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May 21 Tuesday, 7:05 p.m. vs. Lakewood BlueClaws

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May 22 Wednesday, 10:35 a.m. vs. Lakewood BlueClaws

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 #3 – 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.



May 23 Thursday, 7:05 p.m. vs. Lakewood BlueClaws

Pink Hat Giveaway – The first 500 fans through the gates will receive a Shorebirds pink hat giveaway presented by Spicer Bros. Construction Inc. Tonight's giveaway is in support of Women Supporting Women.

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.



May 24 Friday, 7:05 p.m. vs. Lakewood BlueClaws

Golden Snitch Baseball Giveaway – The first 1,000 fans, in attendance will receive a Golden Snitch Baseball giveaway.

Harry Potter Night – The Shorebirds will celebrating the Movie "Harry Potter" tonight. The Shorebirds will have activities and music from Harry Potter throughout the evening.

Hit the Books #6 – 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 Wicomico County, MD.

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.



May 25 Saturday, 7:05 p.m. vs. Hagerstown Suns

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

Hit the Books #7 – 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 Sussex County, DE.



May 26 Sunday, 2:05 p.m. vs. Hagerstown Suns

Kids Club Game #1 – The Shorebirds kids club is back for the 2019 season. Members of the club receive 2 tickets to 5 games, a members only draw string bag, lanyard, player autograph session, and a whole lot more! The Kids Club is presented by Maryland EXCELS.

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 Club members get to run the bases after the game presented by Chili's Grill & Bar.



May 27 Monday, 2:05 p.m. vs. Hagerstown Suns

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



Silver Sluggers Day – 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. The Shorebirds have added a bonus game for all of our silver sluggers, to say thank you for your year long support!

May 28 Tuesday, 7:05 p.m. vs. Hagerstown Suns

Wag Your Tail Tuesday #4 – Bring your dog to the park! The Shorebirds encourage fans to bring their dogs to Perdue Stadium to celebrate Wag Your Tail Tuesday #4! 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's is presented by Concord Pet Foods and Supplies.



By: Will DeBoer

Wings for Wheels: Shorebirds Talk Their Personal Rides

One of the more striking things about a typical minor league ballpark is the plethora of flashy cars sitting in rows across the parking lot, a proverbial luxury dealership carved out amongst the Toyotas and Mazdas of everyday folk. Besides baseball, automobiles are one subject ballplayers are most drawn to. Get someone in the clubhouse talking about their cars, and everybody's ears perk up to listen to the details. And as the holders of newfound wealth, many top prospects are able to invest in their dream rides. With the 103rd running of the Indianapolis 500 – the greatest spectacle in auto racing – set for this Memorial Day Sunday, we asked several members of the Delmarva Shorebirds about their respective cars.

RHP Grayson Rodriguez – 2019 Ford F250

I like to pull stuff around, I like to hunt a lot, so it's got some mud tires on it. Especially going out to the deer ticks, you don't want to get stuck. It pulls a lot, I like to pull a six-seater Can-Am, which is a little buggy. It's my hunting rig, I like to pull it around. Trucks, they can go anywhere; take them off the

road and that's the part they're best at. It was a long drive [from spring training in Sarasota to Salisbury], but it's worth it to have your own car and not have to call Uber around, cause that would get expensive. But it wasn't too bad, it was pretty nice. It's nice to see the country, especially coming up from Florida to Maryland.

LHP Nick Vespi – 2016 Chevrolet Camaro

I had a Jeep before, and when I was at the dealership, it caught my eye and I purchased it. It was a good drive; I've already done it once before, so just put it in cruise control and headed on up to Delmarva.



1B Seamus Curran – 2012 Dodge Ram 1500

I'm a big guy so I need a big car. Didn't really fit in the four-door compact cars, so I had to go with a truck. I've broken in that truck, I've had it for a couple years now. Sometimes it seems like I just sit in it all the time, but I love it, it's awesome.

LHP Drew Rom – 2016 Jaguar F-Type

I just wanted something between luxury and a sports car, so a Jaguar seemed like the best fit. I test drove a couple different dealers, and I ended up liking that one the best. It fit in the price range, so



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it was perfect for me. I always get quite a few heads turned, especially when I go and park somewhere and they see like a 19-year-old kid popping out of a car like that.

INF Andrew Fregia – 2015 lifted Dodge

It's easily the biggest car in the parking lot, hands down. It's the loudest in the parking lot too. I picked it because it was my dream truck, and because it was the loudest. And I've got my money's worth of it so far. I lived with Blaine [Knight] in the spring when we were down at spring training. We lived in the same camper, and I don't think he ever set an alarm because I had to be at the field earlier than him, I'd just start my truck and it'd wake him up. [Knight: I never did set an alarm, he just turned the truck on.]

RHP Blaine Knight – 2018 GMC Sierra 2500

I've always driven GMCs, and I bought a camper this year to live out of, and I needed a bigger truck to be able to pull it with. So I went with a 2500 to be able to haul it around and still keep my engine intact. I got a lift kit and 35s; when I get home I'm going to a bigger lift with 37s, and so I'm looking forward to that, and doing it myself. But that's about it; it's not Fregia's truck, I can promise you that.



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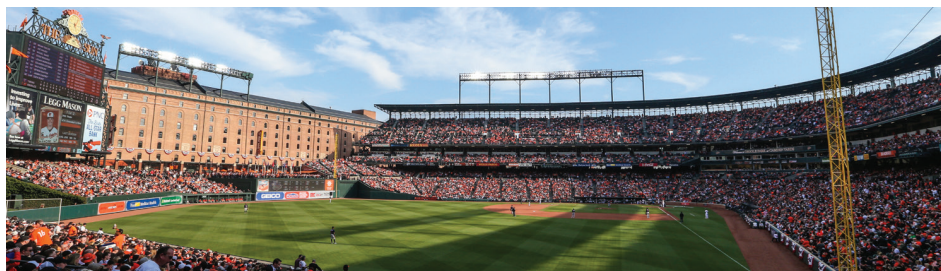


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MAY 26th

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Through their partnership with the Community Foundation, the Shorebirds have more than doubled their community grantmaking in the past year, highlighting a strong commitment to creating a positive impact in our local community. Community Foundation grants expand horizons, transform lives, and meet challenges across the charitable

spectrum. With a diverse network of local nonprofits, CFES grant making possibilities are endless.



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Bob & Ruby Dillon

In the spotlight are Shorebirds Season Ticket Holders Bob and Ruby Dillon. Originally from the Orange County area in New York, Bob and Ruby met while Bob worked with FDNY, and Ruby was a real estate broker. Often vacationing in the Delmarva area, they decided to retire into River Run Community in Berlin. An avid golfer, Bob enjoys playing regularly, as their house overlooks the 17th tee box.

This season marks the 5th year in which the Dillons have housed Shorebirds players. Previous players include Steve Wilkerson and Jay Gonzalez. "With our upstairs empty, it's a

great use of space, and an opportunity to help out our summer sons. We still keep in touch with some of the guys, and it's been fantastic watching many of them grow and eventually play in Baltimore," said Ruby. "I'm a cheerleader at heart, so you'll often see me standing cheering and encouraging our fans to do the same throughout each game!" This year Bob and Ruby are hosting outfielders Nick Horvath and Robbie Thorburn.

When they aren't enjoying Shorebirds games or golfing, Bob volunteers as a cook for the Holy Savior Catholic Church in Ocean City, while Ruby volunteers teaching 1st grade at Showell Elementary School. "Although we're both retired we love staying active in the community," said Ruby. "Since I volunteer every Tuesday, I'm aptly referred to as 'Ruby Tuesday' which is certainly very fitting!"

Ruby recently published her first book, titled "The Losers: A Simple, Sensible, Sustainable Lifestyle for the Health of It." Inspired by her and others journeys through weight loss, the book includes many secrets she has discovered to become a true 'Loser' and keeping the weight off for good. "The term Loser has such a negative connotation, part of what we do at our meetings is to turn around that feeling with a positive mindset through losing weight." Since starting her weight loss program, Ruby hosts meetings weekly, and has lost 65 pounds! "Much of weight loss is simply understanding your daily net carbs, and developing a lifestyle for you to essentially re-train your brain and keep the weight off" said Ruby. Released in December of 2018, the book has been purchased in 22 states, and is currently available at The Greyhound book store in Berlin, or online through Amazon.

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 #21 Gray Fenter	 #37 Jhon Peluffo	 #11 Wagner Ramirez	 #10 Adam Hall	
 #18 Nick Gruener	 #39 Ofelky Peralta	 #29 Tyler Joyner	 #20 Nick Horvath	
 #35 Hector Guance	 #36 Grayson Rodriguez	 #40 Zach Matson	 #31 Robert Neustrom	
 #32 Matt Hammonds	 #19 Drew Rom	 #34 Seamus Curran	 #6 Andrew Fregia	
 #7 Alexis Torres	 #26 Nick Vespi	 #1 J.C. Encarnacion	 #27 Doran Turchin	
 #12 Ben Breazeale	 #4 Ryne Ogren	 #17 Robbie Thorburn	 #2 Kyle Moore	
 #15 Justin Ramsey	 #9 Tom Eller	 #23 Pat Leyland	 Adrian Gonzalez	 Tim Chiarolanza



SHOREBIRDS ROSTER

#	PITCHERS	B/T	HT	WT	BORN/AGE	HOMETOWN	ACQUIRED
	Brandon Bonilla (IL)	R/L	6-3	200	10/21/93 (25)	Greenwich, CT	13th Rd. (2016)
30	Matt De La Rosa	L/R	6-2	210	11/15/93 (25)	Austin, TX	28th Rd. (2016)
21	Gray Fenter	R/R	6-0	200	1/25/96 (23)	West Memphis, AR	7th Rd. (2015)
18	Nick Gruener	R/R	6-0	185	5/16/95 (24)	Miami, FL	22nd Rd. (2016)
35	Hector Guance	R/R	6-6	200	7/12/95 (23)	San Cristobal, D.R.	FA (6/9/2015)
32	Matt Hammonds	L/L	6-4	205	5/23/95 (23)	Anaheim Hills, CA	29th Rd. (2017)
29	Tyler Joyner	R/R	6-4	225	5/10/96 (22)	East Brewton, AL	30th Rd. (2018)
40	Zach Matson	L/L	6-3	225	10/24/95 (23)	Fayetteville, MO	24th Rd. (2016)
38	Tim Naughton	R/R	6-3	195	11/14/95 (23)	Goldsboro, NC	34th Rd. (2017)
37	Jhon Peluffo	R/R	6-3	140	6/16/97 (21)	Catagena, COL	FA (5/30/2014)
39	Ofelky Peralta	R/R	6-5	195	4/20/97 (22)	Bonao, D.R.	FA (9/7/2013)
36	Grayson Rodriguez	R/R	6-5	220	11/16/99 (19)	Nacogdoches, TX	1st Rd. (2018)
19	Drew Rom	L/L	6-2	170	12/15/99 (19)	Fort Thomas, KY	4th Rd. (2018)
26	Nick Vespi	L/L	6-3	215	10/10/95 (23)	Miami, FL	18th Rd. (2015)
	Ryan Wilson (IL)	L/L	6-1	190	11/6/96 (22)	Carlsbad, CA	33rd Rd. (2017)

#	CATHERS	B/T	HT	WT	BORN/AGE	HOMETOWN	ACQUIRED
12	Ben Breazeale	L/R	6-0	208	10/21/94 (24)	Louisville, TN	7th Rd. (2017)
14	Daniel Fajardo	R/R	6-1	170	11/19/94 (24)	Maracay, VEN	FA (8/2/2011)
11	Wagner Ramirez (IL)	R/R	5-11	170	12/11/94 (24)	San Juan de la Maguana, D.R.	FA (6/18/2015)
	Cody Roberts (IL)	R/R	6-1	195	6/16/96 (22)	Johns Creek, GA	11th Rd. (2018)

#	INFIELDBERS	B/T	HT	WT	BORN/AGE	HOMETOWN	ACQUIRED
34	Seamus Curran	L/R	6-6	245	9/6/97 (21)	Springfield, MA	8th Rd. (2015)
1	J.C. Encarnacion	R/R	6-3	195	1/17/98 (21)	San Juan de la Maguana, D.R.	Trade (7/31/18)
6	Andrew Fregia	R/R	6-1	170	12/18/96 (22)	Liberty, TX	13th Rd. (2018)
3	Cadyn Grenier	R/R	5-11	188	10/31/96 (22)	Henderson, NV	1st Rd. (2018)
10	Adam Hall	R/R	6-0	170	5/22/99 (19)	London, ONT	2nd Rd. (2017)
4	Ryne Ogren	R/R	6-1	180	4/11/97 (22)	Conestoga, PA	Trade (4/24/19)
7	Alexis Torres	R/R	6-0	183	12/12/97 (21)	Caguas, P.R.	5th Rd. (2016)

#	OUTFIELDERS	B/T	HT	WT	BORN/AGE	HOMETOWN	ACQUIRED
20	Nick Horvath	R/L	5-11	200	7/13/96 (22)	Jupiter, FL	25th Rd. (2018)
31	Robert Neustrom	L/L	6-2	208	11/12/96 (22)	Sioux City, IA	5th Rd. (2018)
17	Robbie Thorburn	L/L	5-11	175	3/30/95 (24)	Raleigh, NC	31st Rd. (2017)
27	Doran Turchin	R/R	6-2	195	7/7/97 (21)	Oak Creek, WI	14th Rd. (2018)

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Means Makes Most of O's Opening



With the Orioles in the midst of a full-on multi-year rebuild, the major league roster is as wide open as ever. There's a palpable sense of excitement throughout the Orioles farm system; anyone can make it up and help the ball club. One former Shorebird making the most of his newfound opportunity in The Show is John Means, who has become Baltimore's most consistent starter through the first month of the year.

After making his major league debut last September 26, Means

opened the season on the O's 25-man roster. After a few consistent outings from the bullpen, Baltimore manager Brandon Hyde moved Means into the rotation on April 9. He took some lumps that first start against Oakland but rebounded five days later in Boston, allowing just one run over five innings in a tough-luck loss to the Red Sox. For his next start it was more of the same: five innings of one-run ball against the White Sox on April 24, this time in a winning effort. Despite a hiccup on April 29 at Chicago, Means' record through April stood at 3-3 with a more-than-respectable 2.81 ERA.

That Means has been a model of consistency shouldn't come as a surprise to Shorebirds fans. Drafted in the 11th round out of West Virginia in 2014, Means spent that summer mostly in short-season Aberdeen before breaking



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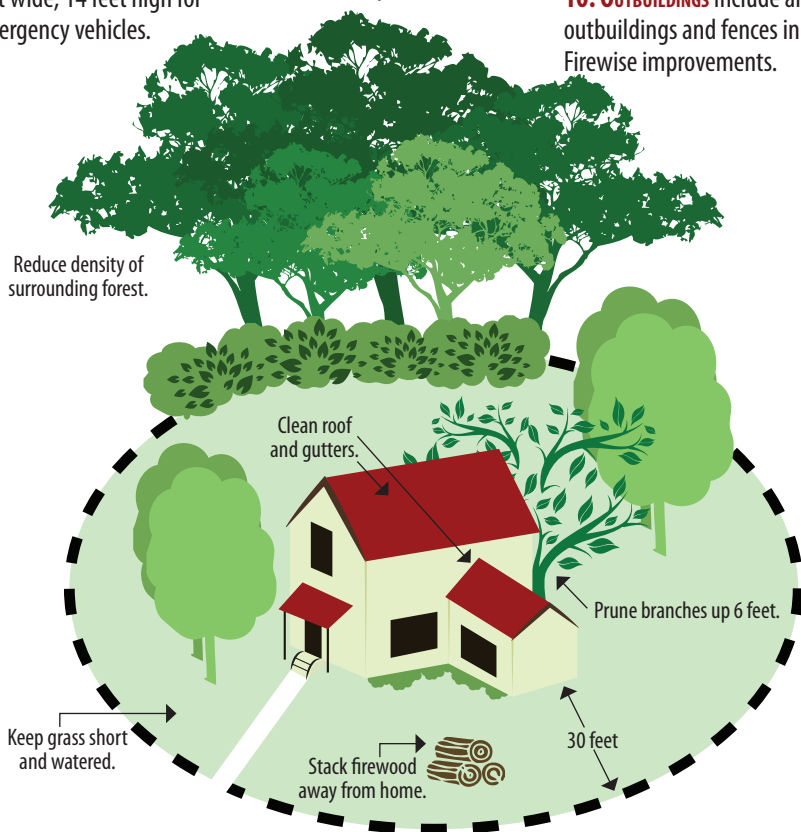
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from house. Space plants so fire can't spread.

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LAKWOOD ROSTER

#	PITCHERS	B/T	HT	WT	BIRTHDATE	HOMETOWN	ACQUIRED
15	Carr, Tyler	R/R	5-10	170	5/1/1996	Lake Placid, FL	31st rd (2018)
18	Glogoski, Kyle	R/R	6-1	194	1/6/1999	Auckland, New Zealand	AFA (2018)34
34	Gowdy, Kevin	R/R	6-4	170	11/16/1997	Santa Barbara, CA	2nd rd (2016)
20	Lindow, Ethan	R/L	6-4	187	10/15/1998	Locust Grove, GA	5th rd (2017)
35	Marcelino, Oscar	R/R	6-3	184	6/8/1997	Caleta, DR	AFA (2014)
16	Martinez, Robinson	R/R	6-0	223	3/20/1998	Moca, DR	AFA (2014)
26	McArthur, James	R/R	6-7	230	12/11/1996	New Braunfels, TX	12 rd (2018)
30	Mezquita, Jhordany	L/L	6-1	211	1/30/1998	Santiago, DR	8th rd (2017)
57	Morales, Francisco	R/R	6-4	225	10/27/1999	San Juan de los Morros, VZ	AFA (2016)
10	Pipkin, Dominic	R/R	6-4	160	11/5/1999	Pinole, CA	9th rd (2018)
12	Santos, Victor	R/R	6-1	191	7/12/2000	Salcedo, RF	AFA (2016)
14	Silva, Manuel	L/L	6-2	157	12/18/1998	Sabana Grande de Palenque, DR	AFA (2015)
25	Troya, Gilmael	R/R	6-0	196	4/4/1997	Valencia, VZ	(AAA, 2018)

#	CATCHERS	B/T	HT	WT	BORN/AGE	HOMETOWN	ACQUIRED
37	Catchey, Jack	R/R	6-1	190	1/16/1997	Raleigh, NC	27th rd (2018)
31	Gutierrez, Abraham	R/R	6-2	214	10/31/1999	Charallave, VZ	MLFA (2017)
13	Marchan, Rafael (DL)	S/R	5-9	196	2/25/1999	Caracas, VZ	AFA (2015)

#	INFIELDBERS	B/T	HT	WT	BORN/AGE	HOMETOWN	ACQUIRED
3	Garcia, Luis	S/R	5-11	170	10/1/2000	San Pedro de Marcoris, DR	AFA (2017)
4	Guzman, Jonathan	R/R	6-0	171	8/17/1999	Esperanza, DR	AFA (2015)
28	Holmes, Jake	R/R	6-4	198	7/2/1998	Tierra Verde, FL	11th rd (2017)
8	Kroon, Matt	R/R	6-1	195	12/5/1996	Scottsdale, AZ	18th rd (2018)
7	Stobbe, Cole	R/R	6-2	194	8/30/1997	Newberry, FL	3rd rd (2016)
9	Stovall, Hunter	R/R	5-8	170	9/5/1996	Birmingham, AL	Trade (4/2019)

#	OUTFIELDERS	B/T	HT	WT	BORN/AGE	HOMETOWN	ACQUIRED
27	De La Cruz, Carlos	R/R	6-8	210	10/6/1999	Yonkers, NY	AFA (2017)
33	Matow, Malvin	R/R	6-3	182	8/19/1996	Caja Seca, VZ	AFA (2015)
44	Pelletier, Ben	R/R	6-2	200	8/22/1998	Varenes, Quebec	34th rd (2015)
5	Trejo, Yerwin	R/R	6-3	170	1/3/1997	Caja Seca, VZ	AFA (2016)

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27	Joan Adon	R-R	6-2	185	(20) 8/12/98	Santo Domingo, D.R. ND	FA - 7/2/16
11	Tomas Alastre	R-R	6-4	170	(20) 6/11/98	Valencia, VEN ND	FA - 7/5/14
33	Jared Brasher	R-R	6-1	200	(24) 1/3/95	Pell City, AL	2017 (8th Rd)
36	Tim Cate	L-L	6-0	185	(21) 9/30/97	Manchester, CT	2018 (2nd Rd)
19	Chandler Day	R-R	6-5	175	(21) 5/24/97	Westerville, OH	2018 (7th Rd)
35	Aaron Fletcher	L-L	6-0	220	(23) 2/25/96	Geneseo, IL	2018(14th Rd)
14	Angel Guillen	R-R	6-2	150	(22) 1/24/97	Maracay, VEN ND	FA- 7/2/13
16	Jake Irvin	R-R	6-6	225	(22) 2/18/97	Edina, MN	2018 (4th Rd)
38	Francys Peguero	R-R	6-2	170	(23) 10/4//95	Hato Mayor, D.R. ND	FA - 6/14/13
25	Jackson Stoeckinger	L-L	6-3	210	(23) 2/13/96	Harredsburg, KY	2017 (12th Rd)
17	Ryan Tapani	R-R	6-0	180	(24) 6/28/94	Wayzata, MN	2018 (21st Rd)
26	Trey Turner	R/R	6-1	195	(22) 6/15/96	Fort Scott, KS	2017 (10th Rd)
15	Ryan Williamson	L/L	6/2	190	(24) 4/28/95	Cranford, NJ	2016 (15th Rd)

#	CATCHERS	B/T	HT	WT	BORN/AGE	HOMETOWN	ACQUIRED
20	Israel Pineda	R-R	5-11	190	(18) 4/3/00	Maracay, VEN ND	FA - 7/2/16
40	Nic Perkins	R-R	6-4	215	(23) 2/19/96	St. Charles, MO	2017 (28th Rd)
8	Tyler Cropley	R/R	5-11	185	(23) 12/10/95	Sioux City, IA	2018 (8th Rd)

#	INFIELDBERS	B/T	HT	WT	BORN/AGE	HOMETOWN	ACQUIRED
6	Gilbert Lara	R-R	6-4	198	(21) 10/30/97	Bani, D.R.	Trade 8/18
5	Kyle Marinconz	L-R	5-10	185	(22) 5/24/96	San Jose, CA	2018 (24th Rd)
2	Omar Meregildo	R/R	6-1	185	(21) 8/18/97	Santo Domingo, D.R.	FA - 8/12/14
10	Juan Pascal	R-R	6-1	175	(21) 11/6/97	La Romana, D.R.	FA - 11/17/15
30	Trey Vickers	R-R	6-1	185	(23) 9/17/95	Lee's Summit, MO	2018 (30th Rd)

#	OUTFIELDERS	B/T	HT	WT	BORN/AGE	HOMETOWN	ACQUIRED
7	Justin Connell	R-R	6-1	185	(20) 3/11/99	Plantation, FL	2017 (11th Rd)
28	Pablo O'Connor	R-R	6-0	195	(23) 9/6/95	San Diego, CA	2018 (27th Rd)
13	Jacob Rhinesmith	L-L	6-2	195	(22) 5/23/96	Shakopee, MN	2018 (18th Rd)
4	Cody Wilson	R-R	6-2	200	(22) 7/4/96	West Palm Beach, FL	2018 (13th Rd)

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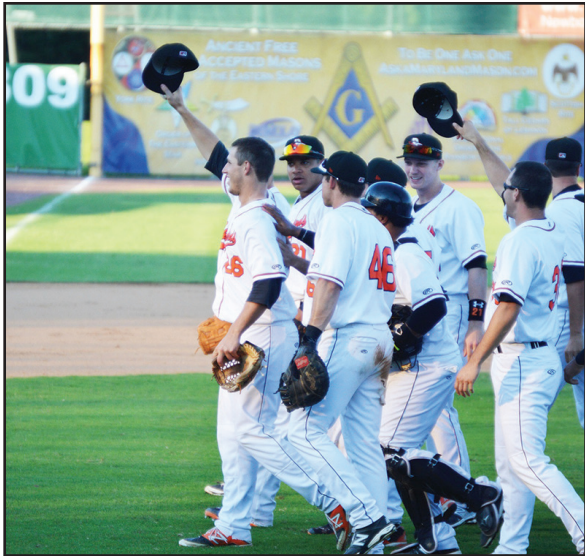
2015 with Delmarva. Named the team's Opening Day starter, Means turned in six brilliant three-hit innings to headline a 10-0 shutout win over Greensboro. Five times in the first half Means went six innings in a start, winning each time.

Means' finest hour became one of the greatest individual pitching moments in franchise history. Starting the front end of a July 31 doubleheader against Charleston, Means tossed a seven-inning no-hitter, walking just one and hitting another batter while striking out six. By the time he struck out the RiverDogs' Austin Aune with two out in the seventh, Means had etched his name into history in front of 3,600-plus on a hot Friday night at Perdue Stadium.

By the middle of August the Orioles were ready to see Means take the next step. After an August 16 win over Lakewood, he was promoted to High-A Frederick, where he made four starts before the end of the year. In 23 starts with Delmarva, Means went 9-8 with a 3.50 ERA over 118.1 innings.

After dominating in Frederick for the first third of 2016, Means closed out the year in Double-A Bowie. He spent the entirety of 2017 with the Baysox and earned a promotion to Triple-A Norfolk by the middle of 2018. His consistency followed him up the ladder, and the Orioles rewarded him with a September call up at the end of that season.

The Orioles may be several years away from contending again in earnest in a loaded American League East Division. When that day finally comes, it could be John Means anchoring the rotation when happy days return to Camden Yards.



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PITCHING COACH JUSTIN RAMSEY, PART I

Before a recent game in Columbia, Shorebirds radio voice Will DeBoer caught up with pitching coach Justin Ramsey. Ramsey is in his first season in the Orioles system after spending four years as a coach at Nova Southeastern University in Florida. Before that he coached at the vaunted Long Beach State program.

WD: You made the jump from college to pro ball this offseason; why was now the time to do it?

JR: I'm just really excited about everything going on here with the organization. Having the opportunity to meet [Chris Holt, Orioles' pitching coordinator] about a year and a half prior, knowing what he was all about and where the organization was going, it was an easy transition. Just focusing on the player development aspect, as opposed to everything else that goes into the college side, whether it's recruiting or administrative types of things, that was an easy decision for me.

WD: How is working with pitchers in the minors different from in college, and how is it the same?

JR: In a lot of ways it's the same, just because it's the same age group that I've been with. There's a slightly different level of talent in terms of what we're working with here; their aptitude to adjust and do some things that we ask of them is maybe a little quicker than at the college level. But in all reality, it's trying to get the best out of players regardless of where you're at. That's your job as a coach, so that part has been the same, and it's been a lot of fun.

WD: Strikeout numbers are up this year for the Shorebirds and the whole Orioles system. Is that based on the talent and the stuff these guys have, or is there a new approach that's come in with the new regime?

JR: I think it's a combination of everything. [Mike Elias, Sig Mejdal, and Chris Holt] have done a great job of organizing how things are structured and done, and our attack plans. And obviously we've got some really good players in the minor league system that are starting to develop with the hard work that they've put in. I think it's just a testament to everything they've done to get themselves ready day in and day out to reach those kinds of numbers.

WD: It must be an exciting time in this whole organization, but for the pitchers especially, knowing anyone can be part of the future solution.

JR: Any time you look at an organization that's going through a transition, regardless of their current roster or future roster, there's always opportunity. So it's definitely exciting for everyone. Even at the highest level, seeing what they're doing, you can see where they're at and where they're going to go, and that's exciting.

Part II of this interview with Justin Ramsey will be published in PlayBall! Issue 5

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Rodriguez Brings Poise to Latest Professional Step

For the second straight year the Delmarva Shorebirds are the landing spot of the Orioles' most recent first-round draft choice, and for the second straight year it's a pitcher taken out of high school. Last season, said high schooler was easy to spot. DL Hall looked like a 19-year-old, talked like a 19-year-old, and had his innings managed from the top like a 19-year-old.

Fast-forward one year. Grayson Rodriguez is also 19 years old. But at six-foot-five and 220 pounds, he isn't built like

your average 19-year-old. And with the stuff and endurance to match, he's forced the Orioles to take off the kid gloves for their top right-handed pitching prospect.

"Yeah, Texas grows them big, grows big, hard-throwing pitchers," said Rodriguez, a Nacogdoches native, after his Shorebirds debut in Lexington in April. "I'm just doing what I can."

He's done all that and more. That season debut saw Rodriguez strike out 10 batters over five scoreless innings en route to his first professional win. One week later, same story at Perdue Stadium: six innings of scoreless, one-hit, 10-K ball to beat Lakewood. Even after giving up a run during his next start in Greensboro – he still won it and fanned eight batters over 5.2 frames – the secret was out: this was no mere high school arm. At 3-0 with a 0.54 ERA, six walks, and 28 strikeouts over 16.2 innings, the Orioles made him their hands-down Minor League Pitcher of the Month for April.

"I was able to locate the fastball really well [against Lexington] and got ahead in the count," said Rodriguez. "I was able to throw the changeup a lot for strikes and as a chase pitch. The slider was good, and so was the curveball."

To borrow a phrase from one of the best-known TV shows set in his native Texas, Rodriguez had "clear eyes" to this run with the Shorebirds years out. Jon Meoli of the Baltimore Sun wrote last June of how he eschewed the celebrity status that comes with Texas high school stardom to focus on becoming the best pitcher he could. For one thing, baseball simply took up more time.

"Texas starts a lot earlier than the rest of the country, so our first games are right there in the middle of February," said Rodriguez, for whom the 50-degree weather in Lexington was old hat. "The coldest I've ever pitched in was probably 30 degree weather, especially early in the high school season."

Even after winning Texas State Player of the Year as a junior and leading his Central Heights squad to the 2017 3A state championship, Rodriguez sought to improve his craft. He spent much of his time in nearby Tyler, training at a facility called APEC that drew in some of the game's best prospects.

"I interacted with a lot of big leaguers this year," said Rodriguez. "A.J. Minter with the Braves, Josh Tomlin with the Braves as well. Josh actually taught me how to throw my changeup, and I give

all the credit to him for showing me that pitch this offseason and working with me on it. It's been a great tool and a huge weapon so far, just to be able to utilize and throw it, put it in my repertoire."

More than just pitching technique, Rodriguez drew picked up something just as valuable from his big league counterparts: how to handle yourself as a highly touted professional.

"Being around guys like that, you learn how to be mature, go about ways in a professional way," said Rodriguez. "So it was a real good experience to see from them, learn from them, and just gets any tips and tricks that they had."

With the eyes of baseball now locked on him, Rodriguez has his gaze locked on what's in front of him, and he has the chance to spin something special for the best team in recent Shorebirds history.

"I feel like, in my mind that I have to be confident in myself," said Rodriguez to MiLB's Duane Cross last month. "I've got to play to the best of my abilities. I'll try to get some sleep and get back to the grind tomorrow."



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Deer



Dolphin



Door



Drum



Dinosaur



Dragonfly



Doll



Donut

June

- 6 **"The Office" Night**
- 7 **Fireworks #6**
Sponsor - Perdue
- 8 **Fireworks #7**
Mountaire Faith and Family Night
featuring Gary Clark appearance
Sponsor - Mountaire Farms
- 9 **Kids Club Game #2**
Sponsor - MD EXCELS
Kids Cape Giveaway
- 13 **Black Hat Giveaway**
Sponsor - Spicer Bros. Construction Inc.
- 14 **Josh Hader Bobblehead Giveaway**
Sponsor - Perdue
- 15 **Fireworks #8**
Delaware State Fair Ticket Giveaway
Sponsor - Delaware State Fair

July

- 4 **Fireworks #9**
- 5 **Patriotic Bucket Hat Giveaway**
Sponsor - Spicer Bros. Construction Inc.
- 6 **Fireworks #10**
- 7 **All Star Poster Giveaway**
Sponsor - Delmarva Printing
- 12 **Nickelodeon Night**
featuring appearance by
Chase from Paw Patrol
Paw Patrol Jersey Auction
- 13 **Fireworks #11**
Sponsor - Wor Wic CC
- 14 **Kids Club Game #3**
Sponsor - MD EXCELS

WEEK DAY PROMOTIONS

3 BUCK MONDAY

Enjoy \$3 upper reserved tickets, \$3 Hot Dog and \$3 fountain Pepsi Products all game long!
Sponsored by Wicomico Heating & Air Conditioning.



WAG YOUR TAIL TUESDAY

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.



SILVER SLUGGERS WEDNESDAY

Play baseball bingo and win prizes courtesy of Peninsula Home Care Maryland & Peninsula Home Care at Nanticoke.



KISS 95.9 THIRSTY THURSDAY

16 ounce cans of Miller Lite & Coors Light beer and 16 oz. fountain Pepsi products are just \$2.00.
Presented by Salisbury Pit & Pub.



BIG BEER FRIDAY

32 ounce Miller Lite & Coors Light draft beers are only \$6. Presented by First Class Heating & Air Conditioning, Inc.



Q105 FIREWORKS SATURDAY

Stick around for the fireworks show after the game!



STRIKE OUT HUNGER SUNDAY

Bring two canned food items to the Box Office and receive a upper reserved ticket for just \$3.



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