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JULY 30

Monday, 7:05 p.m. vs. Lakewood BlueClaws

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.



JULY 31

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

Bark in the Park #4 – Bring your dog to the park! The Shorebirds encourage fans to bring their dogs to Perdue Stadium to celebrate Bark in the Park #4! 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.



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 home stand the Shorebirds will highlight Western Sussex County.

AUGUST 1

Wednesday, 7:05 p.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 Silver Slugger game you will have a chance to win prizes throughout the night while playing baseball bingo.



AUGUST 2

Thursday, 7:05 p.m. vs. Charleston Riverdogs

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

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



AUGUST 3

Friday, 7:05 p.m. vs. Charleston Riverdogs

Q105 Fireworks #11 – Come out and watch the Shorebirds light up the sky with their eleventh fireworks show of the season presented by Pohanka of Salisbury.



Money Giveaway – The Shorebirds will be handing out money envelopes to the first 1,000 fans through the gates courtesy of The Bank of Delmarva. There will be random amounts of money in each envelope with a grand prize winner that will receive \$500.



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

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

AUGUST 4

Saturday, 7:05 p.m. vs. Charleston Riverdogs

Q105 Fireworks – Come out and watch the Shorebirds light up the sky with their twelfth fireworks show of the season presented by Mountaire Farms.



Mountaire Family Night – Mountaire Farms will be hosting all of their growers and employees with a fun-filled evening of Shorebirds Baseball.

AUGUST 5

Sunday, 5:05 p.m. vs. Charleston Riverdogs

Summer Reading Program – The Shorebirds will be hosting the first of 2 summer reading program nights. The Shorebirds will be hosting kids from participating Delaware and Virginia libraries. The summer reading program is sponsored by McDonald's of the Eastern Shore.



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





By: Drew Williams

SHOREBIRDS WEAR SUMMER GRIND AS BADGE OF HONOR



There's no grind in a season quite like baseball, let alone in the minor leagues.

A season consisting of 140 games over the span of five months, mixed with the less-than-glamorous hours of travel from city to city, and with 90-degree days sprinkled in can make that grind even more challenging.

At this point in the South Atlantic League season, the halfway point has come and gone but the end of the season still waits over the horizon. In a game that requires laser-like focus, staying rested, energized, and refreshed are key to make it through the dog days of summer.

The Delmarva Shorebirds are the first full-season rung in the Orioles' ladder to the big leagues. Players on the roster are tackling the 140 game schedule for the first time after coming from Aberdeen or the Gulf Coast League, where the seasons are substantially shorter.

For Shorebirds third baseman Trevor Craport, the scheduling and the length of the season were things that required adjustments when jumping to Class A. Craport said he has considered different ways to battle fatigue in his second season as a professional baseball player.

"I try to maintain my routine of everything I do every day with the same swings and the same stretches," said Craport. "This being my first full season, fatigue is something that I want to battle and make sure I don't have to worry about so much, even though I know it's going to happen to everybody, I want to make sure my Game 140 is as good as Game 1 was.

"It's a 'work smarter not harder' approach, so you're not taking a thousand swings before a game and you have to make sure you get sleep because that's one of the most important things, especially on the road."

Shorebirds manager Buck Britton knows a thing or two about the grind of the minor league season

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after his nine seasons around the farm. Britton reinforced the idea that for these young players it's all about managing fatigue and attacking the season with a smarter approach.

"I think just learning how to play with a little bit of fatigue is important," said Britton. "You're not going to be a 100 percent this time of the year, you add on the heat and you start feeling tired, you get out of your routine, whether it's going to the gym or taking the swings in the

cage, so you got to know when to pull back a little bit to save energy and be ready to go for the game."

One of the tasks that Britton faces in his role is taking specific steps to keep his guys as fresh as possible. Britton, much like Craport, said getting his players rest any way you can is an important factor in mitigating the toll that fatigue takes.

"You do things to give guys more time at the hotel relaxing, make sure they get a good meal in them, you eliminate batting practice a couple days a week so that they aren't out there having to do all that stress," said Britton. "I think at this point you're always trying to work on stuff but less is more."

Despite all the methods a manager takes to keep his guys fresh and motivated, Britton says the manager will do what's necessary to a point. When it's all said and done, it's ultimately up to the players themselves to learn how to manage the challenges a long baseball season can bring in order to become even better players.

"You just try to keep positive with guys, doing what you've done all season, which is to help them get better," said Britton. "For the most part these guys need to self-regulate themselves, and they've got to bring whatever they got to the park that day. The organization doesn't care if it's 95 degrees because they're getting evaluated every day. This is a big time of year with trades, so this is where guys can really make a name for themselves."

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- 12 ORIOLES CAR EMBLEM**
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- YOUTH BASEBALL & SOFTBALL DAY**
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- 30 ORIOLES COOLER BACKPACK**
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JUNE

- 1 FRIDAY FIREWORKS**
POSTGAME, ALL FANS
- 12 DYLAN BUNDY BOBBLEHEAD**
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- 15 ORIOLES FLOPPY HAT**
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POSTGAME, ALL FANS
- 17 FATHER'S DAY NECK TIE**
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- 25 BUCK "SNOW"ALTER SNOW GLOBE**
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- 29 FRIDAY FIREWORKS**
PRESENTED BY MARYLAND CREDIT UNIONS • POSTGAME, ALL FANS
- 30 BIRDLAND HAWAIIAN SHIRT**
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JULY

- 13 FRIDAY FIREWORKS**
POSTGAME, ALL FANS
- ORIOLES MARYLAND FLAG SCRIPT REPLICA JERSEY**
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- 26 ORIOLES T-SHIRT**
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- 27 FRIDAY FIREWORKS**
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- 28 TREY MANCINI BOBBLEHEAD**
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- 10 FRIDAY FIREWORKS**
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The Wor-Wic Community College garden is part of their “Food for Students” initiative, which includes a community garden and a food pantry staffed by student groups and employee volunteers. The goal of the initiative is to serve 100 economically disadvantaged students per month.

Thanks to local founders, these community gardens create a vital resource for the area. Children and adults alike learn the skills needed to grow their own food, and area shelters and low-income services are able to provide healthy, local, and fresh produce. These gardens also improve dietary habits through education, increase obesity awareness, boost mental health and promote relaxation.

We are excited to see what the 2018 growing season brings to our area gardens. We hope you will join us in supporting these budding community resources, or support The Delmarva Shorebirds and the Community Foundation to support area food pantries and other need-based initiatives!

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Jess Kling is this week's Season Ticket Holder in the spotlight. Originally from Norwalk, CT, Jess has been a season ticket holder since 2009. She currently works with Best Buy as an inventory merchandising supervisor.

"As a huge fan of baseball, I've had a great time thus far seeing many players come through the South Atlantic League that have made their mark at the big league level. As a Mets fan myself it's also been exciting to see their prospects (Columbia Fireflies) come through Perdue Stadium."

Since 2011, Jess has been a prominent member of the Salisbury Jaycees, helping build and create a positive impact around the Delmarva community. Since 1940, the Salisbury Jaycees provides opportunities for young men and women to develop personal and leadership skills through service to others. She served as the Salisbury chapter president in 2013 and 2016, helping lead in the execution of many local events including Treat Street, Children's Shopping Tour, and the Salisbury Christmas Parade. Jess is now the current Maryland State Chapter president. "Working with the Jaycees over the last 7 years has been a fantastic experience," said Jess. "I've been able to build many lifelong friendships with fellow members and have had a great time helping create a positive impact around the Delmarva community." In addition to her work with the Jaycees, Jess has also worked closely with Relay for Life in executing an annual overnight event each year, and also a few years back with Shorebirds jersey auctions to benefit the American Cancer Society.

Outside of Shorebird games and volunteering activities, Jess enjoys following all US Men's & Women's National soccer teams matches, and is looking forward to future World Cup events over the next few years. She also frequents local concerts throughout the Delmarva area. When attending Shorebird games, Jess sticks with the classic hot dogs and pizza slices each night, along with a nice and cold Killian's.



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 #38 Tim Naughton	 #30 Cameron Bishop	 #21 DL Hall	 #18 Nick Gruener
 #2 Chris Shaw	 #16 Jean Carrillo	 #7 Kirvin Moesquit	 #1 Mason McCoy
 #20 Luis Perez	 #29 Max Knutson	 #26 Nick Vespi	 #47 Reed Hayes
 #35 Ryan Ripken	 #37 Ryan Wilson	 #25 Scott Burke	 #3 Cadyn Grenier
 #6 Max Hogan	 #36 Cameron Ming	 #19 Trevor Craport	 #11 Wagner Ramirez
 #14 Will Robertson	 #48 Jhon Peluffo	 #10 Zach Jarrett	 #12 Buck Britton
 #17 Cameron Kneeland	 #43 Justin Lord	 #23 Bobby Rose	 Adrian Gonzalez
			 Kevin Mixon

SHOREBIRDS ROSTER

#	PITCHERS	B/T	HT	WT	AGE	HOMETOWN	ACQUIRED
	Dariel Álvarez (DL)	R/R	6-2	180	11/7/88 (29)	Camaguey, Cuba	FA (7/24/13)
30	Cameron Bishop	L/L	6-4	215	2/14/96 (22)	Brea, CA	26th Rd. (2017)
25	Scott Burke	R/R	6-3	200	6/2/94 (23)	Glendora, CA	20th Rd. (2017)
	Kory Groves (DL)	R/R	6-1	200	9/2/94 (23)	Mesa, AZ	34th Rd. (2015)
18	Nick Gruener	R/R	6-0	185	5/16/95 (23)	Miami, FL	22nd Rd. (2016)
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 (DL)	R/R	6-3	185	3/17/95 (23)	Bristol, TN	13th Rd. (2017)
32	Alex Katz	L/L	5-11	195	10/12/94 (23)	Manhasset, NY	Trade (5/20/2017)
29	Max Knutson	L/L	6-2	205	4/1/95 (23)	Minneapolis, MN	12th Rd. (2016)
36	Cameron Ming	L/L	6-2	205	4/1/95 (23)	Minneapolis, MN	12th Rd. (2016)
38	Tim Naughton	R/R	6-3	195	11/14/95 (22)	Goldsboro, NC	34th Rd. (2017)
48	Jhon Peluffo	R/R	6-3	140	6/16/97 (20)	Cartagena, COL	FA (5/30/2014)
20	Luis Perez	R/R	6-0	175	5/3/95 (23)	Palenque, DR	FA (6-3-2016)
26	Nick Vespi	L/L	6-3	215	10/10/95 (21)	Miami, FL	18th Rd. (2015)
37	Ryan Wilson	L/L	6-1	190	11/6/96 (21)	Oceanside, CA	33rd Rd. (2017)
#	CATCHERS	B/T	HT	WT	AGE	HOMETOWN	ACQUIRED
39	Ben Breazeale	L/R	6-0	208	10/21/94 (23)	Louisville, TN	7th Rd. (2017)
16	Jean Carrillo	R/R	6-0	200	6/16/97 (20)	Panama City, PAN	FA (11/26/2013)
11	Wagner Ramirez (DL)	R/R	5-11	170	12/11/94 (23)	San Jan de la Maguana, DR	FA (6/18/2015)
2	Chris Shaw (DL)	R/R	6-0	215	4/25/94 (23)	Winnipeg, MB	15th Rd. (2015)
#	INFIELDER	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)
	Clay Fisher (DL)	R/R	6-1	165	3/31/96 (22)	San Diego, CA	12th Rd. (2018)
3	Cadyen Grenier	R/R	5-11	188	10/31/96 (21)	Henderson, NV	1st Rd. (2018)
6	Max Hogan	L/R	5-11	195	9/24/93 (24)	Belton, TX	32nd Rd. (2017)
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)
	Zach McLeod (DL)	R/R	6-1	200	1/19/96 (22)	Phoenix, AZ	33rd Rd. (2018)
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 (DL)	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)
14	Will Robertson	R/R	6-2	190	3/2/95 (23)	Greenville, SC	30th Rd. (2017)

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#12 Buck Britton, Manager (1st Season)

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Sept. 10 - 13	Pigeon Forge, Dollywood & Smoky Mountains <i>Reservations accepted until July 25</i>
October 6	Family Fun Tour - Jack Hanna, Into the Woods, Lancaster, PA
October 7 - 10	Niagara Falls, 3 Nights / 4 Days <i>Reservations accepted until August 24</i>
October 20	New Show "Jesus", Sight & Sound Lancaster, PA & Hershey Farms Resturant
October 31	Cincinnati, OH, The Ark; The Creation Museum, A Biblical Tour <i>Reservations accepted until September 18</i>
Nov. 10	The First Noel, Christmas Show at AMT
Nov. & Dec.	New York Shopping on Your Own Every Saturday, Nov. 24 - Dec. 15

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By: Will DeBoer

WELLS SETTLES IN AFTER POST-SHOREBIRDS GROWING PAINS



The 2017 season was over, but Alex Wells was about to embark on a postseason of sorts. The day after the Delmarva Shorebirds' final game of the year at Perdue Stadium, the Aussie southpaw was named Jim Palmer Minor League Pitcher of the Year, the highest honor bestowed on an Orioles prospect. The pomp and circumstance included meeting the upper echelon of the Baltimore brass at Camden Yards, chatting with skipper Buck Showalter during a rain delay, and accepting the award on the field in front of thousands of Birdland fans.

"I couldn't really take it all in at once," recalled Wells from Zebulon, N.C. during a recent phone conversation. "When I got back upstairs to see my mom, that's when I took it all in, and it was awesome."

It was just the cherry on top of a spectacular season with the Shorebirds. In 25 starts, Wells went 11-5 with a South Atlantic League-leading 2.38 ERA. Wells was about as untouchable as they came in the middle of the season, at one point rattling off a 36-inning scoreless streak. He didn't allow a run in the entire month of July, earning O's Pitcher of the Month, and finished the season without issuing a walk over his final 68 innings.

Despite an otherworldly summer in Salisbury, Wells didn't feel any extra heat when he arrived in Sarasota this past February.

"It was just the same on a day-by-day basis," said Wells. "Get up, go to the field, eat breakfast, do what I had to do."

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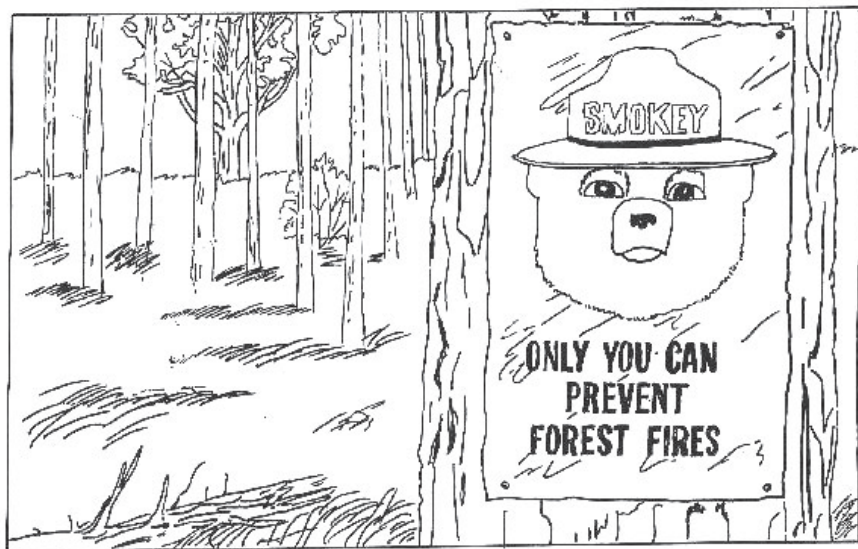
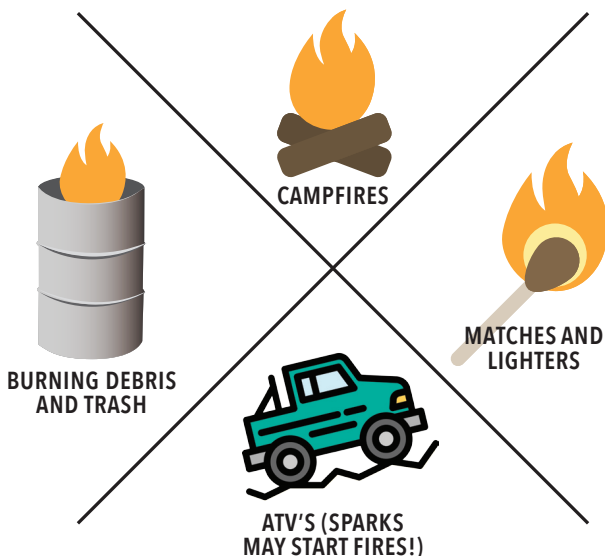


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LAKWOOD ROSTER

#	PITCHERS	B/T	HT	WT	DOB	HOMETOWN	ACQUIRED
15	Armas, Gustavo	R/R	6-1	195	1/15/1996	Playa Iguana, VZ	AFA, 2013
44	Brogdon, Connor	R/R	6-6	192	1/29/1995	Madera, CA	10th Rd. 2017
4	Brown, Andrew	R/R	6-1	180	10/24/1997	Granite Hills, CA	13th Rd. 2016
31	Cabrera, Ismael	R/R	6-1	185	6/19/1994	Peravia, DR	AFA, 5/2014
16	Carrasco, Luis	R/R	6-3	181	9/11/1994	San Felix, VZ	AFA, 10/13
37	Cedeno, Luis	R/R	5-11	154	7/14/1994	Puerto La Cruz, VZ	FA, 6/2018
54	Fallwell, Tyler	R/R	6-5	210	11/8/1995	Tuscon, AZ	FA, 7/2018
24	Garcia, Julian	L/R	6-3	206	5/13/1995	Broomfield, CO	10th Rd. 2016
22	Howard, Spencer	R/R	6-3	200	7/28/1996	Templeton, CA	2nd Rd. 2017
55	Jones, Damon	L/L	6-5	247	9/30/1994	Twin Falls, ID	18th Rd. 2017
20	Parkinson, David	R/L	6-3	214	12/14/1995	Henrico, VA	12th Rd., 2017
27	Steward, Will	L/L	6-2	184	7/14/1997	Hazel Green, AL	20th Rd. 2015
33	Warren, Zach	L/L	6-5	199	6/9/1996	Vineland, NJ	14th Rd. 2017
12	Young, Kyle (DL)	L/L	6-10	220	12/2/1997	Hainview, NY	22nd Rd. 2016
#	CATCHERS	B/T	HT	WT	DOB	HOMETOWN	ACQUIRED
23	Rivero, Gregori	S/R	6-0	202	5/27/1996	Valencia, VZ	AFA, 7/2012
25	Fitch, Colby	L/R	5/11	215	7/27	1995	13th Rd., 2017
#	INFIELDBERS	B/T	HT	WT	DOB	HOMETOWN	ACQUIRED
36	Antequera, Jose	R/R	5-10	160	8/1/1995	Miranda, VZ	AFA, 4/2014
21	Brito, Daniel	L/R	6-1	170	1/23/1998	Puerto De Ordaz, VZ	AFA, 7/2014
5	Guthrie, Dalton	R/R	5-11	180	12/23/1995	Sarasota, FL	6th Rd. 2017
6	Maton, Nick	L/R	6-2	183	2/18/1997	Chatham, IL	7th Rd. 2017
10	Nieporte, Quincy	R/R	6-1	253	7/29/1994	Baca Raton, FL	26th Rd. 2017
26	Rodriguez, Edwin (DL)	L/L	6-1	170	6/8/1997	Puerto Plata, DR	AFA, 10/13
14	Scheiner, Jake	R/R	6-1	203	8/13/1995	Pearland, TX	4th Rd. 2017
7	Stobbe, Cole (DL)	R/R	6-2	194	8/30/1997	Newberry, FL	3rd Rd., 2016
#	OUTFIELDERS	B/T	HT	WT	DOB	HOMETOWN	ACQUIRED
34	Alastre, Jesus (DL)	R/R	6-1	155	11/25/1996	Maracaibo, VZ	AFA, 2013
12	Muzzioti, Simon	L/L	6-1	173	12/27/1998	Monagas, VZ	MLFA, 7/2016
13	Ortiz, Jhailyn	R/R	6-3	258	11/18/1998	La Vega, DR	AFA 7/15
8	Stephen, Josh	L/L	6-0	183	9/22/2997	Newport Beach, CA	11th Rd. 2016
46	Vierling, Matt	R/R	6-3	205	9/16/1996	St. Louis, MO	5th Rd., 2018

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7	BRISTO, Braden	R-R	6'0"	180	11/1/94	West Monroe, LA	2016, 23rd
26	DECARR, Austin	R-R	6'3"	218	3/14/95	Foxborough, MA	2014, 3rd
11	GARCIA, Deivi	R-R	5'10"	163	5/19/99	Bonao, D.R.	2015, NDFA
19	HIGGINS, Dalton	R-R	6'2"	200	8/8/95	Fort Worth, TX	2017, 7th
16	JUNK, Janson	R-R	6'1"	177	1/15/96	Federal Way, WA	2017, 22nd
21	MAURICIO, Alex	R-R	6'0"	180	9/24/96	Midlothian, VA	2017, 27th
15	OROZCO, Jio	R-R	6'1"	210	8/15/97	Tucson, AZ	Trade, 2016
24	RAMOS, Daniel	R-R	5'10"	169	3/6/95	Puerto Plata, D.R.	2013, NDFA
18	SANMARTIN, Reiver	L-L	6'2"	160	4/15/96	Cartagena, Colombia	Trade, 2017
13	SEVERINO, Anderson	L-L	5'10"	165	9/17/94	Santo Domingo Centro, D.R.	2013, NDFA
34	VARGAS, Alexander	R-R	6'4"	203	7/24/97	Santiago, D.R.	2014, NDFA
31	YAJURE, Miguel	R-R	6'1"	175	5/1/98	Cabimas, VZ	2015, NDFA
23	ZURAK, Kyle	R-R	6'1"	192	11/28/94	East Amherst, NY	2017, 8th
#	CATCHERS	B/T	HT	WT	DOB	HOMETOWN	ACQUIRED
6	LOPEZ, Jason	R-R	5'10"	160	3/16/98	Valencia, VZ	2014, NDFA
17	NAVAS, Eduardo	L-R	5'10"	180	4/5/96	Valencia, VZ	2013, NDFA
#	INFIELDER	B/T	HT	WT	DOB	HOMETOWN	ACQUIRED
10	CABRERA, Oswaldo	S-R	5'10"	145	3/1/99	Guarenas, VZ	2015, NDFA
28	GARCIA, Dermis	R-R	6'3"	200	1/7/98	Santo Domingo Centro, D.R.	2014, NDFA
3	GARCIA, Wilkerman	S-R	6'0"	176	4/1/98	Maracay, VZ	2014, NDFA
2	HESS, Chris	R-R	6'2"	195	12/3/94	North Kingston, RI	2017, 17th
4	MATEO, Welfrin	R-R	5'10"	170	9/8/95	Santo Domingo Centro, D.R.	2013, NDFA
#	OUTFIELDERS	B/T	HT	WT	DOB	HOMETOWN	ACQUIRED
8	CUEVAS, Frederick	L-L	5'11"	185	10/27/97	Santo Domingo Centro, D.R.	NDFA, 2014
5	HANSEN, Mitchell	L-L	6'4"	210	5/1/96	Plano, TX	MLFA, 2018
1	McPHEARSON, Matt	L-L	5'8"	175	4/18/95	Baltimore, MD	MLFA, 2018
20	MOLINA, Leonardo	R-R	6'2"	180	7/31/97	San Francisco de Macoris, D.R.	2013, NDFA
9	VIDAL, Carlos	L-L	5'11"	160	11/29/95	Barranquilla, Colombia	NDFA, 2014

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Wells broke camp as expected with the Frederick Keys. His first few starts featured the expected growing pains that comes with being just 21 years old in High-A.

“There was a little bit of nerves, being at a higher level, not knowing what to expect from seeing some different guys that I haven’t faced before,” said Wells. “I tried to do too much in those first couple starts, but I talked to [pitching coach] Blaine Beatty, and he

said, ‘Just focus on pounding the strike zone and hitting the glove like last year and you’ll be fine.’ That kind of relaxed me a little bit from those starts on.”

That focus on ball-to-glove, plus the simple fun of getting to pitch, helped Wells turn it around. His apex came on June 11 against Lynchburg when he tossed eight scoreless innings, giving up just three hits and fanning nine Hillcats. Wells eventually became a Carolina League All-Star, making him an All-Star at all three levels of his young career.

The greatest honor, though, was only days away: Wells, along with Bowie’s Ryan Mountcastle, were chosen to represent the Orioles at the 2018 Futures Game, held two days before the MLB All-Star Game in Washington.

“It’s an absolute honor to be able to represent the Orioles, and to be able to represent my country too, cause I’ll be playing for the World Team,” said Wells, who joins Twins Double-A lefty Lewis Thorpe as representatives of Australia. “To be able to represent Australia and the Orioles is going to be fun.”

The trip to Nationals Park was an easy one for Wells – Nationals Park is an hour away from Frederick’s Harry Grove Stadium. After striking out Cardinals Double-A catcher Andrew Knizner to end his Futures Game appearance facing two batters, it was back to reality and back to building on last year’s breakout season with the Shorebirds and aiming for a more permanent place on the field at Camden Yards.

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Before a recent game in Greensboro, Shorebirds radio voice Will DeBoer sat down with Shorebirds assistant/first base coach Cam Kneeland. Part I of this interview appeared in PlayBall! Issue 8 on July 19-22.

WD: When did the Orioles first approach you about transitioning from player to coach?

CK: It was in 2017, during spring training. I was still trying to make a team, but I could see the writing on the wall and knew it wasn't looking good for me to make one. But they offered me to go and coach in Frederick. Part of me wanted to go play somewhere else, but I didn't want the opportunity to go, and it was a pretty good chance for me to take the coaching job and get my foot in the door.

WD: This is your second year of coaching now; how do you feel you've grown since your first?

CK: A lot. It was different being on the other side, because I feel like you see much more as a coach. I try to tell that to players: if you really open your eyes you can learn a lot just by watching every single play. You should be watching every play as a player, of course! As a coach, it's definitely a different lifestyle, but I enjoy it a lot.

WD: I've talked to Buck and [former Shorebird coach] Jack Graham, guys who are recent managers and coaches, and they say the biggest thing is going from looking out for just one person, yourself, to looking out for 25 guys.

CK: That's the thing. It's almost like you're a parent of all the kids on the team. And it's tough, because you want the best for them. When they don't do well you wear that, it takes you down, because you want everyone to do well. You want them to make the next level. It's tough at times, especially being the manager.

WD: I can imagine you being as young as you are, maybe not a parent so much as an eccentric uncle.

CK: Yeah! Exactly. I'm definitely not old enough to be their parents, but that's the idea.

WD: You just turned 28 the other day; where do you want to be in two years' time when it's the big 3-0? Not to traumatize you or anything.

CK: *chuckles* Yeah, I'm telling you, time goes fast once you're out of college, it's been incredible. Hopefully when I'm 30 I'm still in baseball, and I'd love to still be in this organization. Obviously one day I want to be a hitting coach or a manager. I don't want to be a fourth coach my whole career. If I'm still in this organization I'll be happy, but as long as I'm still in baseball, wherever they tell me to go, I'm gonna be there.

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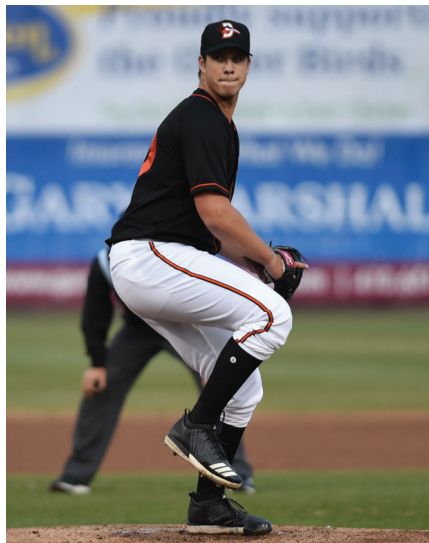
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When he was on *Saturday Night Live* in the 1980s and '90s, the late Phil Hartman earned the nickname "The Glue." No matter the sketch, and no matter the ridiculousness, Hartman remained an unflappable foundation for his cast mates, helping the show rebound from a lean period and enter into a second renaissance.

Cameron Bishop may have only been two years old when Hartman passed in 1998, but he has solidified himself as the glue of the Delmarva Shorebirds' rotation. While flashier pitchers like Michael Baumann and Zac Lowther springboarded out of Salisbury early in the year, Bishop – along with fellow holdovers Brenan Haniffee

and DL Hall – has quietly gone from unsung ace to top-billed attraction.

"I think my expectations have stayed the same," said Bishop the day after a recent winning start against Charleston. "Baseball is a team game, but it's also a personal battle. I'm going out there every start thinking that I'm going to get this win for the team. My expectations for how I throw are going to be the same no matter who's pitching in front of me or behind me."

And Bishop has indeed given his team a chance to win every night. Through 16 starts, the Californian southpaw is 8-4 with a 2.89 ERA. He's gone at least six innings in all but three starts and has never given less than five frames; his 96.2 innings rank second only to Haniffee, and his 11 Quality Starts match Haniffee for tops on the team.

Bishop first caught the baseball bug as a freshman at Brea-Olinda High School, a quick drive southeast of Los Angeles; initially a three-sport athlete, he whittled it down to just the leather-and-cowhide by his junior year. He passed up a 32nd-round opportunity with the Arizona Diamondbacks in 2014 to attend UC Irvine, half an hour down Interstate 5. After two solid seasons pitching for the Anteaters, Bishop was primed to become a weekend starter in the spring of 2017. His body had other ideas, and he missed the whole season with an oblique injury.

"It was definitely frustrating," said Bishop. "Luckily the Orioles took me and said, 'We'll give you a shot.' I pitched well that summer in the Cape Cod League, and they liked what they saw, and now I'm here.

"It's one of those things where you don't give up on a dream – you put your head down, you keep working. So that was where my mind was at: 'Okay, I'm hurt, but let's get better, get back on the field, and see what happens.'"

The Orioles targeted Bishop with their 26th round pick last summer. After negotiations that went to the 11th hour and beyond, the big left-hander signed, settled in, and stumped foes in the New York-Penn League, notching a 0.78 ERA over eight starts for the Aberdeen IronBirds. For Bishop, it was a satisfying end to a year of challenge and change.



When the calendar flipped to 2018 and it came time to head to Sarasota, Bishop's plan was straightforward: stay healthy, throw a lot of innings, and be a bulldog on the mound. Four months into the longest season of his life, the approach remains.

"I want to go out there and give my bullpen a rest and show the coaching staff that, 'Hey, Cameron's going to go out there and give up six or seven innings, and it's going to be quality innings, and he's going to give us a chance to win every night,'" said Bishop. "And I think that's the mindset I take when I go on the mound because I just want us to win, and I want to be part of that win."

Pitching in front of an adoring Perdue Stadium crowd that supports the team through thick and thin has kept Bishop revitalized through this first long summer. That, and a sturdy yoga mat in the aisle for the long Sally League bus rides. As the Shorebirds brace for another pennant race in this second half, Bishop – like Phil Hartman before him – is primed to remain a steady left hand for a Delmarva cast that looks increasingly ready for primetime.



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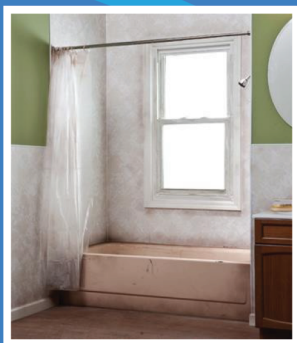
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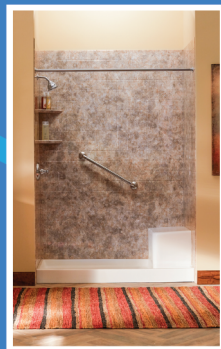
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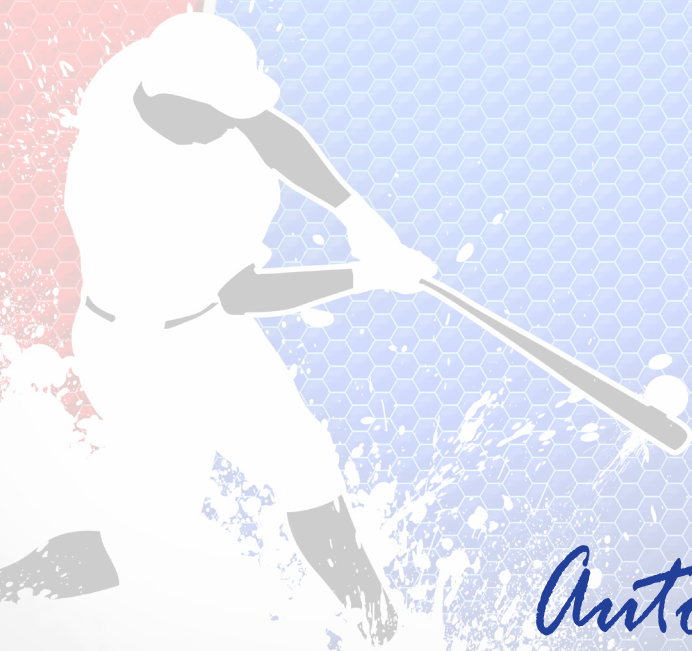
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