



MEDIA INFORMATION

Potomac Nationals (14-10, T-1st, – GB / Northern) Carolina League Affiliate of the Washington Nationals
vs.
Wilmington Blue Rocks (11-12, 4th, 2.5 GB / Northern) Carolina League Affiliate of the Kansas City Royals
Game No. 24 • Road Game No. 12 • Pfitzner Stadium • Tuesday, May 1, 2018 • 7:05 p.m.



BLUE ROCKS BREAKDOWN

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

GOMEZ, BENDER AND DOWNES LEAD ROCKS TO SHUTOUT WIN: The Wilmington Blue Rocks ended their six-game homestand in dominant fashion with a 3-0 shutout win over the Winston-Salem Dash Sunday afternoon at Frawley Stadium. **Brandon Downes** provided the offense with a three-run home run in the third inning while starter **Ofreidy Gomez** and reliever **Anthony Bender** piggybacked to complete the shutout win of the season for Wilmington. The Rocks earned the series win over the Dash and finished the homestand with a 3-3 record.

BULLISH ON THE MOUND: The Blue Rocks held the potent Dash offense off the board Sunday and have strung together a season-high 17.2 straight scoreless innings entering the series against Potomac. -On Saturday, the Blue Rocks allowed a run in the first inning and then kept Winston-Salem in check for the final eight innings of the game to earn a 3-1 victory. -Starter **Jace Vines** allowed the lone blemish with one out in the first inning and then tossed 5.1 scoreless innings to end his outing. -Relievers **Matthew Wynne**, **Nolan Becker** and **Bryan Brickhouse** tossed the final 3.1 innings in scoreless fashion.

LONG BALL FUN: With **Brandon Downes'** three-run blast Sunday afternoon, the Rocks have now clubbed a home run in 13 of the first 23 games. -Downes has hit 27 home runs in his Blue Rocks career and is now four homers shy of tying **Raul Gonzalez** (1993-95, 31 HR) for third-most in franchise history. -From April 9-14, the Rocks hit a home run in six consecutive games. -Wilmington went 2-4 during that span and are 7-6 overall when they hit a home run this season. -The Rocks are tied for third in the Carolina League with 15 home runs. -Last season, the Blue Rocks did not hit double digit home runs until May 1.

APRIL IN REVIEW: The Rocks finished the opening month of the campaign with an 11-12 record. -That is a three win improvement from last season, when the Blue Crew went 8-15 in the first month of 2017. -Entering May, the Rocks are tied for first in the CL in walks (104), second in stolen bases (37), tied for third in home runs (15), sixth in OBP% (.323) but are last in batting average (.224). -On the mound, the Rocks finished April tied for third in shutouts (3), sixth in team ERA (3.85) and earned runs allowed (86).

ROLLING ON THE RIVERA: Third baseman **Emmanuel Rivera** has been the most consistent bat in the Wilmington lineup over the last 10 games. -In his last 10 games, he is hitting .333 (12-for-36) with five runs scored and seven RBI. -Friday, he added two more hits including his team-leading fifth double. -He posted his first three-hit game of the season and drove in a run Thursday night against Potomac. -Rivera had his eight-game hitting streak snapped Tuesday night against Potomac. -He hit .313 (10-for-32) during the stretch. -It stands as the longest hitting streak by a Blue Rock this season. -He has also been a run producer and leads the team with 14 RBI. -Leads the team with 23 hits and has collected a hit in all but six games this season. -Coming off 2017 season in which he won the South Atlantic League batting title. (.310 in 122 gms)

RUDY BEING RUDY: **Rudy Martin** continues his success as the Blue Rocks' leadoff hitter. -He is currently riding a season-high six-game hit streak and hitting .333 (7-for-21) with five runs scored, a triple, RBI and two walks during the stretch. -In his last 10 games, the speedy outfielder is hitting .324 (11-for-34) with nine runs scored and six RBI. -On April 19 at Frederick, Martin finished 3-for-5, falling a home run shy of the cycle. -He also tied a career-high with five RBI in the victory. -His 14 stolen bases are also the most in the Carolina League and tied for the most in all of MiLB. -First in the CL with 21 walks, which is also tied for fourth-most in all of MiLB. -Also first in the Carolina League in on-base percentage (.441). -In his career, he has stolen 76 bases and only caught 16 times.

RUNNING ROCKS: As a team, Wilmington is second in the Carolina League with 37 stolen bases and have only been caught 10 times this season. Buies Creek leads the CL with 44. -Overall, the Blue Rocks have five different players with multiple stolen bases this season. -Martin (14), **Nick Heath** (7), **D.J. Burt** (6), Lee (6) and **Gabriel Cancel** (2). -On April 7, at Potomac, the Rocks set a franchise single-game record by swiping five bases. Martin stole three, while Burt and Heath each swiped a bag in a 5-4 win for Wilmington. The Blue Crew matched the mark on 4/14 at home against Lynchburg.

FAMILIAR FOES: The Blue Rocks and P-Nats are no strangers to each other and will play 25 total games against one another this season. -The two teams played seven games against each other in April and the Blue Rocks went 3-4 against Potomac. -Through the first seven meetings the Rocks have yielded a 4.13 ERA and hitting .227 against the P-Nats. -Wilmington will play Potomac 10 times over the next 23 games. -The Northern Division rivals will meet again at Frawley Stadium from May 7-9 before wrapping up the 10-game stretch back at Pfitzner Stadium from May 21-24. -Outfielder **Khalil Lee** has had success facing Potomac pitching, hitting .304 (7-for-23) with four runs scored, a double, triple, home run, six RBI and seven walks in seven games played.

Tonight's Starters

WIL: RHP Gerson Garabito (1-1, 2.70 ERA)
vs.
POT: RHP Wil Crowe (3-0, 3.27 ERA)

-Righty **Gerson Garabito** makes his fifth start of the season and third against Potomac. -The Dominican Republic native signed with the Royals on Sept. 17, 2012. -He is rated as the #16 prospect in the system according to *Baseball America* and #30 by MLB.com. -Last time out on April 25 against Potomac, he did not factor in the decision. -He worked three innings, allowed two earned runs on two hits, walked four and struck out five. -In his Wilmington debut on 4/8 @ POT, he tossed six scoreless innings, allowed one hit and tied a career-high with nine strikeouts in a no-decision. -This season vs. POT: 0-0, 2.00 ERA 2G/2GS, 9.0 IP, 3H, 2ER, 7BB, 13K, .103 BAA. -This season, he is holding opponents to a .145 batting average (.105 vs. LHB / .194 vs. RHB). -Garabito repeated at Low-A Lexington last season and put together a nice bounce back campaign despite missing seven weeks due to shoulder tendonitis. -Last season, the 22-year-old went 4-5 with a 2.81 ERA in 15 starts. He struck out 72 batters, walked just 19 in 77.0 innings of work and held opponents to an impressive .196 batting average. -He also had a 24.2-inning streak in which he did not allow an earned run from May 4 to Aug. 15. -The streak was interrupted due to his injury that included two rehab starts in the AZL. -In 2017 vs. LHB .174 BAA / vs. RHB .203 BAA. -In 2016 with the Legends, he went 2-11 with a 4.80 ERA in 18 starts and tossed 80.2 innings and struck out 61 men while walking 35. -Garabito spent his first three seasons in the organization at the Rookie level, playing two years in the Dominican Summer League in 2013-14 before coming stateside and playing for the Surprise Royals in the Arizona League in 2015. -He features a fastball that ranges from 89-94 m.p.h to go along with a good curveball he can locate and a changeup he got back to using last season.

-Righty **Wil Crowe** makes his fifth start of the season and his second straight against the Blue Rocks. -The 23-year-old was drafted by the Washington Nationals in the second round of the 2017 Draft out of the University of South Carolina. -Rated as the 7th-best prospect in WSH system per *Baseball America*. -Last time out against Wilmington on April 25, he earned his third win of the season. -He tossed six innings, allowed two runs, one earned, six hits, walked one and struck out five batters. -Crowe has lasted at least five innings in each of his first four starts of the season. -This is his first year in full-season baseball. -Last season, he split between Short-Season Auburn and the Gulf Coast League. -He went 0-0 with a 2.96 ERA in nine total starts at the two stops. -Logged 24.1 IP, 21H, 8R/8ER, walked four and struck out 17. -Features a fastball, curveball, slider and changeup.

2018 Regular-Season Series: WIL vs. POT (POT Leads Series, 4-3) (WIL Won Series 16-10 in 2017)

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

Upcoming Probable Starters and Schedule

Wednesday, May 2 @ Potomac, 7:05 p.m. RHP Amaldo Hernandez (2-0, 1.35 ERA) vs. LHP Matthew Crownover (1-2, 3.49 ERA)
Thursday, May 3 @ Potomac, 7:05 p.m. LHP Cristian Castillo (1-2, 7.23 ERA) vs. RHP Sterling Sharp (2-2, 4.62 ERA)
Friday, May 4 vs. Frederick, 7:05 p.m. RHP Jace Vines (1-4, 8.06 ERA) vs. TBD

MEDIA INFORMATION CONTINUED

HOME RUN NOTES

Blue Rocks

2-HR GAMES BY BLUE ROCKS (2 IN 2017 / 4 IN 2016)

4.21.18 Kort Peterson at FRE (2-R HR & go-ahead 3-R HR in 7th)

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

BACK-TO-BACK HOME RUNS (1 IN 2017 / 3 IN 2016)

6.2.17 Brandon Downes and Chris DeVito at WS (6th inning DeVito completed cycle on his HR)

LEADOFF HOME RUNS (1 IN 2017 / 0 IN 2016)

5.22.17 Nicky Lopez at FRE (Solo HR)

GRAND SLAM HOME RUNS (2 IN 2017 BOTH BY VALLOT / 3 IN 2016)

4.19.18 Chase Vallot at FRE (1st inning off Cody Sedlock)

WALK-OFF HOME RUNS (1 IN 2017 / 0 IN 2016)

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

PINCH-HIT HOME RUNS (0 IN BOTH 2016-17 / 1 IN 2015)

5.16.15 Dex Kjerstad at LY

INSIDE-THE-PARK HOME RUNS (0 IN 2017 / 2 IN 2016)

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: 15 (78 IN 2017 / 21 HOME & 57 AWAY)

Buies Creek	Lynchburg 3
Carolina 1	Myrtle Beach
Down East	Potomac 5
Frederick 1	Salem 3
	Winston-Salem

FRAWLEY 6

ROAD 9

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: 20 (81 in 2017 / 31 Home & 50 AWAY)

Buies Creek	Lynchburg 1
Carolina 2	Myrtle Beach
Down East	Potomac 7
Frederick 6	Salem 2
	Winston-Salem 2

FRAWLEY 7

ROAD 13

Blue Rocks vs. the Carolina League

Opponent	Record	Home	Road
Frederick	3-1	0-0	3-1
Lynchburg	2-1	2-1	0-0
Potomac	3-4	1-2	2-2
Salem	0-3	0-0	0-3
Northern Div.	8-9	3-3	5-6

Opponent	Record	Home	Road
Buies Creek	0-0	0-0	0-0
Carolina	1-2	1-2	0-0
Down East	0-0	0-0	0-0
Myrtle Beach	0-0	0-0	0-0
Winston-Salem	2-1	2-1	0-0
Southern Div.	3-3	3-3	0-0

Runners Left On Base

Blue Rocks: 165 | Opponents: 185

Numbers With RISP

Blue Rocks: .234 Avg. (45-for-192)

Blue Rocks On...

Mondays:	1-1	April:	11-12
Tuesdays:	0-3	May:	0-0
Wednesdays:	0-3	June:	0-0
Thursdays:	3-0	July:	0-0
Fridays:	2-3	Aug:	0-0
Saturdays:	4-0	Sept:	0-0
Sundays:	1-2		
First Game of Series:	4-3		
Last Game of Series:	2-4		
Series Won:	2		
Series Lost:	3		
Series Split:	1		
Series Swept:	0-1		
Rubber Matches:	1-1		

2018 Roster (28)

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
Vance Tatum
Jose Veras#
Jace Vines
Matt Wynne

Catchers (3)

Xavier Fernandez
Chase Vallot*
Meibrys Viloria*

Infielders (6)

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

Outfielders (5)

Brandon Downes
Nick Heath #
Khalil Lee*
Rudy Martin*
Kort Peterson*

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

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

TONIGHT'S BLUE ROCKS STARTING PITCHER

#14 RHP Gerson Garabito

Acquired: Signed as an international free agent by Kansas City on Sept. 17, 2012.

Born: San Cristobal, Dominican Republic Age: 22 (Aug. 19, 1995)

Resides: Villa Federico, Dominican Republic Ht: 6'0 Wt: 160

College: N/A Bats/Throws: R/R



Pitch Repertoire: Fastball, Curveball, Changeup

THE BOOK ON GERSON GARABITO: Gerson Garabito was signed as an international free agent on September 17, 2012 by Kansas City. He enters this season ranked as a top-30 prospect in the system according to both Baseball America (#16) and MLB.com (#30). The last two seasons for the 22-year-old had to overcome different types of adversity. In 2016, he spent his first year in full-season baseball with Low-A Lexington and struggled. He went 2-11 with a 4.8 ERA in 18 starts. In 80.2 innings he allowed 78 hits, 43 earned runs, struck out 61 batters and walked 35. However, the Royals believed he showed more promise than the numbers indicated. Last season, he repeated in Lexington and put together a nice bounce back season. He was pitching better and had a 24.2-inning streak in which he did not allow an earned run with the Legends from May 4 to Aug. 15. The streak was interrupted by a seven-week stint on the disabled list due to shoulder tendonitis in his right shoulder. Ultimately he would miss almost two months of the season. He made two rehab starts in Surprise, Arizona before rejoining the Legends to finish the season. Overall with Lexington, he went 4-5 with a 2.811 ERA in 15 starts. He tossed 77 innings and allowed 52 hits, 24 earned runs, 19 walks and 72 strikeouts. He also held South Atlantic League hitters to a .190 batting average. From 2013-2015, the right-handed hurler spent his first three seasons in the organization at the Rookie-level. He was with the Surprise Royals in 2015 in the Arizona League for his stateside debut before spending his first two years as a pro in the Dominican Summer League. Scouts have raved about Garabito's ability to command all three off his pitches. His fastball ranges from 89-94 m.p.h. and has a lot of movement to go along with a curveball that he can locate well and a changeup he used more last season. Scouts believe he has the repertoire to remain in the rotation and slot in as a No.4 or No.5 starter, but can also see his stuff play as a reliever. In his last start against Potomac on April 25, he did not factor in the decision and made his shortest start of the season. The righty tossed three innings, allowed two earned runs on two hits, walked five and struck out four. He will be making his third start of the season against Potomac. He made his Wilmington debut on April 8 at Potomac where he tied a career-high with nine strikeouts in six innings of work in a no-decision.

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

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

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

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

The Book on Garabito (2018)

At Home: 0-1, 4.00 ERA 2G/2GS

On the Road: 1-0, 1.64 ERA 2G/2GS

LH Opp Avg: .105

RH Opp Avg: .194

Record when he pitches: 1-1

Wilmington Record when he starts: 1-3

Run Support (overall): 5.3

Run Support (starting): 5.3

ERA: 2.12

Season-High K's: 9, (4/8/18 @ Potomac Nationals)

Career-High K's: 9, 2x, (Last: 4/8/18 @ Potomac Nationals)

Last Win: 4/19/18 @ Frederick Keys

Last Loss: 4/13/18 vs. Lynchburg Hillcats

Most IP, 2018: 6.0 IP, 2x (Last: 4/13/18 vs. Lynchburg Hillcats)

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

Career Numbers

Year/Teams(s)	W-L	ERA	IP
2013/DSL Royals	1-0	3.04	26.2
2014/DSL Royals	2-1	1.28	49.1
2015/AZL Royals	3-2	4.11	57.0
2016/Lexington	2-11	4.80	80.2
2017/AZL Royals	0-0	6.00	3.0
2017/Lexington	4-5	2.81	77.0
2018/Wilmington	1-1	2.70	20.0
Totals	13-20	3.36	313.2

2018 Appearances

Date	OPP	G	GS	DEC	ERA	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	HBP	WP	Score Upon Exit	Result	Notes
4/8	@POT	1	1	ND	0.00	6.0	1	0	0	2	9	0	0	0	WIL, 1-0	POT, 3-2	Tied career-high in K's
4/13	vs. LYN	2	2	L	1.50	6.0	3	2	2	2	3	0	0	0	LYN, 2-1	LYN, 3-2	First loss of the season
4/19	@FRE	3	3	W	2.12	5.0	4	2	2	5	1	0	0	1	WIL, 15-2	WIL, 15-4	Earned 1st career Adv.A Win
4/25	vs. POT	4	4	ND	2.70	3.0	2	2	2	5	4	0	0	0	Tied, 2-2	POT, 6-2	Shortest start of season

Wilmington Blue Rocks 2018 Regular-Season Breakdown

Record:	11-12
First Half:	11-12
Second Half:	0-0
Home:	6-6
Road:	6-6
Vs. RH Starters:	6-10
Vs. LH Starters:	5-2
Day:	2-3
Night:	9-9
One-Run Games:	1-2
Two-Run Games:	5-2
Extra-Inning Games:	0-0
Doubleheaders (W-L-S)	0-0
Shutouts:	3-1
No-Hitters:	0-0
When Leading After 7:	10-1
When Trailing After 7:	0-11
When Tied After 7:	1-0
When Leading After 8:	11-0
When Trailing After 8:	0-12
When Tied After 8:	0-0
When the Rocks Score First:	6-5
When the Opponent Scores First:	5-7
Games Decided In Last At-Bat:	0-7
When Scoring 3 Or Less:	3-9
When Scoring 4 Or More:	8-3
When The Rocks Have 5 Hits or Less:	2-3
When The Rocks Have 10 Hits or More:	1-0
When The Rocks Hit A Home Run:	7-6
Most Games Above .500:	1
Most Games Below .500:	3
When The Rocks Commit an Error:	7-9
When The Rocks Starter Goes 6+ Inn:	2-3
Come-From-Behind Victories:	6
Postponements:	1
Cancellations:	-
Total Rainouts:	1
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
1) 4/20	2-0 / @FRE	Amaldo Hernandez, Grant Gavin, Bryan Brickhouse
2) 4/26	5-0 / vs. POT	Amaldo Hernandez, Vance Tatum, Justin Camp
3) 4/29	3-0 / vs. W-S	Ofreidy Gomez, Anthony Bender

Opponent Shutouts (11 in 2017 | 15 in 2016)

Date	Score/Opp.	Pitchers
1) 4/27	5-0 / vs. W-S	Jimmy Lambert/Kyle Kubat/Matt Foster

2018 Games Started by Position

1B – DeVito (19), Vallot (3), Fernandez (1)
 2B – Cancel (13), Burt (6), Brontsema (4)
 3B – Rivera (22), Cancel (1)
 SS – Castellano (18), Burt (5)
 C – Viloría (15), Fernandez (8)
 LF – Martin (12), Heath (5), Downes (3), Peterson (2), Burt (1)
 CF – Lee (14), Martin (8), Heath (1)
 RF – Peterson (16), Lee (5), Heath (1), Martin (1)
 DH – Vallot (14), Fernandez (3), Viloría (2), Lee (2), Burt (1), Downes (1)

2018 Games Started by Batting Order

1) – Martin (22), Heath (1)
 2) – Cancel (14), Burt (7), Castellano (1), Lee (1)
 3) – Lee (20), Rivera (2), Peterson (1)
 4) – Rivera (20), Downes (2), DeVito (1)
 5) – DeVito (14), Fernandez (3), Vallot (2), Viloría (2), Downes (2)
 6) – Vallot (12), Fernandez (5), Viloría (4), DeVito (2)
 7) – Viloría (12), Vallot (3), Fernandez (2), DeVito (2), Brontsema (2), Castellano (1), Heath (1)
 8) – Peterson (17), Heath (3), Burt (1), Brontsema (1), Fernandez (1)
 9) – Castellano (16), Burt (5), Heath (1), Brontsema (1)

Wilmington Blue Rocks 2018 Notes Continued

Blue Rocks Pitching Breakdown

	W-L	Sv.	ERA	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR
Starters	6-8	0	4.56	106.2	118	59	54	52	76	9
Relievers	5-4	7	3.05	94.1	78	37	32	46	100	11
Totals	11-12	7	3.85	201.0	196	96	86	98	176	20

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	2	0	.000
Brickhouse	1	0	1.000
Camp	2	0	.000
Gavin	1	0	.000
Gomez			
Hernandez			
Ruxer	3	0	.000
Sheller	7	1	.143
Tatum	2	1	.500
Wynne	4	1	.250
Totals	24	4	.167

Catchers Totals

Catcher	CS	Att.	Pct.	PB
Fernandez	2	8	.250	0
Vallot	-	-	-	-
Viloria	4	18	.222	3
Totals	6	26	.231	3

Starter Breakdown

Starter	Starts	WIL Rec.	No-Dec.	Rec.	Longest Outing
Cristian Castillo	5	3-2	2	1-2	5.2 IP (2x) Last: 4/27 vs. W-S
Jace Vines	5	1-4	0	1-4	6.0 IP @ FRE 4/22
Ofreidy Gomez	3	2-1	1	1-2	6.0 IP vs. W-S 4/29
Gerson Garabito	4	1-3	2	1-1	6.0 IP (2x) Last: 4/13 vs. LYN
Arnaldo Hernandez	4	3-1	2	2-0	6.0 IP @ FRE 4/20
Anthony Bender	2	1-1	2	0-0	4.2 IP vs. POT 4/24

Pickoffs

Pitchers	#	Last Time
Becker		
Bender		
Brickhouse		
Camp		
Castillo		
Garabito		
Gavin		
Gomez		
Hernandez		
Ruxer		
Sheller		
Vines		
Wynne		

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	23	11-12	.224	736	165	93	29	4	15	88	104	214	37/10
May													
June													
July													
August													
September													

Scoring by Inning

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13+	Total
Blue Rocks	13	8	8	17	9	6	15	4	11	0	0	0	0	93
Opponents	15	8	22	13	7	6	11	9	5	0	0	0	0	96

Wilmington Blue Rocks 2018 Notes Continued

Home Run Breakdown

Player	Total	Home	Road	Solo	2R	3R	GS	Last HR	Opposing Pitcher/Inn.	Games Since
John Brontsema	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8/22/17	Matthew Grimes (FRE)/2nd	13
D.J. Burt	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8/10/16	Sam Thoele/7th	138
Gabriel Cancel	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	4/7/18	Matthew Crownover (POT)/1st	13
Angelo Castellano	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	4/9/18	Tanner Houck (SAL)/4th	16
Brandon Downes	2	2	0	0	1	1	0	4/29/18	Bernardo Flores (W-S)/3rd	-
Chris DeVito	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8/25/17	Austin Glorious (SAL)/8th	27
Xavier Fernandez	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	4/10/17	Daniel Gonzalez (SAL)/7th	9
Nick Heath	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7/6/17	Shao-Ching Chiang (LYN)/1st	59
Khalil Lee	2	1	1	2	0	0	0	4/13/18	Henry Martinez (LYN)/9th	13
Rudy Martin	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	4/12/18	Zach Plesac (LYN)/6th	15
Kort Peterson	3	1	2	0	2	1	0	4/21/18	Brian Gonzalez (FRE)/2nd & James Teague (FRE)/7th	5
Emmanuel Rivera	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	4/6/18	Sterling Sharp (POT)/2nd	21
Chase Vallot	2	0	2	0	1	0	1	4/19/18	Cody Sedlock (FRE)/1st	6
Meibrys Vilorio	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	4/14/18	Luis Jimenez (LYN)/7th	9

Multi-Hit Games

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

Multi-RBI Games

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

#7 D.J. Burt Ht: 5'9 Wt: 160 Lives: Fuqay-Varina, N.C LG: 2-for-3, R,BB,SO (4/25 vs. POT) Homestand: 2-for-6, R, RBI, BB, SO, SF HS/OBS: +1/+1	INF Age: 22 B/T: R/R
Notes: Selected in the 4th round of the 2014 June MLB Amateur Draft by Kansas City out of Fuqay-Varina High School. 2018 Notes: Longest H.S./O.B.S.: +4 (4/14 - 4/19) / +7 (4/14 - 4/22) -Made his first-career start in the outfield on 4/25 vs. POT (Started in LF) -Has recorded a hit in all but three games played this season. -Has four multi-hit games. -Posted first multi-hit game of the season on 4/19 @ FRE (3-for-6, 3K, SB) -Had 20 total multi-hit games last season and five games with at least three hits. -Had seven-game on-base streak snapped on 4/24 vs. POT 2017 Notes: Spent the season with the Wilmington Blue Rocks and played in 103 games. -Was injured in early August and missed rest of the season. -Hit .227 with 19 doubles, five triples and drove in 29 RBI. -Led the team and finished fifth in the Carolina league with 32 stolen bases. -Finished second in organization in stolen base department and fell one shy of being tied for most by a farmhand. -Had a 10-game hitting streak from July 3-July 13. Went 11-for-41 during that span. 2016 Notes: Spent the season with the Lexington Legends (Low-A/SAL) -Hit .257 with career-highs in home runs (4) and RBI (59) in 125 games. -Led the Legends with his 59 RBI and 74 runs scored. -Finished tied for second in the South Atlantic League with career-high 43 SB. -Had 27 stolen bags through his first two seasons in professional baseball. -Finished fourth in SAL with his 74 runs scored. -Hit .350/2/10 and stole 11 bases in month of June (22 games) after hitting .189 in May (28 games) 2015 Notes: Spent the season with the Idaho Falls Chukars (Rookie/PIO) -Hit .290 with a home run and 28 RBI in 65 games. -Ranked among Pioneer League leaders in sacrifice hits (first), runs and walks (third) and triples (for third). -Reached safely in 59 of his 62 starts with Idaho Falls, including his last 54 starts. -Ended the season on an 11-game hitting streak. Carried streak over through first four games with Lexington to set career-high 15 game hitting streak. (8/27/15-4/10/16) -Reached safely in 59 of his 62 starts with Idaho Falls, including his last 54 starts. -On-base streak of 62 games started on July 12 and went through first eight games with Lexington in 2016 and ended on April 16, 2016. They said it: (On his style of play)... That's my game, speed and getting on and creating havoc on the bases. I told myself I had two pitches and then I'm out...It took its own form (on 62-game on-base streak) . I pretty much just rolled with it. I ended the season in Idaho and pretty much knew about my streak but when I started in Lexington in 2016. I didn't even think about it. (On what is important to him on the field) I think defense is the number one key to me. That helps wins games. I know hitting does too but if you have pitching and defense, that can help make a run in the playoffs... (On players he tries to emulate) I know Brandon Phillips doesn't really run like that but I compare myself to him. Jose Altuve as well."	

#11 Angelo Castellano Ht: 6'0 Wt: 165 Lives: San Diego, VZ LG: 0-for-3 Homestand: 5-for-18, R, 2B, RBI, 2SO, SAC HS/OBS: -2/2	INF Age: 23 B/T: R/R
Notes: Signed as a non-drafted free agent by Kansas City on July 16, 2011. Was named Dominican Summer League Player of the Year in 2013. Was recipient of 2017 Carlos Fortuna Award which awarded to a player who is dedicated to improving his English, genuine work ethic and conduct. Has versatility in the infield and can play second base, short-stop and third base. 2018 Notes: Longest H.S./O.B.S.: +6 (4/21 - 4/27) / +6, twice, (4/21 - 4/27) -Had six-game hitting streak end on 4/28 vs. W-S. Hit .333 during stretch. (7-for-21, 2R, 2B, 2RBI) -Posted first multi-hit game of the season on 4/26 vs. POT. -Hit first-career Adv. A home run on 4/9 @ Salem (2-R HR) 2017 Notes: Spent the season with the Lexington Legends (Low-A/South Atlantic League) -Hit .245 with eight homers and 43 RBI in 116 games. -Ranked in the top-five on the team in multiple categories including walks (2nd, 51), stolen bases (3rd, 19), run scored (3rd, 63), games played (4th, 116) and hits (4th, 106). -Had 29 multi-hit games, including a trio of four-hit games. -Hit eight home runs in 433 at-bats (.141 AB/HR) after hitting just two homers in his previous 957 at-bats (.478.5 AB/HR). 2016 Notes: Spent the season with the Idaho Falls Chukars (Rookie/Pioneer League) -Hit .283 with a pair of homers and 47 RBI in 64 games. -Struck out once every 10.50 plate appearances, the fifth-best rate in the league. They said it: (On playing in most games in career last year)... "It's hard to do it that for the first time. I had to make a lot of adjustments and work every day. It's 140 games which is a lot more than where I was two years ago where I just played in 60 games. It was more of a mental adjustment for me. It's a lot of playing and a lot of games. If you didn't do good one week, you have to keep working. I dealt with my struggles by staying positive, trust in the process and come to work every day... (On who helped him get through the season) My hitting coach last year in Lexington really helped me a lot and talked to me a lot. My teammates as well, including (Meibrys) Viloria also helped me a lot... (On Winning Carlos Fortuna Award) That means a lot to me. I knew Carlos Fortuna and he was a great person. The organization recognized me and how I am like him in some ways and that means a lot to me... (On learning how to speak English) It's been hard. I didn't know too much when I came to the United States. I try to keep close to the American teammates and talk to them. I don't try to use a lot of translation because the more I talk to people without help, the more I can learn... (Coming to the United States) I first came in 2008 with my family and went to Orlando for a week on vacation. We went to Disney World and it was a lot of fun. I came later in 2013 and went to Kansas City because I won the Player of the Year in the Dominican Summer League... (Culture shock moving to U.S.) In the Dominican Leagues you are just in the complexes that they have 24/7. Here in the United States, we go to hotels, we can walk to different places, go to dinner and it is a bit of a shock... (Goals this season) I just want to keep going and have better numbers and stay healthy. It's a long season and I want to do what I can to help the team win."	

#12 Gabriel Cancel Ht: 6'1 Wt: 185 Lives: Arecibo, Puerto Rico LG: 0-for-4 Homestand: 0-for-12, 2SO HS/OBS: -3/3	INF Age: 21 B/T: R/R
Notes: Selected in the 7th round of the 2015 June MLB Amateur Draft by Kansas City out of Belen, Hatillo, PR. Top second base prospect in organization and ranked No. 22 prospect according to MLB.com (Not rated in Top-30 by Baseball America) 2018 Notes: Longest H.S./O.B.S.: +3 (4/16-4/18) / +5(4/7-4/12) -Activated from the disabled list on 4/26 after suffering a lower body injury on 4/19 vs. LYN. -Off to 0-for-12 start since returning from injury. -Had first multi-RBI game on 4/16 vs. CAR (2-for-4, 2B, 2RBI) -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. 2017 Notes: Spent the season with the Lexington Legends (Low-A/South Atlantic League) -Hit .277 with 30 doubles, 14 home runs and 49 RBI in 103 games. -He ranked sixth in the league and first among middle infielders with career-high 46 extra-base hits which was fifth most among Royals farmhands. -Had 30 multi-hit games including 12 games in which he collected at least three hits. -Had his first-career multi-home run game on April 28 vs. Hagerstown. (Two HRs) -Homered in back-to-back games three different times: June 22-24, July 9-10 and Aug. 3-5. -Named Organization All-Star at second base by MiLB.com. 2016 Notes: Spent the season with the Burlington Royals (Rookie/Appalachian League) -Hit a career-best .291 in 46 games to go along with 18 doubles, five homers and 26 RBI. -Ranked among Appalachian League leaders in doubles (tied for second), extra-base hits (24, tied for third) and slugging percentage (.494, fifth). 2015 Notes: Spent the season with the Royals (Rookie/Arizona League) in his pro debut -Hit .209 with a pair of homers and 14 RBI in 34 games. -Made the transition from shortstop to second base during the season.	

#34 Chris DeVito Ht: 6'2 Wt: 220 Lives: Northridge, CA LG: 0-for-3, SO Homestand: 1-for-15, 5SO HS/OBS: -3/3	INF Age: 23 B/T: L/R
Notes: Drafted in the 8th round of the 2016 Amateur Draft by Kansas City out of the University of New Mexico. Was a catcher and designated hitter for New Mexico and won Player of the Year honors in District VIII by the National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association of America. 2018 Notes: Longest H.S./O.B.S.: +4 (4/5-4/8) / +4 (4/5-4/8) -Started the season picking up a hit in four straight games. -Tied for fifth on team with eight RBI. -10 of his 11 hits have been singles this season. (2017: 135 hits, 54 XBH) 2017 Notes: Spent the season with the Lexington Legends (Low-A/South Atlantic League) and the Wilmington Blue Rocks. -With the Legends, he put up impressive numbers hitting .347 with 11 homers and 38 RBI in 30 games. -He led the team and was top-five in the South Atlantic League in multiple offensive categories before his promotion to Wilmington. -Led all Minor League players in total bases (86), home runs (11, tied) and RBI (38) when he was promoted to Wilmington. -With the Blue Rocks, DeVito hit .240 with 10 homers and drove in 53 runs in 103 games. -Led Wilmington in RBI and third in home runs. -On June 2 at Winston-Salem he hit for the cycle, achieving the feat in the sixth inning with a home run to go back-to-back with Brandon Downes. -Became first Blue Rock player since Dee Brown (April 18, 1999) to hit for the cycle and only player in the Carolina League to hit for the cycle. -Named CL Player of the Week for May 29 - June 4. Hit .462 in six games. -Overall, ranked second among Royals farmhands with 91 RBI and fourth with 21 HR. -Hit .304 vs RHP but just .129 vs LHP. 2016 Notes: Spent the season with the Burlington Royals (Rookie/Appalachian League) -Hit .261 with 13 doubles, nine homers and 50 RBI in 60 games. -Paced Burlington in his professional debut season in home runs and ranked second in the league in RBI. They said it:(On what led to great success in Lexington to start the 2017 season)" Honestly, my teammates. My first couple of games weren't very good and my teammates knew I could do it, they had my back and I couldn't have done it without my teammates and the great coaching staff we have down there... (On attending the University of New Mexico) I loved that school. Great school, great place to hit. Coach (Ray) Birmingham is a great head coach and knows what he is talking about with hitting. His support staff as well with Buddy Goldsmith, Ken (Jacome), the pitching coach, and Tony Cappuccilli were all great coaches and had great team environment there... (on moving from California to New Mexico) It is definitely different. It was the best place for me to go play baseball. My best friend from high school, Jared Holly, went to New Mexico first. He was a sophomore there my freshman year and he helped me in a lot of ways to make the transition easier... (On transition from catcher to first base...) I absolutely love it. Catching is rough, I respect those guys for being back there. Those guys grind and put their bodies on the line. Being at first is definitely a lot easier on the body... (On hitting for the cycle) Absolutely not, I've never done that before I was just super happy to get the win and happy to contribute. (If cycle was in his mind after the triple) A little bit, but not much. I know (triples) are incredibly hard to get and I'm not a big triples guy. I was just happy to get it done early and didn't have to worry about it."	

BLUE ROCKS HITTERS NOTES

#19 Brandon Downes

Ht: 6'3 Wt: 195

Lives: South Plainfield, NJ

LG: 2-for-4, R, HR, 3RBI, 2SO Homestand: 4-for-14, 2R, 2HR, 6RBI, 2BB, 6SO HS/OBS: +2/+2

Notes: Selected in the 7th round of the 2014 June MLB Amateur Draft by Kansas City out of University of Virginia. In 2011 he was selected by Boston in the 43rd round of the First-Year Player Draft, but chose to attend the University of Virginia. Sister Kelly played softball at Drexel University.

2018 Notes: Longest H.S./O.B.S.: +2 (4/28 - present) / +2 (4/28 - present)

-Hit second home run of the season on 4/29 vs. W-S. Was a three-run home run.
-Hit home run in season debut on 4/26 vs. POT. (Two-run HR, also walked twice)
-Has hit 27 career home runs as a Blue Rock and is four shy from tying Raul Gonzalez (1993-95) for third-most in franchise history.

2017 Notes: Spent season with Wilmington and hit .245 with 13 home runs and drove in 35 runs in 72 games. -Led team with 13 home runs.

-Hit homers in back-to-back games twice. (6/2-6/3 @ W-S) / (8/12-13 @SAL)
-Drew two-out, walk for walk-off win vs. LYN 7/14. Was third straight walk-off win for WIL.
-Earned CL Player of the Week for the week of June 26-July 2 (.455/3/5)
-29 of his 61 hits went for extra-bases.

-Recorded multi-homer game on 7/2 vs. SAL with a pair of solo home runs.
-Joined Chase Vallot as only other Blue Rocks with multi-homer game.
-Rejoined the team on 6/25 @SAL and hit a HR after being placed on DL for second time. (Hip)
-Hit in five of his first seven games when he returned from the from DL the first time. (7-for-26, 3HR, 6RBI)
-Started the year with Wilmington. Played in five games and hit .278 with two triples and a home run before breaking a bone in his hand. Was placed on disabled list on April 12.

2016 Notes: Spent the season with the Wilmington Blue Rocks (Adv. A/Carolina League) and Omaha StormChasers (AAA/Pacific Coast League).

-Hit .230 with 12 home runs and 66 RBI in 130 games with Wilmington.
-Ranked second among Royals farmhands with 36 doubles, 34 of which came at Wilmington, where he ranked fifth in the Carolina League in two-base hits.
-Played in five games with Omaha and hit .308 with a pair of doubles in 13 at-bats.
-Had 26 multi-hit games last season.

2015: Spent the season with the Lexington Legends (Low-A/South Atlantic League) Wilmington Blue Rocks.

-Hit .251 with 14 home runs and 59 RBI in 106 games with Lexington.
-Ranked second on team in doubles, home runs and RBI for Lexington.
-Played in just one game in Wilmington and in his lone at-bat struck out.
-Fell a home run shy of the cycle on 5/15. (5-for-5 3 2B, 3B, RBI)

2014: Spent the season with the Idaho Falls Chukars (Rookie/Pioneer League)
-Hit .308 with three home runs and 23 RBI in 41 games. Finished fifth on the team with 13 doubles.

They said it: (Having a stint in Triple-A) "Honestly I went in there care free. If I get out, it's supposed to happen because I'm the guy from A-Ball so I took it the right way. I just went out there and felt comfortable and enjoyed myself. I honestly had no pressure on myself and that's the way I should play here too which is what I'm going to try to do. It was enjoyable. The postgame spread was unbelievable. You get big leaguers buying the spread and it is steak and lobster for dinner which was very awesome. The field was incredible...**(Difference from Wilmington and Omaha)** There was a ton of fans. I'm not saying we have a bad fan base, but it's a step away from the big leagues and kids are going crazy for you. It was cool to be around older guys who have been there or guys that are close to being there. The league itself was very cool. I met one of my teammates from Virginia, Chris Taylor, he got traded to the Dodgers and we were playing them during the six games I was there and it was good to see him. It's a whole different atmosphere. There's 35-year-old guys pitching to you and you do one thing wrong and they know what that weakness it, they can repeatedly make that pitch so it definitely was a big jump but definitely awesome...**(Playing close to home)** It's definitely a big thing. There's a lot of ups and downs, especially if you get homesick, which I haven't gotten that much in my career so far. It's definitely a blessing to have your family come out."

#24 Khalil Lee

Ht: 5'10 Wt: 182

Lives: Centreville, VA

LG: 0-for-3, R, BB (4/28 vs W-S) Homestand: 1-for-15, R, 3RBI, 5BB, 4SO HS/OBS: -3/+2

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

2018 Notes: Longest H.S./O.B.S.: +6 (4/5-4/10) / +11 (4/5-4/17)

-Had 11-game on-base streak snapped on 4/18 vs. CAR.
-Hit .378 (14-for-37) with three doubles, a triple, two home runs, six RBI, 10 walks and posted a 1.186 OPS during the on-base streak.
-Started the season on a six-game hitting streak.
-Ranking in CL: Second in walks (19) and 9th in OBP% (.413).
-He is top-five on the team in OPS (.827, 1st), hits (17, 3rd), HR (2, T-2nd), runs (11, 2nd), RBI (11, T-2nd).

2017 Notes: Spent the season with the Lexington Legends (Low-A/South Atlantic League)

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

2016 Notes: Spent the season with the Royals (Rookie/Arizona League)

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

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

#13 Xavier Fernandez

Ht: 5'11 Wt: 197

Lives: Guaybabo, P.R.

LG: 2-for-3 Homestand: 4-for-14, 2B, SO HS/OBS: +2/+2

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

2018 Notes: Longest H.S./O.B.S.: +3 (4/10-4/14) / +3 (4/10-4/14)

-Made first start at first base for the Rocks on 4/28 vs. W-S.
-Was the first time since August 2, 2015 he made a start at the position.
-Hit his first Advanced-A home run on 4/10 @ SAL (Solo HR)
-Has picked up a hit in all but three games played this season.
-Has recorded multi-hit games in 4 of his 12 games played this season.

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

2016 Notes: Spent the season with the Lexington Legends (Low-A/South Atlantic League)

-Hit. 259 and had career-highs with nine home runs and 42 RBI in 92 games.
-His nine home runs ranked sixth among catchers in the South Atlantic League.
-Set career-highs in games, hits (85), home runs, and RBI.

2015 Notes: Spent the season with the Burlington Royals (Rookie/Appalachian League) and the Idaho Falls Chukars (Rookie/Pioneer League).

-With Burlington, he hit .329 in 42 games and smacked four home runs and drove in 27 runs.
-Tabbed a Rookie All-Star by *Baseball America* due to his performance in Burlington.

#4 Rudy Martin

Ht: 5'7 Wt: 155

Lives: Olive Branch, MS

LG: 1-for-3, R, BB Homestand: 7-for-21, 4R, 2B, 3B, BB, 7SO, SB HS/OBS: +6/+6

Notes: Drafted in the 25th round of the 2014 June Amateur Draft by Kansas City from Lewisburg High School. Won 4A State Championship his junior year. Has 70 career stolen bases and has been caught just 11 times.

2018 Notes: Longest H.S./O.B.S.: +6 (4/24 - present) / +7 (4-5/4-13)

-Hitting .333 (7-for-21) with five runs scored, a triple, RBI and two walks during six-game hit streak.
-Fell HR shy of cycle on 4/19 @ FRE (3-for-5, 3R, 2B, 3B, 5RBI, 2SB)
-Hit first Adv. A home run to break up LYN starter Zach Plesac no-hit bid in the sixth inning on 4/12.
-Has stolen 14 bases in his first 22 games played. Leads CL in category.
-Also tied for first in all of MiLB in stolen bases.
-Has stolen multiple bases in three games this season and at least one base in 10 of 22 games.
-Last season, had six games where he stole 2+ bases. (Played in 37 total games last season)
-Also first in the Carolina League in on-base percentage (.441)
-His 21 walks pace the CL and also tied for fourth-most in all of MiLB.

2017 Notes: Spent the season with the Lexington Legends (Low-A/South Atlantic League) -Played in 37

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

2016 Notes: pent the season with the Royals (Rookie/Arizona League) and Idaho Falls Chukars (Rookie/Pioneer League).

-Started the season with a 12-game hitting streak in both AZL and Pioneer League.
-In the Arizona League, Martin played in just five games and went 5-for-16 (.313).
-With the Chukars, he hit .244 with two homers and 14 RBI in 41 games.
-He stole 19 bases in 22 attempts.

2015 Notes: Spent the season with the Royals (Rookie/Arizona League) and the Idaho Falls Chukars.

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

They 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 feel they 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 could help me during the season. 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...**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 past two seasons** "The year before last 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 last season, I suffered the face injury when I ran into Gabriel Cancel, our second baseman. I was having decent years, but I have good teammates and they have helped me overcome those injuries. If a play like that happens (collision with Cancel) again, I still won't think twice about going for the ball.

BLUE ROCKS HITTERS NOTES

#16 Kort Peterson Ht: 6'1 Wt: 195 Lives: Los Gatos, CA LG: 0-for-3, SO Homestand: 2-for-13, R, 4SO H.S/O.B.S: -1/-1	OF Age: 24 B/T: L/R
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: Longest H.S./O.B.S.: +4, twice (4/9-4/12 & 4/17-4/21) / +7 (4/16 - 4/24 vs. POT) -Hit pair of homers on 4/20 @ FRE and drove in career-high five RBI. -Was first-career multi-homer game. -Hit first homer of the season on 4/18 vs. Carolina (2-R HR) -First on team in HR (3), third in total bases (28), third in runs (10) and fourth in RBI (10).	
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. 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."	

#25 Chase Vallot Ht: 6'0 Wt: 215 Lives: Lafayette, LA LG: 0-for-2, BB, SO Homestand: 1-for-11, R, 2B, 3BB, 6SO H.S/O.B.S: -2/+1	C/1B Age: 21 B/T: R/R
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 <i>Baseball America</i> 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: Longest H.S./O.B.S.: +1/+5 (4/16 - 4/21) -Hit third grand slam as a Blue Rock on 4/19 @ FRE to break a 0-for-17 skid. -Tied career-high in that game with 5 RBI. -Hit his first home run of the season on 4/11 @ SAL. -Tied for second on team in HR (2) and tied for second in RBI (11). -Leads Carolina League with 35 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 <i>Baseball America</i> .	
2016 Notes: Spent the season with the Royals (Rookie/Arizona League) and Lexington Legends (Low-A/South Atlantic League) -Hit a combined .235 with 15 home runs with 46 RBI in 92 games. -Rehabbed in Arizona League for 10 games after being struck in the face by a pitch before returning to the Legends. -With Lexington hit .246 with 13 home runs and 44 RBI in 82 games. -Finished second on the team in home runs, fourth in RBI and second in doubles (20). -Named a mid-season All-Star.	
They said it: (On thoughts on 2017 season) "Definitely could have been better. From an overall standpoint, strikeouts could have been a little high, batting average was kind of low. This year (I'm) being more aggressive and swinging at a lot more pitches that are strikes... (On season-ending injury) It was very frustrating. Whatever had happened, we were in Carolina and I didn't play for probably about seven days and then the team decided they were going to send me to Kansas City to get MRI's and X-Rays and stuff. So I went there and got the X-Rays and the MRI and the team physician decided it would be in my best interest to shut it down for the rest of the year so the injury doesn't get worse and once I had heard that, it just didn't feel good. It was kind of like a stab. There's nothing you can do about that. You just got to bounce back and continue to move forward. God has plan for everybody and I just had to deal with it at the time... (On ability to speak Spanish and using it during games) I do. It depends on who's on the mound. Some guys are fringe on English so I try to my best in Spanish. I've been practicing since I got to pro ball. It's getting a lot better. Still not 100% fluent."	

#26 Emmanuel Rivera Ht: 6'2 Wt: 195 Lives: Mayaguez, Puerto Rico LG: 0-for-4, R, SO Homestand: 7-for-21, 2R, 2B, 3B, 2RBI, 2BB, 3SO H.S/O.B.S: -1/-1	INF Age: 21 B/T: R/R
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 <i>Baseball America</i> . 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: Longest H.S./O.B.S.: +8 (4/14 - 4/22) / +8 (4/14 - 4/22) -Posted first three-hit game of the season on 4/26 vs. POT. -Had longest hitting streak by a Blue Rock hitter this season (eight games). -Hit .315 (10-for-32) during that stretch. -Has driven in 10 runs over his last 11 games and hitting .341 (14-for-41) during that stretch. -Did not strikeout until his fifth game of the season. (20 ABs) -First on team in doubles (5) and first in RBI (14), and hits (23). -Leads team with six multi-hit games.	
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."	

#22 Meibrys Viloria Ht: 5'11 Wt: 220 Lives: Cartagena, Columbia LG: 0-for-4, 3SO (4/28 vs. W-S) Homestand: 2-for-15, 3SO H.S/O.B.S: -3/+1	C Age: 21 B/T: L/R
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 <i>Baseball America</i> 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.	
2018 Notes: Longest H.S./O.B.S.: +5 (4/14 - 20) / +5 (4/14 - 4/20) -Posted first, three-hit game of the season on 4/19 @ FRE (3-for-6, 2R, 2 2B, RBI) -Second on the team with five, multi-hit games this season. -Hit first homer of the season on 4/14 vs. LYN. (Game-Tying 2-R HR in 7th) -Recorded first multi-hit game of the season in the same game (2-for-4 with 2B and HR.) -Has thrown out 23% of would be base stealers (4-for-18).	
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

#45 Nolan Becker Ht: 6'6 Wt: 225 Lives: New York, New York, Last App: 4/28 vs. W-S, 1.0 IP, 2K	LHP Age: 26 B/T: R/L Record: 1-0 SV: 00 IR/IRS: 1/1
Notes: Signed with Kansas City as a free agent on 11/10/17. Attended Yale University and in 2012 held opponents to a .238 batting average and also tallied 56 strikeouts, both marks ranked second in the Ivy League. Was originally drafted by the Cincinnati Reds in the 11th round of the 2012 Draft.	
Pitch Repertoire: Fastball, Slider, Split-Change	
2018 Notes: Earned first win of the season on 4/21 @ FRE. -Made longest appearance of the young season on 4/13 vs LYN. (2.0 IP, H, OR, 2K) -On 4/6 @POT he made first relief appearances in affiliated baseball since Sept. 1, 2016 when he was with the Daytona Tortugas (+A Cincinnati Reds) of the Florida State League. -Tossed a scoreless inning, allowed one hit and picked up a strikeout.	
2017 Notes: Spent the season in Independent Baseball in the Canadian-American Baseball League with the Quebec Capitales. -Went 5-1 with a 1.14 ERA in 37 appearances and earned 24 saves. -He struck out 45 batters and walked 14.	
2016 Notes: Spent the season with the Daytona Tortugas (Class-A Adv/Florida State League) -Went 0-2 with a 2.96 ERA. Made 31 appearances including one start and also picked up a save. -In 45.2 innings of work he struck out 36 batters and walked 13. Ranked fifth on the team in appearances.	
2015 Notes: Spent the season with the Daytona Tortugas. -Posted a 3-2 record with a 3.15 ERA in 45 appearances. -In 45.2 innings, he struck out 42 batters, walked 28 and opponents hit .217 against him. -Ranked third on team in appearances.	
Career Notes: Becker is in his sixth season in the MiLB and has a 6-8 overall record with a 3.82 ERA in 141 games including one start. -He has logged 188.2 innings of work, allowed 194 hits, 102R/80ER, 86 walks and has struck out 183 batters.	

#46 Justin Camp Ht: 5'11 Wt: 230 Lives: Decatur, AL Last App: 4/26 vs. POT, 2.0 IP, H, OR, 2BB, 3K	RHP Age: 24 B/T: R/R Record: SV: 0/1 IR/IRS: 2/0
Notes: Drafted in the 37th round of the 2016 June Amateur Draft by Kansas City out of Auburn University. Grew up in an Auburn family and decided to play there. Missed 2012 season due to Tommy John surgery. With Auburn, he served as both a reliever and starter during three different coaching changes. In 2015 he recorded eight saves as the team's closer and the following season paced the staff with 14 starts. In 2015, recorded eight saves as Auburn's closer before leading the team in 2016 with 14 starts.	
Pitch Repertoire: Fastball, Slider, Changeup	
2018 Notes: Has not allowed an earned run in last two relief appearances (2.1 IP) -Has pitched at least two innings or more in all but one relief appearance.	
2017 Notes: Spent the season with the Lexington Legends (Low-A/ South Atlantic League), Wilmington Blue Rocks and Omaha Storm Chasers (Triple-A/Pacific Coast League). -With the Legends, the right-hander made 11 appearances and dominated opposing batters and allowed just one earned run in 26.2 inning of work for a 0.34 ERA. -He also struck out 32 batters during that frame of work and just walked six while holding opponents to a .124 batting average. -With the Blue Rocks, Camp made 11 appearances and went 0-2 with a 3.63 ERA. -Earned first-career Advanced-A save on 8/10 @ DE. . -Made Class-A Adv. debut on 6/2 @ WS and tossed 1.2 innings, allowed two earned runs on six hits.	
2016 Notes: Made professional debut with the Burlington Royals (Rookie/Appalachian League). -Posted an 0-3 record but did yield a spectacular 1.85 ERA in 16 appearances. -He struck out 32 batters in 34 innings of work while opposing batters hit .252 against him.	
Career Notes: In his third season with the Royals' organization and is 0-5 with a respectable 2.46 ERA in 45 relief appearances. -He also is 5 of 7 in save opportunities. -In 95.0 innings of work he has allowed 77 hits, 32R/26ER, 38 walks and has struck out 82 batters. -Opponents are hitting just .224 against him.	

#29 Bryan Brickhouse Ht: 6'0 Wt: 195 Lives: The Woodlands, TX Last App: 4/28 vs. WS, SV, IP, 2BB, K	RHP Age: 25 B/T: R/R Record: 0-0 SV: 4/4 IR/IRS: 1/0
Notes: Drafted in the 3rd round of the 2011 Amateur Draft by Kansas City out of The Woodlands High School. Bypassed an opportunity to pitch at UNC. Was high school teammates with Pirates pitcher Jameson Taillon, the second overall pick in the 2010 draft. Brickhouse was named All-Greater Houston Pitcher of the Year in high school. In his senior year, he went 7-2 with a 1.08 ERA and 129 strikeouts in 72 innings, helping his stock rise. He features a fastball that can touch upper 90's. His grandfather Norman, was a catcher at North Carolina State.	
Pitch Repertoire: 4-seam Fastball, 2-seam Fastball, Slider and Changeup	
2018 Notes: Fourth save came on 4/28 vs. W-S where he left the tying-runs on base. -Earned third save on 4/20 @ FRE. Stranded tying-runs on base in 9th. -Picked up second save of the season on 4/14 vs. LYN -Earned first-career save on 4/7 @POT. It was first game he pitched in since 9/3/15.	
2017 Notes: Did not pitch due to injury.	
2016 Notes: Did not pitch due to injury.	
2015 Notes: Spent the season with the Royals (Rookie/Arizona League) and Idaho Falls Chukars (Rookie/Pioneer League). -Posted a composite 2.93 ERA in seven starts between the two stops in just 15.1 innings of work. -He missed most of the season and needed Tommy John surgery. -In the short sample size, the righty struck out 13 batters and walked 11 and allowed five earned runs.	
2014 Notes: Spent the season with the Idaho Falls Chukars (Rookie/Pioneer League) -Posted a 1-2 record with a 4.88 ERA in nine games including eight starts during a rehab assignment and missed most the season due to injury. -Struck out 22 batters and walked 10 while yielding 30 hits in 27.2 innings of work.	
2013 Notes: Spent the season with the Kane County Cougars (Low-A/ Midwest League) -Went 4-4 with a 2.25 ERA in 11 starts and pitched 60 innings, allowed 54 hits, 20R/15ER, 21 walks and struck out 49 batters. -Missed second half of the season with a right elbow strain.	
2012 Notes: Spent the season with the Idaho Falls Chukars (Rookie/Pioneer League) and Kane County Cougars. -Made just one start with the Chukars and allowed seven earned runs on five hits in 1.2 innings of work. -With Kane County, posted a 3-3 record with a 5.61 ERA in 10 starts. -In 51.1 innings of work, he allowed 50 hits, 39R/32ER, 23 walks and struck out 40 batters.	
Career Notes: Has an 8-9 record with a 4.26 ERA in 45 games including 37 starts. -162.2 IP, 150H, 92R/77ER, 77 walks and has 135 strikeouts.	

#35 Grant Gavin Ht: 6'2 Wt: 185 Lives: Parkville, MO Last App: 4/27 vs. W-S, 3.1 IP, H, OR, 0BB, 7K	RHP Age: 22 B/T: R/R Record: 1-0 SV: 0/0 IR/IRS: 1/0
Notes: Drafted in the 29th round of the 2016 June Amateur Draft by Kansas City out of University of Central Missouri. That same season, he recorded a school-record 13 saves as a junior, most in the MIAA and sixth most in Division II. Was two-sport athlete in high school, attending St. Pius X High School (Mo.). There he was an all-conference and all-district quarterback.	
Pitch Repertoire: Fastball, Curveball, Changeup	
2018 Notes: Had dominant outing on 4/27 vs. W-S. Struck out seven batters in 3.1 innings of work. It was the most strikeouts for Gavin as a Blue Rock and tied for second-most in his career. -Earned first win of the season on 4/14 vs. LYN. -Tossed two dominant innings and struck out four batters and allowed one hit. -Leads pitching staff with 19 strikeouts.	
2017 Notes: Spent the season with the Lexington Legends (Low-A/South Atlantic League) and the Wilmington Blue Rocks and put together a stellar season. -Went a composite 3-2 with a 1.65 ERA in 36 total relief appearances. -Held opponents to a .185 batting average. -With the Legends, Gavin made 19 appearances from the bullpen and yielded a 1.38 ERA and notched six saves in eight chances. -He struck out 43 batters and walked just 14 in 32.2 innings. -Was named to the SAL All-Star Game. -With the Blue Rocks, he pitched the same amount of innings and posted a 1.93 ERA in 17 relief outings. -He allowed just seven earned runs during that stretch and whiffed 34 batters and walked 11. -Earned first-career Class-A Advanced save on 7/25 vs. SAL. Earned three saves with WIL. -Made Class-A Adv. debut with Wilmington on 6/24 @SAL and tossed 0.2 innings and picked up a strikeout.	
2016 Notes: Made professional debut with the Royals (Rookie/Arizona League). -Went 3-1 with a 2.01 ERA in 13 games, including four starts and also earned a save. -Worked 49.1 innings, allowed just 11 earned runs, had a 47 to 5 K:BB ratio and held opponents to a .217 batting average. -With his efforts, he earned Surprise Royals Pitcher of the Year honors, ranking among Arizona League leaders in WHIP (0.93, 2nd), ERA (4th) and opponents' average (.217, 4th) -Was named Arizona League postseason All-Star and ranked first among Royals farmhands (min. 25.0 IP) with a 9.40 strikeout-to-walk ratio	
Career Notes: Gavin is in his third year in the organization and has a 7-3 record and an impressive 1.75 ERA in 54 career games. -He has made four starts as well and has racked up 10 saves.	

BLUE ROCKS BULLPEN NOTES

#40 Jared Ruxer RHP
Ht: 6'3 Wt: 200 Age: 25 B/T: R/R
Lives: Indianapolis, IN
Last App: 4/25 vs. POT, L, 2.0 IP, 4H, 2R, 2ER, BB, K Record: 1-2 SV: 0/1 IR/IRS: 3/0

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

2018 Notes: Tossed 2.2 strong innings of relief on 4/14 vs. LYN.
 -Stranded runners at the corners with one out. (2.2IP, 0H, 0R, BB, 4K)
 -Picked up first win of the season on Opening Day at Potomac. (2.1 IP, H, ER, 0BB, 2K)

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 10-20 with a 3.81 ERA in 76 games including 48 starts.
 -Has struck out 229 batters and walked 82 in 269.1 innings of work.

#41 Matt Wynne RHP
Ht: 6'4 Wt: 170 Age: 24 B/T: R/R
Lives: Dade City, FL
Last App: 4/28 vs. WS, 1.1 IP, H, 0R, 0BB, 1K Record: 0/0 SV: 1/1 IR/IRS: 4/1

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 not allowed an earned run since his debut on 4/6 at POT.
 -Earned first save of the season on 4/21 @ FRE (1.1 IP, 2H, 0ER, BB)
 -Tied a career-high with three innings pitched against Carolina on 4/17.
 -Had 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 3.87 ERA in 48 relief appearances.
 -He has earned 5 saves in 11 opportunities.
 -The righty has logged 76.2 innings of work allowing 87 hits, 33 earned runs, 19 walks and has struck out 50 batters.

#39 Vance Tatum LHP
Ht: 6'4 Wt: 200 Age: 22 B/T: L/L
Lives: Nashville, TN
Last App: 4/26 vs. POT, 2.0 IP, 4H, 0R, BB, 2K Record: 0-0 SV: 0/0 IR/IRS: 2/1

Notes: Drafted in the 16th round of the 2016 June Amateur Draft by Kansas City out of Mississippi State University. Named the best left-handed pitcher in the state of Mississippi by Perfect Game. Attended Miss. State from 2014-2016 and was on the '14 and '16 teams that made it to the NCAA Tournament. Had a career record of 5-2 with a 5.31 ERA in 47 games including nine starts.

Pitch Repertoire: Fastball, Changeup, Slider

2018 Notes: Started the season with the Lexington Legends (Low-A/South Atlantic League).
 -Made three relief appearances. (5.1 IP, H, 0R, 2BB, 7K, BAA .063)
 -Made Class-A Advanced debut on 4/24 vs. POT. (0.2 IP, 0H, 0R, 0BB, 0K)
 -Entered the game inheriting two runners and allowed one to score.
 -Worked out of bases loaded jam in 7th inning on 4/26 vs. POT to help preserve shutout win (WIL won 2-0)

2017 Notes: Spent the entire season with the Lexington Legends.
 -Posted a 3-5 record with a 4.63 ERA in 34 appearances including one start.
 -58.1 IP, 79H, 37R/30ER, 30BB, 66K, 7HR, BAA .321.
 -Paced the pitching staff in appearances, finished seventh in strikeouts (66).

2016 Notes: Made professional debut with the Burlington Royals (Rookie/Appalachian League).
 -Went 2-2 with a 3.52 ERA in 16 relief appearances.
 -30.2 IP, 33H, 17R, 12ER, 11BB, 36K, 4HR, BAA .266.
 -Tied for third on team in appearances.

Career Notes: Tatum is in his third season with the Royals' organization.
 -Owns a career record of 5-7 with a 3.90 ERA in 55 appearances including one start.
 -He has tossed 97.0 innings, allowed 117 hits, 54R/42ER, walked 44 and has struck out 111.
 -Opponents are hitting .295 against him.

Wilmington Blue Rocks 2018 Season Highs & Lows

Blue Rocks Offense

Most Runs, Game: 15, (4/19 @ FRE, Scored all 15 runs through first four innings)
Most Runs, Inning: 7, (4/19 @ FRE in 4th inning)
Most HRs, Inning (Team): 1, 14x (Last: 4/29 vs. W-S)
Most Hits, Game: 14, (4/19 @ FRE)
Fewest Hits, Game: 3, 2x (4/22 @ FRE)
Most Walks, Game (Team): 10, (4/7 @ POT)
Most Doubles, Game (Team): 4, (4/5 @ POT)
Most Triples, Game (Team): 1, 3x, (Last: 4/24 vs. POT)
Most HRs, Game (Team): 2, 2x (4/6 @ POT & 4/21 @ FRE)
Most SB, Game (Team): 5, 2x, (4/7 @ POT & 4/14 vs. LYN)**
10 + Hits, Game: 1, (4/19 @ FRE)
Most Doubles, Game (Indiv.): 2, 2x, (Rivera, 4/5 @ POT & Vilorio 4/19 @ FRE)
Most Triples, Game (Indiv.): 1, 3x, (Rudy Martin 4/24 vs. POT)
Most HRs, Game (Indiv.): 2, Kort Peterson (4/21 @ FRE)
Consecutive Games W/HR (Indiv.):
Consecutive Games W/HR (team): 6, (4/9 @ SAL - 4/14 vs. LYN)
Consecutive Games W/O HR: 3, (4/22 @ FRE - 4/25 vs. POT)
Most RBIs, Game (Indiv.): 5, 3x, (Last: Kort Peterson 4/21 @ FRE)
Most Hits, Game (Indiv.): 3, 7x (Last: Emmanuel Rivera 4/26 vs. POT)
Most SB, Game (Indiv.): 3, 2x, Rudy Martin (4/5 & 4/7 @ POT)
Longest Hitting Streak: 8 games, Emmanuel Rivera (4/14 - 4/22)
Most Runners LOB, Team: 13, (4/9 @ SAL)
Longest Scoreless Innings Streak: 11, (4/27 vs. W-S, 1st inning - 4/28 vs. W-S 2nd inning)
Longest Hitless Innings Streak: 5.0, (4/12 vs. LYN)

Opponents Offense

Most Runs, Game: 10, (4/21 @ FRE)
Most Runs, Inning: 6, (4/21 @ FRE)
Most Hits, Game: 17, (4/21 @ FRE)
Fewest Hits, Game: 4, 2x (4/10 @ SAL & 4/20 @ FRE)
Most HRs, Game (Team): 3, 2x (4/21 & 4/22 @ FRE)
Most SB, Game (Team): 3, 2x, (4/8 @ POT & 4/21 @ FRE)
10 + Hits, Game: 6, (Last: 4/25 vs. POT)
Most Home Runs, Game (Indiv.): 1, 20x (Last: Luis Basabe 4/28 vs. W-S)
Most RBIs, Game (Indiv.): 3, 4x (Last: Daniel Fajardo 4/21 @ FRE)
Most Hits, Game (Indiv.): 3, 10x, (Last: McKenna, Reyes, Fajardo 4/21 @ FRE)
Most SB, Game (Indiv.): 2, Ryan McKenna (4/22 @ FRE)
Most Runners LOB, Team: 14, (4/26 vs. POT)

Blue Rocks Individual Pitching

Most Runs Allowed, Game: 8, Cristian Castillo (4/21 @ FRE)
Most ER Allowed, Game: 8, Cristian Castillo (4/21 @ FRE)
Most Hits Allowed, Game: 11, Cristian Castillo (4/21 @ FRE)
Most HRs Allowed, Game: 3, Cristian Castillo (4/21 @ FRE)
Most Walks Allowed, Game: 6, Ofreidy Gomez, (4/12 vs. LYN)
Most Strikeouts, Game (Starter): 9, 2x Gerson Garabito (4/8 @ POT) & Ofreidy Gomez (4/29 vs. W-S)
Most Strikeouts, Game (Reliever): 7, (Grant Gavin 4/27 vs. W-S)
Most IP, Game for Starter: 6.0, 5x, (Last: Ofreidy Gomez 4/29 vs. W-S)
Most IP, Game for Reliever: 4.0, Ofreidy Gomez (4/12 vs. LYN)
Fewest IP, Game for Starter: 2.2, 2x, Gomez (4/18 vs. CAR) & Castillo (4/21 @ FRE)
Longest Winning Streak (Dec.): 2, Arnaldo Hernandez (4/20 @ FRE - present)
Longest Losing Streak (Dec.): 4, Jace Vines (4/6 @ POT - 4/22 vs. W-S)
10+ Strikeouts, (Indiv.):
Complete Games:

Blue Rocks Team Pitching

Fewest Hits Allowed, Game: 4, 2x (4/10 @ SAL & 4/20 @ FRE)
Most Hits Allowed, Game: 17, (4/21 @ FRE)
Most Runs Allowed, Game: 10, (4/21 @ FRE)
Most Runs Allowed, Inning: 6, (4/21 @ FRE)
10 + Hits Allowed, Game: 8, (4/25 vs. POT)
Most HRs Allowed, Game: 3, 2x (4/21 & 4/22 @ FRE)
Most Strikeouts, Game (9 Innings): 14, 2x (4/18 vs. CAR)
Most Strikeouts, Game (Extra Innings):
Most Walks Allowed, Game: 8, (4/12 vs. LYN)
Most SB Allowed, Game: 3, 4x (Last: 4/27 vs. W-S)
Longest Scoreless Innings Streak: 17.2, (4/28 vs. W-S 1st inning w/one out - present)
Consecutive Games Allowing HR: 6 (4-5 @ POT - 4/10 @ SAL)
Consecutive Games W/O Allowing HR: 3, (4/11 @ SAL - 4/13 vs. LYN)
Most Pitchers Used, Game: 5, (4/24 vs. POT)
10 + Strikeouts, Staff: 6, (Last: 4/29 vs. W-S)
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: 9, (Last: 4/28 vs. W-S)
10+ Strikeouts, Indiv.: 1, Matthew Crownover, 11 (4/5 @ POT)

Blue Rocks Miscellaneous Season Highs & Lows

Longest Winning Streak: 3, (4/19 @ FRE - 4/21 @ FRE)
Longest Winning Streak, Home: 2, 2x, (Last: 4/28 vs. W-S - present)
Longest Winning Streak, Road: 3, (4/19 @ FRE - 4/21 @ FRE)

Longest Losing Streak: 4, (4/8 @ POT - 4/11 @ SAL)
Longest Losing Streak, Home: 4, (4/17 vs. CAR - 4/25 vs. POT)
Longest Losing Streak, Road: 4, (4/8 @ POT - 4/11 @ SAL)

Largest Margin of Victory: 11, (4/19 @ FRE, won 15-4)
Largest Margin of Defeat: 7, (4/6 @ POT)

Largest Come-From-Behind Win: 5, (4/21 @ FRE, Down 8-3 after 3rd inning)
Largest Fall-From-Ahead Loss: 2, 3x (Last: 4/25 vs. POT, Led 2-0 after 1st inning)

Longest Game, Innings: 9, 22x
Longest Game, Time (9 Innings): 3:21, 2x, (4/7 @ POT & 4/19 @ FRE)
Longest Game, Time (Extra Innings):
Shortest Game, Time (9 Innings): 2:11, (4/13 vs. LYN)
Shortest Game, Time (Overall): 2:11, (4/13 vs. LYN)
Longest Weather Delay:

Most DP Turned, Game: 4, 2x, (4/11 @ SAL & 4/21 @ FRE)*
Most DP Against, Game: 2, 2x (4/11 @ SAL & 4/25 vs. POT)
Triple Plays Turned, Season:

Most Errors, One Game, Player: 2, Emmanuel Rivera, 2x (4/22 @ FRE & 4-27 vs. W-S)
Most Errors, One Game, Team: 4, (4/27 vs. W-S)
Consecutive Games W/Error: 7, (4/11 @ SAL - 4/18 vs. CAR)
Consecutive Games W/O Error: 2, (4/28 vs. W-S - present)

Most Errors, One Game, Opp. Player: 2, Luke Wakamatsu (4/13 vs. LYN)
Most Errors, One Game, Opp. Team: 2, 2x, (4/13 vs. LYN)

Largest Home Crowd: 5,516 (4/12 vs. LYN)
Smallest Home Crowd: 2,029 (4/16 vs. CAR)
Home Sellouts (6,537):
Largest Road Crowd: 4,392 (4/21 @ FRE)
Smallest Road Crowd: 1,069 (4/9 @ SAL)

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