



MEDIA INFORMATION



Frederick Keys (10-18, 5th, 6.0 GB / Northern) Carolina League Affiliate of the Baltimore Orioles

vs.

Wilmington Blue Rocks (13-14, T-3rd, 2.5 GB / Northern) Carolina League Affiliate of the Kansas City Royals

Game No. 28 • Home Game No. 14 • Frawley Stadium • Saturday, May 5, 2018 • 6:05 p.m.

BLUE ROCKS BREAKDOWN

HOME: 7-6 | AWAY: 6-8 | STREAK: W1 | LAST 5: 3-2 | LAST 10: 5-5

DEUCES WILD IN ROCKS WIN: The Wilmington Blue Rocks came out on top in a back-and-forth battle against the Frederick Keys with an 8-5 victory Friday night at Frawley Stadium. The Blue Rocks strung together four straight innings from the fifth to the eighth in which they plated a pair of runs to help pull away from the Keys in the series opener. Offensively, the Rocks had four different hitters collect multiple hits while **D.J. Burt** drove in a season-high three runs.

OFFENSIVE EXPLOSION: With the 11 hits in Friday night's win, the Rocks have posted double-digit hits in two of the last three games. Outfielder **Brandon Downes** paced the offense with three hits while **Kort Peterson**, **D.J. Burt** and **Emmanuel Rivera** all picked up a pair of hits. Rivera also hit his second homer of the season and reached base four times (2-for-3, R, HR, 2BB). The Rocks racked up a season-high 16 hits on Wednesday at Potomac in a 12-7 win. Overall, the Rocks are 3-0 when they pound out 10 or more hits in a game this season.

TRYING TO GET BACK TO .500: The Rocks are looking to get back to .500 for the third time this season with a win tonight against the Keys.
-The last time the Blue Rocks were at sea-level was on April 21 when they improved to 8-8 with a 12-10 win at Frederick.
-Overall, the Blue Crew are just 1-5 in games that can even their record this season.

LONG BALL FUN: With **Emmanuel Rivera's** solo homer Friday night, the Rocks have now clubbed a home run in 16 of the first 27 games this season.
-It was his first long ball in 24 games with his only other home run coming on April 6 at Potomac.
-Rivera joins **Chase Vallot** (5), **Kort Peterson** (3), **Khalil Lee** (2) and **Brandon Downes** (2) to have multiple home this season.
-From April 9-14, the Rocks hit a home run in six consecutive games.
-Wilmington went 2-4 during that span and are 9-7 overall when they hit a home run this season.
-The Rocks are tied for fourth in the Carolina League with 18 home runs.

ROLLING ON THE RIVERA: Third baseman **Emmanuel Rivera** has been the most consistent bat in the Wilmington lineup.
-Friday, Rivera clubbed his second homer of the season and reached base four times.
-Rivera posted season-highs with four hits and four RBI in Wilmington's 12-7 win Wednesday at Potomac.
-Over his last 18 games, the Puerto Rico native is hitting .333 (23-for-69) with three doubles, a triple, a home run, 15 RBI, seven walks and has scored nine runs.
-He has also picked up a hit in all but three games during that stretch.
-Rivera had an eight game hitting streak from April 14-22 and 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 19 RBI.
-Leads the team with 29 hits and six doubles.
-Coming off 2017 season in which he won the South Atlantic League batting title. (.310 in 122 gms)

BURT PROVIDING THE HURT: Second-year infielder **D.J. Burt** has been off to a torrid start in his new role with the team.
-He picked up two hits in Friday's win and drove in a season-high three runs.
-Burt has collected a pair of hits in each of his last three games (6-for-10)
-He is hitting .373 (19-for-51) through 15 games this season and has an on-base percentage of .476
-He now has six multi-hit games, which is tied for second-most on the team with **Kort Peterson**.
-Last season, Burt was the primary second baseman. This year, he has been called upon to play both middle infield positions and also made his first-career start in the outfield earlier this year.

DOWNES OFF TO STRONG START: **Brandon Downes** is no stranger to Wilmington and Carolina League pitching and is off to a fast start in his fourth stint with the Blue Rocks.
-On Friday, he posted his first, three-hit game of the season to bump his average to .313 through eight games.
-He also has driven in multiple runs in three of his eight games played since joining the roster on April 26.
-He is already tied for third on the team with two home runs and tied for sixth with eight RBI.
-He has 27 career home runs and is four shy of tying **Raul Gonzalez** (31 HR, 1993-95) for the third-most home runs in franchise history.

RUNNING ROCKS: As a team, Wilmington is second in the Carolina League with 39 stolen bases and have been caught 11 times this season. Buies Creek leads the CL with 48.
-Overall, the Blue Rocks have five different players with multiple stolen bases this season.
-Martin (14), **Nick Heath** (7), **D.J. Burt** (7), 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.

KEYS POINTS: The Frederick Keys enter this series in fifth place in the Northern Division after a tough start to the 2018 campaign.
-After a solid 3-0 start to the year, the Keys went 5-16 the rest of April.
-Offensively, the Keys are tied for 8th in batting average (.234) fifth in walks (111) and have struck out the fewest times of any team in the circuit (197)
-On the mound, Frederick has the second-highest ERA (4.58), third-most hits given up (242) and have allowed the fifth-most home runs (18).

APRIL IN REVIEW: The Rocks finished the opening month of the campaign with an 11-12 record.
-That was 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).

Tonight's Starters

WIL: RHP Anthony Bender (1-0, 3.79 ERA)

vs.

FRE: RHP Jhon Peluffo (2-0, 3.29 ERA)

-Righty **Anthony Bender** makes his fifth appearance of the season and third start of the 2018 campaign.
-Selected by the Kansas City Royals in the 20th round of the 2016 Draft out of Santa Rosa Junior College.
-In his last outing on April 29 against Winston-Salem, Bender completed the combined shutout with piggyback partner **Ofreidy Gomez** in a 3-0 blanking of Winston-Salem.
-Bender tossed the final three innings in scoreless fashion, allowed two hits and picked up a strikeout and earned his first save of the season.
-In his last start against Potomac on April 24, he did not factor in the decision.
-Allowed an earned run on three hits, walked four and struck out a batter in 3.1 innings
-During his career, the 22-year-old has been between both the bullpen and starting rotation.
-Last season, Bender spent the majority of the campaign with Low-A Lexington.
-He appeared in 23 games, made eight starts and yielded a 3.93 ERA and went 5-5.
-In 73.1 innings of work, he allowed 68 hits, 32 earned runs and had a solid strikeout to walk ratio of 74 to 20.
-Opponents hit .246 against him.
-He made his first 14 appearances in relief before joining the starting rotation on July 16.
-As a starter for the Legends, he posted a 3.33 ERA (17 ER in 46.0 innings) in nine starts while yielding a 4.88 ERA (17 ER in 31.1 innings) in 15 relief appearances.
-Last year, he made a spot start for Wilmington on September 3 against Lynchburg and suffered the loss. (4IP, 2ER, 5H, 2BB, 3K)
-Bender features a fastball in the upper 90's, along with a curveball, slider and changeup

Righty **Jhon Peluffo** makes his second start of the season and sixth total appearance of the season.
-He signed with Baltimore as a 16-year-old out of Colombia in 2014.
-His last time out on April 29 at Buies Creek was his first start of the season.
-He earned the win and tossed five scoreless innings, allowed three hits, walked two and struck out four.
-The 20-year-old faced the Blue Rocks earlier this season on April 20 in relief.
-He worked two innings, allowed an earned run on three hits, walked one and struck out a batter.
-Last season he spent the entire year with the Delmarva Shorebirds (Low-A/South Atlantic League)
-Went 6-5 with a 3.50 ERA in 23 appearances including 14 starts.
-92.2 IP, 89H, 48R/36ER, 24BB, 74K, BAA .254
-In 2016 he made his stateside debut and split the campaign between Delmarva and the Gulf Coast League.
-Went a composite 3-3 with a 4.44 ERA in 11 starts.
-48.2 IP, 47H, 32R, 24ER, 15BB, 41K, BAA .247.
-In his career, Peluffo has made 44 career starts and 67 total appearances.
-Features a 4-seam and 2-seam fastball, a slider, changeup, cutter and split-finger.

2018 Regular-Season Series: WIL vs. FRE (WIL Leads Series, 4-1) (Series Tied 13-13 in 2017)

Date	Site	Result	WP	LP	Save
4-19	FRE	W, 15-4	Garabito (1-1)	Sedlock (0-2)	
4-20	FRE	W, 2-0	Hernandez (1-0)	Humpal (0-3)	Brickhouse (3)
4-21	FRE	W, 12-10	Becker (1-0)	Teague (0-1)	Wynne (1)
4-22	FRE	L, 6-2	Peralta (1-1)	Vines (0-4)	Kline (1)
5-4	WIL	W, 8-5	Hope (1-0)	Jimenez (0-1)	Wynne (3)
5-5	WIL				
5-6	WIL				
5-29	WIL				
5-30	WIL				
5-31	WIL				
6-8	WIL				
6-9	WIL				
6-10	WIL				
7-9	FRE				
7-10	FRE				
7-11	FRE				
7-12	FRE				
7-21	FRE				
7-22	FRE				
7-23	FRE				
8-3	WIL				
8-4	WIL				
8-4	WIL				

Upcoming Probable Starters and Schedule

Sunday, May 6 vs. Frederick, 1:35, p.m. RHP Gerson Garabito (1-2, 2.78 ERA) vs. LHP Alex Wells (0-3, 4.50 ERA)
Monday, May 7 vs. Potomac, 6:35 p.m. RHP Amaldo Hernandez (3-0, 3.67 ERA) vs. LHP Matthew Crownover (1-3, 4.02 ERA)
Tuesday, May 8 vs. Potomac, 6:35 p.m. LHP Cristian Castillo (1-3, 8.78 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)
5.2.18 Chase Vallot at POT (Solo HR & 3-R HR)

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)

GRANDSLAM 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: 19 (78 IN 2017 / 21 HOME & 57 AWAY)

Buies Creek	Lynchburg 3
Carolina 1	Myrtle Beach
Down East	Potomac 8
Frederick 2	Salem 3
	Winston-Salem

FRAWLEY 7 **ROAD 12**

Opponents

2-HR GAMES BY OPPONENT (2 IN 2017 / 2 IN 2016)

5.3.18 Juan Soto (3-R HR in 1st inning & Solo HR in 8th inning)

3-HR GAMES BY OPPONENT (1 IN 2017 / 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 2017 / 0 IN 2016)

LEADOFF HOME RUNS (0 IN 2017 / 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 (3 IN 2017 / 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 2017 / 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: 28 (81 in 2017/ 31 Home & 50 AWAY)

Buies Creek	Lynchburg 1
Carolina 2	Myrtle Beach
Down East	Potomac 14
Frederick 7	Salem 2
	Winston-Salem 2

FRAWLEY 8 **ROAD 20**

Blue Rocks vs. the Carolina League

<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Record</u>	<u>Home</u>	<u>Road</u>
Frederick	4-1	1-0	3-1
Lynchburg	2-1	2-1	0-0
Potomac	4-6	1-2	3-4
Salem	0-3	0-0	0-3
Northern Div.	10-11	4-3	6-8

<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Record</u>	<u>Home</u>	<u>Road</u>
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: 197 | Opponents: 212

Numbers With RISP

Blue Rocks: .255 Avg. (59-for-231)

Blue Rocks On...

Mondays:	1-1	April:	11-12
Tuesdays:	0-4	May:	2-2
Wednesdays:	1-3	June:	0-0
Thursdays:	3-1	July:	0-0
Fridays:	3-3	Aug:	0-0
Saturdays:	4-0	Sept:	0-0
Sundays:	1-2		
First Game of Series:	5-4		
Last Game of Series:	2-5		
Series Won:	2		
Series Lost:	4		
Series Split:	1		
Series Swept:	0-1		
Rubber Matches:	1-2		

2018 Roster (32)

Pitchers (17)

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

Catchers (3)

Xavier Fernandez
Chase Vallot*
Meibrys Vilorio*

Infielders (6)

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

Outfielders (6)

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

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

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

TONIGHT'S BLUE ROCKS STARTING PITCHER

#37 RHP Anthony Bender

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

Born: Petaluma, CA

Age: 22 (Feb. 3, 1995)

Resides: Petaluma, CA

Ht: 6'4 Wt: 205

College: Santa Rosa Junior College

Bats/Throws: R/R



Pitch Repertoire: Fastball, Curveball, Slider, Changeup

THE BOOK ON ANTHONY BENDER: A hard-throwing righty, **Anthony Bender** was selected by the Kansas City Royals in the 20th round of the 2016 Draft out of Santa Rosa Junior College where he started as a shortstop and moved around the diamond in addition to being a pitcher for the team. Bender is 1 of 10 players on the 2018 roster that was part of the Royals' 2016 draft class. During his career, the 22-year-old has been between both the bullpen and starting rotation. Last season, Bender spent the majority of the campaign with Low-A Lexington. He appeared in 23 games and made eight starts and yielded a 3.93 ERA and went 5-5. In 73.1 innings of work, he allowed 68 hits, 32 earned runs and had a solid strikeout to walk ratio of 74 to 20. Opponents hit .246 against him. He made his first 14 appearances in relief before joining the starting rotation on July 16. He pitched well in his first two starts and twirled 10 combined shutout innings between the pair of starts. He allowed four hits, three walks and struck out 10 batters which earned him the South Atlantic League Pitcher of the Week Award. As a starter for the Legends, he posted a 3.33 ERA (17 ER in 46.0 innings) in nine starts while yielding a 4.88 ERA (17 ER in 31.1 innings) in 15 relief appearances. He made a spot start for Wilmington on September 3 against Lynchburg. The and suffered the loss. He allowed two earned runs on five hits, walked two and struck out three in four innings of work. Bender started his career in the Arizona League in 2016 and went 2-0 with a 3.03 ERA in nine appearances including five starts. He also picked up a pair of saves in as many opportunities while striking out 32 batters and walking four. Bender's fastball is his best pitch, which has been clocked in the mid to upper 90's with potential to hit triple digits. He will be alternating with fellow rotation mate **Ofreidy Gomez** for starts during the course of the season. Last time on the mound for Bender on April 29 he helped complete the combined shutout with Gomez and earned a three-inning save. He allowed just two hits and struck out one in his outing. In his last start on April 24 against Potomac, he did not factor in the decision and lasted 4.2 innings, allowed one earned run, three hits, walked four and struck out one.

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

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

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

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

The Book on Bender (2018)

At Home: 0-0, 4.20 ERA, 4G/2GS

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

LH Opp Avg: .297

RH Opp Avg: .270

Record when he pitches: 1-0

Wilmington Record when he starts: 1-1

Run Support (overall): 1.2

Run Support (starting): 0.5

ERA: 3.79

Season-High K's: 5, (4/18 vs. Carolina Mudcats)

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

Last Win: 4/7/18 @ Potomac Nationals

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

Most IP, 2018: 4.2 IP (4/24 vs. Potomac Nationals)

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

Career Numbers

Year/Teams(s)	W-L	ERA	IP
2016/AZL Royals	2-0	3.03	32.2
2017/Lexington	5-5	3.93	73.1
2017/Wilmington	0-1	4.50	4.0
2018/Wilmington	1-0	3.79	19.0
Totals	8-6	3.79	126.0

2018 Appearances

Date	OPP	G	GS	DEC	ERA	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	HBP	WP	Score Upon Exit	Result	Notes
4/7	@POT	1	0	W	2.25	4.0	4	1	1	3	3	1	0	0	WIL, 5-4	WIL, 5-4	First app. of season.
4/12	vs. LYN	2	1	ND	1.13	4.0	5	1	0	2	2	0	0	0	LYN, 1-0	WIL, 4-2	First start of 2018
4/18	vs. CAR	3	1	ND	5.56	3.1	7	6	6	3	5	1	0	0	CAR, 9-2	CAR, 9-7	Tied career-high in ER allowed
4/24	vs. POT	4	2	ND	4.50	4.2	3	1	1	4	1	0	0	0	Tied, 1-1	POT, 5-1	Season-high IP
4/29	vs. W-S	5	2	SV	3.79	3.0	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	WIL, 3-0	WIL, 3-0	First save of the season

#28 RHP Ofreidy Gomez

Acquired: Signed as an international free agent by Kansas City on May 10, 2012.
 Born: Pueblo Viejo, Dominican Republic Age: 22 (July 6, 1995)
 Resides: Pueblo Viejo, Dominican Republic Ht: 6'3 Wt: 190
 College: N/A Bats/Throws: R/R



Pitch Repertoire: Fastball, Curveball, Changeup

THE BOOK ON OFREIDY GOMEZ: Ofreidy Gomez was signed by the Kansas City Royals as an international free agent on May 10, 2012. The 22-year-old native of the Dominican Republic spent last season in Low-A Lexington where he pitched in full-season baseball for the first time in his career. With the Legends, he went 7-12 with a 5.18 ERA in 28 games pitched including 22 starts. He set career-highs in games pitched, starts, innings pitched (137.1) and strikeouts (108). He paced the Legends' pitching staff in starts, innings pitched and strikeouts and tied for second in games pitched and was tied for the most losses in the South Atlantic League. Gomez made his stateside debut in 2016 when he pitched for the Burlington Royals, who made it to the Appalachian League Championship Series that season. With Burlington, the righty went 5-4 with a 5.20 ERA in 12 starts and also tossed a complete game. He worked 55.1 innings and allowed 32 earned runs on 46 hits. He struck out 44 batters and walked 27 while holding opponents to a .236 batting average. The righty spent his first three seasons in the Dominican Summer League with the DSL Royals. He made a good first impression in his professional debut season, going 3-0 with a solid 2.35 ERA in 10 relief appearances. He held opponents to a .192 contact clip and struck out 17 men and walked 14. However, his next two seasons were more of a struggle as he made the transition into a starter. In 2014-15, Gomez went a combined 0-8 with a 4.32 ERA in 26 appearances including 15 starts. The right-hander is coming of his best start with the Blue Rocks as he spun six scoreless innings, allowed just three hits, walked one and set a season-high with nine strikeouts in a winning effort on April 29 against Winston-Salem. He fell one punch out shy of tying his career-high watermark in strikeouts (10).

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

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

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

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

The Book on Gomez (2018)

At Home: 1-2, 2.45 ERA 4G/2GS
 On the Road: 0-0, 6.75 ERA 1G/1GS
 LH Opp Avg: .324
 RH Opp Avg: .143
 Record when he pitches: 1-2
 Wilmington Record when he starts: 2-1
 Run Support (overall): 2.2
 Run Support (starting): 2.6
 ERA: 3.38

Season-High K's: 9, (4/29 vs. Winston-Salem Dash)
 Career-High K's: 10, (9/1/16 @ Danville Braves)

Last Win: 4/29/18 vs. Winston-Salem Dash
 Last Loss: 4/24/18 vs. Potomac Nationals

Most IP, 2018: 6.0. (4/29 vs. Winston-Salem Dash)
 Most IP, Career: 7.0 IP, 4x (Last: 8/18/17 vs. Asheville Tourists)

Career Numbers

Year/Teams(s)	W-L	ERA	IP
2013/DSL Royals	3-0	2.35	23.0
2014/DSL Royals	0-4	6.17	35.0
2015/DSL Royals	0-4	3.04	50.1
2016/Burlington	5-4	5.20	55.1
2017/Lexington	7-12	5.18	137.1
2018/Wilmington	1-2	3.38	18.2
Totals	16-26	4.65	319.2

2018 Appearances

Date	OPP	G	GS	DEC	ERA	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	HBP	WP	Score Upon Exit	Result	Notes
4/7	@POT	1	1	ND	6.75	4.0	6	3	3	4	4	0	1	0	WIL, 5-3	WIL, 5-4	First-career Adv.A Start
4/12	vs. LYN	2	1	ND	4.91	3.1	1	1	1	6	6	0	1	1	Tied, 2-2	WIL, 4-2	Career-high six walks
4/18	vs. CAR	3	2	L	5.40	2.2	3	3	2	3	3	1	3	0	CAR, 3-0	CAR, 9-7	Tied career-high in HBP
4/24	vs. POT	4	2	L	4.97	2.2	3	1	1	1	5	1	0	1	POT, 2-1	POT, 5-1	Tossed 54 pitches/36 strikes
4/29	vs. W-S	5	3	W	3.38	6.0	3	0	0	1	9	0	0	1	WIL, 3-0	WIL, 3-0	First win of the season

Wilmington Blue Rocks 2018 Regular-Season Breakdown

Record:	13-14
First Half:	13-14
Second Half:	0-0
Home:	7-6
Road:	6-8
Vs. RH Starters:	7-12
Vs. LH Starters:	6-2
Day:	2-3
Night:	11-11
One-Run Games:	1-3
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:	12-1
When Trailing After 7:	0-13
When Tied After 7:	1-0
When Leading After 8:	13-0
When Trailing After 8:	0-14
When Tied After 8:	0-0
When the Rocks Score First:	6-5
When the Opponent Scores First:	7-9
Games Decided In Last At-Bat:	0-8
When Scoring 3 Or Less:	3-10
When Scoring 4 Or More:	10-4
When The Rocks Have 5 Hits or Less:	2-4
When The Rocks Have 10 Hits or More:	3-0
When The Rocks Hit A Home Run:	9-7
Most Games Above .500:	1
Most Games Below .500:	3
When The Rocks Commit an Error:	9-11
When The Rocks Starter Goes 6+ Inn:	3-3
Come-From-Behind Victories:	8
Postponements:	1
Cancellations:	-
Total Rainouts:	1
Currently Suspended Games:	-

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 (23), Vallot (3), Fernandez (1)
 2B – Cancel (16), Burt (7), Brontsema (4)
 3B – Rivera (26), Cancel (1)
 SS – Castellano (21), Burt (6)
 C – Viloría (18), Fernandez (9)
 LF – Martin (13), Downes (6), Heath (5), Peterson (2), Burt (1)
 CF – Lee (18), Martin (8), Heath (1)
 RF – Peterson (19), Lee (5), Heath (1), Martin (1), Downes (1)
 DH – Vallot (18), Fernandez (3), Viloría (2), Lee (2), Burt (1), Downes (1)

2018 Games Started by Batting Order

1) – Martin (23), Peterson (2), Heath (1), Burt (1)
 2) – Cancel (17), Burt (8), Castellano (1), Lee (1)
 3) – Lee (24), Rivera (2), Peterson (1)
 4) – Rivera (24), Downes (2), DeVito (1)
 5) – DeVito (14), Downes (6), Fernandez (3), Vallot (2), Viloría (2)
 6) – Vallot (12), Viloría (7), Fernandez (6), DeVito (2)
 7) – Viloría (12), DeVito (6), Vallot (3), Fernandez (2), Brontsema (2), Castellano (1), Heath (1)
 8) – Peterson (17), Vallot (4), Heath (3), Burt (1), Brontsema (1), Fernandez (1)
 9) – Castellano (19), Burt (5), Heath (1), Brontsema (1), Peterson (1)

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

Wilmington Blue Rocks 2018 Notes Continued

Blue Rocks Pitching Breakdown

	W-L	Sv.	ERA	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR
Starters	7-10	0	5.11	123.1	142	80	70	60	85	15
Relievers	6-4	9	3.23	111.2	93	46	40	58	104	13
Totals	13-14	9	4.21	235.0	235	126	110	118	189	28

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

Pitcher	IP	Date	Opponent	Dec.	Game Result

Inherited Runners/Scored

Pitcher	Runners	Inherited	Pct.
	Inherited	Runs Allowed	
Becker	1	1	1.000
Bender	2	0	.000
Brickhouse	3	1	.333
Camp	2	0	.000
Gavin	2	0	.000
Gomez			
Hernandez			
Hope			
Ruxer	3	0	.000
Sheller	7	1	.143
Tatum	2	1	.500
Wynne	7	1	.143
Totals	30	5	.167

Catchers Totals

Catcher	CS	Att.	Pct.	PB
Fernandez	3	10	.300	0
Vallot	-	-	-	-
Viloria	5	19	.263	3
Totals	8	29	.276	3

Starter Breakdown

Starter	Starts	WIL Rec.	No-Dec.	Rec.	Longest Outing
Cristian Castillo	6	3-3	2	1-3	5.2 IP (2x) Last: 4/27 vs. W-S
Jace Vines	6	2-4	1	1-4	6.0 IP (2x) Last: 5/4 vs. FRE
Ofreidy Gomez	3	2-1	1	1-2	6.0 IP vs. W-S 4/29
Gerson Garabito	5	1-4	2	1-2	6.0 IP (2x) Last: 4/13 vs. LYN
Arnaldo Hernandez	5	4-1	2	3-0	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		
Hope		
Ruxer		
Sheller		
Vines		
Wynne		
TOTAL		

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	4	2-2	.288	139	40	27	8	1	4	24	21	35	2/1
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	14	18	12	10	23	7	13	0	0	0	0	120
Opponents	21	8	33	16	8	9	13	13	5	0	0	0	0	126

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	139
Gabriel Cancel	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	4/7/18	Matthew Crownover (POT)/1st	16
Angelo Castellano	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	4/9/18	Tanner Houck (SAL)/4th	18
Brandon Downes	2	2	0	0	1	1	0	4/29/18	Bernardo Flores (W-S)/3rd	3
Chris DeVito	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8/25/17	Austin Glorious (SAL)/8th	30
Xavier Fernandez	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	4/10/17	Daniel Gonzalez (SAL)/7th	10
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	16
Rudy Martin	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	4/12/18	Zach Plesac (LYN)/6th	17
Kort Peterson	3	1	2	0	2	1	0	4/21/18	Brian Gonzalez (FRE)/2nd & James Teague (FRE)/7th	7
Emmanuel Rivera	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	4/6/18	Sterling Sharp (POT)/2nd	24
Chase Vallot	5	0	5	2	1	1	1	5/2/18	Matthew Crownover (POT)/3rd & Mariano Rivera III (7th)	1
Meibrys Vioria	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	4/14/18	Luis Jimenez (LYN)/7th	11
Vance Vizcaino	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4/20/18	Sam Held (Hagerstown)/8th	5

Multi-Hit Games

Player	Total	2	3	4	5	6+
John Brontsema	1	1	0	0	0	0
D.J. Burt	5	4	1	0	0	0
Gabriel Cancel	4	4	0	0	0	0
Angelo Castellano	1	1	0	0	0	0
Chris DeVito	2	2	0	0	0	0
Brandon Downes	2	2	0	0	0	0
Xavier Fernandez	4	3	1	0	0	0
Nick Heath	1	1	0	0	0	0
Khalil Lee	5	4	1	0	0	0
Rudy Martin	2	1	1	0	0	0
Kort Peterson	5	3	2	0	0	0
Emmanuel Rivera	7	5	1	1	0	0
Chase Vallot	1	1	0	0	0	0
Meibrys Vioria	5	4	1	0	0	0
Vance Vizcaino	0	0	0	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	3	2	1	0	0	0
Xavier Fernandez	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nick Heath	0	0	0	0	0	0
Khalil Lee	4	4	0	0	0	0
Rudy Martin	1	0	0	0	1	0
Kort Peterson	2	1	0	0	1	0
Emmanuel Rivera	5	4	1	0	0	0
Chase Vallot	4	3	0	0	1	0
Meibrys Vioria	2	2	0	0	0	0
Vance Vizcaino	0	0	0	0	0	0

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

Player	Avg.	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SAC/SF	HB	BB	SO
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BLUE ROCKS HITTERS NOTES

#7 D.J. Burt INF
Ht: 5'9 Wt: 160 Age: 22 B/T: R/R
Lives: Fuquay-Varina, N.C
LG: 2-for-4, 2R, 3RBI, BB Homestand: 2-for-4, 2R, 3RBI, BB HS/OBS: +3/+3

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

2018 Notes: Longest H.S./O.B.S.: +4 (4/14 - 4/19) / +7 (4/14 - 4/22)
 -Drove in season-high three runs on 5/4 against Frederick.
 -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.
 -Tied for second on team with six 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 (tied for third).
 -Reached safely in 59 of his 62 starts with Idaho Falls, including his last 54 starts.
 -Ended the season on an 11-game hitting streak. Carried streak over through first four games with Lexington to set career-high 15 game hitting streak. (8/27/15-4/10/16)
 -Reached safely in 59 of his 62 starts with Idaho Falls, including his last 54 starts.
 -On-base streak of 62 games started on July 12 and went through first eight games with Lexington in 2016 and ended on April 16, 2016.

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

#12 Gabriel Cancel INF
Ht: 6'1 Wt: 185 Age: 21 B/T: R/R
Lives: Arecibo, Puerto Rico
LG: 0-for-4, RBI, 3SO (5/3 @ POT) Homestand: HS/OBS: -1/-1

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

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 3-for-25 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.

#11 Angelo Castellano INF
Ht: 6'0 Wt: 165 Age: 23 B/T: R/R
Lives: San Diego, VZ
LG: 1-for-2, 2R, 2BB Homestand: 1-for-2, 2R, 2BB HS/OBS: +3/+3

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

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 (.51 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 (Meibryns) 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."

#34 Chris DeVito INF
Ht: 6'2 Wt: 220 Age: 23 B/T: L/R
Lives: Northridge, CA
LG: 1-for-4, R, SO Homestand: 1-for-4, R, SO HS/OBS: +1/+1

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.
 -Fifth on team with nine RBI.
 -13 of his 14 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 **OF**
Ht: 6'3 Wt: 195 **Age: 25 B/T: R/R**
Lives: South Plainfield, NJ
LG: 3-for-5, R, SO, SB **Homestand: 3-for-5, R, SO, SB** **HS/O.B.S: +1/+1**

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.: +4 (4/28 - 5/2) / +4 (4/28 - 5/2)
 -Has driven in eight runs through first eight games with team.
 -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, bases loaded 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 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 is, 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 **OF**
Ht: 5'10 Wt: 182 **Age: 19 B/T: L/L**
Lives: Centreville, VA
LG: 0-for-5, 3SO **Homestand: 0-for-5, 3SO** **HS/O.B.S: -1/-1**

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: Tied for third in walks (20).
 -He is top-five on the team in OPS (.819, 1st), hits (22, 2nd), HR (2, T-2nd), runs (14, 2nd), RBI (15, 3rd).

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 is 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 **C**
Ht: 5'11 Wt: 197 **Age: 22 B/T: R/R**
Lives: Guaybabo, P.R.
LG: 1-for-5, 2B, RBI (5/2 @ POT) **Homestand:** **HS/O.B.S: +3/+3**

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, twice (4/10-4/14 & 4/28 - present) / +4 (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 13 games played this season.
 -Throwing out 30% of would-be base stealers (3-for-10).

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.

#16 Kort Peterson **OF**
Ht: 6'1 Wt: 195 **Age: 24 B/T: L/R**
Lives: Los Gatos, CA
LG: 2-for-3, R, 2B, RBI, BB **Homestand: 2-for-3, R, 2B, RBI, BB** **HS/O.B.S: +2/+2**

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 leadoff for first time this season on 5/3 @ POT and picked up three hits.
 -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)
 -Second on team in HR (3), third in total bases (34), fourth in runs (11) and fourth in RBI (11).

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

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

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

BLUE ROCKS HITTERS NOTES

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

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

2018 Notes: Longest H.S./O.B.S.: +8 (4/14 - 4/22) / +8 (4/14 - 4/22)
 -Set season-highs in hits (4) and RBI (4) on 5/2 @ POT.
 -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 .313 (10-for-32) during that stretch.
 -Over his last 18 games, the Puerto Rican native is hitting .333 (23-for-69) with three doubles, a triple, a home run, 15 RBI, seven walks and has scored nine runs.
 -Third-toughest hitter to strikeout in CL (1K / 8.38 plate appearance)
 -First on team in doubles (6), RBI (18), and hits (27).
 -Leads team with seven 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."

#25 Chase Vallot **C/1B**
Ht: 6'0 Wt: 215 **Age: 21 B/T: R/R**
Lives: Lafayette, LA
LG: 0-for-2, 2R, 2BB, SO **Homestand: 0-for-2, 2R, 2BB, SO** **H.S./O.B.S.: -1/+4**

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

2018 Notes: Longest H.S./O.B.S.: +2 (5/1 - 5/2) / +5 (4/16 - 4/21)
 -Hit home runs in back-to-back games 5/1 - 5/2 @ POT.
 -First Blue Rocks hitter since Brandon Downes (8/12-13 2017) to hit home runs in back-to-back games.
 -Second-career multi-home run game of career. First was June 26, 2017 @ Frederick.
 -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.
 -His five home runs lead the Blue Rocks and tied for second-most in CL.
 -Second on team in RBI (16)
 -First in Carolina League in strikeouts (42)

2017 Notes: Spent the season with the Wilmington Blue Rocks.
 -Hit .231 with 22 doubles, 12 homers and 37 RBI in 89 games.
 -Hit home runs in back-to-back games 5/1 - 5/2 @ POT.
 -His season we cut short on July 27 after suffering a low back muscle strain.
 -He finished second on the team in home runs, tied for first with 64 walks, but did pace the team with 127 strikeouts.
 -Played in a career-high 89 games and also set career highs in doubles (22), walks (64) and on-base percentage (.380).
 -His 64 walks tied for sixth in the Carolina League with teammate DJ Burt, while his 12 homers tied for third among the league's catchers.
 -Recorded his first multi-homer game on June 26 at Frederick, hitting a two-run shot and a solo homer in an 8-6 loss.
 -Also set a career-high with four hits (4-for-4) at Frederick on May 19.
 -He hit two grand slams making him the only Blue Rock to do so in 2017.
 -Entered the season as the No. 7 prospect in the organization according to *Baseball America*.

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

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

#22 Meibrys Vilorio **C**
Ht: 5'11 Wt: 220 **Age: 21 B/T: L/R**
Lives: Cartagena, Columbia
LG: 0-for-5 **Homestand: 0-for-5** **H.S./O.B.S.: -2/1**

Notes: Signed as non-drafted Free Agent by Kansas City on July 2, 2013. Enters this season Rated as the 18th-best prospect according to MLB.com and 24th-best prospect in the organization per *Baseball America* and only player on Blue Rocks roster on Royals' 40-man roster. Was on the 2017 Columbia 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)
 -Tied for 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 26% of would be base stealers (5-for-19).

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

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

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

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

#15 Vance Vizcaino **OF**
Ht: 6'1 Wt: 200 **Age: 23 B/T: L/R**
Lives: Wake Forest, N.C.
LG: **Homestand:** **H.S./O.B.S.:**

Notes: Drafted in the 11th round of the 2016 June Amateur Draft out of Stetson University by the Kansas City Royals. Was drafted out of Wakefield High School (N.C.) by the New York Mets in the 31st round of the 2012 Draft but did not sign. In 2013, he attended the University of Tennessee. Kansas City drafted him in the 29th round in 2014 despite him taking the season off. In 2015 attended Stetson University, where he matched a school record with five stolen bases in a game and finished eighth in the Atlantic Sun Conference with a .341 batting average. Was selected by the Arizona Diamondbacks in the 31st round that year but did not sign. Son of Junior Vizcaino, a former national scouting supervisor for the Royals, who played five seasons in the Pittsburgh organization.

2018 Notes: Started the season with the Lexington Legends (Low-A/ South Atlantic League)
 -Played in 16 games with the Legends and hit .192 (10-for-52) with seven runs scored, two doubles, a triple, a home runs, six RBI, eight walks and struck out 10 times.
 -Stole one base in three attempts.
 -Had an on-base percentage of .311

2017 Notes: Spent the year between Lexington and the Idaho Falls Chukars (Rookie/ Pioneer League)
 -Started the season with the Chukars and hit .287 with two homers and 16 RBI in 22 games.
 -Also scored 17 runs, had five doubles, two triples, seven walks and 20 strikeouts. Posted a .344 OBP%
 -Promoted to Lexington on July 15 and finished the season with the team.
 -Hit .315 with nine doubles and 14 RBI in 42 games.
 -Has 47 hits in 42 games and scored 22 runs.
 -Stole a career-best 21 bases between the two levels.

2016 Notes: Made his professional debut with the Burlington Royals (Rookie/Appalachian League)
 -Part of team that won a Division title and made it to the championship series. (Burlington lost to Johnson City 2-0 in the finals)
 -Played in 53 games and hit .265 with five doubles, a pair of triples, 11 RBI and stole 16 bases.
 -Finished second on team in stolen bases (Nicky Lopez, 2017 Blue Rock led team with 24)
 -Scored 25 runs and had 49 total hits.

BLUE ROCKS BULLPEN NOTES

#29 Bryan Brickhouse **RHP**
Ht: 6'0 Wt: 195 **Age: 25 B/T: R/R**
Lives: The Woodlands, TX
Last App: 5/2 @ POT, 0.2IP, H, 3BB, K **Record: 0-0** **SV: 4/4** **IR/IRS: 3/1**

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 4.24 ERA in 46 games including 37 starts.
 -163.1 IP, 151H, 92R/77ER, 80 walks and has 136 strikeouts.

#46 Justin Camp **RHP**
Ht: 5'11 Wt: 230 **Age: 24 B/T: R/R**
Lives: Decatur, AL
Last App: 5/3 @ POT, 2.0 IP, 4H, 2ER, 2BB, **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: Allowed runs on 5/2 @ POT for first time since 4/19 @ FRE. (3.1 IP)
 -Has pitched at least two innings or more in all but two 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-AA 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 2.57 ERA in 47 relief appearances.
 -He also is 5 of 7 in save opportunities.
 -In 98.0 innings of work he has allowed 82 hits, 34R/28ER, 41 walks and has struck out 82 batters.
 -Opponents are hitting .230 against him.

#35 Grant Gavin **RHP**
Ht: 6'2 Wt: 185 **Age: 22 B/T: R/R**
Lives: Parkville, MO
Last App: 5/2 @ POT, 1.1 IP, H, 2ER, 2BB **Record: 1-0** **SV: 0/0** **IR/IRS: 2/0**

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.

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 2.00 ERA in 57 career games.
 -He has made four starts as well and has racked up 10 saves.
 -In 130.2 innings he has allowed 92 hits, 36R/29ER, 37 walks and has 143 strikeouts.
 -Opponents are hitting just .194 against him in his career.

#30 Carter Hope **RHP**
Ht: 6'3 Wt: 195 **Age: 23 B/T: L/R**
Lives: Magnolia, TX
Last App: 5/4 vs. FRE, W, 2.0 IP, H, R, 0ER, K **Record: 1-1** **SV:** **IR/IRS:**

Notes: Drafted in the 3rd round of the 2013 June Amateur Draft by Kansas City out of The Woodlands High School (Texas) where he was named MVP as his team won the Texas 5A Championship. His brother Mason, played three seasons in the Miami Marlins' organization. Attended same high school as fellow Blue Rocks reliever Bryan Brickhouse.

Pitch Repertoire:

2018 Notes: Earned first-career win in Advanced-A in his debut on 5/4 vs. FRE (2.0IP, H, R, 0ER, K)
 -Started the season with the Lexington Legends (Low-A/South Atlantic League)
 -Made six relief appearances and went 4-0 and earned a save to go with an impressive 1.32 ERA
 -13.2 IP, 6H, 3R/2ER, BB, 16K, .128 BAA.
 -Worked multiple innings in every relief outing with Lexington.
 -At time of promotion, Hope was leading the South Atlantic League in win (4), had the fourth-lowest batting average against (.128) and the fourth lowest BB/9 ratio (1BB/13IP).

2017 Notes: Spent the season with both the Surprise Royals (Rookie/Arizona League) and Idaho Falls Chukars (Rookie/Pioneer League)
 -Posted a composite 1-0 record with a 4.96 ERA in nine relief appearances.
 -Pitched in 16.1 innings, allowed 24 hits, nine earned runs, one walk, and struck out 11.

2016 Notes: Did not play

2015 Notes: Spent the season between the Surprise Royals and Idaho Falls Chukars.
 -Went a combined 0-3, 6.07 ERA in 14 games including 13 starts.
 -Pitched in 67 innings, allowed 88 hits, 44 earned runs, 13 walks and 33 strikeouts.
 -It was his final season pitching as a starter.

Career Notes: In his career, Hope owns a 7-9 record with a 4.73 ERA in 46 games including 27 starts.
 -He also has earned two saves in as many opportunities.
 -165.2 IP, 194 H, 103R/87ER, 10HR, 39BB, 113K.
 -Opponents are hitting .287 against him.

BLUE ROCKS BULLPEN NOTES

<p>#40 Jared Ruxer RHP Ht: 6'3 Wt: 200 Age: 25 B/T: R/R Lives: Indianapolis, IN Last App: 5/3 @ POT, IP, H, ER, HR Record: 1-2 SV: 0/1 IR/IRS: 3/0</p> <p>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).</p> <p>Pitch Repertoire: Fastball, Changeup, Slider</p> <p>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)</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Career Notes: Ruxer has been between starting and relieving his entire career. -He is 10-20 with a 3.80 ERA in 78 games including 48 starts. -Has struck out 229 batters and walked 83 in 272.2 innings of work.</p>	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%; vertical-align: top;"> <p>#39 Vance Tatum LHP Ht: 6'4 Wt: 200 Age: 22 B/T: L/L Lives: Nashville, TN Last App: 5/3 @ POT, 2.0 IP, H, 2ER, HR, 2BB, K Record: 0-0 SV: 0/0 IR/IRS: 2/1</p> <p>Notes: Drafted in the 16th round of the 2016 June Amateur Draft by Kansas City out of Mississippi State University. 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<p>#41 Matt Wynne RHP Ht: 6'4 Wt: 170 Age: 24 B/T: R/R Lives: Dade City, FL Last App: 5/24 vs. FRE, SV, IP, H, 0R, BB Record: 0/0 SV: 3/3 IR/IRS: 7/1</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Pitch Repertoire: Fastball, Slider, Changeup</p> <p>2018 Notes: Picked up third save of the season on 5/4 vs. FRE -Earned second save of the season on 5/2 @ POT. Entered game with bases loaded and did not allow a run. 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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Career Notes: Through first two seasons in the organization, Wynne is 6-4 with a 3.71 ERA in 51 relief appearances. -He has earned 6 saves in 12 opportunities. -The righty has logged 80.0 innings of work allowing 89 hits, 33 earned runs, 20 walks and has struck out 52 batters. -Opposing hitters are batting .276 against him in his career.</p>
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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, 17 (Last: 5/4 vs. FRE)
Most Hits, Game: 16, (5/2 @ POT)
Fewest Hits, Game: 3, 2x (4/22 @ FRE)
Most Walks, Game (Team): 10, (4/7 @ POT)
Most Doubles, Game (Team): 5, (5/2 @ POT)
Most Triples, Game (Team): 1, 4x, (Last: 5/1 @ POT)
Most HRs, Game (Team): 2, 3x (Last: 5/2 @ POT)
Most SB, Game (Team): 5, 2x, (4/7 @ POT & 4/14 vs. LYN)**
10 + Hits, Game: 3, (5/4 vs. FRE)
Most Doubles, Game (Indiv.): 2, 3x, (Last: Brandon Downes 5/2 @ POT)
Most Triples, Game (Indiv.): 1, 4x, (Khalil Lee 5/1 @ POT)
Most HRs, Game (Indiv.): 2, 2x (Kort Peterson, 4/21 @FRE & Chase Vallot 5/2 @ POT)
Consecutive Games W/HR (Indiv.): 2, (Chase Vallot 5/1 - 5/2 @ POT)
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.): 4, (Emmanuel Rivera 5/2 @ 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: 12, (5/3 @ POT)
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, 3x (5/3 @ POT)
Most SB, Game (Team): 3, 2x, (4/8 @ POT & 4/21 @ FRE)
10 + Hits, Game: 8, (Last: 5/3 @ POT)
Most Home Runs, Game (Indiv.): 2, (Juan Soto 5/3 @ POT)
Most RBIs, Game (Indiv.): 5, (Juan Soto 5/3 @ POT)
Most Hits, Game (Indiv.): 3, 11x, (Last: Juan Soto 5/3 @ POT)
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, 2x, (Cristian Castillo, 4/21 @ FRE & Gerson Garabito 5/1 @ POT)
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, 6x, (Last: Jace Vines 5/4 vs. FRE)
Most IP, Game for Reliever: 4.0, Ofreidy Gomez (4/12 vs. LYN)
Fewest IP, Game for Starter: 2.2, 3x, (Last: 5/1 @ POT)
Longest Winning Streak (Dec.): 3, 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: 12, (5/3 @ POT)
Most Runs Allowed, Inning: 6, (4/21 @ FRE)
10 + Hits Allowed, Game: 10, (5/3 @ POT)
Most HRs Allowed, Game: 3, 4x (Last: 5/3 @ POT)
Most Strikeouts, Game (9 Innings): 14, 2x (4/18 vs. CAR)
Most Strikeouts, Game (Extra Innings):
Most Walks Allowed, Game: 8, 2x (4/12 vs. LYN & 5/2 @ POT)
Most SB Allowed, Game: 3, 4x (Last: 4/27 vs. W-S)
Longest Scoreless Innings Streak: 20, (4/28 vs. W-S 1st inning w/one out - 5/1 @ POT Bot. 3 one out)
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, 2x (4/24 vs. POT & 5/2 @ 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: 11, (Last: 5/3 @ POT)
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: 3,(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: 10, (5/3 @ 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, 27x
Longest Game, Time (9 Innings): 3:34 (5/2 @ POT)
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 - 4/29 vs. W-S)

Most Errors, One Game, Opp. Player: 2, Luke Wakamatsu (4/13 vs. LYN)
Most Errors, One Game, Opp. Team: 3, (5/4 vs. FRE)

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)

* Ties Club Record ** Establishes New Club Record
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Blue Rocks 2018 Regular-Season Day-by-Day -- First Half

Date	OPP.	W/L	SCORE	BLUE ROCKS				OPPONENT				Winning Pitcher	Losing Pitcher	Save	Record	Pos.	GB	Daily	
				R	H	E	LOB	R	H	E	LOB							Att.	Time
4-5	POT	W	5-3	5	8	2	5	3	6	1	8	Ruxer (1-0)	Bourque (0-1)	Sheller (1)	1-0	T-1st	-	3,498	2:58
4-6	POT	L	9-2	2	9	0	7	9	13	0	6	Sharp (1-0)	Vines (0-1)		1-1	T-2nd	1.0	3,291	2:41
4-7	POT	W	5-4	5	7	1	12	4	10	1	13	Bender (1-0)	Fuentes (0-1)	Brickhouse (1)	2-1	3rd	0.5	1,511	3:29
4-8	POT	L	3-2	2	7	2	11	3	6	0	6	Klobosits (1-0)	Sheller (0-1)		2-2	T-3rd	1.0	1,478	2:59
4-9	SAL	L	6-4	2	7	1	13	6	11	2	5	Smith (1-0)	Ruxer (1-1)	Martinez (1)	2-3	T-4th	2.0	1,069	2:54
4-10	SAL	L	3-1	1	9	0	9	3	4	0	4	Mata (1-0)	Castillo (0-1)	Gonzalez (2)	2-4	T-4th	3.0	1,140	2:20
4-11	SAL	L	7-4	4	8	2	9	7	10	1	5	Oliver (1-0)	Vines (0-2)	A. Martinez (1)	2-5	5th	4.0	1,619	3:06
4-12	LYN	W	4-2	4	5	2	5	2	7	0	11	Sheller (1-1)	Polanco (1-1)		3-5	T-4th	3.0	5,516	3:01
4-13	LYN	L	3-2	2	5	1	4	3	5	2	4	Tully (1-0)	Garabito (0-1)	Martinez (2)	3-6	5th	4.0	3,863	2:11
4-14	LYN	W	5-3	5	7	2	5	2	8	0	9	Gavin (1-0)	Jimenez (0-1)	Brickhouse (2)	4-6	T-4th	3.0	5,428	3:12
4-15	LYN			POSTPONED DUE TO RAIN (MAKE UP SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 6)															
4-16	CAR	W	5-1	5	6	1	5	1	7	0	12	Castillo (1-1)	Diplan (0-1)		5-6	T-4th	1.5	2,029	2:54
4-17	CAR	L	7-4	4	9	1	7	7	15	1	9	Supak (1-0)	Vines (0-3)	Williams (1)	5-7	5th	2.5	2,274	2:57
4-18	CAR	L	9-7	7	7	2	7	9	11	1	11	Diaz (2-0)	Gomez (0-1)	Williams (2)	5-8	5th	2.5	5,267	3:16
4-19	FRE	W	15-4	15	14	0	10	4	8	1	10	Garabito (1-1)	Sedlock (0-2)		6-8	4th	2.5	1,825	3:21
4-20	FRE	W	2-0	2	9	1	8	0	4	1	11	Hernandez (1-0)	Humpal (0-3)	Brickhouse (3)	7-8	4th	1.5	3,528	3:06
4-21	FRE	W	12-10	12	9	1	9	10	17	2	7	Becker (1-0)	Teague (0-1)	Wynne (1)	8-8	4th	1.0	4,392	3:13
4-22	FRE	L	6-2	2	3	3	2	6	8	0	4	Peralta (1-1)	Vines (0-4)	Kline (1)	8-9	4th	2.0	3,916	2:20
4-23	OFF DAY	(1)																	
4-24	POT	L	5-1	1	6	0	7	5	7	1	8	Mapes (3-0)	Gomez (0-2)		8-10	4th	2.5	3,361	3:05
4-25	POT	L	6-2	2	6	1	7	6	10	1	11	Crowe (3-0)	Ruxer (1-2)		8-11	4th	3.5	3,102	3:18
4-26	POT	W	5-0	5	8	0	7	0	9	1	14	Hernandez (2-0)	Crownover (1-2)		9-11	4th	3.5	3,767	3:04
4-27	W-S	L	5-0	0	4	4	6	5	9	0	6	Lambert (2-2)	Castillo (1-2)		9-12	4th	4.5	4,257	2:42
4-28	W-S	W	3-1	3	7	0	6	1	5	1	6	Vines (1-4)	Banks (0-1)	Brickhouse (4)	10-12	4th	3.5	4,604	2:36
4-29	W-S	W	3-0	3	5	0	4	0	5	1	5	Gomez (1-2)	Flores (1-2)	Bender (1)	11-12	4th	2.5	4,008	2:18
4-30	OFF DAY	(2)																	
5-1	POT	L	6-5	5	8	2	8	6	7	0	3	Crowe (4-0)	Garabito (1-2)	Pantoja (2)	11-13	4th	3.5	1,723	2:37
5-2	POT	W	12-7	12	16	2	6	7	11	2	12	Hernandez (3-0)	Crownover (1-3)	Wynne (2)	12-13	T-3rd	2.5	1,556	3:34
5-3	POT	L	12-2	2	5	1	8	12	14	0	7	Sharp (3-2)	Castillo (1-3)		12-14	T-3rd	3.5	3,182	2:48
5-4	FRE	W	8-5	8	11	2	10	5	7	3	5	Hope (1-0)	Jimenez (0-1)	Wynne (3)	13-14	T-3rd	2.5	5,042	2:47
5-5	FRE																		
5-6	FRE																		
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5-9	POT																		
5-10	CAR																		
5-11	CAR																		
5-12	CAR																		
5-13	CAR																		
5-14	OFF DAY	(3)																	
5-15	MB																		
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5-30	FRE																		
5-31	FRE																		
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6-3	SAL																		
6-4	OFF DAY	(4)																	
6-5	LYN																		
6-6	LYN																		
6-7	LYN																		
6-8	FRE																		
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6-15	W-S																		
6-16	W-S																		
6-17	W-S																		
6-18	OFF DAY	(5)																	
6-19	CAROLINA LEAGUE ALL-STAR GAME	(OFF DAY 6)																	
6-20	OFF DAY	(7)																	

End of First Half of the Season

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

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