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# NEWS RELEASE

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## 2020 INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE FIELD MANAGERS EIGHT IL CLUBS TO BE LED BY NEW SKIPPERS THIS SEASON

When the International League's 137th season opens on April 9, eight of the circuit's fourteen teams will have a new manager leading the quest to capture the coveted Governors' Cup trophy. Only six managers return from the 2019 season, although several of the League's new field generals bring pre-existing ties to their teams and communities. It is the first time since 2006 that more than half of the circuit's clubs changed managers during an offseason.

The reining IL Manager of the Year **Damon Berryhill** is the International League's longest-tenured manager, preparing to begin his fourth season at the helm of the Gwinnett Stripers. Also hoping to get his team back to the postseason is **Brady Williams**, who took Durham to the finals in his first year with the Bulls in 2019. They will be challenged in the South Division by another returning manager in Norfolk, **Gary Kendall**.

The 2018 IL Manager of the Year, Lehigh Valley's **Gary Jones**, will lead the IronPigs once again this season. Like Jones, **Brian Esposito** in Indianapolis is also at the helm for the third straight campaign. IL Hall of Famer **Billy McMillon** will manage the Red Sox for the franchise's final season at McCoy Stadium in Pawtucket.

Two men have found themselves moving from a coach's role to the manager's chair in 2020. Pennsylvania-native **Doug Davis** (former Syracuse manager) takes over in Scranton/Wilkes-Barre after three seasons coaching, while in Columbus, Ohio-native **Andy Tracy** is the new manager after helping lead the Clippers to the 2019 Governors' Cup title as hitting coach.

Two other new managers are enjoying a homecoming this season. Gastonia, North Carolina's own **Wes Helms** gets his first managing job this season with Charlotte. **Toby Gardenhire**, from Mahassett, New York, becomes the 16<sup>th</sup> individual to have played for and managed the Rochester Red Wings after a promotion from Class-A.

**Pat Kelly** is back with the Louisville Bats, where he briefly managed in 2018 before an organizational shake-up saw him promoted to the Reds staff.

This year's crop of new field managers in the International League includes six men making their debut as a skipper at the Triple-A classification. That includes **Ken Huckaby** in Buffalo, who has previously taken two teams to the playoffs at lower levels of the Blue Jays system. The Syracuse Mets will be piloted this season by **Chad Kreuter**, the organization's advanced-A manager since 2017. And in Toledo, **Tom Prince** joins the Tigers organization after 26 years with the Pirates.

Kelly and Jones are the only two managers to have won at least 1,000 games in their careers as a Minor League skipper. All fourteen men hope to be the one destined to have his name etched onto the Governors' Cup trophy when the 2020 season concludes this September.



# 2020 INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE MANAGER BIOS



<i>Record Entering 2020</i>	
MINORS	149-125
TRIPLE-A	0-0

## KEN HUCKABY

**BUFFALO BISONS**

*Opening Day Age:* 49    *Born:* San Leandro, CA    *Season With BUF:* 1st    *Season With Blue Jays:* 8th

The 21st manager in the modern era of Bisons baseball in Buffalo is Ken Huckaby, who takes over after Bobby Meacham departed the organization to become an assistant coach with the Phillies. Huckaby has twice served as manager in his seven-year coaching career in the Blue Jays organization, amassing a 149-125 record and making the playoffs in each season. In 2015, he led the Class-A Lansing Lugnuts to a 73-66 record that included a first-half Eastern Division championship. The following season, Huckaby posted another winning record with the Advanced Class-A Dunedin Blue Jays (76-59) as well as a second-half North Division championship. Huckaby has spent the last three seasons as Toronto's minor league catching coordinator. He first joined the Blue Jays in 2013 as the hitting coach with the Gulf Coast League Blue Jays and served in the same role the following season with Lansing. Huckaby's playing career saw him spend parts of six seasons in the big leagues with Toronto, Texas, Baltimore and Boston. The former catcher played in 886 Triple-A games, including time with Columbus, Syracuse, and Pawtucket.



<i>Record Entering 2020</i>	
MINORS	0-0
TRIPLE-A	0-0

## WES HELMS

**CHARLOTTE KNIGHTS**

*Opening Day Age:* 43    *Born:* Gastonia, NC    *Season With CHA:* 1st    *Season With White Sox:* 2nd

The new manager of the Charlotte Knights in 2020 is Wes Helms, a native of nearby Gastonia, North Carolina. Helms takes over for another former big leaguer, Mark Grudzielanek, who managed Charlotte over the past three seasons. The 2020 season will mark the second overall campaign for Helms in the Chicago White Sox organization. He spent 2019 as a coach with the Double-A Birmingham Barons (a club that went 64-72). Before that, he spent the 2018 season in the International League with Lehigh Valley as a bench coach. As a player, Helms was drafted by the Braves in 1994 out of Ashbrook High School in Gastonia. He debuted in the Major Leagues in 1998 and ultimately played 13 seasons with Atlanta, Milwaukee, Florida, and Philadelphia. Helms was inducted into the Gaston County Sports Hall of Fame in 2016.



<i>Record Entering 2020</i>	
MINORS	30-46
TRIPLE-A	0-0

## ANDY TRACY

**COLUMBUS CLIPPERS**

*Opening Day Age:* 46    *Born:* Bowling Green, OH    *Season With COL:* 2nd (1st as Mgr.)    *Season With Indians:* 2nd

Andy Tracy received a promotion from hitting coach to manager of the defending Governors' Cup champion Columbus Clippers in 2020. The 46-year-old Ohio native is in his second season with the Cleveland organization. Last year's skipper, Tony Mansolino, is now working as a coordinator in Cleveland's player development program. Before joining the Indians, Tracy spent seven seasons coaching in the Phillies organization. The stint included managing the short-season Williamsport club in the New York-Penn League in 2012, going 30-46 in his only previous managerial experience. With Tracy as hitting coach, the Clippers hit 213 home runs in 2019, the third-highest total in the history of the International League. Tracy was a 16th-round draft pick of the Montreal Expos out of Bowling Green State University in 1996. He played in the big leagues with the Expos, Rockies and Phillies, as well as playing in the Mets, Orioles and Diamondbacks systems before retiring as a player. Along the way, Tracy suited up for three International League teams - Ottawa, Norfolk, and Lehigh Valley.



<i>Record Entering 2020</i>	
MINORS	772-691
TRIPLE-A	75-64

## BRADY WILLIAMS

**DURHAM BULLS**

*Opening Day Age:* 40    *Born:* Salt Lake City, UT    *Season With DUR:* 2nd    *Season With Rays:* 12th

Brady Williams, the son of former Major League manager Jimmy Williams, returns for a second season at the helm of the Durham Bulls. Williams got the Bulls to the Governors' Cup finals for the third straight season in 2019, going 75-64 and winning the Wild Card to get to the postseason. Before Durham, Williams spent five seasons as manager of the Rays' Double-A affiliate in Montgomery. He guided the Biscuits into the playoffs four straight times, including a 79-win season in 2018 which was the franchise's best finish in over a decade. Prior to his time in Montgomery, Williams managed five seasons with stops in Advanced-A Charlotte (2013), Class-A Bowling Green (2010-2012) and Short-Season Hudson Valley (2009). Williams has spent his entire managing and coaching career in the Rays system. Brady Williams was selected by the Boston Red Sox in the 45th round of the 1999 June Draft. The infielder played five seasons of Minor League Baseball in the Boston (1999-2001), Minnesota (2002) and Tampa Bay (2003) systems before joining the coaching ranks.



# 2020 INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE MANAGER BIOS



**Record Entering 2020**  
MINORS 639-586  
TRIPLE-A 370-336

## DAMON BERRYHILL

**GWINNETT STRIPERS**

*Opening Day Age:* 56 *Born:* South Laguna, CA *Season With GWN:* 4th *Season With Braves:* 4th

The reining International League Manager of the Year, Damon Berryhill, returns for a fourth season in Gwinnett. He is the longest tenured skipper in the circuit in 2020. Last season he piloted the Stripers to the South Division flag with a record of 80-59, the winningest season in franchise history. Berryhill came to the Atlanta organization in 2017 after having spent seven seasons with the L.A. Dodgers (2009-15). He managed the Dodgers' Triple-A affiliate from 2014-15, piloting Albuquerque in 2014 and then Oklahoma City in 2015. He led OKC to a franchise-record 86 wins and claimed the honor of PCL Manager of the Year while making his fifth trip to the postseason as a skipper. He spent five seasons as manager for Rookie-level Ogden, and before joining the Dodgers served one year as manager for Advanced-A Bakersfield of the Rangers organization. He was a minor league catching coordinator with the Rangers (2005-07) and Diamondbacks (2003-04). His coaching career began with High-A Rancho Cucamonga of the L.A. Angels organization (2002). Berryhill was a 1st round draft pick in 1984 and played 10 MLB seasons with the Cubs, Braves, Red Sox, Reds, and Giants.



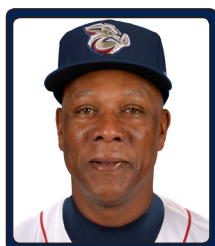
**Record Entering 2020**  
MINORS 372-336  
TRIPLE-A 139-141

## BRIAN ESPOSITO

**INDIANAPOLIS INDIANS**

*Opening Day Age:* 41 *Born:* Staten Island, NY *Season With IND:* 3rd *Season With Pirates:* 8th

In his first two seasons as a Triple-A manager, Brian Esposito has guided Indianapolis to a combined record of 139-141, narrowly missing a division title in 2018 and finishing tied for 2nd in the West a year ago. Esposito is now back for a third go-around in Indy. Esposito spent the 2017 campaign as manager of Short-Season West Virginia (New York-Penn League), compiling a 40-35 record en route to a second-place finish in the New York-Penn League's Pinckney Division. He's won at a .525 clip in six seasons overall as a manager. Esposito was originally selected by the Red Sox in the 5th round of the 2000 draft before logging a 13-year professional career that featured stints with the Boston, Anaheim, Texas, St. Louis, Colorado, Houston and Chicago (NL) organizations. The veteran of three Major League games and over 750 in the Minor Leagues joined the Pirates system as a player/coach in 2013 and served as an additional coach in Indianapolis. He then managed Short-Season Jamestown in 2014 before jumping to Class-A West Virginia (South Atlantic League) for the next two seasons, the first highlighted by a club record 87 wins and .626 winning percentage.



**Record Entering 2020**  
MINORS 1,189-1,102  
TRIPLE-A 600-539

## GARY JONES

**LEHIGH VALLEY IRONPIGS**

*Opening Day Age:* 59 *Born:* Henderson, TX *Season With LHV:* 3rd *Season With Phillies:* 3rd

Back at the helm in Lehigh Valley for the third straight season is Gary Jones. In his first year, Jones was named IL Manager of the Year after leading the IronPigs to a League-best record of 84-56. 2019 saw Lehigh Valley finish 66-74. Prior to joining the Phillies organization, Jones spent the previous four seasons as the third-base coach for the Cubs. Overall he has accumulated 29 years of managerial and coaching experience from four organizations. 17 of those seasons have been spent as a minor league manager, during which time he's won over 1,100 games and captured four league championships. During his first stint in the IL, Jones piloted Pawtucket for three seasons from 1999-2001, a stretch which included a then franchise-record 82 wins in 2000. He also spent three seasons with Edmonton (1995-97) of the Pacific Coast League, where he led the A's top affiliate to back-to-back first-place finishes and PCL titles in 1996 and 1997. He was twice honored as PCL Manager of the Year. Primarily a second baseman in his playing days, Jones spent four seasons in the Cubs system and his final four as an Oakland farmhand, advancing up to Triple-A with Tacoma.



**Record Entering 2020**  
MINORS 1,801-1,870  
TRIPLE-A 689-747

## PAT KELLY

**LOUISVILLE BATS**

*Opening Day Age:* 64 *Born:* Santa Maria, CA *Season With LOU:* 2nd (2018) *Season With Reds:* 14th

Pat Kelly returns to the Bats, where he managed Louisville for the first ten games of the 2018 season before being promoted to Cincinnati's staff when Jim Riggleman was named interim manager of the Reds. Kelly managed Cincinnati's Double-A affiliate Chattanooga in 2019 (where he also managed from 1993-94). He now returns to Triple-A, replacing Louisville's 2019 manager Jody Davis. Kelly began managing in 1986 and has worked for five organizations. His time in Triple-A includes stops in Las Vegas (1990), Indianapolis (1991-92, American Association), Ottawa (1997-98), Syracuse (1999-2000), and Richmond (2003-05). Kelly managed Class-A Bakersfield in 2014 and at rookie Billings from 2011-2013, where he earned honors as the 2012 Pioneer League Manager of the Year. In 2010, Kelly was the manager at Class-A Lynchburg and prior to that, he spent the majority of three seasons as manager of the rookie GCL Reds. Kelly was a catcher in his playing days. He reached the Major Leagues in 1980 for a brief, three-game stint with the Blue Jays.



# 2020 INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE MANAGER BIOS



**Record Entering 2020**  
MINORS 962-1,008  
TRIPLE-A 60-79

## GARY KENDALL

**NORFOLK TIDES**

*Opening Day Age:* 56    *Born:* Baltimore, MD    *Season With NOR:* 2nd    *Season With Orioles:* 21st

Gary Kendall returns to pilot the Norfolk Tides. In his debut season as a Triple-A manager, Kendall led Norfolk to a 60-79 mark. He arrived in Norfolk after an eight-year stint managing Double-A Bowie where he set the club's franchise record with 570 wins. Kendall led the Baysox to a postseason appearance in three of his eight seasons at the helm, including the franchise's lone Eastern League championship during the 2015 campaign. Following the 2013 season he skippered the Surprise Saguaros of the Arizona Fall League, helping lead them to the AFL championship. Kendall has also managed at Class-A Delmarva, Short-Season A Aberdeen and Rookie-level Bluefield in the Orioles system, amassing well over 900 career managerial victories over his 19-year career. Kendall is a 1982 graduate of Sparrows Point High School in Baltimore, and he went on to play baseball at the Community College of Baltimore and at Atlantic Christian College (NC), where he received his degree in 1987. After coaching collegiately for five seasons, he spent most of the 1990's as a scout for the Orioles and Padres.



**Record Entering 2020**  
MINORS 499-481  
TRIPLE-A 59-81

## BILLY MCMILLON

**PAWTUCKET RED SOX**

*Opening Day Age:* 48    *Born:* Alamogordo, NM    *Season With PAW:* 2nd    *Season With Red Sox:* 13th

IL Hall of Famer Billy McMillon is back to manage the final season for the Pawtucket Red Sox before the franchise relocates to Worcester, Massachusetts in 2021. Under McMillon's tutelage, the PawSox finished 59-81 in 2019. McMillon was Boston's Minor League Outfield & Baserunning Coordinator from 2016-18 after a six-year stint as a manager in the Red Sox system...2010-11 with Greenville (low Class-A), 2012-13 with Salem (high-A), and 2014-15 with Portland (Double-A). McMillon has spent the past 12 seasons in the Red Sox organization beginning with a stint as Greenville's hitting coach in 2008-09. McMillon's 12-year playing career included parts of six seasons in the major leagues as an outfielder with the Florida Marlins (1996-97), Philadelphia Phillies (1997), Detroit Tigers (2000-01), and Oakland Athletics (2001-04). During his stops in the IL with Charlotte, Scranton/WB, Toledo, and Columbus, McMillon was a three-time All-Star, a two-time batting champion, and the 1996 IL Rookie of the Year. He was inducted into the International League Hall of Fame as a member of the Class of 2019.



**Record Entering 2020**  
MINORS 151-121  
TRIPLE-A 0-0

## TOBY GARDENHIRE

**ROCHESTER RED WINGS**

*Opening Day Age:* 37    *Born:* Mahasset, NY    *Season With ROC:* 1st    *Season With Twins:* 3rd

Former Red Wings player Toby Gardenhire was named the franchise's 45th manager during the offseason, replacing Joel Skinner. Gardenhire is the 16th man to play for and manage the Red Wings. His father Ron is the former manager of the Twins and current skipper of the Detroit Tigers. 2020 will be Toby's third season as a manager, after serving the same role the past two seasons with Class-A Ft. Myers (2019) and Cedar Rapids (2018). He led both teams to playoff berths, though the 2019 Florida State League postseason was cancelled due to Hurricane Dorian. The Kernels swept the Midwest League first-round (2-0) vs. Beloit before being swept in the semifinals (2-0) vs. Peoria in 2018. Gardenhire served as the third base coach for the Red Wings in the first half of 2017 before finishing the year as hitting coach for the GCL Twins. He also assisted the GCL Twins in 2016. Prior to that, Gardenhire was the head coach at the University of Wisconsin-Stout from 2012-16. He enjoyed a seven-year professional career, all in the Twins organization, from 2005-11 that included parts of two years and 153 games with the Red Wings.



**Record Entering 2020**  
MINORS 515-484  
TRIPLE-A 133-153

## DOUG DAVIS

**SCRANTON/WB RAILRIDERS**

*Opening Day Age:* 57    *Born:* Bloomsburg, PA    *Season With SWB:* 4th (1st as Mgr.)    *Season With Yankees:* 4th

After three seasons serving in a variety of roles for the RailRiders, Doug Davis moves from the position of coach to manager in 2020. He replaces Jay Bell as SWB's skipper; Bell is now the manager of Double-A Rocket City in the Angels organization. Davis hails from Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania, roughly 40 miles southwest of Wilkes-Barre. After graduating from Central Columbia High School in Bloomsburg in 1981, he played collegiately at NC State University and was then drafted by the Angels in 1984. He made his Major League debut in 1988 for the Angels and finished his playing career in 1995. He moved into the coaching ranks the following season and won a New York-Penn League title with Pittsfield in 1997. In 1998, he led Columbia to the South Atlantic League crown. Davis was a bench coach on Jack McKeon's Florida Marlins staff in 2003, helping lead that club to a World Series title. Toronto tabbed Davis to lead Double-A New Hampshire in 2006 and then elevated him to lead the Syracuse Chiefs in 2007 and 2008. In addition to his time as a manager or coach, he has also held the positions of Minor League Field Coordinator for the Expos, Marlins and Blue Jays.





## 2020 INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE MANAGER BIOS



*Record Entering 2020*  
MINORS 213-241  
TRIPLE-A 0-0

### CHAD KREUTER

[SYRACUSE METS](#)

*Opening Day Age:* 55

*Born:* Greenbrae, CA

*Season With SYR:* 1st

*Season With Mets:* 4th

Former big league catcher Chad Kreuter will manage the Syracuse Mets in 2020. Syracuse needed a replacement after last year's manager, Tony DeFrancesco, was named the first-base coach for the New York Mets during the offseason. Originally former Mets catcher Brian Schneider was slated for the role, but in early February the Mets announced Schneider would instead serve as the quality control coach. Chad Kreuter spent his first three years in the Mets organization as manager of Advanced Class-A St. Lucie in the Florida State League. Under Kreuter, St. Lucie went 185-217 between 2017-19. Kreuter's only previous managerial experience in professional baseball came with the Modesto Nuts, the Advanced-A affiliate of the Rockies, to begin the 2006 season. In June of 2006 he was named the head coach at the University of Southern California. Kreuter managed the USC Trojans from 2007-2010. He then worked in the Arizona Diamondbacks organization as the minor league field coordinator in 2011. As a player, Kreuter was a catcher for 16 years in the majors from 1988-2003 with the Rangers, Tigers, Mariners, White Sox, Angels, Royals, and Dodgers.



*Record Entering 2020*  
MINORS 434-407  
TRIPLE-A 0-0

### TOM PRINCE

[TOLEDO MUD HENS](#)

*Opening Day Age:* 55

*Born:* Kankakee, IL

*Season With TOL:* 1st

*Season With Tigers:* 1st

Tom Prince is the new manager of the Toledo Mud Hens, joining the Tigers organization to take over for the departed Doug Mientkiewicz. Prince spent the last three seasons as the Major League bench coach for the Pittsburgh Pirates, after serving as the club's Minor League Field Coordinator in 2016. In total, Prince spent 26 seasons in the Pirates organization and is entering his 37th working in professional baseball. As a player, Prince had a 17-year Major League career as a catcher with five different teams between 1987-2003 (Pirates, Dodgers, Phillies Twins, and Royals). Prince's last season managing came in 2015 when he guided Double-A Altoona into the playoffs. He has managed eleven years altogether, reaching the postseason six times including in each of his last four attempts. The highlight of his managerial career came in 2012 when he piloted the Pirates to the Gulf Coast League championship. Prince was the GCL Manager of the Year in 2008 after the Pirates went 37-18 to claim a division title.