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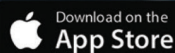
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JUNE 5 Tuesday, 7:05 p.m. vs. Greensboro Grasshoppers

Bark in the Park #3 – Bring your dog to the park! The Shorebirds encourage fans to bring their dogs to Perdue Stadium to celebrate Bark in the Park #1! If you bring a donation item for the Wicomico County Humane Society, the Shorebirds will allow your dog free entry into the stadium. Bark in the Park is presented by Johnson-McKee Animal Hospital.



JUNE 6 Wednesday, 7:05 p.m. vs. Greensboro Grasshoppers

Silver Sluggers Wednesday – Become part of the coolest club on the Eastern Shore. If you are 55 or over you can join the Shorebirds Silver Slugger program sponsored by Peninsula Home Care. Each Wednesday you will have a chance to win prizes throughout the night while playing baseball bingo.



JUNE 7 Thursday, 7:05 p.m. vs. Greensboro Grasshoppers

Jonathan Schoop Replica Jersey Giveaway – The first 1,000 fans in attendance will receive a replica jersey of Jonathan Schoop that he wore during his time in Delmarva during the 2011 season. The replica jersey giveaway is brought to you by Delaware Express.



Maryland Pride Thursdays – Back for a second season, the Shorebirds players will be wearing Maryland Flag themed jerseys each Thursday during the 2018 season. All fans are encouraged to wear Maryland themed gear and join the fun! The jerseys will be auctioned off at the end of the season.



Kiss 95.9 Thirsty Thursday – Enjoy 16 ounce cans of Miller Lite and Coors Light; as well as, 16 ounce Pepsi fountain drinks for just \$2. Thirsty Thursdays are presented by University Village.

JUNE 8 Friday, 5:05 p.m. vs. Hagerstown Suns (DH)

Q105 Fireworks – Come out and watch the Shorebirds light up the sky with their fifth fireworks show of the season presented by Perdue.



Perdue Farmers Night – Perdue Farmers and their employees will be in attendance to enjoy an evening of Shorebirds Baseball.

Orange Fridays – The Shorebirds players will be wearing orange themed jerseys each Friday during the 2018 season. All fans are encouraged to wear orange gear and join the fun! The jerseys will be auctioned off at the end of the season.

Froggy 99.9 Big Beer Friday – 32 ounce Miller Lite and Coors Light draft beers are only \$6.

JUNE 9 Saturday, 6:35 p.m. vs. Hagerstown Suns

Q105 Fireworks – Come out and watch the Shorebirds light up the sky with their sixth fireworks show of the season.

Mountaire Faith and Family Night – The Shorebirds will celebrate faith and baseball with a special guest appearance by United States, gold medal winning, Women's Ice Hockey Team, Haley Skrupa. Directly after the game Ms. Skrupa will give an inspirational speech to all those fans in attendance.



Little League Night #2 – The Shorebirds will honor all area little leaguers this evening. The little leaguers will be honored with a pregame parade and special events throughout the game.

JUNE 10 Sunday, 2:05 p.m. vs. Hagerstown Suns

Pink Hat Giveaway – The first 500 fans through the gates will receive a Shorebirds pink hat giveaway presented by Spicer Bros. Construction Inc. Tonight's giveaway is in support of Women Supporting Women.



Strike Out Hunger Sunday – Bring two canned food items to the Shorebirds box office and receive an upper reserve ticket for \$3. All collected items will be donated to the local area food banks.



Kids Run the Bases – All Junior Shorebirds members get to run the bases after the game presented by Chili's Grill & Bar.





CURRENT SHOREBIRDS REFLECT ON DRAFT MEMORIES

The 2018 MLB First-Year Player Draft began on Monday, June 4 and lasts through Wednesday, June 6. To coincide with this annual passage from amateur baseball to pro ball, five current Delmarva Shorebirds share their memories of being drafted by the Baltimore Orioles.

Seamus Curran – 2015 Eighth Round, Agawam High School (Mass.)

I actually had my high school baseball banquet the same day I was drafted. I was waiting at my house with a couple buddies, and got a call from the Orioles in the eighth. And I was just happy. There were a couple other teams, I didn't know where I was going to go, but the Orioles called me, and now I'm an Oriole. Then I went over to the baseball banquet, and all my friends were there and they congratulated me and all that. It was a great feeling.

Jaylen Ferguson – 2015 Ninth Round, Arlington High School (Texas)

I was at home on the computer watching the draft; I got a lot of calls earlier in the day and had been listening earlier. Then the ninth round came, and I actually left the house for a bit. I'm from Texas, so I went to Whataburger, and when I was in line I got a call from my agent. He said the Orioles were going to take me with their next pick. It was an unreal feeling. I just rushed back home, and as soon as I got home I saw my name pass on the draft ticker, and that was it.



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Trevor Craport – 2017 11th Round, Georgia Tech

So I was at home that day, and I woke at about 8:00 in the morning. I had calls from about three different teams saying that they were going to take me early that day. It was a bunch of teams that didn't include the Orioles. And then when I was listening to the draft, I heard my name called, and it was the Orioles, and it kind of surprised me. Then my agent called me and said "Hey, they have this for you, so are you okay with it?" I told him I was, and then I got a phone call from the Orioles' area scout and got a chance to talk to him. He congratulated me and said, "We're looking forward to having you," and I was ready to play.



Nick Vespi – 2015 18th Round, Palm Beach State College (Fla.)

It was that June 10, and I was actually at my little brother Ben's baseball practice. I was scrolling through Twitter and saw that my name had been chosen, and then my phone started blowing up a little bit there. I expected to be drafted, I just didn't know when they were going to call my name. It was a great feeling to finally get picked.

Scott Burke – 2017 20th Round, UCLA

Well I got drafted for the first time in high school [31st round in 2013]. I was actually playing summer ball in the West Coast League, so I was in Oregon when I got the call. Both the Houston Astros and [UCLA head coach] John Savage called me that day, trying to convince me to go their way, and eventually I decided to go to school. Then I got drafted again my senior year of college. I was actually getting ready to take a final exam, and Coach Savage called me and said, "Hey, congratulations." I went and took my final and got a call from the Orioles two hours later, and that was when they first contacted me about getting drafted. I didn't talk to them pre-draft, or during the draft, they just called and said "Hey, we drafted you, we'd like you to come play for us." Oh yeah, I did pass the final, and I graduated.

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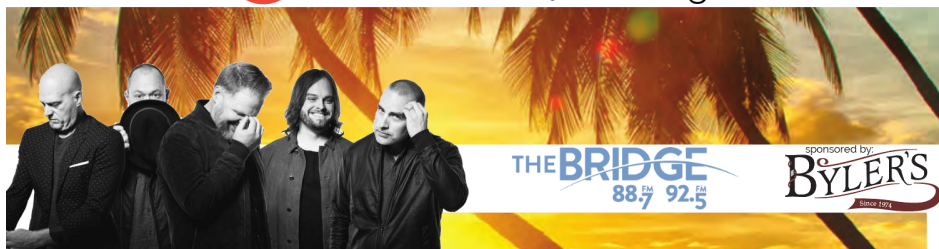


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- 9 ORIOLES T-SHIRT**
ALL FANS
- 11 FRIDAY FIREWORKS**
POSTGAME, ALL FANS
- 12 ORIOLES CAR EMBLEM**
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- 13 MOTHER'S DAY PASHMINA SCARF**
FIRST 20,000 FANS 18 & OVER
- YOUTH BASEBALL & SOFTBALL DAY**
PRESENTED BY MARYLAND 529 • PRE-REGISTERED YOUTH TEAMS
- 16 FIELD TRIP DAY**
PRESENTED BY WJZ-TV • PRE-REGISTERED STUDENTS
- 28 ORIOLES MEMORIAL DAY T-SHIRT**
ALL FANS
- 30 ORIOLES COOLER BACKPACK**
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JUNE

- 1 FRIDAY FIREWORKS**
POSTGAME, ALL FANS
- 12 DYLAN BUNDY BOBBLEHEAD**
FIRST 25,000 FANS 15 & OVER
- 15 ORIOLES FLOPPY HAT**
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- FRIDAY FIREWORKS**
POSTGAME, ALL FANS
- 17 FATHER'S DAY NECK TIE**
FIRST 20,000 FANS 18 & OVER
- 25 BUCK "SNOW"ALTER SNOW GLOBE**
FIRST 25,000 FANS 15 & OVER
- 29 FRIDAY FIREWORKS**
PRESENTED BY MARYLAND CREDIT UNIONS • POSTGAME, ALL FANS
- 30 BIRDLAND HAWAIIAN SHIRT**
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JULY

- 13 FRIDAY FIREWORKS**
POSTGAME, ALL FANS
- ORIOLES MARYLAND FLAG SCRIPT REPLICA JERSEY**
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- 26 ORIOLES T-SHIRT**
ALL FANS
- 27 FRIDAY FIREWORKS**
POSTGAME, ALL FANS
- 28 TREY MANCINI BOBBLEHEAD**
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AUGUST

- 10 FRIDAY FIREWORKS**
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- 11 EXCLUSIVE ORIOLES CARD PACK**
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- 12 RETRO TALKING ALARM CLOCK**
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- 15 ORIOLES T-SHIRT**
ALL FANS
- 24 FRIDAY FIREWORKS**
POSTGAME, ALL FANS



SEPTEMBER

- 13 ORIOLES T-SHIRT**
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- 15 ORIOLES LIGHTWEIGHT HOODIE**
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- 28 ORIOLES COASTER SET**
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- 29 ORIOLES PUFFY VEST**
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- 21 **Orange/Gray Hat Giveaway**
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- 22 **90's Night featuring an appearance from Mr. Belding from Saved by the Bell**
- 23 **Fireworks #7**
Sponsor - Hudson Health Services

July

- 4 **Fireworks #8**
- 5 **Red, White, Blue Bucket Hat Giveaway**
Sponsor - Spicer Bros. Construction Inc.
- 6 **Trey Mancini Bobble Head Giveaway**
Sponsor - Perdue
- 7 **Fireworks #9**
Sponsor - Wor Wic Community College
- 8 **All Star Poster Giveaway**
Sponsor - Delmarva Printing
- 19 **Orange/Black Visor Giveaway**
Sponsor - Spicer Bros. Construction Inc.
- 20 **Mike Seidel Bobble Head Giveaway**
Sponsor - Real Hospitality Group
- 21 **Fireworks #11**
Sponsor - Market Street/ Mojo's
- 22 **Christmas Stocking Giveaway**
- 31 **Bark in the Park**
Sponsor - Johnson-McKee Animal Hospital

August

- 3 **Fireworks #12**
Sponsor - Pohanka of Salisbury
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KISS 95.9 THIRSTY THURSDAY

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FROGGY 99.9 BIG BEER FRIDAY

32 ounce Miller Lite & Coors Light draft beers are only \$6.



Q105 FIREWORKS SATURDAY

Stick around for the fireworks show after the game!



STRIKE OUT HUNGER SUNDAY

Bring two canned food items to the Box Office and receive a upper reserved ticket for just \$3.



ATHLETES SERVING ATHLETES

The Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore believes in improving our local communities through grants and capacity building to local nonprofits. Much like the Shorebirds, CFES knows the importance of athletics for both children and adults, including those with disabilities.

One of the many nonprofits CFES supports is Athletes Serving Athletes, a nonprofit with more than 150 athletes who are comprised of individuals with a wide range of disabilities. Through ASA these athletes compete in over 90 running and triathlon events annually. In 2017 The Community Foundation was named the Eastern Shore Community Partner of the Year by Athletes Serving Athletes.

“The Community Foundation has really stepped up to assist ASA. Not only have we been a beneficiary of their grants, but also many CFES hosted workshops and events, all of which have been helpful in ASA’s growth,” says Jill Fears, Community Coordinator for ASA Eastern Shore. “The accessibility of the Community Foundation staff has been super helpful. I find they go out of their way to help us and support nonprofits.”

The Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore connects people who care to causes that matter for the common good of the Lower Eastern Shore and has provided more than \$66 million in grants and scholarships to the local community since 1984. We collaborate with individuals, families, and businesses to match their charitable interests with community needs and strengthen local nonprofits through grants and resources. We are devoted to improving our regional community and believe in the power of philanthropy. To learn more visit CFES.org. Visit www.ASA.run to learn more about Athletes Serving Athletes.



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Ashley Truitt is this week's Season Ticket Holder in the spotlight. Born and raised in Salisbury, Ashley has been attending games for the last several seasons, and after attending more and more games each year, decided to make 2018 her first year as a season ticket holder. Ashley rarely misses the opportunity to enter Perdue Stadium early to catch batting practice, and crack jokes with the team as they take the field.

"One of our players I always like to have fun with is Kirvin Moesquit. Earlier this season after one of our games, I drove past Kirvin as the team was exiting the parking lot, and was playing Jaden Smith's 'Icon'. Well that also happens to be Kirvin's walkup song, and when he heard it we both cracked up. So our running joke has been ever since then I've referred to him as "The Icon". That's probably one of my favorite parts about regularly attending minor league games, is being able to interact with players so easily."

"Even though it's fun time cracking jokes with players sometimes, they're here to hopefully earn their way closer to Baltimore, so I like to see the team focused too. Couple of the players that really have stuck out for me so far have been Kirvin, Zach Jarrett, Seamus Curran, and Scott Burke. I was lucky enough to win Scott's jersey auction from Pink Pitch night (pictured), and look forward to rocking the jersey throughout the season!"

When attending games, Ashley prefers to grab a Crab Braid Pretzel, and usually follows that up later in the game with a Sherman Gelato. If Ashley isn't around Perdue Stadium, you'll probably find her hanging around Ocean City with friends and family, or hitting Buffalo Wild Wings, where she has run into several players since the season started.

They say baseball is a sport that runs through generations of families, and look no further than the Truitt family as evidence. Sitting in section 119 this season, you'll find 3 generations of the family this year possessing season tickets. Frank and Linda Truitt (Ashley's parents), and Karen and John Rathel (Ashley's grandparents) all became season ticket members for the first time this season. "Each year we kept attending more games, so we thought this year why not! It's been awesome so far this year with the way the team's been playing, and hopefully we'll keep it up and make the playoffs!"



An advertisement for WOR-WIC Community College. It features a group of diverse students sitting on a bench outdoors. The text "Don't sit the bench. Start here... Go anywhere!" is overlaid on the image. The WOR-WIC Community College logo is in the bottom left, and the website "worwic.edu" is in the bottom right.



SHOREBIRDS ROSTER

 #32 Alex Katz	 #39 Ben Breazeale	 #4 Branden Becker	 #27 Brenan Hanifee
 #38 Tim Naughton	 #30 Cameron Bishop	 #21 DL Hall	 #3 Frank Crinella
 #20 Gray Fenter	 #16 Jean Carrillo	 #7 Kirvin Moesquit	 #1 Mason McCoy
 #33 Matthias Dietz	 #36 Cameron Ming	 #26 Nick Vespi	 #47 Reed Hayes
 #35 Ryan Ripken	 #37 Ryan Wilson	 #25 Scott Burke	 #34 Seamus Curran
 #6 Max Hogan	 #18 Jaylen Ferguson	 #19 Trevor Crapeort	 #11 Wagner Ramirez
 #14 Will Robertson	 #31 Zac Lowther	 #10 Zach Jarrett	 #12 Buck Britton
 #17 Cameron Kneeland	 #43 Justin Lord	 #23 Bobby Rose	 Adrian Gonzalez
			 Kevin Mixon



SHOREBIRDS ROSTER

#	PITCHERS	B/T	HT	WT	AGE	HOMETOWN	ACQUIRED
	Daniel Álvarez (DL)	R/R	6-2	180	11/7/88 (29)	Camaguey, Cuba	FA (7/24/13)
30	Cameron Bishop	L/L	6-4	215	2/14/96 (22)	Brea, CA	26th Rd. (2017)
25	Scott Burke	R/R	6-3	200	6/2/94 (23)	Glendora, CA	20th Rd. (2017)
33	Matthias Dietz	R/R	6-5	220	9/20/95 (22)	Orland Park, IL	2nd Rd. (2016)
20	Gray Fenter	R/R	6-0	200	1/25/96 (22)	West Memphis, AR	7th Rd. (2015)
	Kory Groves (DL)	R/R	6-1	200	9/2/94 (23)	Mesa, AZ	34th Rd. (2015)
21	DL Hall	L/L	6-0	180	9/19/98 (19)	Warner Robins, GA	1st Rd. (2017)
27	Brenan Hanifree	R/R	6-5	180	5/29/98 (19)	Harrisonburg, VA	4th Rd. (2016)
47	Reed Hayes	R/R	6-3	185	3/17/95 (23)	Bristol, TN	13th Rd. (2017)
32	Alex Katz	L/L	5-11	195	10/12/94 (23)	Manhasset, NY	Trade (5/20/2017)
31	Zac Lowther	L/L	6-2	235	4/30/96 (21)	Brooklyn Heights, OH	2nd Rd. (2017)
36	Cameron Ming	L/L	6-1	177	5/2/96 (22)	Phoenix, AZ	14th Rd. (2017)
38	Tim Naughton	R/R	6-3	195	11/14/95 (22)	Goldsboro, NC	34th Rd. (2017)
29	Travis Seabrooke	R/L	6-6	205	9/16/95 (22)	Peterborough, ON	5th Rd. (2013)
26	Nick Vespi	L/L	6-3	215	10/10/95 (21)	Miami, FL	18th Rd. (2015)
37	Ryan Wilson	L/L	6-1	190	11/6/96 (21)	Oceanside, CA	33rd Rd. (2017)
#	CATCHERS	B/T	HT	WT	AGE	HOMETOWN	ACQUIRED
39	Ben Breazeale	L/R	6-0	208	10/21/94 (23)	Louisville, TN	7th Rd. (2017)
16	Jean Carrillo	R/R	6-0	200	6/16/97 (20)	Panama City, PAN	FA (11/26/2013)
11	Wagner Ramírez (DL)	R/R	5-11	170	12/11/94 (23)	San Jan de la Maguana, DR	FA (6/18/2015)
	Chris Shaw (DL)	R/R	6-0	215	4/25/94 (23)	Winnipeg, MB	15th Rd. (2015)
#	INFIELDERS	B/T	HT	WT	AGE	HOMETOWN	ACQUIRED
4	Branden Becker	L/R	6-1	175	9/13/96 (21)	Redlands, CA	17th Rd. (2015)
19	Trevor Craport	R/R	5-11	201	8/12/96 (21)	Norcross, GA	11th Rd. (2017)
34	Seamus Curran	L/R	6-6	245	9/6/97 (20)	Springfield, MA	8th Rd. (2015)
6	Max Hogan	L/R	5-11	195	9/24/93 (24)	Belton, TX	32nd Rd. (2017)
17	Cameron Kneeland (DL)	R/R	6-1	195	6/23/90 (27)	Rowley, MA	FA (11/5/2013)
1	Mason McCoy	R/R	6-0	175	3/31/95 (23)	Peoria, IL	6th Rd. (2017)
7	Kirvin Moesquit	S/R	5-8	165	3/10/95 (23)	Willemstad, CW	24th Rd. (2015)
35	Ryan Ripken	L/L	6-6	205	7/26/93 (24)	Hunt Valley, MD	FA (3/31/2017)
#	OUTFIELDERS	B/T	HT	WT	AGE	HOMETOWN	ACQUIRED
3	Frank Crinella (DL)	R/R	5-11	188	6/9/94 (23)	Springfield, MA	39th Rd. (2015)
18	Jaylen Ferguson	R/R	6-2	180	7/21/97 (20)	Arlington, TX	9th Rd. (2015)
10	Zach Jarrett	R/R	6-4	220	12/8/94 (23)	Hickory, NC	28th Rd. (2017)
14	Will Robertson	R/R	6-2	190	3/2/95 (23)	Greenville, SC	30th Rd. (2017)

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#12 **Buck Britton**, *Manager (1st Season)*

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#23 **Bobby Rose**, *Hitting Coach (1st Season)*

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July 07	Family Fun Tour - Six Flags, Largo, MD
July 12	Wizard Of Oz, Dutch Apple Dinner Theatre, Lancaster, PA
July 14	NEW SHOW "JESUS", Sight & Sound, Lancaster, PA & Hershey Farms
July 23	Family Fun Tour - Family Fun Food Day
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By: Will DeBoer

FAMILIARITY PACES McKENNA'S RISE TO FREDERICK

The home ballpark may be different, but for Frederick Keys center fielder Ryan McKenna, so much is still the same. From his manager to his outfield mates, right down to the orange-and-black uniforms, High-A feels just as familiar to the former Shorebird standout as Low-A did. With one pleasing exception, of course.

"The travel's not nearly as bad," said McKenna via phone before a recent Keys' game in Lynchburg. "I think Lynchburg was four hours, and the furthest one we've had so far is [suburban Raleigh, around six hours]. But definitely not as bad as some of the Columbia trips in the Sally League."

McKenna thrived through the long bus rides in Delmarva in 2017. After a slow start, the then-20-year-old hit .280 in the second half and finished third in the league with 33 doubles. Then it was back home to Dover, N.H. for speed and agility drills, spring training in Sarasota, and breaking camp with High-A Frederick, where at 21 he's the youngest position player on roster.

Youth hasn't held McKenna back in the slightest. As of May 18, he leads the Carolina League with a .329 average, .420 OBP, and 34 runs scored, and his 11 doubles are tied for second in the circuit.

"[Hitting coach Kyle Moore] tries to keep it simple and tries to find what he thinks will allow us to perform to the best of our ability, so it's been good working with him," said McKenna. "We've got a good environment here; it's all positive, and I'm just trying to get together some good at-bats."

McKenna takes his instruction from the manager he's known longest in the Orioles system. Longtime Shorebirds boss Ryan Minor returned to Frederick this year after managing the Keys in 2013.



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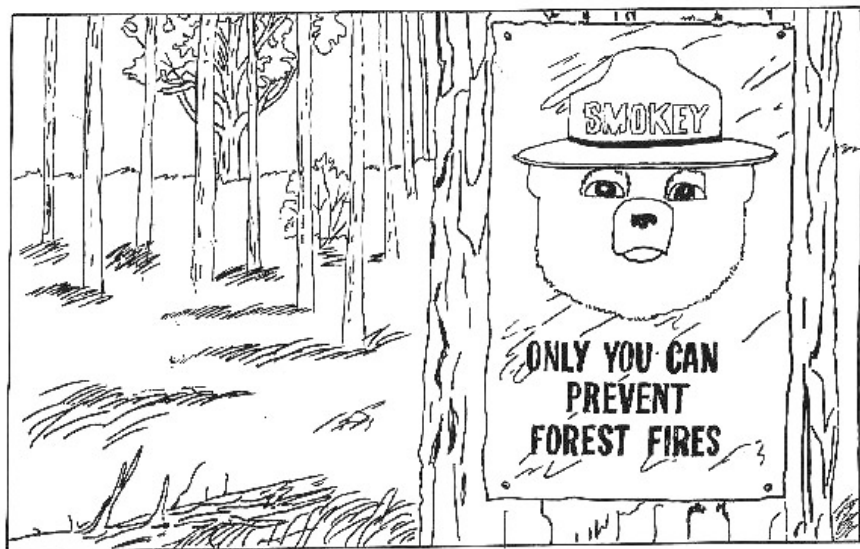
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#	PITCHERS	B/T	HT	WT	DOB	HOMETOWN	ACQUIRED
39	Bautista, Nestor	L/L	6'3	210	05/13/92	New York, NY	32nd Rd., '14
23	Beggs, Dustin	R/R	6'3	195	06/14/93	Roswell, Ga	16th Rd., '16
29	Braley, Taylor	R/R	5'11	220	01/13/96	Hattiesburg, MS	6th Rd., '17
28	Cabrera, Edward	R/R	6'4	210	04/13/98	Santiago, DR	Free Agent, '15
40	Hock, Colton	R/R	6'4	220	03/15/96	Bloomsburg, PA	4th Rd., '17
51	Howe, Bryce	R/R	6'2	250	11/17/95	Claremore, OK	18th Rd., '17
31	Lillie, Ryan	R/R	6'0	210	05/01/96	Murietta, CA	5th Rd., '17
25	Mertz, Michael	R/R	6'2	220	09/24/93	Newark, DE	14th Rd., 16
41	Miller, Brandon	R/R	6'4	220	06/16/95	Ephrata, PA	Trade, SEA '17
30	Neubeck, Travis	L/R	6'2	220	04/13/95	Hugo, MN	7th Rd., '15
22	Peace, RJ	R/R	6'2	175	06/24/97	San Diego, CA	13th Rd., '15
32	Puckett, Brady	R/R	6'8	220	07/31/95	Murfreesboro, TN	15th Rd., '17
19	Rodriguez, Manny	L/L	6'2	160	12/23/96	El Tigre, Anzoategui, VZ	Free Agent, '13
#	CATCHERS	B/T	HT	WT	DOB	HOMETOWN	ACQUIRED
17	Hernandez, Michael	R/R	5'10	195	05/24/95	Miami, FL	Free Agent, '17
18	Lopez, BJ	R/R	5'9	195	09/29/94	Moca, PR	Rule 5 Draft, '17
#	INFIELDBERS	B/T	HT	WT	DOB	HOMETOWN	ACQUIRED
46	Alonso, Lazaro	L/R	6'3	220	12/17/94	Pinar Del Rio, Cuba	Free Agent '16
10	Brown, Micah	R/R	6'2	200	05/09/96	Medford, OR	19th Rd., '17
20	Castro, Sam	S/R	5'10	160	10/16/97	Boca Chica, DR	Free Agent, '14
2	Devers, Jose	L/R	5'11	150	12/07/99	Samana, DR	Trade, NYY '17
8	Lara, Garvis	L/R	6'1	170	05/19/96	Bani, DR	Free Agent '13
11	Rivera, Marcos	R/R	6'1	160	05/13/95	Bani, DR	Free Agent, '14
#	OUTFIELDERS	B/T	HT	WT	DOB	HOMETOWN	ACQUIRED
7	Baranek, Cameron	L/L	5'10	195	02/20/95	Orange, CA	9th Rd., '17
12	Jones, Thomas	R/R	6'4	195	12/09/97	Laurens, SC	3rd Rd., '16
21	Santos, Jhonny	R/R	6'0	160	10/02/96	Puerto Armuelles, Panama	Free Agent, '13
27	Sullivan, Zach	R/R	6'3	180	11/26/95	Corning, NY	14th Rd., '14

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#	PITCHERS	B/T	HT	WT	DOB	HOMETOWN	ACQUIRED
19	Acevedo, Carlos	R/R	6'3"	200	9/27/94	La Vega, DR	IFA Signed 2013
11	Alastre, Tomas	R/R	6'4"	170	6/11/98	Valencia, VZ	IFA Signed 2014
28	Bogucki, A.J.	R/R	6'3"	200	5/2/95	Norristown, PA	8th Rd 2016
33	Brasher, Jared	R/R	6'2"	200	1/3/95	Pell City, AL	8th Rd 2017
25	DeRosier, Matthew	R/R	6'2"	200	7/13/94	Lakeside, CA	24th Rd 2013
38	Fuentes, Steven	R/R	6'2"	175	5/4/97	Puerto Armuelles, PAN	IFA Signed 2013
43	Held, Sam	R/R	6'4"	190	8/24/94	Stockton, CA	29th Rd 2016
21	Johnston, Kyle	R/R	6'0"	205	7/17/96	Flower Mound, TX	6th Rd 2017
44	Lee, Andrew	L/R	6'5"	225	12/2/93	Knoxville, TN	11th Rd 2015
26	Morse, Phil	R/R	6'2"	195	5/23/94	Vienna, VA	16th Rd 2016
32	Raquet, Nick	R/L	6'0"	215	12/12/95	The Villages, FL	3rd Rd 2017
37	Stoeckinger, Jackson	L/L	6'4"	210	2/13/96	Harredsburg, KY	12th Rd 2017
35	Tetreault, Jackson	R/R	6'5"	170	6/3/96	Ruskin, FL	7th Rd 2017
#	CATCHERS	B/T	HT	WT	DOB	HOMETOWN	ACQUIRED
14	Baez, Jeyner	R/R	6'1"	175	7/25/95	El Tigre, VZ	IFA Signed 2013
47	Flores, Alex	S/R	6'1"	180	12/27/95	Hermosilo, Sonora, MX	IFA signed 2018
#	INFIELDBERS	B/T	HT	WT	DOB	HOMETOWN	ACQUIRED
5	Antuna, Yasel	S/R	6'0"	170	10/26/99	Peravia, DR	IFA Signed 2016
6	Boggetto, Branden	R/R	6'0"	190	11/10/93	Joliet, IL	25th Rd 2016
30	Corredor, Aldrem	L/L	6'0"	202	10/27/95	Ocumare del Tuy, VZ	2012 Hagerstown
13	Franco, Anderson	R/R	6'3"	190	8/15/97	Bani, DR	IFA Signed 2013
8	Freeman, Cole	R/R	5'9"	175	9/27/94	Mandeville, LA	4th Rd 2017
7	Garcia, Luis	L/R	6'0"	190	5/16/00	New York, NY	IFA Signed 2016
16	Scudder, Jake	L/R	6'0"	210	2/23/95	Rock Island, IL	16th Rd 2017
#	OUTFIELDERS	B/T	HT	WT	DOB	HOMETOWN	ACQUIRED
4	Banks, Nick	L/L	6'1"	215	11/18/94	Tomball, TX	4th Rd 2016
18	Esthay, Kameron	L/L	6'0"	215	12/5/94	Lake Charles, LA	26th Rd 2017
10	Upshaw, Armond	S/L	6'0"	190	6/20/96	Newnan, GA	11th Rd 2016

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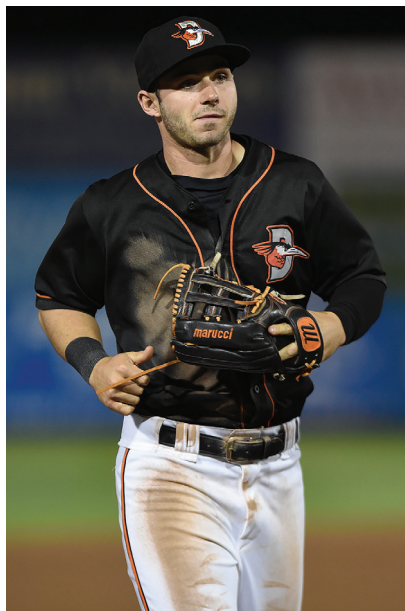
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“We get along well, he’s doing a good job and trying to do whatever he can to get us a win every night,” said McKenna. “It’s a familiar routine, and it’s always good to have him in there.”

In addition to his old skipper, McKenna still regularly takes center field with friends Cole Billingsley and Jake Ring flanking him in left and right, respectively.

“We have a lot of chemistry from the past couple years, and just growing to know these guys as people too helps a lot on the field,” said McKenna. “We’ve been pretty close ever since we were drafted, and we’ve been good friends on and off the field.”

It’s not just friends but also familiar foes that followed McKenna up the ladder. Six of the 10 Carolina League teams sit directly above South Atlantic League affiliates. Thus, the old Hagerstown Suns and Hickory Crawdads, for example, became the new Potomac Nationals and Down East Wood Ducks.

“It’s nice to see them and get to know them a little bit when they’re on the bases, just saying hey,” said McKenna. “We all come from similar backgrounds, so it’s good to have that connection there. I imagine it’s true the further up you go too.”

Meanwhile, McKenna remains unchanged in approach to the grind and continues to impress scouts. He was recently ranked the 29th-best prospect in the Orioles system per MLB Pipeline, something he only discovered when the author pointed it out during this interview.

“I try to play as hard as I can and you can’t really control that kind of stuff, you’ve just got to go out and perform to the best of your abilities,” said McKenna. “It always feels good to get some recognition, but you can’t lose focus of trying to get better every day.”

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Before a recent game against Lakewood, Shorebirds radio voice Will DeBoer caught up with pitching coach Justin Lord. Part I of this interview appeared in PlayBall! Issue 4 on May 17-28.

WD: So, you get to spring training, you see some of the arms that may be heading to Delmarva; when did you first get a sense of how deep the rotation was going to go this year?

JL: We follow the draft, we follow what goes on in Aberdeen and the GCL when those new guys report, and once instructional league gets here, you get to see some of these guys firsthand. In the offseason, you take a few minutes to start writing down potential candidates to go to Delmarva, and you look at the depth of competition. Once you start putting them on paper, that's when you get an idea about the depth of the rotation and the bullpen, and you start to see that this team has a chance to have some really talented pitchers on it.

WD: Six-man rotations aren't what we usually see down here, but it seems like that can help guys who were once-a-week pitchers in high school and college make an easier transition from amateur to pro ball.

JL: It can be. It allows guys to develop a little different routine. In the six-man, you have two days off on both sides of a bullpen session, which sometimes makes it easier for guys. And over the course of the season, those are bullets you have saved in your arm. You want to save them as much as possible because you've got these long road trips, going down south in the heat of July and August, and it can be taxing on you.

WD: For those who may not be familiar, what does a typical bullpen session entail?

JL: It varies. A lot of guys are anywhere from 20-30 pitches, and it's a time to work on their craft. Every pitcher will usually throw all their pitches in a bullpen. We also will build in certain pitches or sequences, depending on each pitcher's need and routine. Really, we try to cater it to the pitcher's needs, maybe based on what team they're facing next, and not be so cookie-cutter and generic with a bullpen.

WD: We're a couple weeks into the season, and it doesn't seem like the mound visit limits have really impacted things. There are games where we won't see you at all, and then there are games where you'll come out 3-4 times and it'll seem like a lot.

JL: Well hopefully you only see me much; the fewer the better. If a visit needs to be taken we'll take it, but hopefully we don't have any of those nights where we need more than 10 visits. If I'm making 10 trips to the mound, it's probably not a good night for the Shorebirds.

WD: We appreciate you, but we don't want to see you that much out there!

JL: Absolutely, absolutely!

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LOWTHER LETS PITCHING DO THE TALKING

Zac Lowther took the mound for his Shorebird debut on April 9 in front of a familiar face: his aunt from metro DC was one of a few scores of fans who braved the 41-degree temperatures at Perdue Stadium to see her nephew make his first start of the season. Nephew made sure auntie and the rest wouldn't have to sit and freeze for long.

Lowther struck out a career-high 13 Hickory Crawdads over six no-hit innings, and the Shorebirds' bullpen finished the job to get their starter the win, combining for a one-hit shutout and 1-0 triumph.

"I love when people are able to come out and support me," said Lowther during a recent sitdown in Columbia. "And I want to give them a good show! Just being able to go out there and, not necessarily

impress them, because they know what I can do, but just show them that I can keep doing it. And knowing that I'm going to get to talk to familiar faces after the game is a really calming factor."

Baseball has been a family business for Lowther from the beginning. When he wasn't watching the Cleveland Indians' would-be dynasty – he was captivated by the not-yet-ageless Bartolo Colon's bright red glove – Lowther was at the Cuyahoga Falls High School diamond, where his father Marc was head coach. After watching dad at work from the stands for years, Zac finally got to pitch for his old man.

"I played up at my age because I was already advanced mentally, but physically I was always trying to catch up, so it was always fun," said Lowther. "But it all started with just being out there and playing catch with my dad and having fun. It was still just a game."

And a game at which Zac was showing increasing aptitude. He crossed the Buckeye State to play college ball at Xavier, and after two solid seasons the southpaw made a name for himself in a big way in the 2016 NCAA tournament, tossing seven one-run innings to beat a Vanderbilt squad that was coming off back-to-back NCAA championship appearances. With scouts on his tail, he headed to the prestigious Cape Cod League that summer and became ace of the Brewster Whitecaps.

"Oh, it was awesome," said Lowther while reminiscing about the summer on Cape Cod. "Going to the beach, hanging out with friends, and just learning about different guys and how they play the game, it was great. My parents were able to come out to spend time on vacation and just relax. It wasn't a lot of running around, a very quiet area, and it was just a fun atmosphere."

Reinvigorated from his summer on the Cape, Lowther was lights-out in his junior campaign at Xavier in 2017. He captivated the Orioles' scouting department, so much so that they spent a second-round pick on him. At No. 74 overall, Lowther became the highest draft pick in Musketeer history.

"It was honestly a surprise when I was taken so high," said Lowther. "We had a big party at my house for the draft. My mom and grandma were there, and being able to share that with them and everyone



there was probably the most special experience I've had this far with baseball."

Lowther kept up the pace in short-season Aberdeen, baffling the New York-Penn League over 12 appearances. Between college and the pros, the crafty lefty notched 198 strikeouts over 137 innings in the 2017 calendar year. Proving the Hickory gem was no fluke, Lowther went out and notched a 1.23 ERA and 39 strikeouts over his four Shorebird starts in April, earning a seemingly unanimous Orioles' Minor League Pitcher of the Month award in the process.

Ask Lowther, though, and he'll say he's well beyond the mindset of having to prove anything.

"I want to prove myself everywhere, but in the same sense, I know what I'm good at, and I know why I'm here," said Lowther. "Just being able to go out there and improve on what I do well is my key every game. I know I belong here, and I'm just going to go out and have people see that."



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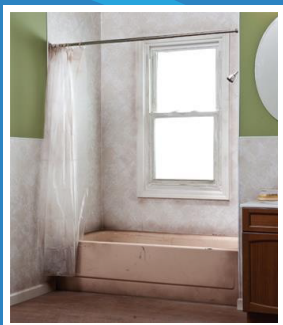
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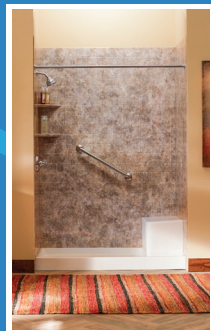
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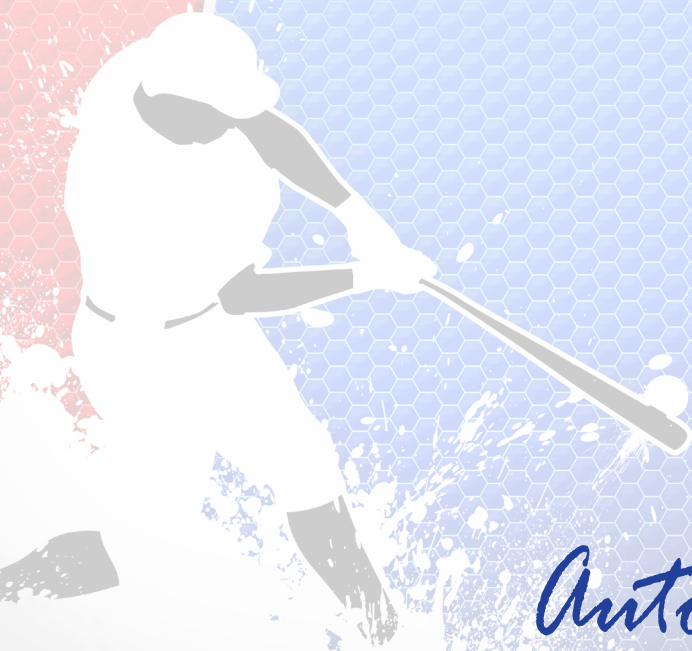
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