



MEDIA INFORMATION



Frederick Keys (6-10, 5th, 3.0 GB / Northern) Carolina League Affiliate of the Baltimore Orioles

vs.

Wilmington Blue Rocks (7-8, 4th, 1.5 GB / Northern) Carolina League Affiliate of the Kansas City Royals

Game No. 16 • Road Game No. 10 • Nymeo Field • Saturday, April 21, 2018 • 2:00 p.m.

BLUE ROCKS BREAKDOWN

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

BLUE ROCKS PITCHING LOCK OUT KEYS: A strong pitching performance led the way as the Wilmington Blue Rocks tossed a combined shutout and blanked the Frederick Keys by the score of 2-0 Friday night at Nymeo Field. Wilmington starter **Arnaldo Hernandez** turned in his best start as a Blue Rock and tossed six shutout innings while the combination of **Grant Gavin** and **Bryan Brickhouse** tossed the final three innings in scoreless fashion for the first shutout victory of the season for the Blue Crew.

DOMINANT PITCHING: Friday night marked the best overall pitching performance by the Rocks through the first 15 games of the season.

-It was the first shutout victory of the campaign and the first time the Rocks blanked an opponent since July 2 when **Scott Blewett** twirled a complete game shutout against Salem at Frawley Stadium.

-Last season, the Rocks tossed 11 total shutouts and coincidentally, earned their first shutout win also on April 20 when the Rocks blanked the Winston-Salem Dash 1-0.

BLUE CREW BRINGING THE LUMBER: In the series opening win on Thursday night, the Rocks set new single-game highs this season thanks to their offensive avalanche.

-The 15 runs scored were the most scored by the Rocks this season and the most since 2015 when the Rocks also scored 15 runs against Frederick on July 9 at Frawley Stadium in a 15-10 victory.

-The 14 hits marked a single-game high this season and also the first 10+ hit game for Wilmington of the year.

-The watermark this season for most hits in a game was nine, which the Blue Rocks did twice this season.

-The seven-run fourth inning was also the most runs scored in a single frame this season for the Rocks.

VALLOT IS GRAND: **Chase Vallot** has now hit three career grand slams as a Blue Rock.

-He hit the first grand slam by a Blue Rock this season on Thursday night in the first inning.

-Vallot hit two slams in 2017 with his first coming on May 7 at Down East and his other on June 10 against Buies Creek at Frawley Stadium.

-Vallot finished the game on Thursday with five RBI, one shy of tying his career-high.

LONG BALL FUN: With **Chase Vallot's** grand slam in Thursday's triumph, the Rocks have now clubbed a home run in 10 of the first 15 games.

-That also includes six consecutive games from April 9-14 where the Rocks hit a home run.

-The streak started on April 9 at Salem when **Angelo Castellano** hit his first home run as a Blue Rock. **Xavier Fernandez**, **Vallot**, **Rudy Martin**, **Khalil Lee** and **Meibrys Vilorio** all left the yard during the six-game stretch.

-Wilmington went 2-4 during that span and are 4-6 overall when they hit a home run this season.

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

-Rankings in CL: He is first in the league in on-base percentage (.484), tied for second in walks (14), and fourth in slugging percentage (.553)

-He is tied for the team in home runs (2), paces the teams in total bases (26), hits (15) and fifth in RBI (6).

-He had his 11-game on-base streak snapped Wednesday.

-During the streak, he hit .378 (14-for-37) with three doubles, a triple, two home runs, six RBI, 10 walks and posted a 1.186 OPS.

-He also has picked up a hit in all but three games played this season.

VILORIA HOT AT THE PLATE: The Blue Rocks backstop **Meibrys Vilorio** is scorching at the plate as of late and picked up his third straight multi-hit game and his fourth over his last five games played thanks to a two-hit game Friday night.

-Over his last six games, the Colombian native is hitting .400 (10-for-25) with four doubles, a home run and five RBI.

-In his first five games of the season, he hit just .118 (2-for-17) with three walks.

-Has a hit in five straight games.

RUDY BEING RUDY: **Rudy Martin** has been an exceptional leadoff hitter for the Rocks this season and had his biggest game of the season on Thursday.

-Martin finished 3-for-5, falling a home run shy of the cycle.

-He also tied a career-high with five RBI in the victory.

-He paces the Carolina League and all of MiLB in stolen bases (13).

-First in the CL with 17 walks, which is also top-five in all of MiLB.

-Also second in the league in on-base percentage (.462)

-Has stolen a base in 9 of 14 games this year, including three multi-stolen base games. -In his career, he has stolen 75 bases and only caught 13.

RUNNING ROCKS: As a team, Wilmington is second in the Carolina League with 30 stolen bases and have only been caught five times this season. Buies Creek now leads the CL with 34.

-On Saturday night against Lynchburg, the Rocks set a franchise single-game record by swiping five bases. **D.J. Burt** stole two while **Nick Heath**, **Khalil Lee** and **Rudy Martin** all stole a base in the win.

GOING THE EXTRA BASE: Of the 117 hits for the Blue Rocks through the first 15 games, 37 of them have gone for extra-bases, accounting for 32% of the total hits recorded by Wilmington.

-Ten different players have hit at least one double and nine have hit at least one home run this season.

Today's Starters

WIL: LHP Cristian Castillo (1-1, 3.52 ERA)

vs.

FRE: LHP Brian Gonzalez (0-1, 2.53 ERA)

- Left-handed hurler **Cristian Castillo** makes his fourth start of the year.
- Earned his first victory of the season on April 16 against Carolina.
- Tossed five innings, allowed one run on five hits, walked two and struck out five in win.
- Was the Opening Day starter April 5 at Potomac.
- Signed as a free agent out of Mexico at the age of 20 on Dec. 15, 2014.
- Last season with Wilmington, posted a 7-12 record with a 4.13 ERA in 26 starts.
- Finished second on the team in strikeouts (105) and innings pitched (141.2).
- Also ranked fifth in the CL in innings pitched.
- Was one of league's best pitchers during the months of May and June.
- Posted a 5-1 mark with 2.32 ERA in 11 starts during two-month stretch.
- Allowed three earned runs or less in 19 of his 26 starts.
- Named 2017 Carolina League All-Star.
- Against Frederick in 2017: 2-1, 3.26 ERA 3G/3GS, 19.1 IP, 15H, 7ER, 8BB, 15K.
- Earned the Appalachian League Pitcher of the Year in 2016 by going 6-3 with a 3.13 ERA, 73 strikeouts and just 14 free passes in 72 frames.
- He led the league in IP, strikeouts, and WHIP. Was fourth in ERA.
- In his first season in the system in 2015, he was named the Royals Pitcher of the Year for their Dominican Summer League.
- Yielded a 2.64 ERA and has solid 58 to 15 K:BB ration in 67.1 innings pitched.
- Grew up idolizing Fernando Valenzuela because he's also from Mexico and a left-handed pitcher.
- Features a fastball, slider, curveball and changeup and locate all four pitches very well.

- Fellow southpaw **Brian Gonzalez** makes his third start of the season for the Keys.
- He was drafted by the Baltimore Orioles in the third round of the 2014 MLB Draft out of Archbishop McCarthy High School in Florida.
- Last time out on April 15 against Potomac and did not factor in the decision.
- He worked six innings, allowed two earned runs on five hits, walked two and struck out five.
- Made his first start of the season on April 9 at Carolina and suffered the loss.
- Lasted 4.2 innings, allowed three runs, but just one earned, on five hits, walked two and struck out eight.
- Against Wilmington in 2017: 1-2, 2.78 ERA, 4G/4GS, CG, 22.2IP, 18H, 7ER, 13BB, 19K.
- Last season, Gonzalez spent the entire year with Frederick.
- He posted a 5-7 record with a 4.91 ERA in 21 starts. He logged 106.1 innings, 132 hits, 65R/58ER, walked 52 and struck out 85.
- Opponents hit a healthy 306 against the southpaw.
- He tossed at least five innings in 14 of his 21 starts, including 10 outings where he allowed two earned runs or less.
- Spent both 2015 and 2016 with Low-A Delmarva.
- His best season of his career arguably came in 2016 when he went 10-8 in 27 starts and posted a respectable 2.50 ERA in a career-high 147.2 innings pitched.
- He was named a Post-Season All-Star in the South Atlantic League that season.
- Features a fastball, curveball and changeup.

2018 Regular-Season Series: WIL vs. FRE (WIL Leads Series, 2-0) (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				
4-22	FRE				
5-4	WIL				
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, April 22 @ Frederick, 2:00 p.m. RHP Jace Vines (0-3, 15.19 ERA) vs. RHP Ofelky Peralta (0-1, 1.13 ERA)

Monday, April 23 OFF DAY

Tuesday, April 24 vs. Potomac, 6:35 p.m. RHP Anthony Bender (1-0, 5.56 ERA) vs. TBD

TODAY'S BLUE ROCKS STARTING PITCHER

#43 LHP Cristian Castillo

Acquired: Signed as non-drafted free agent on December 15, 2014 by Kansas City

Born: Monterrey, Mexico

Age: 23 (Sept. 25, 1994)

Resides: Monterrey, Nuevo Leon, Mexico

Ht: 6'0 Wt: 190

Bats/Throws: L/L



The Book on Castillo (2018)

Pitch Repertoire: Fastball, Changeup, Curveball, Slider

THE BOOK ON CRISTIAN CASTILLO: Castillo signed as a 20-year-old out of Mexico in December of 2014 and returns to Wilmington for his second season. In 2017, he went 7-12 with a 4.13 ERA in 26 starts. Last season with Wilmington, the lefty was a Carolina League All-Star and was one of the best pitchers leading up to the mid-summer classic with a 5-1 record and 2.32 ERA during May and June. He also ranked fifth overall in the Carolina League in innings pitched at season's end. The southpaw allowed three earned runs or less in 19 of his 26 starts with the Blue Rocks last season. Since joining the Royals' organization, all he has done in three pro seasons is rack up the accolades at every level he's pitched at. Castillo earned the Appalachian League Pitcher of the Year in 2016 by going 6-3 with a 3.13 ERA, 73 strikeouts and just 14 free passes in 72 frames. He led the league in innings pitched, strikeouts and WHIP, and was fourth in earned run average. In his first season in the system in 2015, he was named the Royals Pitcher of the Year for their Dominican Summer League when he posted a 2.64 ERA, fanned 58 and walked only 15 in 67.1 innings worked. Despite all of his awards for excellence, the six-foot, 190-pounder is not ranked among the Royals top-30 prospects by Baseball America or MLB.com. He did however impress the Royals brass enough to jump both Rookie Idaho Falls and Low-A Lexington a year ago to begin the season with Advanced-A Wilmington. The southpaw was the Opening Day starter for the Blue Rocks this season. In his last time out on April 16 at home against Carolina, he earned his first win of the season and allowed just an earned run on five hits in five innings of work. He walked two and struck out five batters.

WHAT HE LEARNED FROM 2017: Making the kind of jump Castillo did can be a tough adjustment for many young pitchers due to the length of the season and the constant stress on a player's body. Castillo recognized the challenges first hand. "I learned how to work during a long season. It was my first year in full-season baseball and it showed me I had to work a little more this offseason to be ready for this year. Last year, I felt a little tired but I think that was part of the process. Now, I feel ready for this season. I worked hard on my conditioning, my legs and I lifted weights to be ready for spring. As a pitcher, legs are always a key when you are on the mound. I believe that and being healthy overall is the most important thing. Without having health, you can't pitch."

ON HIS ABILITY TO THROW FOUR QUALITY PITCHES: Although Castillo has yet to be tabbed a top-30 prospect, scouts are impressed with the southpaw's ability to command all four pitches. Castillo thinks the command of his repertoire is vital to his success. "That's helped me a lot in my career. I can throw whatever pitch I want no matter the count. This year, I want to try and throw my slider more. It's become a really good pitch and I have it faster than my curveball, but for me it doesn't matter. I will throw all my pitches, but the slider is something I want to work on." Castillo said he wants to incorporate his entire arsenal right from the start this season. "I had the slider last year, but I didn't use it enough. To start the season, I used only three of my pitches and in the second season I used my slider to give me four pitches. This year, I will start throwing my slider in my first start."

PROUD OF HIS HERITAGE: Castillo always cracks a smile when asked what it means to represent his home country of Mexico. "I feel proud to represent my country. I always like to listen to Mexican music before every start in the clubhouse. It helps me get ready and give more than 100% every game." He also grew up idolizing a popular Los Angeles Dodgers pitcher and fellow Mexico native. "I really enjoy watching Fernando Valenzuela who is the most famous player from Mexico and he's a left-hander. So I try to learn from what he did during his games. I never had the chance to meet him, but I was able to learn about him from my family. They taught me a lot about him. Now, I can watch videos of him pitching and enjoy it. Here in the U.S. you face a lot of good hitters and talented players every day. But in Mexico, you need to play very well and be the best you can just to get the chance to be able to play here."

BEING NAMED OPENING DAY STARTER VS. CL-ALL STAR: Being named an All-Star and then Opening Day starter a year later could give young pitchers added excitement. For Castillo, the calm demeanor he possesses on the mound translates off the field as well. "It made me proud (to be named Opening Day Starter) because I know I've been working hard to help the team. For me it doesn't matter. Both are really great and I'm just happy I can represent my team and organization."

At Home: 1-0, 1.80 ERA 1G/1GS
On the Road: 0-1, 4.35 ERA 2G/2GS
LH Opp Avg: .143
RH Opp Avg: .273
Record when he pitches: 1-1
Wilmington Record when he starts: 2-1
Run Support (overall): 3.0
Run Support (starting): 2.3
ERA: 3.52

Season-High K's: 5, (4/16 vs. Carolina Mudcats)
Career-High K's: 11, (7/29/16 vs. Pulaski Yankees)

Last Win: 4/16/18 vs. Carolina Mudcats
Last Loss: 4/10/18 @ Salem Red Sox

Most IP, 2018: 5.2 IP, (4/10/18 @ Salem Nationals)
Most IP, Career: 9.0 IP, (7/29/16 vs. Pulaski Yankees)

Career Numbers

Year/Teams(s)	W-L	ERA	IP
2015/ Royals (DSL)	0-4	2.67	67.1
2016/Burlington	6-3	3.12	72.0
2017/Wilmington	7-12	4.13	141.2
2018/Wilmington	1-1	3.52	15.1
Totals	14-20	3.52	296.1

2018 Appearances

Date	OPP	G	GS	DEC	ERA	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	HBP	WP	Score Upon Exit	Result	Notes
4/5	@POT	1	1	ND	3.86	4.2	5	2	2	2	2	1	0	1	Tied, 2-2	WIL, 5-3	Opening Day Start
4/10	@SAL	2	2	L	4.35	5.2	4	3	3	3	3	0	1	0	SAL, 3-0	SAL, 3-1	First loss of the season
4/16	vs. CAR	3	3	W	3.52	5.0	5	1	1	2	5	0	0	0	WIL, 5-0	WIL, 5-1	First win of the season

Wilmington Blue Rocks 2018 Regular-Season Breakdown

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

Opponent Shutouts (11 in 2017 | 15 in 2016)

Date	Score/Opp.	Pitchers
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2018 Games Started by Position

1B – DeVito (14), Vallot (1)
 2B – Cancel (10), Burt (4), Brontsema (1)
 3B – Rivera (14), Cancel (1)
 SS – Castellano (10), Burt (5)
 C – Viloría (10), Fernandez (5)
 LF – Martin (9), Heath (4), Peterson (2)
 CF – Lee (9), Martin (5), Heath (1)
 RF – Peterson (10), Lee (4), Heath (1)
 DH – Vallot (10), Fernandez (2), Viloría (2), Lee (1)

2018 Games Started by Batting Order

1) – Martin (14), Heath (1)
 2) – Cancel (11), Burt (3), Castellano (1)
 3) – Lee (14), Peterson (1)
 4) – Rivera (14), DeVito (1)
 5) – DeVito (12), Vallot (1), Fernandez (1), Viloría (1)
 6) – Vallot (10), Fernandez (3), Viloría (2)
 7) – Viloría (10), Fernandez (2), Castellano (1), Heath (1), DeVito (1)
 8) – Peterson (11), Heath (3), Burt (1)
 9) – Castellano (8), Burt (5), Heath (1), Brontsema (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	3-6	0	4.76	68.0	78	39	36	36	44	3
Relievers	4-2	4	2.76	62.0	48	24	19	32	67	7
Totals	7-8	4	3.81	130.0	126	63	55	68	111	10

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			
Camp	1	0	.000
Gavin	1	0	.000
Gomez			
Hernandez			
Ruxer	3	0	.000
Sheller	7	1	.143
Wynne			
Totals	15	2	.133

Catchers Totals

Catcher	CS	Att.	Pct.	PB
Fernandez	2	5	.400	0
Vallot	-	-	-	-
Viloria	4	11	.364	3
Totals	6	16	.375	3

Starter Breakdown

Starter	Starts	WIL Rec.	No-Dec.	Rec.	Longest Outing
Cristian Castillo	3	2-1	1	1-1	5.2 IP @ SAL 4/10
Jace Vines	3	0-3	0	0-3	4.2 IP @ SAL 4/11
Ofreidy Gomez	2	1-1	1	0-1	4.0 IP @ POT 4/7
Gerson Garabito	3	1-2	1	1-1	6.0 IP(2x) Last 4/13 vs. LYN
Arnaldo Hernandez	3	2-1	2	1-0	6.0 IP @ FRE 4/20
Anthony Bender	1	1-0	1	0-0	4.0 IP vs. LYN 4/12)

Pickoffs

Pitchers	#	Last Time
Becker		
Bender		
Brickhouse		
Camp		
Castillo		
Garabito		
Gavin		
Gomez		
Hernandez		
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	15	7-8	.237	493	117	65	24	2	11	62	73	152	30/5
May													
June													
July													
August													
September													

Scoring by Inning

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13+	Total
Blue Rocks	9	5	4	14	6	3	8	4	11	0	0	0	0	65
Opponents	11	7	12	11	4	3	7	6	2	0	0	0	0	63

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	10
D.J. Burt	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8/10/16	Sam Thoele/7th	134
Gabriel Cancel	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	4/7/18	Matthew Crownover (POT)/1st	10
Angelo Castellano	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	4/9/18	Tanner Houck (SAL)/4th	8
Chris DeVito	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8/25/17	Austin Glorious (SAL)/8th	22
Xavier Fernandez	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	4/10/17	Daniel Gonzalez (SAL)/7th	4
Nick Heath	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7/6/17	Shao-Ching Chiang (LYN)/1st	58
Khalil Lee	2	1	1	2	0	0	0	4/13/18	Henry Martinez (LYN)/9th	6
Rudy Martin	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	4/12/18	Zach Plesac (LYN)/6th	7
Kort Peterson	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	4/18/18	Victor Diaz (CAR)/5th	1
Emmanuel Rivera	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	4/6/18	Sterling Sharp (POT)/2nd	13
Chase Vallot	2	0	2	0	1	0	1	4/19/18	Cody Sedlock (FRE)/1st	-
Meibrys Vioria	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	4/14/18	Luis Jimenez (LYN)/7th	4

Multi-Hit Games

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

Multi-RBI Games

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

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

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

#6 John Brontsema [BRONT-sim-ah] INF
Ht: 6'2 Wt: 185 Age: 23 B/T: R/R
Lives: Santa Barbara, CA
LG: 2-for-4, SO Road Trip: 2-for-4, SO HS/O.B.S.: +1/+1

Notes: Drafted in the 26th round of the 2016 June MLB Amateur Draft by Kansas City out of University of California Irvine. He went to the College World Series as a freshman.

2018 Notes: Made season debut on 4/20 @ FRE and went 2-for-4.

2017 Notes: Started the season with Lexington Legends (Low-A/South Atlantic League)
 -In 52 games he hit .323 with four home runs and 21 RBI. Also clubbed 12 doubles and a triple.
 -Posted a .416 on-base percentage during that span
 -Hit first-career Adv. A home run on 8/22 @ Frederick with a solo homer. Also finished the game with his first three-hit contest as a Blue Rock (3-for-4, R, HR, RBI, SO)

2016 Notes: Spent the season with the Royals (Arizona League/Rookie) and Wilmington Blue Rocks.
 -Hit .343 with nine doubles, a triple and drove in 24 runs in AZL
 -Ranked second in the Arizona League in batting average, and third in hits and on-base percentage (.395).
 -Played in three games with the Blue Rocks and collected three hits in 12 at-bats.

They said it: "Going to the College World Series was awesome, one of the best experiences of my life. UC Irvine was a great program. They helped me get better every year. It's amazing how much better you can get year-by-year when you look back. That's the goal to continue. When you look back and you weren't better than you were last year, that's a problem. That's what UC Irvine did for me. It's a great school, great facility, and has great coaches. To be able to go the College World Series, which is everyone's dream, lives up to the hype and then some. For anyone that wants to go and check it off their bucket list, I highly suggest it....**(On recruiting for UC Irvine)** It's tough to get recruits for some reason. They always want to go to USC or UCLA for some reason. Even with the amazing coaching and facilities at Irvine, getting those amazing prospects isn't as easy. They have to do a good job of recruiting the best players they can. Once they get there it's about creating that style of play that is consistent. If everyone plays to that style, they can be very successful when that happens. They helped me learn to be scrappy, learn to play different positions, and be that type of player so I owe a lot to what I learned there...**On facilities at UC Irvine** "The field (at UC Irvine) is unbelievable. Nolan Arenado comes, Albert Pujols comes, Skip Schumaker comes and they all take ground balls at our field. They say there is really no big league field that is better. That was one of the biggest draws to me. Mike Guillespie, the head coach there, actually coached my dad when he was in college. He is a legend. My dad told me you are going to learn a lot from him and I did. Continued success for Irvine year in and year out is owed to him and the coaching staff....**Player he idolizes:** Michael Young, who played for my dad, is truly the person I idolized growing up. I tried to emulate him on the field, his swing, his defensive prowess of playing a bunch of different positions, and how he handles himself off the field. Just watching that, he is a great role model. Him and Skip Schumaker, who also played from my dad, are two great role models I've been able to watch, interact with, text, and work with. It's been a blessing to see these guys and their careers. Now they are both retired but they still stay in contact with me. They don't have to do anything like that, but they are great people and great role models for me."

#7 D.J. Burt INF
Ht: 5'9 Wt: 160 Age: 22 B/T: R/R
Lives: Fuquay-Varina, N.C
LG: 0-for-3, R, BB, 2SO, SB Road Trip: 3-for-9, R, BB, 5SO, 2SB HS/O.B.S.: -1/+5

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) / +5 (4/14 - present)
 -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.

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."

#11 Angelo Castellano INF
Ht: 6'0 Wt: 165 Age: 23 B/T: R/R
Lives: San Diego, VZ
LG: 0-for-4, SO (4/19 @FRE) Road Trip: 0-for-4, SO HS/O.B.S.: -1/1

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

2018 Notes: Longest H.S./O.B.S.: +2/+5 (4/6-4/11)
 -Hit first-career Adv. A home run on 4/9 @ Salem (2-R HR)
 -Trying to snap a 1-for-20 slump at the plate over last seven games. (Has struck out just three times during stretch)

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 (54.1 AB/HR) after hitting just two homers in his previous 957 at-bats (478.5 AB/HR).

2016 Notes: Spent the season with the Idaho Falls Chukars (Rookie/Pioneer League)
 -Hit .283 with a pair of homers and 47 RBI in 64 games.
 -Struck out once every 10.50 plate appearances, the fifth-best rate in the league.

They said it: (On playing in most games in career last year)... "It's hard to do it that for the first time. I had to make a lot of adjustments and work every day. It's 140 games which is a lot more than where I was two years ago where I just played in 60 games. It was more of a mental adjustment for me. It's a lot of playing and a lot of games. If you didn't do good one week, you have to keep working. I dealt with my struggles by staying positive, trust in the process and come to work every day...**(On who helped him get through the season)** My hitting coach last year in Lexington really helped me a lot and talked to me a lot. My teammates as well, including (Meibrys) Vilorio 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: 0-for-4, 3SO Road Trip: 0-for-8, 2R, RBI, 2BB, 6SO HS/O.B.S.: -2/-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.
 -Third on team with eight RBI.

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."

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#13 Xavier Fernandez **C**
Ht: 5'11 Wt: 197 **Age: 22 B/T: R/R**
Lives: Guaybabo, P.R.
LG: 2-for-4, SO **Road Trip: 2-for-4, SO** **HS/OBS: +1/+1**

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

2018 Notes: Longest H.S./O.B.S: +3 (4/10-4/14) /+3 (4/10-4/14)
 -Hit his first Advanced-A home run on 4/10 @ SAL (Solo HR)
 -Has recorded multi-hit games in three of his seven games played this season

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

2016 Notes: Spent the season with the Lexington Legends (Low-A/South Atlantic League)
 -Hit .259 and had career-highs with nine home runs and 42 RBI in 92 games.
 -His nine home runs ranked sixth among catchers in the South Atlantic League.
 -Set career-highs in games, hits (85), home runs, and RBI.

2015 Notes: Spent the season with the Burlington Royals (Rookie/Appalachian League) and the Idaho Falls Chukars (Rookie/Pioneer League).
 -With Burlington, he hit .329 in 42 games and smacked four home runs and drove in 27 runs.
 -Tabbed a Rookie All-Star by *Baseball America* due to his performance in Burlington.

#3 Nick Heath **OF**
Ht: 6'1 Wt: 187 **Age: 24 B/T: L/L**
Lives: Milford, KS
LG: 1-for-3, R, BB, SO **Road Trip: 1-for-3, R, BB, SO** **HS/OBS: +1/+5**

Notes: Drafted in the 16th round of the 2016 June Amateur Draft by Kansas City out of Northwestern State University of Louisiana. In 2016, he set the school's single-season record with 35 stolen bases in 42 attempts (83.3 percent) and ranks third in school history with 75 steals. Also led the team with 43 runs and recorded a career-high 27 RBI, earning All-Southland Conference Third-Team honors.

2018 Notes: Longest H.S./O.B.S: +2 (4/11-4/14) / +5 (4/10 - present)
 -Third on the team with five stolen bases.

2017 Notes: Started the season with Lexington Legends (Low-A/South Atlantic League)
 -Came back in late May from a hamstring injury and played in only two games with Legends and went 2-for-5 in small sample size with Lexington.
 -Played in four games in Arizona Rookie League before being added to Wilmington.
 -With Wilmington hit .250 with a homer and 12 RBI in 60 games.
 -Picked up first-career four-hit game on 8/8 vs. DE.
 -Hit walk-off RBI single on 7/13/17 vs. LYN in bottom of 9th inning to give WIL 6-5 win.
 -Stole 25 bases in 66 total games. (21 SB in 60 games with WIL)
 -Finished fifth in organization in stolen bases despite missing a total of five weeks due to injury.
 -Hit first-career Class-A Adv. homer on 7/6/17 @LYN.

2016 Notes: Spent the season with the Idaho Falls Chukars (Rookie/Pioneer League).
 -Put together a solid pro debut season, hitting .291 with eight doubles, four triples, a pair of homers and drove in 28 runs.
 -Stole 36 bags which led the Pioneer League and were ten more than anyone else in the league.
 -He finished with the third most stolen bases of any farmhand in the Royals system.

They said it: (On injury earlier last season) I got hurt in (Low-A) Lexington, pulled my hamstring. I went down to Arizona (Rookie League) for a while, rehabbed it. I took that rehab processes really seriously so I could get back on the field. I thought I would end up going back to Lexington to keep on playing, but they ended up asking me to come up to Wilmington and hop in the lineup. Like I said, I took that rehab process pretty seriously. I guess leg injuries aren't too much to mess around with and I want to be able to stay on the field and try to contribute to the team...**(On having any other major injuries during career)** I had Tommy John surgery, but that was back in college. In my professional career, the (hamstring injury) was the first injury I've had. My first leg injury as well, so it was kind of new to me; the steps, the process to get through it. A little bit of prayer and a little bit of work with our trainers, I'm able to get back on the field. **(On seeing familiar faces with the Rocks)** I think it makes that transition to a different level of ball easier. You are not so in awe of everything that is going on. You are realizing you are really cool with the guys that are around you and you fit in with them so it makes that transition easier, a lot more fun and less hectic...I think what led to the success (with Idaho Falls) was me buying into the process that these guys told me to buy into when they first drafted me. It was kind of new to me how they did everything around here. The offseason and prepping myself before games, staying up the middle and being able to go the other way, not necessarily pull the ball so much, just try to get myself on base, let my legs work and do what it can for the team. I think that helped me out a lot. It took a lot of stress and pressure off of me at the plate...**(If base stealing is majority of his game)** I wouldn't say (stealing) is the name of my game. I definitely want to get on and be able to score runs, put myself into a position where guys get pitches that they can drive and make the pitcher have to work when I'm on base. Stealing bases helps me out, helps the team out and I just want to do whatever I can to help the team win.

#24 Khalil Lee **OF**
Ht: 5'10 Wt: 182 **Age: 19 B/T: L/L**
Lives: Centreville, VA
LG: 0-for-3, BB, SO **Road Trip: 1-for-5, 2R, 4BB, 2SO, SB** **HS/OBS: -1/+2**

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

2018 Notes: Longest H.S./O.B.S: +6 (4/5-4/10) / +11 (4/5-4/17)
 -Had 11-game on-base streak snapped on 4/18 vs. CAR.
 -Hit .378 (14-for-37) with three doubles, a triple, two home runs, six RBI, 10 walks and posted a 1.186 OPS during the on-base streak.
 -Started the season on a six-game hitting streak.
 -Rankings in CL: He is first in the league in on-base percentage (.484), tied for second in walks (14), fourth in slugging percentage (.553)
 -He is tied for the team in home runs (2), paces the teams in total bases (26), hits (15) and fifth in RBI (6).
 -He also has picked up a hit in all but three games played this season

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."

#4 Rudy Martin **OF**
Ht: 5'7 Wt: 155 **Age: 22 B/T: L/L**
Lives: Olive Branch, MS
LG: 1-for-5 **Road Trip: 4-for-10, 3R, 2B, 3B, 5RBI, BB, 2SB** **HS/OBS: +5/+6**

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

2018 Notes: Longest H.S./O.B.S: +5 (4/16 - present) / +7 (4-5/4-13)
 -Fell HR shy of cycle on 4/19 @ FRE (3-for-3, 3R, 2B, 3B, 5RBI, 2SB)
 -Hit first Adv. A home run to break up LYN starter Zach Plesac no-hit bid in the sixth inning on 4/12.
 -Has stolen 13 bases in his first 14 games played. Leads CL in category.
 -Also leads all of MiLB in stolen bases.
 -Has stolen multiple bases in three games this season and at least one base in 9 of 14 games.
 -Last season, had six games where he stole 2+ bases. (Played in 37 total games last season)
 -Also second in the league in on-base percentage (.462).
 -His 17 walks pace the CL and also ranks top-five in all of MiLB.

2017 Notes: Spent the season with the Lexington Legends (Low-A/South Atlantic League) -Played in 37 games before missing rest of the season due to injury.
 -He hit .277 with a pair of homers and 19 RBI during that span.
 -Led the team with an impressive 26 stolen bases in 30 attempts.
 -Had six multi-stolen base games, including July 4 when he stole swiped three bags.
 -Finished fourth overall in stolen bases in entire farm system.
 -Earned Willie Wilson Base Runner of the Year Award for organization's top base runner.

2016 Notes: Spent the season with the Royals (Rookie/Arizona League) and Idaho Falls Chukars (Rookie/Pioneer League).
 -In the Arizona League, Martin played in just five games and went 5-for-16 (.313).
 -With the Chukars, he hit .244 with two homers and 14 RBI in 41 games.
 -He stole 19 bases in 22 attempts.

2015 Notes: Spent the season with the Royals (Rookie/Arizona League) and the Idaho Falls Chukars.
 -Had a tremendous professional debut in the Arizona League and hit to the tune of .338 with six doubles, nine triples and one home run in 40 games.
 -He was the Surprise Player of the Year, ranking among Arizona League leaders in on-base percentage (.477, first), triples (tied for first), runs (41, tied for first), walks (34, tied for first), slugging percentage (.541, second) and batting average (fourth).
 -He also reached safely in 26 consecutive games (July 24-Aug.28), the second-longest streak in the AZL.
 -Named Arizona League postseason All-Star.

They Said It: On his goals at the plate... "I really just want to get on base and keep my on-base percentage high. I know my teammates will do their job and drive me in. As long as I get on, I can do my job steal second or third, or even if I don't steal a base. I feel they can drive me in from first base...**On his great success at stealing bases** "We really worked on it at Spring Training. We harp on knowing on what certain pitchers do, studying them and the game so it could help me during the season. I might notice that a pitcher has a quick pickoff move, but he's slow to move. So things like that help me. Stealing bases is what I have to do...**Player he tries to emulate** "A guy I look at now is Mookie Betts. He doesn't strikeout a lot, he can steal bases, he's not the biggest guy and he plays hard every day...**On dealing with injuries past two seasons** "The year before last I broke my hamate bone and that was in Spring Training. That was pretty frustrating because I couldn't get a chance to go to a full-season club and show what I could do. I overcame that and then last season, I suffered the face injury when I ran into **Gabriel Cancel**, our second baseman. I was having decent years, but I have good teammates and they have helped me overcome those injuries. If a play like that happens (collision with Cancel) again, I still won't think twice about going for the ball.

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#16 Kort Peterson OF
Ht: 6'1 Wt: 195 Age: 23 B/T: L/R
Lives: Los Gatos, CA
LG: 1-for-4, 2R, RBI, BB (4/19) Road Trip: 1-for-4, 2R, RBI, BB HS/O.B.S.: +3/+4

Notes: Drafted in the 23rd Round of the 2016 June Amateur Draft by Kansas City from UCLA and hit .271/.416/.402 as a junior with a team-leading (tied) 36 RBI in 56 games, Was named UCLA Student-Athlete of the Week (March 7-13) after batting .429 (6-for-14) with the first two home runs of his career, including a walk-off shot to beat Texas on March 12.

2018 Notes: Longest H.S./O.B.S.: +4 (4/9-4/12)/+5 (4/8-4/12)
 -Hit first homer of the season on 4/18 vs. Carolina (2-R HR)
 -Third on team in runs scored (7).

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 because it doesn't come back. Unfortunately, nothing much has changed too much, but all the muscles around it have gotten a lot stronger. It's been a crazy process and hopefully my deltoid will come back. I played great in Spring Training without it so we'll see what happens... **(How it has changed his game)** It's definitely been a struggle with fatigue. It gets tired more quickly, especially throwing and hitting. I've made some adjustments so it doesn't fatigue as fast. I moved my elbow a little lower in my stance and my trap has compensated a lot for the loss for throwing. I was struggling with that in the offseason in terms of the strength, but it's getting better and things are looking up...**(Playing in cold weather coming back from injury)** I actually do like playing in cold weather. I come from a foggy beach town, so I'm used to the cold weather and overcast skies. It doesn't bother me. Obviously, if you still get jammed, it's going to hurt your hands pretty bad. In regards to my injury, I can't feel my shoulder. So it doesn't bother me either in hot or cold weather... **(Having some experience in Wilmington)** I'm very happy that I played a little bit here last year. I know what I'm getting myself into regarding what the area is like, what the ballparks are like and what some of the other teams are like. Especially to know how Frawley Stadium plays because the air is a little thick and you aren't going to hit too many home runs. I think it's good to know how each ballpark plays and that's a good thing."

#26 Emmanuel Rivera INF
Ht: 6'2 Wt: 195 Age: 21 B/T: R/R
Lives: Mayaguez, Puerto Rico
LG: 1-for-4, RBI Road Trip: 3-for-8, 2R, 3RBI, BB HS/O.B.S.: +6/+6

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.: +6 (4/14 - present) / +6 (4/14 - present)
 -Did not strikeout until his fifth game of the season. (20 ABs)
 -Tied for team lead in doubles (4) and in RBI (10) and fourth in runs scored (6).

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 MLB.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: 1-for-5, 2R, HR, 5RBI, BB, 4SO (4/19) Road Trip: 1-for-5, 2R, HR, 5RBI, BB, 4SO HS/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.: +1/+4 (4/16 - present)
 -Hit third grand slam as a Blue Rock on 4/19 @ FRE to break a 0-for-17 skid.
 -Tied career-high in that game with 5 RBI.
 -Hit his first home run of the season on 4/11 @ SAL.
 -Tied for team lead in HR (2), and RBI (10).
 -Leads Carolina League with 25 strikeouts.

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

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

They said it: (On thoughts on 2017 season) "Definitely could have been better. From an overall standpoint, strikeouts could have been a little high, batting average was kind of low. This year (I'm) being more aggressive and swinging at a lot more pitches 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 Viloria C
Ht: 5'11 Wt: 220 Age: 21 B/T: L/R
Lives: Cartagena, Columbia
LG: 2-for-4 Road Trip: 5-for-10, 2R, 22B, RBI HS/O.B.S.: +5/+5

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 - present) / +5 (4/14 - present)
 -Posted first, three-hit game of the season on 4/19 @ FRE (3-for-6, 2R, 22B, RBI)
 -Has posted multi-hit games in four of his last five games played including three straight games.
 -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 36% of would be base stealers (4-for-11).

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."

BLUE ROCKS BULLPEN NOTES

<p>#45 Nolan Becker Ht: 6'6 Wt: 225 Lives: New York, New York, Last App: 4/17 vs. CAR, 2IP, 2H, 0R, 2K Record: 0-0 SV: 0/0 IR/IRS: 1/1</p>	<p>LHP Age: 26 B/T: R/L</p>
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Notes: Signed with Kansas City as a free agent on 11/10/17. Attended Yale University and in 2012 held opponents to a .238 batting average and also tallied 56 strikeouts, both marks ranked second in the Ivy League. Was originally drafted by the Cincinnati Reds in the 11th round of the 2012 Draft.

Pitch Repertoire: Fastball, Slider, Split-Change

2018 Notes: Made longest appearance of the young season on 4/13 vs LYN. (2.0 IP; H, 0R, 2K)
 -On 4/6 @POT he made first relief appearances in affiliated baseball since Sept. 1, 2016 when he was with the Daytona Tortugas (+A Cincinnati Reds) of the Florida State League.
 -Tossed a scoreless inning, allowed one hit and picked up a strikeout.

2017 Notes: Spent the season in Independent Baseball in the Canadian-American Baseball League with the Quebec Capitales.
 -Went 5-1 with a 1.14 ERA in 37 appearances and earned 24 saves.
 -He struck out 45 batters and walked 14.

2016 Notes: Spent the season with the Daytona Tortugas (Class-A Adv./Florida State League)
 -Went 0-2 with a 2.96 ERA. Made 31 appearances including one start and also picked up a save.
 -In 45.2 innings of work he struck out 36 batters and walked 13. Ranked fifth on the team in appearances.

2015 Notes: Spent the season with the Daytona Tortugas.
 -Posted a 3-2 record with a 3.15 ERA in 45 appearances.
 -In 45.2 innings, he struck out 42 batters, walked 28 and opponents hit .217 against him.
 -Ranked third on team in appearances.

Career Notes: Becker is in his sixth season in the MiLB and has a 5-8 overall record with a 3.79 ERA in 138 games including one start.
 -He has logged 182.2 innings of work, allowed 189 hits, 99R/77ER, 84 walks and has struck out 176 batters.

<p>#29 Bryan Brickhouse Ht: 6'0 Wt: 195 Lives: The Woodlands, TX Last App: 4/20 @ FRE, SV, IP, BB, K Record: 0-0 SV: 3/3 IR/IRS: 0/0</p>	<p>RHP Age: 25 B/T: R/R</p>
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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: 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 4.14 ERA in 43 games including 37 starts.
 -161.0 IP, 149H, 89R/74ER, 73 walks and has 134 strikeouts.

<p>#46 Justin Camp Ht: 5'11 Wt: 230 Lives: Decatur, AL Last App: 4/19 @ FRE, 22IP, 3H, 2R, 2ER, 2BB, K Record: SV: 0/1 IR/IRS: 1/0</p>	<p>RHP Age: 24 B/T: R/R</p>
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Notes: Drafted in the 37th round of the 2016 June Amateur Draft by Kansas City out of Auburn University. Grew up in an Auburn family and decided to play there. Missed 2012 season due to Tommy John surgery. With Auburn, he served as both a reliever and starter during three different coaching changes. In 2015 he recorded eight saves as the team's closer and the following season paced the staff with 14 starts. In 2015, recorded eight saves as Auburn's closer before leading the team in 2016 with 14 starts.

Pitch Repertoire: Fastball, Slider, Changeup

2018 Notes: Has pitched at least two innings or more in each 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 on earned run in 26.2 inning of work for a 0.34 ERA.
 -He also struck out 32 batters during that frame of work and just walked six while holding opponents to a .124 batting average.
 -With the Blue Rocks, Camp made 11 appearances and went 0-2 with a 3.63 ERA.
 -Earned first-career Advanced-A save on 8/10 @ DE. .
 -Made Class-A Adv. debut on 6/2 @ WS and tossed 1.2 innings, allowed two earned runs on six hits.

2016 Notes: Made professional debut with the Burlington Royals (Rookie/Appalachian League).
 -Posted an 0-3 record but did yield a spectacular 1.85 ERA in 16 appearances.
 -He struck out 32 batters in 34 innings of work while opposing batters hit .252 against him.

Career Notes: In his third season with the Royals' organization and is 0-5 with a respectable 2.53 ERA in 43 relief appearances.
 -He also is 5 of 7 in save opportunities.
 -In 92.2 innings of work he has allowed 76 hits, 32R/26ER, 36 walks and has struck out 78 batters.
 -Opponents are hitting just .226 against him.

<p>#35 Grant Gavin Ht: 6'2 Wt: 185 Lives: Parkville, MO Last App: 4/20 @ FRE, 2IP, 0H, 0R 3BB, 3K Record: 1-0 SV: 0/0 IR/IRS: 1/0</p>	<p>RHP Age: 22 B/T: R/R</p>
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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: 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 1.75 ERA in 54 career games.
 -He has made four starts as well and has racked up 10 saves.
 -In 123.2 innings he as allowed 87 hits, 31R/24ER, 34 walks and has 135 strikeouts.
 -Opponents are hitting just .193 against him in his career.

BLUE ROCKS BULLPEN NOTES

<p>#40 Jared Ruxer Ht: 6'3 Wt: 200 Lives: Indianapolis, IN Last App: 4/18 vs. CAR, 2IP, H, 0R, 3K Record: 1-1 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)</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 mad 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 10-19 with a 3.77 ERA in 74 games including 48 starts. -Has struck out 227 batters and walked 80 in 265.0 innings of work.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">RHP Age: 25 B/T: R/R</p> <p>#19 Walker Sheller Ht: 6'3 Wt: 195 Lives: Ponce Vedra, FL Last App: 4/19 @FRE, 1.1 IP, H, 0R, K Record: 1-1 SV: 1/1 IR/IRS: 7/1</p> <p>Notes: Drafted in the 9th round of the 2016 June Amateur Draft by Kansas City from Stetson University. Recorded 12 saves with a 1.38 ERA his junior year at Stetson University, the same program that has produced MLB pitchers Jacob deGrom of the New York Mets and 2014 AL Cy Young Award Winner Corey Kluber of the Cleveland Indians. He also is the first player drafted by Kansas City out of Stetson University since George Kauffman (1996), the grandson of the late Ewing Kauffman, the Royals' founder.</p> <p>Pitch Repertoire: Fastball, Changeup, Slider</p> <p>2018 Notes: Recorded a career-high five strikeouts against Carolina on April 16. -Earned first win of the season on 4/12 vs. LYN. -Entered the game in the eighth inning with the bases loaded and induced an inning-ending double play.</p> <p>2017 Notes: Spent the season with the Lexington Legends (Low-A/South Atlantic League), Wilmington Blue Rocks and Northwest Arkansas Naturals (Double-A/Texas League). -With the Legends, Sheller pitched in 14 games and went 2-1 with a 2.88 ERA. -He struck out 28 batters in 25 innings and walked nine. -Earned a promotion to Wilmington during the first week of June and appeared in 18 games and posted a 4-1 record with a 4.02 ERA in 31.1 innings of work. -He again average a little more than a strikeout per inning (34K/31.1 IP). -Finished the year in Double-A and did not allow a run in six innings of work, picked up five strikeouts and walked three batters.</p> <p>2016 Notes: Spent the season with the Burlington Royals (Rookie/Appalachian League) -Did not win or lose a game and yielded a 2.95 ERA in 17 appearances. -Converted six saves in seven chances and allowed just seven earned runs in 21.1 innings of work. -Struck out 18 batters and walked 15. -Opposing batters hit just .178 against him.</p> <p>Career Notes: Owns a 7-3 record in 57 total relief appearances and has a 3.00 ERA in 90 innings of work. -Has allowed 72 hits during that span, 30 earned runs and has a solid 90 to 43 strikeout to walk ratio. -Holding opponents to a .221 contact-clip.</p>
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<p>#41 Matt Wynne Ht: 6'4 Wt: 170 Lives: Dade City, FL Last App: 4/17 vs. CAR, 3IP, 2H, 0R, BB, 2K Record: 0/0 SV: 0/0 IR/IRS: 0/0</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: 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 4.03 ERA in 46 relief appearances. -He has earned 4 saves in 10 opportunities. -The righty has logged 73.2 innings of work allowing 84 hits, 33 earned runs, 18 walks and has struck out 48 batters. -Opposing hitters are batting .282 against him in his career.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">RHP Age: 24 B/T: R/R</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, 10x (Last: 4/19 @FRE)
Most Hits, Game: 14, (4/19 @ FRE)
Fewest Hits, Game: 5, 2x (Last: 4/13 vs. LYN)
Most Walks, Game (Team): 10, (4/7 @ POT)
Most Doubles, Game (Team): 4, (4/5 @ POT)
Most Triples, Game (Team): 1, 2x, (4/8 @ POT & 4/19 @ FRE)
Most HRs, Game (Team): 2, (4/6 @ POT)
Most SB, Game (Team): 5, 2x, (4/7 @ POT & 4/14 vs. LYN)**
10 + Hits, Game: 1, (4/19 @FRE)
Most Doubles, Game (Indiv.): 2, 2x, (Rivera, 4/5 @ POT & Vitoria 4/19 @ FRE)
Most Triples, Game (Indiv.): 1,2x, (Khalil Lee, 4/8 @ POT & Rudy Martin 4/19 @FRE)
Most HRs, Game (Indiv.): 1, 11 different players (Last: Chase Vallot 4/19 @ FRE)
Consecutive Games W/HR (Indiv.):
Consecutive Games W/ HR (team): 6, (4/9 @SAL - 4/14 VS. LYN)
Consecutive Games W/O HR: 2, (4/8 - 4/9 @ POT)
Most RBIs, Game (Indiv.): 5, 2x, (Chase Vallot & Rudy Martin, 4/19 @ FRE)
Most Hits, Game (Indiv.): 3, 6x (Last: Martin, Burt, Vitoria, 4/19 @ FRE)
Most SB, Game (Indiv.): 3, 2x, Rudy Martin (4/5 & 4/7 @ POT)
Longest Hitting Streak: 6, 2x (Lee, 4-5 @ POT - 4/12 vs. LYN & Rivera 6/14 - present)
Most Runners LOB, Team: 13, (4/9 @ SAL)
Longest Scoreless Innings Streak: 7, (4/8 @ POT 2nd through 8th)
Longest Hitless Innings Streak: 5.0, (4/12 vs. LYN)

Opponents Offense

Most Runs, Game: 9, 2x (4/6 @ POT & 4/18 vs. CAR)
Most Runs, Inning: 5, (4/18 vs. CAR)
Most Hits, Game: 13, (4/6 @ POT)
Fewest Hits, Game: 4, 2x (4/10 @ SAL & 4/20 @ FRE)
Most HRs, Game (Team): 2, 4x (Last: 4/18 vs. CAR)
Most SB, Game (Team): 3, (4/8 @ POT)
10 + Hits, Game: 4, (Last: 4/18 vs. CAR)
Most Home Runs, Game (Indiv.): 1, 10x (Last: Cooper Hummel 4/18 vs. CAR)
Most RBIs, Game (Indiv.): 3, 3x (Last: Hummel and Weston Wilson 4/18 vs. CAR)
Most Hits, Game (Indiv.): 3, 7x, (Last: Preston Palmeiro 4/19 @ FRE)
Most SB, Game (Indiv.): 1, 9x, (Last: Luke Wakamatsu 4/14 vs. LYN)
Most Runners LOB, Team: 13, (4/7 @ POT)

Blue Rocks Individual Pitching

Most Runs Allowed, Game: 7, 2x, Jace Vines (4/6 @ POT & 4/17 vs. CAR)
Most ER Allowed, Game: 7, 2x, Jace Vines (4/6 @ POT & 4/17 vs. CAR)
Most Hits Allowed, Game: 10, Jace Vines (4/18 vs. CAR)
Most HRs Allowed, Game: 1, 10x, (Last: Anthony Bender 4/18 vs. CAR)
Most Walks Allowed, Game: 6, Ofreidy Gomez, (4/12 vs. LYN)
Most Strikeouts, Game (Starter): 9, Gerson Garabito (4/8 @ POT)
Most Strikeouts, Game (Reliever): 6, (Ofreidy Gomez 4/12 vs. LYN)
Most IP, Game for Starter: 6.0, 3x, (Last: Arnaldo Hernandez 4/20 @ FRE)
Most IP, Game for Reliever: 4.0, Ofreidy Gomez (4/12 vs. LYN)
Fewest IP, Game for Starter: 2.2, Ofreidy Gomez (4/18 vs. CAR)
Longest Winning Streak (Dec.):
Longest Losing Streak (Dec.): 3, Jace Vines (4/6 @ POT - present)
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: 15, (4/17 vs. CAR)
Most Runs Allowed, Game: 9, 2x (4/6 @ POT & 4/18 vs. CAR)
Most Runs Allowed, Inning: 5, 2x (4/17 & 4/18 vs. CAR)
10 + Hits Allowed, Game: 6, (Last: 4/18 vs. CAR)
Most HRs Allowed, Game: 2, 4x, (Last: 4/18 vs. CAR)
Most Strikeouts, Game (9 Innings): 14, 2x (4/18 vs. CAR)
Most Strikeouts, Game (Extra Innings):
Most Walks Allowed, Game: 8, (4/12 vs. LYN)
Most SB Allowed, Game: 3, (4/8 @ POT)
Longest Scoreless Innings Streak: 11, (4/19 @ FRE 9th inning - present)
Consecutive Games Allowing HR: 6 (4-5 @ POT - 4/10 @ SAL)
Consecutive Games W/O Allowing HR: 3, (4/11 @ SAL - 4/13 vs. LYN)
Most Pitchers Used, Game: 4, 5x, (Last: 4/18 vs. CAR)
10 + Strikeouts, Staff: 3, (Last: 4/18 vs. CAR, 14)
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: 7, (Last: 4/19 @ FRE)
10+ Strikeouts, Indiv.: 1, Matthew Crownover, 11 (4/5 @ POT)

Blue Rocks Miscellaneous Season Highs & Lows

Longest Winning Streak: 2, 2x (4/14 vs. LYN - 4/16 vs. CAR & 4/19 @ FRE - present)
Longest Winning Streak, Home: 2, (4/14 vs. LYN - 4/16 vs. CAR)
Longest Winning Streak, Road: 2, (4/19 @ FRE - present)

Longest Losing Streak: 4, (4/8 @ POT - 4/11 @ SAL)
Longest Losing Streak, Home: 2, (4/17 - present)
Longest Losing Streak, Road: 4, (4/8 @ POT- 4/11 @ SAL)

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

Largest Come-From-Behind Win: 2, 2x, (4/7 @ POT & 4/14 vs. LYN)
Largest Fall-From-Ahead Loss: 2, 2x (4/9 @ SAL & 4/11 @ SAL)

Longest Game, Innings:

Longest Game, Time (9 Innings): 3:21, 2x, (4/7 @ POT & 4/19 @FRE)

Longest Game, Time (Extra Innings):

Shortest Game, Time (9 Innings): 2:11, (4/13 vs. LYN)

Shortest Game, Time (Overall): 2:11, (4/13 vs. LYN)

Longest Weather Delay:

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

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

Triple Plays Turned, Season:

Most Errors, One Game, Player: 1, 18x (Last: Burt 4/20 @ FRE)

Most Errors, One Game, Team: 2, 6x (Last: 4/18 vs. CAR)

Consecutive Games W/Error: 7, (4/11@SAL - 4/18 vs. CAR)

Consecutive Games W/O Error:

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

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

Largest Home Crowd: 5,516 (4/12 vs. LYN)

Smallest Home Crowd: 2,029 (4/16 vs. CAR)

Home Sellouts (6,537):

Largest Road Crowd: 3,528 (4/20 @ FRE)

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

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				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																		
4-22	FRE																		
4-23	OFF DAY (1)																		
4-24	POT																		
4-25	POT																		
4-26	POT																		
4-27	W-S																		
4-28	W-S																		
4-29	W-S																		
4-30	OFF DAY (2)																		
5-1	POT																		
5-2	POT																		
5-3	POT																		
5-4	FRE																		
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5-8	POT																		
5-9	POT																		
5-10	CAR																		
5-11	CAR																		
5-12	CAR																		
5-13	CAR																		
5-14	OFF DAY (3)																		
5-15	MB																		
5-16	MB																		
5-17	MB																		
5-18	SAL																		
5-19	SAL																		
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5-30	FRE																		
5-31	FRE																		
6-1	SAL																		
6-2	SAL																		
6-3	SAL																		
6-4	OFF DAY (4)																		
6-5	LYN																		
6-6	LYN																		
6-7	LYN																		
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6-14	W-S																		
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

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7-15	SAL																		
7-16	SAL																		
7-17	OFF DAY (8)																		
7-18	LYN																		
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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																		
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End of Second Half of Season																			