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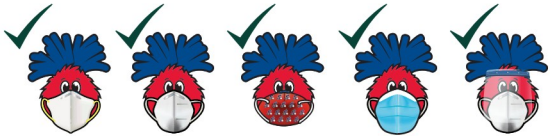
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KN95, N95, Cloth, Surgical/3-Ply and Face Shield  
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On behalf of the Stockton Ports organization – from ownership, on field personnel, front office staff, and game day staff, I want to personally thank all our fans, patrons, community partners, and sponsors for your loyalty, your passion, and commitment to the Stockton Ports. We are proud to represent the City of Stockton and each of you every time we take the field, make a public appearance, participate in charitable endeavours, and the myriad of other activities we are involved in year-round.

2020 was a year unlike any other, but it taught us to adapt and overcome in ways that may not have been thought of under different circumstances. This past year, the Ports' front office focused on impacting our community in a helpful and memorable manner. We were able to do so through donations, mascot appearances, and supporting local businesses - but most importantly by staying optimistic and working to continue to provide a first-class atmosphere for the Stockton community.

As we continue to work through these challenging times as a community, we continue to focus on being optimistic and hopeful for a great 2021 and beyond. While we missed each of you at Banner Island Ballpark with the cancellation of the 2020 season, we are excited to welcome you back and provide an enjoyable and safe experience here at Banner Island Ballpark! Go Ports!

Go Ports

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Pat".

Pat Filippone  
President

## FRONT OFFICE STAFF



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MOO, MOO, MOO,  
FOR THE HOME  
TEAM!**

**GO  
PORTS!**



# AROUND BANNER ISLAND BALLPARK

- 4TOPPS**  
SEC 116, 114, 115
- PREMIER STAFFING CLUB**  
SEC 214-216
- THE FAN CAVE**  
SEC 121
- SCOUT SEATS**  
SEC A-AAA
- HOME PLATE BOX**  
SEC 109-111
- SKYBOX BOX**  
SEC 114-116, 107-108 (FIRST 3 ROWS)
- MVP SEATS**  
SEC 105-108, 110-113
- SECTION 209**  
SEC 209
- FIELD BOX**  
SEC 101-104, 117-121
- ABLE CHARTER SCHOOL HOME RUN HILL**
- WHEELCHAIR/COMPANION**  
SEC 101, 103, 104, 108, 109, 117, 119

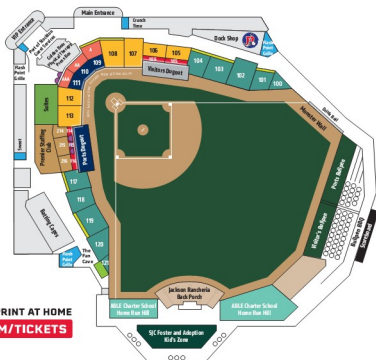
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## FLASHPOINT GRILL SECTION 120

Cheeseburger With Fries, Banner Island Hot Dog With Fries, Chicken Tenders with fries, Pretzel with Cheese, Banner Island Hot Dog, Popcorn, Peanuts, Regular Nacho (Chips & Chz), Fries, Garlic Fries, Souvenir Soda, Regular Soda, Bottled Water, Domestic Beer, Premium Beer, Bombers

## SWEET SECTION 115

Ice Cream Helmet, Single scoop ice cream, Popcorn, Pretzel with Cheese, Peanuts, Regular Nacho (Chips & Chz), Assorted Candy, Ice Cream Bars, Souvenir Soda, Large Soda, Bottled Water, Domestic Beer, Premium Beer, Bombers, Coffee

## CRUNCH TIME SECTION 108

Loaded Helmet Nachos, Chili Cheese Dog, Banner Island Hot Dog, Kids Meal (Dog, Chips, Sm Soda), Assorted Candy, Popcorn, Pretzel with Cheese, Peanuts, Ice Cream Bars, Souvenir Soda, Large Soda, Bottled Water, Domestic Beer, Premium Beer, Bombers, Coffee

## FLASHPOINT GRILL SECTION 101

Cheeseburger With Fries, Banner Island Hot Dog With Fries, Chicken Tenders with fries, Pretzel with Cheese, Banner Island Hot Dog, Popcorn, Peanuts, Regular Nacho (Chips & Chz), Fries, Garlic Fries, Souvenir Soda, Regular Soda, Bottled Water, Domestic Beer, Premium Beer, Bombers

## CRAFT BEER STATION SECTION 116

Peanuts, Bottled Water, Domestic Beer, Premium Beer, Bomber Beer, Wine

## HOLY SMOKES BBQ SECTION 117

Italian Sausage w/pepper & onions, Footlong Char dog w/pepper & onions, Cheesy Garlic Roasted Asparagus, Peanuts, Bottled Water, Bottled Soda

## PRETZEL CART & DIPPIN' DOTS THIRD BASE

## DAVID'S PIZZA LEFT FIELD

Personal Pizza, Bottled Water, Bottled Soda

## BLOODY MARY & BOMBERS

Premium Cocktail, Super Premium Cocktails, Bloody Mary, Chelada, Premium Draft Beer, Domestic Draft Beer, Domestic Bomber 24oz, Premium Bomber 19.8oz, Wine, Bottle Water

## JULY PROMOTIONS

				1 SJ 7:05 	2 SJ 7:05	3 SJ 6:30 ★ Independence Day celebration	
4 SJ 6:30 ★ Independence Day celebration Jersey Auction 	5	6 MOD 7:05 	7 MOD 7:05 	8 MOD 7:05 	9 MOD 7:05 	10 MOD 6:05 	
11 MOD 7:05 	12	13 FRE 7:05	14 FRE 7:05 Wine WEDNESDAY 	15 FRE 7:05 	16 FRE 7:05  Lucas Business Systems	17 FRE 7:05  Faith Night Sara's Faith	
18 FRE 6:05 Family FUNDAY 	19	20 SJ 6:30 \$	21 SJ 1:00 \$	22 SJ 6:30 \$	23 SJ 6:30 \$	24 SJ 6:30 \$	
25 SJ 5:00 \$	26	27 VIS 7:05	28 VIS 7:05 Wine WEDNESDAY 	29 VIS 7:05  T.M. logo	30 VIS 7:05 Flag giveaway  DICKSON'S Holy Steaks BBQ	31 VIS 7:05 Jersey Auction 	

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# FIELD STAFF



## **RICO BROGNA** | MANAGER

Brogna joins the Ports for his first season in the Oakland Athletics system. Brogna played nine seasons in the major leagues with the Detroit Tigers, New York Mets, Philadelphia Phillies, Boston Red Sox, and Atlanta Braves. Brogna was drafted in the first round (26th) by the Detroit Tigers in the 1988 MLB Draft. After his playing career, he spent one season as a minor league manager with the Arizona Diamondbacks, one season managing in the Philadelphia Phillies organization, and spent time in the front office with the Los Angeles Angels.



## **CHRIS SMITH** | PITCHING COACH

Pitching Coach Chris Smith will enter his second season as a coach, but is no stranger to the Athletics organization. Originally drafted by the Boston Red Sox in 2002, Smith spent time in the Brewers, Mariners, and Padres organizations before signing a Minor League contract that landed him with the A's in 2015. Smith was added to the A's 40-man roster in 2016 and pitched in Oakland during the 2016 and 2017 seasons.



## **FRANCISCO SANTANA** | HITTING COACH

Francisco Santana will enter his first season as the hitting coach of the Ports. Santana spent the 2019 season with the Arizona A's and spent the previous two seasons in the Dominican Republic complex with the A's as the outfield and base running coach. He played five years in the New York Yankees organization, recording 12 homers and 100 RBI in 237 career MLB games.



## **CRAIG CONKLIN** | ASSISTANT HITTING COACH

Craig Conklin joins the Ports as the assistant hitting coach. Conklin spent the 2019 season as a coach with the Las Vegas Aviators and the four seasons prior as the Southern California Area scout for the A's.



## **KEVIN GUILD** | SPORT PERFORMANCE COACH

Guild will join the Ports for his first season in 2021, having spent the past two seasons as the strength and conditioning coach for the Vermont Lake Monsters. Prior to joining the A's, Guild was the strength and conditioning coach at Keene High School. A graduate of Keene State College, Guild has also served as the Next College Student Athlete New Hampshire State Director.



## **JAKE ROUTHIER** | ATHLETIC TRAINER

Jake Routhier will serve as the athletic trainer for the Stockton Ports after serving in the same capacity in the Dominican Summer League in 2019. Routhier previously worked as an intern for the New York Yankees and the Arizona Diamondbacks. He is a graduate of the University of Connecticut.



## **VIC ZAPIEN** | CLUBHOUSE MANAGER

Vic Zapien is returning for his 16th season as the Ports Clubhouse Manager. Zapien began his career with the Ports in 2003 as their bat boy and was promoted to Clubhouse Manager in 2004. Zapien has acted as the California League All-Star Team Clubhouse Manager three times in 2007, 2011 and 2013 and was honored with the California League Clubhouse Manager of the Year award three times in 2010, 2015 and 2017. Zapien currently resides in Stockton with his daughter Amya Zapien, who you frequently see around the ballpark acting as his Clubhouse Assistant.





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## NEW IN 2021

### Face Masks:

MLB has mandated that all attendees age two years and older must wear a face covering over their nose and mouth at all times on ballpark property other than when actively eating or drinking at their ticketed seats. This mandate will apply to all seating locations in the ballpark and will be actively enforced.

Permitted face coverings: KN95, N95, Cloth, Surgical/3-Ply and Face Shield (only when accompanied by another approved face covering)

Not Permitted: Bandanna, Gaiter, and any face covering w/ an exhalation valve

### Team Store:

Team Store capacity will be limited and floor signs will be used to ensure proper distancing while in line.

### Mobile Ticketing:

1. All tickets for the 2021 season will be available digitally or with print-at-home.
2. Fans are expected to either have their tickets on a mobile device or print-at-home for entry into Banner Island Ballpark.
3. In accordance with the state of California's guidance, no tickets will be sold on the day of the event and the will-call window will not be open.
4. The Ports will have on-site staff to assist fans with digital tickets when entering the ballpark.

### Fan Experience:

The Ports will not operate the Kid Zone during the 2021 season. Giveaways will be individually packed and team members distributing them will be equipped with nitrile gloves. Restroom doors will be propped open to eliminate touchpoint. Sinks, urinals, and stalls will be blocked off to encourage social distancing.

### On-Field Activities:

No player autographs will be allowed.

No fans will be permitted to be on the field at anytime before, during, and after the game National anthem, play ball kid, and pregame festivities will take place on the concourse.

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# 2021 ROSTER

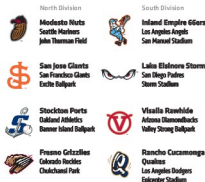
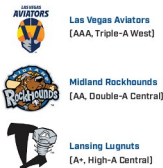
#	Yrs Pro	PITCHERS (16)	B/T	HT	WT	DOB	HOMETOWN	HOW ACQUIRED (RD/YR)	PREVIOUS TEAM (YEAR)
34	0	Acton, Garrett	L/R	6-2	215	6/15/98	Lemont, IL	NDFA/2020	University of Illinois (2020)
22	1	Baram, Edward	R/R	6-4	205	6/29/97	Saddlebrook, NJ	30th/2019	AZL A's (2019)
29	3	Berrios, Osvaldo	R/R	6-1	206	11/29/99	Juncos, Puerto Rico	20th/2017	AZL A's/Vermont (2019)
11	1	Coletti, Vince*	R/R	6-2	205	11/3/96	Hollywood, FL	17th/2019	AZL A's/Vermont (2019)
19	2	Cota, Clark	R/R	6-0	230	10/8/98	Hampstead, NC	10th/2018	Vermont (2019)
31	1	Cushing, Jack	R/R	6-3	205	12/3/96	Flower Mound, TX	22nd/2019	AZL A's/Vermont (2019)
24	1	Dicochea, Jose	R/R	6-3	180	3/21/01	Sahuariya, AZ	8th/2019	AZL A's (2019)
18	0	Granado, Diego	R/R	6-1	200	1/13/97	Colombia, Cuba	FA/2019	N/A
10	0	Judkins, Grant	L/R	6-3	205	8/6/97	Pella, IA	NDFA/2020	University of Iowa (2020)
39	1	Leal, David	L/L	6-5	220	4/22/97	Houston, TX	38th/2019	AZL A's/Stockton (2019)
12	2	Martinez, Daniel	L/R	5-9	200	4/28/98	Riverside, CA	21st/2018	Belbit (2019)
33	5	Mora, Jose	R/R	6-2	200	10/1/97	Santo Domingo, D.R.	FA/2015	Vermont (2019)
37	1	Nambiar, Kumar	L/L	5-11	185	4/17/98	Larchmont, NY	34th/2019	AZL A's/Stockton (2019)
44	1	Santos, Pedro	R/R	6-4	205	1/7/00	Santo Domingo, D.R.	FA/2018	AZL A's (2019)
38	1	Wakinshaw, Jake	R/R	6-3	195	7/7/96	Seymour, CT	36th/2019	AZL A's (2019)
36	2	Woolfolk, Dallas	R/R	6-1	225	10/30/96	Southaven, MS	13th/2018	AZL A's (2019)
17	2	Whittlesey, Brock	R/R	6-3	210	2/27/97	Mesa, AZ	NDFA/2019	AZL A's (2019)

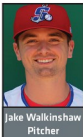
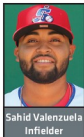
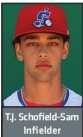
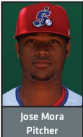
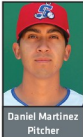
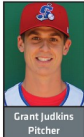
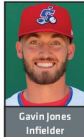
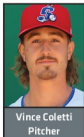
#	Yrs Pro	CATCHERS (3)	B/T	HT	WT	DOB	HOMETOWN	HOW ACQUIRED	PREVIOUS TEAM (YEAR)
14	5	Rivas, José	R/R	5-11	214	8/5/98	Lara, Venezuela	FA/2014	Vermont (2019)
21	0	Soderstrom, Tyler	L/R	6-2	200	11/24/01	Turlock, CA	FA/2020	A's Alternate Site (2020)
3	0	Uhl, Cooper	R/R	5-10	198	10/19/97	Mission Viejo, CA	NDFA/2020	Loyola Marymount Univ. (2020)

#	Yrs Pro	INFIELTERS (6)	B/T	HT	WT	DOB	HOMETOWN	HOW ACQUIRED	PREVIOUS TEAM (YEAR)
4	2	Butler, Lawrence	L/R	6-2	215	7/10/00	Atlanta, GA	8th/2018	Vermont (2019)
23	1	Jones, Gavin	R/R	6-1	210	7/19/98	Knob Noxter, MO	27th/2019	AZL A's (2019)
7	0	Puason, Robert	S/R	6-3	187	9/11/02	La Romana, D.R.	Int'l FA/2019	A's Alternate Site (2020)
20	1	Schofield-Sam, T.J.	L/R	6-1	187	6/20/01	Brampton, ON	12th/2019	AZL A's (2019)
2	1	Valenzuela, Sahid	S/R	5-8	165	9/16/97	Somerton, AZ	13th/2019	Cal State Fullerton (2019)
9	2	Wright, Joshwan	R/R	5-8	150	11/9/00	Changuinola, Panama	FA/2017	AZL A's (2019)

#	Yrs Pro	OUTFIELDERS (5)	B/T	HT	WT	DOB	HOMETOWN	HOW ACQUIRED	PREVIOUS TEAM (YEAR)
13	3	Armenteros, Lazaro	R/R	6-1	195	5/22/99	La Habana, Cuba	FA/2016	Stockton (2019)
5	2	Bautista, Daniel	R/R	6-1	193	11/20/00	Lutz, FL	FA/2017	Vermont (2019)
15	1	Buelvas, Braylan	R/R	5-11	155	6/8/02	Monteria, Colombia	FA/2018	A's Alternate Site (2020)
27	2	Perez, Junior	R/R	6-1	200	7/4/01	San Cristobal, D.R.	Trade with SD/2020	AZL Padres (2019)
46	3	Richards, Kevin	R/R	6-2	175	1/1/00	La Romana, D.R.	FA/2016	Vermont (2019)

#	POS	COACHING	STAFF	HOMETOWN	PREVIOUS TEAM (YEAR)
30	MGR	Rico Brogna		Woodbury, CT	Reading (AA-Phil, 2018)
26	P-C	Chris Smith		Hesperia, CA	Stockton (High-A, 2019)
16	H-C	Francisco Santana		Higüey, D.R.	Vermont (Rookie, 2019)
28	Asst H-C	Craig Conklin		Templeton, CA	Las Vegas (AAA, 2019)
	A-T	Jake Routhier		Fairfield, CT	
	CLB	Vic Zapfen		Stockton, CA	
	S-C	Kevin Guild		South Burlington, VT	





# SAN JOSE GIANTS

SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS AFFILIATE

#	PITCHERS (16)	B/T	HT	WT	DOB	HOMETOWN
58	Armstrong, Ivan	R/R	6-5	247	7/27/00	La Vega, Dominican Republic
16	Beroa, Pretlander	R/R	5-11	170	4/18/00	Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic
28	Castillo, Wilkelma	R/R	6-0	170	1/6/00	Valencia, Venezuela
45	Crawford, Brooks	R/R	6-4	215	8/19/96	Athens, Georgia
22	Crump, Justin	R/R	6-3	215	12/01/95	Altamonte, North Carolina
33	Harrison, Kyle	R/L	6-2	200	8/12/01	San Jose, California
43	Helvey, Clay	R/R	6-3	195	2/14/97	Charlotte, North Carolina
49	Jensen, Will	R/R	6-4	180	9/2/97	Phoenix, AZ
37	Labrador, Jorge	R/R	6-1	180	3/9/99	Santa Barbara, Venezuela
41	Moreno, Luis	R/R	6-2	174	8/3/98	Santa Rosa, Colombia
34	Murphy, Ryan	R/R	6-1	190	10/8/99	Poughkeepsie, New York
23	Pagan, Kanoa	R/R	6-2	190	9/29/98	Campbell, California
31	Ragsdale, Carson	R/R	6-8	225	5/25/98	Wesley Chapel, Florida
39	Reich, Austin	R/R	6-3	210	4/15/97	Saint Francisville, Louisiana
	Rodriguez, Julio	R/R	6-3	180	2/10/00	Santa Cruz del Sur, Cuba
21	Rodriguez, Randy	R/R	6-0	166	9/5/99	Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic
54	Sanchez, Juan	L/L	6-2	165	11/12/00	Valencia, Venezuela
17	Swiney, Nick	R/L	6-3	185	2/12/99	Nashville, Tennessee
51	Weber, Ty	R/R	6-4	220	3/19/98	Menomonee Falls, Wisconsin

#	CATCHERS (2)	B/T	HT	WT	DOB	HOMETOWN
12	Auerbach, Brett	R/R	5-9	185	8/27/98	Mission Viejo, California
35	Bone, Rodolfo	R/R	5-11	170	3/22/00	Masaya, Nicaragua
29	Genoves, Ricardo	R/R	6-2	190	5/14/99	Caracas, Venezuela

#	INFIELDERS (6)	B/T	HT	WT	DOB	HOMETOWN
13	Frechette, Garrett	L/L	6-3	200	12/31/00	Vista, California
48	Glownke, Jimmy	R/R	5-10	200	6/5/99	Chicago, Illinois
6	Layer, Abdiel	S/R	6-2	170	8/9/98	San Juan, Puerto Rico
10	Luciano, Marco	R/R	6-2	178	9/10/01	San Francisco de Macoris, Dominican Republic
1	Mora, Edison	R/R	6-2	165	8/13/00	Villalba, Puerto Rico
5	Schmitt, Casey	R/R	6-2	215	3/1/99	San Diego, California
26	Torbio, Luis	L/R	6-1	185	9/28/00	San Francisco de Macoris, Dominican Republic

#	OUTFIELDERS (5)	B/T	HT	WT	DOB	HOMETOWN
9	Canario, Alexander	R/R	6-1	165	5/7/00	Montecristi, Dominican Republic
32	Freed, Harrison	R/R	5-11	205	5/13/98	Carmel, Indiana
18	Matos, Luis	R/R	5-11	160	1/28/02	Valera, Venezuela
19	Smith, Armani	R/R	6-4	215	7/19/98	Walnut Creek, California

#	POS	COACHING STAFF
14	MGR	Leni Sakata
7	H-C	Daniel Santin
47	P-C	Paul Oseguera
2	FUN-C	Eliezer Zambrano

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# Faith FAMILY Fireworks

Celebrate a great night out at the Stockton Ports game at Faith and Family Night, featuring pre-game player testimonials, live Christian music, and a post-game fireworks extravaganza! Please bring socks to be donated to the Gospel Center Rescue Mission of Stockton.

**WHAT:**  
Stockton Ports Faith  
and Family Night

**WHEN:**  
Saturday, July 17th ,  
7:05 pm

**WHERE:**  
Banner Island  
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**TICKETS:**  
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## Gary Olson

Professional baseball player



## Christine Bowling

NASCAR driver



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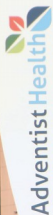
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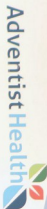




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# Soderstrom Seizes Opportunity

by Chris Zavaglia

**Along with Minor League Baseball comes the phenomenon of top prospects in each organization being watched under the microscope. After not having a season last year due to the pandemic, some are being assessed more than others to ensure their development is on track.**

Stockton Ports catcher and Turlock native Tyler Soderstrom is among those top prospects being gauged by scouts, wondering if this kid out of Turlock High School really has "it." Well, he does.

Soderstrom was the top ranked catcher out of high school and number two in the state of California. In his junior year, he hit .450 with four home runs and a 1.340 OPS and then .357 with one home run in five games before the pandemic ended his senior year. He's played for the 18U USA National Baseball Team and was also named the Gatorade California Baseball Player of the Year in 2020.

He was committed to UCLA out of high school, which has been notoriously known for the power arms they channel through to the MLB including Cy Young Award winners Gerrit Cole and Trevor Bauer. It looked like the perfect opportunity to further his game and hone his skills at the amateur level.



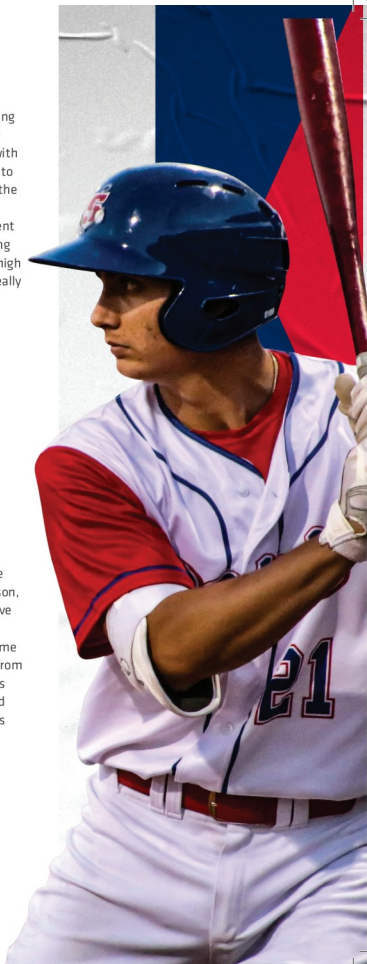
**The 19-year-old was able to learn major league talent firsthand from his father, Steve Soderstrom, a former first-round pick, and pitcher of the San Francisco Giants. After being drafted by the A's, Tyler will look to stamp the family name on the other side of the bay.**

At the same time, he was also being scouted by MLB teams including the A's. Scouts raved of his raw talent, with his bat as his strong suit, being able to stay through the zone coupled with the ability to call games at such a young age. But some feared the commitment on whether he would continue playing at the collegiate level or sign out of high school. Even hesitating if he could really play catcher at an elite level.

Soderstrom would end up being drafted from the Oakland Athletics in the 1st round and 26th overall out of Turlock High School in 2020, ultimately pursuing a professional career early and signing with the A's. The last time the A's took a catcher in the first round you ask? You'd have to go all the way back to 2004 when the A's drafted Landon Powell out of South Carolina.

The A's have had a knack for scouting and development under the Billy Beane regime. A.J Puk, Matt Olson, Matt Chapman, and many others have made their way quickly through the organization and on to the show. Some moves might not have made sense from the outside looking in, but Beane has his own way of operating. It's worked especially well for him in recent years with the Turlock High School Alum looking to be the next.

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## SODERSTORM CONTINUED



Soderstrom began his professional career last year after being assigned to the A's Alternate Site in San Jose immediately becoming the club's top-ranked prospect. He was one of the youngest players invited along with his new teammates and fellow prospects Robert Puason (No. 6) and Brayan Buelvas (No. 13) per MLB.com.

Training at the Alternate site wasn't ideal, missing 140 games of action in what a regular season would look like, but Soderstrom still received valuable reps focusing on his defensive abilities, particularly his blocking and game management. In fact, the A's were impressed with his work at the Alternate Site so much

that they plan on keeping him behind the plate and sticking as a catcher.

The 2021 season is here, and the first-round pick is already off to an impressive start in his first professional season being assigned to the Single-A Stockton Ports. Through the club's first 18 games, he is second on the team in batting average (.318) and first in doubles (7), hits (22), and games played (18).

Now, the A's will keep a close eye on Soderstrom as they hope for a consistent development from their top prospect. If he continues the pace he's established already, we could see Soderstrom on the A's quicker than we thought.





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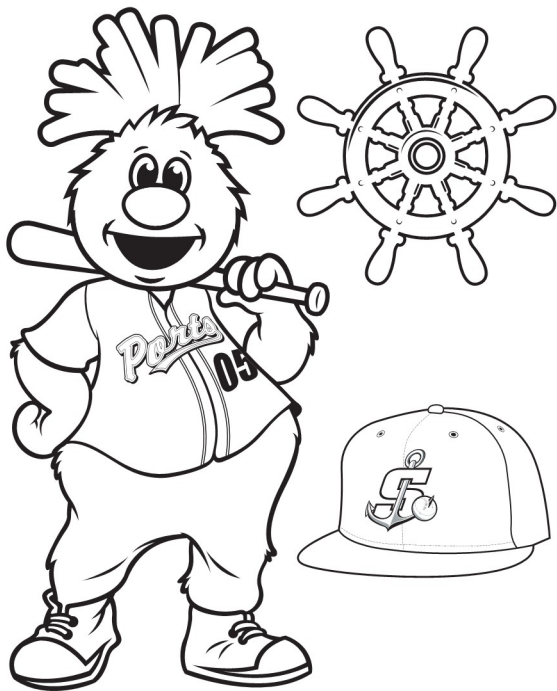
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