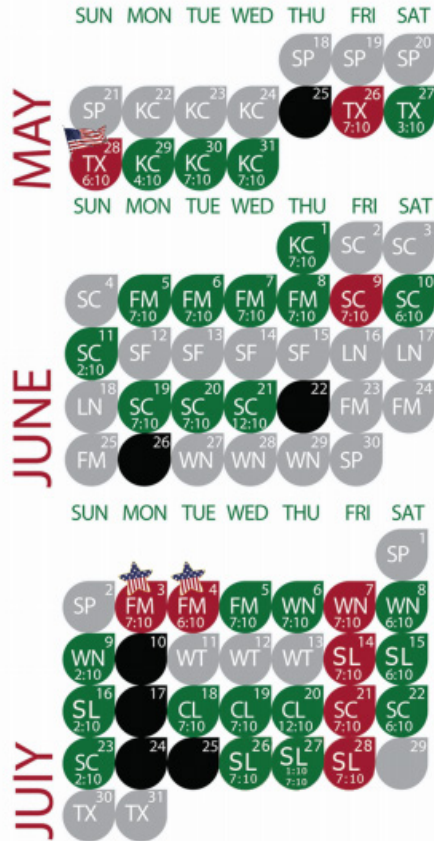


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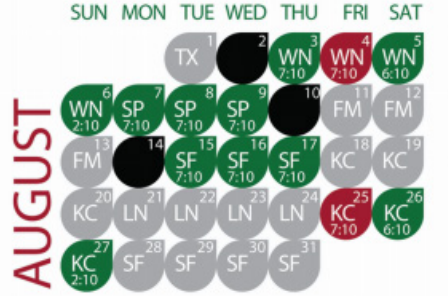
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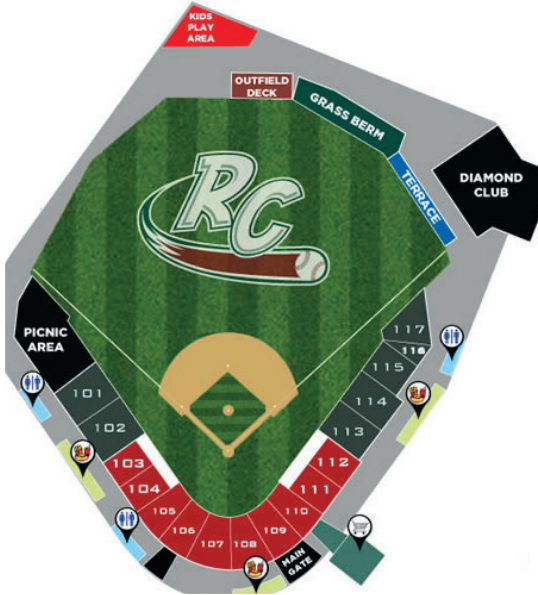
NEW ORLEANS-STYLE CREOLE BOIL with 5lbs of "mudbugs," all the fixins and bottomless domestic beer.

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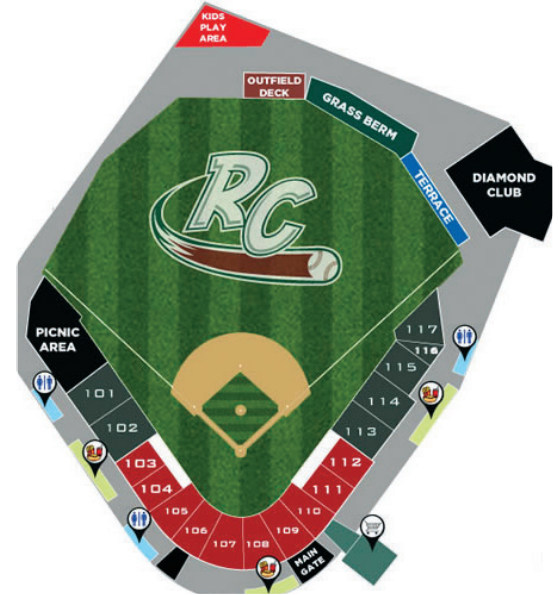
CRAFT BEER FEST AUGUST 5TH Back for a third season, this brew fest features hundreds of craft beers, wines, and hard sodas along with blues music!

Real German hultaboos at the ballpark with bottomless German beers and food.

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Dimensions

Left Field: 320 Feet
 Left-Center Field: 408 Feet
 Center Field: 400 Feet
 Right-Center Field: 390 Feet
 Right Field: 335 Feet

Wall Height

Left Field: 16 Feet
 Center Field: 13 Feet
 Right-Center Field: 12 Feet
 Right Field: 10 Feet, 8 Inches

DIRECTIONS

From Indiana Toll Road (I-90)

Westbound: Take I-90 to Exit 17 (US-12/US-20/Dunes Highway). Continue West on Dunes Highway. Stadium will be on left.
 Eastbound: Take I-90 to exit at Broadway Ave. Turn right on Broadway Ave. Drive two stoplights to 5th Ave. Take left on 5th Ave. Stadium will be on left.

From I-65

Take I-65 North to end of highway at U.S. 12/20 [Dunes Highway]. Turn left on U.S. 12/20 heading west for 1.5 miles (three stoplights). Stadium is on left side.

From I-80/94

Take I-80/94 to I-65 North, all the way to end of highway at U.S. 12/20 [Dunes Highway]. Turn left on U.S. 12/20 heading west for 1.5 miles (three stoplights). Stadium is on left side.

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

Train [Chicago - South Bend]

The South Shore Line runs daily from downtown Chicago to South Bend, Ind., with a convenient stop just outside U. S. Steel Yard. Just take any South Shore Line Train to the Gary Metro Center spot, and walk one block east on 4th Avenue to the front gate!

Bus

The Gary Public Transportation Corporation has buses running throughout Northwest Indiana, including stops in Merrillville and Crown Point. Convenient stops are available just outside U. S. Steel Yard.

PARKING

Parking at U. S. Steel Yard is FREE year-round and available within comfortable walking distance of the front gate! The RailCats main general admission lot is located next to the Diamond Club just to the east of U. S. Steel Yard. The lot can be accessed from either direction by turning onto Virginia Street off 4th and 5th Avenues. Parking is also available to the east and west of the stadium off 4th and 5th Avenues and just south of the ballpark. The RailCats V.I.P lot for Season Ticket holders is located on Stadium Plaza Drive adjacent to U. S. Steel Yard and is only accessible with a V.I.P. Parking Pass.

For more information, contact the RailCats at 219.882.2255.

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Jared Shlensky and Austin Anderson bring you all 100 RailCats games this season on WEFM (95.9 FM) and online at railcatsbaseball.com.

Coverage for each game will begin 30 minutes prior to first pitch (e.g., 6:50 p.m. pregame for a 7:10 p.m. first pitch). The pregame show will feature interviews with players and coaches as well as a quick preview of the scheduled game.

The postgame show will begin 2-3 minutes after the final out is recorded and will feature a live on-field interview with the player of the game after every home win. The postgame show will also feature audio highlights for every home game, a scoreboard update (American Association & MLB) and a quick preview of the next game.

The RailCats will also have a weekly podcast that can be heard on SoundCloud. The RailCats podcast will feature interviews with players, coaches and front office staff members, announcements on upcoming games and promotions and a more in-depth look of the team.

Jared Shlensky — Director of Broadcasting & Media Relations



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Jared graduated from North Central College (Naperville, Ill.) in 2014 with a B.A. in Broadcast Communications. Jared has been to 21 MLB Stadiums, and is eager to see a game at all 30. Jared resides in Palos Heights, Ill.

Austin Anderson — Broadcast & Media Relations Assistant



Austin Anderson joins the RailCats in 2017 as the Broadcast & Media Relations Assistant.

Austin was a Broadcasting & Sales Intern with the Chicago Bandits (National Professional Fastpitch) in the summer of 2016. In the fall of 2016, Austin announced high school football for the Westmoreland Sports Network in suburban Pittsburgh.

Austin graduated from Waynesburg University (Waynesburg, Pa.) in 2017 with a B.A. in Communication with an emphasis in Sports Broadcasting/Sports Information.

In his spare time, Austin is a musician. He enjoys singing and playing acoustic guitar, bass, drums, and piano. He also enjoys fitness, watching/playing sports, and playing board games. Austin is an Elgin, Ill. native.

Four RailCats have contracts purchased by MLB Affiliates

Left-handed pitcher Alex Gunn, right-handed pitcher Christian Herstine, catcher Jose Gonzalez and infielder Jose Sermo all had their contracts purchased by Major League Affiliates by the end of the 2016 season.

Gunn had his contract purchased by the Arizona Diamondbacks on July 7, 2016, after going 2-0 with one save and a 3.37 ERA in 12 games (six starts) for the RailCats. After moving to the starting rotation on June 7, the southpaw allowed just eight runs in his six starts (2.20 ERA). The RailCats originally acquired Gunn on August 17, 2015, as part of a three-player trade with Laredo, however, Gunn did not pitch for Gary in 2015.

Herstine had his contract purchased by the New York Yankees on July 7, 2016, after spending just 15 days with the RailCats. Herstine went 1-0 with 10 strikeouts and a 1.04 ERA in five relief appearances (8.2 innings). Herstine made his professional debut with the RailCats on June 22, striking out two batters in two scoreless innings of relief.

Gonzalez had his contract purchased by the Minnesota Twins on February 3, 2017. Gonzalez was one of two All-Stars for the RailCats and was named the American Association Defensive Catcher of the Year in 2016.

Sermo had his contract purchased by the Boston Red Sox on June 20, 2016. A native of Bayamon, P.R., Sermo hit a team-best .311 and was tied for the team lead with five home runs in 29 games before signing with Boston. Sermo was originally drafted by the Milwaukee Brewers in the 35th round of the 2012 MLB Draft out of Bethany (Kan.) College.

RailCats miss postseason for third straight season in 2016

Despite missing the American Association playoffs for the third consecutive season in 2016, The Gary SouthShore RailCats (52-48) improved by seven games from the 2015 season.

Following a 45-55 campaign 2015 season, manager Greg Tagert opened the 2016 season with 14 players from the 2015 season, most notably pitchers Eric Eadignton and Charle Rosario, and infielder Jose Sermo.

After getting swept by St. Paul in a four-game series to begin the year, the RailCats managed to finish just one game under .500 during the month of May. Gary went 4-2 at home in the month, including a sweep over Joplin in its home opening series, however, the RailCats won just two of its six games away from U.S. Steel Yard in May.

The bats were strong in May, especially Sermo, but Gary struggled as a pitching staff. Sermo batted .354 in May and led the team with eight extra-base hits, two home runs, 15 RBI, 31 total bases, a .466 OBP, .646 slugging percentage and a 1.111 OPS. The RailCats finished the month with an ERA over five and opponents batted just under .300 against Gary.

Gary improved its record to 22-17 at the end of June after finishing the month 16-10, including wins in nine of its last 11 to close out the month. While the bats cooled down in June, the pitching staff improved significantly, finishing with a 2.81 ERA for the month. Rosario won a team-high four games in June and struck out a team-best 32 while tossing a pair of complete game shutouts. Karl Triana was also outstanding in June, allowing just 10 earned runs over 40 innings while throwing a complete game shutout of his own.

However, the RailCats couldn't carry their winning ways into July, as the team finished the month .500 at 15-15. Anthony Cheky Jr. was hot at the plate in July, hitting a team-high .350 with three triples and six stolen bases. Moises Melendez went a perfect 3-0 with a save in 10 relief outings in the month. Melendez also struck out 16 batters in 20.2 innings and held opposing hitters to a .253 average.

Gary squandered its Central Division lead after dropping a season-high six straight games to begin the month of August. The RailCats closed out the last month of the year 15-16, finishing two games behind Sioux City for the Central Division Title. Frank Martinez closed out the last month of the year with a team-high .364 average, three home runs, five doubles, nine extra-base hits and a .952 OPS. Jorge De Leon finished with eight saves in the last month of the season and Rosario went 4-1 with another complete game in his last seven starts of the year.

Rosario and Gonzalez named American Association All-Stars

Right-hander pitcher Charle Rosario and catcher Jose Gonzalez represented the North Team in the 2016 American Association All-Star Game.

Gonzalez was third in the league in runners caught stealing percentage (27.5%) and was second on the team in slugging percentage (.420) at the All-Star Break last year. Overall on the year, Gonzalez batted .232 with four home runs and 21 RBIs. Gonzalez was also named the American Association Defensive Catcher of the Year, gunning down 24 of 47 attempted base stealers (34%).

Rosario went 5-3 with a 2.99 ERA in a league-high 14 starts in the first half of the season. The right-hander also tied for the first half league lead in shutouts (2) and was tied for the second in the league in complete games (2). Overall on the season, Rosario went 11-4 with a 3.13 ERA in a league-high 24 starts. Rosario's 11 wins, four complete games, 155.1 innings pitched, and 120 strikeouts were also



Pat & Lindy Salvi — Team Owners

Pat and Lindy Salvi of Chicago, Ill., purchased a 100% stake in the Gary SouthShore RailCats in April 2008.

A lifetime baseball aficionado, Mr. Salvi decided it was time to enter the world of minor league baseball and purchased his first team, the Gary SouthShore RailCats, in 2008. After finding much success with the RailCats, including reaching the playoffs in each of his first three seasons, Mr. Salvi expanded his enterprise to include a 100% interest in both the Schaumburg Boomers (Frontier League) and the North Shore Navigators (Futures Collegiate Baseball League), as well as a minority interest in the Martha's Vineyard Sharks (Futures Collegiate Baseball League). Under Mr. Salvi's leadership and direction, the mission of Salvi Sports is to combine family, fun, and baseball to provide an exceptional level of affordable family entertainment in a safe and enjoyable atmosphere. This will be the RailCats 16th season in the league.

Pat Salvi is the managing equity partner of the prominent Chicago personal injury law firm, Salvi Schostok & Pritchard, P.C. He attended Saint Mary's University in Winona, Minn., where he received his Bachelor's degree, and then received his Juris Doctorate

from the University of Notre Dame. He has published numerous articles in law journals, lectured at legal seminars, taught classes at universities such as Northwestern, Harvard and Notre Dame. He currently teaches as an adjunct professor at Notre Dame Law School. Mr. Salvi is one of the most prominent attorneys in the country, consistently recognized with "Best Lawyers in America", "Illinois Super Lawyers", and "Leading Lawyers." He has also been named as one of the top ten lawyers in Illinois for three years in a row by his peers in a survey by Illinois Super Lawyers. He currently serves on the Board of Trustees at Saint Mary's University and is the Law School Advisory Council Chairman at the University of Notre Dame. Mr. Salvi also serves as the Director of the RailCats as its representative with the American Association of Independent Baseball.

Salvi Schostok & Pritchard, P.C. represents victims in personal injury, medical malpractice and wrongful death cases.

Lindy Salvi graduated from Saint Mary's College in South Bend with a nursing degree, meeting Pat while at school. Along with raising their five sons, Lindy became an active community volunteer. She has been involved as a member, committee chairperson, board member and chairperson with School of Saint Mary of Lake Forest, Junior League of Evanston-Northshore, Carmel Catholic High School, Misericordia Heart of Mercy Homes, St. Patrick Church, Lake Forest, IL, and Holy Name Cathedral, Chicago, IL. She currently has a practice teaching AntiGravity Fitness.

The Salvi family is excited and thrilled to be part of the Northwest Indiana community and to lead the RailCats to another outstanding season in 2017. Go RailCats!



Pete Laven — President, Salvi Sports Enterprises

Pete Laven is entering his fifth season as President of Salvi Sports Enterprises, overseeing Pat Salvi-owned franchises made up of the Gary SouthShore RailCats (American Association), Schaumburg Boomers (Frontier League), North Shore Navigators (Futures Collegiate Baseball League) and the Martha's Vineyard Sharks (FCBL).

2017 will be Pete's 26th season working in professional baseball, having spent the 13 seasons with the Arkansas Travelers, the Double-A Texas League affiliate of the Los Angeles Angels. In 2006, Pete was named Texas League Executive of the Year and was promoted to General Manager in 2007, the position he held through the 2012 season.

Pete's previous stops include the Kane County Cougars (1994), Albany Polecats (1995) and Piedmont (NC) Boll Weevils (1996-99).

A native of LaGrange, Ill., Pete graduated from Eastern Illinois University in 1991. He and his wife, Holly, and daughter, Kellan, reside in Schaumburg.



Jennifer Piccione — Vice President & General Counsel, Salvi Sports Enterprises

Jennifer Piccione serves as Vice President and General Counsel to Salvi Sports Enterprises. Jennifer works closely with President, Pete Laven, in overseeing the business operations of the Salvi owned franchises made up of the Schaumburg Boomers (Frontier League), Gary Southshore RailCats (American Association), North Shore Navigators (Futures Collegiate Baseball League) and the Martha's Vineyard Sharks (FCBL). As General Counsel, she is also responsible for leading corporate strategic and tactical legal initiatives for the organization.

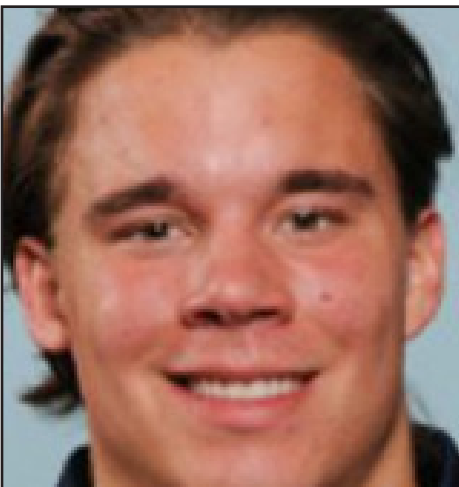
Prior to joining Salvi Sports Enterprises, Jennifer served as Chief Executive Officer of The Hum Spirits Company, a Chicago-based craft spirits company, which she co-founded. She successfully raised all of the Company's start-up capital and served on the Company's Board of Managers. Jennifer oversaw all sales and marketing efforts, achieved national distribution of the Company's product and was the lead on all strategic partnerships.

Prior to her career in the craft spirits business, Jennifer was an associate at a Chicago area

law firm where she focused on business law and general litigation. It was during this time, she developed a passion for business consulting, small business start-ups and the art of raising capital for small businesses.

Jennifer started her legal career as a criminal prosecutor for the DuPage County State's Attorney's Office. She soon earned the 1st Chair Attorney position in charge of the Domestic Violence courtroom where one of her greatest achievements was successfully prosecuting a foster mother and Chicago public school teacher for severely abusing her developmentally disabled son whom the defendant had coached to testify on her behalf. During this time, she successfully tried hundreds of bench and jury trials in both the misdemeanor and felony divisions and earned a Special Commendation Award for her service.

Jennifer received her law degree from Loyola University in Chicago and a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign. She has participated in athletics her entire life and is a die-hard Chicago sports fan. Combining her love of sports and her legal and business experience was a natural step in her career and a life-long dream.



Will Salvi — Vice President, Salvi Sports Enterprises

Will Salvi serves as Vice President of Business Operations and joined Salvi Sports Enterprises in February 2016. Will works closely with Jennifer Piccione, Pete Lavin and Mr. Salvi in overseeing the business operations.

Prior to joining Salvi Sports Enterprises, Will worked in sales and operations as an Account Manager for Chicago Beverage Systems, a Chicago beer distribution company. Will consulted and managed independent liquor stores in the Lincoln Park, Wrigleyville, and Lakeview areas of Chicago.

In addition to Salvi Sports Enterprises, Will is the owner of Salvi Food Group and owns a Ben's Soft Pretzel franchise in Forest Park, Ill.

Will received a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science from the University of Notre Dame in May 2013. Will has always been an avid sports fan. He was a member of the Notre Dame football team as a walk on for his senior year.



Brian Lyter — General Manager

Brian Lyter enters his fifth season with the RailCats serving as the club's General Manager overseeing all facets of the team. He spent the 2014 season as the RailCats Assistant General Manager and 2013 as the Director of Sales. 2017 will be Brian's ninth season in minor league baseball.

Prior to joining the RailCats Brian spent the previous four seasons with the Arkansas Travelers, the Double-A Affiliate of the Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim. He started out in 2009 as a stadium operation intern and became the Director of Stadium Operations in 2010. He worked as an Account Executive and Merchandise Manager in 2011, and was the Director of Food and Beverage for the 2012 season.

Brian, originally from Allegany, N.Y., graduated from West Virginia University with a Bachelor's degree in Sports Management, and minors in Business Administration and History. He is an avid Buffalo Bills, West Virginia Mountaineer, and New York Yankee fan. Brian, his wife, Laura, and daughter Annalee reside in Merrillville, Ind.



David Kay — Asst General Manager / Director of Tickets

David Kay returns as RailCats Assistant General Manager and Director of Tickets for the 2017 season. This year marks David's 18th season working in professional baseball.

David's previous stops include the Tulsa Drillers Double-A Texas League affiliate of the Colorado Rockies in 2013, the Arkansas Travelers, the Double-A Texas League affiliate of the Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim (2007-2012) & (1996 – 2002) and the Carolina Mudcats, the Double-A Southern League affiliate of the Florida Marlins (2006).

David attended Hendrix College located in Conway, Arkansas and graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology. David, the son of USAF parents, was born abroad in Wiesbaden, Germany. He and his wife, Sheriann, and two daughters, Hayden and Parker, reside in Crown Point, Ind. In his spare time, David enjoys taking his family camping and catching baseball games at Wrigley Field.



David Kerr — Director of Marketing & Promotions

David Kerr enters his fourth season with the RailCats as the Director of Marketing & Promotions. He spent the 2014 and 2015 seasons as Account Executive.

A seasoned marketing and sales professional, David joins us from AT&T where he was a Sales Manager for retail locations in Southwest Arkansas.

David also has experience as an Assistant Program Manager with Accent Marketing directing sales and service in support of a Fortune 500 telecommunications company. The 2017 season will be David's fifth in professional baseball, with his previous experience coming with the Arkansas Travelers, the Double-A Affiliate of the Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim.

David majored in Communication and Mass Media at Henderson State University in Arkadelphia, Ark., where he was a World Champion collegiate debater. David is a native of Akron, Ohio, and currently resides in Valparaiso, Ind. David is a devoted Cleveland sports fan, rooting for the Indians, Browns, and Cavs.



Phil West — Director of Food & Beverage

Phil West returns to the RailCats in 2017 as the Director of Food & Beverage. Phil is a Valpo native who started his food career at the Big Wheel Restaurant in 1989. This continued while earning a BS in Geography at Ball State University.

Between the years 1999-2011 he spent his time in several well-known restaurants and bars in the Chicago area, as well as, establishing Bottom Line Hospitality Group, a bar and restaurant consulting company.

In 2007, Phil returned to school and earned a second Bachelor's Degree in Hotel/Hospitality Management at Kendall College in Chicago. In 2009, he was instrumental in re-launching the Historic Ambassador East Hotel and the famous Pump Room.

Phil returned to Valparaiso in 2011 to care for his mother during her cancer treatments, until her passing. He decided that he loved all the changes that Valpo had undergone and decided to buy a house and return here permanently with his new wife Kathryn. Most recently, he was the owner/operator of Hungry, Inc., a food truck(s) and catering company serving northwest Indiana. In his free time, he is an avid motorcycle rider, camper and outdoor enthusiast.



Noah Simmons — Head Groundskeeper/Operations

Noah "Huck" Simmons returns for his seventh season to the RailCats grounds team and his second season as Head Groundskeeper. Simmons is charged with the full time and important task of maintaining the RailCats home playing surface year round.

Simmons started in Schaumburg when he was 12-years-old and worked there for two year before making his way back to Gary to work for the RailCats where he has been since. The rumors that Simmons was born at the Steel Yard are actually false but he has been a part of the operation for so long that it might seem that way.

In addition to keeping the "yard" in tip top shape Simmons also oversees facilities and operations of the US Steel Yard for the RailCats. He is 2015 graduate of Portage High School and makes his home in Hobart.



Victoria Oliver — Community Relations Manager

Victoria joined the RailCats front office as the Community Relations Manager in 2017. Oliver started with the RailCats in 2016 in the McShane's SouthShore Depot.

After graduating from West Side High School in Gary, Ind., Oliver attended IUPUI in Indianapolis, Ind., and later pursued a career in acting.

From there she came back to her hometown of Gary and continues to learn and grow more in baseball!



Kevin Edgington — Box Office Manager/ Account Executive

Kevin Edgington joins the front office staff in 2017 as Box Office Manager/Account Executive. This is Kevin's second year with the RailCats after spending 2016 on the operations and grounds crew staff.

Having been involved with sports his whole life, Kevin graduated from Ball State University with a B.S. in Sports Administration with a minor in Management. After graduating in December 2016, Kevin has come home to Crown Point, Ind.

Kevin is an avid baseball and hockey fan. His favorite teams are the St. Louis Cardinals and Chicago Blackhawks.



Jared Shlensky — Director of Broadcasting & Media Relations

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Renee Connelly — Marketing Consultant

Renee Connelly returns to the RailCats as Marketing Consultant for the 2017 season. She has served in many roles throughout the Northwest Indiana community and uses her connections to market the RailCats in the community. Renee is known for her tireless advocacy on behalf of both the City of Gary and Northwest Indiana.

Previously, she has served as Marketing Director at Indiana Dabney University and was a member of the RailCats front office during the 2005 Northern League Championship season as the Corporate Sales Executive.

Much of her work has included fund raising for education scholarships. She developed a love of sports from her days as a youth soccer coach in her native Merrillville, Ind.

Renee has three wonderful children, a beautiful daughter-in-law, a great son-in-law and six gorgeous grandchildren. Renee resides in Merrillville, Ind.

Field Manager, Greg Tagert

Greg Tagert returns to the Gary SouthShore Railcats in 2017 for his 13th season (23rd overall) as the team's manager. Tagert has won three league championships (2005, 2007, 2013) and has finished with a .500 or better record in every season except one since being named the team's manager in 2005.

Tagert was named the 2016 American Association Manager of the Year after guiding the RailCats to a 52-48 record, a seven game improvement from the 2015 season. Tagert also had four players have their contracts purchased by Major League Affiliates in 2016.

The two-time Northern League Manager of the Year has led Gary to the playoffs seven times (six straight from 2005-2010), two Central Division Titles and has helped advance 27 former RailCats to affiliated baseball, including 2006 outfielder Nathan Haynes, who played in the MLB for the Los Angeles Angels and Tampa Bay Rays from 2007-2008.

Tagert has developed three Northern League Pitchers of the Year, a Northern League Player of the Year, Rookie of the Year, Defensive Player of the Year, five Baseball America All-Independent League selections, eight full-season Northern League All-Stars and two full-season American Association All-Stars.

Before becoming a professional manager in 1995, Tagert worked as a scout for the Detroit Tigers and as a pitching coach at the University of New Mexico. A native of Vacaville, Calif., Tagert pitched collegiately at San Francisco State University.

Tagert and his wife Mary have four children (sons Ben, Josh and Sam, and daughter, Elaine).

Year-By-Year Managerial Record * = League Champs

Team	Year	Lg	Lev	G	W	L	W-L%
Ohio Valley	1995	FRON	IND	70	36	34	.514
Brianerd	1996	PRA	IND	16	7	9	.438
Evansville	1997	FRON	IND	79	46	33	.582
Evansville	1998	FRON	IND	79	43	36	.544
Evansville	1999	FRON	IND	84	43	41	.514
Evansville	2000	FRON	IND	83	45	38	.542
Dubois County	2001	FRON	IND	84	48	36	.514
Dubois County	2002	FRON	IND	84	52	32	.619
Kenosha	2003	FRON	IND	89	47	42	.528
Springfield/Ozark	2004	FRON	IND	96	52	44	.542
Gary	2005	NOR*	IND	96	54	42	.563
Gary	2006	NOR	IND	97	51	46	.526
Gary	2007	NOR*	IND	96	58	38	.604
Gary	2008	NOR	IND	96	56	40	.583
Gary	2009	NOR	IND	96	57	39	.594
Gary	2010	NOR	IND	100	52	48	.520
Gary	2011	AA	IND	100	54	46	.540
Gary	2012	AA	IND	100	50	50	.500
Gary	2013	AA*	IND	99	58	41	.586
Gary	2014	AA	IND	100	53	47	.530
Gary	2015	AA	IND	100	45	55	.450
Gary	2016	AA	IND	100	52	48	.520
Total	1995-2016	IND	1,944	1,059	885	.545	
Gary	2005-2016	IND	1,180	640	540	.542	

Pitching Coach, Alain Quijano

Alain Quijano returns to the Gary SouthShore RailCats in 2017 for his third straight season as the team's pitching coach. Since being named the team's pitching coach in 2015, Quijano has had two players have their contracts purchased by Major League Affiliates (LHP Alex Gunn, 2016 (Arizona Diamondbacks); RHP Christian Herstine, 2016 (New York Yankees)).

Quijano played nine seasons of Independent Professional Baseball, including three with Gary (2009, 2011, 2013). Quijano's best season with the RailCats was on the 2013 Championship Team, where the southpaw won a career-high 12 games. Quijano finished the season 12-7 with a 4.05 ERA in 21 starts, striking out 82 batters in 133.1 innings. Quijano also holds the RailCats' single-season record for complete games in a season (three). Quijano concluded his professional baseball career in 2014 with the York Revolution of the Atlantic League, posting a 10-10 record with a 4.59 ERA in a career-high 28 starts and 168.2 innings pitched.

A native of Des Moines, Iowa, Quijano pitched collegiately at Grand View University. Before becoming the RailCats' pitching coach in 2016, Quijano was an assistant coach at his alma mater Grand View University, Moraine Valley Community College and City College of Chicago.

Hitting Coach, Bobby Spain

Bobby Spain returns to the Gary SouthShore RailCats in 2017 for his second straight season as the team's hitting coach. Since being named the team's hitting coach in 2016, Spain has had one position player have their contract purchased by a Major League Affiliate (C Jose Gonzalez, 2016).

Spain played four seasons of professional baseball (three affiliated, one independent). Spain's professional baseball career began in 2007 after being drafted by the Pittsburgh Pirates in the 19th round of the 2007 MLB Draft out of Oklahoma City University. Spain spent three seasons in the Pirates organization, reaching as high as Lo-A. A native of Colorado Springs, Colo., Spain was selected by the San Diego Padres in the 39th round of the 2004 MLB Draft out of Norman High School but didn't sign.

First Base Coach, John Mrugala

John Mrugala joins the Gary SouthShore RailCats for his first season in 2017 as the team's first base coach. Mrugala was the Windy City Thunderbolts (Frontier League) Bullpen Coach in 2010 before being promoted to bench coach in 2011. Mrugala was also an assistant coach at Robert Morris University-Chicago. A native of Oak Lawn, Ill., Mrugala played high school baseball at Oak Lawn High School.

Third Base Coach, J.T. Scara

J.T. Scara returns to the Gary SouthShore RailCats in 2017 for his second straight season as the team's third base coach. Scara previously served as the Windy City Thunderbolts (Frontier League) bullpen coach for two seasons and was an assistant coach at McKendree University and Robert Morris University-Chicago. A native of New Lenox, Ill., Scara played collegiately at Moraine Valley Community College, Rockford College and Robert Morris University-Chicago.



#29 **Jorge De Leon** **RHP (Disabled List)**

HT: 6-1

WT: 205

Bats/Throws: R/R

Age: 29

Born: 08/15/81

Status: LS-5

Hometown: Azua, Dominican Republic

Acquired: Signed as a free agent, July 6, 201

Former MLB pitcher Jorge De Leon returns for the 2017 campaign after going 0-2 with a 1.70 ERA and a team-high 11 saves in 21 relief appearances.

De Leon made his MLB debut with the Houston Astros in 2013, and finished the year with 11 total relief outings. The 29-year-old also became the first pitcher in over a century to retire the side on three pitches after setting the Cincinnati Reds down in order in the 12th inning on September 18, 2013.

De Leon made eight more relief appearances with the Astros in 2014, finishing without a record and a 4.91 ERA. After spending time in the MLB with Houston in 2013 and 2014, De Leon split time between Double-A and Triple-A in the Los Angeles Dodgers and Miami Marlins organizations in 2015, finishing 1-5 with two saves and a 4.75 ERA in 42 combined outings.

The right-hander began his professional career as a shortstop in 2006 after being signed by Houston out of Azua, D.R. De Leon converted to pitching in 2010, and spent a total of 10 seasons in the minors.

Pitching Stats

Year	Team	Record	ERA	G	GS	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	HR	HB	BB	SO	WP	WHIP
2010	TC (NYP)	2-1	0.64	23	0	0	6	28	26	5	2	0	1	12	29	2	1.35
2011	LEX (SAL)	6-4	3.42	43	0	0	16	55.1	48	29	21	5	1	13	51	5	1.10
2012	LAN (CAL)	2-9	7.70	40	14	0	6	87.2	116	88	75	11	4	44	60	9	1.83
2013	HOU (AL)	0-1	5.40	11	0	0	0	10	12	7	6	1	1	7	6	2	1.90
2013	OKC (PCL)	0-0	0.60	12	0	0	6	15	8	1	1	0	0	2	12	0	0.66
2013	CC (TL)	0-3	4.27	29	3	0	6	52.2	42	26	25	7	7	15	36	3	1.08
2014	HOU (AL)	0-0	4.91	8	0	0	0	7.1	9	4	4	2	0	2	4	1	1.63
2014	OKC (PCL)	3-3	2.62	31	0	0	3	48	46	16	14	0	1	16	43	1	1.29
2014	CC (TL)	1-2	3.98	15	0	0	2	20.1	18	10	9	5	1	7	18	2	1.23
2015	OKC (PCL)	0-1	10.80	5	1	0	0	6.2	13	8	8	4	0	6	5	2	2.85
2015	NO (PCL)	0-1	4.76	3	0	0	0	5.2	5	3	3	0	0	3	4	0	1.41
2015	TUL (TL)	1-3	3.80	34	0	0	2	42.2	39	19	18	4	0	18	27	5	1.33
2016	GAR (AA)	0-2	1.71	21	0	0	11	31.2	24	9	6	1	2	17	32	1	1.29
Career Totals		16-33	4.19	305	18	0	58	436	438	239	203	44	13	175	342	34	1.40



#40 **Laetten Galbraith** **RHP**

HT: 6-1

WT: 215

B/T: R/R

Age: 24

Born: 06/01/92

Status: LS-1

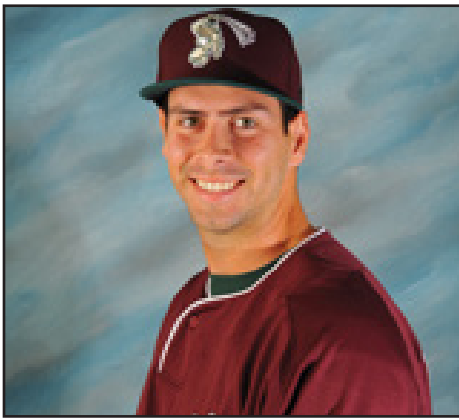
Hometown: Shreveport, Louisiana

Acquired: Traded from Ottawa (CAMA) on Nov. 4 as part of

Galbraith joins Gary for his first season in the American Association after playing for the Ottawa Champions of Canadian-American Association in 2015 and 2016. Galbraith went 3-7 with a 5.01 ERA in 23 games (13 starts) last season. In 2015, Galbraith went 4-5 with a 4.02 ERA in 16 games (10 starts) for the Champions. The 24-year-old made 50 appearances over three years at Louisiana Tech, finishing second on the team with a 3.44 ERA as a senior.

Pitching Stats

Year	Team	Record	ERA	G	GS	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	HR	HB	BB	SO	WP	WHIP
2015	OTT (CAMA)	4-5	4.02	16	10	0	0	69.1	82	34	31	4	4	23	22	0	1.51
2016	OTT (CAMA)	3-7	5.01	23	13	0	0	97	104	58	54	7	9	29	43	5	1.37
Career Totals		7-12	4.60	39	23	0	0	166.1	186	92	85	11	13	52	65	5	1.43



#50 Alex Gunn
LHP
HT: 6-4 **WT:** 210 **B/T:** L/L
Age: 25 **Born:** 09/08/91 **Status:** Rookie
Hometown: Clinton, Mississippi

Acquired: Signed as a free agent, April 11, 2017

Gunn went 2-0 with one save and a 3.37 ERA in 12 games (six starts) for the RailCats before having his contract purchased by the Arizona Diamondbacks on July 7, 2016. After moving to the starting rotation on June 7, the southpaw allowed just eight runs in his six starts (2.20 ERA) for Gary. Gunn pitched for both the Arizona League Diamondbacks and the Kane County Cougars (Lo-A) last year, finishing 5-4 with a 3.36 ERA in 11 games (four starts). The RailCats originally acquired Gunn on August 17, 2015, as part of a three-player trade with Laredo, however, Gunn did not pitch for Gary in 2015.

Pitching Stats

Year	Team	Record	ERA	G	GS	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	HR	HB	BB	SO	WP	WHIP
2015	LAR (AA)	0-1	6.46	4	2	0	0	15.1	18	12	11	5	0	6	7	0	1.56
2016	GAR (AA)	2-0	3.38	12	6	0	1	42.2	38	19	16	1	1	11	23	1	1.14
2016	DBA(AZL)	3-4	3.45	9	2	0	0	47	53	23	18	0	2	4	42	2	1.21
2016	KC (MID)	2-0	3.00	2	2	0	0	12	15	4	4	2	1	1	4	0	1.33
Career Totals		7-5	3.37	27	12	0	1	117	124	58	49	8	4	22	76	3	1.14



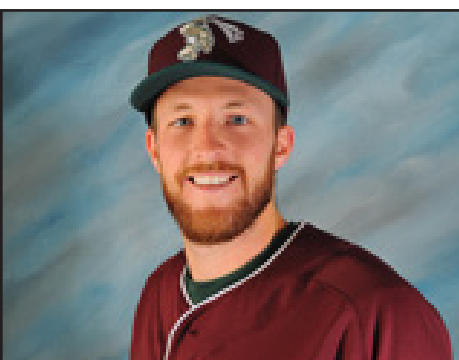
#46 Tyler Harris
RHP
HT: 6-2 **WT:** 215 **B/T:** R/R
Age: 28 **Born:** 04/01/89 **Status:** Rookie
Hometown: Houston, Texas

Acquired: Signed as a free agent, May 10, 2017

Harris signed with the Railcats on May 10, 2017. He spent the 2016 season in the American Association with both the Fargo-Moorhead RedHawks and the Texas AirHogs and had a total of 26 (7 starts) appearances. The Houston, Texas native played at St. Edwards University in Austin, Texas prior to playing professionally.

Pitching Stats

Year	Team	Record	ERA	G	GS	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	HR	HB	BB	SO	WP	WHIP
2016	FM(AA)	0-1	10.57	2	2	0	0	7.2	10	11	9	2	0	4	7	2	1.82
2016	TX (AA)	2-2	4.99	24	5	0	0	48.2	59	32	27	4	2	22	39	6	1.66
Career Totals		2-3	5.75	26	7	0	0	56.1	69	43	36	6	2	26	46	8	1.69



#35 Drasen Johnson
RHP
HT: 6-3 **WT:** 200 **B/T:** R/R
Age: 25 **Born:** 12/23/91 **Status:** LS-1
Hometown: Chillicothe, Illinois

Acquired: Signed as a free agent, April 17, 2017

Johnson signed as a free agent on April 17, 2017. Johnson was drafted by the Colorado Rockies in the 26th round of the 2015 MLB Draft out of the University of Illinois. Johnson pitched for two seasons in the Rockies organization, reaching as high as Lo-A. In 2016, Johnson went 7-5 with a 4.34 ERA in 37 games (11 starts) for the Asheville Tourists.

Pitching Stats

Year	Team	Record	ERA	G	GS	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	HR	HB	BB	SO	WP	WHIP
2015	BOI (NORW)	2-4	2.37	15	4	0	0	38	39	13	10	1	0	13	28	0	1.36
2016	ASH (SAL)	7-5	4.34	37	11	0	0	110	137	64	53	14	3	23	62	4	1.45
Career Totals		9-9	3.83	52	15	0	0	148	176	77	63	15	3	36	90	4	1.43



#11 Jeff McKenzie **LHP**
HT: 6-0 **WT:** 170 **B/T:** L/L
Age: 26 **Born:** 05/15/91 **Status:** LS-1

Hometown: El Dorado Hills, California

Acquired: Traded from Lincoln on January 4, in exchange for RHP Richard Castillo

McKenzie returns to the American Association in 2017 after pitching for Lincoln in 2016. The southpaw went 5-4 with a 4.32 ERA in 30 games (seven starts) for the Saltdogs last season. McKenzie was drafted out of CSU-Bakersfield in 2013 by the Chicago White Sox in the 28th round of the MLB Draft. McKenzie began his professional career with Great Falls in 2013, going 4-0 with six saves and a 1.44 ERA in 16 relief outings. McKenzie began the 2014 season with Great Falls before being promoted to Kannapolis (Lo-A) in the middle of the season. McKenzie went 3-5 with a 5.60 ERA and one complete game in 13 games (10 starts) for the Intimidators.

Pitching Stats

Year	Team	Record	ERA	G	GS	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	HR	HB	BB	SO	WP	WHIP
2013	GF (PION)	4-0	1.44	16	0	0	6	25	13	4	4	0	0	6	23	1	0.76
2014	GF (PION)	1-0	1.59	2	2	0	0	11.1	7	4	2	1	0	0	4	0	0.61
2014	KAN (SAL)	3-5	5.60	13	10	0	0	62.2	79	41	39	8	0	15	36	2	1.50
2016	LIN (AA)	5-4	4.32	30	7	0	4	66.2	84	42	32	1	1	20	29	0	1.56
Career Totals		13-9	4.18	61	19	0	10	165.2	183	91	77	10	1	41	92	5	1.35



#48 Carlos Misell **RHP (Inactive List)**
HT: 5-11 **WT:** 180 **B/T:** R/R
Age: 25 **Born:** 04/25/92 **Status:** LS-2

Hometown: Valencia, Venezuela

Acquired: Signed as a free agent, February 23, 2017

Misell returns to the American Association in 2017 after finishing the 2016 campaign 2-8 with six saves and a 5.82 ERA in 36 games (eight starts) for the Texas Airhogs. A native of Valencia, VZ, Misell signed with the Seattle Mariners in 2013 and began his professional baseball career with the AZL Mariners that summer. Misell spent three seasons in the Mariners organization, reaching as high as Hi-A in 2015.

Pitching Stats

Year	Team	Record	ERA	G	GS	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	HR	HB	BB	SO	WP	WHIP
2013	MAR (AZL)	0-0	0.00	2	0	0	0	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0.67
2013	PUL (APP)	2-0	0.00	5	0	0	0	4.2	2	0	0	0	0	1	10	0	0.64
2014	CLI (MID)	8-12	4.90	26	26	0	0	126.2	149	82	69	15	4	48	96	9	1.55
2015	BAK (CAL)	5-7	5.25	34	8	0	2	84	85	53	49	15	1	36	66	4	1.44
2016	TX (AA)	2-8	5.82	36	8	0	6	77.1	97	56	50	10	4	24	56	2	1.56
Career Totals		19-29	5.19	137	42	0	8	333	390	217	192	44	11	131	249	17	1.56



#18 **Charle Rosario** **RHP**
HT: 5-10 **WT:** 190 **B/T:** R/R
Age: 28 **Born:** 07/23/88 **Status:** Veteran
Hometown: La Vega, Dominican Republic

Acquired: Signed as a free agent, 2015

Rosario returns to the Gary SouthShore RailCats for the 2017 season after being named an American Association All-Star in 2016. The right-hander led the league in starts (24) and led the RailCats in wins (11), complete games (4), innings pitched (155.1) and strike-outs (120) last year. Rosario began his RailCat career in 2015, going 12-8 with a 3.81 ERA in 22 starts.

Rosario signed with the Boston Red Sox in 2007 at the age of 18 out of La Vega, D.R. The right-hander spent five seasons in Boston's minor league system, reaching as high as Double-A. Rosario began his Independent Professional Baseball career with the Les Capitales de Quebec of the Canadian-American Association in 2013, finishing 0-2 with a 3.78 ERA. The following season Rosario signed with the Schaumburg Boomers of the Frontier League, going 2-0 with a 4.76 ERA in seven starts.

Pitching Stats

Year	Team	Record	ERA	G	GS	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	HR	HB	BB	SO	WP	WHIP
2008	LOW (NYPL)	2-2	3.63	17	0	0	2	44.2	48	21	18	4	2	12	33	1	1.34
2009	LOW (NYPL)	1-1	4.86	8	0	0	0	16.2	22	10	9	1	1	5	20	2	1.62
2009	RSOX (GCL)	3-0	0.00	5	1	0	3	15	11	0	0	0	1	0	10	0	0.73
2009	GRE (SAL)	0-0	1.42	2	0	0	0	6.1	6	6	4	1	2	2	6	0	1.26
2010	LOW (NYPL)	1-0	4.07	17	0	0	2	55.1	60	31	25	5	1	18	50	3	1.41
2011	GRE (SAL)	6-1	4.66	31	1	0	4	58	71	33	30	4	0	22	53	4	1.60
2011	POR (EAS)	1-0	2.08	4	0	0	2	8.2	8	5	2	1	0	1	10	1	1.03
2012	GRE (SAL)	1-0	4.80	7	0	0	0	15	12	8	8	2	0	4	17	2	1.06
2012	SAL (CAR)	4-2	4.91	20	2	0	2	51.1	55	30	28	5	3	5	36	2	1.36
2012	POR (EAS)	2-1	8.40	8	0	0	2	15	19	16	14	5	1	10	17	1	1.93
2013	QUE (CAMA)	0-2	3.78	17	2	0	1	33.1	27	16	14	12	3	12	22	2	1.17
2014	SCH (FRON)	2-0	4.76	7	7	0	0	39.2	46	23	21	3	2	12	34	0	1.46
2015	GAR (AA)	12-8	4.07	22	22	0	0	137	147	62	58	6	1	32	89	3	1.30
2016	GAR (AA)	11-4	3.13	24	24	2	0	155.1	141	59	54	14	4	46	120	6	1.20
Career Totals		49-24	3.88	203	71	2	13	715.1	727	350	308	55	22	203	573	33	1.30



#25 Braulio Torres-Perez LHP
HT: 5-11 **WT:** 196 **B/T:** L/L
Age: 24 **Born:** 04/09/93 **Status:** Rookie

Hometown: Federal Way, Washington

Acquired: Signed as a free agent, July 25, 2016

Torres-Perez returns to Gary in 2017 after making two appearances (one start) in 2016. Before joining the RailCats in 2016, Torres-Perez pitched for the Florence Freedom of the Frontier League. Torres-Perez went 4-0 with a 3.21 ERA and a save in seven games (five starts) for Florence. The southpaw went 11-1 with a 2.92 ERA and 95 strikeouts as a senior in 2016 at Bellevue University, earning First Team All-NSAA Honors and a NSAA Gold Glove.

Pitching Stats

Year	Team	Record	ERA	G	GS	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	HR	HB	BB	SO	WP	WHIP
2016	FLO (FRON)	4-0	3.47	7	5	0	1	33.2	33	15	12	2	3	11	22	0	1.30
2016	GAR (AA)	0-0	6.75	2	1	0	0	2.2	5	5	2	0	0	0	2	1	1.87
Career Totals		4-0	3.47	9	6	0	1	36.1	38	20	14	2	3	11	24	1	1.34



#54 Conrad Wozniak RHP
HT: 6-0 **WT:** 240 **B/T:** R/R
Age: 23 **Born:** 07/08/93 **Status:** Rookie

Hometown: Cypress, Texas

Acquired: Signed as a free agent, June 30, 2016

Wozniak returns to the RailCats in 2017 after finishing the 2016 season without a record and a 1.04 ERA. The right-hander appeared in seven games (three starts), striking out 17 and walking just three in 17.1 innings. A native of Cypress, Texas, Wozniak was named to the America East All-Conference Team, ABCA/Rawlings NCAA All-Region Second Team and the America East Pitcher of the Year as a junior at UMBC (University of Maryland at Baltimore County) in 2015. As a junior, Wozniak went 4-1 in 12 starts, finishing with an America East-best 1.48 ERA.

Pitching Stats

Year	Team	Record	ERA	G	GS	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	HR	HB	BB	SO	WP	WHIP
2016	GAR (AA)	0-0	1.04	7	3	0	0	17.1	11	2	2	0	0	3	17	0	0.80
Career Totals		0-0	1.04	7	3	0	0	17.1	11	2	2	0	0	3	17	0	0.80

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#26 Anthony Cheky Jr. OF
HT: 6-1 **WT:** 195 **B/T:** L/L
Age: 24 **Born:** 10/25/92 **Status:** Rookie
Hometown: Portage, Indiana

Acquired: Signed as a free agent, May 6, 2016
 Cheky Jr. returns to Gary in 2017 for his third straight year after hitting .300 with 16 RBIs, nine extra-base hits and eight stolen bases in 38 games with the RailCats in 2016. Cheky Jr. had his contract purchased by the Arizona Diamondbacks on December 2, 2015, but wasn't signed out of Spring Training. Cheky Jr. began his professional baseball career in 2015 with Gary, hitting .375 with 3 RBIs in three games (11 at-bats).

A Portage High School alum, Cheky Jr. played collegiately at Michigan State University, hitting .312 with 20 RBIs, 12 stolen bases and seven extra-base hits as a senior in 2015. Cheky Jr. led the Big Ten with 29 stolen bases as a junior in 2014 and led the Spartans in stolen bases with 15 as a sophomore in 2013. Cheky Jr. batted .311 as a freshman in 2012 and finished with a team-high 15 stolen bases. Cheky Jr. batted .486 with four home runs, four triples, 11 doubles, 21 stolen bases, 34 runs and 36 RBIs, earning the 2011 Northwest Indiana Times Player of the Year and IHSAABCA 4A First-Team All-State honors.

Batting Stats

Year	Team	G	PA	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SB	CS	BB	SO	AVG	OBP	SLG	OPS
2015	GAR (AA)	3	11	8	1	3	1	0	0	3	0	0	1	0	.375	.400	.500	.900
2016	GAR (AA)	38	144	120	19	36	6	3	0	16	8	5	15	11	.300	.381	.400	.781
Career Totals		41	155	128	20	39	7	3	0	19	8	5	16	11	.305	.383	.406	.789



#34 Alex Crosby IF
HT: 6-1 **WT:** 190 **B/T:** L/R
Age: 23 **Born:** 07/30/93 **Status:** Rookie
Hometown: Vacaville, California

Acquired: Signed as a free agent, June 28, 2015
 Crosby begins his third season with the RailCats in 2017 after leading the team in at-bats (311) and hits (91) in 2016. The infielder batted .293 with three homers, 16 extra-base hits, 44 RBIs and six stolen bases last season. Crosby began his RailCat career in 2015, batting .200 with six hits and three doubles in 30 at-bats. Crosby was signed by Gary out of Sonoma State University after hitting .365 with four home runs, 31 RBIs, nine stolen bases and 17 extra-base hits as senior.

Batting Stats

Year	Team	G	PA	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SB	CS	BB	SO	AVG	OBP	SLG	OPS
2015	GAR (AA)	10	31	20	3	6	3	0	0	1	1	0	0	4	.200	.226	.300	.536
2016	GAR (AA)	86	348	311	31	91	13	0	3	44	6	2	28	38	.293	.356	.363	.720
Career Totals		96	379	341	34	97	16	0	3	45	7	2	28	42	.284	.346	.358	.703

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#1 **Andy De Jesus** **IF**
HT: 5-10 **WT:** 175 **B/T:** S/R
Age: 22 **Born:** 11/09/94 **Status:** Rookie
Hometown: Santiago, Dominican Republic

Acquired: Signed as a free agent, July 25, 2016
 De Jesus returns to Gary for his second season after hitting .262 with two home runs, 13 RBIs and four stolen bases in 25 games last season. De Jesus signed with Gary after earning Missouri Valley Conference First Team and All Defensive Team honors at Indiana State University as a senior. A native of Santo Domingo, DOR, De Jesus began his collegiate career at Iowa Central University. In 2013, De Jesus earned NJCAA First Team All-Region honors, hitting a team-best .379 with 40 RBIs and 11 stolen bases.

Batting Stats

Year	Team	G	PA	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SB	CS	BB	SO	AVG	OBP	SLG	OPS
2016	GAR (AA)	25	88	84	11	22	2	1	2	13	4	1	2	19	.262	.276	.381	.657
Career Totals		25	88	84	11	22	2	1	2	13	4	1	2	19	.262	.276	.381	.657



#6 **Jaime Del Valle** **C**
HT: 6-1 **WT:** 190 **B/T:** S/R
Age: 27 **Born:** 01/30/90 **Status:** LS-4
Hometown: Barranquilla, Columbia

Acquired: Traded from Evansville (FRON) to Gary on June 11, 2015

Del Valle returns to Gary for his third straight season in 2017 after hitting .270 with nine RBIs, 22 walks and a stolen base in 2016. Del Valle, a switch hitter, batted .251 in his first season with the RailCats in 2015, totaling 22 RBIs, seven extra-base hits and two stolen bases. A native of Barranquilla, COL, Del Valle began his professional baseball career with the Chicago White Sox in the Dominican Summer League in 2008. Del Valle played in the DSL for four years, earning DSL Post-Season honors in 2009. Del Valle hit .299 with a .414 OBP, two home runs, 28 RBI and eight stolen bases. Del Valle began his Independent Professional Baseball career in 2014, playing for the Evansville Otters of the Frontier League and both the Vallejo Admirals and Sonoma Stompers of the Pacific Association.

Batting Stats

Year	Team	G	PA	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SB	CS	BB	SO	AVG	OBP	SLG	OPS
2014	VAL (PACA)	12	43	39	6	10	3	0	0	7	0	0	4	6	.256	.326	.333	.659
2014	SON (PACA)	22	93	81	11	20	2	0	0	12	6	1	11	14	.247	.344	.272	.616
2014	EV (FRON)	9	30	25	4	8	2	0	0	2	0	0	3	4	.320	.393	.400	.793
2015	EV (FRON)	12	45	41	5	11	3	0	0	5	0	0	3	5	.268	.318	.341	.660
2015	GAR (AA)	58	199	175	18	44	6	1	0	22	2	1	15	24	.251	.318	.297	.615
2016	GAR (AA)	35	100	12	27	5	0	0	0	9	1	1	22	14	.270	.400	.320	.700
Career Totals		329	1180	984	142	260	36	9	2	128	28	19	145	134	.264	.371	.325	.696

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#19 Ryan Fitzgerald IF
HT: 5-11 **WT:** 180 **B/T:** L/R
Age: 22 **Born:** 06/17/94 **Status:** Rookie
Hometown: Burr Ridge, Ill.
Acquired: Signed as a free agent, 2017

Fitzgerald begins his professional baseball career in 2017 with Gary after hitting .230 with one homer, 24 RBIs, three stolen bases and 14 extra-base hits as a senior at Creighton University in 2016. Fitzgerald's best collegiate year came in 2015, where the middle infielder was named All-Big East Second Team and to the Big East All-Tournament Team. A native of Burr Ridge, Ill., Fitzgerald hit .279 with a team-high four home runs, 13 doubles and 80 total bases as a junior.

No Professional Stats



#16 Wilfredo Gimenez C
HT: 5-11 **WT:** 209 **B/T:** R/R
Age: 26 **Born:** 12/18/90 **Status:** Veteran
Hometown: Maracay, Venezuela
Acquired: Signed as a free agent, 2017

Gimenez joins the RailCats in 2017 after last playing professional baseball three years ago for the Jacksonville Suns (Double-A). Gimenez batted .243 with a home run, 22 RBIs and two stolen bases in 44 games for the Suns in 2014. Gimenez was also invited to the Miami Marlins' Big League Camp for the first time in 2014.

A native of Maracay, VZ, Gimenez signed with the Marlins in 2008 at the age of 17, spending six seasons in their minor league system. Gimenez's best season offensively came in 2012, where the catcher batted .266 with two homers and 24 RBIs in 87 games for Greensboro (Lo-A).

Batting Stats

Year	Team	G	PA	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SB	CS	BB	SO	AVG	OBP	SLG	OPS
2009	MAR (GCL)	35	122	104	17	29	7	0	1	22	1	1	14	9	.279	.358	.375	.733
2010	JAM (NYPL)	32	116	106	11	24	3	0	2	11	0	1	8	21	.226	.284	.311	.596
2011	GRE (SAL)	72	268	251	33	63	13	1	3	32	0	1	9	44	.251	.284	.347	.630
2012	GRE (SAL)	87	349	323	36	86	11	2	2	24	0	0	22	43	.266	.311	.331	.643
2013	JUP (FSL)	80	297	278	23	66	16	1	0	33	1	0	10	52	.237	.269	.302	.571
2014	JAC (SL)	44	152	148	9	36	8	0	1	21	2	0	3	18	.243	.257	.318	.574
Career Totals		406	1542	1422	156	360	69	6	10	162	5	5	85	202	.253	.298	.331	.630



#2 Kris Goodman IF
HT: 6-1 **WT:** 196 **B/T:** R/R
Age: 24 **Born:** 01/05/93 **Status:** Rookie
Hometown: St. Paul, Minnesota
Acquired: Signed as a free agent, August 26, 2016

Goodman returns to Gary in 2017 after hitting .238 with three extra-base hits, three RBIs and a stolen base in seven games for the RailCats in 2016. Goodman's professional baseball career began in 2015 after being drafted by the Miami Marlins in the 32nd round of the MLB Draft out of the University of Iowa. A native of St. Paul, Minn., Goodman spent two seasons in the Marlins minors league system, reaching as high as Low-A.

Batting Stats

Year	Team	G	PA	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SB	CS	BB	SO	AVG	OBP	SLG	OPS
2015	MAR (GCL)	30	86	72	5	17	1	0	1	4	2	5	8	16	.236	.353	.292	.645
2015	BAT (NYPL)	22	89	78	9	20	3	0	0	3	2	2	11	19	.256	.348	.295	.643
2016	GRE (SAL)	20	61	52	4	8	0	0	0	1	2	0	7	15	.154	.267	.154	.421
2016	GAR (AA)	7	24	21	5	5	2	1	0	3	1	0	3	4	.238	.333	.429	.762
Career Totals		79	260	223	23	50	6	1	1	11	7	7	29	54	.224	.329	.274	.603

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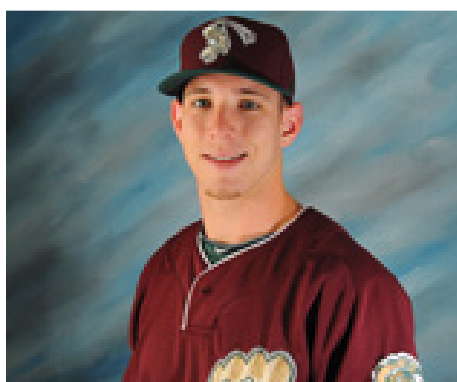
#7 Chase Harris OF
HT: 6-0 **WT:** 195 **B/T:** R/R
Age: 25 **Born:** 07/28/91 **Status:** LS-1
Hometown: Boise, Idaho

Acquired: Signed as a free agent, July 23, 2016
 Harris returns to Gary in 2017 after hitting .299 with one home run, 12 RBIs, eight stolen bases and 23 runs in 38 games for the RailCats last season. Prior to joining the RailCats, Harris played for the Lincoln Saltdogs, batting .191 with four RBIs, a double and three stolen bases in 25 games.

A native of Boise, Idaho, Harris was drafted by the Philadelphia Phillies in the 14th round of the 2014 MLB Draft out of the University of New Mexico. Harris spent two seasons in the Phillies minor league system, reaching as high as Hi-A. Harris's best offensive season came in 2015. In 65 games for Clearwater, Harris hit .265 with seven extra-base hits, 18 RBIs, 15 stolen bases and 29 runs.

Batting Stats

Year	Team	G	PA	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SB	CS	BB	SO	AVG	OBP	SLG	OPS
2015	PHI (GCL)	7	30	27	4	9	1	1	0	1	4	0	1	3	.333	.367	.444	.811
2015	WIL (NYPL)	26	83	75	3	15	2	0	0	7	3	4	5	19	.200	.277	.227	.504
2015	LAK (SAL)	24	92	80	9	18	2	1	0	5	6	2	5	8	.225	.292	.275	.567
2015	CLE (FSL)	65	254	230	29	61	6	1	0	18	15	6	14	46	.265	.316	.300	.616
2016	LIN (AA)	25	103	89	11	17	1	0	0	4	3	3	9	18	.191	.282	.202	.484
2016	GAR (AA)	38	152	134	23	40	4	0	1	12	8	3	7	26	.299	.347	.351	.698
Career Totals		185	714	635	79	160	16	3	1	47	39	18	41	119	.252	.312	.291	.603



#13 John Holland IF
HT: 5-11 **WT:** 185 **B/T:** L/R
Age: 24 **Born:** 04/16/93 **Status:** Rookie
Hometown: Johns Creek, Georgia

Acquired: Signed as a free agent, July 8, 2016
 Holland returns to Gary in 2017 after batting .302 with a home run, 14 RBIs and a stolen base in 2016. Before signing with Gary in 2016, Holland played two games for the River City Rascals of the Frontier League. Holland batted .229 with 12 RBIs as a redshirt-senior at Mississippi State University. In 2015, Holland hit .323 with 17 RBIs, 28 runs, 20 walks, eight stolen bases and eight extra-base hits for the Bulldogs. A native of John Creek, Ga., Holland finished with a school-record .922 fielding percentage at second base as a junior.

Batting Stats

Year	Team	G	PA	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SB	CS	BB	SO	AVG	OBP	SLG	OPS
2016	RC (FRON)	2	6	6	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	.000	.000	.000	.000
2016	GAR (AA)	44	151	129	19	39	1	0	1	14	1	1	14	41	.302	.385	.333	.718
Career Totals		46	157	135	19	39	1	0	1	14	1	1	14	43	.289	.370	.319	.689

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#15 Frank Martinez IF
HT: 6-1 **WT:** 198 **B/T:** S/R
Age: 31 **Born:** 07/19/85 **Status:** Veteran
Hometown: Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic
Acquired: Claimed off waivers from Sioux Falls on June 11, 2016

Martinez returns to Gary in 2017 after hitting .301 with seven home runs, 20 extra-base hits, 10 stolen bases and a team-high 56 RBIs in 2016. Before joining the RailCats in 2016, Martinez played for the Sioux Falls Canaries, batting .215 with four home runs and 15 RBIs in 22 games.

A native of Santo Domingo, DOR, Martinez signed with the Oakland Athletics at the age of 17 in 2003. Martinez, a switch-hitter, spent five years in Oakland's minor league system, reaching as high as Double-A. Martinez's best season offensively in the A's organization came in 2007 with the Stockton Ports. Martinez hit .261 with 12 home runs, 60 RBI, 46 extra-base hits and 14 stolen bases.

Prior to being claimed off waivers by the RailCats in 2016, Martinez played for the Normal Cornbelters, Evansville Otters and Southern Illinois Miners of the Frontier League from 2011-2015. In 2015, Martinez was named a Frontier League All-Star with the Miners after hitting .271 with four home runs, 50 RBIs, seven stolen bases, 21 extra-base hits and a team-best 57 walks and .375 on-base percentage.

Batting Stats

Year	Team	G	PA	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SB	CS	BB	SO	AVG	OBP	SLG	OPS
2004	ATH (AZL)	47	195	174	25	36	7	5	3	21	5	5	13	31	.207	.271	.356	.627
2005	ATH (AZL)	35	146	117	28	24	6	0	1	7	3	2	24	39	.205	.354	.282	.636
2005	VAN (NORW)	14	61	48	6	8	1	0	0	3	3	1	12	18	.167	.328	.188	.515
2006	KC (MID)	117	476	414	72	108	25	2	7	58	11	3	44	81	.261	.344	.382	.726
2007	STO (CAL)	131	544	499	65	133	28	6	12	60	14	4	35	96	.267	.320	.419	.739
2008	STO (CAL)	114	480	433	65	121	24	4	6	42	5	5	36	60	.279	.337	.395	.732
2008	MID (TL)	14	56	50	7	13	1	1	1	5	1	0	3	6	.260	.296	.380	.676
2009	STO (CAL)	118	481	430	48	112	21	6	5	46	7	4	41	75	.260	.326	.372	.698
2011	NOR (FRON)	92	428	374	80	114	25	4	14	65	12	4	47	44	.305	.382	.505	.887
2012	EV (FRON)	36	136	124	13	28	8	0	1	16	5	1	11	14	.226	.294	.315	.609
2013	EV (FRON)	91	393	363	40	100	14	6	6	48	9	6	28	50	.275	.327	.397	.724
2014	SOU (FRON)	80	365	312	57	99	20	5	9	64	5	4	42	37	.317	.393	.500	.893
2015	SOU (FRON)	94	390	321	55	87	14	3	4	50	7	1	57	45	.271	.375	.371	.746
2016	SF (AA)	22	87	79	13	17	4	0	4	15	0	0	6	8	.215	.279	.418	.697
2016	GAR (AA)	70	309	266	45	80	13	3	7	56	10	3	36	37	.301	.383	.451	.834
Career Totals		1086	4562	4015	62	1082	211	45	81	559	97	43	435	664	.269	.343	.405	.748

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#14 Cameron Newell OF
HT: 6-1 **WT:** 190 **B/T:** L/R
Age: 25 **Born:** 08/01/91 **Status:** Rookie
Hometown: Roseburg, Oregon
Acquired: Signed as a free agent, 2016

Newell returns to Gary in 2017 after hitting .303 with a .404 OBP, 14 extra-base hits, 24 RBIs and four stolen bases in 2016 with the RailCats. Newell began his professional baseball career in 2015 with the Gulf Coast League Marlins after getting selected by the Miami Marlins in the 35th round of the 2015 MLB Draft out of UC-Santa Barbara. A native of Roseburg, Ore., Newell hit .309 with two extra-base hits, three RBIs and four stolen bases in 19 games for the GCL Marlins before getting promoted to the New York Penn League. Newell hit .106 with seven extra-base hits and three RBIs for Batavia (Class-A Short Season) to close out the 2015 season.

Batting Stats

Year	Team	G	PA	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SB	CS	BB	SO	AVG	OBP	SLG	OPS
2015	MAR (GCL)	19	63	55	6	17	2	0	0	3	4	3	7	13	.309	.387	.345	.733
2015	BAT (NYPL)	16	55	57	3	5	1	1	0	3	0	1	5	12	.106	.218	.170	.388
2016	GAR (AA)	61	283	234	40	71	9	5	0	24	4	1	35	31	.303	.403	.385	.787
Career Totals		96	400	336	49	93	12	6	0	30	8	5	47	56	.277	.375	.348	.723



#27 Jack Parenty IF
HT: 5-10 **WT:** 170 **B/T:** L/R
Age: 23 **Born:** 10/05/93 **Status:** Rookie
Hometown: Wantagh, New York
Acquired: Signed as a free agent, 2017

Parenty begins his professional baseball career in 2017 with Gary after batting .286 with one home run, 28 RBIs, six stolen bases and 10 extra-base hits as a senior at Stony Brook University. Parenty was named the America East Conference Player of the Year and to the ABCA/Rawlings All-Region Team as a junior in 2015 after hitting .367 with a career-high two home runs, 47 RBIs, .432 OBP, .524 slugging percentage, 38 runs, 77 hits, 13 doubles, seven triples, 22 extra-base hits and 19 walks. A native of Wantagh, N.Y., Parenty was named a Louisville Slugger All-American, the America East Rookie of the Year, First Team All-America East and America East All Rookie in 2013 after batting a team-high .333 with 17 RBIs.

No Professional Stats



#41 Randy Santiesteban IF
HT: 6-1 **WT:** 190 **B/T:** R/R
Age: 25 **Born:** 11/19/91 **Status:** Rookie
Hometown: Hialeau, Florida
Acquired: Signed as a free agent, May 10, 2016

Santiesteban joined the Railcats in 2016 after starting the season with the Sonoma Stompers of the Pacific Association (Independent). Santiesteban was drafted by the Atlanta Braves in the 40th round of the 2014 MLB Draft, but did not sign. Before playing professionally, Randy played collegiately at Peru State College in Peru, Neb., after transferring from Florida International University.

Batting Stats

Year	Team	G	PA	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SB	CS	BB	SO	AVG	OBP	SLG	OPS
2016	SON (PACA)	25	114	93	20	28	4	0	3	24	1	0	15	15	.301	.402	.441	.843
2016	GAR (PACA)	30	63	58	9	12	2	1	1	3	1	1	1	12	.207	.258	.328	.586
Career Totals		55	177	151	29	40	6	1	4	27	2	1	16	27	.265	.351	.397	.748

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#21 Colin Willis OF
HT: 5-11 **WT:** 180 **B/T:** L/R
Age: 24 **Born:** 08/14/92 **Status:** Rookie

Hometown: Sheboygan, Wisconsin

Acquired: Signed as a free agent, August 17, 2016

Willis returns to Gary in 2017 after hitting .231 with three extra-base hits, five RBIs, and three runs in 11 games (39 at-bats). Willis originally signed with Lake Erie Crushers of the Frontier League in the spring of 2016 after hitting .417 with one home run, five extra-base hits and 10 stolen bases for the Yuma Wranglers of the Arizona Winter League. Willis was inducted into the Purdue University North Central Athletic Hall of Fame in 2016 after hitting .364 with five home runs and 23 RBIs as a senior in 2015. Willis is also the school's single-season leader in hits (93), runs scored (65) stolen bases (28) and triples (8).

Batting Stats

Year	Team	G	PA	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SB	CS	BB	SO	AVG	OBP	SLG	OPS
2016	GAR (AA)	11	46	39	3	9	2	1	0	5	2	0	6	7	.231	.348	.333	.681
Career Totals		11	46	39	3	9	2	1	0	5	2	0	6	7	.231	.348	.333	.681



#8 Reggie Wilson OF
HT: 5-8 **WT:** 175 **B/T:** L/L
Age: 23 **Born:** 06/06/93 **Status:** Rookie

Hometown: Beaumont, Texas

Acquired: Signed as a free agent, 2016

Wilson returns to Gary in 2017 after batting a career-high .337 with one home run, 14 RBIs, eight extra-base hits and four stolen bases in 27 games for the RailCats in 2016. Before playing for the RailCats in 2016, Wilson played for Laredo and the Alpine Cowboys of the Pecos League. Wilson batted .455 with six RBIs, five extra-base hits and a stolen base in six games for Alpine before signing with Laredo. Wilson was drafted out of Oklahoma City University by the Philadelphia Phillies in the 35th round of the 2015 MLB Draft but didn't play for any of their minor league teams. Wilson was named to the First Team All-Sooner Athletic Conference Team after hitting .374 with eight home runs, 30 extra-base hits, 42 RBIs, 20 stolen bases and 72 runs as a junior in 2015 for the Stars.

Batting Stats

Year	Team	G	PA	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SB	CS	BB	SO	AVG	OBP	SLG	OPS
2016	ALP (PECO)	6	29	22	11	10	4	1	0	6	1	0	6	4	.455	.552	.727	1.279
2016	LAR (AA)	17	69	55	10	10	1	0	0	2	0	2	9	12	.182	.313	.200	.513
2016	GAR (AA)	27	112	92	26	31	5	2	1	14	4	1	16	16	.337	.441	.467	.909
Career Totals		50	210	169	47	51	10	3	1	22	5	3	31	32	.302	.415	.414	.830