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JUNE 21 Thursday, 7:05 p.m. vs. Kannapolis Intimidators

Hat Giveaway – The first 500 fans through the gates will receive an orange and gray designed hat presented by Spicer Bros. Construction Inc.

Maryland Pride Thursdays – Back for a second season, the Shorebirds players will be wearing Maryland Flag themed jerseys each Thursday during the 2018 season. All fans are encouraged to wear Maryland themed gear and join the fun! The jerseys will be auctioned off at the end of the season.

Kiss 95.9 Thirsty Thursday – Enjoy 16 ounce cans of Miller Lite and Coors Light; as well as, 16 ounce Pepsi fountain drinks for just \$2. Thirsty Thursdays are presented by University Village.



JUNE 22 Friday, 7:05 p.m. vs. Kannapolis Intimidators

90's Night featuring Mr. Belding – The Shorebirds will be hosting a 90's night featuring an appearance from Dennis Haskins, better known as Mr. Belding from the hit TV Show Saved by the Bell. Mr. Belding will be signing autographs throughout the night for fans.



Orange Fridays – The Shorebirds players will be wearing orange themed jerseys each Friday during the 2018 season. All fans are encouraged to wear orange gear and join the fun! The jerseys will be auctioned off at the end of the season.

Froggy 99.9 Big Beer Friday – 32 ounce Miller Lite and Coors Light draft beers are only \$6.

JUNE 23 Saturday, 7:05 p.m. vs. Kannapolis Intimidators

Q105 Fireworks – Come out and watch the Shorebirds light up the sky with their sixth fireworks show of the season presented by Hudson Health Services.

Delaware State Fair Ticket Giveaway – The Shorebirds will be giving away general admission tickets to the Delaware State Fair to the first 1,000 fans in attendance. During the game the Shorebirds will randomly give away 2 concert tickets to each concert being hosted at the Delaware State Fair.

Team Photo Giveaway – The Shorebirds will be handing out team photos to the first 2,500 fans through the gates brought to you by the Delaware State Fair.



JUNE 24 Sunday, 5:05 p.m. vs. Hagerstown Suns

Kids Club Game #2 – The Shorebirds have created a brand new kids club for the 2018 season. Members of the club receive tickets to 5 games, a one-of-a-kind lunch box, lanyard, player autograph session, and whole lot more! The Kids Club is presented by Maryland Excels.

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Strike Out Hunger Sunday – Bring two canned food items to the Shorebirds box office and receive an upper reserve ticket for \$3. All collected items will be donated to the local area food banks.



Kids Run the Bases – All kids get to run the bases after the game presented by Chili's Grill & Bar.



JUNE 25 Monday, 7:05 p.m. vs. Hagerstown Suns

47 ABC Two Buck Monday – Enjoy \$2 upper reserved tickets, \$2 hot dogs and \$2 16 ounce fountain Pepsi products presented by Wicomico Heating & Air Conditioning.



JUNE 26 Tuesday, 7:05 p.m. vs. Hagerstown Suns

Silver Sluggers Tuesday – Become part of the coolest club on the Eastern Shore. If you are 55 or over you can join the Shorebirds Silver Slugger program sponsored by Peninsula Home Care. Each Silver Slugger game you will have a chance to win prizes throughout the night while playing baseball bingo.



Ticket Amnesty Day #1 – The Shorebirds are offering fans an opportunity to redeem any unused ticket from a previous game during the 2018 season for an upper reserved ticket on Tuesday, June 26th.



By: Drew Williams

MIDSEASON SHOREBIRDS CATCH ON QUICKLY

It's the blessing and curse of watching players move on to their next step toward The Show. The Delmarva Shorebirds know a thing or two about that emotional rollercoaster.

Five different Opening Day Shorebirds – T.J. Nitching, Michael Baumann, Zach Muckenhirn, Travis Seabrooke, and Zac Lowther – have moved up the ladder to the High-A Frederick Keys this season. Stir in the unfortunate nature of injuries throughout the year and you have some key roster spots that are in need of filling. That's where the next wave of talent steps in to make their mark and attempt to fill the void left.

These players come into a situation the average Joe can relate to. The challenge of moving to a new city and trying to find your way in a new working environment can be a tough task, but for these players, familiarity is key, especially with a few familiar faces around.

Outfielder Jaylen Ferguson joined the team after being called up from extended spring training in Sarasota, Fla. mid-May. Ferguson said that his transition to Delmarva was pretty seamless, considering some of the players in his old clubhouse made the jump to Delmarva not too long ago.

"I've been playing with these guys basically last year, so there was nothing really new as far as getting adjusted to the guys," said Ferguson.

Pitcher Tim Naughton echoed Ferguson's comments and said familiarity with the current group allowed for no problems getting settled into the clubhouse mid-season.

"I played with a lot of the guys last season at Aberdeen so I had a chance to meet them before," said Naughton. "Obviously we are wearing a new jersey, but I met them all before so it was a lot of familiar faces."

Minor League Baseball is a grind of a season with 140 games from April until the first week of September, and that's just the regular season. In short-season Aberdeen, the season runs around 76 games from mid-June



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MIDSEASON SHOREBIRDS CONT...

to early September. The clubhouse may feature familiar elements, but the longer season in Low-A presents some newer elements that take some getting used to.

There's travel, which is synonymous with baseball in the minors and takes on new meaning when the next level jump has been accomplished. For the Shorebirds, the shortest bus ride is three hours to Hagerstown, and the longest takes upwards of 12 hours to Rome.

"In extended, the longest bus ride is an hour," Naughton said. "My second day here we had a 10-hour bus ride [to Hickory], but you won't hear me complain about travel. Just get some shuteye on the bus."

Another different experience is the stands being full of spectators, who provide the cheerful morale boost at home or supply the magical sound of heckling on the road. In extended spring training, there are few crowds and little fanfare, allowing players to focus on refining their skills.

Pitcher Cameron Ming said the crowd factor played a more helpful role for him in his experiences between extended spring training and Delmarva.

"In extended there really aren't people watching, so it's hard to get that external adrenaline from any fans since there aren't any," said Ming. "When you join a full season team you kind of get the crowds that get you powered with adrenaline on the mound and makes you more focused."

On the individual level, not every player can say they have a call-up tale quite like Max Hogan. Hogan was promoted to the team in early May and not too long after had to take a little detour back to Sarasota to pick up a little something important: his car.

"We were actually in Columbia, and when team came back from Columbia to Salisbury I flew back to Sarasota and then drove my car back on the off day," said Hogan. "It was 17 hours back up to Salisbury, so that was an adventure."

Ultimately, having a skipper at the helm with a contagiously enjoyable personality helps players adjust. Shorebirds manager Buck Britton has earned that ringing endorsement from his players.

"Buck's been awesome," said Hogan. "He's a player's coach, and his resume speaks for itself. He's a great manager and an enjoyable guy to be around."



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- 21 **Fireworks #9**
Sponsor - Market Street/ Mojo's
- 22 **Christmas Stocking Giveaway**
- 31 **Bark in the Park**
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- 3 **Fireworks #10**
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- Money Giveaway**
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- 4 **Fireworks #11**
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- 5 **Summer Reading Night (DE/VA)**
- 16 **MD Pride Hat Giveaway**
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- 17 **Human Cannonball**
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Q105 FIREWORKS SATURDAY

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Scott Magee is this week's Shorebirds season ticket holder in the spotlight. Scott is in his 2nd year as a half season ticket member, and has been attending games since the stadium opened in 1996. Growing up in Bethany Beach, Scott played for Indian River (including several times at Perdue Stadium in 1997), and even tried out for the Orioles in 1998 as an outfielder.

Scott currently works for Terminix, and is also pursuing a career in elementary school teaching. His son Aiden (pictured from a game earlier this season) is a baseball fanatic, and plays catcher and shortstop for the Lower Sussex Pat Knight Tournament Team. Aiden is a tough out on the bases, as he's been clocked at only 6.1 seconds for 120 feet (the distance from home plate to 2nd base), and has also competed in the Scotts Pitch Hit & Run competitions.

"Aiden's favorite player with the Orioles is Joey Rickard, so he was thrilled last year when we got a chance to see him rehab with the Shorebirds."



Magee also has an extensive history in photography over the last 20+ years. "It all started several years back when I took some pictures of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall in Washington DC with a disposable camera, and several came out fantastic. I guess you could say I caught the photo bug from there!" Scott later worked with Ritz Camera, and also taught several classes in photography. "Around 2000 I started taking photos at Shorebirds games, and have really enjoyed the experience of capturing the action."

Scott owns a sports photography website FinalOutImaging.com, where several pictures from Shorebirds games are featured. "Some of my favorites from this season have been catches by TJ Nichting on the outfield wall on April 8th, and Jaylen Ferguson in foul territory on June 10th. As a former outfielder when I played, I love being able to capture these moments in a split second and share them on platforms like Facebook and Instagram."

"One of my favorite things about being a season ticket holder, aside from all the great baseball, is the benefits of being a season ticket holder. I absolutely LOVE the season ticket holder Batting Practice session and have planned vacations around when the event happens. I miss playing, so any opportunity to get out onto the field, especially with my son, is a huge bonus."

An advertisement for WOR-WIC Community College. It features a group of diverse young people sitting on a wooden bench outdoors. Overlaid on the image is the text "Don't sit the bench. Start here... Go anywhere!" in a large, bold, black font. In the bottom left corner, there is a black box with the text "WOR-WIC COMMUNITY COLLEGE" in white. In the bottom right corner, the website "worwic.edu" is written in a bold, black font.

SHOREBIRDS ROSTER

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 #38 Tim Naughton	 #30 Cameron Bishop	 #21 DL Hall	 #3 Frank Crinella
 #20 Gray Fenter	 #16 Jean Carrillo	 #7 Kirvin Moesquit	 #1 Mason McCoy
 #33 Matthias Dietz	 #36 Cameron Ming	 #26 Nick Vespi	 #47 Reed Hayes
 #35 Ryan Ripken	 #37 Ryan Wilson	 #25 Scott Burke	 #34 Seamus Curran
 #6 Max Hogan	 #18 Jaylen Ferguson	 #19 Trevor Craport	 #11 Wagner Ramirez
 #14 Will Robertson	 #48 Jhon Peluffo	 #10 Zach Jarrett	 #12 Buck Britton
 #17 Cameron Kneeland	 #43 Justin Lord	 #23 Bobby Rose	 # Adrian Gonzalez
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SHOREBIRDS ROSTER

#	PITCHERS	B/T	HT	WT	AGE	HOMETOWN	ACQUIRED
	Dariel Álvarez (DL)	R/R	6-2	180	11/7/88 (29)	Camaguey, Cuba	FA (7/24/13)
30	Cameron Bishop	L/L	6-4	215	2/14/96 (22)	Brea, CA	26th Rd. (2017)
25	Scott Burke	R/R	6-3	200	6/2/94 (23)	Glendora, CA	20th Rd. (2017)
33	Matthias Dietz	R/R	6-5	220	9/20/95 (22)	Orland Park, IL	2nd Rd. (2016)
20	Gray Fenter	R/R	6-0	200	1/25/96 (22)	West Memphis, AR	7th Rd. (2015)
	Kory Groves (DL)	R/R	6-1	200	9/2/94 (23)	Mesa, AZ	34th Rd. (2015)
21	DL Hall	L/L	6-0	180	9/19/98 (19)	Warner Robins, GA	1st Rd. (2017)
27	Brenan Hanifree	R/R	6-5	180	5/29/98 (19)	Harrisonburg, VA	4th Rd. (2016)
47	Reed Hayes	R/R	6-3	185	3/17/95 (23)	Bristol, TN	13th Rd. (2017)
32	Alex Katz	L/L	5-11	195	10/12/94 (23)	Manhasset, NY	Trade (5/20/2017)
29	Max Knutson	L/L	6-2	205	4/1/95 (23)	Minneapolis, MN	12th Rd. (2016)
36	Cameron Ming	L/L	6-1	177	5/2/96 (22)	Phoenix, AZ	14th Rd. (2017)
38	Tim Naughton	R/R	6-3	195	11/14/95 (22)	Goldsboro, NC	34th Rd. (2017)
48	Jhon Peluffo	R/R	6-3	140	6/16/97 (20)	Cartagena, COL	FA (5/30/2014)
26	Nick Vespi	L/L	6-3	215	10/10/95 (21)	Miami, FL	18th Rd. (2015)
37	Ryan Wilson	L/L	6-1	190	11/6/96 (21)	Oceanside, CA	33rd Rd. (2017)
#	CATCHERS	B/T	HT	WT	AGE	HOMETOWN	ACQUIRED
39	Ben Breazeale	L/R	6-0	208	10/21/94 (23)	Louisville, TN	7th Rd. (2017)
16	Jean Carrillo	R/R	6-0	200	6/16/97 (20)	Panama City, PAN	FA (11/26/2013)
3	Alfredo Gonzalez	R/R	6-0	165	12/14/95 (22)	Districto Federal, VEN	FA (8/8/2013)
11	Wagner Ramirez (DL)	R/R	5-11	170	12/11/94 (23)	San Jan de la Maguana, DR	FA (6/18/2015)
2	Chris Shaw (DL)	R/R	6-0	215	4/25/94 (23)	Winnipeg, MB	15th Rd. (2015)
#	INFIELDRS	B/T	HT	WT	AGE	HOMETOWN	ACQUIRED
4	Branden Becker	L/R	6-1	175	9/13/96 (21)	Redlands, CA	17th Rd. (2015)
19	Trevor Craport	R/R	5-11	201	8/12/96 (21)	Norcross, GA	11th Rd. (2017)
34	Seamus Curran	L/R	6-6	245	9/6/97 (20)	Springfield, MA	8th Rd. (2015)
17	Cameron Kneeland (DL)	R/R	6-1	195	6/23/90 (27)	Rowley, MA	FA (11/5/2013)
1	Mason McCoy	R/R	6-0	175	3/31/95 (23)	Peoria, IL	6th Rd. (2017)
7	Kirvin Moesquit	S/R	5-8	165	3/10/95 (23)	Willemstad, CW	24th Rd. (2015)
35	Ryan Ripken	L/L	6-6	205	7/26/93 (24)	Hunt Valley, MD	FA (3/31/2017)
9	Alexi Torres	R/R	6-0	183	12/12/97 (20)	Caguas, PR	5th Rd. (2016)
#	OUTFIELDERS	B/T	HT	WT	AGE	HOMETOWN	ACQUIRED
3	Frank Crinella (DL)	R/R	5-11	188	6/9/94 (23)	Springfield, MA	39th Rd. (2015)
18	Jaylen Ferguson	R/R	6-2	180	7/21/97 (20)	Arlington, TX	9th Rd. (2015)
10	Zach Jarrett	R/R	6-4	220	12/8/94 (23)	Hickory, NC	28th Rd. (2017)
14	Will Robertson	R/R	6-2	190	3/2/95 (23)	Greenville, SC	30th Rd. (2017)

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By: Will DeBoer

HADER BREAKS RELIEVER MOLD IN MILWAUKEE

Every few years, the major leagues discover the “next big thing” in bullpen usage. This year, the title falls on Milwaukee Brewers reliever and former Shorebird Josh Hader, who works as if he wouldn’t look out of place in the “cookie cutter” stadiums of the 1970s and simultaneously shatters the mold of modern relief pitching.

Hader has lit up National League opposition this season and is a big part of the Brewers’ ascent to the top of the Senior Circuit. Through the end of May, the southpaw is 2-0 with a 1.09 ERA and six saves over 19 outings. With a fastball and slider that look virtually identical until right before they reach the plate, Hader has notched an eye-popping 66 strikeouts over 33 innings, or two strikeouts for every three outs he gets. In an April 30 game in Cincinnati, Hader struck out all eight hitters he faced in a 2.2-inning save, the longest all-strikeout appearance in major league history.

Perhaps the clearest illustration of how valuable Hader has been for the Brew Crew, Milwaukee has won all 19 games in which the longhaired fireball has appeared.

For Hader, a Millersville, Md. native, the pro baseball journey began for his home-state Baltimore Orioles. The O’s drafted the Old Mill High School man in the 19th round in 2012. After a summer in Sarasota and Aberdeen, Hader joined the Delmarva Shorebirds in 2013. In 17 starts, the 19-year-old went 3-6 with a 2.65 ERA and 79 strikeouts over 85 innings, far from the prodigious punchout numbers of his current iteration. Hader’s finest hour in Salisbury came in a June 9 win against Lakewood; he tossed 6.2 scoreless innings, finishing one out shy of a complete-game shutout. Five

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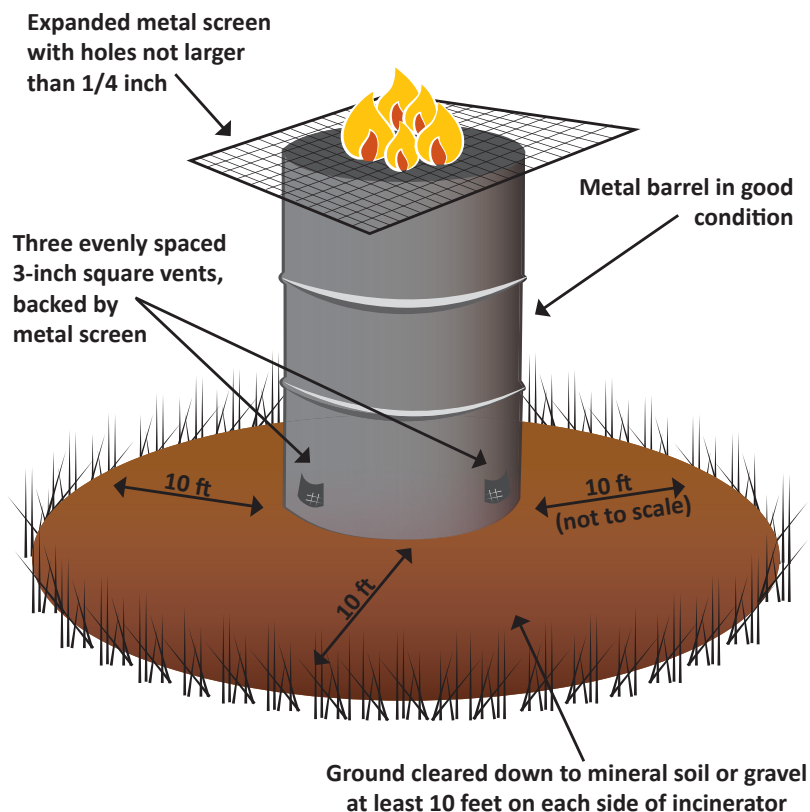


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KANNAPOLIS ROSTER

#	PITCHERS	B/T	HT	WT	DOB	ACQUIRED	HOMETOWN
24	Battenfield, Blake	R/R	6'3"	220	8/22/1994	17th round, 2017	Claremore, Okla.
25	Elliot, Jake	R/R	6'7"	230	3/22/1995	15th round, 2016	Coppell, TX
12	Escorcia, Kevin (DL)	L/L	6'3"	195	1/5/1995	FA, 2013	Barranquilla, CO
22	Henzman, Lincoln	R/R	6'2"	205	7/4/1995	4th round, 2017	Lexington, KY
21	Johnson, Tyler	R/R	6'3"	205	8/21/1995	5th round, 2017	Midlothian, VA
29	Kincanon, William	L/R	6'3"	225	10/27/1995	11th round, 2017	Riverside, IL
39	Ledo, Luis	R/R	6'4"	208	5/28/1995	FA, 2013	La Romana, DR
28	Lewis, Zach	R/R	6'3"	220	5/24/1995	FA, 2017	Palos Heights, Ill.
16	McRee, Aron	R/R	6'0"	180	10/29/1993	FA, 2016	Alabaster, AL
32	Nin, Jose	R/R	6'3"	220	6/20/1995	FA, 2014	Barahona, D.R.
27	Parke, John	L/L	6'4"	220	1/3/1995	21st round, 2017	Greenville, SC
31	Rigler, Parker	L/L	6'0"	195	2/16/1995	31st round, 2017	Edmond, OK
35	Solorzano, Yosmer	R/R	6'4"	225	2/11/1997	FA, 2014	Higuerote, VZ
45	Quijada, Jhoan	R/R	6'3"	210	12/27/1994	FA, 2013	Juan Griego, VZ
#	CATCHERS	B/T	HT	WT	DOB	ACQUIRED	HOMETOWN
18	Hickman, Michael (DL)	L/R	6'0"	215	11/5/1996	13th round, 2016	Katy, TX
8	Perez, Carlos	R/R	5'10"	160	9/10/1996	FA, 2014	Valencia, VZ
11	Skoug, Evan	L/R	5'10"	210	10/21/1995	7th round, 2017	Libertyville, IL
#	INFIELDBERS	B/T	HT	WT	DOB	ACQUIRED	HOMETOWN
20	Blackman, Tate	R/R	6'0"	195	9/7/1994	13th round, 2017	Altamonte Springs, Fla
5	Cruz, Johan	R/R	6'2"	170	10/8/1995	FA, 2012	Guananico, DR
16	Curbelo, Luis	R/R	6'3"	185	11/10/1997	6th round, 2016	Rockledge, FL
13	Rivera, Laz	R/R	6'1"	180	9/20/1994	28th round, 2017	Miami, FL
37	Villa, Anthony	R/R	6'3"	220	3/29/1994	19th round, 2016	Danville, CA
33	Yurchak, Justin	L/R	6'2"	210	9/17/1996	12th round, 2017	Clifton Park, NY
#	OUTFIELDERS	B/T	HT	WT	DOB	ACQUIRED	HOMETOWN
6	Brown, Nolan (DL)	L/L	5'11"	175	1/13/1994	FA, 2017	Colleyville, TX
14	Dedelow, Craig	L/R	6'4"	205	11/15/1994	9th round, 2017	Munster, IN
1	Frost, Tyler	L/R	5'10"	180	11/21/1995	15th round, 2017	Peoria, AZ
10	Gonzalez, Luis	L/L	6'1"	185	9/10/1995	3rd round, 2017	Tucson, AZ
30	Robert, Luis	R/R	6'3"	210	8/3/1997	FA, 2017	Havana, Cuba

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#	PITCHERS	B/T	HT	WT	DOB	HOMETOWN	ACQUIRED
19	Acevedo, Carlos	R/R	6'3"	200	9/27/94	La Vega, DR	IFA Signed 2013
11	Alastre, Tomas	R/R	6'4"	170	6/11/98	Valencia, VZ	IFA Signed 2014
28	Bogucki, A.J.	R/R	6'3"	200	5/2/95	Norristown, PA	8th Rd 2016
33	Brasher, Jared	R/R	6'2"	200	1/3/95	Pell City, AL	8th Rd 2017
25	DeRosier, Matthew	R/R	6'2"	200	7/13/94	Lakeside, CA	24th Rd 2013
38	Fuentes, Steven	R/R	6'2"	175	5/4/97	Puerto Armuelles, PAN	IFA Signed 2013
43	Held, Sam	R/R	6'4"	190	8/24/94	Stockton, CA	29th Rd 2016
21	Johnston, Kyle	R/R	6'0"	205	7/17/96	Flower Mound, TX	6th Rd 2017
44	Lee, Andrew	L/R	6'5"	225	12/2/93	Knoxville, TN	11th Rd 2015
26	Morse, Phil	R/R	6'2"	195	5/23/94	Vienna, VA	16th Rd 2016
32	Raquet, Nick	R/L	6'0"	215	12/12/95	The Villages, FL	3rd Rd 2017
37	Stoeckinger, Jackson	L/L	6'4"	210	2/13/96	Harredsburg, KY	12th Rd 2017
35	Tetreault, Jackson	R/R	6'5"	170	6/3/96	Ruskin, FL	7th Rd 2017
#	CATCHERS	B/T	HT	WT	DOB	HOMETOWN	ACQUIRED
14	Baez, Jeyner	R/R	6'1"	175	7/25/95	El Tigre, VZ	IFA Signed 2013
47	Flores, Alex	S/R	6'1"	180	12/27/95	Hermosilo, Sonora, MX	IFA signed 2018
#	INFIELDBERS	B/T	HT	WT	DOB	HOMETOWN	ACQUIRED
5	Antuna, Yasel	S/R	6'0"	170	10/26/99	Peravia, DR	IFA Signed 2016
6	Boggetto, Branden	R/R	6'0"	190	11/10/93	Joliet, IL	25th Rd 2016
30	Corredor, Aldrem	L/L	6'0"	202	10/27/95	Ocumare del Tuy, VZ	2012 Hagerstown
13	Franco, Anderson	R/R	6'3"	190	8/15/97	Bani, DR	IFA Signed 2013
8	Freeman, Cole	R/R	5'9"	175	9/27/94	Mandeville, LA	4th Rd 2017
7	Garcia, Luis	L/R	6'0"	190	5/16/00	New York, NY	IFA Signed 2016
16	Scudder, Jake	L/R	6'0"	210	2/23/95	Rock Island, IL	16th Rd 2017
#	OUTFIELDERS	B/T	HT	WT	DOB	HOMETOWN	ACQUIRED
4	Banks, Nick	L/L	6'1"	215	11/18/94	Tomball, TX	4th Rd 2016
18	Esthay, Kameron	L/L	6'0"	215	12/5/94	Lake Charles, LA	26th Rd 2017
10	Upshaw, Armond	S/L	6'0"	190	6/20/96	Newnan, GA	11th Rd 2016

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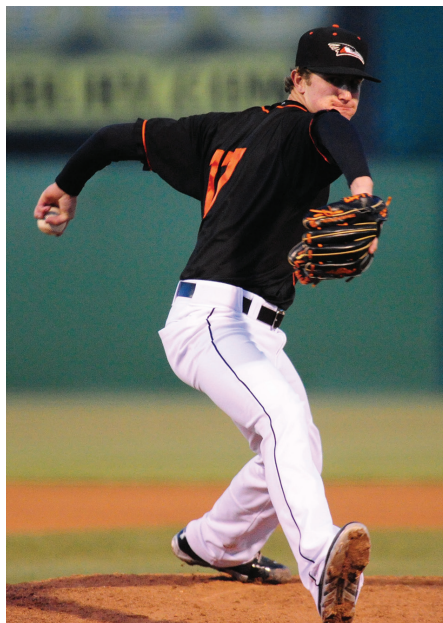
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days later in Hickory, Hader held the Crawdads to one hit over 6.1 frames, earning another dub for Luis Pujols' ballclub.

Delmarva was as high as Hader would get in Baltimore farm, however. That trade deadline, the Orioles traded him to Houston as part of the Bud Norris trade, and he finished out the season with the Quad Cities River Bandits in the Midwest League. Two years later, the Astros shipped him to Milwaukee in a larger package for Mike Fiers and Carlos Gomez.

After surviving the pitching nightmare of Triple-A Colorado Springs, Hader made his big league debut for the Brewers on June 10, 2017 in Arizona, becoming the 98th former Shorebird to make it to The Show. Pitching in relief for the first time since the end of his Astro tenure, Hader tossed a scoreless seventh. He cruised through his first month and picked up his first career win on

July 7 at Yankee Stadium, striking out seven over three innings.

By the end of the season, Hader was an integral part of a Brewers team that finished one game out of the Wild Card race, boasting a 2.08 ERA with 68 strikeouts over 47.2 innings. But not even Milwaukee diehards could anticipate how effective their lanky left-hander would be when the calendar turned to 2018.

Hader's turned an unconventional journey into a dark horse campaign for the NL Cy Young, and he has a legitimate chance of breaking the single-season relief pitching strikeout record of 181, set by Boston's Dick Radatz in 1964. More so than any other former Shorebird currently in The Show, Hader strikes the most fear in his opponents on a day-to-day basis.

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Before a recent game against Greensboro, Shorebirds radio voice Will DeBoer sat down with hitting coach Bobby Rose. Rose is in his first season both with Delmarva and in the Baltimore Orioles system. Before joining the O's, he coached in the Texas Rangers system from 2013-2017, moving up the ladder from short-season Spokane to High-A Down East.

WD: You retired from playing in the mid-2000s, when did you decide you wanted to get into coaching?

JL: Well it wasn't actually my idea to get back into coaching. I was retired and enjoying my wife, and my wife came up to me and said, 'What are your plans for the rest of my life?' And she said 'There's something more for you: coaching.' And I said, 'You're out of your mind!' Because I had been out of the game for so long, and in order to get into the game you need some contacts, and I had lost my contacts. Fortunately I was able to reach out to some distant friends, and they were kind enough to get me an opportunity to get me back in the game.

WD: What was it like that first year in Spokane, just making the adjustment from player to civilian to coach?

JL: It was a difficult adjustment because I had been away for so long and didn't know what to expect. It was a different generation of kids, and I had to get adjusted to them. It was a challenge at first, but I embraced it. I like what I'm doing right now and feel comfortable doing it. The kids these days are challenging in their own way, and the challenge is something I look forward to every day.

WD: For two years you coached the High Desert Mavericks, who don't even exist anymore. I imagine it can be tough being a hitting coach there because the offensive numbers were so inflated.

JL: The wind blew out 20-30 mph every night. Guys who wouldn't normally hit two home runs end up hitting 10. It wasn't really a good reflection of the player you're dealing with, but everybody in the league got to play there, and it just happened to be our home field.

WD: You were with the Mavericks in 2016, the final year they were there, and they end up winning the California League championship. What was it like to manage in a place where the whole organization was a dead man walking and then to go out and be "champions forever"?

JL: To be able to do it at that place at that time with that group of kids was a tremendous feat. I had family members that live in the area, so they were able to come out and participate and enjoy the moment. A championship is a championship no matter where you're winning it, and the feeling you get from it is something that you'll cherish forever.

Part II of this interview with Bobby Rose will be published in PlayBall! Issue 7

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By: Will DeBoer



JARRETT FORGES OWN PATH ON DIAMOND

On April 26, the Shorebirds trailed the Kannapolis Intimidators 3-2 with a man on first and two out in the bottom of the ninth. At the plate stood Zach Jarrett, already locked in during a sizzling month. On an 0-2 pitch, Jarrett launched a fly ball deep to left. Nearly 4,000 Perdue Stadium faithful knew right off the bat it wasn't coming back.

And in a flash, the son of NASCAR Hall-of-Famer Dale Jarrett had clocked walkoff home run to beat the team named for fellow racing legend Dale Earnhardt, Sr. It's as close as "Jarrett passes Earnhardt on the final lap" as we'll get off the speedway.

"As I'm pitching to him for many years and putting him in different situations, that's a situation that you always wanted to be in," said Dale Jarrett of his son's heroics. "With the bat in your hand and a chance to

win the game. And for Zach to do it against that team, it was even more special."

Born in 1994, Zach grew up at the height of his father's power; Dale won the 1999 Winston Cup and his second and third Daytona 500s before Zach went to elementary school. Despite growing up immersed in such a dynastic sport – Dale's father Ned won two Grand National Series – Zach never showed much interest in that particular family business.

Rather, the young Jarrett took after his mother Kelley's side of the family. Maternal grandfather Jasper Spears played minor league baseball in the Brooklyn/L.A. Dodgers system from 1949-59, spending five seasons in Triple-A.

"[Spears] was always glad to share stories, give Zach advice, and just help with his interest in the game," said Dale of his father-in-law, who passed in 2010 just shy of 80 years old. "[Zach] took an interest in baseball around age 5, and once he started that, baseball was always where his focus was.

"His work ethic was that of 'I want to do whatever it takes.' So he would stay out there until it was dark, and he would spend many hours to become better. And he showed the interest to travel and do everything that you need to do, so we were glad to accommodate that."

After a successful multi-sport career at Hickory High School – not too far from L.P. Frans Stadium, where the South Atlantic League's Crawdads play – Jarrett became a Charlotte 49er, rooming with future Shorebird teammate T.J. Nitching all four years. Along came the 2017 MLB Draft, and with it, a 28th-round call from the Baltimore Orioles.

After an initial summer in short-season Aberdeen, Jarrett surged out of the gate for Delmarva in 2018. In the second inning of his first game he made a home run-robbing catch in left field; the next inning in his first at-bat, a home run. The walkoff blast – followed hours later by a trip to his hometown in Hickory – was icing on the cake for Jarrett, who blazed his way to Orioles Minor League Player of the Month in April on the back of a 1.063 OPS.



“There’s nothing better than seeing all your hard work in the offseason pay off, and I just thank my teammates and my coaches for pushing me every day,” said Zach while reflecting on his April laurels. “To have them every day, especially in spring training, they helped me through the process. It was a great honor.”

The map of the Sally League means Jarrett gets to play a bulk of his games close to home. Family is a frequent guest at Shorebird road games – Dale, Kelley, even sisters Karsyn and Natalee, making the trip from New York City to see their bro in action. All the while, Zach forges ahead knowing that this is a sport he can call his own.

“Through my own career it was always, ‘Well, you’re following in your father’s footsteps, what are the pressures there,’” said Dale. “Zach’s in something totally different. So to see him work that hard to make a name for himself, and to do what he loves, and to be rewarded with an opportunity to play professional baseball, it’s a huge thrill for all of us.”



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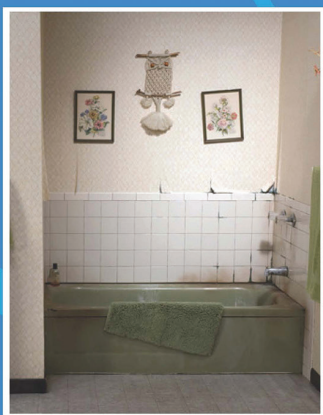
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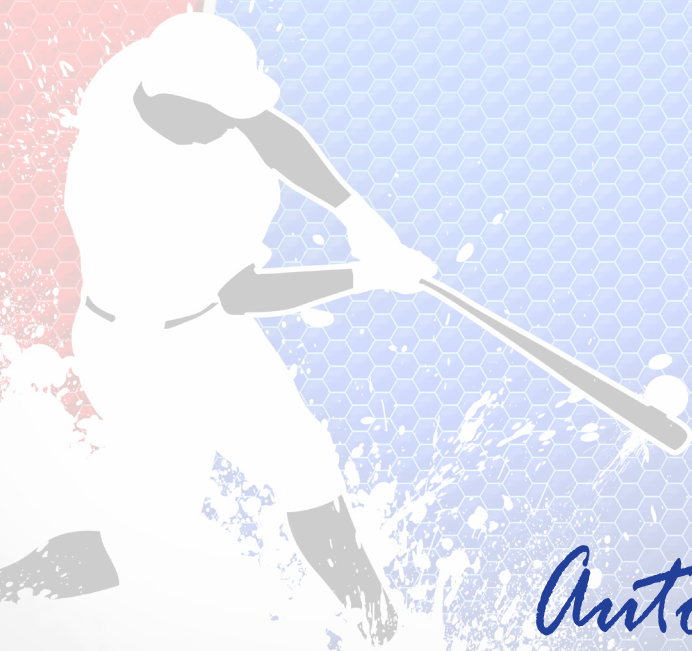
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