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Dear ThunderBolts Fans,

Welcome to the 27th season of Frontier League baseball. It is hard to believe that this is also the 21st season for Frontier League baseball in Crestwood.

The Frontier League is the oldest and most established Independent League in the United States. The League has sold more players to MLB teams than any other Independent League. To date, 37 players have played in MLB after playing in the Frontier League. 23 of those players began their careers in the League. Windy City has had more combined players, coaches and personnel move on to MLB teams than any other Frontier League team.

In 2019, the ThunderBolts will be well represented in the Frontier League Hall of Fame inductions. Second baseman, Gilberto Mejia, who played for the T-Bolts from 2007 – 2010, was voted in unanimously by the Hall of Fame Committee. Also to be inducted in the "Special Moment in League History" category, will be the construction of the stadium in Crestwood, originally known as Hawkinson Ford Field. Along with River City's T.R. Hughes Ballpark, which will also be inducted, they were the first stadiums built specifically for the Frontier League and both opened in 1999.

The League would not have survived this long without our fans. The ThunderBolt fans have been great throughout the years. We want to thank you for your participation with the team and the League. We hope you have a great time at Hall of Fame Ozinga Field.

Sincerely,

Bill Lee

Commissioner

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Wednesday, May 15th Thursday, May 16th Tuesday, May 21st Wednesday, May 22nd Thursday, May 23rd



Tuesday, May 14th

at 7:05 PM \$2.00 Ticket Tuesday

SUPER MEGA Postgame Fireworks SPECTACULAR presented by

umina Pyrotechnics Friday, May 24th 7:05 pm

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Emagine Theatre presents... STAR WARS Night

Saturday, May 25th 6:05 pm

- Fireworks -Star Wars Characters roaming the stands! Special Jersey Auction benefiting Make-A-Wish Illinois

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2019 Schedule & Promotions

First Midwest Bank 20th Anniversary Weekend





Return of Lucky Chucky and the Cook County Cheetahs!

Friday, May 31st
Crestwood Community Day
& Postgame Fireworks
Saturday, June 1st
20th Anniversary Team Baseball
Card Set giveaway,
Nancy Faust on the organ,
& Postgame Fireworks
Sunday, June 2nd
JULIE, Inc. Family Day

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26 LAKE ERIE FAMILY DAY WILDLIFE PRESENTATION, AUTOGRAPHS & PLAY CATCH	27	28 AT JOLIET	29 AT JOLIET	30	31 7:05 PM RIVER CITY 20TH ANNIVERSARY WEEKEND WITH FIREWORKS		



-FIREWORKSappearances by Woody, Buzz Lightyear, Mr. and Mrs. Potato Head!

Pokemon Night Friday, June 21st 7:05 pm



-FIREWORKSappearances by Charzard, Squirtle and Bulbasaur

Harry
Potter
Night
presented by
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Friday, June 28th

Friday, June 28th
7:05 pm
-FIREWORKSappearances by Harry,
Outpile Coldstein

-FIREWORRSappearances by Harry, Queenie Goldstein, __ Newt Scamander and Professor McGonagall! Butterbeer! Catch the Golden Snitch!

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FAMILY DAY

BUBBLE SHOW AUTOGRAPHS

& PLAY CATCH



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-FIREWORKS-Meet & Greet with Anna, Elsa, Moana, and Jake the Pirate! Sing-a-longs! Pregame Parade!

Beatles Night Sat. June 22nd 6:05 pm

Georgios Banquets, Quality Inn & Suites Conference Centre -FIREWORKS-Entertainment by "Kaleidoscope Eyes" starting at 4:15 pm

Rat Pack Night Sat. June 29th 6:05 pm -FIREWORKS-

-FIREWORKS-Pregame Entertainment by James Libera starts at 4:15 pm and Can Koozie giveaway from JULIE, Inc

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and Superhero Night



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Friday, August 2nd at 7:05 pm

-FIREWORKS-Appearances by Batman, Captain America, Iron Man & Wonder Woman

Special jersey auction benefiting Gift of Hope

Free camp out after game. Just need a game ticket! Movie on videoboard courtesy of Emagine Theatre. Camp out on the field, snacks, and breakfast!

Jimmy Buffett Night

presented by The Original Island
Shrimp House
Palos Park

Friday, August 23rd 7:05 pm -FIREWORKS-

staame entertainme by "Flip Flop Dave" after the fireworks!

Special jersey auction benefiting Operation Lifesaver Illinois



Elvis Night Saturday, Aug. 3rd 6:05 pm presented by Weiss Memorial Hospital -FIREWORKS-Pregame Entertainment by John "Elvis" Lyons starting at 4:15 pm Woodstock Night Saturday, August 24th at 6:05 pm -FIREWORKS-

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Manager Brian Smith - 2019 Interview

In your first season as ThunderBolts manager, how did you go about putting together your roster?

After accepting the job, I spent a lot of time on the phone calling coaches and scouts I have worked with the past few years in the Northwoods League. They were able to steer me in the right direction. A lot of former players of mine are currently in affiliated ball as well and had some inside scoop for me.

Does having experience in the Frontier League as a player and a coach make it easier to adjust to your first managerial job in this league? I don't know if it makes the adjustment any easier. I do know that it'll help the way I communicate with my players and sell the organization to

future players. You need to love the league you are in if you want to have success. Players want to play for a guy who understands the league. Anything we can do to make their play a little better, they are eager to listen.

You have three new coaches on the staff. What attracted you to each of them?

It definitely wasn't their looks. On the pitching side of things, Brian Oliver was a former player of mine and we had a great relationship working together. Brian was an opening day starter in this league. He understands what it takes to be successful in this league and he has the ability to loosen up a pitching staff. Sometimes calming nerves is just as important as the x's and o's. Kevin Santiago spent 2018 on the coaching staff of the 2018 Frontier League Champs (Joliet Slammers). His ability to adapt and bring a positive environment to a clubhouse is what helped me make my decision on bringing Kevin in as our hitting coach. All of these players are talented but some need to restore that confidence level they used to play with to get back to the top of the mountain. Our hitters will enjoy working with Kevin on a day to day basis. Plus he has a very nice beard. John McCarthy will be our bench coach this summer. John has had a ton of success as a high school coach in the Chicagoland area for a long time. He and I grew up playing against each other and he brings another level of excitement to the ballpark each day. John played for the ThunderBolts and wants to bring knowledge he learned from his manager (Andy Haines) to the current roster.

What needs to happen in order to make the 2019 season a success to you?

We need to bring a championship back to Crestwood! If we stay healthy, have quality at bats and command the strike zone, we will be where I expect us to be at

the end of the season.



Brian Oliver
-Pitching Coach-



Kevin Santiago
-Hitting Coach-



John McCarthy
-Bench Coach-

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INFORMATION



Alcoholic Beverage Policies: Alcoholic beverages may not be carried into Ozinga Field. All guests whether 21 years old or 101 years old need to get a 21 and over wristband by showing their ID at the security post as you enter the main gate down the left-field line. No guest, regardless of age, can purchase an alcoholic beverage without a wristband. Beer sales in concession stands are limited to four (4) beers per transaction. The ThunderBolts game day staff reserves the right to deny any individual who appears to enter Ozinga Field impaired. The ThunderBolts and concessions staff also reserve the right to deny beverage service to any guest who appears to be impaired. Service limits and times of service may change at the discretion of the Windy City ThunderBolts.

ATM: Our ATM is located in the ThunderStore located down the left field line.

Autographs: Fans generally are not allowed onto the field to solicit autographs, and autographs are not permitted while a game is in progress. Fans can get autographs before and after the game along the third base fence based on player availability. Fans should be respectful of the players' pre-game routines. Post game autographs for Sunday home games only will be held on the field.

Bud Light Party Deck: The Bud Light Party Deck, located behind the visitor's dugout on the main concourse, is a perfect venue for your group between 25-300. The group package includes the area, food, soda, and tickets. The Bud Light Party Deck is a private, covered deck with an unbeatable view of the field. For more information call 708.489.2255 or visit www.wcthunderbolts.com.

Concession Stands: The concession stands, located throughout the ballpark, offer an variety of meals, snacks and treats. Enjoy pizza, hot dogs, nachos, ice cream, and much, much more! The ballpark offers three main, permanent concession stands with one down each foul line and a third behind the ThunderBolts dugout on the outer concourse. The ballpark also has a Grill behind home plate on the main concourse. All stands accept credit card.

Credit Card Policy: The ThunderBolts accept American Express. MasterCard, Visa & Discover at the box office. ThunderStore and the 4 main concession stands.

Drinking Fountains: Drinking fountains are located at Ozinga Field near the restrooms behind home plate on the outer concourse

Elevators: For the convenience of guests requiring special assistance, an elevator is located behind home plate on the main concourse. This elevator can gain access to the suite level, press level, and upper deck (section FF & EE only). There is no elevator service to or from the parking lot level.

Fireworks Nights / Fireworks Policy: The ThunderBolts pride themselves on having the best fireworks shows in the state! The ThunderBolts have a post-game fireworks show after each Saturday home game. The vast majority of our fireworks shows begin between 8:45 pm and 9:15 pm (about 5 minutes after the game ends), however there are factors that are out of our control that can make for an unusual schedule. Rain delays, doubleheaders, and extra inning games are just a few things that can push the conclusion of the game, and the fireworks show, a little later into the night. The ThunderBolts organization must keep in mind our responsibility to both the fans at the game and the residents surrounding Ozinga Field. For that reason the ThunderBolts have in place a strict fireworks night policy:

- No weekday (Sunday-Thursday night) fireworks show can start after 10:45 PM.

- No weekend (Friday & Saturday night) fireworks show can start after 11:15 PM.

- Any fan holding tickets to a fireworks night game where the show could not go on as planned because of the curfew will be allowed to exchange their game ticket for any game for the rest of 2019 season, including future fireworks nights.

First Aid: The ThunderBolts have a certified EMT at every home game. The EMT is located in the First Aid Room located behind Section C on the inner concourse. Please look for any ThunderBolts employee and they will assist you in getting first aid.

Foul Balls: Guests are welcome to keep any foul ball that is hit into the stands. At no time should a foul ball or home run ball be thrown back onto the field. Violators will be subject to ejection. Any guest interfering with a ball in play is also subject to ejection from the ballpark. Unfortunately, the Windy City ThunderBolts are not able to accommodate requests for player autographs of foul balls.

Gates: Unless otherwise noted the Ozinga Field gates open one hour prior to game time.

Gift Shop: There are a variety of gifts available at Ozinga Field. The ThunderStore is the official ThunderBolts gift shop. It is located next to the box office down the left field line. The ThunderStore accepts credit cards and has the same hours as the box office.

Handicapped Services: Standard Bank Stadium has 27 seats that comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act. The seats are located in Section E, F, G, H, J, K, L, and FF. Ramps are located at each gate. All restrooms, water fountains, and concession stands are handicap accessible.

Kids Activities: There are lots of fun activities for kids to do at Ozinga Field. Right as you walk into the ballpark is our improved Kids Zone featuring a jump-n-fun for tots and a huge playground. Win great prizes at our Prize Wheel located behind home plate for a \$1 per spin. Finally see how fast you are throwing at our Speed Pitch located down the right field line. Cost is \$1 for 1 throw or \$2 for 3. All kids can run the bases after every non-firework game!

On-Field Contests: Because of the large amount of requests, all participants for on-field contests during the game are chosen at random. There is no pre-sign-up. No exceptions. We thank you for your understanding.

Premium Seating: Ozinga Field has two Executive Suites (15-50 people) and a Party Box (10-15 people) located on the upper level of the park. These very private areas are heated/air-conditioned and are located behind home plate. All Premium Seating includes food and drink with waitress service. Flat screen televisions are included in the Executive Suite only. Prices start as low as \$22 per person.

Rain Cancellation (Postpone, Suspend, or Called): In the event that a regulation game is not played or is not considered "official" (a Postponed, Suspended, or Rain Cancellation (Postpone, Suspend, or Called): In the event that a regulation game is not played or is not considered "official" (a Postponed, Suspended, or Cancelled Game), your ticket becomes a gift certificate that may be exchanged at any time in the future at the Ozinga Field Box Office for an individual ticket of equal or lesser face value for a future regular season game (subject to prior sales). In no instance shall your ticket be exchanged for a ticket with a face value greater than the face value of the original ticket. If in the event any game reaches "official game" status (Called Game), then your ticket is not exchangeable or refundable. The game has been considered played and ticket used. A game reaches "official game" status if 4.5 innings have been played with the home team in the lead or 5.0 innings played with the visiting team in the lead. This policy does not relate to groups with food packages. Parking is non-refundable at any time, regardless of if the game is played or not via the regulations set forth by the Village of Crestwood.

Rain Delays: The right to delay the start of a game shall be vested in the home club. Once both teams' managers meet with the home plate umpire and exchange lineup cards the right to determine whether the game shall be interrupted or terminated because of bad weather or unfit playing conditions is up to the sole discretion of the Umpire-in-Chief. A minimum rain delay of 30 minutes must occur before a decision is made and there is no maximum amount of delay. The Windy City ThunderBolts have a responsibility to get all innings played when possible.

Re-entry Policy: Guests may not re-enter Ozinga Field. Re-entry accommodations are up to the discretion of the ThunderBolts staff.

Restrooms: Ozinga Field has three public men's and women's restrooms in the facility. Each is handicapped accessible and has a baby changing station. There is one set of bathrooms located down the right and left-field line and there is a third set on the outer concourse behind home plate.

Scoreboard Messages: Only groups are put on the message board during the game. For donating \$5 to ThunderBolts Charities, you can have a custom announcement (birthdays, anniversaries, etc) over the pa system.

Smoking Policy: Smoking is not allowed inside Ozinga Field pursuant to Smoke-Free Illinois Act 95-0017. Smoking anywhere inside Ozinga Field, including the ramps, restrooms, and concourses is prohibited. Guests wishing to smoke may exit the ballpark thru either the home plate gate or the main gate down the left field line. Please notify a staff member of any violation of this policy.

What Can or Can't I Bring into the Ballpark?: Backpacks, duffle bags, hard-sided coolers, thermoses, bottles, cans, and alcoholic beverages may not be brought into Ozinga Field. Items that are allowed include: purses, fanny packs, strollers, wheelchairs, and small bags. Bags will be checked at all entrances. No outside food or drinks are allowed inside Ozinga Field.

#WinCity Party Patio: Our newest group option at the ballpark is an all-inclusive area locaed down the right field line. For groups as little as 10 and as big as 300 the #WinCity Party Patio has an unlimited food menu and all-you-can-drink of ANY beer served in the ballpark.



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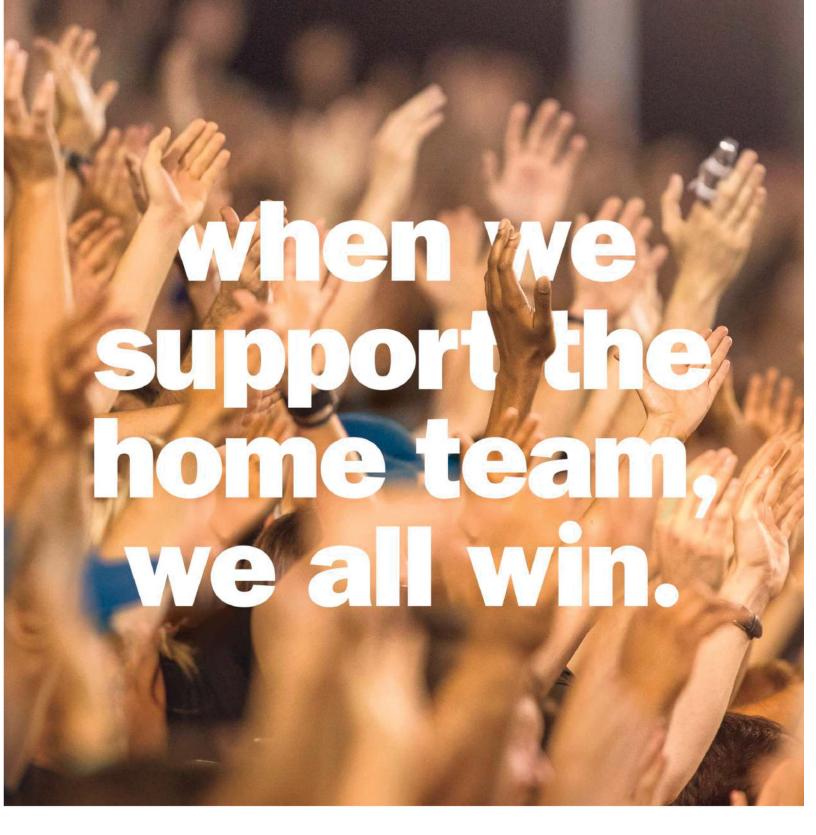
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Windy City ThunderBolts 20th Anniversary Team





MANAGER

Mike Kashirsky was at the helm for one of the great second half comebacks in league history. In 2008, after taking over as skipper on July 8, he led the ThunderBolts to a 37-14 record and a division title. He went on to win the Frontier League championship. After returning to his role as bench coach (the position he held during the 2007 championship campaign) in 2009, he regained the managerial job in 2010 and won another division title. In his two and a half years as Windy City's manager, Kash's teams compiled a 141-100 record in the regular season and 7-4 in the postseason.

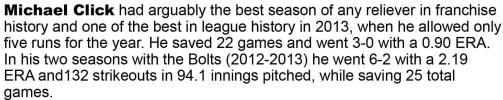


Brian Beuning set a Frontier League record in 2006 when he saved 24 games. Only a one-year ThunderBolt, he made up for limited time by keeping busy, throwing in 46 games, totaling 65.1 innings out of the bullpen. He struck out 67 and finished with a 2.34 ERA. Brian became the first relief pitcher in franchise history to be named to the postseason all-star team

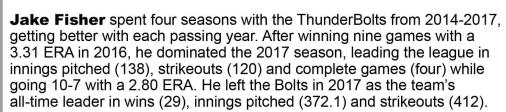


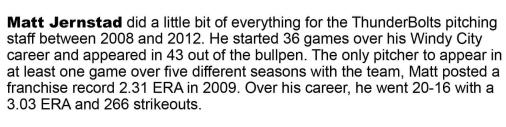


James Clelland won seven games in a dominant 2002 season for the Cheetahs that saw him lead the Frontier League in complete games (six) and shutouts (three). He finished the season with a 2.80 ERA and came out even stronger to open the 2003 season, going 4-1 with a 2.08 ERA in five starts with 27 strikeouts and only five walks before his Cheetah career was cut short when he signed with the Boston Red Sox. He went as far as High A in the Red Sox organization that year.









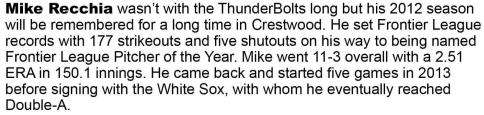




ThunderBolts 20th Anniversary Team



Matt Petty won Frontier League championships as the ThunderBolts' closer in 2007 and 2008. In his first year in Crestwood, he set a league record with 26 saves and was named a postseason all-star as the league's best reliever. In two years, Matt won five games and saved 41 more, still a franchise record. He compiled a 3.14 ERA as a ThunderBolt and struck out 106 batters in 86 innings and recorded the final out in both of the franchise's championship wins.







Ross Stout was the ace of the 2008 championship pitching staff, going 11-3 with a 2.57 ERA. He did not lose in the playoffs that year on his way to being named Championship Series MVP. His stats didn't suffer the following year as he won 13 games and led the league in strikeouts (138) and complete games (six). Ross left the Bolts after '09 as the franchise's all-time wins leader and finished his two-season run with a 2.76 ERA and 270 strikeouts.

Zac Westcott was a great boon to the ThunderBolts bullpen when he was acquired midseason in 2016, compiling a 1.36 ERA over 20 appearances. He moved to the starting rotation the following year and won 15 games over the next two seasons. Zac was named a Frontier League all-star in 2018, when he struck out a league leading 121 and finished with a 3.67 ERA.





Dustin Williams burst onto the scene in 2010 when he helped the ThunderBolts reach the playoffs as the Frontier League's Rookie of the Year. He went 7-3 with a 2.39 ERA in 16 games. The following year, he set the Frontier League record when he struck out 157 batters over his first full season. Dustin spent three seasons with the ThunderBolts and won 11 games in back-to-back years (2011-2012). He remains tied for the franchise's all-time wins record with 29.

CATCHERS

Zach Aakhus spent his entire five-year career (2009-2013) in Crestwood and was named to the midseason all-star team four times. He was a career .291 hitter with a .382 on-base percentage, 20 home runs, 191 RBIs and 47 stolen bases. He hit better than .300 twice, including his .330 career-high, when he led the league in 2010. Known for his versatility, Zach started games at catcher, first base, third base, left field and right field during his ThunderBolt career.





Larry Balkwill joined the ThunderBolts in 2015 but really came into his own in 2017, when he clubbed 20 home runs and drove in 64. His numbers dipped slightly but he remained a force in the middle of the order in 2018, when he had 13 homers and 46 RBIs. Larry was also a defensive stalwart, throwing out 32 percent of base stealers over his four years and finishing in the league's top three in that category three years in a row.

ThunderBolts 20th Anniversary Team



OUTFIELDERS

Mike Coles was a slugging star on the championship teams of 2007 and 2008. During his two years with the ThunderBolts, he hit .316 with 21 home runs 144 RBIs and 52 stolen bases. A two-time starter in the all-star game, Mike was also honored after the 2007 season as one of the three best outfielders in the Frontier League on the postseason all-star team.

Coco Johnson spent three years in Crestwood, culminating in his superb 2017 campaign, when he was named a postseason all-star. That year, he hit .297 with an .808 OPS, 111 hits, and 48 RBIs. He was most known, however, for his work on the basepaths. His 57 stolen bases in 2017 set a single season franchise record and his 135 from '15-'17 are third in franchise history. Overall, he hit .274 with the Bolts with 23 homers, 50 doubles and 116 RBIs.





Nick Johnson is one of the few players in franchise history to appear in games wearing the uniforms of both the Cheetahs and the Thunder-Bolts. He signed with the Cheetahs in 2003 and batted .293 with 15 homers and 89 RBIs over 156 games with the team over parts of the next three years. Though partially with Rockford due to a blockbuster midseason trade, he compiled 123 hits in his best professional season of 2005.

Brandon Pollard was on the original Frontier League team in the Chicago area as he spent 1999 and 2000 with the Cheetahs. He led the team that inaugural year with a .341 batting average and 103 hits. He also hit nine homers and stole 30 bases. Brandon finished his three-year Cook County career (1999-2000, 2002) with 14 home runs, 102 RBIs and 52 steals.





Kyle Robinson was a midseason and postseason all-star in 2014, his only full season in Crestwood. After joining the ThunderBolts midseason in 2013, he hit .336 down the stretch before returning in 2014 to tear up the Frontier League. He led the league with a .366 batting average and finished in the top five in hits, doubles, RBIs, on-base percentage and slugging. Kyle hit 16 homers, stole 18 bases and drove in 92 runs over his ThunderBolts career.

INFIELDERS

Pichi Balet made his only season in Crestwood count when he set one of the Frontier League's milestone records with a .405 batting average for the Cheetahs in 2002. Pichi is the only player in franchise history to bat .400 for a season and his record season bested Frontier League Hall of Famer (and former ThunderBolt manager) Morgan Burkhart. He also hit six homers and 18 doubles in '03 and drove in 64 runs. He batted .343 over nine independent seasons.





Phil Hawke remains the only player in franchise history to win a league MVP award after his magnificent 2008. He hit .309 that year with a .441 on-base percentage, 22 homers, 69 runs scored and 73 RBIs. His production was only a mild improvement over his 2007 campaign, in which he hit .290 with ten home runs and 78 RBIs. Phil was the starting first baseman for both the 2007 and 2008 championship teams and was a Frontier League all-star both years.

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Wes Long was the starting shortstop for the championship teams of 2007 and 2008. During the latter year, he became the first player in franchise history to start all 96 games at one position and was named the league's top shortstop as he set franchise records with 36 doubles and three grand slams. During his two years with the Bolts, Wes hit .332 with a .415 on-base percentage, 18 home runs, 138 RBIs and 47 stolen bases.

Gilberto Mejia joined the ThunderBolts in 2007 and quickly proved an indispensable piece on two straight championship teams. His best year statistically, though, was in 2009 when he batted .324 with 38 extra base hits, 55 RBIs and 45 stolen bases. He left the Bolts after 2010 holding nearly every offensive record in team history and still ranks first with 24 triples. Gilberto remains the only player in club history to be named a postseason all-star twice as he was voted the league's top second baseman in 2009 and 2010.





JT Restko was the local hero of the 2009 and 2010 playoff teams. A graduate of Marist High School, he hit .320 with 36 doubles, 28 home runs and 134 RBIs in his two years with the ThunderBolts. He took a star turn in his first season in Crestwood when he led the team in batting average (.334), home runs (18), RBIs (76) and doubles (23). He was named to the midseason all-star team in both years.

Michael Torres was Gilberto Mejia's successor at second base and broke nearly all of his records, retiring after six seasons in 2015 ranking in the top five in Frontier League history in games (565), hits (611), and runs (338). He also set the league record by playing in 339 consecutive games from 2011-2014. In addition to the above categories, Michael is also the franchise leader in RBIs (207) and stolen bases (153). He was a five-time all-star and finished his ThunderBolts career with a .294 batting average.





DESIGNATED HITTER

Chad Cregar's record-breaking 2012 season brought a power surge to Crestwood that had never been seen before. His team-record 31 home runs that season fell only one short of the entire team's output the year before. Both his home runs and his 93 RBIs remain franchise records today. After the season, he was named the DH on the postseason all-star team. In three years in Crestwood (2011-2013), Chad hit .263 with a franchise best 48 home runs and 165 RBIs.



1999-2003

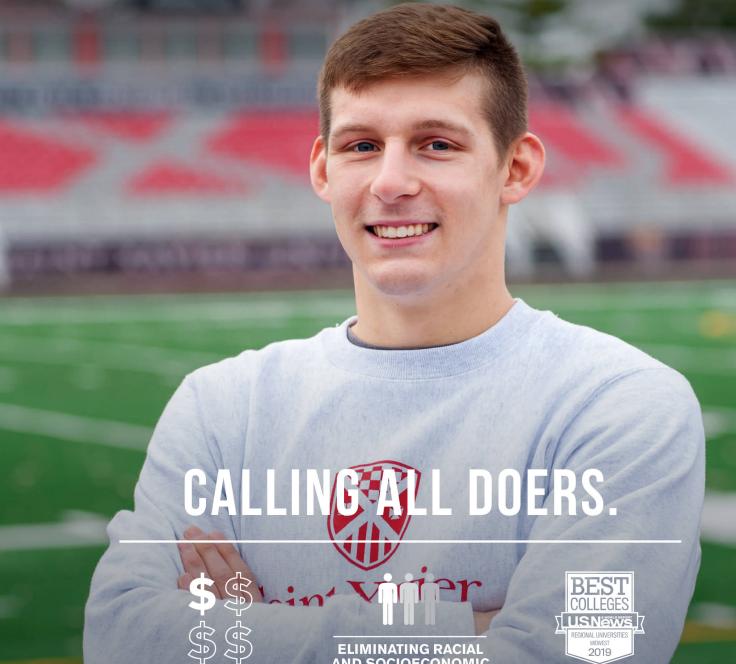


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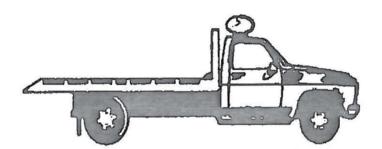


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Windy City ThunderBolts -Club Records-

Organization - Season by Season

Year	Team	League	W-L	Div/Overall	Manager	Tot. Att. (Open) / Avg.
1995	Will County Claws	North Central	8-10	T-3rd	Greg Slutsky	n/a
1996	Will County Cheetahs	Heartland	28-31	3rd	Greg Slutsky	n/a
1997	Will County Cheetahs	Heartland	31-39	T-5th	Brad Cohen	n/a
1998	Cook County Cheetahs	Heartland	37-29	2nd	Brian Dayett	10,552 (33) / 320
1999	Cook County Cheetahs	Frontier	41-43	3rd/6th	Chico Walker (34-39), Ron Leflore (7-4)	86,248 (42) / 2,054
2000	Cook County Cheetahs	Frontier	38-46	3rd/T-7th	LeFlore (20-21), Steve Maddox (18-25)	70,205 (42) / 1,672
2001	Cook County Cheetahs	Frontier	28-53	6th/11th	Chad Epperson	65,627 (42) / 1,562
2002	Cook County Cheetahs	Frontier	40-44	3rd/7th	Dana Forsberg	66,214 (42) / 1,577
2003	Cook County Cheetahs	Frontier	42-48	5th/9th	Mike Moore	60,481 (44) / 1,315
2004	Windy City ThunderBolts	Frontier	37-57	5th/10th	Steve Maddox (37-44)	67,397 (46) / 1,465
					Joe Charboneau (0-13)	
2005	Windy City ThunderBolts	Frontier	39-57	5th/11th	Brent Bowers	78,011 (51) / 1,625
2006	Windy City ThunderBolts	Frontier	41-54	4th/8th	Brent Bowers	70,907 (47) / 1,477
2007	Windy City ThunderBolts	Frontier	68-28	1st/1st	Andy Haines	81,586 (48) / 1,813
2008	Windy City ThunderBolts	Frontier	60-36	1st/T-1st	Brian Nelson (23-22)	90,616 (51) / 1,777
					Mike Kashirsky (37-14)	
2009	Windy City ThunderBolts	Frontier	56-40	T-2nd/T-4th	Tommy Thompson	103,129 (48) / 2,148
2010	Windy City ThunderBolts	Frontier	56-38	1st/3rd	Mike Kashirsky	92,240 (47) / 1,962
2011	Windy City ThunderBolts	Frontier	48-48	4th/6th	Mike Kashirsky	86,727 (46) / 1,885
2012	Windy City ThunderBolts	Frontier	54-42	T-2nd/t-5th	Morgan Burkhart	86,178 (46) / 1,873
2013	Windy City ThunderBolts	Frontier	50-46	T-3rd/T-7th	Ron Biga	74,609 (49) / 1,523
2014	Windy City ThunderBolts	Frontier	35 -60	7th/13th	Ron Biga	74,481 (48) / 1,552
2015	Windy City ThunderBolts	Frontier	41-55	6th/11th	Ron Biga	76,550 (49) / 1,562
2016	Windy City ThunderBolts	Frontier	42-53	5th/11th	Ron Biga	76,870 (46) / 1,671
2017	Windy City ThunderBolts	Frontier	51-45	3rd/5th	Ron Biga	78,585 (47) / 1,672
2018	Windy City ThunderBolts	Frontier	41-54	6th/11th	Ron Biga	78,177 (47) / 1,663

Franchise Individual Season Batting Records

At-Bats: 391, Coco Johnson (2015) Runs Scored: 83, Gilberto Mejia (2009)

Hits: 123, Pichi Balet (2002); Nick Johnson (2005)

Doubles: 36, Wes Long (2007)
Triples: 10, Gilberto Mejia (2009)
Home Runs: 31, Chad Cregar (2012)
Runs Batted In: 93, Chad Cregar (2012)
Stolen Bases: 57, Coco Johnson (2017)
Base on Balls: 81, Phil Hawke (2008)

Batting Average: .405, Pichi Balet (2002) *Frontier League Record*

On-Base Percentage: .473, John Schmitz

Franchise Career Batting Records

Years: 6, Mike Torres (2010-15)

Games Played: 565, Mike Torres (2010-15) Runs Scored: 338, Mike Torres (2010-15) Hits: 611, Mike Torres (2010-14) Doubles: 75, Zach Aakhus (2009-13) Triples: 24, Gilberto Mejia (2007-10) Home Runs: 48, Chad Cregar (2011-13) Runs Batted In: 207, Mike Torres (2010-15) Stolen Bases: 153, Mike Torres (2010-15)

Base on Balls: 290, Mike Torres (2010-15)

Franchise Individual Season Pitching Records

Games Pitched: 51, Greg Johnson (2011) Innings Pitched: 150.1, Mike Recchia, (2012)

Wins: 13, Ross Stout (2009)

Losses: 11, Matt Jernstad ('11); Matt Wickswat ('13); Austin Wright ('15)

Saves: 27, Brian Loconsole (2017) Base on Balls: 73, Dustin Williams (2011)

Strikeouts: 177, Mike Recchia (2012) *Frontier League Record*

Wild Pitches: 14, Austin Wright (2015) Hit by Pitches: 16, Aaron Bolton (2004) Hits Allowed: 151, Grant Williams (2003)

Home Runs Allowed: 13, Ender Classen (2001); Bryant Cotton (2011)

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Years: 5, Matt Jernstad (2008-12)

Games Pitched: 98, Greg Johnson (2010-11) Complete Games: 11, Ross Stout (2008-09) Innings Pitched: 372.1, Jake Fisher (2014-17)

Wins: 29, Dustin Williams (2010-12); Jake Fisher (2014-17)

Losses: 28, Jake Fisher (2014-17) Saves: 41, Matt Petty (2007-08)

Base on Balls: 177, Dustin Williams (2010-12) Strikeouts: 412, Jake Fisher (2014-17) 2







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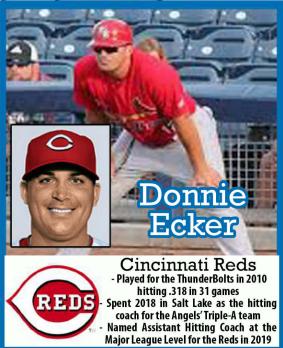


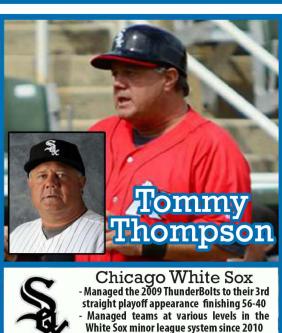
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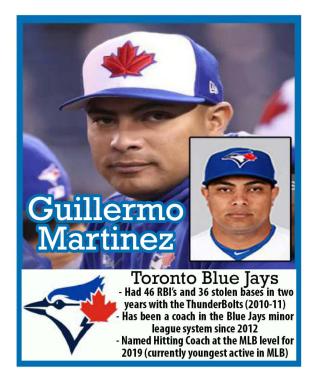
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