

MEDIA INFORMATION

Frederick Keys (18-19, 3rd, 3.5 GB / Northern) Carolina League Affiliate of the Baltimore Orioles

vs.

Wilmington Blue Rocks (22-16, 1st, 0.0 GB / Northern) Carolina League Affiliate of the Kansas City Royals



Game No. 39 • Home Game No. 22 • Frawley Stadium • Thursday, May 16, 2019 • 6:35 p.m.

BLUE ROCKS BREAKDOWN

HOME: 11-10 | AWAY: 11-6 | STREAK: W2 | LAST 5: 3-2 | LAST 10: 6-4

PITCHERS' DUEL: The Wilmington Blue Rocks tossed their second consecutive shutout, taking a 1-0 pitchers' duel from the Frederick Keys on Wednesday afternoon at Frawley Stadium. **Daniel Lynch, Collin Snyder** and **Tad Ratliff** combined on the blanking, while **Nick Pratto** drove in the game's only run in the bottom of the eighth.

ONE-RUN MAGIC: The Blue Crew have excelled in close games this season. Wilmington leads the Carolina League with 17 contests decided by a single score in 2019. The Rocks are an impressive 14-3 in those close calls. They are also stellar at holding late leads, going 13-1 when taking an advantage into the eighth inning and 15-0 when leading after eight.

GOOSE EGGS GALORE: The Blue Crew managed their fourth shutout of the year on Wednesday and their third already in the month of May alone. All of the Rocks's blankings in 2019 have come against either Carolina (twice) or Frederick (twice).

HOLDING KEY TO BEATING THE KEYS: **Daniel Lynch** has owned the Keys this season. The lefty established a new career-high by tossing seven frames on May 2 at Frederick, allowing just two runs (one earned) in a victory. He went seven again on Tuesday against the Keys and this time did not surrender a single score. In 14 total frames Lynch has 14 strikeouts and no walks. His ERA versus Frederick is 0.64 as opposed to 4.50 against the rest of the Carolina League.

FUN UNDER THE SUN: The Blue Rocks have had a great deal of success this season under the sun. Wilmington has played seven day games in 2019 and have a 6-1 record in those contests, including two one-run wins over Frederick.

TOP OF THE STANDINGS TO YOU: Wilmington has been in first place for exactly three-quarters of the 2019 season—30 of the campaign's first 40 days.

OFFENSE LOOKING TO SPARK: Despite spending three-fourths of the season atop the Carolina League North standings, the Wilmington offense continues to be a work in progress this season. The Rocks eclipsed the five-hit mark for the first time in over a week in Wednesday's win. Wilmington has managed five knocks or fewer in a contest 18 times in 2019. The Rocks also got two hits with runners in scoring position on Wednesday, marking only the second time they have done that in the month of May. Wilmington has just 13 total knocks with men at second and/or third base in their last 15 games. Overall the Blue Crew attack is last in the Carolina League with a collective .195 batting average. Wilmington is also last in the loop in on-base percentage, runs, hits and extra-base knocks.

NO MOTHERLY LOVE: The Rocks have had to deal with Mother Nature quite a bit over the first six weeks of the 2019 campaign. Wilmington has had six games rained out this year. Tuesday marked the Blue Crew's fourth doubleheader of the season, with another coming on Saturday at Potomac. The Rocks are 4-4 in twin bill games on the season. Wilmington also had a game against the Mudcats canceled due to wet weather last week and consequently will play only 139 total games and 69 first-half contests in 2019.

Upcoming Probable Starters and Schedule

Friday,	May 16	at Potomac	7:05 p.m.	RHP Jackson Kowar vs. TBA	89.7 WGLS-FM
Saturday,	May 17	at Potomac	5:35 p.m.	LHP Marcelo Martinez vs. TBA	89.7 WGLS-FM
Saturday,	May 17	at Potomac	Game 2	TBA vs. TBA	89.7 WGLS-FM

Today's Starting Pitchup Matchup

Wilmington: RHP Brady Singer
Frederick: LHP DL Hall

Tomorrow's Starter for the Blue Crew

Jackson Kowar will make his eighth start as a Blue Rock. The 33rd overall pick in the 2018 Draft out of the University of Florida signed with the Royals for \$2.14 million last summer. The righty entered 2019 as the seventh-ranked prospect in the Royals system. He spent his first professional season at Low-A Lexington where he helped the Legends win a South Atlantic League Championship. Kowar went 0-1 with a 3.42 ERA in nine total regular season starts, but posted a 1.06 ERA and a scant .125 batting average against over his final five outings, and then earned victories in both of his playoff starts.

2019 Regular-Season Series: WIL vs. FRE

Wilmington leads 4-3 in 2019

Date	Site	Result
4/29	Frederick	L 5-1
4/30	Frederick	W, 5-4
5/1	Frederick	L 12-2
5/2	Frederick	W 5-4
5/14	Wilmington	L 4-1
5/14	Wilmington	W 2-0
5/15	Wilmington	W 1-0
5/16	Wilmington	
6/20	Wilmington	
6/21	Wilmington	
6/22	Wilmington	
6/23	Wilmington	
6/27	Frederick	
6/28	Frederick	
6/29	Frederick	
6/30	Frederick	

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HOME RUN NOTES

Blue Rocks

2-HR GAMES BY BLUE ROCKS (2 IN 2018)

4.14.19 Seuly Matias at CAR (Solo HR & 2-R HR)

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

BACK-TO-BACK HOME RUNS (1 IN 2018)

LAST TIME: 7.9.18 D.J. Burt & Emmanuel Rivera at FRE

LEADOFF HOME RUNS (1 IN 2018)

4.14.19

7.10.18 Nick Heath at FRE (Off big-league rehabber Chris Tillman)

GRAND SLAM HOME RUNS (3 IN 2018)

LAST TIME: 6.24.18 Melbrys Vilorio at POT (off Jeremy Hellickson)

WALK-OFF HOME RUNS (0 IN 2018)

LAST TIME 7.24.17 Chase Vallot vs. SAL (10th inning)

PINCH-HIT HOME RUNS (1 IN BOTH 2018)

LAST TIME: 5.16.15 Dex Kjerstad at LYN

INSIDE-THE-PARK HOME RUNS (2 IN 2018)

LAST TIME: 8.19.18 @ W-S Oliver Nunez (4th inning, solo HR)

BLUE ROCKS HOME RUNS: 9 (63 IN 2018/ 23 HOME & 40 AWAY)

Carolina	6	Lynchburg	1
Down East	0	Myrtle Beach	0
Fayetteville	0	Potomac	0
Frederick	3	Salem	1
		Winston-Salem	2

FRAWLEY 2 ROAD 11

Opponents

2-HR GAMES BY OPPONENT (4 IN 2018)

LAST TIME 8.19.18 Yermin Mercedes (Solo HR & GW 3-R HR)

3-HR GAMES BY OPPONENT (1 IN 2018)

LAST TIME: Michael Chavis (SAL) 4.19.17 at Hayley Toyota

BACK-TO-BACK HOME RUNS (0 IN 2017/0 IN 2016)

LAST TIME 8.10.18 Jared Young & Andruw Monasterio off Nolan Waston at MB

BACK-TO-BACK-TO-BACK (0 IN 2018)

LEADOFF HOME RUNS (1 IN 2017)

LAST TIME: 7.3.18 Luis Gonzalez (W-S) off Gerson Garabito at Wilmington

GRAND SLAM HOME RUNS (3 IN 2018)

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

WALK-OFF HOME RUNS (1 IN 2018)

LAST TIME: 8.19.18 Yermin Merceds at Frederick

PINCH-HIT HOME RUNS (0 IN 2018)

INSIDE-THE-PARK HOME RUNS (0 IN 2018)

HOME RUNS ALLOWED TO: 6 (92 in 2018/ 33 Home & 59 AWAY)

Carolina	1	Lynchburg	0
Down East	1	Myrtle Beach	0
Fayetteville	0	Potomac	1
Frederick	5	Salem	2
		Winston-Salem	6

FRAWLEY 6 ROAD 10

Blue Rocks vs. the Carolina League

Opponent	Record	Home	Road
Frederick	4-3	2-1	2-2
Lynchburg	3-0	0-0	3-0
Potomac	1-1	1-1	0-0
Salem	3-4	2-2	1-2
Northern Div.	11-8	5-4	6-4

Opponent	Record	Home	Road
Carolina	5-1	1-0	4-1
Down East	1-3	1-3	0-0
Fayetteville	0-0	0-0	0-0
Myrtle Beach	0-0	0-0	0-0
Winston-Salem	5-4	3-3	2-1
Southern Div.	11-8	5-6	6-2

Runners Left On Base

Blue Rocks: 210| Opponents: 247

Numbers With RISP

Blue Rocks: .168 Avg. (49-for-291)

Blue Rocks On...

Mondays:	1-2	April:	15-11
Tuesdays:	4-2	May:	7-5
Wednesdays:	2-4	June:	0-0
Thursdays:	2-3	July:	0-0
Fridays:	2-1	Aug:	0-0
Saturdays:	6-3	Sept:	0-0
Sundays:	3-1		
First Game of Series:	6-6		
Last Game of Series:	6-3		
Series Won:	4		
Series Lost:	3		
Series Split:	2		
Series Swept:	3		
Rubber Matches:	0-1		

2019 Roster (29)

Pitchers (14)

Holden Capps
J.C. Cloney
Daniel Duarte
Robert Garcia
Jackson Kowar
Rito Lugo
Daniel Lynch
Marcelo Martinez
Josh Mitchell
Tad Ratliff
Brady Singer
Collin Snider
Daniel Tillo
Nolan Watson
Tyler Zuber

Catchers (3)

MJ Melendez
Sebastian Rivero
Stephan Vidal

Infielders (5)

Ricky Aracena
Dennicher Carrasco
Angelo Castellano
Cristian Perez
Nick Pratto

Outfielders (6)

Marten Gasparini
Brewer Hicklen
Kyle Isbel
Rudy Martin
Seuly Matias
Blake Perkins

TODAY'S BLUE ROCKS STARTING PITCHER

#26 RHP **Brady Singer**

Acquired: First-Round Pick (18th overall) in 2018 Draft

Born: Eustis, FL

Age: 22 (August 4, 1996)

Resides: Leesburg, FL

Ht: 6'5 Wt: 195

College: Florida

Bats/Throws: R/R



Pitch Repertoire: 4FB, 2FB, SL, CH

THE BOOK ON BRADY SINGER: Brady Singer will make his eighth start of the season for the Blue Rocks and the eighth of his professional career. Singer was the Royals' first of three first-round picks (No. 18 overall) in last June's draft. The University of Florida product chose the college route over signing with the Toronto Blue Jays, who originally drafted him in the second round out of high school in 2015. The patience paid off when Singer signed for \$4.25 million with the Royals last summer. Singer won a national championship with the Gators in 2017 and then earned the Dick Howser Award last year despite pitching through a nagging hamstring injury.

LAST TIME OUT: Singer yielded three runs (but only one earned) on seven hits in a no-decision at Salem. The right-hander had only two strikeouts, which was the lowest total of his pro career. He walked one and hit two Red Sox batters with pitches. He threw 50 of his 82 pitches for strikes.

VERSUS OPPONENT: This is Singer's first appearance of the season against the Keys.

QUITE THE COLLEGE CAREER: Singer accomplished about everything a college pitcher possibly could during his junior season at Florida. He was named SEC Pitcher of the Year after leading the conference in wins and ERA. He won the Dick Howser Trophy--an award given annually to the nation's top college baseball player. He was also one of four finalists for the Golden Spikes Award, joining: Casey Mize (first overall pick), Kody Clemens (79th) and Andrew Vaughn and was named Baseball America College Baseball Player of the Year-- becoming the fourth player drafted by the Royals to earn the honor (Wil Myers--2012, Alex Gordon--2006 and Tom Gordon--1988).

FIRST-ROUND TRIO BUILDING A BOND: Last June, the Kansas City front office spent more than \$8 million on three college pitchers among the first 34 picks of the draft, selecting Singer 18th, Jackson Kowar 33rd and Daniel Lynch at No. 34. Fortunately for the Royals, the trio gets along great. Singer and Kowar lived together for three years at the University of Florida. Lynch and Kowar roomed together last season in Lexington, and all three got an apartment together this season in Wilmington. "We understand that we're all in this thing kind of together," Lynch says. "The Royals have done a great job of expressing that to us. It's not about who's going to be the ace, it's about being teammates, having success as a team and about us moving up together."

HYPER-COMPETITIVE: Singer is a bulldog of a competitor. He lives for it. In fact, teammate Jackson Kowar calls him the most competitive person he's ever met. The best example came on national television last season. Singer was on the mound for the Gators in Game Three of the NCAA Super Regionals against Wake Forest when it started to rain. Singer stared up at the sky and unleashed a torrent of raw emotion directed at Mother Nature for interrupting such a critical moment. A teammate had to come and walk him from the mound back to the dugout. This spring Royals assistant general manager J.J. Picollo told The Athletic how much he and the Royals loved to see that side of Singer on such a big stage. "It's why he had the success he had and why he stood out so much," Picollo said. "It's an intensity that he has under control, too." Picollo also told The Athletic it wasn't just the national stage that Singer wants to take. The Royals removed him from an intrasquad game this spring after he took a comebacker off the leg. It was out of an abundance of caution, but as Picollo put it, he was none too pleased about not being able to finish the inning.

WHAT A CHRISTMAS GIFT: Most everyone loves their parents, but few have put a value on how much their Mom and Dad's love meant better than Singer. This past Christmas Singer posted an emotional video on his twitter account where he provided his parents with an incredibly generous gift. In a letter which his mom read out loud, Singer wrote: "Thank you for everything you've done to help me reach my dreams. There's absolutely no way I could have done all this by myself. Both of you constantly took off of work and spent every dime you made just to put a smile on my face. My smile and appreciation for both of you has never stopped and it never will." After reading how he could never repay them, Singer's mother went into stunned silence as she read the line that was Singer's gift to them: paying off a loan from the bank and their debt. The letter wrapped up with this line from Singer: "Your giving hearts helped to shape my tiny dream into a reality," Singer wrote in the letter's conclusion." Singer said he didn't expect the gesture it did, but he made the gift public because: "I wanted kids to see you should help the people that got you here. I didn't get here by myself. My parents did so much for me. I want to do anything I can to help them."

Year/Teams(s)	<u>Career Numbers</u>				
	W-L	ERA	K	BB	IP
2019	DEBUT SEASON				

Career Highs
Strikeouts: 7 (Twice)
Walks: 3 (4-11-19)
IP: 6.0 (Thrice)

Season Highs
Strikeouts: 7 (Twice)
Walks: 3 (4-11)
IP: 6.0 (Thrice)

Wilmington Blue Rocks 2019 Breakdown/Pitcher-Catcher Numbers

Record:	22-16
First Half:	22-16
Second Half:	
Home:	11-10
Road:	11-6
Vs. RH Starters:	13-14
Vs. LH Starters:	9-2
Day:	6-1
Night:	16-15
One-Run Games:	14-3
Two-Run Games:	4-3
Extra-Inning Games:	1-2
Doubleheaders (W-L-S)	1-1-1
Shutouts:	4-0
No-Hitters:	0-0
When Leading After 7:	13-1
When Trailing After 7:	2-8
When Tied After 7:	3-3
When Leading After 8:	15-0
When Trailing After 8:	1-9
When Tied After 8:	2-2
When the Rocks Score First:	11-4
When the Opponent Scores First:	11-12
Games Decided In Last At-Bat:	4-3
When Scoring 3 Or Less:	10-14
When Scoring 4 Or More:	12-2
When The Rocks Have 5 Hits or Less:	8-10
When The Rocks Have 10 Hits or More:	0-2
When The Rocks Hit A Home Run:	5-4
Most Games Above .500:	7
Most Games Below .500:	2
When The Rocks Commit an Error:	15-12
When The Rocks Starter Goes 6+ Inn:	10-3
Come-From-Behind Victories:	10
Postponements Home/Road:	3/1
Longest Winning Streak:	5
Longest Losing Streak:	6
Cancellations:	1
Total Rainouts:	5
Currently Suspended Games:	0

Blue Rocks Shutouts 4 (7 in 2018)

Date	Score Opp.	Pitchers
4/13/2019	6-0 CAR	Tillo
5/4/2019	2-0 CAR	Kowar, Mitchell and Duarte
5/14/2019	2-0 FRE	Lugo and Zuber
5/15/2019	1-0 FRE	Lynch, Snider and Ratliff

Opponent Shutouts (10 in 2018)

Date	Score/Opp.	Pitchers
LAST TIME		
(0) 8/22	5-0/vs. DE	Martinez, Torres, Lemoineand Fontenot

Blue Rocks Pitching Breakdown

	W-L	Sv.	ERA	IP	ER	BB	SO	HR
Starters	13-9	0	3.42	188.0	72	62	171	8
Relievers	9-7	16	3.15	135.0	46	33	119	8
Totals	22-16	16	3.29	309.0	118	95	290	16

WALK-OFF WINS/LOSSES

WINS (1) (1 in 2018)			LOSSES (1) (5 in 2018)		
Date	Opp	Score/Inn	Date	Opp	Score/Inn
4/9/19	WS	2-1/10th	4/11/19	CR	7-6/19
5/14/19	FRE	2-0/7th			

BLUE ROCKS HITTERS NOTES

#12 Ricky Aracena INF
Ht: 5'8 Wt: 160
Age: 21 B/T: S/R
Born: Santo Domingo, DR

PRONUNCIATION: AIR-UH-SANE-UH

Notes: Signed as an international free agent by the Royals on July 3, 2014. Signed by Royals scout Fausto Morel

2018 Notes:
- 4.12 Hit his first career Advanced-A homer at Carolina

2018 Notes:
- Spent the season at Low-A Lexington
- Played in a career-high 95 games for the Legends
- Batted .261 w/3HR 13XBH 40RBI 21BB 17SB in 95G
- Switch Hitter batted .270 2HR 13RBI vs LHP and .257 with 1HR 27RBI vs RHP. His OBP was actually six points higher (.315-.309) vs. RHP
- Endured a rough month of April when he went just 4-for-29 at the plate with 2BB and 6Ks
- Enjoyed his best month in July when he posted a .369 OBP and a .297 average (both season-highs)
- Was a clutch hitter, batting .333 w/RISP and .429 w/ the bases loaded

2017 Notes:
- Split the season between Low-A Lexington and Rookie Idaho Falls
-Batted .139 with 1XBH 7RBI 0BB in 30G w/Lexington
-Batted .385n(10-for-26) 2HR 7RBI in 6G W/IF
-Injured his right thumb in late June and spent most of the rest of the season on Injured List

2016 Notes:
- Spent the season with Rookie Idaho Falls
- Batted .251 w/1HR 13XBH 33RBI & 17SB in 61G

2015 Notes:
- Spent his first pro season with the Surprise Royals of the Arizona Rookie League
- Batted .294 w/4XBH 9RBI 8SB 2BB in 26G
- Baseball America touted him as the 16th-best prospect in the Arizona Rookie League after his first season

They said it: On when he became a switch hitter: "It was a year before I signed with the Royals. I actually learned really quickly. I started thinking about it when I was 13 years old. Then I did it during my tryouts when I was 14 and 15 years old before the Royals signed me at 16. I'm originally a right-hander. It's not easy though. You want to be good on both sides of the plate, but some games you are going to feel better as a right-hander than left-hander and then it switches. So when I'm in the cages, I have to split my batting practice rounds to make sure I stay balanced working on each side." **On outgoing personality:** "That's helped me a lot with my game. Trying to stay relaxed, smiling and enjoying the game. Everyone can see that on and off the field. I always like to talk in the dugout, joke with my teammates. If you take the game too seriously, it becomes no fun anymore." **On signing with the Royals:** "When I signed, in my mind, I knew I was young, but to sign for that money, it just made me so happy. I knew I could help my family and I worked very hard to make it and just very proud of that moment and happy I can support my family."

#16 DENNICHER CARRASCO INF
Ht: 5'11 Wt: 195
Age: 23 B/T: R/R
Born: Santo Domingo, DR

PRONUNCIATION: DENNIS-SURE CUH-RAS-CO

Notes: Signed as an international free agent by the Royals on November 16, 2015. Signed by Royals scout Edis Perez

2018 Notes:
- Spent the season at Low-A Lexington
- Batted .250 w/10HR 20XBH 30RBI 11BB in 62G
- Plagued by injuries throughout the season
- Missed more than three weeks (April 21-May 13) with an ankle injury
- Placed on the IL on July 14 with a thumb injury that ultimately ended his season

2017 Notes:
- Spent his first pro season in the United States with Rookie Burlington
-Batted .288 with 10 HR 27XBH 41RBI in 61G
- Ranked third in the Appalachian League with 118 total bases on the season

2016 Notes:
- Spent his first pro season with the Dominican Royals of the Dominican Summer League
- Batted .263 w/7HR 18XBH 26RBI 33BB in 63G
- The 63 games Dennicher played in 2016 are the most of his pro career

They said it: (Coming Soon)...

BLUE ROCKS HITTERS NOTES

#24 Marten Gasparini **OF**
Ht: 6'0 **Wt: 165**
Age: 21 **B/T: S/R**
Born: Ruba, Italy

PRONUNCIATION: MARTIN GAS-PUH-REEN-EE

Notes: Signed as an international free agent by the Royals on July 2, 2013. Signed by Nick Leto...Was ranked by MLB.com as the fourth-best international prospect and the top European prospect

2018 Notes:

- Spent the season at Low-A Lexington
- Batted .222 w/4HR 22XBH 34RBI 23BB 119K in 103G
- It was the third straight season Gasparini struck out at least 119 times
- Switch hitter batted .238 vs LHP w/32K & just .214 w/87K vs RHP despite playing just 1 more game vs LHP
- After hitting better than .300 in the month of July he slumped down the stretch ending the year in a 9-for-67 funk with 27K

2017 Notes:

- Spent the season at Low-A Lexington
- Played in a career-high 122G
- Batted .227 w/9HR 31XBH 50RBI 121K in 122G

2016 Notes:

- Spent the season at Low-A Lexington
- Batted .196 w/7HR 21XBH 42RBI & 134K in 111G
- Struggled defensively, leading all South Atlantic League SSs in errors w/48. But he had just 8 total over the next two seasons

2015 Notes:

- Spent the season with Rookie-Idaho Falls
- Batted .259 w/16XBH 25RBI 26SB in 54G
- Baseball America touted him as the 7th-best prospect in the Pioneer League after the season

2014 Notes:

- Split his first pro season w/Rookie-Burlington and Rookie-Idaho Falls
- Batted .191 w/3XBH 1RBI in 19G w/Burlington
- Went 5-for-11 w/1HR 3RBI in 4G w/Idaho Falls
- Baseball America touted him as the 4th-best prospect in the Appalachian League after the season

They said it: (On getting to Advanced-A)...Lexington was a good experience for me but it's good to get out of Lexington and try to test myself with higher competition. I think it's going be good for me to have some fresh faces and some new environments to challenge myself in." **(On dealing with injuries and finally staying healthy last year)...**"Especially at the beginning of my career, I had some injuries to both hamstrings and my groin. But what you learn from those injuries and those events is how to take care of your body better and I could say that's something that I'm really proud of. The way I was able to be on the field consistently last year."...**(On defensive change)...** It's been very easy to move from the infield to the outfield. I was a little nervous moving back to the infield, but it turned out that it was just fine. You don't really forget how to do things now. Now I can just move around and help the team wherever it takes. It helps keep the game more fun and not as monotonous, so it definitely helps me out.

#8 Brewer Hicklen **OF**
Ht: 6'2 **Wt: 208**
Age: 23 **B/T: R/R**
Born: Huntsville, AL

PRONUNCIATION: HICK-LIN

Notes: Selected by in the Royals in the 7th round of the 2017 Draft out of UAB...Was the highest drafted baseball player in program history...Had planned to play both football and baseball for the Blazers, but UAB unexpectedly shut down its football program before the 2014 season...Hicklen redshirted in 2015 was named to Conference USA's All-Freshman Team in 2016 and was 2nd Team All Conference in 2017 after ending the season on a 41-game on-base streak...Graduated from Huntsville High School where he was named an All American catcher and an All-State QB...His given name is Charles, but everyone calls him Brewer

2019 Notes:

- Enters the season as the 17th ranked prospect in the KC system according to MLB.com

2018 Notes:

- Split the season between Low-A Lexington and Advanced-A Wilmington
- Batted .307 17HR, 38XBH 65 RBI in 82G in Lexington
- Was promoted to Wilmington in mid-July before returning to Lexington in mid-August for the Legends championship run
- Batted .211 w/1HR 5XBH 3RBI 6SB in 22G w/Rocks
- Had as many hits at Frawley Stadium as he did on the road despite 17 fewer ABs in home games
- He was named an MiLB.com Organization All-Star-Hicklen ranked among Royals minor league leaders in SBs (3rd), HRs (5th) and RBI (5th)
- His 29 steals in just 82 games at Lexington ranked fifth in the South Atlantic League.

2017 Notes:

- Split his first pro season between Rookie-Idaho Falls and Rookie-Surprise
- Batted .348 w/3HR, 9XBH 13 RBI in 19G with the Surprise Royals
- Batted .299 w/1HR 11XBH 10RBI in 20G in Idaho Falls
- Reached safely in 36 of 39 games in his pro debut

Hicklen said it: (On bouncing all over the place last season)..."Last year was an extended roller coaster for sure, starting off in extended spring training basically being really disappointed with that. Then I went to Lexington starting off really slow there and then kind of catching fire there for a couple months, and then having the opportunity to move up to Wilmington was really really special. Got up here, really had a good time, started playing well with the guys and then I got called into the office unexpectedly and was told that Seuly (Matias) got hurt in Lexington and that I was going to have to go back for the playoffs. Originally I was pretty upset, but I had to look through it with a different lens and just try to change my perspective. That's one of the biggest lessons I learned last year and in life was that it's all about what lens you look through. So I took that approach and made the most of my opportunity in Lexington. I went down there and felt like I contributed a lot to the team. I felt like I was a leader on the team, and at the end of the day we were able win a championship, which is what you set out to do at the beginning of every year you play this game."

BLUE ROCKS HITTERS NOTES

#4 Rudy Martin **OF**
Ht: 5'7 **Wt: 155**
Age: 23 **B/T: L/L**
Born: Memphis, TN

Notes: Selected in the 25th round of the 2014 Draft out of Lewisburg High School in Mississippi. Won the Mississippi 4A State Championship his junior year. His full name is Rutilious Tamarge Martin, but he goes by Rudy

2019 Notes:

- Started the season in extended spring training
- 4.18: Was added to the Blue Rocks roster when Kyle Isbel was placed on the IL

2018 Notes:

- Split the season between Double-A Lexington Wilmington and Rookie-Idaho Falls
- Played in 9G at Idaho Falls & 1 at Northwest Arkansas
- Spent most of the year w/Rocks; Batted .232 w/ 21XBH, 37RBI & 39BB in 75G
- Finished 2nd in CL in SB (29) despite only 75G

2017 Notes:

- Spent season at Low-A Lexington
- Batted .277 w/10XBH 19RBI 16BB & 26SB in 37G
- Suffered significant face injury that cost him much of season

2016 Notes:

- Broke hamate bone in spring training
- Split season between Rookie Idaho Falls and AZL
- Batted .244 w/30R 17BB 19SB in 40G w/Idaho Falls
- Went 5-for-16 in 5G in Surprise

2015 Notes:

- Spent most of his debut season in AZL w/Surprise Royals
- Batted .338 w/16XBH 41R 34BB 14SB in 40G
- Led AZL in OBP, triples, runs and walks
- Was named Surprise Royals Player of the Year

Martin said it: (On his goals at the plate)...“I really just want to get on base and keep my on-base percentage high. I know my teammates will do their job and drive me in. As long as I get on, I can do my job steal second or third, or even if I don’t steal a base, I can get in the pitcher’s head and get him to maybe make a mistake. I know these guys can drive me in from first base...(On his great success at stealing bases)...“We really worked on it at Spring Training. We harp on keying on what certain pitchers do, studying them and the game so it should help me during the season. It was a process that we really embraced last year. The prep means I might notice that a pitcher has a quick pickoff move, but he’s slow to home. So things like that help me. Stealing bases is what I have to do.” **(On player he tries to emulate)...**“A guy I look at now is Mookie Betts. He doesn’t strikeout a lot, he can steal bases, he’s not the biggest guy and he plays hard every day.” **(On dealing with injuries the past several seasons)...**“Three years ago I broke my hamate bone and that was in Spring Training. That was pretty frustrating because I couldn’t get a chance to go to a full-season club and show what I could do. I overcame that and then (in 2017), I suffered the face injury when I ran into Gabriel Cancel, our second baseman--which cost me a huge chunk. Then last year it was just nagging stuff that started early and just lingered. I was having decent years, but there’s nothing you can do about it but continue to work hard and put yourself in position to take advantage of opportunities.”

#25 Seuly Matias **OF**
Ht: 6'3 **Wt: 198**
Age: 20 **B/T: R/R**
Born: La Isabela, DR

PRONUNCIATION: SUE-LEE MUH-TEE-IS

Notes: Signed as an international free agent by the Royals on July 4, 2015 by Fausto Morel...Received a \$2.25 million signing bonus

2019 Notes:

- Enters the season as the 6th ranked prospect in the KC system according to MLB.com
- 4-9: Came HR shy of cycle and keyed comeback win over WS

2018 Notes:

- Spent the season at Low-A Lexington
- Batted .231 w/31HR 45XBH 63RBI 24BB in 94G
- Named Lexington’s Co-Player of the Year, after hitting the sixth-most HRs in MILB, despite playing just 94G
- Season ended due to injury in August 13, at which time he led the minors in homers
- Was a South Atlantic League midseason All Star
- Was named to the International Team during ht Sirius/XM All Star Futures game in Washington DC where he wowed a National TV audience w/2 hits and a HR
- Hit a HR in each of the season’s first three games including two on Opening Day

2017 Notes:

- Spent the season with Rookie-Burlington
- Batted .243 w/7HR 23XBH 36RBI in 57G
- Tied for the Appalachian League lead with 5 Sac Flies

2016 Notes:

- Split his first pro season between Rookie-Surprise and the Dominican Royals
- Batted .125 w/1XBH in 7G for the DSL Royals
- Batted .250 w/8HR 21XBH 29RBI in 46G in the Arizona Rookie League
- Finished top 3 in the Arizona Rookie League in HRs, XBHs and Total Bases

Matias said it: (On birth of his first child this winter)...“I was very excited for the birth of my son (Seuly Jr.) because now I have a goal. I play for my son. I love him more and more each day, so it makes me work hard. I work hard for my baby and just love being a father so much....**(On his favorite player growing up)...**“Carlos Gomez was my guy because I like how hard he plays and how he has fun every game. That is how I try to play the game”....**(On difficulties of being injured an unable to play)** It was difficult for me because I love this game. I need to hit homers. For me, it’s still difficult (to think about not being in the lineup every day). But, I am glad that is in the past and am very focused on working hard to stay healthy this year and in the future..**(On Blue Rocks close knit clubhouse)...**“I think we had (a great clubhouse last year in Lexington) A lot of those guys are together again. We all get along really well. Yes we do (know each other really well and how everybody’s minds think about the game). We push each other to work hard. For me Aracena, Carrasco, and Rivero help me all the time. And I like to have them here (to keep pushing me because) I need to keep my health up and keep working hard. And those guys help me stay focused and working to that.”

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#7 MJ Melendez **C**
Ht: 6'1 **Wt: 190**
Age: 20 **B/T: L/R**
Born: Daytona Beach, FL

PRONUNCIATION: MUH-LEN-DEZ

Notes: Selected in the second round of the 2017 Draft out of Westminster Christian High School (Fla.)...He transferred from his original HS in Alabama in order to play closer to his father, Mervyl, Sr., who is the head coach at Florida International University...Received a \$2.05 million signing bonus...MJ stands for Mervyl Jr.

2019 Notes:

- Enters the season as the 6th ranked prospect in the KC system according to MLB.com
- Enters the season as the 9th ranked catching prospect in baseball according to MLB.com
- 4.26 3-run triple capped biggest comeback of year at Lyn

2018 Notes:

- Spent the season at Low-A Lexington
- Batted .251 w/19HR 26-2B 54XBH 73RBI and 26BB
- Played in a career-high 111G
- Ranked top 5 in the SAL in triples (3rd), RBI (4th), HRs (5th), Total Bases (5th) and slugging (5th)
- Was named Lexington's Co-Player of the Year
- Was named a midseason South Atlantic League All Star
- Earned the Mike Sweeney Award, which recognizes the Minor League player that best represents the organization on and off the field

2017 Notes:

- Spent the season at Rookie Surprise
- Batted .262 w/4HR 15XBH 30RBI 26BB in 47G
- Was ranked the 13th-best prospect in the Arizona Rookie League by Baseball America
- Led the team in homers and OBP and was 2nd in RBI
- Reached base safely in 41 of his 47G

Melendez said it: (On being a catcher)...I definitely take a lot of pride in catching just because I'm not only catching for myself but also for the pitchers. I have to be able to call a good game, be able to frame pitches that are borderline, be able to block balls. I want my pitchers to have confidence in me and trust in me to be able to throw breaking ball with two strikes and know that I'm going to be able to block it. I do think that defense comes first but it's a balance. I don't think hitting should be very far behind." **(On his relationship with fellow catching prospect Silberto Rivero)**...It's been amazing working together, we have a great relationship. On and off the field. I think on the field when one of us are struggling a little bit whether it's with the bat, were able to help each other out, give each other advice. If one of us is doing good in that category, be able to like pick each other back up, and just give each other advice and kind of boost each other's confidence when we may not have it. And then when we're both doing well, just trying to piggyback on that and make sure that we can keep that flowing for as long as possible." **(On passing up the chance to play for his Dad at FIU)**... "It was definitely a tough decision. I grew up watching my dad's teams play all my life and have never been to the College World Series Super Regional. So that's something that I wanted to do. I wanted to go play for him, not only for myself, but also for him. I wanted to bring that bring back the College World Series title to wherever he's coaching if I knew at that at that particular moment, and so it was definitely a tough decision. But my dad and my family supported me."

#11 Cristian Perez **INF**
Ht: 5'10 **Wt: 170**
Age: 20 **B/T: R/R**
Born: Cauga, VZ

Notes: Signed as an international free agent by the Royals on September 27, 2015. Signed by scout Richard Castro

2019 Notes:

- 4.30: His Ground-Rule double w/2outs in 9th broke up Frederick's no-hit bid & capped off a remarkable 5-run rally on 1 hit in 9th to give Rocks a 5-4 win

2018 Notes:

- Made his full-season debut with Low-A Lexington
- Played in a career-high 87 games for Lexington
- Batted .278 w/3HR 17XBH 37RBI 11BB 10SB
- Had much better success vs LHP batting .354 as opposed to his .252 average against righties
- Debuted in May and batted .376 in 27G before the All-Star break, but hit just .238 in the season's 2nd half
- Batted in seven different slots in the lineup for Lexington (everywhere except third and ninth)
- Came through in the clutch batting .351 w/RISP and .500 with the bases loaded

2017 Notes:

- Spent his first pro season in the United States with Rookie Surprise
- Batted .270 w/ 1HR 16XBH 23RBI 16BB in 48G

2016 Notes:

- Spent his first pro season in the Dominican Summer League with the DSL Royals
- Batted .251 w/7XBH 36RBI 26BB & 10SB in 59G

They said it: (Coming Soon)...

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#30 Nick Pratto INF
Ht: 6'1 **Wt: 195**
Age: 20 **B/T: R/R**
Born: Huntington Beach, CA

PRONUNCIATION: PRAH-TOE

Notes: Selected in the first round (14th overall pick) of the 2017 Draft out of Huntington Beach High School in California...Baseball America touted him as the best high school hitter in his draft class and he turned down a scholarship at USC to sign for \$2.5 million...Won world championships in back-to-back seasons in 2015 and 2016 with USA Baseball's U18 National Team... First time he wore a Royals uniform was in Little League, and it just happened to be the year he hit the first home run of his life on a pitch he said came in above his eyes... Had a walk-off single with the bases loaded as a 12 year old to defeat Japan 2-1 in the Little League World Series

2019 Notes:

- Enters the season as the fifth-ranked prospect in the KC system according to MLB.com
- 4-9: Got Rocks' first walk-off win w/10th inning single vs WS

2018 Notes:

- Played in a career-high 127G for Low-A Lexington
- Batted .280 w/14HR 49XBH 62RBI 45BB 22SB
- Ranked top six in the South Atlantic League in runs, doubles, hits, total bases, games, XBHs and average
- Was named to the South Atlantic League midseason All-Star Game was named the game's MVP
- Named the Frank White Defensive Player of the Year as the organization's top defensive prospect
- Entered the season as the Royals' top-ranked prospect according to Baseball America

2017 Notes:

- Spent the season with Rookie-Surprise
- Batted .247 w/4HR 22XBH 34RBI 24BB in 52G
- Was named the Surprise Player of the Year
- Led the team in homers and RBI and was 2nd in hits

They said it: (On his first year of full-season ball)...I think overall it was a good year offensively. There were some areas I can work on like consistency and cutting down on the strikeouts, but I made progress. The biggest thing was getting used to full-season ball, all the ups and downs you go through. You have to ride the wave. It was a long year, but having guys like MJ [Melendez] and Seuly [Matias]...we all just built off each other. It was a fantastic team."**(On Making a Playoff Run last year in Lexington)...** That was my first taste of the playoffs. Obviously, you put expectations in your head, but it lived up to it and was a lot of fun."**(On his defense)...**I had to work on my throwing a little bit, on throws to second and to first. I changed my arm slot mid-year, and it really didn't help me out. So we went back to how I normally do it. Naturally, I'm in a lower slot, a little more sidearm. I've always been fine in terms of accuracy, but the infielders were complaining that my throws moved too much [like a two-seam fastball]. But I went back to my normal slot and everything is fine. I think what I'm best at is picking balls in the dirt, and my agility around the bag. Picking balls and saving bad throws is huge."**(On Who He Admires in Game)** I really like Joey Votto's offensive approach at the plate. It's just solid. He gets the walks. He has the average, the on-base percentage, the slugging percentage. He doesn't strike out too much. That's what I'd like to be offensively.

#3 Sebastian Rivero C
Ht: 6'1 **Wt: 195**
Age: 20 **B/T: R/R**
Born: Maracay, Venezuela

Notes: Signed as an international free agent by the Royals on July 10, 2015. Signed by Richard Castro, Alberto Garcia and Orlando Estevez...His full name is Sebastian Rivero Aguilar

2019 Notes:

- Enters the season as the 27th-ranked prospect in the KC system according to MLB.com
- 4.11 Went 4-5 w/HR 3RBI in walk-off loss at Carolina

2018 Notes:

- Spent the season at Low-A Lexington
- Batted .258 w/7HR 23XBH 34RBI 17BB 59K
- Played in a career-high 77G in his first year of full-season ball
- Named a midseason South Atlantic League All Star
- Posted an impressive .991 fielding percentage
- Batted .309 and slugged .473 in 15 day games
- Was recipient of the 2018 Carlos Fortuna Award which is awarded to a KC player who is dedicated to improving his English, genuine work ethic and conduct.

2017 Notes:

- Spent the season at Rookie-Burlington
- Batted .265 w/4HR 13XBH 28RBI in 48G
- Finished 6th among Appalachian League catchers in RBI

2016 Notes:

- Split the season between the Arizona Rookie League and the Dominican Summer League
- Batted .269 w/10XBH 20RBI in 38G w/Surprise
- Went 9-for-27 w/4RBI in 8G with DSL Royals

They said it: (On his relationship with former Blue Rock and current Royal Salvador Perez)... "My favorite player is Salvador Perez. He's exactly (what a catcher should be). He is injured this year, but I had the pleasure to play with him last spring training in the Big League camp. He told me a lot of tips and and was go (generous) with his time. It was really an amazing experience. I had a bunch of fun. He's a funny guy. I laughed a lot with him and I tried to ask a lot of questions to him, and that helped me. I appreciate him as a person and as a catcher."**(On his relationship with fellow catcher MJ Melendez)...**"We have a pretty good communication with each other and we push each other. If he went bad one day I'll step up for him and he does the same for me, so we just really help each other"**(On working with a pitching staff full of prospects)...**It's pretty fun working (with these prospect pitchers) because these guys know what they're doing and what they want to throw and why."**(On how he can become a better hitter)...**My (biggest thing) is to be ahead in the count. That is my focus. When I'm ahead I get better pitches, make better swings make more doubles, make more RBI, Make more of everything (but) strikeouts."**(On being from Venezuela)...**My family is still all back home and they watch and listen to everything on the internet. They follow so close for being so far. I got to go home and spend some time with them this offseason. That was great because I don't know if I will get back there next winter. I'm going to spend a lot of time in Arizona working (to improve at the) Royals' facility. It's tough, but they understand and support me."

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#27 Colby Schultz INF
Ht: 6'0 **Wt: 180**
Age: 24 **B/T: L/R**
Born: San Juan Capistrano, CA

Notes: Signed as a non-drafted free agent on June 16, 2018. Signed by Colin Gonzales Attended Saddleback College where he batted .315/.381/.466 Earning Second Team All-Orange Empire Conference Honors, Transferred to the University of California Riverside

2019 Notes:

-Joined Blue Rocks on May 11th

2018 Notes:

-Split time between Rookie Burlington and Surprise
-Batted .246 w/ 0HR 5XBH 24 RBI 16BB in 40G

They said it: (Coming Soon)...

#13 Stephan Vidal C
Ht: 6'1 **Wt: 215**
Age: 23 **B/T: R/R**
Born: Willesmstad, Curacao

Notes: Signed as a non-drafted free agent by the Royals on June 16, 2018. Attended North Central Missouri College from 2014-16 before transferring to Jackson State where he hit .335 with 19 extra-base hits and 35 RBI in 49 games as a senior. In two seasons at Jackson State he slashed .300/.394/.470 in 98 games. He hit 10 home runs and drove in 69 runs.

2018 Notes:

- Spent the season in Rookie Arizona League.
-Batted .286 (12-for-42) with a double and two RBI in 13 games with Surprise Royals

They said it: On working with Melendez and Rivero "Yes, the three of us are definitely together the most. Want to pick their brain because they have been in pro ball obviously longer than me, so always trying to learn and get their advice is something I want to make sure I continue to do to become a better catcher." **On making jump from college to professional baseball last season:** "It's the same ball game as college pretty much. The game is a little faster, the pitchers throw harder and you definitely have to adjust to it but it felt pretty easy to me." **On type of catcher he is:** "I would say I am more of a defensive minded catcher, but my offense has improved over the last year I'd say. I've been working on my weaknesses offensively, staying through the ball more, using the opposite field more and that's helped me a lot and also get more flexible. I look forward to helping this team in any way I can." **On being born in Curacao:** "I originally moved to the United States in the fall of 2014 and I went to high school for one year here then went to North Central Missouri College and then transferred to Jackson State University and graduated last year. I earned my bachelor's degree in Business Administration and signed with the Royals not too long after." **On life in Curacao:** Picture bright, clear water where you can see through. Beautiful beaches, great people, very welcoming, kind and loving. It's a multi-cultural island so there are people from everywhere. Everyone can speak three to four different languages so I would definitely recommend visiting if they are looking for a nice spot." **On speaking multiple languages:** "I can speak English, Spanish, Dutch and my native language Papiamentu." **On how he got involved with baseball:** "At first I tried to play soccer, but it was too much running. So I told my mom I didn't want to play anymore. I went to try out for a brand new team and it was club baseball, we don't play college baseball like we do in the states. So the coaches asked who wanted to be a catcher and I raised my hand and that's how it all started." **Favorite Player was Andruw Jones:** "Growing up, Andruw Jones was the player I looked up to the most. He's a hometown hero and the career he had was really fun to watch. After him, we had a couple of different players, but he is one of the big names for us back home."

BLUE ROCKS BULLPEN NOTES

#34 Holden Capps **RHP** **Ht: 62 Wt: 195**
Age: 24 **Born: Lawton, OK**

Notes: Selected in the eighth round of the 2017 Draft out of University of Central Oklahoma...Started his college career at Redlands CC then transferred to UNC Charlotte before finishing at UCO, where he led the Broncos to the postseason for the first time in 11 years

Pitch Repertoire: 4FB, SNK, SL, CH

2018 Notes:

- Spent the season at Low-A Lexington
- Went 1-1 with a 2.98ERA 2SV 69K 10BB in 63.1IP
- Led the entire KC farm system w/6.90 K/BB ratio

2017 Notes:

- Split season between Idaho Falls & Surprise
- Was a midseason Pioneer League All Star

#39 Daniel Duarte **RHP** **Ht: 60 Wt: 168**
Age: 22 **Born: Huatabampo, Mexico**

Notes: Selected from the Texas Rangers in the Minor League phase of the Rule 5 Draft in December of 2017... Elbow injury limited him to just four appearances in his first year as a pro in 2015. He then spent a season in the DSL before playing the 2017 campaign in the Mexican League

Pitch Repertoire:

2018 Notes:

- Split the season between Low-A Lexington and Rookie-Idaho Falls
- Started in IF and did not allow an ER in 14IP over 7G
- Made 6 appearances down the stretch with Lexington going 1-0 with a 2.31 ERA 11K and 5BB in 11.2IP

#31 Robert Garcia **LHP** **Ht: 63 Wt: 220**
Age: 22 **Born: Manteca, CA**

Notes: Selected in the 15th round of the 2017 Draft out of UC Davis

Pitch Repertoire: 4FB, 2FB, CH, SL, Slurve

2018 Notes:

- Split season between Low-A Lexington & Rookie Idaho Falls
- Posted a 1.61 ERA w/3SV 18K 8BB in 22.1 IP with IF
- Went 0-2 with a 2.25ERA in 13G for Legends. Had 31K 11BB
- Did not allow an ER over 12 appearances from 7/16-9/2

2017 Notes:

- Split season between Rookie Idaho Falls & the Surprise Royals
- Went 1-5 with a 10.65 ERA in 11G 10 starts for Idaho Falls
- Allowed 3ER in 5IP over 2G in the Arizona Rookie League

#14 Rito Lugo **LHP** **Ht: 5'10 Wt: 185**
Age: 23 **Born: Naiguata, Venezuela**

Notes: Signed with the Royals as an international free agent on July 2, 2018

Pitch Repertoire: 4FB, SL, CB, CH

2018 Notes:

- Split his first season in the Royals organization between three different levels at Rookie-Idaho Falls Rookie-Surprise & the DSL Royals
- Went 0-2 w/a 1.15 ERA in 4G in DSL; 27K 4BB 15.2IP
- Went 2-0 w/a 2.01 ERA in 4 starts w/IF; 30K/2BB 22.1IP
- Allowed 2R on 8H w/15K and 3BB in 9IP w/Surprise
- His 13.8 K/9 and 8.00 K/BB ratio were both the best among Royals farmhands (min. 40 IP).

#15 Josh Mitchell **LHP** **Ht: 62 Wt: 220**
Age: 24 **Born: Ridgeway, PA**

Notes: Selected in the 22nd round of the 2017 Draft out of Pittsburgh. Made 41 appearances (16 starts) at the University of Pittsburgh over three seasons.

Pitch Repertoire: 4FB, 2FB, SL, CH

2018 Notes:

- Split season between Low-A Lexington and Wilmington.
- With LEX: 1-0 with a 0.90 ERA in seven relief outings.
- 10.0 IP, 8H, 4R, 1ER, BB, 11K, .205 BAA
- Promoted to WIL in May and went 2-1 with 8.39 ERA in 21 appearances.
- 34.2 IP, 24 ER, 13BB, 33K, .261 BAA.
- Missed last month of season due to right knee injury.

#38 Tad Ratliff **RHP** **Ht: 6'1 Wt: 230**
Age: 23 **Born: Taylorsville, NC**

Notes: Signed as a non-drafted free agent on June 28, 2017...Attended Lenoir-Rhyne University where he posted a 3.35 ERA and 97Ks in his career

Pitch Repertoire: 4FB, 2FB, SL, SP

2019 Notes:

- 4-6-19 Recorded the first save of the season for the Rocks

2018 Notes:

- Spent the season at Low-A Lexington
- Went 2-0 with a 1.68ERA in 27G w/Lexington
- Held batters to a .211 BA w/29K & 5BB in his last 17G
- Recorded the save in all three wins in the South Atlantic League championship series.

2017 Notes:

- Spent season w/Rookie-Burlington 2G allowed 5R in 4IP

#40 Collin Snider **RHP** **Ht: 64 Wt: 220**
Age: 23 **Born: Murfreesboro, TN**

Notes: Selected in the 12th round of the 2017 Draft out of Vanderbilt University...59 of his 60 college outings came out of the bullpen

Pitch Repertoire: FB, SL, CH

2018 Notes:

- Spent the season at Low-A Lexington
- Went 5-7 w/a 5.57 ERA in 29G/9GS. Had 50K & 16BB in 76IP

2017 Notes:

- Split season between Low-A Lexington & Rookie-Burlington
- Had a 1.85 ERA in 12G with the B-Royals

#23 Tyler Zuber **RHP** **Ht: 5'11 Wt: 190**
Age: 23 **Born: White Hall, AR**

Notes: Selected in the sixth round of the 2017 Draft out of Arkansas State University. Was the highest drafted player in program history. His 258K are 2nd-most in school history

Pitch Repertoire: 4FB, CB, SL, CH

2018 Notes:

- Split season between Low-A Lexington & Adv-A Wilmington
- Went 2-2 w/a 3.10 ERA in Lex. Had 48K/4BB 9SV in 29IP
- Was promoted to Wilmington in July
- Went 1-4 w/a 4.91 ERA. Had 9Svs 22K & 8BB in 22IP

Wilmington Blue Rocks 2019 Season Highs & Lows

Blue Rocks Offense

Most Runs, Game: 8 (4/15 vs. W-S)
Most Runs, Inning: 5 (4/30 vs FRE)
Most HRs, Inning (Team): 2 (Aracena & Rivero 4/12 vs. CAR)
Most Hits, Game: 11, 2x (4/11 vs. CAR, 4/15 vs. W-S)
Fewest Hits, Game: 1 (4/30 vs FRE)
Most Walks, Game (Team): 8, 2x (4/10 vs. W-S, 5/2 vs FRE)
Most Doubles, Game (Team): 3, 6x (Last: 5/11 vs POT)
Most Triples, Game (Team): 2 (4/27 vs. LYN)
Most HRs, Game (Team): 3 (4/14 vs. CAR)
Most SB, Game (Team): 4 (4/10 vs. W-S)
10 + Hits, Game: 2 (4/11 vs CAR, 4/15 vs. W-S)
Most Doubles, Game (Indiv.): 2, 2x (Carrasco 4/11 vs CAR, Pratto 4/15 vs. W-S)
Most Triples, Game (Indiv.): 1, 8x (Last: Seuly Matias 5/8 vs SAL)
Most HRs, Game (Indiv.): 2 (Seuly Matias 4/14 vs. CAR)
Consecutive Games W/HR (Indiv.): 3 (Seuly Matias 4/13 vs CAR G2 - 4/15 vs W-S)
Consecutive Games W/ HR (team): 3 (4/13 vs CAR G2 - 4/15 vs W-S)
Consecutive Games W/O HR: 11 (4/16 vs. W-S - 4/28 vs LYN)
Most RBI, Game (Indiv.): 3, 6x (Last: Dennicher Carrasco 5/9 vs SAL)
Most Hits, Game (Indiv.): 4 (Sebastian Rivero 4/11 vs CAR)
Most SB, Game (Indiv.): 2, 2x (Kyle Isbel 4/6 vs. SAL G1, Brewer Hicklen 5/2 vs FRE)
Longest Hitting Streak: 7 games (Kyle Isbel 4/9 vs W-S - 4/16 vs W-S)
Most Runners LOB, Team: 12 (5/2 vs FRE)
Longest Scoreless Innings Streak: 100 (4th inning 5/14 vs. FRE G1 - 7th inning 5/14 vs. FRE G2)
Longest Hitless Innings Streak: 9.1 (4/29 9th inning vs FRE - 4/30 9th Inning vs FRE)

Opponents Offense

Most Runs, Game: 12 (5/1 vs. FRE)
Most Runs, Inning: 6 (3rd Inning 5/1 vs. FRE)
Most Hits, Game: 16, 2x (4/4 vs. SAL, 5/1 vs. FRE)
Fewest Hits, Game: 2, 2x (4/13 vs. CAR G2, 5/15 vs. FRE)
Most HRs, Game (Team): 2 (4/29 vs. FRE)
Most SB, Game (Team): 2, 2x (4/11 vs. CAR, 4/22 vs. W-S)
10 + Hits, Game: 11 (Last: 14 hits 5/10 vs POT)
Most Home Runs, Game (Indiv.): 1, 16x (Last: Nick Banks 5/11 vs POT)
Most RBI, Game (Indiv.): 4 (Willy Yahn 5/1 vs. FRE)
Most Hits, Game (Indiv.): 4, 3x (Jagger Rusconi 4/4 vs. SAL, Mason McCoy 4/29 & 5/1 vs. FRE)
Most SB, Game (Indiv.): 1, 15x (Last: Trevor Craport 5/15 vs. FRE)
Most Runners LOB, Team: 12 (5/10 vs POT)

Blue Rocks Individual Pitching

Most Runs Allowed, Game: 7, 2x (Daniel Tillo 4/20 vs. DE G1 & 5/1 vs. FRE)
Most ER Allowed, Game: 7 (Daniel Tillo 4/20 vs. DE G1)
Most Hits Allowed, Game: 10 (Daniel Lynch 5/8 vs. SAL)
Most HRs Allowed, Game: 1, 16x (Last: Marcelo Martinez 5/11 vs POT)
Most Walks Allowed, Game: 4, 2x (Daniel Lynch 4/10 vs. W-S & Daniel Tillo 5/14 vs. FRE G1)
Most Strikeouts, Game: 9 (Daniel Lynch 5/15 vs FRE)
Most Strikeouts, Game (Reliever): 5 (Rito Lugo 4/9 vs. W-S)
Most IP, Game for Starter: 8.0 (Last: Daniel Tillo 5/7 vs SAL)
Most IP, Game for Reliever: 3.2 (Rito Lugo 4/9 vs. W-S, Collin Snider 4/14 vs. CAR)
Fewest IP, Game for Starter: 2.2, 2x (Daniel Tillo 4/20 vs. DE G1 & 5/1 vs. FRE)
Longest Winning Streak (Dec.): 2, 3x (Last: Tyler Zuber 4/30 vs. FRE, 5/14 vs. FRE G2)
Longest Losing Streak (Dec.): 2 (Daniel Tillo 4/20 vs. DE, 5/1 vs. FRE)
10+ Strikeouts, (Indiv.): N/A
Complete Games: 1 (Daniel Tillo 4/13 vs. CAR G2, 7 innings)

Blue Rocks Team Pitching

Fewest Hits Allowed, Game: 2, 2x (4/13 vs. CAR G2, 5/15 vs. FRE)
Most Hits Allowed, Game: 16, 2x (4/4 vs. SAL, 5/1 vs. FRE)
Most Runs Allowed, Game: 12 (5/1 vs. FRE)
Most Runs Allowed, Inning: 6 (3rd Inning 5/1 vs. FRE)
10 + Hits Allowed, Game: 11 (Last: 14 hits 5/10 vs POT)
Most HRs Allowed, Game: 2 (4/29 vs FRE)
Most Strikeouts, Game (9 Innings): 15 (5/10 vs. POT)
Most Strikeouts, Game (Extra Innings): 12 (4/9 vs. W-S 10 Innings)
Most Walks Allowed, Game: 7 (4/24 vs. W-S)
Most SB Allowed, Game: 2, 2x (4/11 vs. CAR, 4/22 vs. W-S)
Longest Scoreless Innings Streak: 19.0 (5/14 vs. FRE G1 5th Inning - Present)
Consecutive Games Allowing HR: 4 (Last: 4/29 vs. FRE - 5/2 vs. FRE)
Consecutive Games W/O Allowing HR: 3, 4x (Last: 5/14 vs. FRE G1 - Present)
Most Pitchers Used, Game: 4, 8x (Last: 5/10 vs POT)
10 + Strikeouts, Staff: 12 (Last: 10 K's 5/15 vs. FRE)
Most Consecutive Shutouts: N/A

Opponents Pitching

Most Strikeouts, Game (Team, Extra Innings): 11 (4/24 vs. W-S 10 Innings)
Most Strikeouts, Game (Team, 9 Innings): 18 (5/7 vs. SAL)
Most Strikeouts, Game (Indiv.): 12 (Michael Baumann 4/30 vs FRE)
10 + Strikeouts, Staff: 24 (Last: 11 K's 5/15 vs. FRE)
10+ Strikeouts, Indiv.: 3 (Last: 10 K's Kyle Johnston 5/10 vs POT)

Blue Rocks Miscellaneous Season Highs & Lows

Longest Winning Streak: 5 (4/6 vs. SAL G2 - 4/11 vs. CAR)
Longest Winning Streak, Home: 6 (4/6 vs. SAL G2 - 4/18 vs. DE)
Longest Winning Streak, Road: 5 (Last: 4/16 vs W-S - 4/28 vs. LYN)

Longest Losing Streak: 6 (4/20 vs. DE G1 - 4/24 vs W-S)
Longest Losing Streak, Home: 6 (4/20 vs. DE G1 - 4/24 vs. W-S)
Longest Losing Streak, Road: 2 (5/8 vs SAL - Present)

Largest Margin of Victory: 6 runs (4/13 vs CAR G2)
Largest Margin of Defeat: 10 runs, 2x (4/4 vs SAL, 5/1 vs. FRE)
Largest Come-From-Behind Win: 4 runs (Trailed FRE 4-0 on 4/30)
Largest Fall-From-Ahead Loss: 4 runs (Led W-S 8-4 on 4/15)
Longest Game, Innings: 10 (4/9 vs W-S)
Longest Game, Time (9 Innings): 3:18 (5/10 vs. POT)
Longest Game, Time (Extra Innings): 3:37 (4/24 vs W-S 10 Innings)
Shortest Game, Time (9 Innings): 2:04 (4/17 vs W-S)
Shortest Game, Time (Overall): 1:54 (4/6 vs SAL G1 7 Innings)
Longest Weather Delay: 1:01 (4/30 vs FRE)

Most DP Turned, Game: 4, 2x (4/28 vs LYN, 5/1 vs. FRE)
Most DP Against, Game: 3 (4/24 vs. W-S)
Triple Plays Turned, Season: N/A
Triple Plays Against, Season: 1 (4/9 vs W-S)

Most Errors, One Game, Player: 2, 4x (Last: Cristian Perez 5/3 vs. CAR)
Most Errors, One Game, Team: 4, 3x (4/20 vs. DE G1, 5/1 vs. FRE, 5/3 vs. CAR)
Consecutive Games W/Error: 8, 2x (Last: 4/26 vs. LYN - 5/4 vs CAR)
Consecutive Games W/O Error: 3 (4/14 vs. CAR - 4/16 vs. W-S)

Most Errors, One Game, Opp. Player: 2 (Yeyson Yrizarri 4/10 vs W-S)
Most Errors, One Game, Opp. Team: 3, 2x (4/16 vs. W-S, 5/3 vs. CAR)

Largest Home Crowd: 6,313 (4/10 vs. W-S)
Smallest Home Crowd: 2,042 (4/21 vs. DE)
Home Sellouts (6,537): N/A
Largest Road Crowd: 3,490 (4/13 vs CAR G2)
Smallest Road Crowd: 1,055 (5/7 vs SAL)

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Blue Rocks 2019 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
4-4	SAL	L	10-2	2	3	3	3	10	16	1	11	Bazardo (1-0)	Lynch (0-1)	None	0-1	3rd	1.0	5,619	3:00
4-5	SAL							Rained Out Postponed until 4/6											
4-6	SAL	L	2-1 (7)	1	4	0	5	2	5	1	3	Matta (1-0)	Singer (0-1)	Cosart (1)	0-2	5th	2.0	-	1:54
4-6	SAL	W	2-1 (7)	2	2	1	2	1	5	0	4	Cloney (1-0)	Fisher (0-1)	Ratliff (1)	1-2	4th	1.0	4,471	2:02
4-7	SAL	W	2-1	2	4	1	2	1	4	0	5	Snider (1-0)	De Jesus (0-1)	Zuber (1)	2-2	3rd	1.0	4,116	2:41
4-8	W-S	W	5-3	5	7	3	5	3	7	2	5	Tillo (1-0)	Burns (0-1)	Ratliff (2)	3-2	3rd	1.0	2,553	2:36
4-9	W-S	W	2-1	2	2	3	3	1	7	2	11	Capps (1-0)	Kincannon (0-1)	None	4-2	1st	-	2,410	3:08
4-10	W-S	W	4-1	4	3	1	6	1	6	2	10	Garcia (1-0)	Lewis(1-1)	Zuber(2)	5-2	1st	-	6,313	2:54
4-11	CAR	L	7-6	6	11	4	11	7	7	1	4	Hardy (2-0)	Cloney (1-1)	None	5-3	2nd	1.0	2,908	2:57
4-12	CAR							Rained Out Postponed until 4/13											
4-13	CAR	W	3-2 (7)	3	8	1	4	2	7	1	7	Duarte (1-0)	Zavolas (1-1)	Ratliff (3)	6-3	2nd	1.0	-	2:30
4-13	CAR	W	6-0 (7)	6	9	2	9	0	2	1	5	Tillo (2-0)	File (0-2)	None	7-3	2nd	0.5	3,490	2:13
4-14	CAR	W	5-1	5	8	0	5	1	5	1	6	Snider (2-0)	Taugner (1-1)	None	8-3	1st	-	2,732	2:54
4-15	W-S	L	9-8	8	11	0	5	9	13	2	7	Burns (1-1)	Zuber (0-1)	Ledo (1)	8-4	1st	-	2,801	3:04
4-16	W-S	W	4-3	4	7	0	6	3	8	3	5	Singer (1-1)	Kincannon (0-2)	Ratliff (4)	9-4	1st	-	2,922	2:38
4-17	W-S	W	2-1	2	3	1	1	1	4	2	4	Martinez (1-0)	Battenfield (0-2)	Zuber (3)	10-4	1st	-	2,875	2:04
4-18	DE	W	4-3	4	7	1	7	3	5	0	6	Kowar (1-0)	Alexy (0-3)	Ratliff (5)	11-4	1st	-	3,524	3:05
4-19	DE							Rained Out Postponed until 4/20											
4-20	DE	L	9-1 (7)	1	4	4	7	9	13	0	7	Anderson (1-0)	Tillo (2-1)	None	11-5	1st	-	-	2:23
4-20	DE	L	3-2 (8)	2	2	2	3	3	7	1	4	Clase (2-0)	Zuber (0-2)	Mendez (1)	11-6	1st	-	3,427	2:18
4-21	DE	L	7-3	3	7	1	9	7	10	0	7	Uvila (1-0)	Singer (1-2)	None	11-7	1st	-	2,042	3:06
4-22	W-S	L	3-1	1	7	1	7	3	6	2	5	Hansen (1-0)	Capps (1-1)	Nin (1)	11-8	1st	-	2,954	2:48
4-23	W-S	L	6-2	2	4	2	6	6	12	2	9	Heuer (1-0)	Snider (2-1)	None	11-9	2nd	0.5	3,364	2:57
4-24	W-S	L	5-2	2	8	0	8	5	8	0	8	Elliot (1-0)	Ratliff (0-1)	Nin (2)	11-10	2nd	1.5	3,607	3:37
4-25	OFF DAY (1)																		
4-26	LYN	W	6-5	6	6	2	7	5	9	0	7	Capps (2-1)	Polanco (0-1)	Zuber (4)	12-10	2nd	1.0	1,303	3:03
4-27	LYN	W	6-4	6	9	1	6	4	11	2	8	Lynch (1-1)	Scott (2-2)	Ratliff (6)	13-10	1st	-	3,020	3:09
4-28	LYN	W	6-2	6	7	1	2	2	9	0	5	Singer (2-2)	Robinson (0-1)	None	14-10	1st	-	2,212	2:40
4-29	FRE	L	5-1	1	7	2	10	5	12	0	11	Haniffee (2-2)	Kowar (1-1)	Almengo (1)	14-11	1st	-	3,294	3:06
4-30	FRE	W	5-4	5	1	1	3	4	9	1	9	Zuber (1-2)	Perez (0-1)	None	15-11	1st	-	2,505	3:06
5-1	FRE	L	12-2	2	5	4	9	12	16	0	5	Kimek (1-1)	Tillo (2-2)	None	15-12	1st	-	1,867	2:52
5-2	FRE	W	5-4	5	7	2	12	4	6	0	3	Lynch (2-1)	Hall	Ratliff (7)	16-12	1st	-	2,910	3:08
5-3	CAR	W	4-3	4	6	4	6	3	5	2	6	Singer (3-2)	Smith (1-2)	Zuber (5)	17-12	1st	-	5,628	2:46
5-4	CAR	W	2-0	2	8	0	4	0	9	0	7	Kowar (2-1)	Zavolas (1-2)	Ratliff (8)	18-12	1st	-	4,673	2:37
5-5	CAR							Cancelled Due to Rain											
5-6	OFF DAY (2)																		
5-7	SAL	W	3-2	3	7	3	5	2	5	0	7	Tillo (3-2)	Smith (0-3)	Martinez (1)	19-12	1st	-	1,055	2:35
5-8	SAL	L	6-1	1	2	0	4	6	13	2	7	Crawford (2-1)	Lynch (2-2)	None	19-13	1st	-	1,068	2:33
5-9	SAL	L	5-3	3	5	2	6	5	14	1	8	Demchak (1-1)	Lugo (0-1)	Cosart (5)	19-14	1st	-	3,158	2:58
5-10	PT	L	7-2	2	4	1	4	7	14	1	12	Johnston (3-4)	Kowar (2-2)	None	19-15	1st	-	4,326	3:18
5-11	PT	W	2-1	2	5	0	3	1	8	1	6	Martinez (2-0)	Borne (1-1)	Ratliff (9)	20-15	1st	-	3,814	2:25
5-12	PT							PPD Due to Rain											
5-13	FRE							PPD Due to Rain											
5-14	FRE	L	4-1 (7)	1	3	1	5	4	6	0	7	Baumann (1-2)	Tillo (3-3)	Seabrooke (1)	20-16	1st	-	-	2:26
5-14	FRE	W	2-0 (7)	2	3	0	4	0	3	0	3	Zuber (2-2)	Haniffee (2-3)	None	21-16	1st	-	3,223	1:55
5-15	FRE	W	1-0	1	6	0	6	0	2	0	2	Snider (3-1)	Bishop (0-2)	Ratliff (10)	22-16	1st	-	6,054	2:19
5-16	FRE																		
5-17	PT																		
5-18	PT																		
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5-24	MB																		
5-25	MB																		
5-26	MB																		
5-27	MB																		
5-28	OFF DAY (3)																		
5-29	FAY																		
5-30	FAY																		
5-31	FAY																		
6-1	FAY																		
6-2	MB																		
6-3	MB																		
6-4	MB																		
6-5	OFF DAY (4)																		
6-6	FAY																		
6-7	FAY																		
6-8	FAY																		
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6-15	LYN																		
6-16	LYN																		
6-17	OFF-DAY (5)																		
6-18	CAROLINA LEAGUE ALL-STAR GAME (OFF DAY 6)																		
6-19	OFF DAY (7)																		

End of First Half of the Season

*Eliminated from First Half Playoff Contention

BOLD INDICATES HOME GAME

Blue Rocks 2019 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
6-20	FRE																		
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7-4	PT																		
7-5	PT																		
7-6	PT																		
7-7	SAL																		
7-8	SAL																		
7-9	OFF DAY (8/1)																		
7-10	SAL																		
7-11	SAL																		
7-12	SAL																		
7-13	CAR																		
7-14	CAR																		
7-15	CAR																		
7-16	OFF DAY (9/2)																		
7-17	W-S																		
7-18	W-S																		
7-19	W-S																		
7-20	CAR																		
7-21	CAR																		
7-22	CAR																		
7-23	PT																		
7-24	PT																		
7-25	PT																		
7-26	DE																		
7-27	DE																		
7-28	DE																		
7-29	OFF DAY (10/3)																		
7-30	FAY																		
7-31	FAY																		
8-1	FAY																		
8-2	PT																		
8-3	PT																		
8-4	PT																		
8-5	OFF DAY (11/4)																		
8-6	FAY																		
8-7	FAY																		
8-8	FAY																		
8-9	MB																		
8-10	MB																		
8-11	MB																		
8-12	OFF DAY (12/5)																		
8-13	LYN																		
8-14	LYN																		
8-15	LYN																		
8-16	DE																		
8-17	DE																		
8-18	DE																		
8-19	OFF DAY (13/6)																		
8-20	SAL																		
8-21	SAL																		
8-22	SAL																		
8-23	DE																		
8-24	DE																		
8-25	DE																		
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End of Second Half of Season

BOLD INDICATES HOME GAME