



# RiverDogs GameDay

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## Delmarva Shorebirds (18-16) at Charleston RiverDogs (15-21)

RHP Edgar Portes (3-2, 6.11) vs. RHP Marcus Johnson (0-1, 4.50)

**Today's Game:** The Charleston RiverDogs (affiliate of the Tampa Bay Rays) continue a six-game series tonight by welcoming the Delmarva Shorebirds (affiliate of the Baltimore Orioles) to The Joe for game four. The RiverDogs have earned a split of each of their last two series and are still in search of their first series win of 2023. **RiverDogs-Shorebirds Season Series in 2023: Overall:** RiverDogs 2, Shorebirds 1. **At The Joe:** RiverDogs 2, Shorebirds 1.

**Last Time Out:** On a night in which the wind was blowing straight out to right field, the RiverDogs rode the jet stream to an 11-7 win on Friday night. In the first inning, the Dogs jumped on Delmarva starter Bradley Brehmer for five runs. They loaded the bases with no outs on a single by Chandler Simpson and two hit by pitches. Xavier Isaac opened the scoring with a two-run single to right field and Kamren James followed with a three-run home run that snuck inside of the left field foul pole. Home runs from Angel Tejada in the second inning and Brayan Hernandez in the fourth inning, pulled the Shorebirds even at 5-5. The RiverDogs responded to Delmarva's big top of the fourth with a four-spot of their own in the bottom half. Simpson opened the frame with a bunt single and Dominic Keegan followed with a two-run home run. Two batters later, Isaac crushed a solo home run to make it 8-5. Before the inning concluded, Odalys Peguero added an RBI double. Back-to-back RBI singles against Matt Wyatt in the fifth, pulled Delmarva within two. However, the RiverDogs bullpen never allowed a run and the home team added an RBI single from Keegan in the last of the fifth and another RBI double from Peguero in the eighth.

**Gone with the Wind:** Playing in extremely windy conditions on Thursday night, the RiverDogs offense exploded for 11 runs on 16 hits. The hit total was the largest of the season so far. In addition, the eight extra-base hits collected by the RiverDogs were also the most in a single game this year. Of those extra-base hits, five were doubles, also a new high-water mark in 2023. Dominic Keegan and Xavier Isaac each hit a home run in the fourth inning, the first time this season that the RiverDogs posted multiple long balls in the same frame.

**Ryan's Resurrection:** After an icy cold start to the 2023 campaign, Ryan Spikes looked like a dominant middle of the order bat last week in Augusta. His performance earned him recognition as the Carolina League Player of the Week. Playing in all six games at SRP Park, the Georgia native registered at least one hit in every contest. He went 12-24 (.500) with his first two home runs of the season and seven runs batted in. Spikes also worked three walks, stole a base and scored nine runs. Spikes and Dominic Keegan have each been named player of the week this season.

**Stealing Their Hearts:** Outfielder Chandler Simpson is one of the fastest players in baseball. He has put that speed on display early in the 2023 season. Simpson is reaching base at a .371 clip and stealing a base nearly every time he reaches. His 28 stolen bases are the most of any player in the Carolina League and second in MiLB, one behind Vernon Scott of Peoria. Simpson has reached safely in 29 of 31 games this season. Simpson has also played the most games of any player in the Carolina League without committing an error.

**Running it Back:** Eight players who played a part in last year's championship run are on the RiverDogs current roster. The pitching staff features returners Alex Ayala, Jonny Cuevas, Yoniel Curet and Junior William. All three of the catchers (Angel Galarraga, Dominic Keegan and Julio Meza) on the Opening Night roster have previous experience in the Holy City. Finally, infielder Ryan Spikes once again has a locker in the home clubhouse at The Joe.

**Double the Fun:** The RiverDogs ended a nearly 100-year title drought in the city of Charleston by claiming the Low-A East championship in 2021. The 2022 team followed by winning the Carolina League title with an undefeated run through the postseason. The last MiLB franchise to three-peat was the Midland Rockhounds from 2014-17, when the Oakland affiliate won four straight Texas League titles. The Salem Pirates were the most recent Carolina League team to accomplish the feat, doing so from 1972-74.

**Prized Pups:** The RiverDogs roster contains seven members of MLB Pipeline's Top 30 Rays prospects. The highest ranked of that group is 19-year-old first baseman Xavier Isaac, who begins the season at #10. Another 19-year-old shortstop Carlos Colmenarez is next on the list at #14. Outfielders Chandler Simpson (#18) and Ryan Cermak (#23) figure to bring speed and power to the lineup. Rounding out a highly regarded group of infielders is #24 prospect Cooper Kinney, the 34<sup>th</sup> overall pick in the Rays 2021 draft. Catcher Dominic Keegan, a star at Vanderbilt, slots in at #25 and the list is rounded out by RHP Marcus Johnson at #29.

### Carolina League Standings

North Division	W-L	GB
Carolina	21-14	--
Down East	19-15	1.5
Delmarva	18-16	2.5
Salem	18-17	3.0
Lynchburg	18-18	3.5
Fredericksburg	11-23	9.5
South Division	W-L	GB
Columbia	22-14	--
Kannapolis	19-16	2.5
Augusta	17-18	4.5
Myrtle Beach	17-18	4.5
Fayetteville	15-20	6.5
<b>Charleston</b>	<b>15-21</b>	<b>7.0</b>

### Upcoming Schedule and Probable Pitchers

Date	Time	Opponent	Charleston Starter	Opposing Starter
Saturday, May 20	6:05 p.m.	vs. Delmarva	RHP Jonny Cuevas (0-3, 8.49)	vs. RHP Moises Chace (3-1, 4.91)
Sunday, May 21	5:05 p.m.	vs. Delmarva	RHP Jake Christianson (1-0, 2.33)	vs. LHP Jared Beck (0-1, 5.01)



# TONIGHT'S STARTING PITCHER

## #37 MARCUS JOHNSON

**Height:** 6'6      **Bats:** R      **Birthdate:** December 11, 2000      **Acquired:** Trade with Miami, 2022  
**Weight:** 200      **Throws:** R      **College:** Duke      **Birthplace:** Whitter, CA

Notes: RiverDogs opening night starter...has allowed 14 runs on 24 hits over 16.0 innings in latest four starts...31 strikeouts and just one walk in 28.0 innings this year...acquired by Rays in offseason trade that sent JT Chargois and Xavier Edwards to Marlins...selected by Miami in the 4<sup>th</sup> round of the 2022 draft out of Duke University...made two starts with the FCL Marlins before being promoted to Single-A Jupiter to close the season...struck out 24 batters in 12.1 innings with Hammerheads...opponents hit just .159 against him...started 12 games as Duke's Friday night starter in 2022...collected 76 strikeouts in 69.0 innings and posted 5.61 ERA...served as the Blue Devils closer in 2021 as a sophomore, recording seven saves in 30 appearances...starred at Etiwanda High School in California (other notable alumni include basketball players Darren Collison, Walker Kessler, and Jaylen Clark as well as NFL receiver Marvin Jones)

### Career Stats

Season	League	Team	W	L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	SVO	IP	H	R	ER	HR	HB	BB	IBB	SO	WHIP	AVG
2022	ROK	MRL	0	1	8.31	2	2	0	0	0	0	4.1	5	4	4	0	0	4	0	5	2.08	.294
2022	A	JUP	1	2	5.11	3	2	0	0	0	0	12.1	7	7	7	2	0	7	0	24	1.14	.159
2022	Minors	2 Teams	1	3	5.94	5	4	0	0	0	0	16.2	12	11	11	2	0	11	0	29	1.38	.197
2023	A	CSC	0	1	4.50	7	7	0	0	0	0	28.0	33	15	14	3	0	1	0	31	1.21	.287
Career	ROK	MRL	0	1	8.31	2	2	0	0	0	0	4.1	5	4	4	0	0	4	0	5	2.08	.294
Career	A	2 Teams	1	3	4.69	10	9	0	0	0	0	40.1	40	22	21	5	0	8	0	55	1.19	.252
Career	Minors	3 Teams	1	4	5.04	12	11	0	0	0	0	44.2	45	26	25	5	0	12	0	60	1.28	.256

### 2023 Charleston RiverDogs

Date	GM #	Team	Opp	W	L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	SVO	IP	H	R	ER	HR	HB	BB	IBB	SO	WHIP	AVG
4/6/23		CSC	@MB	0	0	0.00	1	1	0	0	0	0	4.0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0.50	.143
4/15/23	1	CSC	COL	0	0	0.00	1	1	0	0	0	0	4.0	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	0.63	.143
4/20/23		CSC	@KAN	0	0	0.75	1	1	0	0	0	0	4.0	5	1	1	1	0	0	0	5	0.83	.200
4/26/23	1	CSC	MB	0	1	3.31	1	1	0	0	0	0	4.1	6	5	5	1	0	0	0	8	0.98	.234
April		CSC		0	1	3.31	4	4	0	0	0	0	16.1	15	6	6	2	0	1	0	20	0.98	.234
Date	GM #	Team	Opp	W	L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	SVO	IP	H	R	ER	HR	HB	BB	IBB	SO	WHIP	AVG
5/2/23		CSC	LYN	0	0	4.50	1	1	0	0	0	0	3.2	8	4	4	0	0	0	0	4	1.20	.284
5/7/23		CSC	LYN	0	0	4.50	1	1	0	0	0	0	4.0	4	2	2	0	0	0	0	2	1.17	.278
5/13/23		CSC	@AUG	0	0	4.50	1	1	0	0	0	0	4.0	6	3	2	1	0	0	0	5	1.21	.287
May		CSC		0	0	6.17	3	3	0	0	0	0	11.2	18	9	8	1	0	0	0	11	1.54	.353
Total		CSC	A	0	1	4.50	7	7	0	0	0	0	28.0	33	15	14	3	0	1	0	31	1.21	.287

**2023 Starter Totals:** W-L: 1-9      5.41 ERA      126.1 IP      122 H      58 BB      142 K      85 R      76 ER      12 HR

# RIVERDOGS POSITION PLAYERS

## #5 Christopher Barete

OF

**Last Game:** DNP  
**Current Streak:**  
**Longest Hit Streak:** 4  
**Last HR:** May 14 at Augusta  
**This Series:** 2-7, 3B, run  
**vs. DEL:** 2-7, 3B, run  
**Last Series (at AUG):** 4-21, HR, 7 RBI, 3 BB, 3 runs

### 2023 Season Highs

**H:** 2 (Multiple)  
**R:** 2 (Multiple)  
**HR:** 1 (April 14 vs. COL)  
**RBI:** 3 (May 14 at AUG)  
**2B:** 1 (Multiple)  
**K:** 3 (April 18 at KAN)  
**BB:** 2 (Multiple)

- Played in just 3 games for the FCL Rays in 2022 due to injury
- Started the year 5-14 with 2 home runs and 5 RBI in 3 games
- Spent both the 2019 and 2021 seasons in the Dominican Summer League
- In 2021, hit .309 with 15 extra-base hits over 41 games
- 23-33 in stolen bases while in DSL
- Signed out of the Dominican Republic in 2018
- San Pedro de Macoris also home to Fernando Tatis Jr., Sammy Sosa, Robinson Cano and Miguel Sano

## #1 Carlos Colmenarez

INF

**Last Game:** 0-4, run  
**Current Streak:**  
**Longest Hit Streak:** 5  
**Last HR:** July 14, 2022 at FCL Orioles  
**This Series:** 1-8, RBI, run  
**vs. DEL:** 1-8, RBI, run  
**Last Series (at AUG):** 5-13, RBI, run

### 2023 Season Highs

**H:** 2 (Multiple)  
**R:** 2 (April 6 at MB)  
**HR:**  
**RBI:** 3 (April 16 vs. COL)  
**2B:** 1 (May 6 vs. LYN)  
**K:** 3 (Multiple)  
**BB:** 2 (Multiple)

- Hitting .303 since coming off of the injured list
- .254 batting average with 11 extra-base hits in 35 games with FCL Rays in 2022
- Stole 13 bases in 15 attempts
- MLB Pipeline's #14 prospect in Rays farm system
- 19-year-old was signed as international free agent in 2021 out of Venezuela
- Signed for \$3 million as #3 ranked prospect in international signing class
- Missed early part of 2021 season with fractured hamate in right hand
- Considered an above-average defender with a sweet left-handed swing

## #34 Jhon Diaz

OF

**Last Game:** 2-4, 2B, 2 SB, BB, 2 runs  
**Current Streak:** 2  
**Longest Hit Streak:** 4  
**Last HR:** May 12 at Augusta  
**This Series:** 3-11, 2B, 2 RBI, 2 SB, BB, 3 runs  
**vs DEL:** 3-11, 2B, 2 RBI, 2 SB, BB, 3 runs  
**Last Series (at AUG):** 4-20, 2 2B, HR, 3 RBI, 2 BB, run

### 2023 Season Highs

**H:** 2 (Multiple)  
**R:** 2 (Multiple)  
**HR:** 1 (May 12 at AUG)  
**RBI:** 2 (Multiple)  
**2B:** 1 (Multiple)  
**K:** 3 (Multiple)  
**BB:** 1 (Multiple)

- Joined the roster on April 25
- Played in 39 games for the FCL Rays in 2022; hit .260 with a home run and 23 RBI
- Added 3 doubles, 3 triples and 10 stolen bases
- Started professional career in the Dominican Summer League in 2021
- Stole 21 bases in 27 chances that season; added 7 extra-base hits
- Signed as free agent out of the Dominican Republic in 2019

## #21 Angel Galaraga

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**Last Game:** DNP  
**Current Streak:** 1  
**Longest Hit Streak:** 3  
**Last HR:** May 13 at AUG  
**This Series:** 1-4  
**vs. DEL:** 1-4  
**Last Series (at AUG):** 1-13, HR, 2 RBI, run

### 2023 Season Highs

**H:** 1 (Multiple)  
**R:** 1 (May 13 at AUG)  
**HR:** 1 (May 13 at AUG)  
**RBI:** 2 (May 13 at AUG)  
**2B:** 1 (April 15 vs. COL)  
**K:** 2 (Multiple)  
**BB:** 2 (April 27 vs. MB)

- Played in 8 games in Charleston last season, hitting .192
- Was hitless in first 27 at-bats last season between FCL and Charleston
- Posted a 3-hit, 2-RBI game on July 30 against FCL Braves
- Finished season with a combined .192 batting average
- Began 2021 season in the Dominican Summer League before joining FCL club
- Worked 18 walks with 15 strikeouts between the two stops
- Signed as international free agent in 2017 out of Venezuela

## #11 Xavier Isaac

INF

**Last Game:** 2-5, HR, 3 RBI, 2 runs  
**Current Streak:** 4  
**Longest Hit Streak:** 4  
**Last HR:** May 18 vs. Delmarva  
**This Series:** 2-5, HR, 3 RBI, 2 runs  
**vs AUG:** 2-5, HR, 3 RBI, 2 runs  
**Last Series (vs. LYN):** 3-8, HR, 4 RBI, SB, 5 BB, 6 runs

### 2023 Season Highs

**H:** 2 (Multiple)  
**R:** 2 (Multiple)  
**HR:** 1 (Multiple)  
**RBI:** 3 (Multiple)  
**2B:** 1 (April 6 at MB)  
**K:** 3 (April 19 at KAN)  
**BB:** 2 (Multiple)

- 2-5 with a home runs and 3 RBI last night in first game since May 4
- Hit first professional home run on May 2 against Lynchburg
- Hit .211 with 3 doubles and 5 RBI in 5 games with FCL Rays last season
- Rays 1<sup>st</sup> round pick in 2022 draft (29<sup>th</sup> overall); \$2.5 million signing bonus
- Youngest player on RiverDogs roster; will be 19 until December
- Ranked by MLB Pipeline as Rays #10 prospect
- Was committed to Florida before signing with Rays
- Only the second first baseman Rays have selected in first round (Casey Gillaspie)
- Considered to have "enormous power potential" by scouts
- Power was ranked second to only #5 overall pick Elijah Green in 2022 draft among high school hitters

## #16 Kamren James

INF

**Last Game:** 3-5, 2B, HR, 3 RBI, run  
**Current Streak:** 1  
**Longest Hit Streak:** 7  
**Last HR:** May 13 at Augusta  
**This Series:** 3-13, 2B, HR, 3 RBI, BB, 2 runs  
**vs. DEL:** 3-13, 2B, HR, 3 RBI, BB, 2 runs  
**Last Series (at AUG):** 8-21, 2 2B, HR, 5 RBI, SB, HBP, 3 BB, 5 runs

### 2023 Season Highs

**H:** 3 (May 18 vs. DEL)  
**R:** 2 (May 13 at AUG)  
**HR:** 1 (Multiple)  
**RBI:** 3 (Multiple)  
**2B:** 2 (April 25 vs. MB)  
**K:** 4 (April 14 vs. COL)  
**BB:** 2 (Multiple)

- Batting .333 with 3 doubles and 2 home runs over last 10 games
- Homered in back-to-back games May 2 and May 3 against Lynchburg
- Played in 7 games for FCL Rays last summer, hitting .200 with 3 RBI
- 16<sup>th</sup> round pick out of Mississippi State in 2022
- Started all 56 games for Bulldogs last season; mainly at hot corner
- Hit .303 with 9 home runs and 33 RBI; also stole 14 bases
- Father and uncle played football at Mississippi State; brother Keegan also played baseball at MSU
- Led DeSoto Central High School (MS) to back-to-back state titles in 2018 and 2019

# RIVERDOGS POSITION PLAYERS (CONTINUED)

## #12 Dominic Keegan

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<p><b>Last Game:</b> 2-3, HR, 3 RBI, BB, 2 runs  <b>Current Streak:</b> 2  <b>Longest Hit Streak:</b> 6  <b>Last HR:</b> May 18 at Delmarva  <b>This Series:</b> 3-8, 2B, HR, 3 RBI, 4 BB, 4 runs  <b>vs. DEL:</b> 3-8, 2B, HR, 3 RBI, 4 BB, 4 runs  <b>Last Series (at DEL):</b> 3-19, RBI, SF, 2 BB, 3 runs</p>	<p><u>2023 Season Highs</u>  <b>H:</b> 4 (April 16 vs. COL)  <b>R:</b> 2 (Multiple)  <b>HR:</b> 1 (Multiple)  <b>RBI:</b> 4 (April 16 vs. COL)  <b>2B:</b> 1 (Multiple)  <b>K:</b> 2 (Multiple)  <b>BB:</b> 2 (Multiple)</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Homered in back-to-back games against Kannapolis April 19 and 20</li> <li>• 5<sup>th</sup> in the Carolina League in both on-base percentage and slugging</li> <li>• Played in 6 games for RiverDogs last season; hit .261 with 2 HR and 6 RBI</li> <li>• Named 2022 1<sup>st</sup> Team All-SEC after batting .371 with 14 HR, 17 doubles and 67 RBI</li> <li>• Played for Yarmouth-Dennis in the Cape Cod League in 2021 (.305, 5 HR)</li> <li>• Most Outstanding Player of Nashville Regional in 2021</li> <li>• Had surgery in 2019 to remove a rib after blood clot developed; later had second procedure to alleviate large amount of internal bleeding</li> <li>• Yankees selected him in the 19<sup>th</sup> round of the 2021 draft</li> </ul>	

## #8 Cooper Kinney

INF

<p><b>Last Game:</b> DNP  <b>Current Streak:</b> 2  <b>Longest Hit Streak:</b> 5  <b>Last HR:</b> May 11 at Augusta  <b>This Series:</b> 4-7, 2 RBI, SF, BB, run  <b>vs. DEL:</b> 4-7, 2 RBI, SF, BB, run  <b>Last Series (at AUG):</b> 6-24, 2B, HR, 2 RBI, SB, HBP, 3 BB, 6 runs</p>	<p><u>2023 Season Highs</u>  <b>H:</b> 3 (Multiple)  <b>R:</b> 3 (April 27 vs. MB)  <b>HR:</b> 1 (Multiple)  <b>RBI:</b> 2 (Multiple)  <b>2B:</b> 2 (April 20 at KAN)  <b>K:</b> 2 (Multiple)  <b>BB:</b> 3 (May 10 at AUG)</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hit first career home run on April 7 in Myrtle Beach (both HR against Pelicans)</li> <li>• Missed entire 2022 season with shoulder injury</li> <li>• Hit .286 with 5 RBI in 11 games for FCL Rays following 2021 draft</li> <li>• Selected by Rays in 2021 competitive balance round A (34<sup>th</sup> overall, \$2.1 million)</li> <li>• Starred at The Baylor School in Chattanooga, winning Mr. Baseball and the state's Gatorade Player of the Year Award</li> <li>• Hit .480 with 10 home runs and 19 doubles in 31 games as a senior</li> <li>• Considered one of most advanced bats among prep hitters in 2021 class</li> <li>• Was committed to play college baseball at South Carolina</li> </ul>	

## #38 Julio Meza

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<p><b>Last Game:</b> 0-4  <b>Current Streak:</b> 1  <b>Longest Hit Streak:</b> 2  <b>Last HR:</b> May 13 at Augusta  <b>This Series:</b>  <b>vs. DEL:</b>  <b>Last Series (at AUG):</b> 1-9, HR, RBI, run</p>	<p><u>2023 Season Highs</u>  <b>H:</b> 1 (Multiple)  <b>R:</b> 1 (Multiple)  <b>HR:</b> 1 (May 13 at AUG)  <b>RBI:</b> 1 (Multiple)  <b>2B:</b> 1 (May 3 vs. LYN)  <b>K:</b> 2 (Multiple)  <b>BB:</b></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Has not walked this season</li> <li>• Has pitched in two games this season</li> <li>• Hit .273 with 8 RBI in 20 games with the RiverDogs in 2022</li> <li>• Posted career-high 4 hits in game at Fayetteville last August</li> <li>• Saw action in FCL, Charleston and Triple-A Durham last season</li> <li>• Last significant playing time came in 2019 when he hit .237 for GCL Rays</li> <li>• Spent first 2 professional seasons in the Dominican Summer League</li> <li>• Signed as international free agent out of Venezuela in 2017</li> </ul>	

## #31 Santiago Millan

OF

<p><b>Last Game:</b> 0-5  <b>Current Streak:</b>  <b>Longest Hit Streak:</b>  <b>Last HR:</b> July 23, 2022 vs. DSL Braves  <b>This Series:</b> 0-5  <b>vs. DEL:</b> 0-5  <b>Last Series (at AUG):</b></p>	<p><u>2023 Season Highs</u>  <b>H:</b>  <b>R:</b>  <b>HR:</b>  <b>RBI:</b>  <b>2B:</b>  <b>K:</b> 3 (May 18 vs. DEL)  <b>BB:</b></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Added to RiverDogs roster on May 17</li> <li>• Playing stateside for the first time after two seasons in Dominican Summer League</li> <li>• Last season, hit .222 with 6 home runs and 26 RBI in 35 games</li> <li>• In 2021, batted .263 with 3 home runs and 28 RBI</li> <li>• Has played all 3 outfield positions over course of pro career</li> <li>• Signed in 2019 out of Porlamar, Venezuela</li> </ul>	

## #35 Odalys Peguero

INF

<p><b>Last Game:</b> 3-5, 2 2B, 2 RBI  <b>Current Streak:</b> 2  <b>Longest Hit Streak:</b> 4  <b>Last HR:</b> June 27, 2022 vs. FCL Orioles  <b>This Series:</b> 5-8, 3 2B, 3B, 4 RBI, BB  <b>vs. DEL:</b> 5-8, 3 2B, 3B, 4 RBI, BB  <b>Last Series (vs. at AUG):</b> 3-19, RBI, 2 SB, HBP, 6 BB, 2 runs</p>	<p><u>2023 Season Highs</u>  <b>H:</b> 3 (Multiple)  <b>R:</b> 1 (Multiple)  <b>HR:</b>  <b>RBI:</b> 2 (Multiple)  <b>2B:</b> 2 (May 18 vs. DEL)  <b>K:</b> 1 (Multiple)  <b>BB:</b> 3 (May 10 at AUG)</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3-5 with 2 doubles on May 18 vs. Delmarva</li> <li>• Reached base safely in 6 consecutive at-bats May 10-11 in Augusta (5 straight BB)</li> <li>• Joined the roster on April 25</li> <li>• Played in 39 games for the FCL Rays in 2022; hit .260 with a home run and 23 RBI</li> <li>• Added 3 doubles, 3 triples and 10 stolen bases</li> <li>• Started professional career in the Dominican Summer League in 2021</li> <li>• Stole 21 bases in 27 chances that season; added 7 extra-base hits</li> <li>• Signed as free agent out of the Dominican Republic in 2019</li> </ul>	

## #3 Chandler Simpson

OF

<p><b>Last Game:</b> 4-4, 3 SB, BB, 3 runs  <b>Current Streak:</b> 1  <b>Longest Hit Streak:</b> 7  <b>Last HR:</b> N/A  <b>This Series:</b> 7-13, RBI, 5 SB, BB, 5 runs  <b>vs. DEL:</b> 7-13, RBI, 5 SB, BB, 5 runs  <b>Last Series (at AUG):</b> 4-22, RBI, 4 SB, 3 BB, 5 runs</p>	<p><u>2023 Season Highs</u>  <b>H:</b> 4 (May 18 vs. DEL)  <b>R:</b> 2 (May 18 vs. DEL)  <b>HR:</b>  <b>RBI:</b> 1 (Multiple)  <b>2B:</b> 1 (Multiple)  <b>K:</b> 2 (Multiple)  <b>BB:</b> 2 (April 29 vs. MB)</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Has reached base safely in 29 of 31 games this season</li> <li>• 2<sup>nd</sup> in Minor League Baseball with 28 stolen bases; leads Carolina League</li> <li>• Has played the most games in the Carolina League without committing an error</li> <li>• Hit .370 with 3 RBI and 8 stolen bases in 2022 for FCL Rays</li> <li>• Finished 2022 season at Georgia Tech with a .433 batting average (best in nation)</li> <li>• Named First Team All-ACC and Second Team All-American last season</li> <li>• Stole 55 bases in 51 games for Fond du Lac Dock Spiders of the Northwoods League in 2021</li> <li>• Began college career at UAB; played for RiverDogs hitting coach Perry Roth</li> <li>• Primarily a middle infielder for high school team in Atlanta</li> </ul>	

# RIVERDOGS POSITION PLAYERS (CONTINUED)

#13 Ryan Spikes

INF

<p>Last Game: DNP                  Current Streak:                  Longest Hit Streak: 7                  Last HR: May 12 at Augusta                  This Series: 0-8                  vs. DEL: 0-8                  Last Series (at AUG): 12-24, 2 HR, 7                  RBI, SB, 3 BB, 9 runs</p>	<p><u>2023 Season Highs</u>                  H: 3 (May 10 at AUG)                  R: 3 (May 12 at AUG)                  HR: 1 (Multiple)                  RBI: 3 (May 12 at AUG)                  2B: 1 (Multiple)                  K: 3 (Multiple)                  BB: 2 (May 7 vs. LYN)</p>
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- Named Carolina League Player of the Week for May 16-21
- 12-24 at the plate during last week's series in Augusta
- Hit .228 with 10 HR, 11 doubles and 33 RBI in 74 games w/RiverDogs in 2022
- Fielded groundball for final out in 2022 championship-clinching win
- Homered in consecutive plate appearances on June 24 vs. Columbia
- Made pro debut by hitting .250 with 3 doubles in 11 games with FCL Rays in 2021
- 3<sup>rd</sup> round pick in 2021 draft out of Parkview High in Lilburn, GA
- One of 3 high school infielders Rays selected with first 4 picks
- Bypassed commitment to Tennessee to sign with Rays
- Signed for nearly \$1.1 million, almost double slot value
- Parkview High won three consecutive state titles
- Spikes played shortstop and dominated on the mound in HS

# RIVERDOGS BULLPEN

2023 Relievers: W-L: 14-11 5.27 ERA 177.2 IP 172 H 103 BB 215 K 133 R 104 ER 17 HR

## #20 RHP Alex Cook – 6'2, 220 lbs

Age: 22

- Has struck out nine batters in his last 6.0 innings
- 12<sup>th</sup> round pick in the 2022 MLB Draft out of Colby Community College in Kansas
- Posted a 1.71 ERA and led the Jayhawk Conference in strikeouts with 103; 9-1 record with four complete games in 2022
- Struck out more than 100 batters in each of two seasons at Colby; ranks second all-time in conference history for strikeouts

### Recent Appearances

Date	Opp.	Dec.	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K
May 17	DEL	ND	1.0	0	0	0	0	3
May 9	@AUG	ND	2.2	1	1	1	1	3
May 3	LYN	ND	2.1	0	0	0	1	3

## #29 RHP Duncan Davitt - 6'3, 224 lbs

Age: 23

- Has allowed just one run in last 8.0 innings, earning two wins
- Selected in the 18<sup>th</sup> round of 2022 MLB Draft out of Iowa
- 4-1 with a 3.38 ERA in 19 appearances (15 out of the bullpen); struck out 61 batters in 40.0 innings
- Part of Hawkeyes starting rotation in 2021
- Recorded 133 strikeouts as a senior at Indianola High School including 17 in one game (both school records)
- Cousin, Matt, played at Indian Hills Community College and Colorado State

### Recent Appearances

Date	Opp.	Dec.	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K
May 13	@AUG	W	3.0	2	1	1	0	1
May 7	LYN	W	3.0	0	0	0	1	2
May 4	LYN	ND	2.0	1	0	0	0	4

## #30 RHP Jeff Hakanson - 6'0, 209 lbs

Age: 24

- Has allowed 8 runs over last 5 appearances, including grand slam on May 11 in Augusta
- Has recorded 19 strikeouts in 12.0 innings to begin season
- Did not pitch in 2022 season
- Struck out 11 hitters in 6.1 innings over four appearances with FCL Rays in 2021
- Highest draft pick from Central Florida since 2014
- Pitched just 8.1 innings in COVID-shortened 2020 season at UCF; struck out 20 of the 28 batters he faced

### Recent Appearances

Date	Opp.	Dec.	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K
May 14	@AUG	ND	1.1	0	0	0	0	1
May 11	@AUG	ND	1.0	2	4	4	2	0
May 5	LYN	ND	1.1	0	0	0	2	2

## #17 RHP Cade Halemanu- 6'4, 226 lbs

Age: 22

- Worked 3.0 scoreless innings with five strikeouts last season for FCL Rays; allowed just one hit
- 10<sup>th</sup> round pick by Rays out of University of Hawaii in 2022 MLB Draft
- Made 15 starts last season for Hawaii, posting 4-5 record with 4.69 ERA; recorded one strikeout per inning over 71.0 frames
- Named All-Big West Second Team as a sophomore in 2021
- Attended Pearl City High School in O'ahu

### Recent Appearances

Date	Opp.	Dec.	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K
May 17	DEL	ND	2.0	2	0	0	1	1
May 12	@AUG	W	3.1	2	1	1	1	6
May 6	LYN	L	2.0	4	3	3	1	1

## RIVERDOGS BULLPEN (CONTINUED)

### #28 RHP Jack Hartman - 6'3, 205 lbs

Age: 24

- Acquired by Rays in a November trade that sent Ji-Man Choi to Pittsburgh
- Pitched out of the bullpen 18 times for Single-A Bradenton in 2022, recording a 6.27 ERA; 19 strikeouts and 16 walks in 18.2 innings
- Fourth round pick of the Pirates in 2020 out of Appalachian State
- Struck out 22 batters in 12.0 innings during 10 relief appearances in second and final college season
- Spent first two years of college ball at Tallahassee Community College and the College of Central Florida
- Father, Dan, played baseball at Arizona State, sisters Cecily and Hannah played soccer at Alabama and Jacksonville, respectively

#### Recent Appearances

Date	Opp.	Dec.	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K
May 18	DEL	L	1.0	3	3	3	1	1
May 13	@AUG	ND	1.0	0	0	0	1	2
May 7	LYN	ND	1.0	4	3	2	0	0

### #27 RHP Samuel Mejia - 6'1, 160 lbs

Age: 20

- Has recorded 15 strikeouts in first 8.2 innings with RiverDogs
- Joined the RiverDogs roster on April 29; earned save that night
- With FCL Rays in 2022, made 14 relief appearances with an 0-1 record and 2.25 earned run average; struck out 22 in 20.0 innings
- Pitched as a starter and reliever in 2021 for DSL Rays; limited opponents to a .223 batting average

#### Recent Appearances

Date	Opp.	Dec.	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K
May 12	@AUG	ND	2.0	2	3	3	2	5
May 9	@AUG	ND	2.0	2	0	0	0	2
May 3	LYN	ND	3.0	2	2	1	2	5

### #25 RHP Juan Rodriguez - 6'1, 180 lbs

Age: 21

- Has allowed seven runs in first 1.1 innings with RiverDogs
- Joined the RiverDogs roster on April 29
- Made 14 relief appearances with a 5-0 record and 2.87 earned run average for 2022 FCL Rays; struck out 18 in 15.2 innings
- Pitched as a starter and reliever in 2021 for DSL Rays; issued 31 walks and struck out 32 in 34.0 innings

#### Recent Appearances

Date	Opp.	Dec.	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K
May 18	DEL	W	2.0	0	0	0	0	1
May 9	@AUG	ND	2.0	1	0	0	2	2
May 6	LYN	ND	0.2	1	3	3	2	1

### #10 LHP Michael Sansone – 5'9, 195 lbs

Age: 23

- Pitched in four games with the FCL Rays last season; did not allow a run and struck out six in 5.1 innings
- Undrafted free agent out of Fairfield University
- Posted a career 16-3 record in the MAAC; was named MAAC All-Tournament Team last season after striking out 10 against Rider
- As a junior was named First Team All-MAAC after tying program record with nine wins
- In high school, struck out 166 batters against just 23 walks

#### Recent Appearances

Date	Opp.	Dec.	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K
May 17	DEL	ND	2.0	2	1	1	0	2
May 10	@AUG	ND	2.1	2	1	1	0	4
May 6	LYN	ND	2.0	1	1	1	1	3

## RIVERDOGS BULLPEN (CONTINUED)

### #39 LHP Drew Sommers – 6’3, 250 lbs

Age: 22

- 15 strikeouts over last 6.0 innings
- Added to the roster on April 27
- Selected by the Rays in 11<sup>th</sup> round of the 2022 MLB Draft from Central Arizona
- Pitched for two seasons at Central Arizona, JUCO program in Coolidge, AZ; struck out 140 hitters in 83.2 innings out of the bullpen
- Was set to transfer to Arizona, prior to signing with Rays for \$150,00
- Started career at San Diego State; pitched in one game in 2020 before transferring

#### Recent Appearances

Date	Opp.	Dec.	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K
May 14	@AUG	L	1.2	4	3	0	0	4
May 11	@AUG	W	2.0	2	0	0	0	6
May 6	LYN	ND	2.1	3	2	0	0	5

### #11 RHP Junior William - 6’4, 202 lbs

Age: 23

- Has walked 19 batters in last 14.0 innings of work
- Has touched 99 mph this season
- Pitched in three games with the RiverDogs at the end of the 2022 season; allowed three runs in 5.0 innings
- Appeared in six games for the FCL Rays earlier in summer, going 1-0 with a 1.23 ERA
- Made professional debut for DSL Rays in 2021 going 3-0 with a 1.50 ERA
- Signed as international free agent out of Dominican Republic in 2021

#### Recent Appearances

Date	Opp.	Dec.	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K
May 18	DEL	ND	1.0	0	0	0	1	1
May 14	@AUG	ND	1.0	2	1	1	0	1
May 11	@AUG	ND	2.0	0	0	0	1	3

### #33 RHP Matt Wyatt - 6’4, 215 lbs

Age: 22

- Has been on mound for both walk-off wins against RiverDogs this season
- Selected in the 20<sup>th</sup> round of the 2022 MLB Draft out of Virginia; did not pitch professionally after draft
- Made 15 appearances with a 6.48 earned run average last season for Cavaliers
- allowed just one of 10 inherited runners to score on the campaign
- Made 42 total appearances over three years at Virginia

#### Recent Appearances

Date	Opp.	Dec.	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K
May 18	DEL	ND	1.1	2	0	0	0	1
May 13	@AUG	ND	1.0	3	0	0	0	1
May 10	@AUG	L	1.0	1	1	0	1	2



# RIVERDOGS HIGHS AND LOWS

## Team Notes

Biggest Deficit in Win: .....	3 (Multiple)
Biggest Lead in Loss: .....	4 (May 17 vs. DEL)
Largest Margin of Victory: .....	7 (April 16 vs. COL)
Largest Margin of Defeat: .....	13 (April 28 vs. MB)
Most Errors, Game: .....	5 (May 3 vs. LYN)
Most Errors, Inning: .....	3 (Multiple)

## Team Batting

Most Runs, Game: .....	11 (Multiple)
Most Runs, Inning: .....	5 (May 18 vs. DEL)
Most Runs, First Inning: .....	5 (May 18 vs. DEL)
Most Hits, Game: .....	16 (May 18 vs. DEL)
Most Hits, Inning: .....	5, 3 <sup>rd</sup> inning (May 2 vs. LYN)
Fewest Hits, Game: .....	2 (Multiple)
Most Home Runs, Game: .....	3 (May 13 at AUG)
Most Home Runs, Inning: .....	2, 4 <sup>th</sup> (May 18 vs. DEL)
Most Doubles, Game: .....	5 (May 18 vs. DEL)
Most Triples, Game: .....	1 (Multiple)
Most Extra Base Hits, Game: .....	8 (May 18 vs. DEL)
Most Stolen Bases, Game: .....	4 (Multiple)
Most Walks, Game: .....	11 (Multiple)
Most Strikeouts, Game: .....	*20 (April 14 vs. COL)*
Most Left on Base, Game: .....	14 (April 29 vs. MB) (5.0 Innings)
Most Left on Base, Nine Inning Game: .....	10 (Multiple)

## Individual Batting

Most Hits, Game: .....	4, Dominic Keegan (April 16 vs. COL)
Most Runs, Game: .....	3 (Multiple)
Most RBI, Game: .....	4, Dominic Keegan (April 16 vs. COL)
Most Doubles, Game: .....	2 (Multiple)
Most Triples, Game: .....	1, (Multiple)
Most Home Runs, Game: .....	1 (MULTIPLE)
Most Walks, Game: .....	3 (Multiple)
Most Intentional Walks, Game: .....	1, Cooper Kinney (April 19 at KAN)
Most Stolen Bases, Game: .....	3, Chandler Simpson (April 11 vs. COL)
Longest Hitting Streak: .....	7 (Multiple)

**4-Hit Games:** Dominic Keegan (April 16 vs. COL), Chandler Simpson (May 18 vs. DEL)

**2-Home Run Game:**

**Inside-the-Park Home Runs:**

**Back-to-Back Home Runs:**

**Grand Slam Home Runs:**

**Hitting for the Cycle:**

**Walk-Off Wins:** Simpson RBI Single in 10<sup>th</sup> (May 7 vs. LYN)

## Team Pitching

Most Runs Allowed, Game: .....	15 (MULTIPLE)
Most Runs Allowed, Inning: .....	8 (APRIL 7 AT MB)
Most Hits Allowed, Game: .....	14 (Multiple)
Most Home Runs Allowed, Game: .....	3 (April 20 at KAN)
Most Home Runs Allowed, Inning: .....	2 (April 7 at MB)
Most Walks Allowed, Game: .....	12 (April 22 at KAN)
Most Strikeouts, Game: .....	18 (May 12 at AUG)
Most Strikeouts, 9-Inning Game: .....	18 (May 12 at AUG)
Fewest Hits Allowed, Game: .....	3 (Multiple)
Fewest Walks Allowed, Game: .....	0 (May 14 at AUG)

## Individual Pitching

Most Consecutive Scoreless Innings: .....	13.0, Trevor Martin (April 25 – May 12)
Most Innings Pitched, Game: .....	5.0, Trevor Martin (Multiple)
Most Hits Allowed, Game: .....	8, Jonny Cuevas (April 27 vs. MB)
Most Runs Allowed, Game: .....	8, Kikito Severino (April 7 at MB)
Most Home Runs Allowed, Game: .....	2, (Multiple)
Most Walks Allowed, Game: .....	6, Yoniel Curet, (April 28 vs. MB)
Most Strikeouts, Game: .....	8, Marcus Johnson (April 26 vs. MB)
Longest Relief Outing: .....	Cade Halemanu, 3.1 innings (May 12 at AUG)
Grand Slam Home Runs, Opposing Player: .....	Andy Garriola (April 7 at MB), Jair Casanova (May 11 at AUG)

\*RiverDogs club record; # ties RiverDogs club record

# TRACKING THE RIVERDOGS 2023

## RECORDS

2023 RECORD: 15-21  
 ALL-TIME RECORD: 2,924-2,940  
 AT HOME: 10-12  
 ON ROAD: 5-9  
 EXTRA INNINGS: 1-1  
 DOUBLE HEADERS: 0-1-1  
 vs. RH Starter: 12-16  
 vs. LH Starter: 3-5

## STREAKS

LONGEST WINNING STREAK: 3  
 LONGEST LOSING STREAK: 4  
 CURRENT STREAK: 1 Win

LONGEST WINNING STREAK (Since 2008): 10, 2012  
 LONGEST LOSING STREAK (Since 2008): 8, 2014

## RECORD WHEN

SCORING FIRST RUN: 8-9  
 ALLOWING FIRST RUN: 7-12

LEADING AFTER 5: 10-5  
 TRAILING AFTER 5: 3-15  
 TIED AFTER 5: 1-1

LEADING AFTER 6: 11-3  
 TRAILING AFTER 6: 1-17  
 TIED AFTER 6: 2-1

LEADING AFTER 7: 12-1  
 TRAILING AFTER 7: 1-19  
 TIED AFTER 7: 1-1

LEADING AFTER 8: 12-2  
 TRAILING AFTER 8: 0-15  
 TIED AFTER 8: 1-1

OUTHITTING OPPONENTS: 8-6  
 OUTHIT BY OPPONENTS: 3-15  
 HITS EVEN: 4-0

ONE-RUN GAMES: 4-6  
 TWO-RUN GAMES: 1-2  
 THREE-RUN GAMES: 3-1

GAMES FOLLOWING A WIN: 2-12  
 GAMES FOLLOWING A LOSS: 12-9

<u>BY MONTH</u>	<u>HOME</u>	<u>ROAD</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
APRIL	5-8	2-6	7-14
MAY	5-4	3-3	8-7
JUNE	0-0	0-0	0-0
JULY	0-0	0-0	0-0
AUGUST	0-0	0-0	0-0
SEPTEMBER	0-0	0-0	0-0

<u>BY DAY</u>	<u>HOME</u>	<u>ROAD</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
SUNDAY	2-1	0-2	2-3
MONDAY	0-0	0-0	0-0
TUESDAY	4-0	0-2	4-2
WEDNESDAY	0-5	0-2	0-7
THURSDAY	2-1	3-0	5-1
FRIDAY	0-3	1-2	1-5
SATURDAY	2-2	1-1	3-3

<u>BY START TIME</u>	<u>HOME</u>	<u>ROAD</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Morning (Before 12PM)	0-0	0-1	0-1
DAY (12PM-5PM)	0-0	0-2	0-2
NIGHT (After 5PM)	10-12	5-6	15-18

<u>VS. North Division</u>	<u>HOME</u>	<u>ROAD</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Carolina	0-0	0-0	0-0
Delmarva	2-1	0-0	2-1
Down East	0-0	0-0	0-0
Fredericksburg	0-0	0-0	0-0
Lynchburg	3-3	0-0	3-3
Salem	0-0	0-0	0-0

<u>VS. South Division</u>	<u>HOME</u>	<u>ROAD</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Augusta	0-0	3-3	3-3
Columbia	3-3	0-0	3-3
Fayetteville	0-0	0-0	0-0
Kannapolis	0-0	1-5	1-5
Myrtle Beach	2-5	1-1	3-6

## MISCELLANEOUS

Longest Game (Innings): 10.0 (Multiple)  
 Longest Game (Time): 3:07 (May 10 at AUG)  
 Shortest Game (Time): 1:27 (April 15 vs. COL) (7 innings)  
 Shortest 9-Inning Game (Time): 2:03 (Multiple)  
 Runs For: 164  
 Runs Against: 218

## GRAND TOTALS

TOTAL ATTENDANCE: 78,962 (20 openings)  
 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 3,948

GAMES PLAYED 5,865 games  
 ALL-TIME WINS 2,926  
 ALL-TIME WIN% .499

# RIVERDOGS MISCELLANEOUS

## RiverDogs Roster Origination

### Players from NCAA Division I Programs (12):

Duncan Davitt (Iowa)  
 Jeff Hakanson (UCF)  
 Cade Halemanu (Hawaii)  
 Jack Hartman (Appalachian State)  
 Kamren James (Mississippi State)  
 Marcus Johnson (Duke)  
 Chandler Simpson (Georgia Tech)  
 Trevor Martin (Oklahoma State)  
 Matt Wyatt (Virginia)  
 Dominic Keegan (Vanderbilt)  
 Blake Robertson (Oklahoma)  
 Michael Sansone (Fairfield)

### Players from NCAA Division II programs (0):

### Players signed out of junior college (4):

Jake Christianson (Feather River)  
 Alex Cook (Colby Community College)  
 Jonny Cuevas (College of Southern Nevada)  
 Drew Sommers (Central Arizona)

### Players drafted from NAIA programs (0):

### Players drafted/signed out of high school (3):

Xavier Isaac (East Forsyth/Kernersville, NC)  
 Cooper Kinney (The Baylor School/Chattanooga, TN)  
 Ryan Spikes (Parkview/Lilburn, GA)

### Players signed as international free agents (10):

Christopher Barete (Dominican Republic)  
 Yuniel Curet (Dominican Republic)  
 Jhon Diaz (Dominican Republic)  
 Samuel Mejia (Dominican Republic)  
 Odalys Peguero (Dominican Republic)  
 Juan Rodriguez (Dominican Republic)  
 Kikito Severino (Dominican Republic)  
 Junior William (Dominican Republic)  
 Carlos Colmenarez (Venezuela)  
 Angel Galarraga (Venezuela)  
 Julio Meza (Venezuela)  
 Santiago Millan (Venezuela)

### RiverDogs Highest Drafted Players

Xavier Isaac, 1<sup>st</sup> Round, 2022  
 Cooper Kinney, Competitive Balance A, 2021  
 Ryan Cermak, Competitive Balance B, 2022  
 Chandler Simpson, Competitive Balance B, 2022  
 Ryan Spikes, 3<sup>rd</sup> Round, 2021  
 Trevor Martin, 3<sup>rd</sup> Round, 2022

### MLB Pipeline Top Prospects (7)

Xavier Isaac, #10  
 Carlos Colmenarez, #14  
 Chandler Simpson, #18  
 Ryan Cermak, #23  
 Cooper Kinney, #24  
 Dominic Keegan, #25  
 Marcus Johnson, #29

### Returning Players from Previous Years (7)

Jonny Cuevas  
 Yoniel Curet  
 Angel Galarraga  
 Dominic Keegan  
 Julio Meza  
 Ryan Spikes  
 Junior William

## Largest Attendance Single-Game

Rank	Attendance	Date
1.	8,426	April 5, 2007 (Opening Day)
2.	8,366	April 9, 2009 (Opening Day)
3.	8,257	April 11, 2019 (Opening Day)
4.	8,046	July 3, 2006
5.	7,931	July 3, 2007
6.	7,792	July 4, 2014
7.	7,667	July 3, 2013
8.	7,587	April 8, 2010 (Opening Day)
9.	7,536	July 4, 2010
10.	7,378	July 3, 2008

## Catcher Throwing Stats

Catcher	CS	SBAtt	Pct.	Innings	ER	ERA
Galarraga	1	7	14.3%	54.1	27	4.47
Keegan	6	32	18.8%	184.0	103	5.04
Meza	1	16	6.2%	68.0	48	6.35

## Starts by Position

	C	1B	2B	3B	SS	LF	CF	RF	DH	Total
Barete						12	11	3		26
Colmenarez			2		14					16
Diaz						8	3	6	1	18
Galarraga	6								6	12
Isaac		17							5	22
James		2		23		3			4	32
Keegan	21	6							2	29
Kinney		7	16						7	30
Meza	10	3								13
Millan						1				1
Peguero			7	2	8				3	20
Simpson						6	19	6		31
Spikes			10	8	11				2	31

# **RIVERDOGS FIELD STAFF**

## **Manager: Sean Smedley**

Smedley's coaching career began when he was the video coordinator for the rookie-level Princeton Rays in 2016. In 2017, he returned to Princeton, this time as the bench coach. For the next two seasons, Smedley was part of Blake Butera's staff as the bench coach for the Hudson Valley Renegades. The native of Colorado was announced as the manager in Princeton for the 2020 season, but COVID-19 canceled the season and when play resumed he joined Butera in Charleston. During his playing days as a catcher, Smedley was a prep standout at Desert Vista High School in Phoenix, Arizona. He played one year of junior college ball at Yavapai College before transferring to Division II Texas A&M International. He went undrafted at the end of his college career but was signed as a free agent by the Rays shortly after the draft's conclusion. In three professional seasons, he appeared in 24 games total between the Gulf Coast League Rays and Single-A Bowling Green. Smedley was named the RiverDogs manager for the 2023 season.

## **Pitching Coach: Levi Romero**

Romero takes over as the pitching coach at a full-season affiliate for the first time after serving in the same role for the Florida Complex League affiliate in 2021. That squad held opponents to a league-low .204 batting average and finished with a 3.32 earned run average and 514 strikeouts in 460.2 innings. Romero was the pitching coach for one of the Rays two entries in the Dominican Summer League in 2021. His professional career began in 2003 when he was signed out of Venezuela by the Houston Astros. In all, he pitched for five years in Minor League Baseball with the Astros and Texas Rangers before embarking on a seven-year international career that included stops in Venezuela and Japan and ended in 2015.

## **Hitting Coach: Perry Roth**

This season will be Roth's second with both the Rays and RiverDogs after coaching at the college level since 1996. Under his tutelage in 2022, the RiverDogs led the Carolina League in batting average, home runs, hits, triples and slugging percentage. Before joining the Rays, he spent the previous 15 years with UAB's baseball program, also serving as recruiting coordinator, hitting coach and assistant head coach.

## **Coach: Ronnie Richardson**

Richardson is embarking on his third season with the Rays, and first with a full-season affiliate, following two years in the Florida Complex League. He helped guide the FCL Rays to a 39-16 record in the regular season and an appearance in the league's championship series. Richardson previously coached in the Miami Marlins organization, with Hillsborough Community College and in the Northwoods League with the Madison Mallards and Wisconsin Woodchucks. He was selected out of Central Florida University in the 16th round of the 2012 MLB Draft by the San Diego Padres. He played three seasons in their farm system, posting a .262 career batting average.

## **Athletic Trainer: Halee Williams**

Williams begins her fourth year with the Rays and first with a full-season affiliate. She served in the same role with the Florida Complex League Rays in 2022. Williams graduated with her bachelor's degree in athletic training from Indiana Wesleyan University. While in school, she interned with the Arizona Diamondbacks and, after graduating, spent a season with the Oakland Athletics. She began working with the Rays in 2019 while completing her Global master's degree in Sports Management and Legal Skills through Instituto Superior de Derecho y Economía and FC Barcelona in 2020. This winter, Williams worked for the Bravos de Margarita of the Venezuelan Professional Baseball League.

## **Strength Coach: Mia Salvemini**

Salvemini returns as strength and conditioning coach for a third consecutive season. She is also a CrossFit Level One Trainer and spent time working with athletes at Cressey Sports Performance. Salvemini was originally hired by the Rays in 2020 after graduating from the University of Tampa in 2019 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Human Performance with a concentration in Exercise Recreation and Leadership.

# RIVERDOGS DAY-BY-DAY RESULTS

DATE	OPP.	SCORE	RiverDogs R-H-E-LOB	Opponent R-H-E-LOB	WINNING PITCHER	LOSING PITCHER	SAVE	REC.	STD.	GA/B	ATT.
April 6	@MB	6-2	6-6-1-7	2-6-3-5	William	Kipp		1-0	T-1st	--	6,600
April 7	@MB	1-13	1-4-3-7	13-14-0-10	Valdez	Cuevas		1-1	T-2nd	0.5	3,690
April 11	COL	5-3	5-6-0-3	5-6-0-3	Harney	Kudrna	Wyatt	2-1	T-1st	--	5,898
April 12	COL	0-7	7-5-0-6	0-2-2-3	McKeehan	Hartman		2-2	T-2nd	1.0	3,445
April 14	COL	1-4	1-4-3-6	4-10-1-12	Sandlin	Martin	Herrera	2-3	5th	2.5	5,118
April 15 (1)	COL	3-0	3-4-0-4	0-5-0-4	Sansone	Martinez	Halemanu	3-3			
April 15 (2)	COL	1-2	1-6-0-9	2-5-0-2	Scott	Wyatt	McMillon	3-4	T-4th	3.0	5,948
April 16	COL	9-2	9-12-1-4	2-3-4-4	Cook	Kudrna		4-4	T-3rd	2.0	3,372
April 18	@KAN	1-6	1-7-0-9	6-6-0-3	McCullough	Ayala	Seidl	4-5	5th	2.0	3,742
April 19	@KAN	7-8	7-8-0-7	8-5-1-6	Cable	Wyatt		4-6	6th	3.0	3,127
April 20	@KAN	8-5	8-14-1-9	5-11-3-8	Hartman	McDaniel	Sansone	5-6	5th	2.0	2,838
April 21	@KAN	2-3	2-8-2-7	3-3-0-2	Adams	Halemanu	Seidl	5-7	6th	3.0	4,091
April 22	@KAN	3-15	3-5-3-7	15-14-2-12	Schweitzer	Cook		5-8	6th	4.0	4,045
April 23	@KAN	2-3	2-5-1-6	3-3-0-5	Veloz	Ayala Jr	Seidl	5-9	6th	5.0	3,003
April 25	MB	5-2	5-8-0-5	2-5-2-5	Martin	Cabrera		6-9	T-5th	4.0	2,807
April 26 (1)	MB	2-7	2-5-1-4	7-8-1-1	Gonzalez	Johnson		6-10	6th	5.0	
April 26 (2)	MB	2-8	2-2-0-9	8-9-4-1	Oquendo	Halemanu		6-11	6th	5.5	2,411
April 27	MB	9-10	9-10-3-8	10-12-3-10	Aldrich	Sommers		6-12	6th	5.5	3,601
April 28	MB	2-15	2-3-4-6	15-14-2-9	Hull	Curet		6-13	6th	6.0	4,269
April 29	MB	2-1 (5)	2-4-1-14	1-5-0-10	Severino	Moreno	Mejia	7-13	6th	5.5	4,434
April 30	MB	3-8	3-9-3-7	8-10-0-8	McCullough	Sansone	S. Gonzalez	7-14	6th	6.0	5,512
May 2	LYN	9-5	9-11-1-5	5-10-0-9	Halemanu	Zapata		8-14	6th	6.0	4,016
May 3	LYN	7-12	12-10-4-8	7-11-5-5	Reyes	Cuevas		8-15	6th	7.0	2,002
May 4	LYN	4-3	4-11-1-10	3-5-1-6	William	Jacobs	Davitt	9-15	6th	7.0	5,333
May 5	LYN	3-10	3-5-4-8	10-8-1-10	Gomez	Severino		9-16	6th	7.0	5,043
May 6	LYN	2-8	2-5-1-7	8-8-0-6	Richardson	Halemanu	Rapp	9-17	6th	7.0	4,020
May 7	LYN	6-5 (10)	6-8-2-14	5-8-2-8	Davitt	Vasquez		10-17	6th	7.0	3,810
May 9	@AUG	3-8	3-7-0-5	8-11-0-9	De Grandpre	Cuevas	Martinez	10-18	6th	7.0	4,924
May 10	@AUG	7-8 (10)	7-8-1-11	8-11-1-12	Joseph	Wyatt		10-19	6th	8.0	3,487
May 11	@AUG	6-5	6-8-0-4	5-9-4-4	Sommers	Bautista	William	11-19	6th	7.0	4,788
May 12	@AUG	11-6	11-9-0-7	6-7-5-6	Halemanu	Murphy		12-19	6th	6.0	3,998
May 13	@AUG	8-4	8-11-2-4	4-11-2-4	Davitt	Harper		13-19	6th	6.0	5,075
May 14	@AUG	4-6	4-8-1-6	6-11-1-6	Strickland	Sommers	Florentino	13-20	6th	6.0	3,982
May 16	DEL	5-1	5-8-0-4	1-7-4-6	Christianson	Cheney		14-20	T-5th	6.0	3,014
May 17	DEL	4-6	4-7-2-10	6-12-2-10	De Los Santos	Hartman		14-21	6th	7.0	4,621
May 18	DEL	11-7	11-16-0-9	7-8-1-4	Rodriguez	Brehmer		15-21	6th	7.0	2,699

# RIVERDOGS 2023 TRANSACTIONS

**Opening Day Roster:** **Catchers:** Angel Galarraga, Dominic Keegan, Julio Meza **Infielders:** Jalen Battles, Carlos Colmenarez, Xavier Isaac, Kamren James, Cooper Kinney, Ryan Spikes, Gionti Turner **Outfielders:** Christopher Barete, Estanli Castillo, Ryan Cermak, Chandler Simpson **Pitchers:** Alex Ayala Jr., Jake Christianson, Jonny Cuevas, Yoniel Curet, Nate Dahle, Duncan Davitt, Jeff Hakanson, Cade Halemanu, Sean Harney, Jack Hartman, Marcus Johnson, Trevor Martin, Kikito Severino, Junior William, Matt Wyatt.

**April 11:** INF Gionti Turner transferred from Charleston to Bowling Green (High-A)

**April 15:** RHP Alex Cook and LHP Michael Sansone transferred extended spring training to Charleston.

**April 20:** INF Jalen Battles transferred from Charleston to Montgomery (Double-A)

**April 23:** RHP Nate Dahle transferred from Charleston to Bowling Green (High-A)

**April 25:** OF Jhon Diaz and INF Odalys Peguero transferred from extended spring training to Charleston.

**April 26:** OF Ryan Cermak placed on 7-day injured list retroactive to April 24

**April 27:** RHP Sean Harney and LHP Michael Sansone transferred from Charleston to Bowling Green (High-A). LHP Drew Sommers transferred from extended spring training to Charleston.

**April 28:** RHP Samuel Mejia and RHP Juan Rodriguez transferred from extended spring training to Charleston. LHP Michael Sansone transferred from Bowling Green (High-A) to Charleston. LHP Alex Ayala Jr. and INF Carlos Colmenarez placed on 7-day injured list.

**May 2:** INF Willmer De La Cruz transferred from extended spring training to Charleston.

**May 6:** INF Carlos Colmenarez activated from injured list. INF Willmer De La Cruz placed on development list.

**May 17:** OF Estanli Castillo placed on development list. OF Santiago Millan has been transferred from extended spring training to Charleston