



# MEDIA INFORMATION



Lynchburg Hillcats (3-4, 4th, 3.0 GB / Northern) Carolina League Affiliate of the Cleveland Indians  
vs.  
Wilmington Blue Rocks (2-5, 5th, 4.0 GB / Northern) Carolina League Affiliate of the Kansas City Royals  
Game No. 8 • Road Game No. 8 • Frawley Stadium • Thursday, April 12, 2018 • 6:35 p.m.

## BLUE ROCKS BREAKDOWN

HOME: 0-0 | AWAY: 2-5 | STREAK: L4 | LAST 5: 1-4 | LAST 10: 2-5

**ROCKS SWEEP IN SALEM TO END ROAD TRIP:** A road trip filled with tough luck concluded for the Wilmington Blue Rocks (2-5) as they fell in the series finale against the Salem Red Sox (6-1) by the score of 7-4 Wednesday night at Haley Toyota Field. **Chase Vallot** homered in the losing effort while **Kort Peterson** and **Nick Heath** each picked up two hits for Wilmington. The Rocks have now dropped four straight contests.

**BACK ON THE RIVERFRONT:** The Blue Rocks begin their home schedule tonight after starting 2018 on a week-long road trip. Last season, the Blue Crew hit .242, pitched well at home and yielded a 3.09 team ERA at Frawley Stadium (.245 AVG / 4.09 ERA on the road). Overall, Wilmington went 35-33 at home last year, but are looking to snap a current franchise record 11-game losing streak at Frawley dating back to last season. Wilmington last won in front of their home faithful on August 16, 2017 when they swept Frederick in a doubleheader.

**PETERSON HEATING UP:** Outfielder **Kort Peterson** has been scorching at the plate over his last three games.

- Wednesday night, he picked up his third straight multi-hit affair collecting two singles in the loss.
- He added two more hits Tuesday night including a double.
- Posted a three-hit game in the series opener at Salem on Monday.
- In his last three games, the outfielder is 7-for-his-last-13 with two doubles, a run scored and RBI.
- The 23-year-old started the season 1-for-11 through his first three games.
- Last season, Peterson suffered a season-ending shoulder injury after his torrid start with the Blue Rocks. He played in just 11 games, but hit .333 (13-for-39) with three doubles, two triples and a home run.

**RUNNING ROCKS:** As a team, Wilmington leads the CL in stolen bases (17) and have only been caught once this season. Buies Creek is second in the league with 10.

- MiLB Ranking:** The Blue Rocks pace all of Minor League Baseball with 17 steals.
- The St. Lucie Mets (FSL) are second with 14...NW Arkansas (AA/KC) is 4th with 12.
- Outfielder **Rudy Martin** has swiped eight bases and has yet to be caught.
- He leads the CL in the department and no other player in the league has more than five stolen bases. Also leads all of MiLB with his mark.
- In his career, Martin has stolen 70 bases and has only been caught 11 times.

**LOOKING FOR CLUTCH HITS:** The Blue Rocks have had plenty of opportunities to cash in and score runs to start the season. However, they have been unable to find the clutch hit.

- Wilmington is hitting just .140 (10-for-70) with RISP.
- That mark is tied with Lynchburg, who is also hitting .140 with RISP (7-for-50), for lowest in Carolina League.
- The Blue Rocks are tied for the fifth-lowest batting average with runners in scoring position in all of MiLB. (Minimum of five games played)
- Gwinnett (.071), Montgomery (.093), Hartford (.102), Norfolk (.138), WIL&LYN (.140)
- In the series against Salem, the Blue Rocks went 2-for-29 with RISP.

## GOING THE EXTRA BASE:

- Of the 55 hits for the Blue Rocks through the first seven games, 20 of them have gone for extra-bases.
- Seven different players have hit at least one double and six different players have hit one home run.
- Third baseman **Emmanuel Rivera** and outfielder **Khalil Lee** are tied for second in the CL in extra-base hits with four apiece.
- Rivera has three doubles and a home run to his ledger.
- Lee has two doubles, a triple and homer.

**LEE PLAYING BEYOND HIS AGE:** As one of the youngest players in the CL at just 19-years-old, **Khalil Lee** has shown early on that he can handle Class-A Advanced pitching.

- The highly touted prospect has hit safely in all six games he's played in to start the season.
- He's hitting .381 (8-for-21) with four runs scored, three runs batted in, six walks and has 15 total bases.

**-Carolina League Rankings:** He is second in slugging-percentage (.714) and on-base percentage (.519), tied for second in hits (8) and walks (6) and eighth in batting average (.381).

## SHOWING A BETTER EYE AT THE PLATE:

- Compiled 29 strikeouts and just one walk through the first two games of season.
- In the last five games, Wilmington has drawn 36 walks and have struck out 49 times.
- The Blue Rocks lead the league with 78 strikeouts, but also pace the circuit with 37 walks.

**ODD SCHEDULE:** The 2018 head-to-head schedule between Wilmington and Lynchburg has some quirks. The Blue Rocks will host Lynchburg the first 11 games of the series with four games coming this week and then the other seven in June. The two teams will play a five-game series from July 4-8 in Lynchburg before the Hillcats host the Blue Crew for 7 of the final 11 regular season games between the two Northern Division foes.

## Tonight's Starters

WIL: RHP Anthony Bender (1-0, 2.25 ERA)

vs.

LYN: RHP Zach Plesac (0-1, 11.57 ERA)

- Righty **Anthony Bender** makes his second appearance of the season and first start of the 2018 campaign.
- Selected by the Kansas City Royals in the 20th round of the 2016 Draft out of Santa Rosa Junior College.
- Earned the win in his first appearance of the season in relief on April 7 @ POT. He tossed four innings, allowed one run, four hits, three walks and struck out three.
- During his career, the 22-year-old has been between both the bullpen and starting rotation.
- Last season, Bender spent the majority of the campaign with Low-A Lexington.
- He appeared in 23 games, made eight starts and yielded a 3.93 ERA and went 5-5.
- In 73.1 innings of work, he allowed 68 hits, 32 earned runs and had a solid strikeout to walk ratio of 74 to 20.
- Opponents hit .246 against him.
- He made his first 14 appearances in relief before joining the starting rotation on July 16.
- As a starter for the Legends, he posted a 3.33 ERA (17 ER in 46.0 innings) in nine starts while yielding a 4.88 ERA (17 ER in 31.1 innings) in 15 relief appearances.
- Last year, he made a spot start for Wilmington on September 3 against Lynchburg and suffered the loss.
- He allowed two earned runs on five hits, walked two and struck out three in four innings of work.
- Bender features a fastball in the upper 90's, along with a curveball, slider and changeup.

- Fellow right-hander **Zach Plesac** makes his second start for Lynchburg.
- Selected by Cleveland in the 12th round of the 2016 Draft out of Ball State.
- Nephew of long-time big-leaguer Dan Plesac.
- Suffered the loss in his Carolina League debut on April 6 against Down East.
- Allowed six earned runs on 10 hits in 4.2 innings of work.
- Spent last season with Short-Season Mahoning Valley and Low-A Lake County.
- Went a combined 1-2 with a 2.47 ERA in 14 games including 13 starts.
- In 51 innings of work, he allowed 33 hits, 15R/14ER, walked 14 and struck out 50 batters. Opponents hit just .186 against him.
- Plesac pitched at Ball State where he went 3-2 with a 4.25 ERA with one save in 2016 before he injured his right elbow and needed Tommy John surgery.
- “He had a very good year until he unfortunately got hurt in May (2016),” said Brad Grant, Cleveland's Director of Amateur Scouting.
- “But with our track record and our medical staff, and how we feel about being able to rehab those guys and bring them back, we think we were able to get a lot of value in that pick with Zach.”
- Plesac struck out 49 and walked 16 in 48.2 innings before his injury.
- He features a fastball, changeup and curveball.

## 2018 Regular-Season Series: WIL vs. LYN (LYN Won Series 9-8)

Date	Site	Result	WP	LP	Save
4-12	WIL				
4-13	WIL				
4-14	WIL				
4-15	WIL				
6-5	WIL				
6-6	WIL				
6-7	WIL				
6-25	WIL				
6-26	WIL				
6-27	WIL				
6-28	WIL				
7-4	LYN				
7-5	LYN				
7-6	LYN				
7-7	LYN				
7-8	LYN				
7-18	LYN				
7-19	LYN				
7-20	LYN				
8-14	WIL				
8-15	WIL				
8-16	WIL				
8-27	LYN				
8-28	LYN				
8-29	LYN				
8-30	LYN				

## Upcoming Probable Starters and Schedule

Friday, April 13 vs. Lynchburg, 7:05 p.m. RHP Gerson Garabito (0-0, 0.00 ERA) vs. LHP Tanner Tully (0-0, 3.60 ERA)

Saturday, April 14 vs. Lynchburg, 6:05 p.m. RHP Amaldo Hernandez (0-0, 1.59 ERA) vs. RHP Justin Garza (1-0, 0.00 ERA)

Sunday, April 15, vs. Lynchburg, 1:35 p.m. LHP Cristian Castillo (0-1, 4.35 ERA) vs. RHP Jake Paulson (0-1, 8.10 ERA)

# MEDIA INFORMATION CONTINUED

## 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: 6 (78 IN 2017 / 21 HOME & 57 AWAY)

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

**FRAWLEY 0 ROAD 6**

#### 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: 7 (81 in 2017/ 31 Home & 50 AWAY)

Buies Creek	Lynchburg
Carolina	Myrtle Beach
Down East	Potomac 5
Frederick	Salem 2
	Winston-Salem

**FRAWLEY 0 ROAD 7**

## 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	2-2	0-0	2-2
Salem	0-3	0-0	0-3
<b>Northern Div.</b>	<b>2-5</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>2-5</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: 66 | Opponents: 47

### Numbers With RISP

Blue Rocks: .140 Avg. (10-for-70)

### Blue Rocks On...

<b>Mondays:</b>	0-1	<b>April:</b>	2-5
<b>Tuesdays:</b>	0-1	<b>May:</b>	0-0
<b>Wednesdays:</b>	0-1	<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>	0-1		
<b>First Game of Series:</b>	1-1		
<b>Last Game of Series:</b>	0-2		
<b>Series Won:</b>	0		
<b>Series Lost:</b>	1		
<b>Series Split:</b>	1		
<b>Series Swept:</b>	0-1		
<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

#37 RHP

Anthony Bender

Acquired: Drafted in the 20th round of the 2016 Draft by Kansas City out of Santa Rosa Junior College

Born: Petaluma, CA

Age: 22 (Feb. 3, 1995)

Resides: Petaluma, CA

Ht: 6'4 Wt: 205

College: Santa Rosa Junior College

Bats/Throws: R/R



## Pitch Repertoire: Fastball, Curveball, Slider, Changeup

**THE BOOK ON ANTHONY BENDER:** A hard-throwing righty, **Anthony Bender** was selected by the Kansas City Royals in the 20th round of the 2016 Draft out of Santa Rosa Junior College where he started as a shortstop and moved around the diamond in addition to being a pitcher for the team. Bender is 1 of 10 players on the 2018 roster that was part of the Royals' 2016 draft class. During his career, the 22-year-old has been between both the bullpen and starting rotation. Last season, Bender spent the majority of the campaign with Low-A Lexington. He appeared in 23 games and made eight starts and yielded a 3.93 ERA and went 5-5. In 73.1 innings of work, he allowed 68 hits, 32 earned runs and had a solid strikeout to walk ratio of 74 to 20. Opponents hit .246 against him. He made his first 14 appearances in relief before joining the starting rotation on July 16. He pitched well in his first two starts and twirled 10 combined shutout innings between the pair of starts. He allowed four hits, three walks and struck out 10 batters which earned him the South Atlantic League Pitcher of the Week Award. As a starter for the Legends, he posted a 3.33 ERA (17 ER in 46.0 innings) in nine starts while yielding a 4.88 ERA (17 ER in 31.1 innings) in 15 relief appearances. He made a spot start for Wilmington on September 3 against Lynchburg. The and suffered the loss. He allowed two earned runs on five hits, walked two and struck out three in four innings of work. Bender started his career in the Arizona League in 2016 and went 2-0 with a 3.03 ERA in nine appearances including five starts. He also picked up a pair of saves in as many opportunities while striking out 32 batters and walking four. Bender's fastball is his best pitch, which has been clocked in the mid to upper 90's with potential to hit triple digits. He will be alternating with fellow rotation mate Ofreidy Gomez for starts during the course of the season. Bender made his first appearance of the season in relief of Gomez on April 7 at Potomac and earned the win. He tossed four innings, allowed one run, four hits, three walks and struck out three. He is making his first start since September 3 of last season when he made a spot start with Wilmington, also against Lynchburg. He suffered the loss in that start and allowed just two earned runs on five hits, two walks and struck out three.

**STARTING VS. RELIEVING:** In his young career, Bender has appeared in 34 total games with 14 of them being starts. However, Bender is more comfortable as a starter than coming into a game as a reliever. "I was a starter in the Arizona League in my first season in the organization. I kind of knew what my routine was when I changed over to a reliever in Lexington. Going back to the starting role mentally wasn't too bad because I knew how to go about it. It was actually new to me going into the bullpen and being ready every day. Going back to the starting rotation was easier for me and I actually like having that five day routine rather than being a reliever."

**ON WHAT HE LEARNED IN BRIEF STINT WITH BLUE ROCKS:** Bender wasn't a Blue Rock for long last season, making the one start in early September. However, the righty used that opportunity to learn as much as he could. "I noticed a lot. The strike zone is a little tighter, it seems like the hitters were able to recognize the pitches faster and they don't chase as much. The level of competition was more extreme from what I noticed in that start."

**GOING TO A JUNIOR COLLEGE INSTEAD OF FOUR-YEAR SCHOOL:** There are certainly prestigious four-year schools across the country that have produced major-league talent such as big-time SEC schools. However, Bender chose to go the Junior College route and said it doesn't really bother him that he didn't go to a well-known baseball school. "I don't really look into it that much. People say they went to Vanderbilt or other big schools and I never really had an idea about. I kind of always knew I was going to go the Junior College route. You talk or see players who have played on TV before and I never was a part of that. I don't think I carry a bigger chip on my shoulder, but it is interesting to see where all these different players went."

**HAVING A PLUS FASTBALL AT HIS DISPOSAL:** When being scouted by the Royals, the organization saw the potential power arm that Bender has. The Royals made sure to select him when the time came in the 2016 Draft. Now, Bender realizes that his fastball is his best pitch, but also understands that it's important to be able to locate it. "The hitters are getting to the point now where the speed of your fastball doesn't really matter anymore. It's almost like if you have someone out there sitting at 85 m.p.h. it seems like they are dominating more now which is crazy to think about. In the offseason, I did a little work and raised my fastball velocity which is nice because it seems like you have a little more room for error with it and it makes your off-speed stuff more complimentary."

## The Book on Bender (2018)

At Home: 0-0, -- ERA, 0G/0GS

On the Road: 1-0, 2.25 ERA, 1G/0GS

LH Opp Avg: .200

RH Opp Avg: .286

Record when he pitches: 1-0

Wilmington Record when he starts: 0-0

Run Support (overall): 0

Run Support (starting): N/A

ERA: 2.25

Season-High K's: 3, (4/7 @ Potomac Nationals)

Career-High K's: 8, (8/19/16 vs. AZL Brewers)

Last Win: 4/7/18 @ Potomac Nationals

Last Loss: 9/3/17 vs. Lynchburg Hillcats

Most IP, 2018: 4.0 IP, (4/7 @ Potomac Nationals)

Most IP, Career: 6.0 IP, 5x (Last: 8/24/17 @ Rome Braves)

## Career Numbers

Year/Teams(s)	W-L	ERA	IP
2016/ AZL Royals	2-0	3.03	32.2
2017/Lexington	5-5	3.93	73.1
2017/Wilmington	0-1	4.50	4.0
2018/Wilmington	1-0	2.25	4.0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>8-6</b>	<b>3.63</b>	<b>114.0</b>

## 2018 Appearances

Date	OPP	G	GS	DEC	ERA	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	HBP	WP	Score Upon Exit	Result	Notes
4/7	@POT	1	0	W	2.25	4.0	4	1	1	3	3	1	0	0	WIL, 5-4	WIL, 5-4	First app. of season.



## #28 RHP

## Ofreidy Gomez

Acquired: Signed as an international free agent by Kansas City on May 10, 2012.

Born: Pueblo Viejo, Dominican Republic

Age: 22 (July 6, 1995)

Resides: Pueblo Viejo, Dominican Republic

Ht: 6'3 Wt: 190

College: N/A

Bats/Throws: R/R



### Pitch Repertoire: Fastball, Curveball, Changeup

**THE BOOK ON OFREIDY GOMEZ:** Ofreidy Gomez was signed by the Kansas City Royals as an international free agent on May 10, 2012. The 22-year-old native of the Dominican Republic spent last season in Low-A Lexington where he pitched in full-season baseball for the first time in his career. With the Legends, he went 7-12 with a 5.18 ERA in 28 games pitched including 22 starts. He set career-highs in games pitched, starts, innings pitched (137.1) and strikeouts (108). He paced the Legends' pitching staff in starts, innings pitched and strikeouts and tied for second in games pitched and was tied for the most losses in the South Atlantic League. Gomez made his stateside debut in 2016 when he pitched for the Burlington Royals, who made it to the Appalachian League Championship Series that season. With Burlington, the righty went 5-4 with a 5.20 ERA in 12 starts and also tossed a complete game. He worked 55.1 innings and allowed 32 earned runs on 46 hits. He struck out 44 batters and walked 27 while holding opponents to a .236 batting average. The righty spent his first three seasons in the Dominican Summer League with the DSL Royals. He made a good first impression in his professional debut season, going 3-0 with a solid 2.35 ERA in 10 relief appearances. He held opponents to a .192 contact clip and struck out 17 men and walked 14. However, his next two seasons were more of a struggle as he made the transition into a starter. In 2014-15, Gomez went a combined 0-8 with a 4.32 ERA in 26 appearances including 15 starts. In his first action in the Carolina League, Gomez did not factor in the decision at Potomac on April 7. He lasted four innings allowed three earned runs on six hits, walked four and struck out four batters. The righty features a three pitch arsenal including a fastball, curveball and changeup.

**FIRST IMPRESSION OF FULL-SEASON BASEBALL:** The 2017 season marked the first season in the right-handers career that he pitched in full-season baseball. Like all pitchers, Gomez found a what worked for him to contribute to his durability last year. "I think I worked on my routine and it helped me a lot. I worked hard every day and focused on what I needed to do. During the season, I continued to work on my pitches during my bullpens and it helped." Last season, Gomez pitched in 26.1 more innings with Lexington (137.1 IP) than he did in his entire career (163.2). "I think there wasn't a big adjustment, but I did only throw about 55 innings in short season the year before. So I just tried to be better every day. I kept working as much as I could to build up my arm strength."

**MAKING IMPROVEMENTS IN THE OFFSEASON:** Gomez continued to work on his arsenal this offseason to get ready for the increase in competition in the Carolina League. "I worked on all my pitches including my curveball and changeup to make them better pitches off of my fastball. I also focused on the command of my fastball because it's my best pitch. I can control it better than my other three pitches and I can throw it both inside and outside. Especially inside which helps me make it tough on right-handers."

**IDOLIZING FORMER DOMINICAN REPUBLIC GREATS:** Hailing from a hot bed for baseball talent, Gomez grew up idolizing a trio of former MLB greats that lived two hours east of Gomez in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic. "I actually have three favorite players. Pedro Martinez, Manny Ramirez and David Ortiz. They were my favorites growing up as a child. I liked when Pedro would pitch aggressively and wanted to be the best every day. He had really good command of his pitches and that's what I want to have. Especially with his fastball, he was able to throw it up and in and I can throw mine in on hitters." The fandom for David Ortiz and Manny Ramirez comes from Gomez being a two-way player when he was younger. "I liked Ortiz and Ramirez because when I was a kid I loved to hit. I don't want to hit in the minor leagues, but with my friends back home I will."

**GOALS FOR THE UPCOMING SEASON:** Gomez has a few goals he wants to accomplish this season both individually and collectively with the pitching staff. "I want to continue my success from last season with Lexington and do well here (in Wilmington) I would like to continue working on my pitches and finish the year in Double-A. It makes me comfortable being able to pitch with (Gerson) Garabito and (Arnaldo) Hernandez. I think we will all do our best to help the team win."

### The Book on Gomez (2018)

At Home: 0-0, -- ERA 0G/0GS

On the Road: 0-0, 6.75 ERA 1G/1GS

LH Opp Avg: .400

RH Opp Avg: .333

Record when he pitches: 0-0

Wilmington Record when he starts: 1-0

Run Support (overall): 5.0

Run Support (starting): 5.0

ERA: 6.75

Season-High K's: 4, (4/7 @ Potomac Nationals)

Career-High K's: 10, (9/1/16 @ Danville Braves)

Last Win: 8/23/17 @ Rome Braves

Last Loss: 9/3/17 @ Hagerstown Suns

Most IP, 2018: 4.0, (4/7 @ Potomac Nationals)

Most IP, Career: 7.0 IP, 4x (Last: 8/18/17 vs. Asheville Tourists)

### Career Numbers

Year/Teams(s)	W-L	ERA	IP
2013/DSL Royals	3-0	2.35	23.0
2014/DSL Royals	0-4	6.17	35.0
2015/DSL Royals	0-4	3.04	50.1
2016/Burlington	5-4	5.20	55.1
2017/Lexington	7-12	5.18	137.1
2018/Wilmington	0-0	6.75	4.0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>15-24</b>	<b>4.75</b>	<b>305.0</b>

### 2018 Appearances

Date	OPP	G	GS	DEC	ERA	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	HBP	WP	Score Upon Exit	Result	Notes
4/7	@POT	1	1	ND	6.75	4.0	6	3	3	4	4	0	1	0	WIL, 5-3	WIL, 5-4	First-career Adv.A Start

## Wilmington Blue Rocks 2018 Regular-Season Breakdown

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

### WALK-OFF WINS/LOSSES

WINS (0) (9 in 2017)			LOSSES (1) (3 in 2017)		
Date	Opp	Score/Inn	Date	Opp	Score/Inn
			4/8	POT	3-2/9th

### **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 (7)  
2B – Cancel (5), Burt (2)  
3B – Rivera (6), Cancel (1)  
SS – Castellano (6), Burt (1)  
C – Viloría (5), Fernandez (2)  
LF – Martin (3), Peterson (2), Heath (2)  
CF – Lee (4), Martin (3)  
RF – Peterson (4), Lee (2), Heath (1)  
DH – Vallot (5), Viloría (1), Fernandez (1)

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

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

# Wilmington Blue Rocks 2018 Notes Continued

## Blue Rocks Pitching Breakdown

	W-L	Sv.	ERA	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR
Starters	0-3	0	5.45	33.0	37	21	20	17	24	1
Relievers	2-2	1	3.60	25.0	24	14	10	10	20	6
<b>Totals</b>	<b>2-5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4.66</b>	<b>58.0</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>7</b>

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

Pitcher	IP	Date	Opponent	Dec.	Game Result
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## Inherited Runners/Scored

Pitcher	Runners Inherited	Inherited Runs Allowed	Pct.
Becker	1	1	1.000
Bender			
Brickhouse			
Camp	1	0	1.000
Gavin	1	0	1.000
Gomez			
Hernandez			
Ruxer	1	0	.000
Sheller	2	0	.000
Wynne			
<b>Totals</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>.167</b>

## Catchers Totals

Catcher	CS	Att.	Pct.	PB
Fernandez	1	4	.250	0
Vallot	-	-	-	-
Viloria	4	9	.444	1
<b>Totals</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>.385</b>	<b>1</b>

## Starter Breakdown

Starter	Starts	WIL Rec.	No-Dec.	Rec.	Longest Outing
Cristian Castillo	2	1-1	1	0-1	5.2 IP @ SAL 4/10
Jace Vines	2	0-2	0	0-2	4.2 IP @ SAL 4/11
Ofreidy Gomez	1	1-0	1	0-0	4.0 IP @ POT 4/7
Gerson Garabito	1	0-1	1	0-0	6.0 IP @ POT 4/8
Amaldo Hernandez	1	0-1	1	0-0	5.0 IP @ SAL 4/9

## 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	7	2-5	.235	234	55	21	13	1	6	20	37	78	17/1
May													
June													
July													
August													
September													

## Scoring by Inning

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13+	Total
Blue Rocks	2	2	1	7	3	1	1	2	2	0	0	0	0	21
Opponents	9	0	4	5	4	2	6	4	1	0	0	0	0	35

# 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	128
Gabriel Cancel	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	4/7/18	Matthew Crownover (POT)/1st	5
Angelo Castellano	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	4/9/18	Tanner Houck (SAL)/4th	2
Chris DeVito	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8/25/17	Austin Glorious (SAL)/8th	15
Xavier Fernandez	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	4/10/17	Daniel Gonzalez (SAL)/7th	-
Nick Heath	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7/6/17	Shao-Ching Chiang (LYN)/1st	55
Khalil Lee	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	4/6/18	Mariano Rivera (POT)/8th	4
Rudy Martin	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6/16/17	Steven Fuentes/7th	27
Kort Peterson	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6/16/17	Jordan Weems (SAL)/5th	8
Emmanuel Rivera	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	4/6/18	Sterling Sharp (POT)/2nd	5
Chase Vallot	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	4/11/18	Jared Oliver (SAL)/5th	-
Meibrys Viloría	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9/1/17	Yonathan Ramirez/4th	7

## Multi-Hit Games

Player	Total	2	3	4	5	6+
D.J. Burt	1	1	0	0	0	0
Gabriel Cancel	2	2	0	0	0	0
Angelo Castellano	0	0	0	0	0	0
Chris DeVito	1	1	0	0	0	0
Xavier Fernandez	2	1	1	0	0	0
Nick Heath	1	1	0	0	0	0
Khalil Lee	2	2	0	0	0	0
Rudy Martin	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kort Peterson	3	2	1	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	1	1	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	1	1	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
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# BLUE ROCKS HITTERS NOTES

<b>#7 D.J. Burt</b> <b>Ht: 5'9 Wt: 160</b> <b>Lives: Fuqay-Varina, N.C</b> <b>LG: 1-for-3, BB, SB Road Trip: 4-for-9, R, 3BB, 5SO, 2SB, CS HS/OBS: +3/+3</b>	<b>INF</b> <b>Age: 22 B/T: R/R</b>
<b>Notes:</b> Selected in the 4th round of the 2014 June MLB Amateur Draft by Kansas City out of Fuqay-Varina High School.  <b>2017 Notes:</b> 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.  <b>2016 Notes:</b> 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)  <b>2015 Notes:</b> 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.  <b>They said it: (On his style of play)...</b> 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 <b>(on 62-game on-base streak)</b> . 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. <b>(On what is important to him on the field)</b> 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... <b>(On players he tries to emulate)</b> I know Brandon Phillips doesn't really run like that but I compare myself to him. Jose Altuve as well."	

<b>#11 Angelo Castellano</b> <b>Ht: 6'0 Wt: 165</b> <b>Lives: San Diego, VZ</b> <b>LG: 0-for-3, BB Road Trip: 3-for-19, R, HR, 4RBI, 3BB, 5SO, 2SF HS/OBS: -1/+5</b>	<b>INF</b> <b>Age: 23 B/T: R/R</b>
<b>Notes:</b> 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.  <b>2017 Notes:</b> 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).  <b>2016 Notes:</b> 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.  <b>They said it: (On playing in most games in career last year)...</b> "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... <b>(On who helped him get through the season)</b> 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... <b>(On Winning Carlos Fortuna Award)</b> 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... <b>(On learning how to speak English)</b> 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... <b>(Coming to the United States)</b> 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... <b>(Culture shock moving to U.S.)</b> 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... <b>(Goals this season)</b> 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."	

<b>#12 Gabriel Cancel</b> <b>Ht: 6'1 Wt: 185</b> <b>Lives: Arecibo, Puerto Rico</b> <b>LG: 0-for-4, 2B, R, BB Road Trip: 5-for-23, 3R, 2 2B, HR, RBI, 4BB, 4SO HS/OBS: -1/+4</b>	<b>INF</b> <b>Age: 21 B/T: R/R</b>
<b>Notes:</b> 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)  <b>2018 Notes:</b> Smacked his first-career Advanced-A home run in his first at-bat of the season @ POT on 4/5. Finished the game 2-for-4 with two runs scored, a home run, RBI and two strikeouts.  <b>2017 Notes:</b> 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.  <b>2016 Notes:</b> 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).  <b>2015 Notes:</b> 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.	

<b>#34 Chris DeVito</b> <b>Ht: 6'2 Wt: 220</b> <b>Lives: Northridge, CA</b> <b>LG: 1-for-5, R, RBI, SO Road Trip: 6-for-28, 2R, 2B, 3RBI, 3BB, 8SO HS/OBS: +1/+1</b>	<b>INF</b> <b>Age: 23 B/T: L/R</b>
<b>Notes:</b> 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.  <b>2018 Notes:</b> Recorded a hit in each of the first four games of the season.  <b>2017 Notes:</b> 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.  <b>2016 Notes:</b> 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.  <b>They said it:(On what led to great success in Lexington to start the 2017 season)"</b> 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... <b>(On attending the University of New Mexico)</b> 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... <b>(on moving from California to New Mexico)</b> 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... <b>(On transition from catcher to first base.)</b> ...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... <b>(On hitting for the cycle)</b> Absolutely not, I've never done that before I was just super happy to get the win and happy to contribute. <b>(If cycle was in his mind after the triple)</b> 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."	



# BLUE ROCKS HITTERS NOTES

<b>#13 Xavier Fernandez</b> <b>Ht: 5'11 Wt: 197</b> <b>Lives: Guaybabo, P.R.</b> <b>LG: 2-for-3, R, HR, RBI, BB (4/10 @ SAL) Road Trip: 5-for-11, R, HR, RBI, BB, SO HS/O.B.S: +1/+1</b>	<b>C</b> <b>Age: 22 B/T: R/R</b>
<b>Notes:</b> Drafted in the 13th round of the 2013 June Amateur Draft by the Royals from Puerto Rico Baseball Academy.  <b>2018 Notes:</b> Hit his first Advanced-A home run on 4/10 @ SAL (Solo HR) -Has recorded multi-hit games in two of his three games played this season.  <b>2017 Notes:</b> Did not play due to right elbow surgery.  <b>2016 Notes:</b> 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.  <b>2015 Notes:</b> 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 <i>Baseball America</i> due to his performance in Burlington.	

<b>#3 Nick Heath</b> <b>Ht: 6'1 Wt: 187</b> <b>Lives: Milford, KS</b> <b>LG: 2-for-4, R, 2B, 2SO Road Trip: 2-for-13, R, 2B, BB, 7SO, 3SB HS/O.B.S: +1/+2</b>	<b>OF</b> <b>Age: 24 B/T: L/L</b>
<b>Notes:</b> 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.  <b>2017 Notes:</b> 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.  <b>2016 Notes:</b> 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.  <b>They said it: (On injury earlier last season)</b> 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 processes 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.... <b>(On having any other major injuries during career)</b> 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. <b>(On seeing familiar faces with the Rocks)</b> 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.... <b>(If base stealing is majority of his game)</b> "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."	

<b>#24 Khalil Lee</b> <b>Ht: 5'10 Wt: 182</b> <b>Lives: Centreville, VA</b> <b>LG: 1-for-4, 2SO (4/10 @ SAL) Road Trip: 8-for-21, 4R, 22B, 3B, HR, 3RBI, 6BB, 9SO, 2SB HS/O.B.S: +6/+6</b>	<b>OF</b> <b>Age: 19 B/T: L/L</b>
<b>Notes:</b> Ranked top prospect in the system according to MLB.com. and tabbed as the second-best prospect in the organization according to <i>Baseball America</i> . 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.  <b>2018 Notes:</b> Has started the season on a six-game hitting streak. -Rankings in CL: Second in slugging-percentage (.714) and on-base percentage (.519), tied for second in hits (8) and walks (6) and eighth in batting average (.381).  <b>2017 Notes:</b> 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.  <b>2016 Notes:</b> 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 <i>Baseball America</i> Rookie All-Star Honors.  <b>They said it: (On his quick rise through the system)</b> "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.... <b>(On initial impressions of playing outfield at Frawley Stadium)</b> 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.... <b>(On being highly regarded high school pitcher)</b> 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.... <b>(On being born in Newark, DE)</b> 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.... <b>(On his goals for the season)</b> 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.... <b>(Something people might not know about him)</b> I like to dance a lot. It might be during batting practice, a pitching change that's just something I like to do.... <b>(On any other skills he has)</b> I played the saxophone in middle school. I don't know if I could still play now, but I was pretty good at it."	

<b>#4 Rudy Martin</b> <b>Ht: 5'7 Wt: 155</b> <b>Lives: Olive Branch, MS</b> <b>LG: 0-for-3, 2BB, 2SO Road Trip: 4-for-22, 2R, 7BB, 11SO, 8SB HS/O.B.S: -1/+6</b>	<b>OF</b> <b>Age: 22 B/T: L/L</b>
<b>Notes:</b> 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 70 career stolen bases and has been caught just 11 times.  <b>2018 Notes:</b> Has stolen eight bases in his first six games played. Leads CL in category. -No other player in the CL has more than five. Also leads all of MiLB in stolen bases. -Has stolen multiple bases in two games this season. -Last season, had six games where he stole 2+ bases. (Played in 37 total games last season) -Also paces the league with seven walks.  <b>2017 Notes:</b> 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.  <b>2016 Notes:</b> 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.  <b>2015 Notes:</b> 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.	

# BLUE ROCKS HITTERS NOTES

**#16 Kort Peterson** OF  
**Ht: 6'1 Wt: 195** Age: 23 B/T: L/R  
**Lives: Los Gatos, CA**  
**LG: 2-for-5, RBI, 2SO Road Trip: 8-for-24, 2R, 3 2B, RBI, BB, 9SO H.S./O.B.S: +3/+4**

**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.

**2018 Notes:** Started the season 1-for-his-first-11 through three games.  
 -In his last three games, he's 7-for-12 with a pair of doubles and RBI.

**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 in case 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 (4/10 @ SAL) Road Trip: 5-for-25, 2R, 3 2B, HR, 4RBI, 2BB, SO H.S./O.B.S: -1/-1**

**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.

**2018 Notes:** Did not strikeout until his fifth game of the season.  
 -One of the toughest batters to strikeout through first six games (1K/27 PA).  
 -Also tied for second in CL with four extra-base hits.

**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-4, R, HR, 2RBI, 3SO Road Trip: 2-for-20, R, 2B, HR, 3RBI, 2BB, 13SO H.S./O.B.S: +1/+2**

**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.

**2018 Notes:** Hit his first home run of the season on 4/11 @ SAL.  
 -Second in the Carolina League with 13 strikeouts.

**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 than 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 Vilorio** C  
**Ht: 5'11 Wt: 220** Age: 21 B/T: L/R  
**Lives: Cartagena, Columbia**  
**LG: 1-for-2, BB Road Trip: 3-for-19, R, 4BB, 5SO, HBP H.S./O.B.S: +2/+2**

**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 Colombia)** 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

<b>#45 Nolan Becker</b> <b>Ht: 6'6 Wt: 225</b> <b>Lives: New York, New York,</b> <b>Last App: 4/9 @ SAL, 1.1 IP, 3H, 2R, 0ER, SO, HR</b>	<b>LHP</b> <b>Age: 26 B/T: R/L</b> <b>Record: 0-0 SV: 0/0 IR/IRS: 1/1</b>
<b>Notes:</b> 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.	
<b>Pitch Repertoire:</b>	
<b>2018 Notes:</b> 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.	
<b>2017 Notes:</b> 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.	
<b>2016 Notes:</b> 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.	
<b>2015 Notes:</b> 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.	
<b>Career Notes:</b> Becker is in his sixth season in the MiLB and has a 5-8 overall record with a 3.88 ERA in 136 games including one start. -He has logged 178.2 innings of work, allowed 186 hits, 99R/77ER, 84 walks and has struck out 172 batters.	

<b>#46 Justin Camp</b> <b>Ht: 5'11 Wt: 230</b> <b>Lives: Decatur, AL</b> <b>Last App: 4/11 @ SAL, 2.1 IP, 3H, 2R, 2ER, BB</b>	<b>RHP</b> <b>Age: 24 B/T: R/R</b> <b>Record: SV: 0/1 IR/IRS: 1/0</b>
<b>Notes:</b> 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.	
<b>Pitch Repertoire: Fastball, Slider, Changeup</b>	
<b>2017 Notes:</b> 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.	
<b>2016 Notes:</b> 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.	
<b>Career Notes:</b> In his third season with the Royals' organization and is 0-5 with a respectable 2.45 ERA in 41 relief appearances. -He also is 5 of 7 in save opportunities. -In 88.0 innings of work he has allowed 72 hits, 30R/24ER, 33 walks and has struck out 75 batters. -Opponents are hitting just .226 against him.	

<b>#29 Bryan Brickhouse</b> <b>Ht: 6'0 Wt: 195</b> <b>Lives: The Woodlands, TX</b> <b>Last App: 4/11 @SAL, 1P, 2BB, K</b>	<b>RHP</b> <b>Age: 25 B/T: R/R</b> <b>Record: 0-0 SV: 1/1 IR/IRS: 0/0</b>
<b>Notes:</b> 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.	
<b>Pitch Repertoire:</b>	
<b>2018 Notes:</b> Earned first-career save on 4/7 @POT. -First game he pitched in since 9/3/15.	
<b>2017 Notes:</b> Did not pitch due to injury.	
<b>2016 Notes:</b> Did not pitch due to injury.	
<b>2015 Notes:</b> 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.	
<b>2014 Notes:</b> 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.	
<b>2013 Notes:</b> 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.	
<b>2012 Notes:</b> 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.	
<b>Career Notes:</b> Has an 8-9 record with a 4.22 ERA in 40 games including 37 starts. -158.0 IP, 149H, 89R/74ER, 70 walks and has 128 strikeouts. -Earned first-career save on 4/7/18 @POT. First game he pitched in since 9/3/15.	

<b>#35 Grant Gavin</b> <b>Ht: 6'2 Wt: 185</b> <b>Lives: Parkville, MO</b> <b>Last App: 4/10 @SAL, 1.1 IP, 0H, 0R, 0BB, K</b>	<b>RHP</b> <b>Age: 22 B/T: R/R</b> <b>Record: 0-0 SV: 0/0 IR/IRS: 1/0</b>
<b>Notes:</b> 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.	
<b>Pitch Repertoire: Fastball, Curveball, Changeup</b>	
<b>2017 Notes:</b> 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.	
<b>2016 Notes:</b> 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	
<b>Career Notes:</b> Gavin is in his third year in the organization and has a 6-3 record and an impressive 1.82 ERA in 51 career games. -He has made four starts as well and has racked up 10 saves. -In 118.2 innings he has allowed 85 hits, 31R/24ER, 31 walks and has 127 strikeouts. Opponents are hitting just .196 in his career.	

# BLUE ROCKS BULLPEN NOTES

**#40 Jared Ruxer** RHP  
**Ht: 6'3 Wt: 200** Age: 25 B/T: R/R  
**Lives: Indianapolis, IN**  
**Last App: 4/9 @ SAL, BS, L, 1.2 IP, 3H, 3R, 3ER, BB, K, HR Record: 1-1 SV: 0/1 IR/IRS: 1/0**

**Notes:** 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).

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

**2017 Notes:** 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.

**2016 Notes:** 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.

**Career Notes:** Ruxer has been between starting and relieving his entire career.

-He is 10-19 with a 3.84 ERA in 72 games including 48 starts.

-Has struck out 220 batters and walked 79 in 260.1 innings of work.

**#19 Walker Sheller** RHP  
**Ht: 6'3 Wt: 195** Age: 22 B/T: R/R  
**Lives: Ponce Vedra, FL**  
**Last App: 4/8 @POT, L, 0.0IP, 2H, R, ER Record: 0-1 SV: 1/1 IR/IRS: 2/0**

**Notes:** 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.

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

**2017 Notes:** 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.

**2016 Notes:** 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.

**Career Notes:** Owns a 6-3 record in 54 total relief appearances and has a 3.18 ERA in 85 innings of work.

-Has allowed 69 hits during that span, 30 earned runs and has a solid 84 to 41 strikeout to walk ratio.

-Holding opponents to a .223 contact-clip.

**#41 Matt Wynne** RHP  
**Ht: 6'4 Wt: 170** Age: 24 B/T: R/R  
**Lives: Dade City, FL**  
**Last App: 4/10 @SAL, JP, 0H, 0R, 0BB, 2K Record: 0/0 SV: 0/0 IR/IRS: 0/0**

**Notes:** 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.

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

**2018 Notes:** Has scoreless inning of relief @ SAL on 4/10 (IP, 2K)

-Made his Adv.-A debut on 4/6 @ POT and allowed an earned run on two hits and struck out three in 1.1 innings of work.

**2017 Notes:** 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.

**2016 Notes:** 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.

**Career Notes:** Through first two seasons in the organization, Wynne is 6-4 with a 4.26 ERA in 44 relief appearances.

-He has earned 4 saves in 10 opportunities.

-The righty has logged 69.2 innings of work allowing 81 hits, 33 earned runs, 17 walks and has struck out 46 batters.

-Opposing hitters are batting .287 against him in his career.



# 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, 6x (Last: 4/11 @ SAL)  
Most Hits, Game: 9, 2x, (4/6 @ POT & 4/10 @SAL)  
Fewest Hits, Game: 7, 3x, (Last: 4/9 @ SAL)  
Most Walks, Game (Team): 10, (4/7 @ POT)  
Most Doubles, Game (Team): 4, (4/5 @ POT)  
Most Triples, Game (Team): 1, (4/8 @ POT)  
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.): 1, Khalil Lee (4/8 @ POT)  
Most HRs, Game (Indiv.): 1, 6 different players (Last: 4/11 @ SAL)  
Consecutive Games W/HR (Indiv.):  
Consecutive Games W/ HR (team): 3, (4/9 @SAL -present)  
Consecutive Games W/O HR: 2, (4/8 - 4/9 @ POT)  
Most RBIs, Game (Indiv.): 2, 3x (Last: Angelo Castellano 4/9 @ SAL)  
Most Hits, Game (Indiv.): 3, 2x (Last: Kort Peterson 4/9 @ SAL)  
Most SB, Game (Indiv.): 3, 2x, Rudy Martin (4/5 & 4/7 @ POT)  
Longest Hitting Streak: 6 (Khalil Lee (4-5 @ POT - present)  
Most Runners LOB, Team: 13, (4/9 @ SAL)  
Longest Scoreless Innings Streak: 7, (4/8 @ POT 2nd through 8th)  
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: 4, (4/10 @ SAL)  
Most HRs, Game (Team): 2, 3x (Last: 4/9 @ SAL)  
Most SB, Game (Team): 3, (4/8 @ POT)  
10 + Hits, Game: 3, (Last: 4/11 @ SAL)  
Most Home Runs, Game (Indiv.): 1, 7x (Last: Trenton Kemp 4/9 @ SAL)  
Most RBIs, Game (Indiv.): 3, (Bobby Dalbec 4/11 @ SAL)  
Most Hits, Game (Indiv.): 3, 2x, (Last: Ryan Scott 4/9 @ SAL)  
Most SB, Game (Indiv.): 1, 7x, (Last: Tyler Hill 4/11 @ SAL)  
Most Runners LOB, Team: 13, (4/7 @ POT)

## Blue Rocks Individual Pitching

Most Runs Allowed, Game: 7, Jace Vines (4/6 @ POT)  
Most ER Allowed, Game: 7, Jace Vines (4/6 @ POT)  
Most Hits Allowed, Game: 9, Jace Vines (4/6 @ POT)  
Most HRs Allowed, Game: 1, 7x, (Last: Nolan Becker 4/9 @ SAL)  
Most Walks Allowed, Game: 4, Ofreidy Gomez, (4/7 @ POT)  
Most Strikeouts, Game (Starter): 9, Gerson Garabito (4/8 @ POT)  
Most Strikeouts, Game (Reliever): 3, 2x, (Last: Anthony Bender 4/7 @ POT)  
Most IP, Game for Starter: 6.0, Gerson Garabito (4/8 @ 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.): 2, Jace Vines (4/6 @ POT - present)  
10+ Strikeouts, (Indiv.):  
Complete Games:

## Blue Rocks Team Pitching

Fewest Hits Allowed, Game: 4, (4/10 @ SAL)  
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: 4, (Last: 4/11 @ SAL)  
Most HRs Allowed, Game: 2, 3x, (Last: 4/9 @ SAL)  
Most Strikeouts, Game (9 Innings): 9, 2x (4/7 & 4/8 @ POT)  
Most Strikeouts, Game (Extra Innings):  
Most Walks Allowed, Game: 7, (4/7 @ POT)  
Most SB Allowed, Game: 3, (4/8 @ POT)  
Longest Scoreless Innings Streak: 10, (4/7 @ POT 7th inning to 8th inning 4/8 @POT)  
Consecutive Games Allowing HR: 6 (4-5 @ POT - 4/10 @ SAL)  
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: 4, (Last: 4/11 @ SAL)  
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: 4, (4/8 @ POT - present )

Longest Losing Streak, Home:

Longest Losing Streak, Road: 4, (4/8 @ POT- present)

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: 2, 2x (4/9 @ SAL & 4/11 @ SAL)

Longest Game, Innings:

Longest Game, Time (9 Innings): 3:21 (4/7 @ POT)

Longest Game, Time (Extra Innings):

Shortest Game, Time (9 Innings): 2:20, (4/10 @ SAL)

Shortest Game, Time (Overall): 2:20, (4/10 @ SAL)

Longest Weather Delay:

Most DP Turned, Game: 4, (4/11 @ SAL)\*

Most DP Against, Game: 2, (4/11 @ SAL)

Triple Plays Turned, Season:

Most Errors, One Game, Player: 1, 7x (Last: Cancel 4/11 @ SAL)

Most Errors, One Game, Team: 2, 3x (Last: 4/11 @ SAL)

Consecutive Games W/Error: 3, (4/7 @ POT - 4/9 @ SAL)

Consecutive Games W/O Error:

Most Errors, One Game, Opp. Player: 1, 5x, (Last: Nick Sciortino 4/11 @ SAL)

Most Errors, One Game, Opp. Team: 2, (4/9 @ SAL)

Largest Home Crowd:

Smallest Home Crowd:

Home Sellouts (6,537):

Largest Road Crowd: 3,498 (4/5 @ POT)

Smallest Road Crowd: 1,069 (4/9 @ SAL)

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# Ties Carolina League Record

## Establishes Carolina League Record

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	L	3-2	2	7	2	11	3	6	0	6	Klobosits (1-0)	Sheller (0-1)		2-2	T-3rd	1.0	1,478	2:59
4-9	SAL	L	6-4	2	7	1	13	6	11	2	5	Smith (1-0)	Ruxer (1-1)	Martinez (1)	2-3	T-4th	2.0	1,069	2:54
4-10	SAL	L	3-1	1	9	0	9	3	4	0	4	Mata (1-0)	Castillo (0-1)	Gonzalez (2)	2-4	T-4th	3.0	1,140	2:20
4-11	SAL	L	7-4	4	8	2	9	7	10	1	5	Oliver (1-0)	Vines (0-2)	A. Martinez (1)	2-5	5th	4.0	1,619	3:06
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