

MEDIA INFORMATION



Fayetteville Woodpeckers (54-60, 23-22, 2nd, 5.5 GB / Southern) Carolina League Affiliate of the Houston Astros

vs.

Wilmington Blue Rocks (64-48, 21-23, 3rd, 4.0 GB / Northern) Carolina League Affiliate of the Kansas City Royals

Game No. 114, 45 • Road Game No. 58 • Segra Stadium • Wednesday, August 7, 2019 • 7:00 p.m.

BLUE ROCKS BREAKDOWN

HOME: 30-25 | AWAY: 33-23 STREAK: L3 | LAST 5: 1-4 | LAST 10: 3-7

ROCKS WIN A THRILLER: The Wilmington Blue Rocks let a ninth-inning lead slip away but still managed a 4-1 victory in extra innings on Tuesday at Segra Stadium. The win ended Wilmington's three-game skid and the four runs marked the team's highest run total in more than a week (since July 27).

TOP OF THE STANDINGS TO YOU: Wilmington has sat atop the Carolina League North overall standings for most of the 2019 season—113 of the campaign's first 123 days. The Rocks have not been out of first place in the overall ledger since April 26. The only team with a better record than the Rocks is the Down East Wood Ducks.

ROAD WARRIORS: Wilmington continues to excel on the road this season. The Rocks improved to 34-23 away from the friendly confines of Frawley Stadium with Tuesday's win, which is the second-best road record in the Carolina League. One of the reasons for Wilmington's success in away games has been its ability to hit for power. The Blue Crew have hit 39 of their 48 homers this season outside of the First State.

KILLING IT IN CLOSE CONTESTS: The Blue Crew continue to get it done in close games this season. The Rocks lead the Carolina League with 47 games decided by a single score in 2019 and have played 65 affairs with a margin of victory of two-or-less. Wilmington is an impressive 43-20 in those close calls including 34-13 in one-run decisions. The Rocks played their 10th extra-innings game of the season on Tuesday and improved their mark to 6-4 in those contests and also won for 45th time in 46 tries when leading after the eighth frame.

FOUR IS ENOUGH: Four has been the magic number for the Blue Rocks in 2019. When Wilmington scores four or more runs the team is 40-6, but when the offense produces three tallies or fewer they are just 25-42.

NO HOME COOKING FOR OFFENSE: The Wilmington offense hit the skids during its recently completed homestand. The Rocks were held to just two hits twice and could not muster more than six knocks in any single contest. Wilmington batted just .130 (23-for-177) with seven runs scored over the six games. On Thursday, the Blue Crew broke their longest scoreless streak of the season when **Ricky Arcena's** double plated the team's first run in 27 innings.

NO-NO: For the first time in 19 years a Blue Rocks pitcher threw a no-hitter. In fact, **Jonathan Bowlan** was a second-inning defensive miscue away from tossing a perfect game in the Blue Crew's 3-0 victory over the Carolina Mudcats on July 15 at Frawley Stadium. The right-hander allowed just six balls to escape the infield all night. He did almost walk the first batter of the game, but ended up striking out Brice Turang on a full-count pitch. Bowlan did the same thing to Turang to end the game. The 22-year-old Memphis, TN native finished his night with nine strikeouts and threw 98 total pitches, 63 of which went for strikes.

BACK IN THE POSTSEASON: Wilmington clinched its first post-season berth since 2015 with its first-half CL North championship. That year Wilmington won the first half with a 38-32 record. The Rocks won 44 games in 2019 and finished 19 games above .500 in the first half. The Blue Crew clinched their 2019 crown on June 8. The 2015 Blue Crew eventually reached the Mills Cup Championship Series by sweeping Lynchburg in the Northern Division Championship Series. Wilmington is in search of its first Carolina League crown since 1999.

Today's Starting Pitchers

Wilmington: RHP Jonathan Bowlan

Fayetteville: RHP Luis Garcia

Tomorrow's Starter for the Blue Crew

The Kansas City Royals had four picks in the first 40 selections of the 2018 Draft. Kansas City used each of those choices on college pitchers and all have spent time on the Blue Rocks roster in 2019. **Kris Bubic** completed the quarter when he was promoted to Wilmington from Low-A on May 21. The lefty played his college ball at Stanford where he was a Third Team All American in 2018, finishing the season 8-1 with a 2.62 ERA in 86.0 innings. He held opponents to a .199 batting average and struck out a team-high 101. Bubic's amateur career also featured a 2017 Cape Cod League Pitcher of the Year Award. His resume earned him a \$1.59 million signing bonus. Bubic entered the season as the Royals' No. 9 prospect according to MLB.com. Bubic appeared in the All-Star Future's Game in Cleveland this season.

2019 Regular-Season Series: WIL vs. FAY

WIL Leads Series 7-5

Date	Site	Result
5/29	Fayetteville	W, 4-3
5/30	Fayetteville	L, 5-2
5/31	Fayetteville	W, 5-3
6/1	Fayetteville	L, 2-1
6/6	Wilmington	L, 8-1
6/7	Wilmington	W, 2-0
6/8	Wilmington	W, 4-3 (10)
6/9	Wilmington	W, 5-3
7/30	Wilmington	L, 6-0
7/31	Wilmington	L, 1-0
8/1	Wilmington	W, 3-2
8/6	Fayetteville	W, 4-1 (10)
8/7	Fayetteville	
8/8	Fayetteville	

Upcoming Probable Starters and Schedule

Thursday, August 8 at Fayetteville 7:00 p.m. LHP Kris Bubic vs. J.P. France

Friday, August 9 at Myrtle Beach 7:05 p.m. TBA vs. TBA

Saturday, August 10 at Myrtle Beach 7:05 p.m. TBA vs. TBA

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HOME RUN NOTES

Blue Rocks

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

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

7.18.19 Blake Perkins at WS (solo HRs)

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

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

7.17.2019 Brewer Hicklen and Dennicher Carrasco at Winston-Salem

LEADOFF HOME RUNS (1 IN 2018)

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

GRAND SLAM HOME RUNS 2 (3 IN 2018)

6.3.2019 MJ Melendez at MB

6.15.2019 Brewer Hicklen at LYN

WALK-OFF HOME RUNS (0 IN 2018)

7.12.19 MJ Melendez vs. Salem

PINCH-HIT HOME RUNS (1 IN BOTH 2018)

LAST TIME: 5.16.15 Dex Kjerstad at LYN

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

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

BLUE ROCKS HOME RUNS: 47 (63 IN 2018 / 23 HOME & 40 AWAY)

Carolina	10	Lynchburg	4
Down East	1	Myrtle Beach	2
Fayetteville	4	Potomac	8
Frederick	9	Salem	4
		Winston-Salem	8

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Opponents

2-HR GAMES BY OPPONENT (4 IN 2018)

7.6.2019 Jackson Reetz at Pfitzner Stadium

3-HR GAMES BY OPPONENT (1 IN 2018)

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

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

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

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

LEADOFF HOME RUNS (1 IN 2017)

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

GRAND SLAM HOME RUNS (3 IN 2018)

6.30.2019 Trevor Craport's (FRE) off Austin Cox (5-3 Loss)

7.2.2019 Brian Mejia (POT) off Marcelo Martinez (10-4 loss)

WALK-OFF HOME RUNS (1 IN 2018)

LAST TIME: 8.19.18 Yermin Merced at Frederick

PINCH-HIT HOME RUNS (0 IN 2018)

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

HOME RUNS ALLOWED TO: 44 (92 in 2018/ 33 Home & 59 AWAY)

Carolina	5	Lynchburg	3
Down East	2	Myrtle Beach	1
Fayetteville	10	Potomac	9
Frederick	9	Salem	7
		Winston-Salem	9

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Blue Rocks vs. the Carolina League

Opponent	Record	Home	Road
Frederick	10-6	6-2	4-4
Lynchburg	7-3	2-2	6-1
Potomac	10-11	5-6	5-5
Salem	7-9	3-5	4-5
Northern Div.	34-28	15-14	19-15

Opponent	Record	Home	Road
Carolina	9-3	4-0	5-3
Down East	2-5	1-3	1-2
Fayetteville	7-5	4-2	3-2
Myrtle Beach	6-1	3-1	3-0
Winston-Salem	7-5	3-3	4-2
Southern Div.	31-18	15-9	15-8

Runners Left On Base

Blue Rocks: 599 Opponents: 674

Numbers With RISP

Blue Rocks: .218 Avg. (187-for-861)

Blue Rocks On...

Mondays:	5-4	April:	15-11
Tuesdays:	10-6	May:	19-9
Wednesdays:	4-10	June:	16-10
Thursdays:	8-7	July:	13-14
Fridays:	11-6	Aug:	2-3
Saturdays:	13-9	Sept:	0-0
Sundays:	9-5		
First Game of Series:	19-15		
Last Game of Series:	19-14		
Series Won:	16		
Series Lost:	10		
Series Split:	7		
Series Swept:	5		
Rubber Matches:	1-7		

2019 Roster (41)

Pitchers (21)

Andrew Beckwith
Jonathan Bowlan
Holden Capps
J.C. Cloney
Austin Cox
Daniel Duarte
Josh Dye
C.J. Eldred
Robert Garcia
Jackson Kowar
Austin Lambright
Rito Lugo
Daniel Lynch
Marcelo Martinez
Josh Mitchell
Tad Ratliff
Brady Singer
Collin Snider
Daniel Tillo
Nolan Watson
Tyler Zuber

Catchers (3)

MJ Melendez
Sebastian Rivero
Stephan Vidal

Kyle Isbel
Rudy Martin
Seuly Matias
Blake Perkins

Infielders (10)

Ricky Aracena
Dennicher Carrasco
Angelo Castellano
Offerman Collado
Jose Marquez
Kyle Kasser
Cristian Perez
Nick Pratto
Colby Schultz
Bruce Steel

Outfielders (7)

Marten Gasparini
Michael Gigliotti
Brewer Hicklen

TODAY'S BLUE ROCKS STARTING PITCHER

#44 RHP Jonathan Bowlan

Acquired: Selected in the 2nd round of the 2018 Draft

Born: Arlington, TN

Age: 22 (December 1, 1996)

Resides: Arlington, TN

Ht: 6'6 **Wt:** 262

College: Memphis

Bats/Throws: R/R

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

THE BOOK ON JONATHAN BOWLAN: Jonathan Bowlan was the fifth pitcher selected by Kansas City in the 2018 Draft. He'd probably prefer it described as the Royals' second round choice the 58th overall selection of the draft. He excelled at the University of Memphis, registering 104 strikeouts in 14 starts as a junior. In his best outing he set a school record with 18 strikeouts in a complete game win. The right-hander signed for \$1.17 million and is the 28th-ranked prospect in the Kansas City system, according to MLB.com. Bowlan began his pro career in Rookie-Idaho Falls last season, going 1-4 with a 6.94 ERA in nine starts for the Chukars. He opened this season in Low-A Lexington, and went 6-2 with a 3.36 ERA in 13 games and 11 starts for the Legends. Bowlan fanned 74 and walked only 10 in 69.2 innings pitched. He became the first Blue Rock to throw a no-hitter in 19 years on July 15.

LAST TIME OUT: Bowlan tossed 5.1 scoreless innings in a win last week against Fayetteville. The righty yielded just four hits, fanned three and walked only one. It marked the third time he did not allow a run since joining the Rocks.

VERSUS OPPONENT: This is his second start against the Woodpeckers.

THE NO-NO: For the first time in 19 years a Blue Rocks pitcher threw a no-hitter. In fact, Bowlan was a second-inning defensive miscue away from tossing a perfect game in the Blue Crew's 3-0 victory over the Carolina Mudcats on July 15 at Frawley Stadium. The right-hander allowed just six balls to escape the infield all night. finished his night with nine strikeouts and threw 98 total pitches, 63 of which went for strikes.

DRAFT DAY SURPRISE: Bowlan knew he would be drafted and relatively high last June, but most Draft experts had him pegged as a second-day selection. Still he and his family connected their computer to the big screen television and watched day one of the Draft hoping, but not really expecting to hear his name get called. But then he got two phone calls. One from his adviser through the Draft process and the other from an area scout, tipping him off that he was going to see his name much earlier than the so-called experts had anticipated. "That was the biggest surprise," Bowlan told The Memphis Commercial Appeal on Draft Night. "We knew there'd be a chance but a very slim chance (of going early). Just the fact it was the 58th overall to the Kansas City Royals was awesome. It's one of the best feelings I've ever had in my life."

HELP FROM HIS DAD : Bowlan grew up in a baseball household. His Dad, Mark, threw what is still the only perfect game in the history of the University of Memphis baseball program. He then went on to play two seasons professionally in the Cardinals' organization. "I've been taught this game my whole life," Bowlan says. "My Dad got drafted and knew a lot about the game and I had a lot of role models throughout my life to help me with my game and baseball. And I just had more confidence in that and I knew I could go to any of those guys to talk about what I needed to do to help get to the next level in any way."

BIG FRAME: Bowlan is a big guy. In fact the description you often see near his name is that of a football player's frame. "I went into college at 212 pounds," Bowlan says. "I didn't really get to workout much in high school because I played baseball, basketball, and football. So, I would say it was definitely in college. Just being able to hit the weights and eat better and just put on some pounds."

CITY OF BBQ: If you're from the Memphis area, and you went to school in the city, you're almost required to be a BBQ officianado. Bowlan is no exception to that rule. I'm a huge barbeque fan and my favorite spot in Memphis is Central Barbeque. It's one of the smaller places in Memphis and it's incredible. From the sauces to the meat and everything else like that. My go-to item on the menu would be the BBQ nachos. No doubt.

FORE: Away from the field Bowlan likes to spend as much time with his family as possible. But when he's looking to relax he turns to the course. "I like to play a little golf," Bowlan says. "It helps with the mental part of the game. Golf and of course of baseball are similar because you're going to go through adversity through the years. It's a long-term process. So I feel like playing golf can be helpful."

Career Numbers Entering 2019

Year/Teams(s)	W-L	ERA	G	GS	K	BB	HB	HR	IP
2018 Idaho Falls	1-4	6.94	9	9	23	9	0	6	35.0
Totals	1-4	6.94	9	9	23	9	0	6	35.0

Wilmington Blue Rocks 2019 Breakdown/Pitcher-Catcher Numbers

Record:	65-48
First Half:	44-25
Second Half:	21-23
Home:	30-25
Road:	35-23
Vs. RH Starters:	44-37
Vs. LH Starters:	21-11
Day:	13-8
Night:	52-40
One-Run Games:	34-13
Two-Run Games:	10-9
Extra-Inning Games:	5-4
Doubleheaders (W-L-S)	2-1-6
Shutouts:	11-5
No-Hitters:	0-0
When Leading After 7:	42-2
When Trailing After 7:	5-29
When Tied After 7:	8-7
When Leading After 8:	45-1
When Trailing After 8:	2-31
When Tied After 8:	6-6
When the Rocks Score First:	39-17
When the Opponent Scores First:	26-31
Games Decided In Last At-Bat:	16-9
When Scoring 3 Or Less:	25-42
When Scoring 4 Or More:	40-6
When The Rocks Have 5 Hits or Less:	21-22
When The Rocks Have 10 Hits or More:	10-5
When The Rocks Hit A Home Run:	24-12
Most Games Above .500:	22
Most Games Below .500:	2
When The Rocks Commit an Error:	37-27
When The Rocks Starter Goes 6+ Inn:	36-15
Come-From-Behind Victories:	26
Postponements Home/Road:	7/3
Longest Winning Streak:	5
Longest Losing Streak:	6
Cancellations:	1
Total Rainouts:	8
Currently Suspended Games:	0

Blue Rocks Shutouts 11 (7 in 2018)

Date	Score Opp.	Pitchers
4/13/2019	6-0 CAR	Tillo
5/4/2019	2-0 CAR	Kowar, Mitchell and Duarte
5/14/2019	2-0 FRE	Lugo and Zuber
5/15/2019	1-0 FRE	Lynch, Snider and Ratliff
5/20/2019	2-0 SAL	Lynch, Capps, Zuber
5/27/2019	1-0 MB	Singer and Capps
6/7/2019	2-0 FAY	Bubic, Dye, Capps, Zuber
6/21/2019	7-0 FRE	Martinez, Lambright, Garcia, Mitchell
6/23/2019	5-0 FRE	Bowlan, Dye, Ratliff
7/15/2019	3-0 CAR	Bowlan
7/25/2019	5-0 POT	Tillo, Snider
7/27/2019	5-0 DE	Bubic, Garcia

Opponent Shutouts 5 (10 in 2018)

Date	Score/Opp.	Pitchers
5/22	7-0/vs. SAL	De Jesus, Baker and Politi
7/8	3-0 at SAL	Ward, Polliti and Gomez
7/12	1-0 vs. SAL	Politi, Smith
7/30	6-0 vs. FAY	Whitley, Deason
7/31	1-0 vs. FAY	Torres, Cabral

Blue Rocks Pitching Breakdown

	W-L	Sv.	ERA	IP	ER	BB	SO	HR
Starters	42-30	0	3.01	601.2	201	179	546	37
Relievers	23-18	37	3.20	367.1	130	112	348	19
Totals	65-48	37	3.08	967.0	331	291	894	56

WALK-OFF WINS/LOSSES

WINS (7) (1 in 2018)			LOSSES (5) (5 in 2018)		
Date	Opp	Score/Inn	Date	Opp	Score/Inn
4/9/19	WS	2-1/10th	4/11/19	CR	7-6/9
5/14/19	FRE	2-0/7th	6/1/19	FAY	2-1/9
5/27/19	MB	6-5/9th	6/13/19	LYN	4-3/10
6/9/19	FAY	4-3/10th	6/25/19	POT	5-3/7
7/12	SAL	1-0/8th	7/21/19	CAR	5-4/9
7/13	CAR	8-7/9th			
7/23	POT	3-2/10th			

Wilmington Blue Rocks 2019 Batting Breakdown

Home Run Breakdown

Player	Total	Home	Road	Solo	2R	3R	GS	Last HR	Games Since
Ricky Aracena	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	4/11/2019 CAR	46
Dennicher Carrasco	8	1	7	4	4	0	0	7/18/2019 WS	15
Angelo Castellano	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8/8/2018	43
Marten Gasparini	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8/7/2018	26
Michael Gigliotti	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6/5/2019 (Low-A)	29
Brewer Hicklen	6	0	6	2	3	0	1	8/6/2019 FAY	0
Kyle Isbel	3	2	1	2	0	1	0	7/14/2019 CAR	16
Kyle Kasser	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	N/A	32
Seuly Matias	4	0	4	2	2	0	0	4/15/2019 WS	44
Rudy Martin	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	4/28/2019 LYN	49
Jose Marquez	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8/21/2018	12
MJ Melendez	6	3	3	3	2	0	1	7/27/2019 DE	6
Cristian Perez	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8/9/2018	96
Blake Perkins	6	0	6	4	2	0	0	7/18/2019 WS	14
Nick Pratto	8	3	5	4	3	1	0	8/2/2019 POT	3
Sebastian Rivero	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	4/11/2019 CAR	63
Colby Schultz	2	0	2	1	1	0	0	6/16/2019 LYN	30
Bruce Steel	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	N/A	6
Stephan Vidal	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		

2019 Month-by-Month Team Hitting

Month	G	Rec	Avg	AB	H	R	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	K	SB/CS
April	26	15-11	.201	763	153	91	31	6	11	78	89	246	28/48
May	28	19-9	.190	826	155	82	33	8	11	74	79	297	23/44
June	26	16-10	.239	825	197	107	33	9	12	96	107	231	47/57
July	28	13-15	.223	846	189	90	41	4	13	81	58	240	29/46
August	4	1-3	.125	118	17	7	4	1	1	6	10	37	1/3
September													

2019 Blue Rocks Pinch Hitters (2018: 1-for-1, 2 RBI, SF)

Player	Avg.	PHA	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SAC/SF	HB	BB	SO
Dennicher Carrasco	.000	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Martin Gasparini	.000	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Brewer Hicklen	.000	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Kyle Kasser	.000	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Blake Perkins	.000	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Nick Pratto	.000	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Stephan Vidal	.000	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
TOTALS	.000	10	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	5

BLUE ROCKS HITTERS NOTES

#12 Ricky Aracena INF
Ht: 5'8 Wt: 160
Age: 21 B/T: S/R
Born: San Francisco de Macoris, D.R.

PRONUNCIATION: AIR-UH-SANE-UH

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

2019 Notes: Rejoined the roster on 7/30 after being placed on the IL on June 13 due to a foot injury.
- Played in nine rehab games between AZL Royals and Lexington and went a combined 10-for-34 (.294) with two doubles, a pair of home runs and nine RBI.

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

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

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

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

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

PRONUNCIATION: DENNIS-SURE CUH-RAS-CO

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

2019 Notes:
- Struggled in April, batting just .161 w/0HR and 3RBI
- Led the Blue Rocks with 5HR in the month of May
- Slashed .212/.274/.364 in First Half w/5HR & 22RBI

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

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

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

They said it: (Coming Soon)...

BLUE ROCKS HITTERS NOTES

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

PRONUNCIATION: HICK-LIN

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

2019 Notes:

- Entered the season as the 17th ranked prospect in the KC system according to MLB.com
- Started season going hitless in his first 7G
- Hitting .373 w/9RBI and 4XBH in month of June]
- Hit team's second grand slam of the season on 6/15 @ LYN

2018 Notes:

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

2017 Notes:

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

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

#6 Kyle Isbel OF
Ht: 5'11 Wt: 183
Age: 22 B/T: L/R
Born: Fontana, CA

PRONUNCIATION: IS-BELL

Notes: Selected in the 3rd round of the 2018 Draft out of UNLV... Was named the Mountain West Conference Freshman of the Year and to the Louisville Slugger Freshman All American Team in 2016... In 2018 he was named First Team All-Conference after finishing top 5 in the league in batting average and HRs... He was a Cape Cod League All Star... Received a \$594K signing bonus

2019 Notes:

- Enters the season as the 10th ranked prospect in the KC system according to MLB.com
- Hit the Rocks' first HR of season on Opening Day vs Salem. Marked 3rd straight season a Blue Rocks hit a homer in first game of season
- Went to the injured list on 4/18
- Rehabbed with AZL Royals July 4 - July 12. Batted .360, 7 RBI, 2 doubles and 2 homeruns in 7 games
- Returned to the Blue Rocks on 7/13

2018 Notes:

- Split his first pro season between Low-A Lexington and Rookie-Idaho Falls
- Batted .381 w/4HR 15XBH 18RBI 14BB in 25G in Idaho Falls
- Was promoted to Lexington in mid-July
- Batted .289 w/3HR 16XBH 14RBI 12BB in 39G at Lexington
- Batted .382 vs LHP and just .240 against RHP

Isbel said it: (On his debut pro season)..."Last year was just the perfect situations for me in my first year of pro ball. The coaches were always helping me out. My teammates around me made it easy for me to play. I didn't really have to rely on myself too much. I knew that people behind me would do the job if I didn't get it done. And it was just stress free and having fun."
(On the experience of winning a championship in his first year as a pro)..."Stepping into that team atmosphere was absolutely awesome. The teammates I had, it was like a family. It was stress free from day one and we just would all play well together. It was good to go through that and to get a taste of it right away."
(On Draft Day)...It was just an awesome experience. It's a dream come true. Since day one. I've been working for that. Now my goal is to be playing in the big leagues so I'll keep working and have a ways to go, but this is obviously a big first step. And everybody (at UNLV) was just so supportive. (Being the highest drafted player ever in program history) is a huge honor. I worked hard for it, but certainly could not have done it without everyone who helped me."
(On Differences between playing in college and the pros)...The biggest (difference) is just playing every day. Everybody talks about just getting used to the grind, but it's hard to appreciate how different it is until you get to experience it. Really in college you play three days a week and in pro ball you play every single day. So just getting used to that was the biggest adjustment."
(On his appreciation of Derek Jeter)...My favorite player growing up was Derek Jeter just the way he went out and did his business and how he's respected by other players."

BLUE ROCKS HITTERS NOTES

#28 Kyle Kasser INF
Ht: 5'10 **Wt: 180**
Age: 23 **B/T: L/R**
Born: Brea, CA

Notes: Selected in the 30th round of the 2018 Draft out of the University of Oregon. Earned First Team All-Pac 12 honors as a junior after hitting .352, the highest batting average since the school reinstated baseball in 2009. Committed only 12 errors in four seasons with the Ducks. Served as team captain and started 150 games and made starts at all four infield positions during his career.

2019 Notes:

- Started the season with Low-A Lexington.
- Played in nine games with the Legends and hit .300 (9-for-30) with three RBI, five walks and three stolen bases.
- Appeared as a pinch-runner in the 10th inning on 6/13 @ LYN for his Blue Rocks' debut.

2018 Notes:

- Spent the season with Rookie Idaho Falls.
- In 42 games with the Chukars, he hit .357 (61-for-171) with 25 runs scored, six doubles, a homer and 29 RBI.
- Also walked 13 times and struck out just 17 times.
- Led Royals' farmhands in his pro debut with batting average (min. 150 at-bats), which would have matched the Pioneer League lead if he had enough plate appearances to qualify.

Kasser said it..(Coming Soon)

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

PRONUNCIATION: MUH-LEN-DEZ

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

2019 Notes:

- Entered the season as the 6th ranked prospect in the KC system according to MLB.com
- Entered the season as the 9th ranked catching prospect in baseball according to MLB.com
- June 3 at MB: Hit Rocks' first Grand Slam of season
- Carolina League All Star went 0-for-2 in game

2018 Notes:

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

2017 Notes:

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

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

BLUE ROCKS HITTERS NOTES

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

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

2019 Notes:

- 4.30: His Ground-Rule double w/2outs in 9th broke up Frederick's no-hit bid & capped off a remarkable 5-run rally on 1 hit in 9th to give Rocks a 5-4 win
- Closed the first half on a tear, recording hits in 10 of his last 11 starts w/multiple hits in 6 of the contests.

2018 Notes:

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

2017 Notes:

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

2016 Notes:

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

They said it: (Coming Soon)...

#22 Blake Perkins OF
Ht: 5'11 **Wt: 181**
Age: 22 **B/T: S/R**
Born: Litchfield Park, AZ

Notes: Acquired via trade with the Washington Nationals on June 18, 2018 along with Yohanse Morel and Kelvin Gutierrez in exchange for reliever and former Blue Rock Kelvin Herrera...Was originally drafted by Washington in the 2nd round of the 2015 Draft out of Verrado High School in Arizona

2019 Notes:

-Rejoined the team on May 18 after playing in seven games with Double-A Northwest Arkansas.
-With the Naturals hit .167 (4-for-24).
-Entered the season as the 23rd ranked prospect in the Kansas City system according to MLB.com
- June 15: Hit Rocks' first lead-off HR of season

2018 Notes:

- Spent the entire season in the Carolina League, but splitting it between the Blue Rocks and Potomac Nationals
- Batted .234 w/1HR 12XBH 21RBI 12SB in 65G w/Potomac
- Batted .240 w/2HR 14XBH 18RBI 17SB in 64G w/Rocks
- Was traded during the Carolina League All Star break and had to play his first game in the Royals organization against his old team in his old ballpark.
- Switch hitter batted .42 points higher vs LHP with Potomac but 17 points better against RHP as a Blue Rock

2017 Notes:

- Spent the season at Low-A Hagerstown
- Batted .255 w/8HR 39XBH 48RBI 72BB in 129G
- Ranked 6th in the South Atlantic League and led the entire Washing farm system with 31 stolen bases
- Was named a midseason Carolina League All Star

2016 Notes:

-Split the season between Low-A Hagerstown and Rookie-Auburn
- Batted .233 w/1HR 7XBH 16RBI 25BB in 56G w/Auburn
-Went 5-for-25 w2RBI in 7G w/Hagerstown

Perkins said it: (On learning how to switch hit)...Our senior year of high school it was our last home game of the year and me and a couple of buddies wanted to do something cool so we went up left handed. I was the first one to go up left-handed and I hit a home run. It was definitely something I wanted to do growing up. When I got drafted, I went to a pre-draft workout for the Nationals and I took a round of batting practice for them left-handed because they saw the video from my high school game my mom took. It kind of just blossomed from there. It was from the ground up though once I continued. First it was a good swing path, making sure I was getting a good swing on the ball. A lot of tee-work, cage work, and then it transitioned to being competitive in the game playing. At first I was happy to just have a good at-bat or putting a good swing on the ball. Now it's about performing, producing and helping the team win."
(On being traded last season from Washington to Kansas City)..."I don't want to say shocked, but more so speechless. I didn't really know what to think and I said, 'Wow it actually happened to me.' It's never surprising when somebody gets traded, but at the same time I never really thought it would be me."

BLUE ROCKS HITTERS NOTES

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

PRONUNCIATION: PRAH-TOE

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

2019 Notes:

- Entered the season as the fifth-ranked prospect in the KC system according to MLB.com
- 4-9: Got Rocks' first walk-off win w/10th inning single vs WS
- Slashed .167/.262/.230 w/2HR, 21RBI, 27BB, 8-2B in First Half

2018 Notes:

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

2017 Notes:

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

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

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

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

2019 Notes:

- Rejoined team on May 30 after playing three games in Triple-A Omaha.
- Went 3-for-8 w/3 runs scored for the Storm Chasers.
- Entered the season as the 27th-ranked prospect in the KC system according to MLB.com
- Slashed .194/.269/.253 w/1HR, 7XBH, 14RBI in First Half

2018 Notes:

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

2017 Notes:

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

2016 Notes:

- Split the season between the Arizona Rookie League and the Dominican Summer League
- Batted .269 w/10XBH 20RBI in 38G w/Surprise

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

BLUE ROCKS HITTERS NOTES

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

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

2019 Notes:

-Hit his first-career professional home run on 5/19 @ Potomac.

-Has made starts at 2B, SS, 3B and LF this season.

-Joined Blue Rocks on May 11th

2018 Notes:

-Split time between Rookie Burlington and Surprise

-Batted .246 w/ 0HR 5XBH 24 RBI 16BB in 40G

Schultz said it: On living with a host family "I have lived with host families in the past during summer ball. It's awesome. What host families do for the players, the behind the scenes stuff that they take care of to make it an easy transition for us, they are the real heroes. **On going to UC Riverside** "I went to a community college out of high school and at the time, they came and saw me play a few times and I had a few teammates on the team who were committed there so they would come out and watch them play and consequently saw me play and after that, I signed and really enjoyed my time there." **On signing free agent deal with the Royals** "It was a dream come true. The fact that they are giving me an opportunity to continue my baseball career is something I will forever be grateful. I want to ride this wave as long as I can." **On playing other positions** "I can play third base, but middle infield, especially shortstop is where I played mostly in college. As long as I'm out on the field trying to help the team win, it doesn't matter where I play. At third base, it's more of a one-handed position. Sometimes you are playing for a bunt, other times you don't have that much reaction time and you have to be ready." **On deciding to want to pursue baseball as a career** "I grew up playing the game. "My two older brothers played and my dad played in college and a little bit after that. I'd say it was after high school when I had the opportunity to either pursue baseball or sit back. Due to an elbow injury, I actually took my freshman year off and that really opened my eyes and solidified that I would miss the game. It's a grind and if you don't really love the game, it can chew you up and spit you out." **On learning more than just the elbow injury** "I actually found out that I have a gluten allergy so now my diet is extremely important to me. I put on muscle, I put on weight and now I've never felt better and it's really been beneficial for me. **Person or player he idolized** "Although my dad is a Boston Red Sox fan, I've always loved watching Derek Jeter. Just the type of guy he is and his work ethic. Dustin Pedroia is an absolute grinder and a little guy. Then there's my dad, he's been there every step of the way baseball wise. My mom as well, she has been the worker of the house, supporting myself and my brothers. My family in general just really have supported me and I can't thank them enough."

#17 Bruce Steel INF
Ht: 6'2 **Wt: 195**
Age: 22 **B/T: R/R**
Born: White Plains, N.Y.

Notes: Signed as a non-drafted free agent on June 22, 2019. Played college ball at Wake Forest University. Missed parts of two seasons after tearing a ligament in his thumb in his sophomore season in 2016. Following season hit .264 with 13 home runs, 10 doubles, 38 RBI and 37 runs scored in 52 starts. Had .968 fielding percentage and made just one error over final 36 games. Missed most of 2018 season due to an injury. Was a team captain.

2019 Notes:

-Started the season with the Surprise Royals in Rookie Arizona League.

-Played four games in and went 3-for-10 with a double, and two walks.

BLUE ROCKS BULLPEN NOTES

#34 Andrew Beckwith RHP Ht: 6'0 Wt: 180
Age: 24 Born: Blythewood, SC

Notes: Selected in the 32nd round of the 2017 Draft out of Coastal Carolina. In 2014 he set a school Division I ERA record with a 1.33 ERA in team-high 29 app. In 2016 led the NCAA in wins going 15-1 with a 1.85 ERA. Named College World Series' Most Outstanding Player that same year.

Pitch Repertoire: 4FB, SL, CH

2019 Notes:

-Started season in AA NW Arkansas & went 1-0 with a 5.84 ERA in 26 appearances. 37IP, 24ER, 15BB, 28K.

2018 Notes: Split season between WIL and Low-A LEX.

-Composite 4-1 with 1.75 ERA in career-high 36 app.
-W/WIL 1-0 with 1.42 ERA in 11G 12.2IP, 2ER, BB, 11K

#39 Josh Dye LHP Ht: 6'3 Wt: 175
Age: 22 Born: DeLand, FL

Notes: Selected in the 23rd round of the 2018 draft out of Florida Gulf Coast University. Missed 2016 season due to injury. In 2017 led the team in starts, wins and ranked second among qualified pitchers with a 3.23 ERA.

Pitch Repertoire: FB, CH, SL

2019 Notes:

-Started season with Low-A Lexington and went 1-1 with 3.38 ERA in 14 relief appearances. 26.2 IP, 3SV, 6BB, 43K, .229 BAA

2018 Notes:

-Spent majority of season with Rookie Burlington.
-Went 1-3 with a 4.54 ERA, 35.2 IP, 18 ER, 5BB, 34 K.
-Made spot start with WIL and earned win with 5 IP, ER, BB, 6K.
-His 6.67 K to BB ratio (40K, 6BB) ranked 4th among Royals' farmhands (min 40 IP)

#31 Robert Garcia LHP Ht: 6'3 Wt: 220
Age: 22 Born: Manteca, CA

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

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

2018 Notes:

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

2017 Notes:

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

#24 Austin Lambright LHP Ht: 6'3 Wt: 205
Age: 22 Born: Anacortes, WA

Notes: Selected in the 10th round of the 2018 Draft out of Central Oklahoma...Started his college career at Abilene Christian University where he spent four seasons...Missed entire 2016 campaign due to Tommy John Surgery. Transferred for 2018 season

Pitch Repertoire: FB, CH, CB, SL

2019 Notes:

- Started the season at Low-A Lexington
- Went 2-0 w/2.43 ERA 1/2SV: In 29.2IP he had 45K/16BB 1HRA
- Promoted to Wilmington on June 20

2018 Notes:

- Spent his first pro season with Rookie-Burlington
- Went 0-3 w/4.84 ERA w/1SV in 16G; 22.1IP 31K/27BB

#15 Josh Mitchell LHP Ht: 6'2 Wt: 220
Age: 24 Born: Ridgeway, PA

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

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

2018 Notes:

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

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

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

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

2019 Notes:

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

2018 Notes:

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

2017 Notes:

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

#26 Walker Sheller RHP Ht: 6'3
Wt: 195 Age: 24
Born: Abington, PA

Notes: Drafted in the 9th round of the 2016 June Amateur Draft by Kansas City from Stetson University, the same program that has produced MLB pitchers Jacob deGrom of the New York Mets and Corey Kluber of the Cleveland Indians. He also is the first player drafted by Kansas City out of Stetson University since George Kauffman (1996), the grandson of the late Ewing Kauffman, the Royals' founder.

Pitch Repertoire: FB, CH, SL

2019 Notes: Started season in AA NW Arkansas and went 0-2 with a 9.00 ERA in 13G

-Has had two stints on the IL (May 9-31 & June 3-26)
-In his third stint with WIL (2017, 4-1, 4.02 ERA in 18G, 2018 1-1, 1.42 ERA in 5G)

2018 Notes: Spent the season between WIL & NW Arkansas.

-Went composite 3-2 with a 3.53 ERA in 35 appearances with two saves.

#40 Collin Snider RHP Ht: 6'2 Wt: 220
Age: 23 Born: Murfreesboro, TN

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

Pitch Repertoire: 4FB, SL, CH

2018 Notes:

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

2017 Notes:

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

Wilmington Blue Rocks 2019 Season Highs & Lows

Blue Rocks Offense

Most Runs, Game: 11 (6/15 vs. MB)
Most Runs, Inning: 5, 6x (Last: 7/13 vs. CAR 8th Inning)
Most HRs, Inning (Team): 2, 3x (Last: Perkins and Carrasco 7th Inning 7/18 vs. W-S)
Most Hits, Game: 14 (6/3 vs. MB)
Fewest Hits, Game: 1 (4/30 vs. FRE)
Most Walks, Game (Team): 10 (6/6 vs. FAY)
Most Doubles, Game (Team): 4, 2x (7/7 vs. SAL, 7/27 vs. DE)
Most Triples, Game (Team): 2, 2x (4/27 vs. LYN & 6/1 vs. FAY)
Most HRs, Game (Team): 3, 2x (4/14 vs. CAR & 7/18 vs. W-S)
Most SB, Game (Team): 5 (6/4 vs. MB)
10 + Hits, Game: 16 (Last: 12 hits 7/26 vs. DE)
Most Doubles, Game (Indiv.): 2, 7x (Last: Colby Schultz 7/27 vs. DE)
Most Triples, Game (Indiv.): 1, 26x (Last: Kyle Isbel 7/25 vs. POT)
Most HRs, Game (Indiv.): 2, 2x (Matias 4/14 vs. CAR & Perkins 7/18 vs. W-S)
Consecutive Games W/HR (Indiv.): 3 (Seuly Matias 4/13 vs. CAR G2 - 4/15 vs. W-S)
Consecutive Games W/ HR (team): 3, 3x (Last: 6/29 vs. FRE - 7/1 vs. POT)
Consecutive Games W/O HR: 11 (4/16 vs. W-S - 4/28 vs. LYN)
Most RBI, Game (Indiv.): 4, 4x (Last: Dennicher Carrasco 6/29 vs. FRE)
Most Hits, Game (Indiv.): 4, 2x (Sebastian Rivero 4/11 vs. CAR, Blake Perkins 6/3 vs. MB)
Most SB, Game (Indiv.): 4 (Rudy Martin 5/19 vs. POT)
Longest Hitting Streak: 7 games (Isbel & Pratto, Last: Pratto 7/21 vs. CAR- 7/28 vs. DE)
Most Runners LOB, Team: 15 (6/6 vs. FAY)
Longest Scoreless Innings Streak: 27.0 (5th Inning 7/28 vs. DE - 4th Inning 8/1 vs. FAY)
Longest Hitless Innings Streak: 9.1 (4/29 9th inning vs. FRE - 4/30 9th Inning vs. FRE)

Opponents Offense

Most Runs, Game: 12 (5/1 vs. FRE)
Most Runs, Inning: 6, 2x (3rd Inning 5/1 vs. FRE, 7th Inning 7/13 vs. CAR)
Most Hits, Game: 16, 2x (4/4 vs. SAL, 5/1 vs. FRE)
Fewest Hits, Game: 0 (7/15 vs. CAR)
Most HRs, Game (Team): 3 (6/9 vs. FAY)
Most SB, Game (Team): 2, 6x (Last: 6/28 vs. FRE)
10 + Hits, Game: 28 (Last: 12 hits 8/2 vs. POT)
Most Home Runs, Game (Indiv.): 2, 2x (Gavin Collins 6/12 vs. LYN, Jakson Reetz 7/6 vs. POT)
Most RBI, Game (Indiv.): 5 (Jakson Reetz 7/6 vs. POT)
Most Hits, Game (Indiv.): 4, 5x (Last: Ryan Fitzgerald 5/23 vs. SAL)
Most SB, Game (Indiv.): 2 (Last: Scott Schreiber 6/6 vs. FAY)
Most Runners LOB, Team: 14 (6/25 vs. POT G2)

Blue Rocks Individual Pitching

Most Runs Allowed, Game: 7, 3x (Last: Marcelo Martinez 5/18 vs. POT G1)
Most ER Allowed, Game: 7, 2x (Daniel Tillo 4/20 vs. DE G1, Marcelo Martinez 5/18 vs. POT G1)
Most Hits Allowed, Game: 10 (Daniel Lynch 5/8 vs. SAL)
Most HRs Allowed, Game: 3 (Marcelo Martinez 6/9 vs. FAY)
Most Walks Allowed, Game: 4, 6x (Last: Daniel Tillo 7/8 vs. SAL)
Most Strikeouts, Game: 11 (Kris Bubic 7/17 vs. WS)
Most Strikeouts, Game (Reliever): 5, 4x (Last: Rito Lugo 7/26 vs. DE)
Most IP, Game for Starter: 9.0 (Jonathan Bowlan 7/15 vs. CAR)
Most IP, Game for Reliever: 3.2, 3x (Last: Josh Dye 8/3 vs. POT)
Fewest IP, Game for Starter: 1.1, 2x (Daniel Lynch 6/1 vs. FAY, Daniel Tillo 6/11 vs. LYN)
Longest Winning Streak (Dec.): 4 (Brady Singer 4/28 vs. LYN - 5/27 vs. MB)
Longest Losing Streak (Dec.): 4, 2x (Tillo & Martinez, Last: Martinez 6/26 vs. POT - 7/30 vs. FAY)
10+ Strikeouts, (Indiv.): 5 (Last: Austin Cox 10 Ks 7/23 vs. POT)
Complete Games: 2 (Tillo 4/13 vs. CAR G2 7 innings, Bowlan 7/15 vs. CAR)

Blue Rocks Team Pitching

Fewest Hits Allowed, Game: 0 (7/15 vs. CAR)
Most Hits Allowed, Game: 16, 2x (4/4 vs. SAL, 5/1 vs. FRE)
Most Runs Allowed, Game: 12 (5/1 vs. FRE)
Most Runs Allowed, Inning: 6, 3x (Last: 8th inning 7/19 vs. WS)
10 + Hits Allowed, Game: 28 (Last: 12 hits 8/2 vs. POT)
Most HRs Allowed, Game: 3 (6/9 vs. FAY)
Most Strikeouts, Game (9 Innings): 15, 3x (Last: 6/7 vs. FAY)
Most Strikeouts, Game (Extra Innings): 13 (6/8 vs. FAY 10 Innings)
Most Walks Allowed, Game: 7, 2x (4/24 vs. W-S, 5/26 vs. MB)
Most SB Allowed, Game: 2, 6x (Last: 6/28 vs. FRE)
Longest Scoreless Innings Streak: 25.1 (5/14 vs. FRE G1 5th Inning - 7th inning 5/16 vs. FRE)
Consecutive Games Allowing HR: 4 (Last: 4/29 vs. FRE - 5/2 vs. FRE)
Consecutive Games W/O Allowing HR: 9 (Last: 5/14 vs. FRE G1 - 5/22 vs. SAL)
Most Pitchers Used, Game: 5, 2x (7/13 vs. CAR, 7/28 vs. DE)
10 + Strikeouts, Staff: 29 (Last: 11 K's 8/2 vs. POT)
Most Consecutive Shutouts: 2 (5/14 G2 - 5/16 vs. FRE)

Opponents Pitching

Most Strikeouts, Game (Team, Extra Innings): 15 (Last: 6/8 vs. FAY 10 Innings)
Most Strikeouts, Game (Team, 9 Innings): 18 (5/7 vs. SAL)
Most Strikeouts, Game (Indiv.): 12, 2x (Last: Brett Conine 6/1 vs. FAY)
10 + Strikeouts, Staff: 55 (Last: 10 K's 8/3 vs. POT)
10+ Strikeouts, Indiv.: 5 (Last: 10 K's Tim Cate 8/2 vs. POT)

Blue Rocks Miscellaneous Season Highs & Lows

Longest Winning Streak: 5, 3x (Last: 7/13 vs. CAR - 7/18 vs. W-S)
Longest Winning Streak, Home: 6 (4/6 vs. SAL G2 - 4/18 vs. DE)
Longest Winning Streak, Road: 5 (Last: 4/16 vs. W-S - 4/28 vs. LYN)
Longest Losing Streak: 6 (4/20 vs. DE G1 - 4/24 vs. W-S)
Longest Losing Streak, Home: 6 (4/20 vs. DE G1 - 4/24 vs. W-S)
Longest Losing Streak, Road: 3 (7/6 vs. POT - 7/8 vs. SAL)
Largest Margin of Victory: 10 runs (6/15 vs. LYN)
Largest Margin of Defeat: 10 runs, 2x (4/4 vs. SAL, 5/1 vs. FRE)
Largest Come-From-Behind Win: 5 runs (Trailed CAR 7-2 on 7/13)
Largest Fall-From-Ahead Loss: 5 runs (Led SAL 5-0 on 7/7)
Longest Game, Innings: 10, 7x (Last: 8/3 vs. POT)
Longest Game, Time (9 Innings): 3:53 (6/6 vs. FAY)**
Longest Game, Time (Extra Innings): 4:08 (6/8 vs. FAY 10 Innings)
Shortest Game, Time (9 Innings): 2:04 (4/17 vs. W-S)
Shortest Game, Time (Overall): 1:54 (4/6 vs. SAL G1 7 Innings)
Longest Weather Delay: 1:01 (4/30 vs. FRE)

Most DP Turned, Game: 4, 3x (4/28 vs. LYN, 5/1 vs. FRE, 5/21 vs. SAL)
Most DP Against, Game: 3, 3x (4/24 vs. W-S, 6/21 vs. FRE, 7/26 vs. DE)
Triple Plays Turned, Season: N/A
Triple Plays Against, Season: 1 (4/9 vs. W-S)
Most Errors, One Game, Player: 2, 8x (Last: Dennicher Carrasco 7/5 vs. POT G2)
Most Errors, One Game, Team: 4, 3x (4/20 vs. DE G1, 5/1 vs. FRE, 5/3 vs. CAR)
Consecutive Games W/Error: 8, 2x (Last: 4/26 vs. LYN - 5/4 vs. CAR)
Consecutive Games W/O Error: 4 (5/26 vs. MB - 5/30 vs. FAY)
Most Errors, One Game, Opp. Player: 2, 5x (Last: Yeyson Yizarri 7/18 vs. W-S)
Most Errors, One Game, Opp. Team: 4 (6/8 vs. FAY)
Largest Home Crowd: 6,733 (5/24 vs. MB)
Smallest Home Crowd: 1,811 (7/31 vs. FAY)
Home Sellouts (6,537): N/A
Largest Road Crowd: 7,019 (6/29 vs. FRE)
Smallest Road Crowd: 880 (7/21 vs. CAR)

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Blue Rocks 2019 Regular-Season Day-by-Day -- Second Half

Date	OPP.	W/L	SCORE	BLUE ROCKS				OPPONENT				Winning Pitcher	Losing Pitcher	Save	Record	Pos.	GB	Daily	
				R	H	E	LOB	R	H	E	LOB							Att.	Time
6-20	FRE	W	3-2	3	4	2	4	2	7	1	5	Kubic (1-1)	Hall (2-3)	Ratliff (15)	45-25, 1-0	1st	-	5,020	2:43
6-21	FRE	W	7-0	7	8	0	3	0	2	0	5	Martinez (5-2)	Hanifee (4-7)	None	46-25, 2-0	1st	-	4,216	2:37
6-22	FRE	L	5-3	3	7	1	7	3	11	1	6	Ming (2-2)	Lugo (1-2)	Perez (3)	46-26, 2-1	1st	-	3,637	2:54
6-23	FRE	W	5-0	5	6	0	9	0	7	2	9	Bowlan (1-0)	Lebron (2-2)	None	47-26, 3-1	1st	-	3,458	3:01
6-24	PT			PPD DUE TO RAIN															
6-25	PT	L	5-3	3	4	1	4	5	10	1	6	Howard (2-1)	Capps (3-2)	None	47-27, 3-2	1st	-	-	2:16
6-25	PT	W	3-2	3	8	2	6	2	7	1	14	Mitchell (3-0)	Fletcher (1-1)	Ratliff (16)	48-27, 4-2	1st	-	2,553	3:03
6-26	PT	L	6-3	3	7	0	5	6	11	3	4	Johnston (8-7)	Martinez (5-3)	German (3)	48-28, 4-3	2nd	1.0	2,609	2:19
6-27	FRE	L	4-1	1	7	2	6	4	7	3	7	Almengo (3-3)	Sheller (0-1)	Naughton (1)	48-29, 4-4	T-2nd	2.0	2,768	2:36
6-28	FRE	W	6-1	6	7	0	7	1	9	3	6	Bowlan (2-0)	Lebron (2-3)	None	49-29, 5-4	2nd	1.0	5,542	3:08
6-29	FRE	W	7-2	7	11	1	6	2	3	1	7	Lugo (2-2)	Knight (0-5)	None	50-29, 6-4	2nd	1.0	7,019	3:08
6-30	FRE	L	5-3	3	9	0	13	3	9	0	5	Almengo (4-3)	Cox (0-1)	Naughton (2)	50-30, 6-5	T-2nd	1.0	4,240	2:49
7-1	PT	W	9-4	9	9	0	3	4	8	2	6	Bubic (2-1)	Johnston (8--8)	None	51-30, 7-5	T-2nd	1.0	2,275	3:02
7-2	PT	L	10-4	4	6	1	8	10	14	1	4	Fletcher (2-1)	Garcia (1-2)	None	51-31, 7-6	3rd	2.0	2,849	3:37
7-3	PT	L	2-1 (7)	1	3	1	4	2	3	1	3	Cate (1-1)	Tillo (4-7)	None	51-32, 7-7	3rd	3.0	4,481	2:05
7-4	PT			PPD DUE TO RAIN															
7-5	PT	W	6-2 (7)	6	6	0	7	2	5	0	3	Bowlan (3-0)	Teel (3-2)	None	52-32, 8-7	3rd	2.0	-	2:24
7-5	PT	W	2-1	2	5	2	3	1	3	0	5	Cox (1-1)	Reyes (1-5)	Ratliff (17)	53-32, 9-7	3rd	2.0	3,626	1:59
7-6	PT	L	6-1	1	7	0	5	6	10	0	7	Pena (5-4)	Sheller (0-2)	None	53-33, 9-8	3rd	2.0	4,949	2:44
7-7	SAL	L	9-7	7	11	1	7	9	9	3	4	Schwaab (2-0)	Ratliff (1-2)	None	53-34, 9-9	3rd	3.0	955	3:12
7-8	SAL	L	3-0	0	5	0	5	3	7	0	6	Ward (1-0)	Tillo (4-8)	Gomez (1)	53-35, 9-10	3rd	4.0	1,164	2:00
7-9	OFF DAY	(8/1)																	
7-10	SAL	L	3-1	1	6	0	8	3	4	1	1	Gonzalez (4-6)	Bowlan (3-1)	Scwaab (5)	53-36, 9-11	3rd	5.0	3,117	2:36
7-12	SAL	W	2-1	2	2	0	1	1	4	0	2	Dye (3-1)	Martinez (3-3)	None	54-36, 10-11	3rd	4.0	-	2:12
7-12	SAL	L	1-0	0	2	1	4	1	5	0	2	Smith (2-4)	Cox (1-2)	None	54-37, 10-12	3rd	5.0	4,911	1:58
7-13	CAR	W	8-7	8	13	1	8	7	8	0	7	Ratliff (2-2)	Topa (0-3)	None	55-37, 11-12	2nd	5.0	4,162	3:47
7-14	CAR	W	3-2	3	5	1	2	2	4	1	6	Tillo (5-8)	Zavolas (5-4)	Ratliff (18)	56-37, 12-12	2nd	4.0	2,722	2:40
7-15	CAR	W	3-0	3	8	1	4	0	0	0	1	Bowlan (4-1)	Taugner (4-6)	None	57-37, 13-12	2nd	4.0	2,348	2:12
7-16	OFF DAY	(9/2)																	
7-17	W-S	W	4-1	4	7	0	5	1	5	1	2	Bubic (3-1)	Pilkington (2-6)	Sheller (1)	58-37, 14-12	2nd	4.0	2,423	2:23
7-18	W-S	W	7-6	7	10	1	7	6	12	3	10	Cox (2-2)	Lewis (5-5)	Ratliff (19)	59-37, 15-12	2nd	3.0	3,368	3:17
7-19	W-S	L	9-3	3	7	2	6	3	7	2	7	Cavanerio (6-0)	Martinez (5-4)	Kincannon (4)	59-38, 15-13	2nd	4.0	5,374	3:15
7-20	CAR	W	6-2	6	11	0	10	2	7	2	9	Tillo (6-8)	Zavolas (5-5)	None	60-38, 16-13	2nd	3.0	3,004	3:15
7-21	CAR	L	5-4	4	10	0	6	5	12	0	9	Bender (2-0)	Lugo (2-3)	None	60-39, 16-14	2nd	3.5	880	2:58
7-22	CAR	L	2-1	1	3	0	2	2	6	0	5	Smith (4-8)	Bubic (3-2)	Topa (3)	60-40, 16-15	2nd	4.0	2,690	2:38
7-23	PT	W	3-2	3	7	1	6	2	5	2	4	Dye (4-1)	Istler (1-2)	None	61-40, 17-15	2nd	3.5	2,846	2:40
7-24	PT	L	3-2	2	9	0	4	3	9	0	9	Teel (5-2)	Martinez (5-5)	Bartow (5)	61-41, 17-16	2nd	4.0	4,526	2:47
7-25	PT	W	5-0	5	6	0	6	0	7	0	4	Tillo (7-8)	Johnston (9-9)	Snider (2)	62-41, 18-16	2nd	3.5	3,256	2:18
7-26	DE	L	5-2	2	6	0	4	5	8	2	4	Engler (3-0)	Bowlan (4-2)	Uvila (4)	62-42, 18-17	2nd	4.0	2,011	2:37
7-27	DE	W	5-0	5	12	0	7	0	5	1	5	Bubic (4-2)	Eubanks (8-4)	None	63-42, 19-17	2nd	4.0	2,108	2:42
7-28	DE	L	6-1	1	6	2	4	6	10	0	6	Bremer (2-0)	Cox (2-3)	None	63-43, 19-18	2nd	4.0	1,275	2:33
7-29	OFF DAY	(10/3)																	
7-30	FAY	L	6-0	0	2	1	3	6	12	0	9	Whitley (1-0)	Martinez (5-6)	Deason (1-0)	63-44, 19-19	3rd	3.5	2,439	3:02
7-31	FAY	L	1-0	0	4	0	4	1	4	0	5	Cabral (1-0)	Lambright (0-1)	None	63-45, 19-20	3rd	3.5	1,811	2:47
8-1	FAY	W	3-2	3	4	0	5	2	7	0	3	Bowlan (5-2)	Garcia (3-4)	Ratliff (20)	64-45, 20-20	3rd	3.0	2,439	2:58
8-2	PT	L	6-1	1	2	0	4	6	12	1	8	Cate (4-3)	Bubic (4-3)	None	64-46, 20-21	3rd	4.0	5,013	3:00
8-3	PT	L	3-2	2	5	1	3	3	8	0	8	Howard (4-2)	Snider (5-2)	None	64-47, 20-22	3rd	5.0	5,849	3:01
8-4	PT	L	4-1	1	6	0	4	4	10	0	7	Teel (6-2)	Martinez (5-7)	Howell (1)	64-48, 20-23	3rd	5.0	2,287	2:37
8-5	OFF DAY	(11/4)																	
8-6	FAY	W	4-1	4	7	0	6	1	7	2	8	Ratliff (3-2)	Duncan (0-3)	Beckwith (1)	65-48, 21-23	3rd	4.0	2,549	3:07
8-7	FAY																		
8-8	FAY																		
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