from 2014-15 for the Philadelphia Phillies and was drafted in the seventh round of the 2010 draft.

TEAM USA: In 2017 Gaddis became the first ever player from Georgia State to be chosen by Team USA when he joined the USA Collegiate National Team.

SCOUTING GRADES (FanGraphs): Fastball – 45/50; Curveball – 40/40; Slider – 50/55; Changeup – 55/60; Command – 40/50

Date	Opp	Dec	2021 Game-By-Game						
			IP	H	R	ER	HR	SO	BB
Total			0-0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0

* Relief Appearance

2021 Highs	
INNINGS.....	3.0 (9x last 9/1/19 vs WV)
STRIKEOUTS.....	6 (2x last 9/1/19 vs WV)
WALKS.....	2 (2x last 8/15/19 @ SC)
HITS.....	4 (3x last 8/9/19 vs AUB)
RUNS.....	4 (8/9/19 vs. AUB)
EARNED RUNS.....	3 (8/9/19 vs. AUB)
HR.....	1 (2x)
FEWEST HITS (5+IP).....	(N/A)

LAST WIN: July 3, 2019 at AZL Brewers Gold
LAST LOSS: August 15, 2019 at State College
LAST HR ALLOWED: July 27, 2019 vs. AZL Reds (Caleb Van Blake)
NO-HITTER/PERFECT GAME:

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FEWEST HITS (5+IP).....	(N/A)



Team Pitching Totals												
Season Totals	W-L	ERA	CG	SHO	SV/OPP	IP	H	R	ER	BB-I	SO	HR
Starters	0-0	0.00	-	-	N/A	0.0	-	-	-	-	-	-
Relievers	0-0	0.00	N/A	N/A	-	0.0	-	-	-	-	-	-
Classic Park	0-0	0.00	-	-	-	0.0	-	-	-	-	-	-
Road	0-0	0.00	-	-	-	0.0	-	-	-	-	-	-
May	0-0	0.00	-	-	-	0.0	-	-	-	-	-	-
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	-	-	-	-	-	-



CAPTAINS BATTING NOTES

#4 Brayan Rocchio, INF

Age: 20

Resides: Caracas, VZ

Acquired: 2017 NDFA

Yesterday:

This Series:

5'10" – 150 lbs

Bats/Throws: S/R

Streak:

- 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: 3rd Round (2019) – Ruben S. Alaya High School

Yesterday:

This Series:

5'8" – 198 lbs

Bats/Throws: L/L

Streak:

- 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

Yesterday:

This Series:

5'10" – 160 lbs

Bats/Throws: L/R

Streak:

- 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: 33rd Round (2018) – Brigham Young University

Yesterday:

This Series:

6'1" – 180 lbs

Bats/Throws: L/R

Streak:

- 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: 5th Round (2017) – Texas Christian University

Yesterday:

This Series:

6'1" – 185 lbs

Bats/Throws: L/L

Streak:

- 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: 15th Round (2018) – Hillsborough CC (FL)

Yesterday:

This Series:

6'0" – 200 lbs

Bats/Throws: R/R

Streak:

- 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

Yesterday:

This Series:

5'10" – 160 lbs

Bats/Throws: L/L

Streak:

- 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... 10th 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: 6th Round (2018) – Calvary Christian Academy (FL)

Yesterday:

This Series:

6'2" – 185 lbs

Bats/Throws: S/R

Streak:

- 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: 8th Round (2019) — Kansas State
Yesterday:

This Series:

6'0" — 190 lbs
vs. LAN:Bats/Throws: L/L
Streak:

- 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: 21st Round (2019) — University of Miami
Yesterday:

This Series:

5'11" — 190 lbs
vs. LAN:Bats/Throws: R/R
Streak:

- Originally drafted by Cleveland out of college in 2016 (37th 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: 20th Round (2014) — Discípulos De Cristo HS (P.R.)
Yesterday:

This Series:

6'0" — 185 lbs
vs. LAN:Bats/Throws: R/R
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 100th 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: 20

Resides: Santo Domingo, DR

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

This Series:

5'9" — 160 lbs
vs. LAN:Bats/Throws: S/R
Streak:

- 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
Yesterday:

This Series:

5'11" — 175 lbs
vs. LAN:Bats/Throws: S/R
Streak:

- 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: 2nd Round (2017) — Monsignor McClancy HS (NY)
Yesterday:

This Series:

6'3" — 175 lbs
vs. LAN:Bats/Throws: R/R
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 (64th 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: 31st Round (2018) — University of Michigan
Yesterday:

This Series:

6'4" — 210 lbs
vs. LAN:Bats/Throws: R/R
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: vs. RH:

6'3" — 200 lbs

Home:

Pitches: Fastball, slider, cutter, changeup

Scoreless:

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: vs. RH:

6'1" — 195 lbs

Home:

Pitches: Fastball, curveball, slider, changeup

Scoreless:

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:

6'4" — 190 lbs

Home:

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:

6'1" — 205 lbs

Home:

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:

6'5" — 225 lbs

Home:

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: vs. RH:

6'2" — 200 lbs

Home:

Pitches: Fastball, sinker, slider, curveball, changeup

Scoreless:

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:

6'3" — 200 lbs

Home:

Pitches: Fastball, slider, cutter

Scoreless:

Secured the final three outs of the Captains' seven-inning combined no-hitter on June 21, 2021 against West Michigan at Classic Park. Eli Linges pitched the first four innings and Luis Araujo pitched two.

High school teammates former Captains LHP Sam Hontges, 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.



2021 REGULAR SEASON DAY-BY-DAY



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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	GREAT LAKES									
7/21	GREAT LAKES									
7/22	GREAT LAKES									
7/23	GREAT LAKES									
7/24	GREAT LAKES									
7/25	GREAT LAKES									
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	LANSING									
8/4	LANSING									
8/5	LANSING									
8/6	LANSING									
8/7	LANSING									
8/8	LANSING									
8/9	OFF DAY									
8/10	WEST MICHIGAN									
8/11	WEST MICHIGAN									
8/12	WEST MICHIGAN									
8/13	WEST MICHIGAN									
8/14	WEST MICHIGAN									
8/15	WEST MICHIGAN									
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	GREAT LAKES									
8/25	GREAT LAKES									
8/26	GREAT LAKES									
8/27	GREAT LAKES									
8/28	GREAT LAKES									
8/29	GREAT LAKES									
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	DAYTON									
9/8	DAYTON									
9/9	DAYTON									
9/10	DAYTON									
9/11	DAYTON									
9/12	DAYTON									
9/13	OFF DAY									
9/14	BELOIT									
9/15	BELOIT									
9/16	BELOIT									
9/17	BELOIT									
9/18	BELOIT									
9/19	BELOIT									

END OF REGULAR SEASON



2021 TRANSACTIONS

4/29 – Captains Announce 2019 Opening Day Roster