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# HOMESTAND PROMOTIONS

## MAY 1

### Tuesday, 7:05 p.m. vs. Greenville Drive

**Town Night Tuesday** – Town Night Tuesdays will give the local residents, businesses, schools & clubs an opportunity to enjoy a night out at the ballpark while raising money for a cause or charity within their neighborhood. Each homestand the Shorebirds' will feature a different town with a portion of proceeds donated to that night's cause or charity. This Tuesday night the Shorebirds will be highlighting, Pocomoke, MD.

**Bark in the Park #2** – Bring your dog to the park! The Shorebirds encourage fans to bring their dogs to Perdue Stadium to celebrate Bark in the Park #2! If you bring a donation item for the Wicomico County Humane Society, the Shorebirds will allow your dog free entry into the stadium. Bark in the Park is presented by Johnson-McKee Animal Hospital.



## MAY 2

### Wednesday, 7:05 p.m. vs. Greenville Drive

**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.



## MAY 3

### Thursday, 10:35 a.m. vs. Greenville Drive

**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.



**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.

## MAY 4

### Friday, 7:05 p.m. vs. Augusta GreenJackets

**Manny Machado S Trooper Bobble Head Giveaway** – The first 1,000 fans in attendance will receive a bobble head of Manny Machado dressed in a S Trooper outfit. The bobble head giveaway is brought to you by Mountain Dew.



**Star Wars Night with Jerseys** – The Shorebirds will be celebrating the Classic Movie "Star Wars" for the first time tonight. The Shorebirds players will be wearing specialty jerseys designed to look like Storm Troopers. The Shorebirds will have other activities and music from Star Wars throughout the evening. The specialty Star Wars jerseys will be auctioned off during the game to benefit Big Brothers Big Sisters.

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

## MAY 5

### Saturday, 7:05 p.m. vs. Augusta GreenJackets

**Q105 Fireworks** – Come out and watch the Shorebirds light up the sky with their second fireworks show of the season presented by Delaware State Education Association.



**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 Sussex, DE, Queen Anne's, MD counties as well as Denton Elementary.



JAMES M. CROUSE, MD  
Specialist in Otolaryngology

## MAY 6

### Sunday, 2:05 p.m. vs. Augusta GreenJackets

**Sherman's Birthday** – Help Sherman celebrate his special day. Sherman will have many of his local friends on hand to celebrate Sherman's birthday. Sherman's birthday is presented by Sherwood of Salisbury.



**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.

**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.



## MAY 7

### Monday, 7:05 p.m. vs. Augusta GreenJackets

**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.





## Shorebirds Make History with Blazing Start

By the time the dust had settled on the Delmarva Shorebirds' first homestand of 2018, the team was off to the races on its best start ever. Here's a look inside the historic run that made the Shorebirds Minor League Baseball's only 7-0 team.

At 7-0, the Shorebirds secured their longest undefeated streak to begin a season in franchise history. According to longtime historian Dr. Richard "Doc Shorebird" Passwater, the previous long came in their inaugural season in 1996; that team started 6-0 and eventually 13-1. The '96 Delmarva club featured 10 future major leaguers, including longtime veterans Orlando Cabrera, Javier Vazquez, and Michael Barrett. Those first Shorebirds won 83 games, still a franchise record, and made it to the SAL Championship Series.

Delmarva's perfect homestand was its first in over a decade. The last time the Shorebirds pulled off a perfect home stretch of at least two series was May 19-24, 2006 – that week the Gary Kendall-led squad swept four games from Lake County and beat Hagerstown in two straight. Only three times since then had the Shorebirds come within a game of a perfect homestand, only to lose it in the finale; most recently was June 2014 when Hagerstown spoiled an eight-gamer at the wire.

Perhaps most remarkable about the winning streak was how completely locked in the Shorebirds were in every facet of the game. The pitching was out of this world: Delmarva starters boasted a combined ERA of 1.69, the relievers converted five save opportunities, and the team recorded the first two shutouts of the SAL season.

"Our pitching staff has been absolutely dominant," said lefty Zac Lowther after the best start of the bunch: a six-inning, no-hit, 13-strikeout shellacking of Hickory to anchor a one-hit shutout. "I think we



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all feed off one another and compete with each other to try and do better than the last guy. I think we've got a really good dynamic."

Meanwhile, the Shorebird offense hit .308 during the week and put up run totals of 18 and 14 in back-to-back games; either one would have topped last season's high watermark. Kirvin Moesquit capped the hit parade with an inside-the-park in the series finale.

"I think that sometimes hitting is contagious," said outfielder Will Robertson after the sweep of Asheville, "and I think that was the case for us this weekend. Everyone was getting hits from top to bottom, and I think it's easy to feed off that energy and build off that."

Between the sizzling arms and wallbanging bats, it should be no surprise the Shorebirds only trailed after two of their first 63 innings.

What's more, a run like this can make an entire season for any ball club. Recall that in 1984 the Detroit Tigers started 35-5; they coasted the rest of the season on the way

to a World Series title. At the time of this writing, the Shorebirds were 8-2 through their first 10 games. If they played at the '84 Tigers' pace for the rest of the first half, they would be 44-26 and almost certainly win the Northern Division, punching a ticket to their first playoff appearance since 2005.

"The minor leagues are about development, but they're about teaching guys how to win, too," said manager Buck Britton to Orioles radio voice Jim Hunter during a recent pregame show. "It's important to show players what it takes to win at an early age so that they internalize it as they move up."

Perhaps most important, winning on the field accentuates what was already a winning clubhouse.

"Even before we started winning we really seemed to get along," said Robertson. "The team chemistry is great, so I think that showed on the field and it gets to be cyclical. It goes back in the clubhouse after a good game and we really enjoy ourselves."

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- 22 EARTH DAY TOTE BAG**  
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- 29 YOUTH BASEBALL & SOFTBALL DAY**  
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MAY

- 9 ORIOLES T-SHIRT**  
ALL FANS
- 11 FRIDAY FIREWORKS**  
POSTGAME, ALL FANS
- 12 ORIOLES CAR EMBLEM**  
PRESENTED BY E-ZPASS MARYLAND • FIRST 25,000 FANS 15 & OVER
- 13 MOTHER'S DAY PASHMINA SCARF**  
FIRST 20,000 FANS 18 & OVER
- YOUTH BASEBALL & SOFTBALL DAY**  
PRESENTED BY MARYLAND 529 • PRE-REGISTERED YOUTH TEAMS
- 16 FIELD TRIP DAY**  
PRESENTED BY WJZ-TV • PRE-REGISTERED STUDENTS
- 28 ORIOLES MEMORIAL DAY T-SHIRT**  
ALL FANS
- 30 ORIOLES COOLER BACKPACK**  
FIRST 20,000 FANS 15 & OVER • PRESENTED BY VISIT SARASOTA

JUNE

- 1 FRIDAY FIREWORKS**  
POSTGAME, ALL FANS
- 12 DYLAN BUNDY BOBBLEHEAD**  
FIRST 25,000 FANS 15 & OVER
- 15 ORIOLES FLOPPY HAT**  
PRESENTED BY MILLER LITE • FIRST 20,000 FANS 21 & OVER
- FRIDAY FIREWORKS**  
POSTGAME, ALL FANS
- 17 FATHER'S DAY NECK TIE**  
FIRST 20,000 FANS 18 & OVER
- 25 BUCK "SNOW"ALTER SNOW GLOBE**  
FIRST 25,000 FANS 15 & OVER
- 29 FRIDAY FIREWORKS**  
PRESENTED BY MARYLAND CREDIT UNIONS • POSTGAME, ALL FANS
- 30 BIRDLAND HAWAIIAN SHIRT**  
FIRST 35,000 FANS 15 & OVER

JULY

- 13 FRIDAY FIREWORKS**  
POSTGAME, ALL FANS
- ORIOLES MARYLAND FLAG SCRIPT REPLICA JERSEY**  
PRESENTED BY MORGAN STATE UNIVERSITY • FIRST 35,000 FANS 15 & OVER
- 26 ORIOLES T-SHIRT**  
ALL FANS
- 27 FRIDAY FIREWORKS**  
POSTGAME, ALL FANS
- 28 TREY MANCINI BOBBLEHEAD**  
FIRST 25,000 FANS 15 & OVER
- 29 BIRDLAND SUMMER GARDEN GNOME**  
PRESENTED BY OCEAN CITY, MARYLAND • FIRST 25,000 FANS 15 & OVER

AUGUST

- 10 FRIDAY FIREWORKS**  
PRESENTED BY THE HARTFORD • POSTGAME, ALL FANS
- 11 EXCLUSIVE ORIOLES CARD PACK**  
PRESENTED BY TOPPS • ALL FANS
- 12 RETRO TALKING ALARM CLOCK**  
PRESENTED BY UNITED CONCORDIA DENTAL • ALL FANS 14 & UNDER
- 15 ORIOLES T-SHIRT**  
ALL FANS
- 24 FRIDAY FIREWORKS**  
POSTGAME, ALL FANS

SEPTEMBER

- 13 ORIOLES T-SHIRT**  
ALL FANS
- 15 ORIOLES LIGHTWEIGHT HOODIE**  
FIRST 35,000 FANS 15 & OVER
- 16 ORIOLES CAP**  
PRESENTED BY DAP • FIRST 20,000 FANS 15 & OVER
- 28 ORIOLES COASTER SET**  
FIRST 20,000 FANS 15 & OVER
- 29 ORIOLES PUFFY VEST**  
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- 30 ORIOLES DUFFLE BAG**  
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SEAFORD HIGH SCHOOL  
FAITH BAPTIST SCHOOL-SALISBURY  
DELAWARE MENTOR  
BENNETT MIDDLE ADAPTED PE  
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# PROMOTIONAL SCHEDULE

## May

- 1 **Bark in the Park**  
*Sponsor - Johnson-McKee Animal Hospital*
- 3 **Field of Dreams Game #3**  
*Sponsor - Chesapeake Health Care*
- 4 **S Trooper Manny Bobble Head Giveaway**  
*Sponsor - Mountain Dew*
- 5 **Fireworks #3**  
*Sponsor - DE State Education Association*
- 6 **Sherman's Birthday**  
*Sponsor - Sherwood of Salisbury*
- 17 **Pink Hat Giveaway**  
*Sponsor - Spicer Bros. Construction Inc.*
- 18 **Schoop Replica Jersey Giveaway**  
*Sponsor - Delaware Express*
- 19 **Fireworks #4**  
**PRMC Pink Pitch Night**  
*Sponsor - PRMC*
- 20 **Chance Sisco Jumbo Baseball Card Giveaway**
- 25 **Sandlot 25th Anniversary featuring a Squints Appearance**
- 26 **Fireworks #5**

## June

- 5 **Bark in the Park**  
*Sponsor - Johnson-McKee Animal Hospital*
- 8 **Fireworks #6**  
*Sponsor - Perdue*
- 9 **Fireworks #7**  
**Montaire Faith and Family Night**  
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## WEEK DAY PROMOTIONS



### 47 ABC 2 BUCK MONDAY

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### SILVER SLUGGERS WEDNESDAY

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### KISS 95.9 THIRSTY THURSDAY

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### FROGGY 99.9 BIG BEER FRIDAY

32 ounce Miller Lite & Coors Light draft beers are only \$6.



### 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.





Responding to local community needs is an important part of the work done by The Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore and The Delmarva Shorebirds Fly Together Fund. One of the most vital human needs is something many of us often take for granted: food.

CFES supports many programs that aid area residents who need a helping hand for a healthy meal. Grants from CFES help fund local community gardens such as Camden Community Garden, “Wor-Wic’s Food for Students” initiative, and the Berlin Community Garden. CFES also provides aid to programs such as Meals On Wheels (providing meals to seniors), The Christian Center (which serves an

average of 1,800 meals a month), and many other need-based resources.

Through the Fly Together Fund, the Delmarva Shorebirds are able to assist organizations such as the Maryland Food Bank, which is another organization CFES frequently partners with. Through your support of these programs and the team work of great organizations, we are able to join together to make sure our neighbors don’t go hungry! To get involved visit [CFES.org](http://CFES.org).



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Kris Smith is this week's Ticket Holder in the spotlight. This is his 3rd year as a season ticket holder, and he has been attending games since the Shorebirds opened in 1996. Growing up around the Eastern Shore, Kris was raised everything Orioles, as his favorite player in team history is Cal Ripken Jr, and frequents Camden Yards as an Oriole 13 game ticket plan holder. When attending games at Perdue Stadium, the Smiths especially enjoy the new Old Bay fries, and Dippin' Dots.

"We primarily attend the games as a family during the season. My wife Robin and our four children have a great time during the fireworks nights, and during any special appearances." Pictured is from when the Smiths received a special visit from Sherman and the Oriole Bird on Opening Day a few years ago. "As far as giveaway items, we've always enjoyed collecting the team sets each year, and being able to look back at players who came through Delmarva and are now making an impact at the big league level. Recent players like Chance Sisco and Jonathan Schoop have been great to see progress the way they have."



In addition to attending Shorebirds games with his family, Kris also utilizes his season tickets through INTEGRA Administrative Group, where he has worked for the last 26 years. "We distribute our tickets to clients all over the Eastern Shore, and it's been a great opportunity to be able to take care of those who are partners of ours through the Shorebirds." Established in Seaford since 1972, INTEGRA Administrative Group processes and pays medical claims to hospitals and providers for the employer community in the mid-Atlantic region and the state of Florida.

"As season ticket holders we've really enjoyed the extra events that come with our package, like autograph nights, and especially the batting practice day out on the field," said Kris. "Playing in an adult softball league myself, it's always a great opportunity to be able to take swings from the batter's box and field some fly balls!"

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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)
36	Michael Baumann	R/R	6-4	225	9/10/95 (22)	Mahtomedi, MN	3rd Rd. (2017)
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 Hanifee	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)
31	Zac Lowther	L/L	6-2	235	4/30/96 (21)	Brooklyn Heights, OH	2nd Rd. (2017)
38	Zach Muckenhiirn	L/L	6-1	185	2/27/95 (23)	Delano, MN	11th Rd. (2016)
29	Travis Seabrooke	R/L	6-6	205	9/16/95 (22)	Peterborough, ON	5th Rd. (2013)
26	Nick Vespi	L/L	6-3	215	10/10/95 (21)	Miami, FL	18th Rd. (2015)
#	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)
11	Wagner Ramirez (DL)	R/R	5-11	170	12/11/94 (23)	San Jan de la Maguana, DR	FA (6/18/2015)
	Chris Shaw (DL)	R/R	6-0	215	4/25/94 (23)	Winnipeg, MB	15th Rd. (2015)
#	INFIELTERS	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)
#	OUTFIELDERS	B/T	HT	WT	AGE	HOMETOWN	ACQUIRED
3	Frank Crinella	R/R	5-11	188	6/9/94 (23)	Springfield, MA	39th Rd. (2015)
10	Zach Jarrett	R/R	6-4	220	12/8/94 (23)	Hickory, NC	28th Rd. (2017)
2	T.J. Nichting	S/R	5-11	188	1/13/95 (23)	Hamilton, OH	9th Rd. (2017)
14	Will Robertson	R/R	6-2	190	3/2/95 (23)	Greenville, SC	30th Rd. (2017)

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#43 Justin Lord, Pitching Coach (3rd Season)

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By: Will DeBoer

## Delmarva the Genesis of Davies' Success

Last August, Zach Davies became the latest former Shorebird to receive his "Walk of Fame" banner at Arthur W. Perdue Stadium. He joined the ranks of such stars as Manny Machado, Zach Britton, and Mychal Givens, hanging from the rafters in the midst of successful careers that first germinated on the Eastern Shore.

Davies first arrived in Salisbury in 2012 as a fresh-faced 19-year-old. A 26th-round pick for the Orioles out of high school in Arizona the year before, he made his professional debut for Delmarva out of the bullpen at Asheville on April 7. Davies spent his first month as a reliever, sporting a 3.16 ERA over eight appearances before being shifted to the rotation May 17.

After a rough first start at Hagerstown, Davies started to figure it out at home with back-to-back one-run outings against Greensboro and Hickory. The gem of his summer came on July 10 against Savannah: he pitched seven scoreless innings, scattering six hits and walking one while fanning six, but was done in by future Oriole Logan Verrett, who tossed a six-hit shutout to lead the Sand Gnats to a 2-0 win.

Davies capped his first pro season with a 5-7 record and 3.86 ERA for the Shorebirds, earning a promotion to High-A Frederick the next season. After posting similar numbers for the Keys in 2013, he climbed the ladder to Double-A Bowie in 2014. It was with the Baysox that Davies

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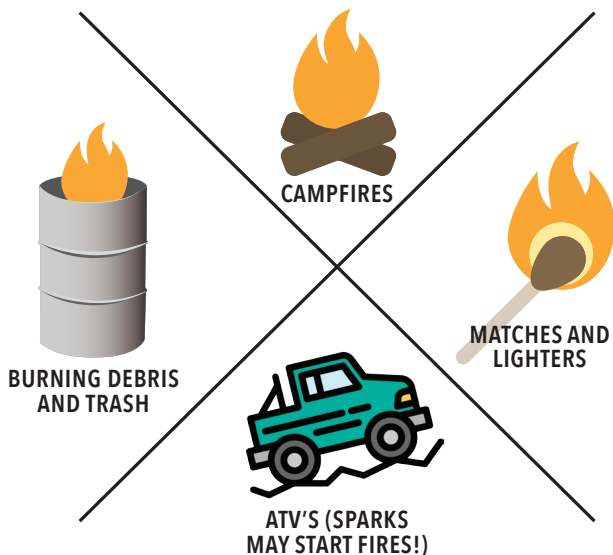
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#	PITCHERS	B/T	HT	WT	DOB	HOMETOWN	ACQUIRED
39	CRAWFORD, Kutter	R/R	6-1	200	4/1/96 (22)	Okeechobee, FL	16th Round, 2017
31	DIAZ, Jhonathan	L/L	6-0	170	9/13/96 (21)	Valencia, VEN	FA, 2013
15	DURON, Nick	R/R	6-4	190	1/30/96 (22)	Portland, OR	31st Round, 2015
44	FISHER, Devon	R/R	6-0	215	5/1/96 (21)	Portsmouth, VA	20th Round, 2014
37	FLORENTINO, Juan	R/R	5-10	180	9/8/96 (21)	Santo Domingo, DR	FA, 2015
16	FRANCO, Alberto	R/R	5-11	185	8/16/94 (23)	San Pedro de Macoris, DR	FA, 2017
20	HAWORTH, Hunter	R/R	6-4	215	10/2/96 (21)	Hollister, CA	22nd Round, 2017
48	LANTIGUA, Marcos	R/R	6-3	200	12/14/95 (22)	Santo Domingo, DR	FA, 2014
30	NAIL, Brendan	R/L	6-0	190	10/18/95 (22)	Greensboro, NC	GRE / NDFA, 2017
33	PADRON, Angel	L/L	5-11	175	9/16/97 (20)	San Cristobal, VEN	FA, 2014
41	REYES, Denyi	R/R	6-4	209	11/12/96 (21)	Sabana Grande de Palenque, DR	FA, 2014
18	SCHERFF, Alex	S/R	6-2	209	2/5/98 (20)	Colleyville, TX	5th Round, 2017
25	YOUNG, Lukas	R/R	6-2	190	7/26/96 (21)	Mobile, AL	21st Round, 2017
#	CATCHERS	B/T	HT	WT	DOB	HOMETOWN	ACQUIRED
19	LUCENA, Isaías	S/R	5-11	180	11/15/94 (23)	Cabudare, VEN	FA, 2012
3	MADDEN, Charlie*	R/R	6-3	205	9/1/95 (22)	Dunwoody, GA	24th Round, 2017
21	MIRANDA, Samuel	L/R	6-1	175	8/21/97 (20)	Santa Rita, VEN	FA, 2013
#	INFIELDBERS	B/T	HT	WT	DOB	HOMETOWN	ACQUIRED
24	CASTELLANOS, Pedro	R/R	6-3	195	12/11/97 (20)	Carora, VEN	FA, 2015
10	CHATHAM, C.J.	R/R	6-4	185	12/22/94 (23)	Fort Lauderdale, FL	2nd Round, 2016
4	LOZADA, Everlouis	S/R	5-7	150	11/14/98 (19)	Portlamar, VEN	FA, 2015
17	OSINSKI, Michael	R/R	6-2	195	8/4/95 (22)	Vestal, NY	31st Round, 2017
12	RIDOS, Frankie	R/R	5-10	185	5/27/95 (22)	Lakewood, CA	17th Round, 2017
36	SUAREZ, Kervin	S/R	5-11	165	12/19/98 (19)	San Felipe, VEN	FA, 2015
#	OUTFIELDERS	B/T	HT	WT	DOB	HOMETOWN	ACQUIRED
11	ACOSTA, Victor	R/R	5-11	160	6/2/96 (21)	Maturin, VEN	FA, 2012
50	BERRIO, Ramfis	R/R	6-2	190	11/2/95 (22)	Sabana Grande de Palenque, DR	FA, 2015
5	BRANNEN, Cole	L/R	6-1	185	8/4/98 (19)	Elko, GA	2nd Round, 2017
23	CAMPANA, Marino	R/R	6-4	180	11/28/97 (20)	Santo Domingo, DR	FA, 2014
7	RUSCONI, Jagger*	S/R	5-11	165	7/18/96 (21)	Valencia, CA	5th Round, 2015

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# AUGUSTA ROSTER

#	PITCHERS	B/T	HT	WT	DOB	HOMETOWN	ACQUIRED
32	Bahr, Jason	R/R	6'5"	190	2/15/1995	Orlando, FL	D/2017/5th rd
46	Cave, Garrett	R/R	6'4"	200	7/18/1996	Bushnell, FL	D/2017 4th rd
22	Doval, Camilo	R/R	6'2"	185	7/4/1997	Yamassa, DR	FA 2015
28	Gavin, John	R/L	6'6"	230	10/10/1995	San Jose, CA	D/2017/8th rd
40	Gettman, CJ	L/R	6'5"	215	6/2/1994	Wenatchee, W	D/2016/34th rd
31	Lannoo, Peter	R/R	6'6"	220	11/13/1994	Terre Haute, IN	D/2017/28th rd
13	Marciano, Joe	L/L	6'5"	250	1/11/1995	Carbondale, IL	D/2017/36th rd
12	Marte, Jose	R/R	6'3"	180	6/14/1996	Santiago, DR	FA 2015
34	Parra, Olbis	R/R	6'2"	180	10/1/1994	Puerto Plata, DR	FA 2016
33	Rivera, Eduardo	R/R	6'5"	190	9/24/1992	La Romana, DR	FA 2010
17	Rubio, Frank	R/R	6'0"	190	4/23/1995	Miami Shores, FL	D/2017/29th rd
49	Russell, John	R/R	6'3"	170	10/17/1995	Glastonbury, CT	D/2017/16th rd
10	Van Gorp, Franklin	R/R	6'1"	210	10/26/1995	West Palm Beach, FL	D/2017/25th rd
#	CATCHERS	B/T	HT	WT	DOB	HOMETOWN	ACQUIRED
15	Calabrese, Robert	R/R	6'1"	205	10/3/1995	Staten Island, NY	D/2017/10th rd
19	Parra, Jeffry	R/R	6'0"	195	1/24/1998	Puerto Plata, DR	D/2016/24th rd
#	INFIELDERS	B/T	HT	WT	DOB	HOMETOWN	ACQUIRED
54	Abrams, Trevor	R/R	6'3"	215	4/23/1995	Rocklin, CA	FA 2018
23	Garcia, Orlando	R/R	6'2"	190	12/31/1995	El Paso, TX	D/2017/15th rd
26	Geraldo, Manuel	S/R	6'1"	170	9/23/96	Azua, DR	FA
18	Gonzalez, Jacob	R/R	6'3"	190	6/26/1998	Scottsdale, AZ	D/2017/2nd rd
9	Kirby, Ryan	L/R	6'2"	180	1/25/1995	San Ramon, CA	D/2016/12th rd
7	Matheny, Shane	R/R	6'1"	205	6/5/96	Bremerton, WA	D/2017/23rd
#	OUTFIELDERS	B/T	HT	WT	DOB	ACQUIRED	HOMETOWN
6	Angomas, Jean	L/R	6'0"	170	6/5/95	La Romana, DR	FA 2012
1	Baldwin, Logan	L/L	6'0"	170	4/9/1996	Ringgold, GA	D/2017/21st rd
14	Ramos, Heliot	R/R	6'2"	185	9/7/1999	Maunabo, PR	D/2017/1st rd
2	Ziegler, Malique	R/R	6'2"	170	9/8/96	Des Moines, IA	D/2016/22nd rd

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truly blossomed: he went 10-7 with a 3.35 ERA over 21 appearances, earning Eastern League Pitcher of the Week twice. He parlayed that into a stint in the prestigious Arizona Fall League, where he put up blistering numbers for the Glendale Desert Dogs and set the Baltimore brass on notice.

By the time he reached Triple-A Norfolk in 2015, Davies was a hot commodity across all of baseball. He represented the organization in the MLB Futures Game and boasted a 2.84 ERA over 19 turns for the Tides. At 22 years old and after progressing steadily through the organization, it wasn't out of the question that Davies would make it to The Show by the end of the year.

Unfortunately for Baltimore fans, Davies' sustained success may have backfired. On the periphery of a pennant race, the Orioles flipped Davies at the

deadline to the Brewers in a straight-up trade for Gerardo Parra. Parra finished off the season hitting .237 and bolted for the Rockies in free agency months later. Davies, meanwhile, tamed Triple-A Colorado Springs and made his major league debut for Milwaukee on September 2 against the Pirates.

Davies has since become a reliable cog in the Brewer rotation. Last season was his breakout campaign: one of just four National Leaguers to make all 33 starts, Davies went 17-9 with a 3.90 ERA for a Milwaukee club that finished one game back in the NL Wild Card race.

Despite three rough turns through the rotation to begin 2018, Davies should be a steadying force for a veteran Brewers club that has high hopes for the season. And while he has found his major league success outside the Orioles organization, Shorebirds fans can take pride in the fact that one more established major leaguer first began to sprout with Delmarva.

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*Before the beginning of the 2018 season, Shorebirds radio voice Will DeBoer caught up with Delmarva manager Buck Britton. Part I of this interview appeared in PlayBall! Issue 2 on April 19-26.*

**WD:** What are your thoughts on having [pitching coach] Justin Lord returning to Delmarva with you this season?

**BB:** We've built more than just a coaching relationship; we've built a good connection, and a pretty good friendship. He's definitely somebody you can trust, and who's not afraid to give his opinion and be that extra guy who steers me in the right direction when things pop up that, being a first-year manager, can be kind of unexpected. So he'll be there to guide me through it.

**WD:** As older coaches, do you see him and [hitting coach] Bobby Rose as serving as mentors or in a consigliere role for you?

**BB:** Of course. I've already told these guys in spring training that I'm going to be relying on them heavily, whether it's bouncing an opinion off of them or whatever. But they're definitely going to be there for me to lean on, for sure.

**WD:** The biggest thing in the minors this year is all the rule changes. How much do you anticipate those changing the way you manage a game?

**BB:** Well, I hope the 10 mound visits doesn't come into effect, but we're definitely going to have to reiterate to the pitchers and catchers to make sure they're on the same page when runners get on base. I don't see that being too much of a problem. The runner on second base in extra innings, that's definitely going to change some things, and we'll have to feel it out the first couple times. It's new for everybody, so the strategy on how to defend it is going to be new. But gone are the days of the 21-inning games in A-ball.

**WD:** You were there for the Shorebirds' 21-inning game we had last season. On the one hand, it was murder on the bullpen; on the other hand, it was probably most memorable night of season for everybody involved.

**BB:** You know, as far as the fans go and stuff, you get into extra innings and it does get exciting because every inning is the ninth inning. But I think it's a way for the league to try to limit injuries. You'd hate to use a guy that you didn't really want to use, but it's the 21st inning and we've got to try to get this game done. So I think it protects the players more than anything.

**WD:** I guess that just comes with the territory in the minors. Ever since Branch Rickey created the modern farm system, it's been more about development; mostly for players, but in this case rules.

**BB:** For sure. And there's too much invested in these young players that Major League Baseball is finally pulling the reins back and saying, 'hey, we need to protect these guys a little better.'



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## Baseball Runs in Haniffee's Roots

When the Haniffee family lived in Earleville, Md., father Sean built a ball field on a two-acre lot in their backyard. Young Brennan spent most of his early childhood out there, playing at night with his dad. When Brennan was nine, the family left their Field of Dreams behind so that the future Delmarva Shorebirds right-hander and 10th-ranked Orioles prospect could chase the chance to play on bigger diamonds.

"Mom's family lives out there, but the move to [Bridgewater, Va.] was baseball based," said Haniffee. "We kind of knew that baseball would be the path to success, so that's what it boiled down to. I think it was a good move for us."

The move back to the state of his birth — Haniffee was born in Harrisonburg, Va. but moved to Earleville when he was six months old — started the engine turning toward a life in baseball. Part of the fuel included hazy memories of Aberdeen IronBirds games from when his family had season tickets in 2002.

"I don't remember a whole lot of those games vividly, but I think it was good to get out and see that level of baseball early," said Haniffee. "You give yourself something to work toward."

Every bit of work he put in at Turner Ashby High School was centered on the great pastime. He became a prototypical three-sport athlete, lettering in football and basketball too, but it was never a question of which sport stood paramount.

"I kind of just played other sports to get better at baseball," said Haniffee. "Baseball workouts in November aren't very fun, so I played football and basketball to compete and just become a better athlete. That's where a lot of my success comes from, I think."

In June 2016 it all came together for Haniffee. Moments after a season-ending loss in the state semifinals — a win is the only thing he says would have made the day better — the team loaded the bus and flipped on the MLB Draft, now in its fourth round. Then Haniffee's phone rang. Baltimore was calling.

"It was surreal," said Haniffee with a breathless smile. "I actually watched my name get called on our coach's cell phone on the bus. It was just a surreal moment."

Even more surreal was it for father Sean, now an assistant at Division III Bridgewater College, driving in a car right behind the bus. Sean Haniffee grew up on the Eastern Shore — Orioles country — and even sports an Orioles tattoo. For his son to get to play under the de facto family crest was nothing short of miraculous.

"He was in the car behind us on the bus, and he called me a couple minutes later," said Brennan. "He was very excited, very proud."

Fourth-round money made it an easy decision to forego an East Carolina commitment and don the



orange and black. One year later he joined the IronBirds, the team of his childhood, and made his pro debut in Connecticut. Then, on June 28, Hanifee made a homecoming for the ages, dominating Brooklyn over six innings to win his first start at Ripken Stadium.

“To see that crowd, to see that field from the mound’s point of view, it’s a nice place,” said Hanifee. “We had a great fan base there – people that had known me before, family members that came out to watch. It was awesome. I can’t describe it in words.”

Hanifee has now locked his attention on his first full season with the Shorebirds. Only 19, he radiates maturity and a sense of belonging, having pitched against older players his whole life. He has bought into the idea of pitching to contact, forgoing gleaming strikeout totals in order to get deeper into games. What will help him thrive across this first long summer are the close familial ties that will make each South Atlantic League ballpark feel like that homespun diamond in Earleville.

“It’s good for my family to be able to come and support me, and I appreciate it,” said Hanifee. “Them, and friends from home that come to watch, it just adds a little bit of comfort to the game knowing that you’re not out there on your own.”



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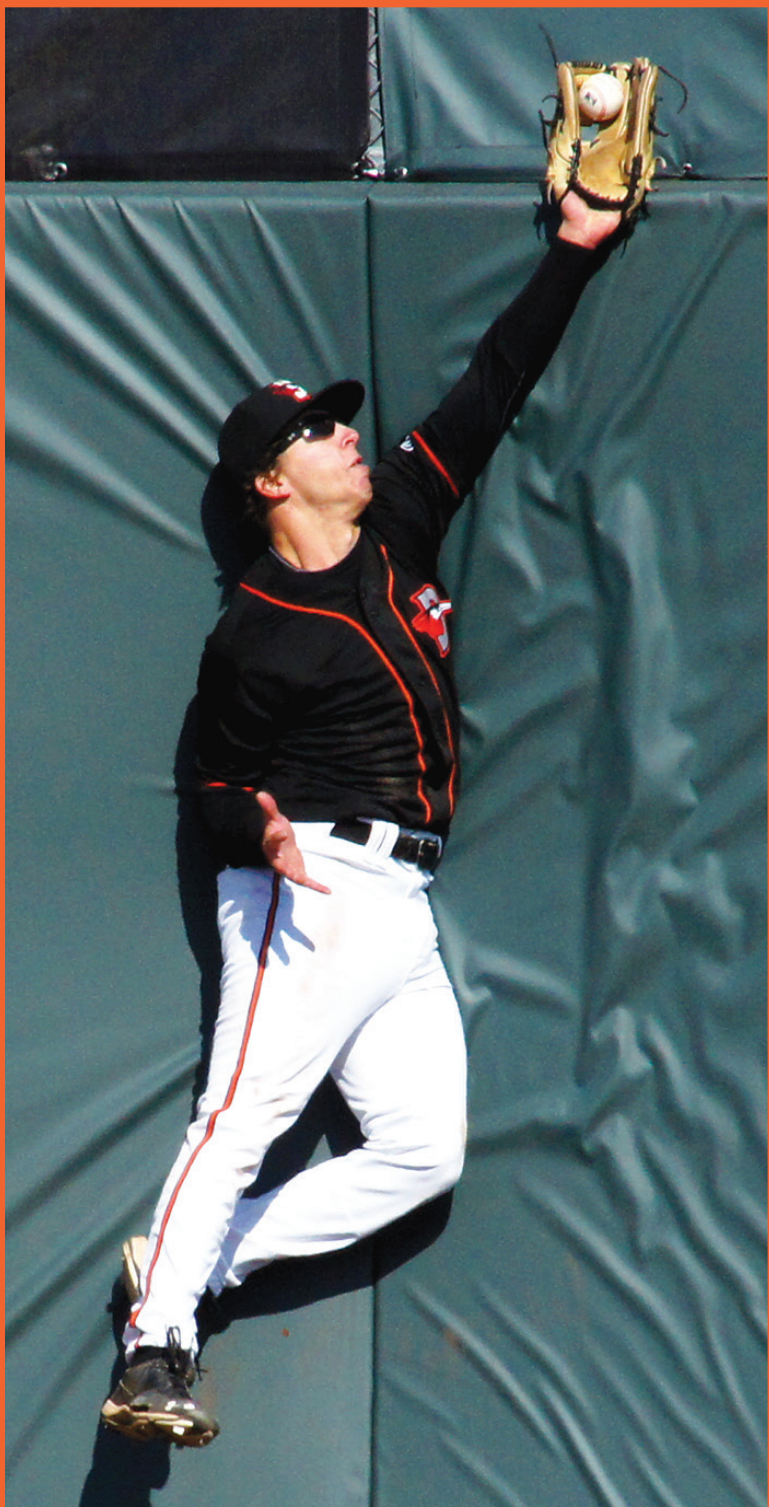
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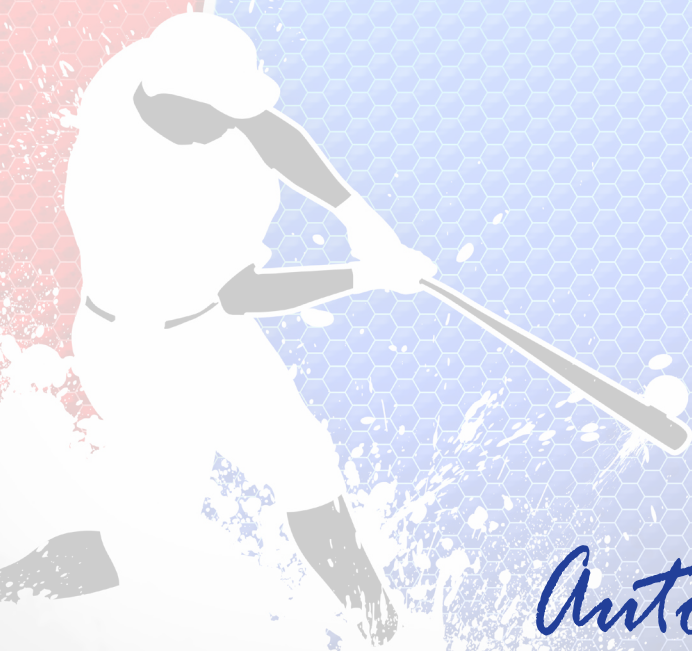
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