

2018 AKRON RUBBERDUCKS GAME NOTES

Harrisburg Senators (38-34) vs. Akron RubberDucks (42-31)

Washington Nationals

Cleveland Indians

Game 74 • Saturday, June 23, 2018 • 7:05 p.m.

Canal Park • Akron, OH

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Today's Starting Pitchers:

Sat. 6/23, 7:05 p.m. vs. Harrisburg: Akron: RHP Triston McKenzie (1-1, 3.14)

Harrisburg: RHP Tyler Mapes (NR)

Upcoming Games and Pitching Probables (subject to change):

Sun. 6/24, 2:05 p.m. vs. Harrisburg: Akron: RHP Aaron Civale (4-1, 2.09)

Harrisburg: TBA

Mon. 6/25, 7:05 p.m. at Bowie: Akron: RHP Dominic DeMasi (5-2, 6.53)

Bowie: LHP Brian Gonzalez (1-3, 7.71)

Tue. 6/26, 7:05 p.m. at Bowie: Akron: RHP Jake Paulson (4-2, 3.31)

Bowie: LHP Keegan Akin (8-5, 2.53)

Wed. 6/27, 7:05 p.m. at Bowie: Akron: LHP Sean Brady (4-3, 3.73)

Bowie: RHP Lucas Long (1-8, 5.43)

RubberDucks News and Notes:

Last Time Out

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Where We Stand

At 42-31, the RubberDucks are in 1st place in the EL West, 3½ games ahead of 2nd-place Harrisburg and four on 3rd-place Altoona.

The RubberDucks...

-have been in 1st place alone in the EL West since 5/4.

-are in a stretch of 20 straight games without an off-day leading up to the all-star break on 7/9. The team is 3-1, so far.

-rank 2nd in the EL in runs (364), including 10+ runs in a game seven times, going 6-1 in those games.

-are 20-14 in the friendly confines of Canal Park.

-rank 1st in the EL in ERA (2.86), 8th in batting (.245) and tied for 6th in defense (.977).

Player Notes

-OF Andrew Calica currently ranks 9th in the EL in hitting (.307) and 4th in on-base percentage (.416).

-3B Joe Sever is tied for 1st in the league in doubles (21) and tied for 4th in total hits (76).

-2B Mark Mathias is the top-ranked defensive second baseman in the EL (.991 FA, 2 E, 229 TC).

-LHP David Speer has not allowed a run in eight straight relief appearances (12.0 IP).

About the Opposition

Harrisburg is the Double-A affiliate of the Washington Nationals. The Senators are managed by former US Olympian and major league catcher Matt LeCroy. Since Harrisburg is the state capitol of Pennsylvania, and home to the state legislature, the team adopted "Senators" as its nickname when it relocated from Nashua, New Hampshire in 1987. The team has won nine EL championships, including four in a row from 1996-99. Milton Bradley's title-clinching grand slam in the bottom of the ninth in Game 5 of the 1999 ELCS vs. Norwich is one of the most dramatic and inspiring moments in minor league baseball history. Other notable alumni of the franchise include Vladimir Guerrero Sr., Cliff Floyd, Brandon Phillips, Bryce Harper, Stephen Strasburg, Anthony Rendon and Michael Taylor.

Transaction Wire

RHP Jon Edwards has been promoted to Triple-A Columbus, and LHP Matt Whitehouse has been received from Columbus.

On Deck

The RubberDucks and Senators will wrap up the series and homestand on Sunday afternoon at 2:05.

Akron Baseball: A Winning Tradition

This is the 30th season of Double-A baseball in Northeast Ohio, and the 22nd in downtown Akron. The franchise began as the **Canton-Akron Indians** in 1989, and then moved to Canal Park in Akron as the **Aeros** in 1997. Known as the **RubberDucks** since 2014, Akron has qualified for the Eastern League playoffs 16 times overall, and 10 of the last 16 years. The team has captured **five Eastern League titles**—2003, 2005, 2009, 2012 and 2016. Notable alumni of the franchise include Jaret Wright, Victor Martinez, CC Sabathia, Grady Sizemore, Charles Nagy, Cliff Lee, Jhonny Peralta, Danny Salazar, Jose Ramirez, Roberto Perez, Francisco Lindor, Giovanny Urshela, Tyler Naquin and Bradley Zimmer.

Last Game Recap

RubberDucks 5 Senators 4...Friday, 6/22/18

Summary

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Turning Point

Mathias drilled an opposite-field, run-scoring single to right off Derek Self in the bottom of the eighth inning to give the RubberDucks a 5-4 lead. The key hit came on a 1-2 pitch with two outs in the inning and drove home Bobby Bradley, who had doubled. Two batters earlier, Willi Castro lifted a sacrifice fly to right off Ismael Guillon (1-1) to tie the game, 4-4.

Mound Presence

Kieran Lovegrove (1-0) picked up his first win at the Double-A level, although he allowed a pair of unearned runs in his lone inning of work in the top of the eighth inning. After the RubberDucks botched a rundown play to allow Harrisburg to put men on second and third, Alex Keller lined a two-run single that gave the Senators a brief 4-3 lead. Once the RubberDucks (42-31) had the lead, Angulo weaved a perfect ninth inning for his fifth save.

Duck Tales

Connor Marabell homered smacked a solo homer in the sixth off Sens starter Kyle McGowin to give Akron a 3-2 lead. It was Marabell's eighth homer of the year and his second in as many games. He finished 2-4 on the night. Castro had a hit and a stolen base to go along with his RBI sacrifice fly.

Notebook

Lefty Sean Brady started for Akron and pitched the first 5.2 innings, allowing two earned runs...The RubberDucks have won two straight and three out of four on the homestand...The Ducks managed just five hits in the game...Harrisburg (38-34) lost for the second straight day...The start of the game was delayed one hour and 55 minutes due to rain...Time of game: 2:51... Attendance: 6,359.

RubberDucks 2018 Field Staff

#6 Tony Mansolino, Manager—Former minor league infielder Tony Mansolino is in his first season as manager of the Akron RubberDucks. Mansolino, 35, was named the 17th manager in franchise history on January 17, 2018. He replaces Mark Budzinski, who was promoted to the major league staff after managing the RubberDucks last season. This season marks Mansolino's third as a manager in the Indians minor league system. A native of Newport Beach, California, and now a resident of Nashville, Tennessee, Mansolino managed the Class-A Lynchburg Hillcats last season. He was named Carolina League "Manager of the Year" after guiding the Hillcats to a stellar 87-42 overall record and a Carolina League co-championship. Mansolino made his managerial debut with the Lake County Captains in 2016. Drafted by the Pirates in the 26th round of the 2005 draft out of Vanderbilt University, Mansolino played professionally for six years in the minor leagues and was a career .231 hitter with 19 homers and 173 RBI. In addition to the Pirates organization, he also played in the Phillies minor league system and with three independent clubs before moving into coaching in 2011. He served as the RubberDucks hitting coach in 2015. Mansolino played four years for head coach Tim Corbin at Vandy, including an NCAA tournament appearance in 2004. Mansolino's father, Doug, is the minor league field coordinator for the Phillies.

#47 Rigo Beltran, Pitching Coach—After spending the past three seasons as pitching coach at Class-A Lynchburg, former major league left-hander Rigo Beltran will serve as the RubberDucks pitching coach in 2018. Beltran, 48, joined the Indians in 2014, following seven years as a pitching coach in the Reds organization. After being selected in the 26th round of the 1991 draft by the St. Louis Cardinals out of the University of Wyoming, Beltran went on to pitch professionally for 16 seasons. He appeared in 78 major league games with the Cardinals, Mets, Rockies and Expos, going a combined 2-3, with a 4.40 ERA. Born in Tijuana, Mexico, and now a resident of Delray Beach, Florida, Beltran served as the pitching coach for Mexico in the 2017 World Baseball Classic.

#25 Kevin Howard, Hitting Coach—RubberDucks hitters will have the luxury of getting advice from a College World Series champion this season, as former University of Miami star Kevin Howard will serve as the RubberDucks hitting coach. This will be his fourth season as a hitting coach in the Indians organization. Howard, 36, was a sophomore infielder when the Hurricanes defeated Stanford to win the 2001 college baseball title. The following summer, he was drafted in the 5th round by the Reds and went on to play professionally for 10 seasons. Howard slugged 93 homers and drove in 540 runs during his minor league career. He was born in Hinsdale, Illinois, attended high school in Westlake Village, California, and now makes his off-season home in Miami Beach.

#13 Dennis Malave, Bench Coach—A fixture in the Indians player development system, Dennis Malave assumes the role of bench coach for the RubberDucks in 2018. Malave, 38, is entering his 14th year in the organization. He spent the last seven seasons as a hitting coach for Indians rookie-level players in Goodyear, Arizona. He spent two seasons as a bullpen catcher for the Cleveland Indians from 2007-2008. Malave moved into the coaching ranks after playing in the Tribe system for eight years, starting in 1997 when he was signed as a free agent. A native of Caracas, Venezuela, Malave lives in Goodyear during the off-season.

Jeremy Heller, Trainer—The 2018 season mark's Heller's fifth in Akron and his 14th overall as a trainer in the Indians organization. He was named Athletic Trainer of the Year in the Eastern League in 2017.

Paul Synenkyj, Strength and Conditioning Coach—Now in his 8th season in the Indians organization, Paul Synenkyj will oversee the team's strength and conditioning program. Synenkyj holds degrees in physical education from Cleveland State and Akron.

RubberDucks Starting Pitcher

#32 Triston McKenzie...RHP, 6-5, 165, Age 20 (8/2/97), Resides: Loxahatchee, FL

- **Last time out: Sun. 6/17 at REA, 5.0 IP 5 H 3 R 2 ER 1 BB 5 K (ND in 10-7 loss).**
- Currently 1-1, 3.14 ERA. Making his 4th start. The RubberDucks are 1-2 in his starts.
- Throws FB, curve and change-up.
- **Ranked #2 among Indians minor league prospects by *MLB.com* and *Baseball America*.**
- Making 48th career appearance, 47th career start and his 4th career Akron start.
- 4th year pro. Owns a lifetime record of 20-13, 2.71 ERA in the minor leagues (252.2 IP, 76 ER).
- **Selected by the Indians in the first round (42nd overall) in the 2015 draft.**
- Fanned 157 batters in 15 games as a high school senior at Royal Palm Beach (FL) High School.

2018 Season Highlights

- Tossed five shutout innings in his AA debut at NH, 6/7. Allowed just one hit and claimed a 7-4 win.
- Activated from the DL and promoted to Akron, 6/7.
- Placed on Lynchburg DL after suffering forearm soreness in spring training.

2017 Season Highlights

- Named Carolina League Pitcher of the Year after going 12-6, 3.46 ERA in 25 starts at Single-A Lynchburg.
- Led the league in wins (12), strikeouts (186) and opponent batting average (.203).
- Selected for the MLB Future's Game.

McKenzie's 2018 Akron Game-By-Game

Date	Opp.	Dec.	Final	IP	H	R	ER	HR	BB	K	NP-S	ERA	Notable
Thu. 6/7	at NH	W	7-4 W	5.0	1	0	0	0	2	4	63-43	0.00	Season & AA debut
Tue. 6/12	NH	L	6-1 L	4.1	2	4	3	1	1	5	67-42	2.89	Gave up 2-run HR in 4 th
Sun. 6/17	at REA	ND	10-7 L	5.0	5	3	2	0	1	5	77-52	3.14	Left w/4-3 lead

RubberDucks Position Players

- #44 Bobby Bradley—1B** Age 22, Resides: Gulfport, MS, Acq: 3rd Rd. '14, College/HS: Harrison Central (MS) HS
Last: 6/22 vs. HBG, 1-4, 2B **Series:** 1-4, 2B **Last HR:** 6/21 vs. HFD, Solo (Cozart)
Notes: 5th year pro... **5-15, 2 HR, 2 2B, 2 RBI, BB on homestand**...HR's in back-to-back games at ALT, 5/30-31...Cranked pair of HR's and 2B w/5 RBI at BOW, 5/3...Ranked #3 Indians prospect by *Baseball America*...'17 EL mid-season all-star...His 89 RBI was tied for most in Indians system in '17... **Blasted HR's on three consecutive pitches and collected 7 RBI vs. ERI, 6/27/17**...
- #15 Andrew Calica—OF** Age 24, Resides: Chula Vista, CA, Acq.: 11th Rd. '16, College/HS: UC-Santa Barbara
Last: 6/22 vs. HBG, 0-3, BB **Series:** 0-3, BB **Last HR:** 6/16 at REA, 2-run (Garcia)
Notes: 3rd year pro... **3-15, 2 BB on homestand**...Named EL Player of the Week, 6/4-10 (.375, 2 HR, 7 RBI)...Hit a hefty .390 in May (32-82)...Had eight-game hit streak, 5/17-25 (17-33, .515)...Launched lead-off HR and went 4-6 at HFD, 5/18, for first AA homer...Had 11-game hit streak, 4/25-5/7 (18-42, .429)...Smacked walk-off single for 2-1 win vs. BOW, 4/27...
- #1 Willi Castro—SS** Age 21, Resides: Santo Domingo, DO, Acq: FA '13, College/HS: NA
Last: 6/22 vs. HBG, 1-3, SF, RBI, SB **Series:** 1-3, SF, RBI, SB **Last HR:** 5/8 at RIC, Solo (Connolly)
Notes: 5th year pro... **6-14, SF, 3 RBI, BB, SB on homestand**...Drilled three 2B's and 5 RBI vs. RIC, 5/25...Member of Indians 40-man roster...Socked first AA HR, 4/25 at REA (2-run HR)...Ranked #7 Indians prospect by *Baseball America*...All-star in '17 at Class-A Lynchburg (.290, 11 HR, 58 RBI)...
- #8 Sam Haggerty—INF** Age 24, Resides: Denver, CO, Acq.: 24th Rd. '15, College/HS: New Mexico
Last: 6/22 vs. HBG, 0-4, SB **Series:** 0-4, SB **Last HR:** 6/16 at REA, Solo (Kilome)
Notes: 4th year pro... **0-9, 2 BB, SB on homestand**...Was on DL, 4/17-5/19 (right shoulder strain)...Led Carolina League and Indians minor league system with 49 steals (49-62) in '17...Freshman All-American, Academic All-American and First Team All-Mountain West performer at New Mexico...
- #10 Tyler Krieger—OF** Age 24, Resides: Johns Creek, GA, Acq.: 4th Rd. '15, College/HS: Clemson
Last: 6/22 vs. HFD, 0-4 **Series:** Has not played **Last HR:** 6/17 at REA, Solo (Singer)
Notes: 3rd year pro... **4-13, 2 2B on homestand...Perfect 5-5, 2 HR, 4 RBI performance at REA, 6/17**...Had 11-game hit streak, 4/22-5/4 (18-52, .346)...Ripped leadoff HR at BOW, 4/22...Ranked #23 Indians prospect by *Baseball America*...Spent entire '17 season with Akron (.225, 6 HR, 43 RBI, 119 G)...Smacked inside-the-park homer, 6/16 vs. POR...Played for Israel in '17 WBC.
- #7 Sicnarf Loopstok—C** Age 25, Resides: Altus, Aruba, Acq: 13th Rd. '13, College/HS: W. Oklahoma St.
Last: 6/22 vs. HBG, 0-2, BB **Series:** 0-2, BB **Last HR:** 6/5 at NH, Solo (Dillon)
Notes: 6th year pro... **2-7, 2B, 2 RBI, 2 BB on homestand...Four hits in last 36 AB's**...Leads EL with 13 passed balls...Delivered clutch sacrifice fly for 2-1 walkoff win in 11th inning vs. TRE, 5/23...Mid-season and post-season all-star at Lynchburg in '17 (249, 17 HR, 65 RBI)...Sicnarf (SICK-narf) is his father's name, Francis, spelled backward...College teammate of Michael Peoples...
- #16 Connor Marabell—OF** Age 24, Resides: Jacksonville, FL, Acq: 25th Rd. '15, College/HS: Jacksonville
Last: 6/22 vs. HBG, 2-4, HR, RBI **Series:** 2-4, HR, RBI **Last HR:** 6/22 vs. HBG, Solo (McGowin)
Notes: 4th year pro... **2-12, 2 HR, 2 RBI on homestand**...Had pair of nine-game hit streaks: 5/14-22 (16-35, .457) & 4/25-5/5 (13-34, .382)...Added to roster 4/14...Hit .238 with eight homers and 45 RBI in 97 games at Lynchburg in '17...His father, Scott, and uncle, Luke, also played baseball at Jacksonville U...Attended Seminole State (FL) CC prior to Jacksonville...
- #12 Mark Mathias—INF** Age 23, Resides: Fremont, CA, Acq: 3rd Rd. '15, College: Cal Poly San Luis Obispo
Last: 6/22 vs. HBG, 1-3, RBI, BB, SB **Series:** 1-3, RBI, BB, SB **Last HR:** 6/17 at REA, 2-run (Casimiro)
Notes: 4th year pro... **4-14, 2B, RBI, BB, SB on homestand**...Was on DL, 5/15-24 (left hamstring strain)...Had eight-game hit streak, 4/17-25 (12-31, .387)...Ranked #25 Indians prospect by *Baseball America*...Limited to 35 games in '17 due to left shoulder injury...Has endured major injury to both shoulders in his career...Won '14 Big West Conf. batting title as a soph. at Cal Poly.
- #11 Daniel Salters—C** Age 25, Resides: Eufaula, OK, Acq: 13th Rd. '15, College/HS: Dallas Baptist
Last: 6/20 vs. HFD, 1-4 **Series:** Has not played **Last HR:** 6/16 at REA, 2-run (Rivero)
Notes: 4th year pro... **1-4 on homestand**...Rejoined roster, 6/14...Went 0-2 in AAA debut for Columbus, 6/13 at LOU...Ripped 3-run HR & 2-run 2B at BOW, 5/4...Played at Eastern Oklahoma State JC prior to Dallas Baptist...Liven in Kenya from age 5 to 13 while his parents served as missionaries...
- #9 Joe Sever—INF** Age 27, Resides: San Jose, CA, Acq: 21st Rd. '12, College/HS: Pepperdine
Last: 6/20 vs. HBG, 0-3, BB **Series:** 0-3, BB **Last HR:** 6/10 at POR, 2-run (Jimenez)
Notes: 7th year pro... **3-12, RBI, BB on homestand**...Had eight-game hit streak, 6/3-6/13 (12-34, .353)...Went 4-5, with a HR, 2B and 4 RBI at POR, 6/10...Slapped game-tying 2B in 9th vs. ERI, 5/12...Nephew of Pro Football HOF member, John Elway...

#4 Ka'ai Tom—OF**Last:** 6/22 vs. HBG, 0-4, RBI**Age 24, Resides: Kane'ohe, HI, Acq.: 5th '15, College/HS: Kentucky****Series:** 0-4, RBI**Last HR:** 6/10 at POR, 2-run (Jimenez)**Notes:** 4th year pro... **2-13, 3B, 2B, 3 RBI, HB, BB on homestand... Enjoyed sensational 5-5, 2 HR, 4 RBI, 4 R effort at HFD, 5/18, in 15-3 win...** Slugged HR, 3B, 5 RBI vs. BOW, 4/28... Spent entire '17 season at Class-A Lynchburg (.254, 10 HR, 65 RBI)... All-SEC First Team selection at UK as a sophomore in '14... Played back-up QB to Marcus Mariota at Saint Louis H.S. in Honolulu...**RubberDucks Relievers****#34 Argenis Angulo—RHP****Age 24, Resides: Araure, VE, Acq: 19th Rd. '14, College/HS: Ranger (TX) College****Throws:** FB, SL, CH**Last Appearance:** Fri. 6/22 vs. HBG, 1.0 IP 2 K (Save in 5-4 win)**Notes:** 5th year pro... **5-7 in save chances...** Workhorse at Class-A Lynchburg in '17... Appeared in 41 games, going 5-2, 2.29 ERA... His 15 saves led Indians minor league system '17...**#22 Mitch Brown—RHP****Age 24, Resides: Rochester, MN, Acq: 2nd Rd. '12, College/HS: Rochester Century HS****Throws:** FB, CU, CH**Last Appearance:** Wed. 6/20 vs. HFD, 2.0 IP 1 H 2 BB (ND in 6-3 loss)**Notes:** 7th year pro... **4-5 in save chances...** 2nd among EL relievers in opponent batting average (.140)...**#29 Rob Kaminsky—LHP****Age 23, Resides: Englewood Cliffs, NJ, Acq: TR '16, College/HS: St. Joseph (NJ) HS****Throws:** FB, CU, CH**Last Appearance:** Wed. 6/20 vs. HFD, 2.0 IP 2 H 1 ER 1 BB (ND in 6-3 loss)**Notes:** 6th year pro... Added to roster, 6/20... Made two appearances at Single-A Lynchburg (2.0 IP 0 R)... Suffered abdominal muscle strain in spring training... Made one Akron start last season (4/12/17 at TRE) before being shut down with an elbow injury... Went 11-7, 3.28 ERA in 25 starts for Akron in '16... Defeated TRE, 4-2, in Game 2 of the ELCS, 9/14/16 (6.2 IP 7 H 2 ER 6 K)... Acquired from St. Louis in trade for Brandon Moss, 7/30/15... Originally drafted by Cardinals in 1st round of '13 draft.**#35 Kieran Lovegrove—RHP****Age 23, Resides: Mission Viejo, CA, Acq: 3rd '12, College/HS: NA****Throws:** FB, KNU-CUR, CH**Last Appearance:** Fri. 6/22 vs. HBG, 1.0 IP 2 H 2 R 0 ER (WP in 5-4 win)**Notes:** 7th year pro... **Only one ER allowed in last nine outings (13.0 IP)**... Tossed two scoreless innings in Double-A debut vs. ERI, 5/13... Added to roster, 5/13... Started season with Single-A Lynchburg... Was 3-0, 1.56 ERA in 10 relief appearances... Had 25 K's in 17.1 innings for the Hillcats... Born in Johannesburg, South Africa and moved to Los Angeles area at age 5...**#38 Henry Martinez—RHP****Age 24, Resides: Santo Domingo, DR, Acq: FA '13, College/HS: none****Throws:** FB, SL, CH**Last Appearance:** Thu. 6/21 vs. HFD, 1.0 IP 1 H 1 BB 2 K (Save in 3-2 win)**Notes:** 5th year pro... **6-6 in save chances...** Added to roster, 4/27... Was 0-0, 1.29 ERA and four saves in six games at Class-A Lynchburg... 4-5 in save chances with Hillcats...**#39 Jordan Milbrath—RHP****Age 26, Resides: Sioux Falls, SD, Acq: 35th Rd. '13, College/HS: Augustana (IL) College****Throws:** FB, SL, CH**Last Appearance:** Fri. 6/22 vs. HBG, 1.1 IP 1 H 1 BB (ND in 5-4 win)**Notes:** 7th year pro... Re-joined roster, 5/23... Was 1-2, 5.93 ERA in nine games at AAA Columbus, 4/22-5/21... Called up to COL and made AAA debut with 1.1 shutout innings at ROC, 4/22... Taken by Pirates in Rule 5 draft in December, but was returned to the Indians in spring training...**#27 Nick Pasquale—RHP****Age 27, Resides: Walnut Creek, CA, Acq: 20th Rd. '12, College/HS: Diablo Valley CC****Throws:** FB, SL, CH**Last Appearance:** Wed. 6/20 at HFD, 1.0 IP (ND in 6-3 loss)**Notes:** 7th year pro... **0-1 in save chances...** Added to roster, 4/27... Began season in extended spring training... Was 3-8, 5.90 ERA in 19 games (16 starts) with Akron in '17... Has appeared for Akron the last four seasons... Pitching hero of 2016 EL playoffs, going 1-0, 0.66 ERA in two starts... Won championship clincher, 2-1, at TRE, 9/16/16 (5.2 IP 4 H 1 ER).**#23 David Speer—LHP****Age 25, Resides: Westport, CT, Acq: 27th Rd. '14, College/HS: Columbia****Throws:** FB, SL, CUR, CH**Last Appearance:** Thu. 6/21 vs. HFD, 1.1 IP 1 BB 1 K (WP in 3-2 win)**Notes:** 5th year pro... **0-1 in save chances... 0 runs in last eight outings (12.0 IP)**... Made spot-start in Game 2 of DH vs. TRE, 5/22 (4.0 IP 3 H 1 ER 2 K)...**#41 Matt Whitehouse—LHP****Age 26, Resides: Diamond Bar, CA, Acq: 19th Rd. '13, College/HS: UC-Irvine****Throws:** FB, SL, CUR, CH**Last Appearance:** (w/COL) Fri. 6/22 at GWI, 2.0 IP 2 H 1 ER 2 BB 1 K (ND in 5-1 loss)**Notes:** 6th year pro... **0-2 in save chances...** On Columbus/Akron shuttle... Has made 6 appearances (5 GS) with Columbus (0-1, 8.69 ERA)... Fanned Tim Tebow to strand three runners and protect 1-run lead at BIN, 4/9... Had Tommy John Surgery in '14 and missed the '15 season...

2018 RubberDucks Day-By-Day

#	Date	Opp.	W/L	Score	Rec.	Standing	W/L/SV	Time	Att.	Tot. Home Att.
1	4/5	at ALT	L	6-5	0-1	T4, -1.0	Kaselica/Angulo/Hartlieb	2:25	5,024	
2	4/6	at ALT	W	7-6	1-1	T2, -1.0	Linares/Scioneaux/none	3:05	2,592	
3	4/7	at ALT	L	5-1	1-2	T4, -1.5	Helton/Peoples/none	2:26	3,331	
4	4/8	at ALT	L	4-0	1-3	6, -2.0	Keller/Brady/none	2:25	2,784	
5	4/9	at BIN	W	6-3	2-3	6, -1.5	Chiang/Molina/Brown	2:48	1,022	
6	4/10	at BIN	W	5-1	3-3	T4, -1.5	Bieber/Shaw/none	2:22	904	
7	4/11	at BIN	W	4-0	4-3	T3, -1.0	Civale/Zamora/none	2:19	910	
	4/12	OFF								
8	4/13	TRE	L	2-1	4-4	5, -1.5	Frare/Linares/Harvey	2:33	8,296 (S1)	8,296
9	4/14	TRE	L	1-0	4-5	5, -2.5	Mesa Jr./Brady/Foley	2:16	2,946	11,242
	4/15	TRE		(Rained out. Make-up set for 5/22 at 5:05 p.m.)						
10	4/16	ALT	W	4-1	5-5	4, -2.5	DeMasi/Brentz/none	2:29	1,725	12,967
11	4/17	ALT	W	2-0	6-5	T3, -2.5	Bieber/Hearn/Brown	2:20	1,523	14,490
12	4/18	ALT	W	4-2	7-5	2, -2.5	Linares/Sendelbach/Eubank	2:19	1,764	16,254
13	4/19	ALT	L	2-1 (10)	7-6	T3, -2.5	Hartlieb/Milbrath/Garcia	2:21	2,032	18,286
14	4/20	at BOW	L	5-3	7-7	4, -3.5	Ysla/Speer/Gonzalez	2:45	3,288	
15	4/21	at BOW	L	4-3 (12)	7-8	4, -3.5	Flaa/DeMasi/none	3:40	4,061	
16	4/22	at BOW	W	9-4	8-8	4, -3.5	Bieber/Means/none	2:46	2,864	
17	4/23	at REA	L	8-4	8-9	4, -3.5	Arauz/Civale/none	2:30	2,014	
18	4/24	at REA	W	7-1	9-9	4, -3.0	Peoples/Romero/none	2:49	2,709	
19	4/25	at REA	L	9-7	9-10	4, -3.0	Gilbert/Milbrath/Leftwich	3:06	2,017	
	4/26	OFF								
20	4/27	BOW	W	2-1	10-10	3, -2.0	Demasi/Ysla/none	2:25	3,414	21,700
21	4/28	BOW	W	11-3	11-10	3, -2.0	Whitehouse/Long/none	2:51	3,154	24,854
22	4/29	BOW	W	7-1	12-10	2, -2.0	Civale/Means/none	2:15	5,004	29,858
23	4/30	BIN	W	7-5	13-10	2, -1.0	DeMasi/Church/Martinez	2:48	4,175	34,033
24	5/1	BIN	L	7-6	13-11	3, -1.0	Bautista/Brown/Hanhold	2:52	4,320	38,353
25	5/2	BIN	W	5-2	14-11	T1, +0.5	Chiang/Molina/Martinez	2:29	3,027	41,380
26	5/3	at BOW	W	15-0	15-11	T1, +0.5	Paulson/Harvey/none	2:40	2,215	
27	5/4	at BOW	W	18-2	16-11	1, +1.0	Pasquale/Kelly/none	2:44	3,579	
28	5/5	at BOW	W	4-2	17-11	1, +1.5	Robinson/Means/Angulo	2:13	4,420	
29	5/6	at BOW	W	4-1	18-11	1, +1.5	Brady/Akin/Brown	2:18	4,103	
30	5/7	at RIC	W	6-3	19-11	1, +2.5	Chiang/Williams/Linares	3:10	3,085	
31	5/8	at RIC	W	6-5	20-11	1, +3.0	Paulson/Connolly/Martinez	2:44	4,279	
32	5/9	at RIC	L	1-0	20-12	1, +2.5	Taylor/Whitehouse/Simpson	2:31	6,338	
33	5/10	ERI	L	4-3	20-13	1, +1.5	Ecker/Brown/none	2:47	4,444	45,824
34	5/11	ERI	L	8-2	20-14	1, +0.5	Burrows/Brady/none	2:51	5,159	50,983
35	5/12	ERI	W	4-3	21-14	1, +1.5	Eubank/Schreiber/none	2:47	4,846	55,829
36	5/13	ERI	L	2-0	21-15	1, +1.5	Turnbull, Paulson/Dowdy	2:36	3,763	59,592
37	5/14	at TRE	L	3-2 (10)	21-16	1, +0.5	Ort/Speer/none	3:03	3,433	
38	5/15	at TRE	W	4-3	22-16	1, +1.5	Eubank/Reeves/Speer	2:36	3,746	
39	5/16	at TRE	L	5-4	22-17	1, +1.0	Schwaab/Pasquale/Foley	3:00	6,408	
40	5/17	at HFD	L	7-5	22-18	1, +0.5	Lambert/Chiang/Pierpont	2:19	4,483	
41	5/18	at HFD	W	15-3	23-18	1, +1.0	Paulson/French/none	3:03	6,850	
42	5/19	at HFD	W	5-4	24-18	1, +1.5	Whitehouse/Wynkoop/Eubank	3:05	6,451	
43	5/20	at HFD	L	13-10	24-19	1, +1.0	Cozart/Linares/Pierpont	3:16	6,504	
	5/21	OFF								
44	5/22	TRE (1)	W	4-3	25-19	NA	Chiang/Lane/Eubank	2:16	NA	
45	5/22	TRE (2)	W	6-3	26-19	1, +2.5	Brown/Stephen/Angulo	2:06	3,045	62,637
46	5/23	TRE	W	2-1 (11)	27-19	1, +2.0	Pasquale/Ort/none	3:14	8,071 (S2)	70,708
47	5/24	TRE	W	1-0	28-19	1, +3.0	Plesac/Keller/Angulo	2:20	7,715 (S3)	78,423
48	5/25	RIC	W	14-6	29-19	1, +4.0	DeMasi/Williams/none	2:44	5,754	84,177
49	5/26	RIC	L	7-4	29-20	1, +3.0	Connolly/Pasquale/Ruotolo	2:55	5,091	89,268
50	5/27	RIC	W	8-3	30-20	1, +4.0	Chiang/Hill/none	2:49	6,383	95,651
51	5/28	RIC	L	5-3	30-21	1, +3.0	Taylor/Edwards/McNamara	2:51	3,075	98,726

(S1, S2, etc. indicates home sellouts)

We Are the RubberDucks

On October 29, 2013, team-owner **Ken Babby** stood before a capacity audience at the Akron Civic Theater and announced that the team would be known henceforth as the **Akron RubberDucks**. In addition to being symbolic of the fun, family-friendly brand of entertainment offered by minor league baseball, the name also honors Akron's long history as the **"Rubber Capital of the World."** Brandiose Marketing of San Diego, California, designed the team logo, colors, and various marks and insignias. Please note that for print coverage, *RubberDucks* is spelled as one word with a capital "D". In broadcast coverage, referring to the team as *"the Ducks"* is an acceptable variation of the team's nickname.

2018 RubberDucks Day-By-Day (continued)

#	Date	Opp.	W/L	Score	Rec.	Standing	W/L/SV	Time	Att.	Tot. Home Att.
52	5/29	at ALT	W	3-0	31-21	1, +4.0	Plesac/Vasquez/Angulo	2:27	2,952	
53	5/30	at ALT	L	4-3	31-22	1, +3.5	Helton/Martinez/none	2:32	2,712	
54	5/31	at ALT	L	4-3	31-23	1, +1.5	Hartlieb/Brown/none	2:27	4,921	
55	6/1	ERI	L	1-0	31-24	1, +1.5	Spomer/Chiang/Schreiber	2:05	6,174	105,356
56	6/2	ERI	W	5-4 (10)	32-24	1, +2.5	Angulo/Navihon/none	3:04	6,562	111,918
57	6/3	ERI	L	4-3	32-25	1, +2.0	Szkutnik/Plesac/Schreiber	3:00	5,314	117,232
	6/4	OFF								
58	6/5	at NH	W	13-3	33-25	1, +3.0	Brady/Dillon/none	3:04	4,757	
59	6/6	at NH	L	7-6	33-26	1, +2.0	Case/Angulo/none	3:08	6,691	
60	6/7	at NH	W	7-4	34-26	1, +2.0	McKenzie/Romano/Brown	2:32	4,013	
61	6/8	at POR	W	8-2	35-26	1, +3.0	DeMasi/O'Linger/none	2:40	7,069	
62	6/9	at POR	L	3-2	35-27	1, +2.5	Weems/Paulson/Taylor	2:37	6,331	
63	6/10	at POR	W	7-2	36-27	1, +3.5	Brady/Jimenez/none	2:32	7,368	
	6/11	OFF								
64	6/12	NH	L	6-1	36-28	1, +2.5	Harris/McKenzie/none	2:39	2,682	119,914
65	6/13	NH	W	8-2	37-28	1, +2.5	Civale/Romano/none	2:39	4,289	124,203
66	6/14	NH	L	3-0	37-29	1, +2.0	Zeuch/Peoples/Fernandez	2:05	5,352	129,555
67	6/15	at REA	W	5-0	38-29	1, +2.0	Paulson/Pomero/none	2:40	6,160	
68	6/16	at REA	W	8-5	39-29	1, +2.0	Brady/Kilome/Martinez	2:47	7,386	
69	6/17	at REA	L	10-7	39-30	1, +2.0	Casimiro/Milbrath/Singer	2:53	6,512	
	6/18	OFF								
70	6/19	HFD	W	4-3	40-30	1, +2.5	Civale/Gonzalez/Martinez	2:34	3,192	132,747
71	6/20	HFD	L	6-3	40-31	1, +1.5	Castellani/DeMasi/Pierpont	2:54	3,121	135,868
72	6/21	HFD	W	3-2	41-31	1, +2.5	Speer/Cpzart/Martinez	2:29	4,563	140,431
73	6/22	HBG	W	5-4	42-31	1, +3.5	Lovegrove/Guillon/Angulo	2:51	6,359	146,790
74	6/23	HBG								

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2018 RubberDucks Transactions & Misc. Records

2018 RubberDucks Transactions

4/14 OF Taylor Murphy released. OF Connor Marabell received from extended spring training.
 4/17 3B Sam Haggerty placed on DL (right shoulder strain). INF Alexis Pantoja received from Lynchburg.
 4/22 RHP Jordan Milbrath promoted to Columbus. LHP Ben Krauth received from Lynchburg.
 4/23 RHP Jordan Milbrath received from Columbus. LHP Ben Krauth transferred to Lynchburg.
 4/27 RHP Jordan Milbrath and RHP Luke Eubank promoted to Columbus. RHP Henry Martinez received from Lynchburg. RHP Nick Pasquale received from extended spring training. RHP Michael Peoples placed on DL (right foot contusion).
 4/30 RHP Cameron Mingo received from extended spring training.
 5/1 RHP Shane Bieber promoted to Columbus.
 5/2 RHP Cameron Mingo transferred to Lake County. RHP Jake Paulson received from Lynchburg.
 5/3 INF Alexis Pantoja transferred to Lynchburg.
 5/5 RHP Dominic DeMasi promoted to Columbus. LHP Matt Whitehouse promoted to Columbus. RHP Cameron Mingo received from Lake County. RHP Jared Robinson received from extended spring training.
 5/6 INF Todd Hankins and RHP Dominic DeMasi received from Columbus. RHP Jared Robinson transferred to extended spring training. RHP Aaron Civale placed on DL (right shoulder soreness).
 5/9 LHP Matt Whitehouse and RHP Luke Eubank received from Columbus.
 5/10 RHP Dominic DeMasi and C Daniel Salters promoted to Columbus. C Gian Paul Gonzalez received from Lake County.
 5/12 RHP Dominic Demasi received from Columbus.
 5/13 RHP Kieran Lovegrove received from Lynchburg.
 5/14 C Daniel Salters received from Columbus. C Gian Paul Gonzalez transferred to extended spring training. RHP Cameron Mingo transferred to Lake County.
 5/15 2B Mark Mathias placed on DL (left hamstring).
 5/17 INF Jorma Rodriguez received from Lake County.
 5/20 UT Todd Hankins promoted to Columbus. INF Sam Haggerty activated from DL.
 5/21 LHP Sean Brady promoted to Columbus. Leandro Linares placed on DL (right shoulder strain).
 5/23 RHP Jordan Milbrath received from Columbus.
 5/24 RHP Zach Plesac received from Lynchburg.
 5/25 2B Mark Mathias activated from DL. OF's Lonnie Chisenhall and Brandon Guyer received from Cleveland on minor league rehabilitation assignments.
 5/26 LHP Sean Brady received from Columbus. INF Jorma Rodriguez transferred to Lynchburg. OF Bradley Zimmer received from Cleveland on a minor league rehabilitation assignment.
 5/27 RHP Luke Eubank promoted to Columbus. RHP Jon Edwards received from Mahoning Valley.
 6/3 OF Tyler Naquin received from Cleveland on minor league rehabilitation assignment.
 6/7 RHP Triston McKenzie received from Lynchburg. RHP Zach Plesac transferred to Lynchburg.
 6/8 RHP's Aaron Civale and Michael Peoples activated from DL RHP Nick Pasquale placed on DL (right quad soreness). OF Dorssys Paulino placed on DL (right hip soreness).
 6/11 RHP Shao-Ching Chang and C Daniel Salters promoted to Columbus.
 6/12 LHP Matt Whitehouse received from Columbus. C Logan Ice received from Lynchburg.
 6/14 C Daniel Salters received from Columbus. C Logan Ice transferred to Lynchburg.
 6/17 LHP Matt Whitehouse promoted to Columbus.
 6/20 RHP Michael Peoples promoted to Columbus. LHP Rob Kaminsky received from Lynchburg. RHP Nick Pasquale activated from DL. RHP Leandro Linares activated from DL and transferred to Lynchburg.
 6/22 RHP Jon Edwards promoted to Columbus. LHP Matt Whitehouse received from Columbus.

2018 Season Records

Record: 42-31
Home: 20-14
Away: 22-17
vs. Eastern: 22-15
vs. Western: 20-16
vs. RH Starters: 31-27
vs. LH Starters: 11-4
Day: 7-12
Night: 35-19
One-run Games: 13-15
Extra Innings: 2-3
Shutouts: 6-6
Doubleheaders: 1-0-0
Leading After 8: 35-1
Trailing After 8: 2-25
Tied After 8: 3-5
Walk-Off Wins: 4
Scoring First: 26-11
Opponent Scores First: 16-20
Leading at End of Game: 42-0

Ducks vs. the EL

Opp.	H	A	Total
ALT	3-1	2-5	5-6
BIN	2-1	3-0	5-1
BOW	3-0	5-2	8-2
ERI	2-5	0-0	2-5
HBG	1-0	0-0	1-0
HFD	2-1	2-2	4-3
NH	1-2	2-1	3-3
POR	0-0	2-1	2-1
REA	0-0	3-3	3-3
RIC	2-2	2-1	4-3
TRE	4-2	1-2	5-4

Team Game-High's

Runs: 18 (5/4 at BOW)
Runs Allowed: 13 (5/20 at HFD)
Hits: 21 (5/18 at HFD)
Hits Allowed: 16 (5/20 at HFD)
HR's: 4 (2x, 6/16 at REA, last)
HR's Allowed: 3 (3x, 5/20 at HFD, last)
BB's (Drawn): 10 (2x, 6/3 vs. ERI, last)
BB's (Issued): 7 (4/9 at BIN)
K's (Batters): 18 (4/21 at BOW)
K's (Pitchers): 13 (5/28 vs. RIC)

Individual Game-High's

Hits 5 (2x, Krieger, 6/17 at REA, last)
2B's: 3 (Castro, 5/25 vs. RIC)
3B's: 1 (14x, Tom, 6/19 vs. HFD, last)
HR's: 2 (3x, Krieger, 6/17 at REA, last)
Runs: 4 (2x, Tom, 5/18 at HFD, last)
RBI: 5 (3x, Castro, 5/25 vs. RIC, last)
BB's: 3 (4x, Sever, 6/15 at REA, last)
SB's: 2 (5x, Krieger, 6/17 at REA, last)
K's (Pitcher): 9 (2x, Paulson, 6/21 vs. HFD, last)
BB's (Pitcher): 4 (2x, Brady, 5/11 vs. ERI, last)