



# MEDIA INFORMATION



Potomac Nationals (1-2, 5th, 1.5 GB / Northern) Carolina League Affiliate of the Washington Nationals

vs.

Wilmington Blue Rocks (2-1, 3rd, 0.5 GB / Northern) Carolina League Affiliate of the Kansas City Royals

Game No. 4 • Road Game No. 4 • Pfitzner Stadium • Sunday, April 8, 2018 • 1:05 p.m.

## BLUE ROCKS BREAKDOWN

HOME: 0-0 | AWAY: 2-1 | STREAK: W1 | LAST 5: 2-1 | LAST 10: 2-1

**BIG INNING LEADS BLUE ROCKS TO WIN:** With multiple early opportunities to score runs and coming up short, the Wilmington Blue Rocks' (2-1) offense eventually broke through and used a four-run outburst in the top of the fourth inning to help push past the Potomac Nationals (1-2) by the score of 5-4 Saturday night at Pfitzner Stadium. **Khalil Lee, Chris DeVito and Chase Vallot** all swatted RBI doubles in the frame to highlight the offensive explosion. Six different Blue Rocks had a hit in the winning affair.

**EARLY POWER SURGE:** The Blue Rocks have homered in two of the first three games of the season with **Emmanuel Rivera** and **Khalil Lee** hitting their first home runs as a Blue Rock Friday night while second baseman **Gabriel Cancel** hit the first homer of the season for the Blue Rocks in Thursday's 5-3 victory. Last season, the Blue Rocks homered in their first three games of the season which were also against Potomac. Wilmington and Potomac have combined to hit eight home runs through the first three games of the 2018 season. The other eight teams in the league have combined to hit five homers.

**GOING THE EXTRA BASE:** Of the 24 hits for the Blue Rocks through the three games, 10 of them have gone for extra-bases. Five different players have hit at least one double and three different players have hit one home run. **Khalil Lee** is off to a strong start in his first season in the CL. The 19-year-old is hitting .364 (4-for-11) with a double, home run, three RBI and two walks.

**A LOT OF SWINGING AND NOT MUCH WALKING:** Although it's early in the 2018 season, the Blue Rocks have shown their aggressiveness at the plate. During the first three games of the season, Wilmington has struck out 44 times and has drawn 11 walks. The Blue Rocks racked up 10 walks in last night's 5-4 win, but still struck out 15 times. On Thursday, the Blue Crew overcame 18 strikeouts to win 5-3 before whiffing 11 times in Friday's 9-2 set back.

**WHAT A RELIEF:** The combination of **Anthony Bender** and **Bryan Brickhouse** bridged the gap for last night's victory. Bender worked himself in and out of a bases loaded jam in the fourth inning and stranded the tying-run at second base in the eighth inning. Brickhouse, who hasn't pitched since 2015 due to injuries, recorded his first-career save in just his second-career relief appearance with a pair of strikeouts.

## PROSPECTS AND FAMILIAR FACES GALORE:

-The 2018 roster features 12 returning players from 2017 and five top-30 prospects.

-Entering the season, outfielder **Khalil Lee** (#1 by MLB.com/#2 per *Baseball America*), catchers **Chase Vallot** (#12 *B.A.*/#26 MLB.com) and **Meibrys Vitoria** (#18 MLB.com/#24 *B.A.*), right-hander **Gerson Garabito** (#16 *B.A.* / #30 MLB.com) and infielder **Emmanuel Rivera** (#11 MLB.com/#27 *B.A.*) are the five rated prospects on the team according to both *Baseball America* and MLB.com. Lee was top-five in SAL in HR (17, T-2nd), walks (65, 3rd), but was first in strikeouts (171) but started the season at 18-years-old.

-Other returners include **Anthony Bender, D.J. Burt, Justin Camp, Cristian Castillo, Chris DeVito, Grant Gavin, Nick Heath, Kort Peterson, Jared Ruxer, Walker Sheller, and Chase Vallot**

## THIRD TIME'S A CHARM FOR KENNEDY:

The 2018 season marks the third stint for skipper **Darryl Kennedy** in Wilmington. He previously managed the team in 2014 and 2008.

-In 2014, the Blue Rocks finished 65-72 under Kennedy. That team led the Carolina League with a 3.09 team ERA but finished with the lowest batting.

-In 2008, Kennedy led the Blue Crew to a postseason berth with a Wild Card berth in the second half going 34-36. Wilmington was eliminated in the first round against the Potomac Nationals in the best-of-five series. The Blue Rocks went 69-71 overall in his first year in Wilmington.

**2018 COACHING STAFF:** Hitting coach **Abraham Nunez** and bench coach **Chris Widger** return to Wilmington for their fourth and third seasons, respectively. Both enjoyed solid careers in the MLB combining to play in parts of 21 big-league seasons. The new addition to the staff is pitching coach **Doug Henry**. He spent 11 seasons in the MLB pitching for the Brewers (1991-94), Mets (1995-96), Giants (1997, 2000), Astros (1998-2000) and Royals (2001).

**THEY SAID IT, DARRYL KENNEDY, MANAGER:** On last night's victory: "It was a tough game. Not only was it really cold, but the length of the game was just crazy. I was happy to see these guys put a good ending together. We didn't hit the ball great, but we did get big hits and some extra-base hits in a timely situation. We came away with four runs in that fourth inning and held on... On **Bryan Brickhouse**: "I was proud of him. I knew his first outing would be the first one in a long time. I didn't really want to put him in that type of situation. I was hoping for a three-run lead in the ninth inning, but I didn't hesitate on who I was putting in that inning based on what he showed us in Spring Training. He's back and he threw the ball well."

## Today's Starters

WIL: RHP Gerson Garabito (0-0, -- ERA)

vs.

POT: RHP Tyler Mapes (0-0, -- ERA)

- Righty **Gerson Garabito** makes his Wilmington debut on the mound today.
- He is rated as the #16 prospect in the system according to *Baseball America* and #30 by MLB.com
- The Dominican Republic native signed with the Royals on Sept. 17, 2012.
- Garabito repeated at Low-A Lexington last season and put together a nice bounce back campaign despite missing seven weeks due to shoulder tendonitis.
- Last season, the 22-year-old went 4-5 with a 2.81 ERA in 15 starts. He struck out 72 batters, walked just 19 in 77.0 innings of work and held opponents to an impressive .196 batting average.
- He also had a 24.2-inning streak in which he did not allow an earned run from May 4 to Aug. 15.
- The streak was interrupted due to his injury that included two rehab starts in the AZL.
- In 2017 vs. LHB .174 BAA / vs. RHB .203 BAA
- In 2016, with the Legends he went 2-11 with a 4.80 ERA in 18 starts and tossed 80.2 innings and struck out 61 men while walking 35.
- Garabito spent his first three seasons in the organization at the Rookie level, playing two years in the Dominican Summer League in 2013-14 before coming stateside and playing for the Surprise Royals in the Arizona League in 2015.
- He features a fastball that ranges from 89-94 m.p.h to go along with a good curveball he can locate and a changeup he got back to using last season.

- Right-hander **Tyler Mapes** will take the mound for the P-Nats this afternoon.
- The Plano, TX native was a 30th round pick by Washington out of Tulane University in the 2014 Draft.
- The 26-year-old did not pitch last season due to injury.
- In 2016, he spent the season in Double-A Harrisburg and put together a strong campaign.
- He went 12-10 with a respectable 3.10 ERA in 25 starts, tossed four complete games and in 155 innings, struck out 78 batters and walked 39 while holding opponents to a .263 batting average.
- Mapes paced Harrisburg's staff in starts and innings pitched. He also finished tied for the most wins in the Eastern League and pitched the most complete games. He posted the third-lowest ERA in the circuit and finished fifth in innings pitched.

## 2018 Regular-Season Series: WIL vs. POT (WIL Leads Series 2-1) (WIL Won Series 16-10 in 2017)

Date	Site	Result	WP	LP	Save
4/5	POT	W, 5-3	Ruxer (1-0)	Bourque (0-1)	Sheller (1)
4/6	POT	L, 9-2	Sharp (1-0)	Vines (0-1)	
4/7	POT	W, 5-4	Bender (1-0)	Fuentes (0-1)	Brickhouse (1)
4/8	POT				
4/24	WIL				
4/25	WIL				
4/26	WIL				
5/1	POT				
5/2	POT				
5/3	POT				
5/7	WIL				
5/8	WIL				
5/9	WIL				
5/21	POT				
5/22	POT				
5/23	POT				
5/24	POT				
6/21	POT				
6/22	POT				
6/23	POT				
6/24	POT				
8/31	WIL				
9/1	WIL				
9/2	WIL				
9/3	WIL				

## Upcoming Probable Starters and Schedule

- Monday, April 9 @ Salem, 7:05 p.m. RHP Arnaldo Hernandez (0-0, -- ERA) vs. RHP Bryan Mata (0-0, -- ERA)
- Tuesday, April 10 @ Salem, 7:05 p.m. LHP Cristian Castillo (0-0, 3.86 ERA) vs. RHP Roniel Raudes (1-0, 1.80 ERA)
- Wednesday, April 11 @ Salem, 7:05 p.m. RHP Jace Vines (0-1, 21.00 ERA) vs. RHP Jake Thompson (0-0, 3.18 ERA)

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## HOME RUN NOTES

### Blue Rocks

#### 2-HR GAMES BY BLUE ROCKS (4 IN 2016)

6.26.17 at FRE Chase Vallot (2-R and Solo HR)

7.2.17 vs. SAL Brandon Downs (Two Solo HR)

#### 3-HR GAMES BY BLUE ROCKS (HAS NEVER HAPPENED)

#### BACK-TO-BACK HOME RUNS (3 IN 2016)

6.2.17 at WS Brandon Downes and Chris DeVito (6th inning)

#### LEADOFF HOME RUNS (0 IN 2016)

5.22.17 at Frederick Nicky Lopez (Solo HR)

#### GRAND SLAM HOME RUNS (3 IN 2016)

5.7.17 @ DE Chase Vallot (9th inning, 1 out in 10-4 win)

6.10.17 vs. BC Chase Vallot (1st inning, 1 out in 8-7 win)

#### WALK-OFF HOME RUNS (0 IN 2016)

7.24.17 vs. SAL Chase Vallot (10th inning, two out in 3-1 win)

#### PINCH-HIT HOME RUNS (1 IN 2015)

5.16.15 at LYN Dex Kjerstad

#### INSIDE-THE-PARK HOME RUNS (2 IN 2016, 0 IN 2015)

4.15.16 Ryan O'Hearn @ Potomac (1st Inning, 2-Run Home Run, mis-play by CF)

4.20.16 Ryan O'Hearn @ Frederick (9th Inning, 3-Run Home Run, Carom off of center field wall--second in six days)

#### BLUE ROCKS HOME RUNS: 3 (78 IN 2017 / 21 HOME & 57 AWAY)

Buies Creek	Lynchburg
Carolina	Myrtle Beach
Down East	Potomac 3
Frederick	Salem
	Winston-Salem

**FRAWLEY 0 ROAD 3**

#### Opponents

#### 2-HR GAMES BY OPPONENT (2 IN 2016)

Taylor Gushue (POT) 5.10.17 at Frawley Stadium (2-R 2x)

Tyler Alamo (MB) 8.19.17 (G1) at Frawley Stadium (2-R, Solo)

#### 3-HR GAMES BY OPPONENT (0 IN 2016)

Michael Chavis (SAL) 4.19.17 at Hayley Toyota (2-R, Solo, 2-R)

#### BACK-TO-BACK HOME RUNS (0 IN 2016)

#### BACK-TO-BACK-TO-BACK (0 IN 2016)

#### LEADOFF HOME RUNS (2 IN 2016)

7.4.16 Victor Robles off Corey Ray at Potomac (12-1 Rocks Win)

8.27.16 Charcer Burks off Derek Gordon in Wilmington (7-1 Loss)

#### GRAND SLAM HOME RUNS (1 IN 2016)

5.27.17 Ian Sagdal (POT) off Colin Rodgers at Wilmington (7-6 Win)

6.28.17 Randolph Gassaway (FRE) off Luis Rico at Frederick (10-4 Loss)

7.21.17 Drew Turbin (FRE) off Cristian Castillo (5-3 Loss)

#### WALK-OFF HOME RUNS (1 IN 2016)

Michael Chavis (SAL) (9th inning of 7-6 Red Sox win)

#### PINCH-HIT HOME RUNS (0 IN 2016)

#### INSIDE-THE-PARK HOME RUNS (0 IN 2016)

#### HOME RUNS ALLOWED TO: 5 (81 in 2017 / 31 Home & 50 AWAY)

Buies Creek	Lynchburg
Carolina	Myrtle Beach
Down East	Potomac 5
Frederick	Salem
	Winston-Salem

**FRAWLEY 0 ROAD 5**

## Blue Rocks vs. the Carolina League

Opponent	Record	Home	Road
Frederick	0-0	0-0	0-0
Lynchburg	0-0	0-0	0-0
Potomac	2-1	0-0	2-1
Salem	0-0	0-0	0-0
<b>Northern Div.</b>	<b>2-1</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>1-1</b>

Opponent	Record	Home	Road
Buies Creek	0-0	0-0	0-0
Carolina	0-0	0-0	0-0
Down East	0-0	0-0	0-0
Myrtle Beach	0-0	0-0	0-0
Winston-Salem	0-0	0-0	0-0
<b>Southern Div.</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>0-0</b>

#### Runners Left On Base

Blue Rocks: 24 | Opponents: 27

#### Numbers With RISP

Blue Rocks: .200 Avg. (6-for-30)

#### Blue Rocks On...

<b>Mondays:</b>	0-0	<b>April:</b>	2-1
<b>Tuesdays:</b>	0-0	<b>May:</b>	0-0
<b>Wednesdays:</b>	0-0	<b>June:</b>	0-0
<b>Thursdays:</b>	1-0	<b>July:</b>	0-0
<b>Fridays:</b>	0-1	<b>Aug:</b>	0-0
<b>Saturdays:</b>	1-0	<b>Sept:</b>	0-0
<b>Sundays:</b>	0-0		
<b>First Game of Series:</b>	1-0		
<b>Last Game of Series:</b>	0-0		
<b>Series Won:</b>	0		
<b>Series Lost:</b>	0		
<b>Series Split:</b>	0		
<b>Series Swept:</b>	0-0		
<b>Rubber Matches:</b>	0-0		

#### 2018 Roster (25)

##### Pitchers (13)

Nolan Becker  
 Anthony Bender  
 Bryan Brickhouse  
 Justin Camp  
 Cristian Castillo\*  
 Gabe Cramer#  
 Gerson Garabito  
 Grant Gavin  
 Ofreidy Gomez  
 Arnaldo Hernandez  
 Jared Ruxer  
 Walker Sheller  
 Jose Veras#  
 Jace Vines  
 Matt Wynne

##### Catchers (3)

Xavier Fernandez  
 Chase Vallot\*  
 Meibrys Vilorio\*

Names followed by an asterisk (\*) were Opening Day starters on April 7.

##### Infielders (5)

D.J. Burt  
 Gabriel Cancel\*  
 Angelo Castellano\*  
 Chris DeVito\*  
 Emmanuel Rivera\*

#: On disabled list  
 ^: Inactive  
 %: MLB rehab

##### Outfielders (4)

Nick Heath  
 Khalil Lee\*  
 Rudy Martin\*  
 Kort Peterson\*

# TONIGHT'S BLUE ROCKS STARTING PITCHER

## #14 RHP Gerson Garabito

Acquired: Signed as an international free agent by Kansas City on Sept. 17, 2012.  
 Born: San Cristobal, Dominican Republic Age: 22 (Aug. 19, 1995)  
 Resides: Villa Federico, Dominican Republic Ht: 6'0 Wt: 160  
 College: N/A Bats/Throws: R/R



The Book on Garabito (Stats from 2017)

### Pitch Repertoire: Fastball, Curveball, Changeup

**THE BOOK ON GERSON GARABITO:** Gerson Garabito was signed as an international free agent on September 17, 2012 by Kansas City. He enters this season ranked as a top-30 prospect in the system according to both Baseball America (#16) and MLB.com (#30). The last two seasons for the 22-year-old had to overcome different types of adversity. In 2016, he spent his first year in full-season baseball with Low-A Lexington and struggled. He went 2-11 with a 4.8 ERA in 18 starts. In 80.2 innings he allowed 78 hits, 43 earned runs, struck out 61 batters and walked 35. However, the Royals believed he showed more promise than the numbers indicated. Last season, he repeated in Lexington and put together a nice bounce back season. He was pitching better and had a 24.2-inning streak in which he did not allow an earned run with the Legends from May 4 to Aug. 15. The streak was interrupted by a seven-week stint on the disabled list due to shoulder tendonitis in his right shoulder. Ultimately he would miss almost two months of the season. He made two rehab starts in Surprise, Arizona before rejoining the Legends to finish the season. Overall with Lexington, he went 4-5 with a 2.811 ERA in 15 starts. He tossed 77 innings and allowed 52 hits, 24 earned runs, 19 walks and 72 strikeouts. He also held South Atlantic League hitters to a .190 batting average. From 2013-2015, the right-handed hurler spent his first three seasons in the organization at the Rookie-level. He was with the Surprise Royals in 2015 in the Arizona League for his stateside debut before spending his first two years as a pro in the Dominican Summer League. Scouts have raved about Garabito's ability to command all three off his pitches. His fastball ranges from 89-94 m.p.h. and has a lot of movement to go along with a curveball that he can locate well and a changeup he used more last season. Scouts believe he has the repertoire to remain in the rotation and slot in as a No.4 or No.5 starter, but can also see his stuff play as a reliever.

**ON OVERCOMING HIS INJURY LAST YEAR:** Garabito showed a sense of mental toughness after not only bouncing back from a poor 2016 season statistically, but also an injury that could've derailed his season last year. "It was a good year, but it was a little hard for me. I was hurt for about a two-and-a-half months of the season. It was shoulder tendonitis. The rehab process was long and tough. One day, it would feel a lot better and I would go out and throw. I could only go for one inning and I couldn't throw anymore. So I had to rest for another month and then started back up playing catch." A team player, Garabito was unhappy he was unable to perform on the diamond. "It was so hard for me because I try to do my best. That was the frustrating part for me is because I couldn't help my teammates and that did not make me happy. Once I was able to pitch again with no pain, I was so happy."

**MAKING IMPROVEMENTS IN THE OFFSEASON:** Scouts are impressed with Garabito's ability to deliver his pitches with a smooth delivery and his command on his pitches. Garabito focused on the latter this past winter. "I worked on all of my pitches this offseason, but my changeup specifically and my control with it. I used it more last season than I did before. My best pitch is my fastball because of my control of it and velocity."

**ANOTHER PEDRO FAN:** There have been a handful of players from the Dominican Republic to make it to the MLB and have great success. Two pitchers that represent the Dominican Republic in the Baseball Hall of Fame are Juan Marichal and Pedro Martinez. Garabito grew up idolizing the 2015 inductee Martinez. "I loved Pedro. When I watched him pitch, especially against the New York Yankees it was so fun to see. He would throw his fastball and then come back with his breaking ball. It was so good to watch and he had a lot of great pitches. Growing up in the Dominican Republic it was easy to route for him."

**THOUGHTS ON BEING A RANKED PROSPECT:** The righty recognizes that it's an honor to be rated as a top-30 prospect, but he realizes he can't let it be a distraction. "It does make you feel a little important, but I still need to work hard this year because it doesn't matter what I'm ranked. You can be on the top one year and a couple years later you can be down on the bottom. You need to continue to work hard because you never know what can happen in the future."

At Home: 2-4, 2.88 ERA 8G/8GS  
 On the Road: 2-1, 2.77 ERA 7G/7GS  
 LH Opp Avg: .174  
 RH Opp Avg: .203  
 Record when he pitches: 4-5  
 Wilmington Record when he starts: N/A  
 Run Support (overall): N/A  
 Run Support (starting): N/A  
 ERA: 2.81

Season-High K's: 7, (4/13/17 vs. West Virginia Power)  
 Career-High K's: 9, (6/7/14 @ DSL Tampa Bay)

Last Win: 8/25/17 @ Asheville Tourists  
 Last Loss: 9/4/17 @ Hagerstown Suns

Most IP, 2017: 7.0 IP, (Last: 4/18/17 vs. Greenville Drive)  
 Most IP, Career: 7.0 IP, 2x (Last: 4/18/17 vs. Greenville Drive)

### Career Numbers

Year/Teams(s)	W-L	ERA	IP
2013/DSL Royals	1-0	3.04	26.2
2014/DSL Royals	2-1	1.28	49.1
2015/AZL Royals	3-2	4.11	57.0
2016/Lexington	2-11	4.80	80.2
2017/AZL Royals	0-0	6.00	3.0
2017/Lexington	4-5	2.81	77.0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>12-19</b>	<b>3.40</b>	<b>293.2</b>

## Wilmington Blue Rocks 2018 Regular-Season Breakdown

<b>Record:</b>	<b>2-1</b>
<b>First Half:</b>	<b>2-1</b>
<b>Second Half:</b>	<b>0-0</b>
<b>Home:</b>	<b>0-0</b>
<b>Road:</b>	<b>2-1</b>
<b>Vs. RH Starters:</b>	<b>1-1</b>
<b>Vs. LH Starters:</b>	<b>1-0</b>
<b>Day:</b>	<b>0-0</b>
<b>Night:</b>	<b>2-1</b>
<b>One-Run Games:</b>	<b>1-0</b>
<b>Two-Run Games:</b>	<b>1-0</b>
<b>Extra-Inning Games:</b>	<b>0-0</b>
<b>Doubleheaders (W-L-S)</b>	<b>0-0</b>
<b>Shutouts:</b>	<b>0-0</b>
<b>No-Hitters:</b>	<b>0-0</b>
<b>When Leading After 7:</b>	<b>1-0</b>
<b>When Trailing After 7:</b>	<b>0-1</b>
<b>When Tied After 7:</b>	<b>1-0</b>
<b>When Leading After 8:</b>	<b>2-0</b>
<b>When Trailing After 8:</b>	<b>0-1</b>
<b>When Tied After 8:</b>	<b>0-0</b>
<b>When the Rocks Score First:</b>	<b>1-0</b>
<b>When the Opponent Scores First:</b>	<b>1-1</b>
<b>Games Decided In Last At-Bat:</b>	<b>0-0</b>
<b>When Scoring 3 Or Less:</b>	<b>0-1</b>
<b>When Scoring 4 Or More:</b>	<b>2-0</b>
<b>When The Rocks Have 5 Hits or Less:</b>	<b>0-0</b>
<b>When The Rocks Have 10 Hits or More:</b>	<b>0-0</b>
<b>When The Rocks Hit A Home Run:</b>	<b>1-1</b>
<b>Most Games Above .500:</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Most Games Below .500:</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>When The Rocks Commit an Error:</b>	<b>2-0</b>
<b>When The Rocks Starter Goes 6+ Inn:</b>	<b>0-0</b>
<b>Come-From-Behind Victories:</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Postponements:</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Cancellations:</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total Rainouts:</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Currently Suspended Games:</b>	<b>-</b>

### **Blue Rocks Shutouts (11 in 2017 | 5 in 2016)**

Date	Score Opp.	Pitchers
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### **Opponent Shutouts (11 in 2017 | 15 in 2016)**

Date	Score/Opp.	Pitchers
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### **2018 Games Started by Position**

1B – DeVito (3)  
 2B – Cancel (3)  
 3B – Rivera (3)  
 SS – Castellano (2), Burt (1)  
 C – Viloría (2), Fernandez (1)  
 LF – Martin (3)  
 CF – Lee (3)  
 RF – Peterson (2), Heath (1)  
 DH – Vallot (2), Viloría (1)

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### **2018 Games Started by Batting Order**

1) – Martin (3)  
 2) – Cancel (3)  
 3) – Lee (3)  
 4) – Rivera (3)  
 5) – DeVito (3)  
 6) – Vallot (2), Viloría (1)  
 7) – Viloría (2), Fernandez (1)  
 8) – Peterson (2), Heath (1)  
 9) – Castellano (2), Burt (1)

### WALK-OFF WINS/LOSSES

**WINS (0) (9 in 2017)      LOSSES (0) (3 in 2017)**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Opp</u>	<u>Score/Inn</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Opp</u>	<u>Score/Inn</u>
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# Wilmington Blue Rocks 2018 Notes Continued

## Blue Rocks Pitching Breakdown

	W-L	Sv.	ERA	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR
Starters	0-1	0	9.53	11.2	20	12	12	7	7	1
Relievers	2-0	1	2.51	14.1	10	4	4	5	14	4
<b>Totals</b>	<b>2-1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>5.54</b>	<b>26.0</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>5</b>

### Wilmington Starts of 7+ Innings (23 in 2017, 14 in 2016)

Pitcher	IP	Date	Opponent	Dec.	Game Result

## Inherited Runners/Scored

Pitcher	Runners	Inherited	Pct.
	Inherited	Runs Allowed	
Becker			
Brickhouse			
Camp			
Gavin			
Hernandez			
Ruxer	1	0	.000
Sheller	2	0	.000
Wynne			
<b>Totals</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>.000</b>

## Catchers Totals

Catcher	CS	Att.	Pct.	PB
Fernandez	0	0	---	0
Vallot	-	-	-	-
Viloria	1	3	.333	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>.333</b>	<b>0</b>

## Starter Breakdown

Starter	Starts	WIL Rec.	No-Dec.	Rec.	Longest Outing
Cristian Castillo	1	1-0	1	0-0	4.2 IP @ POT 4/5
Jace Vines	1	0-1	0	0-1	3.0 IP @ POT 4/6
Ofreidy Gomez	1	1-0	1	0-0	4.0 IP @ POT 4/7

## Pickoffs

Pitchers	#	Last Time
Becker		
Bender		
Brickhouse		
Camp		
Castillo		
Garabito		
Gavin		
Gomez		
Hernandez		
Ruxer		
Sheller		
Vines		
Wynne		
<b>TOTAL</b>		

## Blue Rocks Hitting Breakdown

### Month-by-Month Team Hitting

Month	G	Rec	Avg	AB	H	R	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	K	SB/ATT
April	3	2-1	.231	104	24	12	7	0	3	11	11	44	9/0
May													
June													
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## Scoring by Inning

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13+	Total
Blue Rocks	1	2	0	5	0	1	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	12
Opponents	8	0	4	1	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	13

## Wilmington Blue Rocks 2018 Notes Continued

### Home Run Breakdown

Player	Total	Home	Road	Solo	2R	3R	GS	Last HR	Opposing Pitcher/Inn.	Games Since
D.J. Burt	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8/10/16	Sam Thoele/7th	126
Gabriel Cancel	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	4/7/18	Matthew Crownover (POT)/1st	2
Angelo Castellano	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8/17/17	Eduardo Vera/6th	15
Chris DeVito	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8/25/17	Austin Glorious (SAL)/8th	11
Xavier Fernandez	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8/5/16	Omarlin Lopez/7th	28
Nick Heath	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7/6/17	Shao-Ching Chiang (LYN)/1st	53
Khalil Lee	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	4/6/18	Mariano Rivera (POT)/8th	1
Rudy Martin	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6/16/17	Steven Fuentes/7th	24
Kort Peterson	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6/16/17	Jordan Weems (SAL)/5th	4
Emmanuel Rivera	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	4/6/18	Sterling Sharp (POT)/2nd	1
Chase Vallot	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7/24/17	Austin Glorious/(SAL)/10th	5
Meibrys Viloría	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9/1/17	Yonathan Ramirez/4th	5

### Multi-Hit Games

Player	Total	2	3	4	5	6+
D.J. Burt	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gabriel Cancel	1	1	0	0	0	0
Angelo Castellano	0	0	0	0	0	0
Chris DeVito	1	1	0	0	0	0
Xavier Fernandez	1	0	1	0	0	0
Nick Heath	0	0	0	0	0	0
Khalil Lee	1	1	0	0	0	0
Rudy Martin	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kort Peterson	0	0	0	0	0	0
Emmanuel Rivera	1	1	0	0	0	0
Chase Vallot	0	0	0	0	0	0
Meibrys Viloría	0	0	0	0	0	0

### Multi-RBI Games

Player	Total	2	3	4	5	6+
D.J. Burt	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gabriel Cancel	0	0	0	0	0	0
Angelo Castellano	0	0	0	0	0	0
Chris DeVito	0	0	0	0	0	0
Xavier Fernandez	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nick Heath	0	0	0	0	0	0
Khalil Lee	1	1	0	0	0	0
Rudy Martin	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kort Peterson	0	0	0	0	0	0
Emmanuel Rivera	1	1	0	0	0	0
Chase Vallot	0	0	0	0	0	0
Meibrys Viloría	0	0	0	0	0	0

### 2018 Blue Rocks Pinch Hitters (2017: 5-for-31, 3 RBI, 5BB, 8SO)

Player	Avg.	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SAC/SF	HB	BB	SO
TOTALS	---	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-/-	-	-	-

# BLUE ROCKS HITTERS NOTES

**#7 D.J. Burt** INF  
**Ht: 5'9 Wt: 160** Age: 22 B/T: R/R  
**Lives: Fuqay-Varina, N.C**  
**LG: 1-for-4, R, 3SO, SB Road Trip: 1-for-4, R, 3SO, SB HS/O.B.S: +1/+1**

**Notes:** Selected in the 4th round of the 2014 June MLB Amateur Draft by Kansas City out of Fuqay-Varina High School.

**2017 Notes:** Spent the season with the Wilmington Blue Rocks and played in 103 games.  
 -Was injured in early August and missed rest of the season.  
 -Hit .227 with 19 doubles, five triples and drove in 29 RBI.  
 -Led the team and finished fifth in the Carolina league with 32 stolen bases.  
 -Finished second in organization in stolen base department and fell one shy of being tied for most by a farmhand.  
 -Had a 10-game hitting streak from July 3-July 13. Went 11-for-41 during that span.

**2016 Notes:** Spent the season with the Lexington Legends (Low-A/SAL)  
 -Hit .257 with career-highs in home runs (4) and RBI (59) in 125 games.  
 -Led the Legends with his 59 RBI and 74 runs scored.  
 -Finished tied for second in the South Atlantic League with career-high 43 SB.  
 -Had 27 stolen bags through his first two seasons in professional baseball.  
 -Finished fourth in SAL with his 74 runs scored.  
 -Hit .350/2/10 and stole 11 bases in month of June (22 games) after hitting .189 in May (28 games)

**2015 Notes:** Spent the season with the Idaho Falls Chukars (Rookie/PIO) -Hit .290 with a home run and 28 RBI in 65 games.  
 -Ranked among Pioneer League leaders in sacrifice hits (first), runs and walks (third) and triples (tied for third).  
 -Reached safely in 59 of his 62 starts with Idaho Falls, including his last 54 starts.  
 -Ended the season on an 11-game hitting streak. Carried streak over through first four games with Lexington to set career-high 15 game hitting streak. (8/27/15-4/10/16)  
 -Reached safely in 59 of his 62 starts with Idaho Falls, including his last 54 starts.  
 -On-base streak of 62 games started on July 12 and went through first eight games with Lexington in 2016 and ended on April 16, 2016.

**They said it: (On his style of play)...**That's my game, speed and getting on and creating havoc on the bases. I told myself I had two pitches and then I'm out...It took its own form **(on 62-game on-base streak)**. I pretty much just rolled with it. I ended the season in Idaho and pretty much knew about my streak but when I started in Lexington in 2016. I didn't even think about it. **(On what is important to him on the field)** I think defense is the number one key to me. That helps wins games. I know hitting does too but if you have pitching and defense, that can help make a run in the playoffs... **(On players he tries to emulate)** I know Brandon Phillips doesn't really run like that but I compare myself to him. Jose Altuve as well."

**#12 Gabriel Cancel** INF  
**Ht: 6'1 Wt: 185** Age: 21 B/T: R/R  
**Lives: Arecibo, Puerto Rico**  
**LG: 1-for-4, BB Road Trip: 3-for-12, 2R, 2B, HR, RBL, BB, 3SO HS/O.B.S: +1/+1**

**Notes:** Selected in the 7th round of the 2015 June MLB Amateur Draft by Kansas City out of Belen, Hatillo, PR. Top second base prospect in organization and ranked No. 22 prospect according to MLB.com (Not rated in Top-30 by Baseball America)

**2017 Notes:** Spent the season with the Lexington Legends (Low-A/South Atlantic League)  
 -Hit .277 with 30 doubles, 14 home runs and 49 RBI in 103 games.  
 -He ranked sixth in the league and first among middle infielders with career-high 46 extra-base hits which was fifth most among Royals farmhands.  
 -Had 30 multi-hit games including 12 games in which he collected at least three hits.  
 -Had his first-career multi-home run game on April 28 vs. Hagerstown. (Two HRs)  
 -Homered in back-to-back games three different times: June 22-24, July 9-10 and Aug. 3-5.  
 -Named Organization All-Star at second base by MiLB.com.

**2016 Notes:** Spent the season with the Burlington Royals (Rookie/Appalachian League)  
 -Hit a career-best .291 in 46 games to go along with 18 doubles, five homers and 26 RBI.  
 -Ranked among Appalachian League leaders in doubles (tied for second), extra-base hits (24, tied for third) and slugging percentage (.494, fifth).

**2015 Notes:** Spent the season with the Royals (Rookie/Arizona League) in his pro debut  
 -Hit .209 with a pair of homers and 14 RBI in 34 games.  
 -Made the transition from shortstop to second base during the season.

**#11 Angelo Castellano** INF  
**Ht: 6'0 Wt: 165** Age: 23 B/T: R/R  
**Lives: San Diego, VZ**  
**LG: 1-for-4 Road Trip: 1-for-7, RBI, 3SO, SF HS/O.B.S: +1/+1**

**Notes:** Signed as a non-drafted free agent by Kansas City on July 16, 2011. Was named Dominican Summer League Player of the Year in 2013. Was recipient of 2017 Carlos Fortuna Award which awarded to a player who is dedicated to improving his English, genuine work ethic and conduct. Has versatility in the infield and can play second base, shortstop and third base.

**2017 Notes:** Spent the season with the Lexington Legends (Low-A/South Atlantic League)  
 -Hit .245 with eight homers and 43 RBI in 116 games.  
 -Ranked in the top-five on the team in multiple categories including walks (2nd, 51), stolen bases (3rd, 19), run scored (3rd, 63), games played (4th, 116) and hits (4th, 106).  
 -Had 29 multi-hit games, including a trio of four-hit games.  
 -Hit eight home runs in 433 at-bats (54.1 AB/HR) after hitting just two homers in his previous 957 at-bats (478.5 AB/HR).

**2016 Notes:** Spent the season with the Idaho Falls Chukars (Rookie/Pioneer League)  
 -Hit .283 with a pair of homers and 47 RBI in 64 games.  
 -Struck out once every 10.50 plate appearances, the fifth-best rate in the league.

**They said it: (On playing in most games in career last year)...**"It's hard to do it that for the first time. I had to make a lot of adjustments and work every day. It's 140 games which is a lot more than where I was two years ago where I just played in 60 games. It was more of a mental adjustment for me. It's a lot of playing and a lot of games. If you didn't do good one week, you have to keep working. I dealt with my struggles by staying positive, trust in the process and come to work every day...**(On who helped him get through the season)** My hitting coach last year in Lexington really helped me a lot and talked to me a lot. My teammates as well, including (Meibrys) Vilorio also helped me a lot...**(On Winning Carlos Fortuna Award)** That means a lot to me. I knew Carlos Fortuna and he was a great person. The organization recognized me and how I am like him in some ways and that means a lot to me...**(On learning how to speak English)** It's been hard. I didn't know too much when I came to the United States. I try to keep close to the American teammates and talk to them. I don't try to use a lot of translation because the more I talk to people without help, the more I can learn...**(Coming to the United States)** I first came in 2008 with my family and went to Orlando for a week on vacation. We went to Disney World and it was a lot of fun. I came later in 2013 and went to Kansas City because I won the Player of the Year in the Dominican Summer League...**(Culture shock moving to U.S.)** In the Dominican Leagues you are just in the complexes that they have 24/7. Here in the United States, we go to hotels, we can walk to different places, go to dinner and it is a bit of a shock...**(Goals this season)** I just want to keep going and have better numbers and stay healthy. It's a long season and I want to do what I can to help the team win."

**#34 Chris DeVito** INF  
**Ht: 6'2 Wt: 220** Age: 23 B/T: L/R  
**Lives: Northridge, CA**  
**LG: 2-for-4, R, 2B, RBI, BB, 2SO Road Trip: 4-for-11, R, 2B, 2RBI, 2BB, 4SO HS/O.B.S: +3/+3**

**Notes:** Drafted in the 8th round of the 2016 Amateur Draft by Kansas City out of the University of New Mexico. Was a catcher and designated hitter for New Mexico and won Player of the Year honors in District VIII by the National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association of America.

**2017 Notes:** Spent the season with the Lexington Legends (Low-A/South Atlantic League) and the Wilmington Blue Rocks.  
 -With the Legends, he put up impressive numbers hitting .347 with 11 homers and 38 RBI in 30 games.  
 -He led the team and was top-five in the South Atlantic League in multiple offensive categories before his promotion to Wilmington.  
 -Led all Minor League players in total bases (86), home runs (11, tied) and RBI (38) when he was promoted to Wilmington.  
 -With the Blue Rocks, DeVito hit .240 with 10 homers and drove in 53 runs in 103 games.  
 -Led Wilmington in RBI and third in home runs.  
 -On June 2 at Winston-Salem he hit for the cycle, achieving the feat in the sixth inning with a home run to go back-to-back with Brandon Downes.  
 -Became first Blue Rock player since Dee Brown (April 18, 1999) to hit for the cycle and only player in the Carolina League to hit for the cycle.  
 -Named CL Player of the Week for May 29 - June 4. Hit .462 in six games.  
 -Overall, ranked second among Royals farmhands with 91 RBI and fourth with 21 HR.  
 -Hit .304 vs RHP but just .129 vs LHP.

**2016 Notes:** Spent the season with the Burlington Royals (Rookie/Appalachian League)  
 -Hit .261 with 13 doubles, nine homers and 50 RBI in 60 games.  
 -Paced Burlington in his professional debut season in home runs and ranked second in the league in RBI.

**They said it:(On what led to great success in Lexington to start the 2017 season)"**Honestly, my teammates. My first couple of games weren't very good and my teammates knew I could do it, they had my back and I couldn't have done it without my teammates and the great coaching staff we have down there...**(On attending the University of New Mexico)** I loved that school. Great school, great place to hit. Coach (Ray) Birmingham is a great head coach and knows what he is talking about with hitting. His support staff as well with Buddy Goldsmith, Ken (Jacome), the pitching coach, and Tony Cappuccilli were all great coaches and had great team environment there...**(on moving from California to New Mexico)** It is definitely different. It was the best place for me to go play baseball. My best friend from high school, Jared Holly, went to New Mexico first. He was a sophomore there my freshman year and he helped me in a lot of ways to make the transition easier...**(On transition from catcher to first base.)**...I absolutely love it. Catching is rough, I respect those guys for being back there. Those guys grind and put their bodies on the line. Being at first is definitely a lot easier on the body...**(On hitting for the cycle)** Absolutely not, I've never done that before I was just super happy to get the win and happy to contribute. **(If cycle was in his mind after the triple)** A little bit, but not much. I know (triples) are incredibly hard to get and I'm not a big triples guy. I was just happy to get it done early and didn't have to worry about it."

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**#13 Xavier Fernandez** **C**  
**Ht: 5'11 Wt: 197** **Age: 22 B/T: R/R**  
**Lives: Guaybabo, P.R.**  
**LG: 3-for-4 Road Trip: 3-for-4 HS/O.B.S: +1/+1**

**Notes:** Drafted in the 13th round of the 2013 June Amateur Draft by the Royals from Puerto Rico Baseball Academy.

**2017 Notes:** Did not play due to right elbow surgery.

**2016 Notes:** Spent the season with the Lexington Legends (Low-A/South Atlantic League)  
 -Hit .259 and had career-highs with nine home runs and 42 RBI in 92 games.  
 -His nine home runs ranked sixth among catchers in the South Atlantic League.  
 -Set career-highs in games, hits (85), home runs, and RBI.

**2015 Notes:** Spent the season with the Burlington Royals (Rookie/Appalachian League) and the Idaho Falls Chukars (Rookie/Pioneer League).  
 -With Burlington, he hit .329 in 42 games and smacked four home runs and drove in 27 runs.  
 -Tabbed a Rookie All-Star by *Baseball America* due to his performance in Burlington.

**#3 Nick Heath** **OF**  
**Ht: 6'1 Wt: 187** **Age: 24 B/T: L/L**  
**Lives: Milford, KS**  
**LG: 0-for-5, 3SO, SB Road Trip: 0-for-5, 3SO, SB HS/O.B.S: -1/-1**

**Notes:** Drafted in the 16th round of the 2016 June Amateur Draft by Kansas City out of Northwestern State University of Louisiana. In 2016, he set the school's single-season record with 35 stolen bases in 42 attempts (83.3 percent) and ranks third in school history with 75 steals. Also led the team with 43 runs and recorded a career-high 27 RBI, earning All-Southland Conference Third-Team honors.

**2017 Notes:** Started the season with Lexington Legends (Low-A/South Atlantic League)  
 -Came back in late May from a hamstring injury and played in only two games with Legends and went 2-for-5 in small sample size with Lexington.  
 -Played in four games in Arizona Rookie League before being added to Wilmington.  
 -With Wilmington hit .250 with a homer and 12 RBI in 60 games.  
 -Picked up first-career four-hit game on 8/8 vs. DE.  
 -Hit walk-off RBI single on 7/13/17 vs. LYN in bottom of 9th inning to give WIL 6-5 win.  
 -Stole 25 bases in 66 total games. (21 SB in 60 games with WIL)  
 -Finished fifth in organization in stolen bases despite missing a total of five weeks due to injury.  
 -Hit first-career Class-A Adv. homer on 7/6/17 @LYN.

**2016 Notes:** Spent the season with the Idaho Falls Chukars (Rookie/Pioneer League).  
 -Put together a solid pro debut season, hitting .291 with eight doubles, four triples, a pair of homers and drove in 28 runs.  
 -Stole 36 bags which led the Pioneer League and were ten more than anyone else in the league.  
 -He finished with the third most stolen bases of any farmhand in the Royals system.

**They said it: (On injury earlier last season)** I got hurt in (Low-A) Lexington, pulled my hamstring. I went down to Arizona (Rookie League) for a while, rehabbed it. I took that rehab process really seriously so I could get back on the field. I thought I would end up going back to Lexington to keep on playing, but they ended up asking me to come up to Wilmington and hop in the lineup. Like I said, I took that rehab process pretty seriously. I guess leg injuries aren't too much to mess around with and I want to be able to stay on the field and try to contribute to the team....  
**(On having any other major injuries during career)** I had Tommy John surgery, but that was back in college. In my professional career, the (hamstring injury) was the first injury I've had. My first leg injury as well, so it was kind of new to me; the steps, the process to get through it. A little bit of prayer and a little bit of work with our trainers, I'm able to get back on the field. **(On seeing familiar faces with the Rocks)** I think it makes that transition to a different level of ball easier. You are not so in awe of everything that is going on. You are realizing you are really cool with the guys that are around you and you fit in with them so it makes that transition easier, a lot more fun and less hectic....I think what led to the success (with Idaho Falls) was me buying into the process that these guys told me to buy into when they first drafted me. It was kind of new to me how they did everything around here. The offseason and prepping myself before games, staying up the middle and being able to go the other way, not necessarily pull the ball so much, just try to get myself on base, let my legs work and do what it can for the team. I think that helped me out a lot. It took a lot of stress and pressure off of me at the plate....**(If base stealing is majority of his game)** "I wouldn't say (stealing) is the name of my game. I definitely want to get on and be able to score runs, put myself into a position where guys get pitches that they can drive and make the pitcher have to work when I'm on base. Stealing bases helps me out, helps the team out and I just want to do whatever I can to help the team win."<sup>35</sup>

**#24 Khalil Lee** **OF**  
**Ht: 5'10 Wt: 182** **Age: 19 B/T: L/L**  
**Lives: Centreville, VA**  
**LG: 1-for-3, R, 2B, 2RBI, 2BB, 2SO Road Trip: 4-for-11, 3R, HR, 3RBI, 2BB, 5SO HS/O.B.S: +3/+3**

**Notes:** Ranked top prospect in the system according to MLB.com. and tabbed as the second-best prospect in the organization according to *Baseball America*. Also named the best athlete in the system. Drafted in the 3rd Round of the 2016 June Amateur Draft by the Royals out of Flint High School (VA). Was named Virginia's Gatorade Player of the Year after hitting .471 with six home runs at the plate and going 7-0 with a 0.33 ERA on the mound. Threw a low-90s fastball and a promising slider as a pitcher in high school. Bypassed to play for Liberty University and signed with the Royals. Father was an athlete at University of Delaware.

**2017:** Spent the season with the Lexington Legends (Low-A/South Atlantic League)  
 -Hit .237 with 17 homers and 61 RBI in 121 games.  
 -Entered the season as the Royals No. 12 prospect.  
 -It marked his first year in full-season baseball and opened the season at just 18-years old.  
 -Led the team in home runs, walks (65), strikeouts (171), runs (71), and triples (6).  
 -Also was second in games played (122), stolen bases (20), RBI (61) and third in hits (107).  
 -The young outfielder finished tied for second in the SAL in homers, third in walks and first in strikeouts. He also stole 20 bases.  
 -Had 27 multi-hit games including a four-hit game on Aug. 18 vs. the Asheville Tourists when he tied his career-high with five RBI.

**2016 Notes:** Spent the season with the Royals (Rookie/Arizona League)  
 -Played in 49 games and hit .269 with nine doubles, six triples, six homers and 29 RBI.  
 -Ranked among the leaders in total bases (88, first), runs (71, first), triples (tied for first), walks (65, second), on-base percentage (.344, second) and slugging percentage (.484, fifth).  
 -Earned MLB.com Organization All-Star and *Baseball America* Rookie All-Star Honors.

**They said it: (On his quick rise through the system)** "It's more of a blessing than anything. I've been blessed to move up every year. I just want to continue that success and keep it going....**(On initial impressions of playing outfield at Frawley Stadium)** If you are going to be a center fielder or an outfielder in general here, you're going to need to have speed to cover a lot of ground. I feel like this ballpark is just what I need....**(On being highly regarded high school pitcher)** I miss it sometimes and want to get out there. I try to beg my managers to let me go out there for one inning. I do miss it and it was a lot of fun....**(On being born in Newark, DE)** My parents lived here a few years and I'm sure they had a great time. We don't talk too much about Delaware because they are from Baltimore. I definitely think they will be happy to come back to watch me play....**(On his goals for the season)** I want to keep progressing as a hitter and a teammate as well. One of my goals it to be a Carolina League All-Star So I want to do that and hopefully move up to the next level....**(Something people might not know about him)** I like to dance a lot. It might be during batting practice, a pitching change that's just something I like to do....**(On any other skills he has)** I played the saxophone in middle school. I don't know if I could still play now, but I was pretty good at it."

**#4 Rudy Martin** **OF**  
**Ht: 5'7 Wt: 155** **Age: 22 B/T: L/L**  
**Lives: Olive Branch, MS**  
**LG: 0-for-2, R, 3BB, SO, 3SB Road Trip: 2-for-11, 2R, 3BB, 7SO, 6SB HS/O.B.S: -1/+3**

**Notes:** Drafted in the 25th round of the 2014 June Amateur Draft by Kansas City from Lewisburg High School. Won 4A State Championship his junior year. Has 62 career stolen bases and has been caught just 11 times.

**2017 Notes:** Spent the season with the Lexington Legends (Low-A/South Atlantic League)  
 -Played in 37 games before missing rest of the season due to injury.  
 -He hit .277 with a pair of homers and 19 RBI during that span.  
 -Led the team with an impressive 26 stolen bases in 30 attempts.  
 -Had six multi-stolen base games, including July 4 when he stole swiped three bags.  
 -Finished fourth overall in stolen bases in entire farm system.  
 -Earned Willie Wilson Base Runner of the Year Award for organization's top base runner.

**2016 Notes:** pent the season with the Royals (Rookie/Arizona League) and Idaho Falls Chukars (Rookie/Pioneer League).  
 -In the Arizona League, Martin played in just five games and went 5-for-16 (.313).  
 -With the Chukars, he hit .244 with two homers and 14 RBI in 41 games.  
 -He stole 19 bases in 22 attempts.

**2015 Notes:** Spent the season with the Royals (Rookie/Arizona League) and the Idaho Falls Chukars.  
 -Had a tremendous professional debut in the Arizona League and hit to the tune of .338 with six doubles, nine triples and one home run in 40 games.  
 -He was the Surprise Player of the Year, ranking among Arizona League leaders in on-base percentage (.477, first), triples (tied for first), runs (41, tied for first), walks (34, tied for first), slugging percentage (.541, second) and batting average (fourth).  
 -He also reached safely in 26 consecutive games (July 24-Aug.28), the second-longest streak in the AZL.  
 -Named Arizona League postseason All-Star.



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**#16 Kort Peterson** **OF**  
**Ht: 6'1 Wt: 195** **Age: 23 B/T: L/R**  
**Lives: Los Gatos, CA**  
**LG: 0-for-4, 3SO** **Road Trip: 1-for-8, 2B, 6SO** **HS/O.B.S.: -1/-1**

**Notes:** Drafted in the 23rd Round of the 2016 June Amateur Draft by Kansas City from UCLA and hit .271/.416/.402 as a junior with a team-leading (tied) 36 RBI in 56 games. Was named UCLA Student-Athlete of the Week (March 7-13) after batting .429 (6-for-14) with the first two home runs of his career, including a walk-off shot to beat Texas on March 12.

**2017 Notes:** Spent the season with the Lexington Legends (Low-A/South Atlantic League) and the Wilmington Blue Rocks.  
 -With the Legends, Peterson hit .290 with 12 doubles, a pair of triples and one home run to go along with 19 RBI in 49 games.  
 -Was promoted to Wilmington in early June and played in just 11 games with the Blue Rocks after suffering a season-ending injury to his shoulder two weeks later.  
 -In the small sample size, Peterson showed some pop in his bat. He went 13-for-39 at the plate (.333) with three doubles, two triples and a home run.

**2016 Notes:** Spent the season with the Burlington Royals (Rookie/Appalachian League).  
 -Hit a team-leading .347 to go along with 21 extra-base hits (12 doubles, four triples, five home runs).  
 -He also paced the league with his .437 on-base percentage.  
 -Was named the Burlington Player of the Year for his efforts in his professional debut in addition to earning Appalachian League postseason All-Star and MLB.com Organization All-Star honors.

**They said it: (On his season-ending injury in 2017)** "It came at a bad time because I was starting to get a little hot. When it happened, I definitely knew something was wrong. I wasn't sure if it was season-ending or not, unfortunately it turned out to be that way. After that, I was hoping to be back soon. A month passed, I went to Arizona and did a lot of stimulation work to try and get my deltoid fired up and get it working again. Throughout the whole offseason I did that. I've been strengthening the muscles around it because it doesn't come back. Unfortunately, nothing much has changed too much, but all the muscles around it have gotten a lot stronger. It's been a crazy process and hopefully my deltoid will come back. I played great in Spring Training without it so we'll see what happens... **(How it has changed his game)** It's definitely been a struggle with fatigue. It gets tired more quickly, especially throwing and hitting. I've made some adjustments so it doesn't fatigue as fast. I moved my elbow a little lower in my stance and my trap has compensated a lot for the loss for throwing. I was struggling with that in the offseason in terms of the strength, but it's getting better and things are looking up... **(Playing in cold weather coming back from injury)** I actually do like playing in cold weather. I come from a foggy beach town, so I'm used to the cold weather and overcast skies. It doesn't bother me. Obviously, if you still get jammed, it's going to hurt your hands pretty bad. In regards to my injury, I can't feel my shoulder. So it doesn't bother me either in hot or cold weather... **(Having some experience in Wilmington)** I'm very happy that I played a little bit here last year. I know what I'm getting myself into regarding what the area is like, what the ballparks are like and what some of the other teams are like. Especially to know how Frawley Stadium plays because the air is a little thick and you aren't going to hit too many home runs. I think it's good to know how each ballpark plays and that's a good thing."

**#26 Emmanuel Rivera** **INF**  
**Ht: 6'2 Wt: 195** **Age: 21 B/T: R/R**  
**Lives: Mayaguez, Puerto Rico**  
**LG: 0-for-4, R, BB** **Road Trip: 3-for-12, 2R, 2 2B, HR, 3RBI, BB** **HS/O.B.S.: -1/+3**

**Notes:** Drafted in the 19th Round of the 2015 June Amateur Draft by Kansas City from Interamerican Univ. of Puerto Rico. Ranked 11th-best prospect in system according to MLB.com, and also ranked No.27 according to *Baseball America*. Played in his hometown during Puerto Rican Winter League in both 2016-17. His hometown was damaged by Hurricane Irma (Category 5) in which the island is still trying to recover from.

**2017 Notes:** Spent the season with the Lexington Legends (Low-A/South Atlantic League)  
 -Won the batting title hitting .310 to go along with 12 homers and 72 RBI in 122 games.  
 -Also led the league in hits (144), third in total bases (217, tied for fourth in slugging percentage (.468), and fifth in on-base percentage (.364).  
 -Set career-highs with 27 doubles, 12 home runs and his team-leading 72 RBI, which were fourth most by a Royals minor leaguer.  
 -Led the team with 37 multi-hit games including a trio of four-hit contests.  
 -Hit an impressive .336 against LHP and .301 against RHP.  
 -Was named MiLB.com Organizational All-Star and Lexington Player of the Year.

**2016 Notes:** Spent the season with the Burlington Royals (Rookie/Appalachian League)  
 -Hit .249 with 13 doubles, four triples and two homers in addition to 27 RBI in 58 games.

**2015 Notes:** Spent the season with the Royals (Rookie/Arizona League) and in 38 games hit .174 with five doubles and 14 RBI in his professional debut. He stole a career-high nine bases in 13 attempts.

**They said it: (On success in Lexington last season)** Just going to the cages every day with my hitting coach in Lexington really helped me. We did a bunch of different drills hitting of the tee and front toss. I continued to work hard every day and it was a good year... **(On bouncing back after tough first two seasons in system)**...The first two seasons in the organization was very hard for me. I never saw pitchers throw 90-94 m.p.h. It took me about a season to get adjusted to that kind of pitching. Last year, I was able to see the pitches better and it was great. It's important to make adjustments and I was late at the plate when I first started and worked on my timing and now I feel comfortable... **(On going through a transition on defense)**...Before I was signed, I played shortstop. After my first practice, the coaches moved me to third base. I played shortstop for five years before joining the Royals. I miss it sometimes. I played it since I was five years old. At third base, the reaction time is the biggest difference from the two positions. It takes a lot of practice to get better with my reaction... **(On coming to the U.S.)**...I came to the U.S. four years ago and the biggest difference was the language. I try to speak English the best I can. My family and friends are still in Puerto Rico and were effected by Hurricane Irma. They had no lights, no gas, no power for months. It was bad. I've talked to my friends and family and they were telling me how bad it was. It's getting better now, but where I grew up, it was hit by the storm. My family still lives in the house I grew up and it was damaged."

**#25 Chase Vallot** **C**  
**Ht: 6'0 Wt: 215** **Age: 21 B/T: R/R**  
**Lives: Lafayette, LA**  
**LG: 1-for-5, 2B, RBI, 3SO** **Road Trip: 1-for-9, 2B, RBI, 7SO** **HS/O.B.S.: +1/+1**

**Notes:** Was the 40th overall pick in the Competitive Balance Round by Kansas City in 2014 out of St. Thomas More High School. Enters this season rated as the 12th-best prospect in the organization according to *Baseball America* and No. 26 per MLB.com. Named National Player of the Year by Louisville Slugger, hitting .545 with 13 home runs and 62 RBI. Selected as the 2014 Gatorade Player of the Year in Louisiana.

**2017 Notes:** Spent the season with the Wilmington Blue Rocks.  
 -Hit .231 with 22 doubles, 12 homers and 37 RBI in 89 games.  
 -His season we cut short on July 27 after suffering a low back muscle strain.  
 -He finished second on the team in home runs, tied for first with 64 walks, but did pace the team with 127 strikeouts.  
 -Played in a career-high 89 games and also set career highs in doubles (22), walks (64) and on-base percentage (.380).  
 -His 64 walks tied for sixth in the Carolina League with teammate DJ Burt, while his 12 homers tied for third among the league's catchers.  
 -Recorded his first multi-homer game on June 26 at Frederick, hitting a two-run shot and a solo homer in an 8-6 loss.  
 -Also set a career-high with four hits (4-for-4) at Frederick on May 19.  
 -He hit two grand slams making him the only Blue Rock to do so in 2017.  
 -Entered the season as the No. 7 prospect in the organization according to *Baseball America*.

**2016 Notes:** Spent the season with the Royals (Rookie/Arizona League) and Lexington Legends (Low-A/South Atlantic League)  
 -Hit a combined .235 with 15 home runs with 46 RBI in 92 games.  
 -Rehabbed in Arizona League for 10 games after being struck in the face by a pitch before returning to the Legends.  
 -With Lexington hit .246 with 13 home runs and 44 RBI in 82 games.  
 -Finished second on the team in home runs, fourth in RBI and second in doubles (20).  
 -Named a mid-season All-Star.

**They said it: (On thoughts on 2017 season)** "Definitely could have been better. From an overall standpoint, strikeouts could have been a little high, batting average was kind of low. This year (I'm) being more aggressive and swinging at a lot more pitches that are strikes... **(On season-ending injury)** It was very frustrating. Whatever had happened, we were in Carolina and I didn't play for probably about seven days and then the team decided they were going to send me to Kansas City to get MRI's and X-Rays and stuff. So I went there and got the X-Rays and the MRI and the team physician decided it would be in my best interest to shut it down for the rest of the year so the injury doesn't get worse and once I had heard that, it just didn't feel good. It was kind of like a stab. There's nothing you can do about that. You just got to bounce back and continue to move forward. God has plan for everybody and I just had to deal with it at the time... **(On ability to speak Spanish and using it during games)** I do. It depends on who's on the mound. Some guys are fringe on English so I try to my best in Spanish. I've been practicing since I got to pro ball. It's getting a lot better. Still not 100%

**#22 Meibrys Viloria** **C**  
**Ht: 5'11 Wt: 220** **Age: 21 B/T: L/R**  
**Lives: Cartagena, Columbia**  
**LG: 1-for-3, 2BB, SO** **Road Trip: 1-for-10, R, 2BB, 3SO, HBP** **HS/O.B.S.: +1/+1**

**Notes:** Signed as non-drafted Free Agent by Kansas City on July 2, 2013. Enters this season Rated as the 18th-best prospect according to MLB.com and 24th-best prospect in the organization per *Baseball America* and only player on Blue Rocks roster on Royals' 40-man roster. Was on the 2017 Colombia WBC Team Roster. Can speak both English and Spanish and hails from same city as Atlanta Braves pitcher Julio Teheran and Reds outfielder Dilson Herrera. Was a shortstop when the Royals first saw him play.

**2017 Notes:** Spent the season with the Lexington Legends (Low-A/South Atlantic League)  
 -Was one of the youngest catchers in the circuit at just 20-years-old.  
 -He hit .259 with 25 doubles, eight homers and 52 RBI in a career-high 101 games.  
 -He finished third on the team in doubles, RBI and fifth in hits (94).  
 -Ranked second among South Atlantic League catchers in doubles (25) and RBI (52)  
 -Also led the league's catchers in runners caught stealing (45) and percentage (.398)  
 -After struggling in the first half, batted .287/.333/.425 (48-for-167) after the All-Star break, including .312 (24-for-77) with six doubles, two homers and 15 RBI from Aug. 1 to the end of the season (22 games).

**2016 Notes:** Spent the season with the Idaho Falls Chukars (Rookie/Pioneer League)  
 -Put together his best pro season and hit .376 with 28 doubles, three triples, six homers and 55 RBI in 58 games.  
 -Had a league-best 20-game hitting streak (July 7- Aug. 7) to help earn him MLB.com Pioneer League Player of the Month for July.  
 -Was a mid-season All-star, led the Pioneer League in hitting and earned MVP honors in the league and Idaho Falls Player of the Year.  
 -Behind the plate, he threw out 34% of base stealers.

**2015 Notes:** Spent the season with the Burlington Royals (Rookie/Appalachian League)  
 -Hit .260 in 45 games with no 39 hits, all being singles.

**They Said It: (Thoughts on last season)** "It was a long season last year. I tried to go out and play hard every night. I started out struggling, but I worked with my hitting coach and it helped me a lot. I watched a lot of video on my swing to watch my mechanics. I hit with a leg kick which is more difficult. If you don't have your timing down with a leg kick, you don't have a chance. I had to make adjustments mentally during the first month of the season. If you aren't strong mentally, you can't play this game... **(On feeling pressure as one of the youngest player in the SAL)** I felt pressure being in A-ball for the first time in my career. I just wanted to go out and just play. I wanted to just play my game and put the ball in play... **(Lifestyle in Columbia)** It's too hot. Where I'm from in Cartagena it is really hot. We have everything though. We have a lot of beaches and lakes and it's fun. I miss the food the most, especially the fish. I miss my family too. They won't be able to see me play this year because of a family matter, but maybe next year."

# BLUE ROCKS BULLPEN NOTES

<p><b>#45 Nolan Becker</b>  <b>Ht: 6'6 Wt: 225</b>  <b>Lives: New York, New York,</b>  <b>Last App: 4/6 @POT, IP, H, K</b></p>	<p><b>LHP</b>  <b>Age: 26 B/T: R/L</b></p> <p><b>Record: 0-0 SV: 0/0 IR/IRS: 0/0</b></p>
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**Notes:** Signed with Kansas City as a free agent on 11/10/17. Attended Yale University and in 2012 held opponents to a .238 batting average and also tallied 56 strikeouts, both marks ranked second in the Ivy League. Was originally drafted by the Cincinnati Reds in the 11th round of the 2012 Draft.

**Pitch Repertoire:**

**2018 Notes:** On 4/6 @POT he made first relief appearances in affiliated baseball since Sept. 1, 2016 when he was with the Daytona Tortugas (+A Cincinnati Reds) of the Florida State League.  
 -Tossed a scoreless inning, allowed one hit and picked up a strikeout.

**2017 Notes:** Spent the season in Independent Baseball in the Canadian-American Baseball League with the Quebec Capitales.  
 -Went 5-1 with a 1.14 ERA in 37 appearances and earned 24 saves.  
 -He struck out 45 batters and walked 14.

**2016 Notes:** Spent the season with the Daytona Tortugas (Class-A Adv/Florida State League)  
 -Went 0-2 with a 2.96 ERA. Made 31 appearances including one start and also picked up a save.  
 -In 45.2 innings of work he struck out 36 batters and walked 13. Ranked fifth on the team in appearances.

**2015 Notes:** Spent the season with the Dayton Dragons (Low-A/Midwest League)  
 -Went 1-2 with a 2.17 ERA in 26 appearances and also added three saves.  
 -Held opponents to a .203 batting average and struck out 44 batters and walked just nine.

**Career Notes:** Becker is in his sixth season in the MiLB and has a 5-8 overall record with a 3.91 ERA in 135 games including one start.  
 -He has logged 177.1 innings of work, allowed 183 hits, 97R/77ER, 84 walks and has struck out 171 batters.

<p><b>#46 Justin Camp</b>  <b>Ht: 5'11 Wt: 230</b>  <b>Lives: Decatur, AL</b>  <b>Last App:</b></p>	<p><b>RHP</b>  <b>Age: 24 B/T: R/R</b></p> <p><b>Record: SV: IR/IRS:</b></p>
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**Notes:** Drafted in the 37th round of the 2016 June Amateur Draft by Kansas City out of Auburn University. Grew up in an Auburn family and decided to play there. Missed 2012 season due to Tommy John surgery. With Auburn, he served as both a reliever and starter during three different coaching changes. In 2015 he recorded eight saves as the team's closer and the following season paced the staff with 14 starts. In 2015, recorded eight saves as Auburn's closer before leading the team in 2016 with 14 starts.

**Pitch Repertoire: Fastball, Slider, Changeup**

**2017 Notes:** Spent the season with the Lexington Legends (Low-A/ South Atlantic League), Wilmington Blue Rocks and Omaha Storm Chasers (Triple-A/Pacific Coast League).  
 -With the Legends, the right-hander made 11 appearances and dominated opposing batters and allowed just one earned run in 26.2 inning of work for a 0.34 ERA.  
 -He also struck out 32 batters during that frame of work and just walked six while holding opponents to a .124 batting average.  
 -With the Blue Rocks, Camp made 11 appearances and went 0-2 with a 3.63 ERA.  
 -Earned first-career Advanced-A save on 8/10 @ DE. .  
 -Made Class-A Adv. debut on 6/2 @ WS and tossed 1.2 innings, allowed two earned runs on six hits.

**2016 Notes:** Made professional debut with the Burlington Royals (Rookie/Appalachian League).  
 -Posted an 0-3 record but did yield a spectacular 1.85 ERA in 16 appearances.  
 -He struck out 32 batters in 34 innings of work while opposing batters hit .252 against him.

**Career Notes:** In his third season with the Royals' organization and is 0-5 with a respectable 2.37 ERA in 39 relief appearances. He also is 5 of 6 in save opportunities.  
 -In 83.2 innings of work he has allowed 66 hits, 26R/22ER, 30 walks and has struck out 75 batters.  
 -Opponents are hitting just .218 against him.

<p><b>#29 Bryan Brickhouse</b>  <b>Ht: 6'0 Wt: 195</b>  <b>Lives: The Woodlands, TX</b>  <b>Last App: 4/7 @POT, SV, IP, 2K</b></p>	<p><b>RHP</b>  <b>Age: 25 B/T: R/R</b></p> <p><b>Record: 0-0 SV: 1/1 IR/IRS: 0/0</b></p>
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**Notes:** Drafted in the 3rd round of the 2011 Amateur Draft by Kansas City out of The Woodlands High School. Bypassed an opportunity to pitch at UNC. Was high school teammates with Pirates pitcher Jameson Taillon, the second overall pick in the 2010 draft. Brickhouse was named All-Greater Houston Pitcher of the Year in high school. In his senior year, he went 7-2 with a 1.08 ERA and 129 strikeouts in 72 innings, helping his stock rise. He features a fastball that can touch upper 90's. His grandfather Norman, was a catcher at North Carolina State.

**Pitch Repertoire:**

**2018 Notes:** Earned first-career save on 4/7/18 @POT. First game he pitched in since 9/3/15.

**2017 Notes:** Did not pitch due to injury.

**2016 Notes:** Did not pitch due to injury.

**2015 Notes:** Spent the season with the Royals (Rookie/Arizona League) and Idaho Falls Chukars (Rookie/Pioneer League).  
 -Posted a composite 2.93 ERA in seven starts between the two stops in just 15.1 innings of work.  
 -He missed most of the season and needed Tommy John surgery.  
 -In the short sample size, the righty struck out 13 batters and walked 11 and allowed five earned runs.

**2014 Notes:** Spent the season with the Idaho Falls Chukars (Rookie/Pioneer League)  
 -Posted a 1-2 record with a 4.88 ERA in nine games including eight starts during a rehab assignment and missed most the season due to injury.  
 -Struck out 22 batters and walked 10 while yielding 30 hits in 27.2 innings of work.

**2013 Notes:** Spent the season with the Kane County Cougars (Low-A/ Midwest League)  
 -Went 4-4 with a 2.25 ERA in 11 starts and pitched 60 innings, allowed 54 hits, 20R/15ER, 21 walks and struck out 49 batters.  
 -Missed second half of the season with a right elbow strain.

**2012 Notes:** Spent the season with the Idaho Falls Chukars (Rookie/Pioneer League) and Kane County Cougars.  
 -Made just one start with the Chukars and allowed seven earned runs on five hits in 1.2 innings of work.  
 -With Kane County, posted a 3-3 record with a 5.61 ERA in 10 starts.  
 -In 51.1 innings of work, he allowed 50 hits, 39R/32ER, 23 walks and struck out 40 batters.

**Career Notes:** Has an 8-9 record with a 4.24 ERA in 39 games including 37 starts.  
 -157.0 IP, 149H, 89R/74ER, 68 walks and has 127 strikeouts.  
 -Earned first-career save on 4/7/18 @POT. First game he pitched in since 9/3/15.

<p><b>#35 Grant Gavin</b>  <b>Ht: 6'2 Wt: 185</b>  <b>Lives: Parkville, MO</b>  <b>Last App: 4/6 @POT, 22 IP, H, R, ER, BB, 2K, HR</b></p>	<p><b>RHP</b>  <b>Age: 22 B/T: R/R</b></p> <p><b>Record: 0-0 SV: 0/0 IR/IRS: 0/0</b></p>
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**Notes:** Drafted in the 29th round of the 2016 June Amateur Draft by Kansas City out of University of Central Missouri. That same season, he recorded a school-record 13 saves as a junior, most in the MIAA and sixth most in Division II. Was two-sport athlete in high school, attending St. Pius X High School (Mo.). There he was an all-conference and all-district quarterback.

**Pitch Repertoire: Fastball, Curveball, Changeup**

**2017 Notes:** Spent the season with the Lexington Legends (Low-A/South Atlantic League) and the Wilmington Blue Rocks and put together a stellar season.  
 -Went a composite 3-2 with a 1.65 ERA in 36 total relief appearances.  
 -Held opponents to a .185 batting average.  
 -With the Legends, Gavin made 19 appearances from the bullpen and yielded a 1.38 ERA and notched six saves in eight chances.  
 -He struck out 43 batters and walked just 14 in 32.2 innings.  
 -Was named to the SAL All-Star Game.  
 -With the Blue Rocks, he pitched the same amount of innings and posted a 1.93 ERA in 17 relief outings.  
 -He allowed just seven earned runs during that stretch and whiffed 34 batters and walked 11.  
 -Earned first-career Class-A Advanced save on 7/25 vs. SAL. Earned three saves with WIL.  
 -Made Class-A Adv. debut with Wilmington on 6/24 @SAL and tossed 0.2 innings and picked up a strikeout.

**2016 Notes:** Made professional debut with the Royals (Rookie/Arizona League).  
 -Went 3-1 with a 2.01 ERA in 13 games, including four starts and also earned a save.  
 -Worked 49.1 innings, allowed just 11 earned runs, had a 47 to 5 K:BB ratio and held opponents to a .217 batting average.  
 -With his efforts, he earned Surprise Royals Pitcher of the Year honors, ranking among Arizona League leaders in WHIP (0.93, 2nd), ERA (4th) and opponents' average (.217, 4th)  
 -Was named Arizona League postseason All-Star and ranked first among Royals farmhands (min. 25.0 IP) with a 9.40 strikeout-to-walk ratio

**Career Notes:** Gavin is in his third year in the organization and has a 6-3 record and an impressive 1.84 ERA in 50 career games.  
 -He has made four starts as well and has racked up 10 saves.  
 -In 117.1 innings he has allowed 85 hits, 31R/24ER, 31 walks and has 126 strikeouts. Opponents are hitting just .197 in his career.

## BLUE ROCKS BULLPEN NOTES

<p><b>#40 Jared Ruxer</b>  <b>Ht: 6'3 Wt: 200</b>  <b>Lives: Indianapolis, IN</b>  <b>Last App: 4/5 @POT, W, 2.1 IP, ER, H, 2K, HR Record: 1-0 SV: IR/IRS: 1/0</b></p> <p><b>Notes:</b> Traded from the Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim in exchange for former Blue Rock RHP Brooks Pounders on December 12, 2016. Selected by Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim in the 12th round of the 2014 MLB June Amateur Draft out of Louisville. Was originally drafted by Cleveland in the 29th round of the 2011 MLB June Amateur Draft out of Lawrence Central HS (Indianapolis, IN).</p> <p><b>Pitch Repertoire: Fastball, Changeup, Slider</b></p> <p><b>2017 Notes:</b> Spent the season the Wilmington Blue Rocks and Northwest Arkansas Naturals (Double-A/Texas League).          -With the Blue Rocks, Ruxer started the season in the bullpen before joining the starting rotation later in the season.          -He went a composite 5-7 with a 3.45 ERA in 24 games including 17 starts.          -As a starter, he went 3-6 with a 3.43 ERA in 17 starts. (89.1 IP)          -As a reliever, he went 2-1 with a 3.54 ER in seven appearances. (20.1 IP)          -He allowed two earned runs or less in 10 of his 17 starts.          -Ruxer struck out a total of 84 batters and walked just 29.          -In Double-A he had pitched in three games including one start and allowed 11 earned runs in six innings of work.          -He walked seven and picked up one strikeout.</p> <p><b>2016 Notes:</b> Spent the season with the Burlington Bees (Low-A/Midwest League) and the Inland Empire 66ers (Adv. A/California League)          -Posted a combined 4-8 record with a 3.08 ERA in 29 games including 19 starts.          -Had a respectable 132 to 42 strikeout to walk ratio.          -Finished second among Angels farmhands (min. 80.0 IP) with a 3.08 ERA.          -With the Bees he posted a 3-2 record with an impressive 1.44 in 18 games including eight starts.          -Recorded 54 strikeouts and 13 walks with the Bees and allowed 10 earned runs in 62.1 innings pitched.          -With Inland Empire he went 1-6 with a 5.18 ERA in 11 start and struck out 45 and walked 18 in 48.2 innings of work.</p> <p><b>Career Notes:</b> Ruxer has been between starting and relieving his entire career.          -He is 10-18 with a 3.76 ERA in 71 games including 48 starts.          -Has struck out 219 batters and walked 78 in 258.2 innings of work.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>RHP</b>  <b>Age: 25 B/T: R/R</b></p> <p><b>#19 Walker Sheller</b>  <b>Ht: 6'3 Wt: 195</b>  <b>Lives: Ponce Vedra, FL</b>  <b>Last App: 4/5 @POT, SV, 1.1 IP, HB Record: 0-0 SV: 1/1 IR/IRS: 2/0</b></p> <p><b>Notes:</b> Drafted in the 9th round of the 2016 June Amateur Draft by Kansas City from Stetson University. Recorded 12 saves with a 1.38 ERA his junior year at Stetson University, the same program that has produced MLB pitchers Jacob deGrom of the New York Mets and 2014 AL Cy Young Award Winner Corey Kluber of the Cleveland Indians. He also is the first player drafted by Kansas City out of Stetson University since George Kauffman (1996), the grandson of the late Ewing Kauffman, the Royals' founder.</p> <p><b>Pitch Repertoire: Fastball, Changeup, Slider</b></p> <p><b>2017 Notes:</b> Spent the season with the Lexington Legends (Low-A/South Atlantic League), Wilmington Blue Rocks and Northwest Arkansas Naturals (Double-A/Texas League).          -With the Legends, Sheller pitched in 14 games and went 2-1 with a 2.88 ERA.          -He struck out 28 batters in 25 innings and walked nine.          -Earned a promotion to Wilmington during the first week of June and appeared in 18 games and posted a 4-1 record with a 4.02 ERA in 31.1 innings of work.          -He again average a little more than a strikeout per inning (34K/31.1 IP).          -Finished the year in Double-A and did not allow a run in six innings of work, picked up five strikeouts and walked three batters.</p> <p><b>2016 Notes:</b> Spent the season with the Burlington Royals (Rookie/Appalachian League)          -Did not win or lose a game and yielded a 2.95 ERA in 17 appearances.          -Converted six saves in seven chances and allowed just seven earned runs in 21.1 innings of work.          -Struck out 18 batters and walked 15.          -Opposing batters hit just .178 against him.</p> <p><b>Career Notes:</b> Owns a 6-2 record in 53 total relief appearances and has a 3.07 ERA in 85 innings of work.          -Has allowed 67 hits during that span, 29 earned runs and has a solid 84 to 41 strikeout to walk ratio.          -Holding opponents to a .218 contact-clip.</p>
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<p><b>#41 Matt Wynne</b>  <b>Ht: 6'4 Wt: 170</b>  <b>Lives: Dade City, FL</b>  <b>Last App: 4/6 @POT, 1.1 IP, 2H, R, ER, 0BB, 3K, HR Record: 0/0 SV: 0/0 IR/IRS: 0/0</b></p> <p><b>Notes:</b> Signed as a free agent by Kansas City on June 16, 2016. Attended Hillsborough Community College (FL) in 2013. Attended Flagler College in Florida from 2014-16.</p> <p><b>Pitch Repertoire: Fastball, Slider, Changeup</b></p> <p><b>2017 Notes:</b> Spent the season with the Lexington Legends (Low-A/South Atlantic League)          -Posted a 3-4 record with a 5.40 ERA in 28 relief appearances and notched two saves.          -Tied for second on team in appearances.          -Tossed 46.2 innings and allowed 28 earned runs on 59 hits.          -Struck out 26 batters and walked 14.          -Opposing hitters hit .314 against him after yielding a .235 BAA in 2016 in his first season of professional baseball.</p> <p><b>2016 Notes:</b> Spent the season with the Royals (Rookie/Arizona League)          -Went 3-0 with a 1.74 ERA in 14 relief appearances in his pro debut.          -Earned two saves in as many opportunities.          -He struck out 15 batters and walked four in 20.2 innings of work and averaged a hit per inning.</p> <p><b>Career Notes:</b> Through first two seasons in the organization, Wynne is 6-4 with a 4.28 ERA in 42 relief appearances.          -He has earned four saves in 10 opportunities.          -The righty has logged 67.1 innings of work allowing 79 hits, 32 earned runs, 17 walks and has struck out 41 batters.          -Opposing hitters are batting .289 against him.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>RHP</b>  <b>Age: 24 B/T: R/R</b></p>
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# Wilmington Blue Rocks 2018 Season Highs & Lows

## Blue Rocks Offense

Most Runs, Game: 5, 2x (4/5 & 4/7 @ POT)  
Most Runs, Inning: 4, (4/7 @ POT)  
Most HRs, Inning (Team): 1, (4/5 @ POT)  
Most Hits, Game: 9, (4/6 @ POT)  
Fewest Hits, Game: 7, (4/7 @ POT)  
Most Walks, Game (Team): 10, (4/7 @ POT)  
Most Doubles, Game (Team): 4, (4/5 @ POT)  
Most Triples, Game (Team):  
Most HRs, Game (Team): 2, (4/6 @ POT)  
Most SB, Game (Team): 5, (4/7 @ POT)  
10 + Hits, Game:  
Most Doubles, Game (Indiv.): 2, Emmanuel Rivera (4/5 @ POT)  
Most Triples, Game (Indiv.):  
Most HRs, Game (Indiv.): 1, 3 different players (4/6 @ POT)  
Consecutive Games W/HR (Indiv.):  
Consecutive Games W/HR (team): 2, (4/5 - 4/6 @ POT)  
Consecutive Games W/O HR:  
Most RBIs, Game (Indiv.): 2, 2x (Last: Khalil Lee 4/7 @ POT)  
Most Hits, Game (Indiv.): 3, Xavier Fernandez (4/6 @ POT)  
Most SB, Game (Indiv.): 3, 2x, Rudy Martin (4/5 & 4/7 @ POT)  
Longest Hitting Streak: 3 (Chris DeVito & Khalil Lee)  
Most Runners LOB, Team: 12, (4/7 @ POT)  
Longest Scoreless Innings Streak: 5, 2x (4/7 @ POT 5th-present)  
Longest Hitless Innings Streak: 4.2, (4/7 @ POT)

## Opponents Offense

Most Runs, Game: 9, (4/6 @ POT)  
Most Runs, Inning: 4, (4/6 @ POT)  
Most Hits, Game: 13, (4/6 @ POT)  
Fewest Hits, Game: 7, (4/5 @ POT)  
Most HRs, Game (Team): 2, 2x (4/5 & 4/6 @ POT)  
Most SB, Game (Team): 2, (4/5 @ POT)  
10 + Hits, Game: 1, (4/7 @ POT)  
Most Home Runs, Game (Indiv.): 1, 5x (Last: Carter Kieboom, 4/7 @ POT)  
Most RBIs, Game (Indiv.): 2, Austin Davidson (4/7 @ POT)  
Most Hits, Game (Indiv.): 3, Rhett Wiseman (4/6 @ POT)  
Most SB, Game (Indiv.): 1, Ian Sagdal & Austin Davidson (4/5 @ POT)  
Most Runners LOB, Team: 13, (4/7 @ POT)

## Blue Rocks Individual Pitching

Most Runs Allowed, Game: 9, (4/6 @ POT)  
Most ER Allowed, Game: 9, (4/6 @ POT)  
Most Hits Allowed, Game: 13, (4/6 @ POT)  
Most HRs Allowed, Game: 2, 2x, (4/5 & 4/6 @ POT)  
Most Walks Allowed, Game: 7, (4/7 @ POT)  
Most Strikeouts, Game (Starter): 4, Ofreidy Gomez (4/7 @ POT)  
Most Strikeouts, Game (Reliever): 3, 2x, (Last: Anthony Bender 4/7 @ POT)  
Most IP, Game for Starter: 4.2, Cristian Castillo (4/5 @ POT)  
Most IP, Game for Reliever: 4.0, Anthony Bender (4/7 @ POT)  
Fewest IP, Game for Starter: 3.0, Jace Vines (4/6 @ POT)  
Longest Winning Streak (Dec.):  
Longest Losing Streak (Dec.):  
10+ Strikeouts, (Indiv.):  
Complete Games:

## Blue Rocks Team Pitching

Fewest Hits Allowed, Game: 7, 4/5 @ POT  
Most Hits Allowed, Game: 13, (4/6 @ POT)  
Most Runs Allowed, Game: 9, (4/6 @ POT)  
Most Runs Allowed, Inning: 4, (4/6 @ POT)  
10 + Hits Allowed, Game: 2, (4/6 & 4/7 @ POT)  
Most HRs Allowed, Game: 2, 2x, (4/5 & 4/6 @ POT)  
Most Strikeouts, Game (9 Innings): 9, (4/7 @ POT)  
Most Strikeouts, Game (Extra Innings):  
Most Walks Allowed, Game: 7, (4/7 @ POT)  
Most SB Allowed, Game: 2, (4/5 @ POT)  
Longest Scoreless Innings Streak: 5, (4/5 @ POT)  
Consecutive Games Allowing HR: 3, (4/5-present @ POT)  
Consecutive Games W/O Allowing HR:  
Most Pitchers Used, Game: 4, 2x, (4/5 & 4/6 @ POT)  
10 + Strikeouts, Staff:  
Most Consecutive Shutouts:

## Opponents Pitching

Most Strikeouts, Game (Team, Extra Innings):  
Most Strikeouts, Game (Team, 9 Innings): 18, (4/5 @ POT)  
Most Strikeouts, Game (Indiv.): 11, Matthew Crownover (4/5 @ POT)  
10 + Strikeouts, Staff: 3, (Last: 4/7 @ POT)  
10+ Strikeouts, Indiv.: 1, Matthew Crownover, 11 (4/5 @ POT)

## Blue Rocks Miscellaneous Season Highs & Lows

Longest Winning Streak:  
Longest Winning Streak, Home:  
Longest Winning Streak, Road:  
  
Longest Losing Streak:  
Longest Losing Streak, Home:  
Longest Losing Streak, Road:  
  
Largest Margin of Victory: 3, (4/5 @ POT)  
Largest Margin of Defeat: 7, (4/6 @ POT)  
  
Largest Come-From-Behind Win: 2, (4/7 @ POT)  
Largest Fall-From-Ahead Loss:  
  
Longest Game, Innings:  
Longest Game, Time (9 Innings): 3:21 (4/7 @ POT)  
Longest Game, Time (Extra Innings):  
Shortest Game, Time (9 Innings): 2:41, (4/6 @ POT)  
Shortest Game, Time (Overall): 2:41, (4/6 @ POT)  
Longest Weather Delay:  
  
Most DP Turned, Game: 1, (4/7 @ POT)  
Most DP Against, Game:  
Triple Plays Turned, Season:  
  
Most Errors, One Game, Player: 1, 3x (Last: Burt, 4/7 @ POT)  
Most Errors, One Game, Team: 2, (4/5 @ POT)  
Consecutive Games W/Error:  
Consecutive Games W/O Error:  
  
Most Errors, One Game, Opp. Player: 1, 2x, (Last: 4/7 @ POT)  
Most Errors, One Game, Opp. Team: 1, 2x (4/5 & 4/7 @ POT)  
  
Largest Home Crowd:  
Smallest Home Crowd:  
Home Sellouts (6,537):  
Largest Road Crowd: 3,498  
Smallest Road Crowd: 1,511  
  
\* Ties Club Record \*\* Establishes New Club Record  
# Ties Carolina League Record  
## Establishes Carolina League Record

## Blue Rocks 2018 Regular-Season Day-by-Day -- First Half

Date	OPP.	W/L	SCORE	BLUE ROCKS				OPPONENT				Winning Pitcher	Losing Pitcher	Save	Record	Pos.	GB	Daily	
				R	H	E	LOB	R	H	E	LOB							Att.	Time
4-5	POT	W	5-3	5	8	2	5	3	6	1	8	Ruxer (1-0)	Bourque (0-1)	Sheller (1)	1-0	T-1st	-	3,498	2:58
4-6	POT	L	9-2	2	9	0	7	9	13	0	6	Sharp (1-0)	Vines (0-1)		1-1	T-2nd	1.0	3,291	2:41
4-7	POT	W	5-4	5	7	1	12	4	10	1	13	Bender (1-0)	Fuentes (0-1)	Brickhouse (1)	2-1	3rd	0.5	1,511	3:29
4-8	POT																		
4-9	SAL																		
4-10	SAL																		
4-11	SAL																		
4-12	LYN																		
4-13	LYN																		
4-14	LYN																		
4-15	LYN																		
4-16	CAR																		
4-17	CAR																		
4-18	CAR																		
4-19	FRE																		
4-20	FRE																		
4-21	FRE																		
4-22	FRE																		
4-23	OFF DAY (1)																		
4-24	POT																		
4-25	POT																		
4-26	POT																		
4-27	W-S																		
4-28	W-S																		
4-29	W-S																		
4-30	OFF DAY (2)																		
5-1	POT																		
5-2	POT																		
5-3	POT																		
5-4	FRE																		
5-5	FRE																		
5-6	FRE																		
5-7	POT																		
5-8	POT																		
5-9	POT																		
5-10	CAR																		
5-11	CAR																		
5-12	CAR																		
5-13	CAR																		
5-14	OFF DAY (3)																		
5-15	MB																		
5-16	MB																		
5-17	MB																		
5-18	SAL																		
5-19	SAL																		
5-20	SAL																		
5-21	POT																		
5-22	POT																		
5-23	POT																		
5-24	POT																		
5-25	SAL																		
5-26	SAL																		
5-27	SAL																		
5-28	SAL																		
5-29	FRE																		
5-30	FRE																		
5-31	FRE																		
6-1	SAL																		
6-2	SAL																		
6-3	SAL																		
6-4	OFF DAY (4)																		
6-5	LYN																		
6-6	LYN																		
6-7	LYN																		
6-8	FRE																		
6-9	FRE																		
6-10	FRE																		
6-11	DE																		
6-12	DE																		
6-13	DE																		
6-14	W-S																		
6-15	W-S																		
6-16	W-S																		
6-17	W-S																		
6-18	OFF DAY (5)																		
6-19	CAROLINA LEAGUE ALL-STAR GAME (OFF DAY 6)																		
6-20	OFF DAY (7)																		

End of First Half of the Season

## Blue Rocks 2018 Regular-Season Day-by-Day -- Second Half

Date	OPP.	W/L	SCORE	BLUE ROCKS				OPPONENT				Winning Pitcher	Losing Pitcher	Save	Record	Pos.	GB	Daily	
				R	H	E	LOB	R	H	E	LOB							Att.	Time
6-21	POT																		
6-22	POT																		
6-23	POT																		
6-24	POT																		
6-25	LYN																		
6-26	LYN																		
6-27	LYN																		
6-28	LYN																		
6-29	LYN																		
6-30	W-S																		
7-1	W-S																		
7-2	W-S																		
7-3	W-S																		
7-4	LYN																		
7-5	LYN																		
7-6	LYN																		
7-7	LYN																		
7-8	LYN																		
7-9	FRE																		
7-10	FRE																		
7-11	FRE																		
7-12	FRE																		
7-13	SAL																		
7-14	SAL																		
7-15	SAL																		
7-16	SAL																		
7-17	OFF DAY (8)																		
7-18	LYN																		
7-19	LYN																		
7-20	LYN																		
7-21	FRE																		
7-22	FRE																		
7-23	FRE																		
7-24	SAL																		
7-25	SAL																		
7-26	SAL																		
7-27	BC																		
7-28	BC																		
7-29	BC																		
7-30	OFF DAY (9)																		
7-31	BC																		
8-1	BC																		
8-2	BC																		
8-3	FRE																		
8-4	FRE																		
8-5	FRE																		
8-6	OFF DAY (9)																		
8-7	SAL																		
8-8	SAL																		
8-9	SAL																		
8-10	MB																		
8-11	MB																		
8-12	MB																		
8-13	OFF DAY (10)																		
8-14	LYN																		
8-15	LYN																		
8-16	LYN																		
8-17	W-S																		
8-18	W-S																		
8-19	W-S																		
8-20	DE																		
8-21	DE																		
8-22	DE																		
8-23	OFF DAY (11)																		
8-24	SAL																		
8-25	SAL																		
8-26	SAL																		
8-27	LYN																		
8-28	LYN																		
8-29	LYN																		
8-30	LYN																		
8/31	POT																		
9/1	POT																		
9/2	POT																		
9-3	POT																		
End of Second Half of Season																			