

**DELMARVA SHOREBIRDS**

# ***Play Ball!***

**2019**

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Orioles Ladder*

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## APRIL 11 Thursday, 7:05 p.m. vs. Lakewood BlueClaws

**Q105 Fireworks** – Come out and watch the Shorebirds light up the sky with their first fireworks show of the season.

**Magnet Schedule Giveaway** – The first 5,000 fans through the gates will receive a 2019 Shorebirds magnet schedule brought to you by ForeFront Power.

**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 Salisbury Pit & Pub.

**Maryland Pride Thursdays** – Back for a third season, the Shorebirds players will be wearing Maryland Flag themed jerseys each Thursday during the 2019 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.



## APRIL 12 Friday, 7:05 p.m. vs. Lakewood BlueClaws

**Schedule Poster Giveaway** – The first 1,000 fans in attendance will receive a poster highlighting the Shorebirds 2019 schedule.

**Hit the Books #1** – The Shorebirds will honor students all season long through the HTB program sponsored by Dr. James M Crouse at the Brace Place. Tonight the Shorebirds will be hosting children from select Wicomico and Dorchester County schools.

**Orange Fridays** – The Shorebirds players will be wearing orange themed jerseys each Friday during the 2019 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 presented by First Class HVAC



## APRIL 13 Saturday, 7:05 p.m. vs. Lakewood BlueClaws

**Q105 Fireworks** – Come out and watch the Shorebirds light up the sky with their second fireworks show of the season. Tonight's fireworks extravaganza is brought to you by the Delaware State Education Association.

**Hit the Books #2** – The Shorebirds will honor students all season long through the HTB program sponsored by Dr. James M Crouse at the Brace Place. Tonight the Shorebirds will be hosting children from Kent and Sussex County schools.



## APRIL 14 Sunday, 2:05 p.m. vs. Lakewood BlueClaws

**Hit the Books #3** – The Shorebirds will honor students all season long through the HTB program sponsored by Dr. James M Crouse at the Brace Place. Tonight the Shorebirds will be hosting children from Caroline County, MD, and Sussex County, DE.

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

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



## APRIL 15 Monday, 7:05 p.m. vs. Kannapolis Intimidators

**47 ABC Two Buck Monday** – Enjoy \$3 upper reserved tickets, \$3 hot dogs and \$3 16 ounce fountain Pepsi products presented by Wicomico Heating & Air Conditioning.



## APRIL 16 Tuesday, 7:05 p.m. vs. Kannapolis Intimidators

**Wag Your Tail Tuesdays #1** – Bring your dog to the park! The Shorebirds encourage fans to bring their dogs to Perdue Stadium to celebrate Wag Your Tail Tuesday #1! If you bring a donation item for the Wicomico County Humane Society, the Shorebirds will allow your dog free entry into the stadium. Wag Your Tail Tuesday is presented by Concord Pet Foods and Supplies.



## APRIL 17 Wednesday, 10:35 a.m. vs. Kannapolis Intimidators

**Silver Sluggers Wednesday** – 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 Wednesday you will have a chance to win prizes throughout the night while playing baseball bingo.

**Field of Dreams Game #1** – The Shorebirds will be using the power of baseball to educate area students in reading, writing, mathematics, anatomy, and geography. Each student will receive an educational booklet that highlights the different aspects of baseball and how educational fundamentals can help solve day to day problems. The Field of Dreams game is sponsored by Chesapeake Health Care.





## Well-Rounded Moore Takes Reins



At the beginning of last June, Kyle Moore was entrenched as hitting coach with the Frederick Keys, slowly but surely making his way up the Orioles minor league coaching ladder. By the end of the month, he had been uprooted and installed as manager of the Aberdeen IronBirds, named to the position barely a week before Opening Day after an Achilles injury to would-be skipper Kevin Bradshaw. Such a rapid rise would have made Moore's head spin if he had ever had time to think about it.

"[The first thing you learn is] your cell phone rings off the hook from 8:00 a.m. to game time," said Moore with a chuckle, ironically during a phone interview from the O's spring training complex in Sarasota. "You can't ever put it down because you're no longer just responsible for 12 hitters. The biggest change is now you're responsible for every player and every staff member and a lot of things that go on off the field."

This time, Moore knew what to expect when the Orioles tabbed him manager of the Delmarva Shorebirds over the winter. With more heads-up for this gig than his last, the 33-year-old ex-catcher has been able to prepare for his return to the dugout on his own terms.

"I like to do a lot of work on the computer, planning and scheduling, throwing some colors on some graphs," said Moore. "I'm a planner and I want to know what's around every corner. So that's been really nice, as opposed to getting a call on June 10 that you're going to manage on June 18. It's almost like a 'what you've got is what you've got,' but now I've got some time to actually design some things, which has been fun."

Moore brings more than just spreadsheets and a keen eye for design to the manager's office. Now entering his 10th season in the Orioles system, he assumes the Shorebirds mantle with one of the most wide-ranging coaching backgrounds in recent memory.

Moore signed with the O's as an undrafted free agent in 2010, content to play baseball until someone "ripped the jersey off his back." He played most of that summer in Delmarva and began transitioning to coaching the next spring. Spurred by his exercise science degree from the University of Alabama, Moore became Shorebirds strength and conditioning coach in 2012. He served as fourth coach in Frederick and Bowie each of the next two seasons before returning to Delmarva in the same role in 2015. The next year, it was back to Delmarva as hitting coach, a role he reprised in 2017 and the first part of 2018 before his sudden promotion to IronBirds manager.

"It's been super beneficial, because I see the game from a lot of different eyes," said Moore. "Sometimes the longer you're away from the game as a player, the easier it seems, and the less recovery

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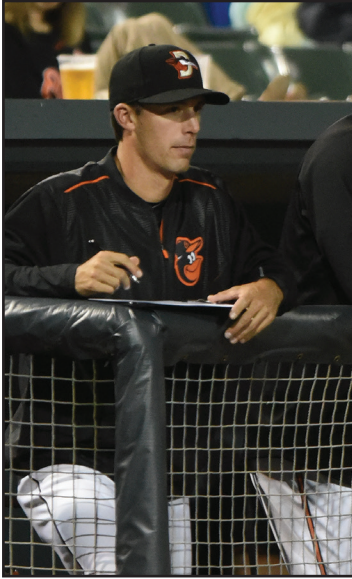


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you think the players need. But if you've been there for a while, you understand how difficult the game is, and also how important recovery is. So that's the two things that I've learned from all those positions that I've held, as well as from playing: baseball is hard, and the season is long, and you have to plan accordingly."

Moore won't be alone as he navigates his first full season as a manager. His young family will join him in Salisbury for the summer; look for wife Whitney, year-old daughter Madilyn, and black lab Malu to be familiar faces around Perdue Stadium as they help Dad wrap his head around the latest chapter of his baseball life.

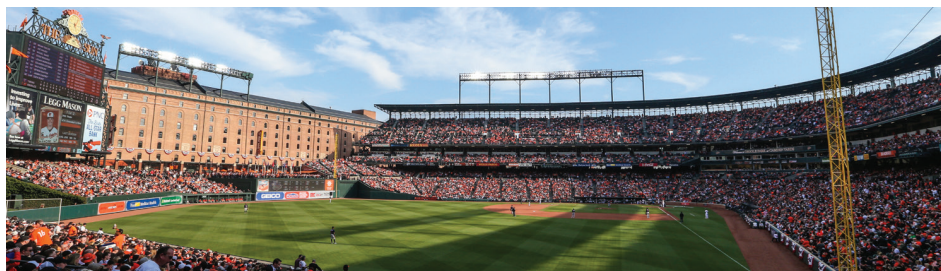
"Life's really an adventure [for them], you know," said Moore. "Dad doesn't have a 9-to-5 where he comes home every night at the same time and does everything the same as a schedule. Some people may hate that, but my family at this point has done really well with it. So this going to be our own little adventure, and [we're going to] do this all together."



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PRESENTED BY WEIS MARKETS • FIRST 7,500 FANS 14 & UNDER
- 20 ORIOLES TOTE BAG**  
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- 21 YOUTH BASEBALL & SOFTBALL DAY**  
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- 4 STAR WARS® NIGHT BB-8 BEANIE**  
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- 5 YOUTH BASEBALL & SOFTBALL DAY**  
PRESENTED BY NIKE • PRE-REGISTERED YOUTH TEAMS
- 11 A LEAGUE OF THEIR OWN™ MOVIE NIGHT**  
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- 12 MOTHER'S DAY INFINITY BRACELET**  
FIRST 20,000 FANS 18 & OVER
- 23 FIELD TRIP DAY**  
PRESENTED BY WJZ-TV • PRE-REGISTERED STUDENTS
- 27 ORIOLES OUTDOOR PINT GLASSES (SET OF 2)**  
PRESENTED BY SAM ADAMS • FIRST 20,000 FANS 21 & OVER
- 31 '54 RETRO BIRD T-SHIRT**  
FIRST 20,000 FANS 15 & OVER



## JUNE

- 1 ORIOLES RETRO SUNGLASSES**  
FIRST 20,000 FANS 15 & OVER
- 13 CRAB HAT**  
FIRST 20,000 FANS 15 & OVER
- 14 FRIDAY FIREWORKS & MUSIC**  
POSTGAME, ALL FANS
- 15 FIELD OF DREAMS™ MOVIE NIGHT**  
POSTGAME, ALL FANS
- 16 FATHER'S DAY FEDORA**  
FIRST 20,000 FANS 18 & OVER
- 25 HALFWAY TO CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION**  
ALL FANS  
**ORIOLE BIRD NUTCRACKER**  
FIRST 20,000 FANS 15 & OVER
- 28 ORIOLES FLOPPY HAT**  
PRESENTED BY MILLER LITE • FIRST 20,000 FANS 21 & OVER  
**FRIDAY FIREWORKS & MUSIC**  
PRESENTED BY MARYLAND CREDIT UNIONS • POSTGAME, ALL FANS
- 29 ORIOLES MARYLAND FLAG REPLICA JERSEY**  
FIRST 30,000 FANS 15 & OVER



## JULY

- 12 FRIDAY FIREWORKS & MUSIC**  
PRESENTED BY THE HARTFORD • POSTGAME, ALL FANS
- 13 BIRDLAND HAWAIIAN SHIRT**  
PRESENTED BY E-ZPASS MARYLAND • FIRST 30,000 FANS 15 & OVER
- 16 BROOKS ROBINSON BOBBLEHEAD**  
FIRST 25,000 FANS 15 & OVER
- 17 HOT DOG RACE T-SHIRTS**  
FIRST 20,000 FANS 15 & OVER
- 19 FRIDAY FIREWORKS & MUSIC**  
POSTGAME, ALL FANS
- 21 EXCLUSIVE ORIOLES CARD PACK**  
PRESENTED BY TOPPS • ALL FANS



## AUGUST

- 2 FRIDAY FIREWORKS & MUSIC**  
POSTGAME, ALL FANS
- 4 ORIOLES CAP**  
PRESENTED BY DAP • FIRST 20,000 FANS 15 & OVER
- 9 30TH ANNIVERSARY '89 "WHY NOT?" REUNION**  
ALL FANS  
'89 "WHY NOT?" T-SHIRT  
FIRST 20,000 FANS 15 & OVER
- FRIDAY FIREWORKS & MUSIC**  
POSTGAME, ALL FANS
- 10 DASHBOARD HULA BIRD**  
FIRST 20,000 FANS 15 & OVER
- 23 FRIDAY FIREWORKS & MUSIC**  
POSTGAME, ALL FANS



## SEPTEMBER

- 8 ORIOLES W.B. MASON DELIVERY TRUCK**  
FIRST 7,500 FANS 14 & UNDER
- 21 ORIOLES SHERPA BLANKET**  
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## **APRIL 11<sup>th</sup>**

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Mid-Atlantic Shockers  
Pocomoke High School JROTC  
Somerset Committee  
for the Homeless  
UMES PGM Program  
R.E. Michel & Resideo  
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## **APRIL 12<sup>th</sup>**

Keenote Music  
Perdue

## **APRIL 13<sup>th</sup>**

Cambridge South Dorchester High  
School Band  
Delmarva Aces  
Happy 40th Birthday Kip Leitner!  
Merrill Lynch  
Ocean City Fishing Center &  
Sunset Marina  
10U Lakeshore Graysox  
Yalich Clinic

## **APRIL 14<sup>th</sup>**

Happy Birthday Luca Donaway

## **APRIL 15<sup>th</sup>**

Mariner Middle School Band

## **APRIL 17<sup>th</sup>**

Beaver Run Elementary School  
Cape Henlopen Senior Center  
Carl M. Freeman Communities  
Dove Pointe  
Easter Seals  
Eastern Shore Community  
Services Board  
Faith Baptist School – Salisbury  
Greenwood CHEER Center  
Lower Shore Enterprises Inc  
Milton CHEER Center  
CHEER Coastal Leisure Center  
North Dorchester High School  
Peachtree Health Care  
Pocomoke River State Park  
Salisbury Rehab & Nursing Center  
Seaford Central Elementary  
Vienna Elementary School  
Wicomico Middle School  
Wicomico Middle School Chorus

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As a recipient of this award, the Shorebirds were also one of the fourteen teams to be nominated for Minor League Baseball's John Henry Moss Community Service Award. The award is named after the former South Atlantic League President.



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In the spotlight is Shorebirds Season Ticket Holder Davis, Bowen, & Friedel, Inc. (DBF). Founded in 1983, DBF provides high quality services in architecture, engineering, planning, and surveying throughout the Delmarva community. Operating out of offices in Salisbury and Easton, MD and Milford, DE, the firm has been Shorebirds season ticket holders since Perdue Stadium opened in 1996. In fact, DBF provided the structural engineering for the Arthur W. Perdue Stadium when it was first built. Structural engineer Andrew Welch, P.E. still provides assistance with many of the renovations to this day.



DBF primarily utilizes tickets as an appreciation to clients in the Delmarva region. "Our firm is always looking to help improve the quality of life around the Delmarva Peninsula with a focus on improving our communities, shaping the world around us, and creating value by design," said Mike Wigley, president of DBF. "We've found a lot of success in utilizing Shorebirds tickets for our clients to enjoy throughout the season."

In addition to treating clients to Shorebirds games, DBF has also scheduled employee events the last few seasons for their staff of over 90. Pictured on the Shorebirds playing field is DBF staff with family members from their event on June 8, 2018.

"In offering Delmarva clients our seats, and scheduling events for our employees, we've really enjoyed providing everyone with a family friendly atmosphere," said Wigley. "Whether it's treating our clients to Shorebirds fireworks games, scheduling a night out for employees and their families, or sponsoring local Little League teams in the area, we've always been baseball supporters, and look forward to continuing our support of organizations throughout the Delmarva community."



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# 2019 GAME SCHEDULE

APRIL						
SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3	4 LEX	5 LEX	6 LEX
7 LEX	8 KAN	9 KAN	10 KAN	11 7:05 LWD	12 7:05 LWD	13 7:05 LWD
14 2:05 LWD	15 7:05 KAN	16 7:05 KAN	17 10:35 KAN	18 GBO	19 GBO	20 GBO
21 OFF	22 7:05 ASH	23 7:05 ASH	24 7:05 ASH	25 7:05 AUG	26 7:05 AUG	27 7:05 AUG
28 2:05 AUG	29 OFF	30 COL				

JULY						
SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
	1 LWD	2 LWD	3 LWD	4 6:05 HAG	5 7:05 HAG	6 7:05 HAG
7 5:05 HAG	8 OFF	9 WV	10 WV	11 WV	12 7:05 HIC	13 7:05 HIC
14 5:05 HIC	15 7:05 LWD	16 7:05 LWD	17 7:05 LWD	18 WV	19 WV	20 WV
21 WV	22 OFF	23 7:05 GVL	24 7:05 GVL	25 7:05 GVL	26 7:05 CSC	27 7:05 CSC
28 5:05 CSC	29 7:05 CSC	30 OFF	31 GVL			

MAY						
SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
			1 COL	2 COL	3 ASH	4 ASH
5 ASH	6 ASH	7 OFF	8 7:05 GBO	9 10:35 GBO	10 7:05 GBO	11 7:05 HAG
12 2:05 HAG	13 7:05 HAG	14 GBO	15 GBO	16 GBO	17 KAN	18 KAN
19 KAN	20 KAN	21 7:05 LWD	22 10:35 LWD	23 7:05 LWD	24 7:05 LWD	25 7:05 HAG
26 2:05 HAG	27 2:05 HAG	28 7:05 HAG	29 OFF	30 GVL	31 GVL	

AUGUST						
SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
				1 GVL	2 GVL	3 CSC
4 CSC	5 CSC	6 CSC	7 OFF	8 7:05 KAN	9 7:05 KAN	10 7:05 KAN
11 5:05 KAN	12 7:05 WV	13 7:05 WV	14 7:05 WV	15 7:05 LWD	16 7:05 LWD	17 7:05 LWD
18 LWD	19 OFF	20 7:05 GBO	21 7:05 GBO	22 7:05 GBO	23 7:05 HAG	24 7:05 HAG
25 HAG	26 LWD	27 LWD	28 LWD	29 LWD	30 7:05 KAN	31 7:05 KAN

JUNE						
SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
						1 GVL
2 GVL	3 KAN	4 KAN	5 KAN	6 7:05 HAG	7 7:05 HAG	8 6:35 HAG
9 2:05 HAG	10 WV	11 WV	12 WV	13 7:05 HIC	14 7:05 HIC	15 7:05 HIC
16 2:05 HIC	17 ALL	18 STAR	19 BREAK	20 GBO	21 GBO	22 GBO
23 GBO	24 7:05 LWD	25 7:05 LWD	26 7:05 LWD	27 HAG	28 HAG	29 HAG
30 HAG						

SEPTEMBER						
SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
1 5:05 KAN	2 2:05 KAN					



Home Game



Away Game



10:35 AM Game



Fireworks

DEL Delmarva Shorebirds  
GBO Greensboro Grasshoppers  
HAG Hagerstown Suns  
HIC Hickory Crawdads  
KAN Kannapolis Intimidators  
LWD Lakewood BlueClaws  
WVP West Virginia Power

ASH Asheville Tourists  
AUG Augusta GreenJackets  
COL Columbia Fireflies  
CSC Charleston RiverDogs  
GVL Greenville Drive  
LEX Lexington Legends  
ROM Rome Braves



## SHOREBIRDS BREAK CAMP ROSTER



### PITCHERS

- #30 Matt De La Rosa
- #21 Gray Fenter
- #18 Nick Gruener
- #35 Hector Guance
- #32 Matt Hammonds
- #29 Tyler Joyner
- #16 Blaine Knight
- #25 Jalen Miller
- #38 Tim Naughton
- #37 Jhon Peluffo
- #39 Ofelky Peralta
- #36 Grayson Rodriguez
- #19 Drew Rom
- #26 Nick Vespi

### CATCHERS

- #14 Daniel Fajardo
- #11 Wagner Ramírez
- #12 Cody Roberts

### INFIELDERS

- #4 Branden Becker
- #34 Seamus Curran
- #1 J.C. Encarnacion
- #6 Andrew Fregia
- #3 Cadyn Grenier
- #10 Adam Hall

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- #20 Nick Horvath
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By: Will DeBoer



## Ex-Shorebird Strikes It Rich Out West

Days turned into weeks, weeks into months. Anticipation grew with speculation rampant. Finally, the bombshell broke on February 21: Manny Machado was headed to San Diego, signing with the Padres for \$300 million over 10 years. The ex-Oriole golden boy had just inked the richest free-agent contract in sports history... until the Phillies threw \$30 million more at Bryce Harper roughly two weeks later.

The eyes of all baseball have been glued to Machado since he broke with Baltimore in 2012. And yet the year before that, the man with more than a quarter of a billion dollars in the bank was just a fresh-faced 18-year-old, riding the bus like any other Delmarva Shorebird.

After dipping his beak in the waters the summer before, Machado began his minor league career in earnest at Perdue Stadium on April 7, 2011, lacing a two-run triple in the bottom of the sixth to lift the Shorebirds to a season-opening 2-1 win over Greensboro. He closed that first month with a flourish, belting five home runs in seven games as part of a 10-game Delmarva winning streak.

Injuries briefly sidelined Machado, but he returned to action in early June to close out the first half. That month, Machado and four other Shorebirds headlined the South Atlantic League All-Star Game, held at Perdue Stadium for the second time. All of the Eastern Shore came out to see the future face of the franchise, not to mention future National League MVPs in Hagerstown's Bryce Harper and Greensboro's Christian Yelich.

Days after the festivities, though, came the inevitable: Machado was headed to High-A Frederick, promoted by the Orioles after just half a season. In 38 games with the club, he hit .276 with eight doubles, six home runs, and 24 RBIs.

About 14 months later, the Orioles called the 19-year-old Machado up to the majors straight from

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**4. ACCESS** Clear driveway 12 feet wide, 14 feet high for emergency vehicles.

**5. DECKS** Remove debris. Enclose underneath with lattice, backed with wire screen.

**6. HOUSE** Use fire resistant materials when replacing roof or siding.

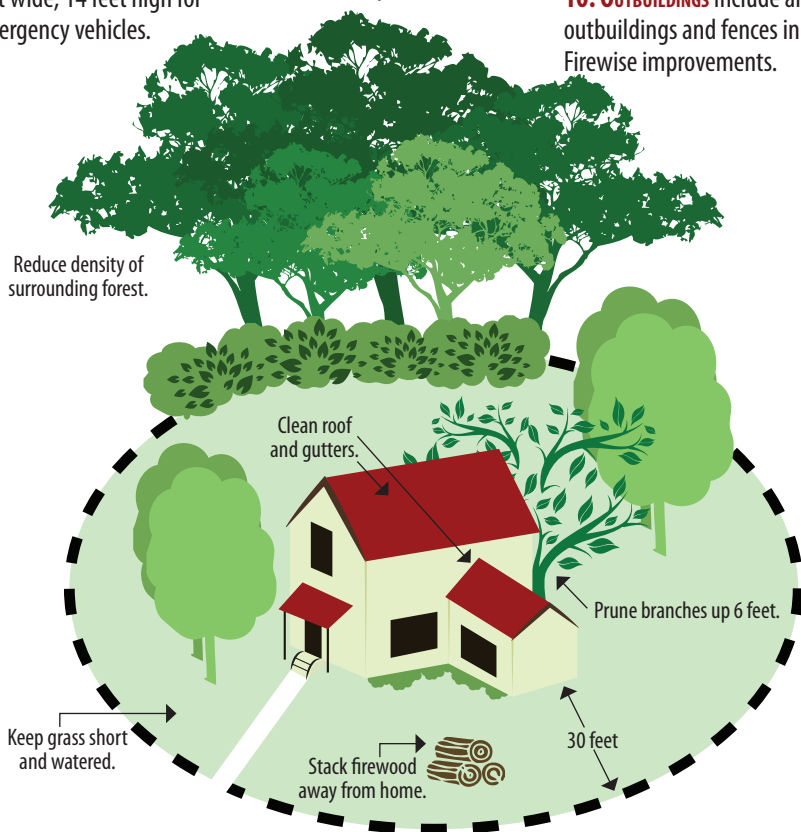
**7. LANDSCAPING** use Firewise plants and mulch. Keep ornamental plants 30 feet

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**8. FOUNDATION** Clear flammables and keep landscaping 4 feet away from house.

**9. FIREWOOD** Move firewood pile at least 30 feet away from any buildings.

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## The Eastern Shore Baseball Hall of Fame 2018 Inductees

The Eastern Shore Foundation inducted six new members on November 17, 2018. The six new members were voted on by the Board of Directors from nominations received by July 15 from both members and the public.



The new members in 2018 included Donnie Davidson – Booster, Jackie Edward Finney – Player, Brian Hollamon – Player, Brian C. Horner – Player, Brad C. Lee – Player and Michael L. Ross – Umpire.

Nomination forms can be picked up at the Eastern Shore Baseball Museum located at the main entrance of Arthur W. Perdue Stadium and can also be found on the Museum website at [www.esbhalloffame.org](http://www.esbhalloffame.org).

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Double-A Bowie. He made his debut at Camden Yards on August 9, mirroring his Delmarva debut with a fifth-inning triple off Kansas City's Will Smith for his first major league hit. The next night, pure Manny Magic: his first major-league home run in the bottom of the fifth, followed by his second blast one inning later. It was clear after those two days: this teenage superstar, barely a year removed from Low-A, was about to hit the baseball stratosphere.

Oriole fans know the rest of the story: the four All-Star appearances, the pair of three-homer games, and enough web gems to fill a diamond

mine. The height of Machado's power had to be the week-and-a-half in August 2017 when he hit three grand slams, including a walkoff slam to beat the Angels — his third home run of that August 18 game. Anyone at Camden Yards that night will testify that in that moment, they witnessed the man who could've been the greatest Oriole who ever lived.

It wasn't to be, of course. The economics of baseball left Baltimore little choice but to trade Machado last July. The deal brought back five Dodger prospects, including current top O's farmhand Yusniel Diaz. As for Machado, despite a tumultuous October that ended with him on one knee after chasing the final Chris Sale breaking ball of the World Series, he was still instrumental in bringing Los Angeles its second straight National League pennant.

Now tucked 123 miles further south down Interstate 5, Machado has become the Face of the Friars, giving an identity to arguably Major League Baseball's most anonymous franchise. For hundreds of fans across Delmarva, though, Manny Machado remains the most memorable face to ever suit up for their Shorebirds.



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*With the 24th season of Delmarva Shorebirds baseball in sight, Shorebirds radio voice Will DeBoer sat down with general manager Chris Bitters to explore the ins and outs at Arthur W. Perdue Stadium in 2019.*

**WD:** Opening Day always seems to be a strange brew of last-minute scrambling to execute plans that were made six months in advance, doesn't it?

**CB:** You know, it does. When you end the season you feel like, "Oh, we've got six months to plan and prepare and get ready for next year." But there's a lot to do in those six months, and then it really flies by. And then obviously with all of the renovation projects we've got going on, the weather plays a role and can sometimes compact those things into a much smaller window.

**WD:** We've got a lot of new "fan-forward" renovations this year, as you've called them. The most significant one has to be the new 360 Deck, which gives the ballpark more of a "big time" feel.

**CB:** I would agree. In the old days the old ballpark more or less "died" at third base and first base. Now we have the ability for fans to get up and take a stroll, and on top of all that, it has numerous feet of drink rails. We've also added some drink rails down the left field line, where the grassy berm is at, and on the second level concourse. So there are significantly more places for fans to stand and eat and enjoy the game, whether it's for a shorter period of time to just grab a hot dog or a beer, or whether it's much more longer-engagement if they choose. So we're excited about those new nesting areas.

**WD:** The large-scale renovations are pretty much done at this point, right?

**CB:** Yeah, we're coming to the end of this four or five year cycle. There will be some more renovations coming this offseason. What those are exactly we don't know; our goal right now is to sit back and enjoy the fans' interaction with those spaces, and there's a little opportunity this summer or next year to say, 'what would we do differently?' Hopefully by midseason we'll have a list of final projects, but as for the big hula-hoops, they've all been swung now.

**WD:** We recently threw our hat in the ring for the MiLB Copa de la Diversión this year and launched our Gallos de Delmarva look. It seems like that's already resonated with the community.

**CB:** Yeah, that's an exciting opportunity to participate in it, along with 72 other minor league teams. The response has been fantastic on social media; a lot of people thought well of the logo and the look and what we're doing. When you look at our roster, approximately 30 percent of major and minor league players are of Latin descent, and it's a great way to engage in that community, so I'm excited to continue to plan those nights.

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By: Will DeBoer

## Grenier Starts Strong in O's System



Baseball fans across the country had their eyes glued on Omaha last June for Game 2 of the College World Series. With Arkansas one out away from a title, Oregon State shortstop Cadyn Grenier laced a game-tying single into left. His teammate followed with a go-ahead home run to eventually win the game, and the Beavers won the next day to clinch their third national championship. At the center of all of it was Grenier, whose cool approach under pressure turned the tide for the orange and black.

One week later, Grenier was still sporting orange and black, but everything else had changed. The Orioles first-round draft pick had moved from the West Coast to the East, with a \$1.8 million signing bonus in hand, bypassing short-season Aberdeen to make his pro debut for the Delmarva Shorebirds.

“For some reason, it feels like orange has followed me everywhere,” said Grenier of the familiar color palette when he joined his new organization in July. “My first club ball team was orange, my high school had orange, then college, and now the Orioles and Delmarva are all orange teams. It’s been pretty cool to see that keep going.”

While he arrived in Salisbury to Fourth of July fanfare, Grenier didn’t debut with the Shorebirds until July 5. He went 0-for-4 with two strikeouts but made several good plays at shortstop. The next night he got his first two hits, including an eighth-inning triple, and scored a pair of runs in Delmarva’s 9-3 win over Hagerstown.

Two days later on July 8 against Hickory, Shorebirds fans got a glimpse of the grace under fire that made Grenier famous in Omaha. Tied 1-1 in the bottom of the ninth, Grenier led off with a line drive single to left. With Zach Jarrett at the plate next, Grenier stole second base against dangerous Crawdad catcher Yohel Pozo. On the very next pitch, Grenier swiped third base, sliding in headfirst ahead of another Pozo laser.

Then-Delmarva manager Buck Britton later revealed the steal of third was unprompted; Grenier stole it on pure instinct. His derring-do on the basepaths changed the complexion of the inning, which Mason McCoy ended with a two-out walkoff single, scoring Grenier to propel the Shorebirds to a 2-1 win.

“He’s come out of the draft and hit the ground running,” said Britton days after Grenier’s heroics. “We knew he was a defensive guy in high school, but I think he’s surprised some people with how quickly he’s adjusted to the league offensively.”

While Grenier’s glove work more than lived up to billing, success with the bat came in spurts; he batted .216 with a .630 OPS over 43 games for the Shorebirds in 2018. Despite the low average, when Grenier made solid contact, the ball seemed to jump off the lumber. He stroked 12 doubles in his 43 games, a pace that would’ve had him at 39 two-sackers in a full 140-game season.



Grenier's top offensive moments came late in the season. On April 18 – Scrapple night at Perdue Stadium – he belted a go-ahead triple to left with two out in the bottom of the eighth, helping Delmarva beat Rome 4-2.

Eight days later in Greensboro, Grenier checked off the one box he had yet to fill in his rookie season. With the Shorebirds down 4-3 in the top of the ninth, Grenier crushed a full count offering from Michael Mertz into the picnic deck in left field, a game-tying home run for his first professional round-tripper. That opened the spigot on a three-run Delmarva ninth on the way to a 6-4 win and four-game sweep over the Grasshoppers.

With half a season of pro experience under his belt, Grenier enters his first full calendar year as an Oriole minor leaguer as the organization's No. 17 prospect. No matter where in the system he starts the season, he knows his future is as bright as any orange-and-black prospect.

"It's all worth it for me," said Grenier late last season. "I'm continuing to get better, continuing to progress with my game, and that's about all I could ask for."



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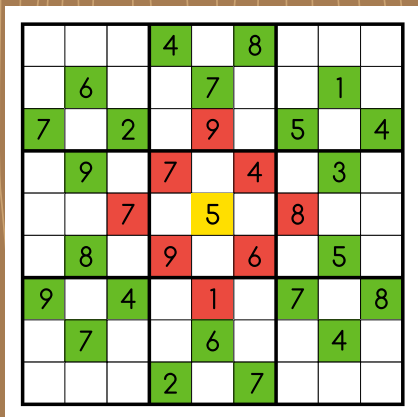
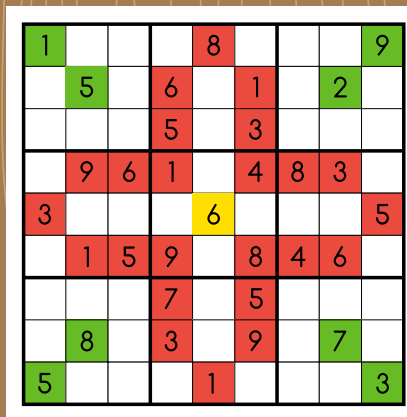
  
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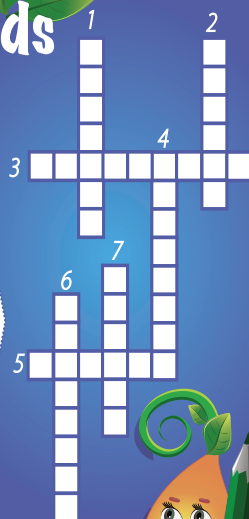
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