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Third-year Member of the Frontier League, an MLB Partner League

Tri-City ValleyCats (5-7, T-4th East, 3.5 GB) @ Washington Wild Things (6-6, T-6th West, 3.0 GB)



Friday, May 26, 2023, 7:05 PM EDT
Game #13 of 96 - Away Game #7 of 45
Wild Things Park - Washington, Pa.

TC: RHP Rafi Vazquez (1-0, 0.64 ERA)
WSH: RHP Spencer Johnston (1-1, 4.09 ERA)



VS. WASHINGTON WILD THINGS

DATE	H/A	RESULT/RECORD
5/19	H	9-6 (L) / 0-1
5/21 (G1)	H	4-0 (W) / 1-1
5/21 (G2)	H	9-5 (W) / 2-1
5/26	A	
5/27	A	
5/28	A	

PROBABLES

DATE, TEAM, TIME	TC STARTER	OPP. STARTER
Sat. 5/27 @ WSH @ 7:05 PM EDT	LHP Elijah Gill (0-1, 8.64 ERA)	LHP Greg Loukinen (2-1, 6.97 ERA)
Sun. 5/28 @ WSH @ 5:35 PM EDT	RHP Garrison Bryant (0-0, 3.75 ERA)	RHP Arrison Perez (0-0, 1.50 ERA)
Tues. 5/30 vs. TR @ 6:30 PM EDT	RHP Dwayne Marshall (2-0, 2.00 ERA)	TBD

LAST GAME (5/25/23)

CRESTWOOD, IL - The Tri-City ValleyCats (5-7) fell 8-2 on Thursday at Ozinga Fell to conclude its season-series with the Windy City ThunderBolts (5-6). The defeat marked the second series loss for the ValleyCats, both of which have come on the road this season.

Tri-City had its first bullpen game of the year. Andrew Edwards was solid through the first two innings, just allowing two baserunners, and neither of them went into scoring position. However, Windy City opened the scoring in the third. Paul Coumoulos and Jake Boone worked back-to-back one-out walks. Bren Spillane doubled in both runners before Dan Robinson picked up an RBI single to pull the ThunderBolts ahead, 3-0. Tri-City got on the board in the sixth. Josh Broughton, who collected his eighth multi-hit game of the 2023 campaign earlier today, reached base safely for the third time with leadoff walk against Garrett Christman. Broughton moved to second on a wild pitch, and was driven in on a single from Cito Culver, which cut the deficit to 3-1.

The ThunderBolts tacked on two more runs in the sixth. Brett Hanewich issued a one-out walk to Junior Martina. Martina stole second and advanced to third on a single from Peyton Isaacson. Carson Matthews singled home Martina before Matt Morgan worked a walk. Coumoulos reached on an error from Culver, which brought in Matthews, and gave Windy City a 5-1 lead.

The ThunderBolts broke the game open in the eighth. Micah Yonamine greeted Alex McKenney with a leadoff single. Isaacson plated Yonamine with a double. Isaacson went to third on the same play on an error from Carson McCusker. Afterward, Matthews knocked in his second run of the day with a two-bagger of his own. Matthews went to third on a flyout from Morgan, and came around to score on a wild pitch to put Windy City on top, 8-1.

The ValleyCats showed late life in the ninth. Jaxon Hallmark pinch-hit for Jakob Goldfarb, and hit a single off Sebastian Selway. Pavin Parks then walked, and both runners advanced on a wild pitch. Zach Biermann drove in Hallmark with an RBI groundout to make it an 8-2 ballgame. Selway sealed the victory after inducing a groundout from Ciaran Devenney. Christman (1-0) earned the win. He threw 5.2 innings, yielding one run on four hits, walking three, and striking out seven. Despite receiving the loss, Edwards (0-1) gave manager Pete Innaviglia the distance he wanted. He tossed three innings, giving up three runs on three hits, walking two, and striking out a season-high five batters. Edwards extends the ValleyCats' starters streak of setting down the last 23 batters to start an inning.

Tri-City continues their six-game road trip tomorrow, Friday, May 26 as they begin a three-game series against the Washington Wild Things. First pitch is scheduled for 7:05 PM EDT.

2023 SCHEDULE: Barring inclement weather, each series against an opposing team will be three games each and there will be a day off every Monday. The first three series consist of three-game homestands and three-game road trips. From May 23 to June 18, each homestand and road trip will be six games each. From June 20 to the end of the regular season on September 3, each homestand and road trip will be three games each with the exception of a six-game homestand from July 21-27 and from August 18-24. The lone six-game road trip after June 11 will be from August 4-10. The ValleyCats play nine games against each division rival this year. Besides Empire State, Tri-City will play the majority of the intra-divisional series at home against the Sussex County and Trois-Rivieres. Tri-City will play at least three games against each team in the West division. The only three games versus the Schaumburg, Joliet, and Florence this year will be played at "The Joe". The ValleyCats take on the Washington, Evansville, and Lake Erie in a six-game season series, with a three-game trip on the road, and another three games at home.

2023 SCHEDULE

MAY						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					TR	TR
TR		WSH	WSH	WSH	WSH	WSH
WSH		WSH	WSH	WSH	WSH	WSH
WSH		TR	TR			

JUNE						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					TR	ES
ES		EVN	EVN	EVN	EVN	EVN
EVN		LE	LE	LE	FLO	FLO
FLO		OTT	OTT	OTT	OTT	OTT
OTT		SCN	SCN	SCN	EWJ	

JULY						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						EWJ
EWJ		ES	ES	ES	OTT	OTT
OTT		EVN	EVN	EVN	EVN	EVN
EVN		OTT	OTT	OTT	NY	NY
NY		JOL	JOL	JOL	BLE	BLE
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AUGUST						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
EWJ		EVN	EVN	EVN	NJ	NJ
NJ		OC	OC	OC	SC	SC
SC		OC	OC	OC	EVN	EVN
EVN		SC	SC	SC		

SEPTEMBER						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
OTR					OTR	

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2023 SCOUTING REPORT

- (All stats are among all Frontier League teams)

TC	BATTING	WSH
.263 (7th)	AVG	.265 (4th)
.368 (4th)	OBP	.351 (10th)
.394 (6th)	SLG	.418 (5th)
102 (T-6th)	H	104 (5th)
25 (4th)	2B	27 (3rd)
1 (T-11th)	3B	3 (T-2nd)
8 (T-10th)	HR	9 (9th)
54 (10th)	R	65 (T-4th)
19 (T-4th)	SB	19 (T-4th)
3 (T-5th)	CS	3 (T-5th)
45 (T-10th)	BB	60 (1st)
109 (14th)	K	87 (T-5th)

TC	PITCHING	WSH
4.45 (8th)	ERA	5.03 (11th)
1.49 (T-10th)	WHIP	1.49 (T-10th)
9.09 (4th)	K/9	8.65 (8th)
4.45 (10th)	BB/9	3.53 (4th)
1 (T-11th)	SV	1 (T-11th)
0.7 (6th)	HR/9	1.0 (13th)

HEAD TO HEAD: The ValleyCats are ahead in the season series 2-1 thanks to a Rafi Vazquez complete-game shutout in game one and an eight-run fourth in game two.

CUP O' JOE: J.P. France is the latest ValleyCat to make his MLB debut. He tossed five shutout innings for the Houston Astros in a no-decision effort in Seattle on Saturday, May 6, 2023. France was a 14th rounder in 2018 for Houston. He made his professional debut for Tri-City and tossed eight scoreless innings across six relief appearances before being called up to Single-A Quad Cities.

THESE CATS ARE PRETTY GOOD: 2017 MVP Jose Altuve returned to the Houston Astros lineup on Friday after missing 43 games because of a fractured thumb. He played with the ValleyCats back in 2009. Enrique Hernandez, a 2020 World Series winner with the Dodgers, played with Tri-City back in 2010.

2023 BATTING LEADERS

AVG	Broughton	.435
OBP	McCusker	.490
SLG	McCusker	.657
H	Broughton	20
R	Broughton	10
RBI	McCusker	9
2B	Broughton	6
3B	Altherr	1
HR	Biermann	3
TB	Broughton	26
BB	2 tied	7
K	Parks	21
SB	2 tied	5
CS	Broughton	2

2023 PITCHING LEADERS

ERA	Vazquez	0.64
W	Marshall	2
L	7 tied	1
G	2 tied	5
GS	Marshall	3
SV	Guduan	1
IP	Marshall	18.0
SO	Marshall	16
BB	2 tied	7
WHIP	Vazquez	0.57

2023 FRONTIER LEAGUE STANDINGS

East Division	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	Home	Away	Div	Streak	Wild Card
Sussex County Miners	8	3	.727	-	8-2	4-0	4-3	6-2	W2	-
New York Boulders	7	5	.583	1.5	5-5	4-2	2-3	4-1	W1	-
New Jersey Jackals	5	6	.455	3.0	5-5	2-2	3-4	4-4	W1	-
Tri-City ValleyCats	5	7	.417	3.5	3-7	4-2	1-5	2-4	L1	0.5
Trois-Rivieres Aigles	5	7	.417	3.5	5-5	2-1	3-6	1-2	L1	0.5
Quebec Capitales	4	7	.364	4.0	4-6	3-2	1-5	3-5	W1	1.0
Ottawa Titans	4	8	.333	4.5	4-6	3-3	1-5	3-3	L2	1.5
Empire State Greys	2	9	.182	6.0	2-8	0-0	2-9	1-4	L7	3.0
West Division	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	Home	Away	Div	Streak	Wild Card
Evansville Otters	9	3	.750	-	8-2	7-2	2-1	1-2	L1	-
Gateway Grizzlies	8	4	.636	1.0	6-4	4-2	4-2	6-3	W2	-
Florence Y'all	7	5	.583	2.0	7-3	3-3	4-2	7-5	W4	-
Lake Erie Crushers	7	5	.583	2.0	6-4	6-3	1-2	2-1	W1	-
Joliet Slammers	6	6	.500	3.0	5-5	5-4	1-2	1-2	L1	1.0
Schaumburg Boomers	5	5	.500	3.0	5-5	2-2	3-3	5-5	L1	1.0
Washington Wild Things	6	6	.500	3.0	5-5	3-3	3-3	2-3	L5	1.0
Windy City ThunderBolts	5	7	.417	4.0	4-6	4-6	1-1	2-4	L1	2.0

BATTING NOTES

(SERIES NUMBERS ARE FOR THE THREE GAMES IN WINDY CITY, MAY 23 - 25, AND THE THREE GAMES IN WASHINGTON, MAY 26 -28; LAST HOMESTAND NUMBERS ARE FOR THE THREE GAMES VS. WASHINGTON, MAY 19-21)

VALLEYCATS:
OPPONENTS:

SERIES: .267 (28/105)
SERIES: .227 (22/97)

LAST HOMESTAND: .352 (31/88)
LAST HOMESTAND: .258 (24/93)

SEASON: .263 (102/388)
SEASON: .243 (91/374)

#22 OF AARON ALTHERR | R/R | 6-5/215

ACQ: 2023 FREE AGENT

SERIES: 1 GS, .667 (2/3)	LAST HOMESTAND: 3 GS, .273 (3/11), 2 2B, 2 RBI, 0 BB/4 K, 1/1 SB
CURRENT HIT STREAK: 4	SEASON-HIGH HIT STREAK: 4 2x, last 5/19 -

Altherr was a six-year Major Leaguer, he played with Philadelphia from 2014-2018, and split the 2019 season between the Phillies, San Francisco Giants, and the New York Mets. He was drafted by the Phillies in the ninth round (287th pick overall) of the 2009 draft out of Agua Fria High School (the same high school that football Hall of Famer Randall McDaniel went to) in Avondale, Arizona for \$150,000. Altherr received a scholarship to play baseball at Arizona State and even had some offers to play basketball elsewhere at the D1 level. A couple career highlights include hitting an inside-the-park grand slam against the Rays in his rookie season in 2013, which is the first time a Major Leaguer accomplished that feat since October 3, 1999 by Randy Winn for the then-Tampa Bay Devil Rays. Altherr is the only player to hit a grand slam off Clayton Kershaw. The latter came on September 18, 2017. Incidentally, 2017 was Altherr's best year and slashed .272/.340/.516/.856, setting career-highs in games (107), homers (19), and RBI (65). He was pushed for playing time with Nick Williams in 2018 after Rhys Hoskins was sent to the outfield following the signing of Carlos Santana in 2018. Then, in 2019 the Phillies signed Andrew McCutchen and Bryce Harper, and Altherr was later DFA'd by Philadelphia the same year. He only had one at bat with the Giants, who held on to him for a week and the Mets, who barely started him in 2019. He was later DFA'd by both of those teams...career MLB stats: 359 G, .219/.307/.401/.708, 37 HR, 150 RBI, 110/332 K, 21/31 SB...Altherr played in the Korean Baseball Organization in 2020 and 2021 with the NC Dinos, winning the 2020 KBO championship and taking home more than \$2.3 million according to MLB Trade Rumors...KBO stats: 279 G, .275/.355/.528/.882, 63 HR, 192 RBI, 42/50 SB, 103 BB/305 K. Per a May 2023 Times Union article from Mark Singelais, Altherr was able to enjoy his time with his wife Samantha and their newborn child, Isaiah, born in April 2022, in their home in Scottsdale, Arizona. Altherr wanted to play last year, but didn't find the right place to play. He wants to play again in affiliated ball, so that's why he didn't return to South Korea for a third year. Altherr played for the German national baseball team last year and in 2012 during the WBC Qualifiers. Germany's team fell to the Canada in this year's WBC...Altherr was born in Landstuhl, Germany on January 14, 1991 (32) and spent his first six months of his life living in Germany before spending most of his childhood moving frequently, but spending the majority of his time in Kansas and Arizona...His mother, Michelle, is from Baltimore, and was stationed as a member of the United States Air Force, while his father, Frank, was a former professional soccer player for FC Kaiserslautern in Germany...he played against Cito Culver when he was coming up through the Minors.

#7 2B CONNOR BAGNIESKI | L/R | 5-11/190

ACQ: 1ST ROUND, 2023 FL DRAFT

SERIES:	LAST HOMESTAND:
CURRENT HIT STREAK:	

Bagnieski was selected 12th overall in this year's Frontier League draft...he played with the Lake Country DockHounds in the American Association last season. The DockHounds were originally supposed to join the Northwoods League in 2021, but COVID-19 halted their construction of a new stadium, so they pivoted and joined the AA. Lake Country's management is run by the likes of Tom Kelenic (Jared Kelenic's father), and Sonny Bando (Sal Bando's son. Sal was a 4x All-Star and 3x World Series champion for the Kansas City/Oakland A's, and also played on the Milwaukee Brewers)...2022 stats: 9 G, .421 (8/19), 1 XBH (1 3B), 3 RBI, 8 R, 7 BB/7 K, 2/3 SB...Bagnieski was with the Birmingham-Bloomfield Beavers in the United Shore Professional Baseball League in 2021. The Beavers are located in Utica, Michigan, and were founded by New York settlers from Utica, NY, who decided to name their founding of the city after their homet. 2021 stats: 24 G, .346/.480/.474/.954, 7 XBH (1 HR), 9 RBI, 18 R, 19 BB/12 K, 10/12 SB. He was described by DockHounds manager Jim Bennett as being a sparkplug at the top of the lineup for the Beavers." Bagnieski played at Radford University in 2021; the Highlanders play in the D1 Big South Conference. He was at Florida Southwestern State College (JUCO program located in Fort Myers) from 2019-2020; the Bucaneers are in the Suncoast Conference. Bagnieski spent a year redshirting at State College of Florida, Manatee-Sarasota (another JUCO program) in 2018; the Manatees are a D1 JUCO program in the Florida College System Activities Association...he originally committed to Chicago State University for the 2019 season, but did not play for them. The CSU baseball program was shutdown for good in June 2020, and was announced first on Twitter after a month of protests from the baseball team. According to Baseball America, CSU baseball team was replaced with men's soccer to "...help the department cut costs and improve its competitiveness...from Green Bay, Wisconsin, and was born on 1/31/1997 (26).

#45 1B/OF ZACH BIERMANN | L/L | 6-3/225

ACQ: 2023 TRADE (EVN)

SERIES: 3 GS, .000 (0/10), RBI, 1 BB/2 K	LAST HOMESTAND: 3 GS, .250 (3/12), HR, 4 RBI, 2 2B, 3 R, 0 BB/1 K
CURRENT HIT STREAK: -3	SEASON-HIGH HIT STREAK: 3, 5/17-19

Biermann was acquired by Evansville to complete a previous trade. He earned 2022 West Division All-Star honors for the Otters and was the last player in the FL to have a three-homer game which came on June 15, 2022 at Schaumburg at Wintrust Field...2022 stats with Evansville: 89 G, .280/.377/.518/.895, 17 HR, 54 RBI, 66 R, 39 BB/90 K, 14 HBP (T-7th in the league, Joliet's Brylie Ware had an eye-popping 38 HBPs), 6/6 SB...played for Tri-City both in Indy ball in 2021 and in Low-A in 2019. He was also traded from the ValleyCats to the Otters prior to the 2022 season...2021 stats with the ValleyCats: 38 G, .312/.375/.451/.826, 3 HR, 14 RBI, 22 R, 9 BB/29 K, 1/3 SB...reached as high as Double-A Corpus Christi in the Astros organization before being released in 2021. He was taken by Houston in the 23rd round (706th overall) for \$1,000 in the 2019 MLB Amateur Draft out of Coastal Carolina University in Conway, SC. The Chanticleers (pronounced Shon-ti-cleer) are in the D1 Sun Belt conference. The mascot name is apparently the moniker of a fierce rooster from The Canterbury Tales, a selection of stories from the 14th-15th century, which popularized English vernacular into English literature. The new mascot name was brought up by a bunch of Coastal Carolina students along with their English professor/basketball coach Cal F. Maddux in the 1960s...MiLB stats in 2019 and 2021: 56 G, .202/.317/.366/.683, 6 HR, 24 RBI, 25 BB/50 K, 2/4 SB...played at Polk State College from 2016-17; the Eagles are a D1 JUCO team in the Florida State College Activities Association. Polk State College is located in Winter Haven, FL (which is an hour east of Tampa) prior to transferring to Coastal Carolina University; he was with the Chanticleers from the 2018-19 seasons...born in West Bend, Wis...born on 6/2/97 (25)...went to high school in West Bend, the same district as three-year MLB pitcher Willie Mueller and the actor who played the Duke in the movie "Major League" went to high school.

BATTING NOTES

#14 OF JOSH BROUGHTON | R/R | 6-2/175

ACQ: 2023 FREE AGENT

SERIES: 3 GS, .385 (5/13), 2 2B, RBI, 3 R, 2 BB/3 K, 1/1 SB

LAST HOMESTAND: 3 GS, .600 (6/10), 2B, RBI, 3 R, 2 BB/1 K, 1/2 SB

CURRENT HIT STREAK: 8

SEASON-HIGH HIT STREAK: 8, 5/17 -

Broughton signed a minor league contract with the Pittsburgh Pirates on 10/24/22, and was listed as a third baseman, but was released on 3/31/23...he played with the Ogden Raptors during the last two seasons in the PBL after not playing professional baseball since 2019...2021-22 hitting stats: 180 G, .393/.442/.615/1.057, 27 HR, 150 RBI, 207 R, 66 BB/111 K, 42/54 SB...2021 pitching stats: 10 G (2 GS), 1-2, 21.1 IP, 9.28 ERA, 16 K/8 BB...Broughton selected by the Kansas City Royals as a pitcher in the 25th round (739th overall) of the 2019 MLB Draft out of Valdosta State University. The Blazers are a DII program out of Valdosta, Georgia. He signed for \$5,000 with the Royals despite only throwing 12 innings in college and about 13 innings in high school. His only season in the Royals organization came in 2019 when he played for their rookie ball affiliate...2019 stats: 5 G (0 GS), 0-0, 5.2 IP, 9.53 ERA (6 ER), 5 K/1 BB...prior to his senior season at VSU, in 2018 he played at Elon University; the Phoenix are a D1 program that is in the Colonial Athletic Association and are located in Elon, North Carolina. Elon University has produced Seattle Mariners starter George Kirby...in 2017 he played at St. Johns River State College where he was teammates with Detroit Tigers Kerry Carpenter in Lakeside, FL. The Vikings are a JUCO program in the Mid-Florida Conference and the NJCAA Region 8 division...in 2016 Broughton played at Hillsborough Community College in Tampa. The Hawks play in the Suncoast Conference...he was born in Callahan, FL on July 22, 1997 (25). Callahan is less than 10 minutes west of Tampa, and 45 minutes north of St. John's River State College...Broughton is the son of Curtis Marsh Sr, and the brother of Curtis Marsh Jr. and Cassius Marsh who have all played in the NFL. Curtis Marsh Sr. was a wide receiver on the Jacksonville Jaguars in 1995-96, the Pittsburgh Steelers in 1997, and the Saskatchewan Roughriders in the Canadian Football League from 2000-01. Curtis Marsh Jr. was a cornerback for the Philadelphia Eagles from 2011-13, Cincinnati Bengals in 2013, and the Denver Broncos from 2014-15. Cassius Marsh had the longest career of the trio as he played with the Seattle Seahawks from 2014-16, the New England Patriots in 2017, San Francisco 49ers in 2018, Arizona Cardinals in 2019, Indianapolis Colts and Steelers in 2020, and the Chicago Bears in 2021.

#6 SS CITO CULVER | S/R | 6-0/205

ACQ: WAIVERS, 2022 (SC)

SERIES: 3 GS, .417 (5/12), 2B, RBI, R, 2 BB/6 K, 1/1 SB

LAST HOMESTAND: 3 GS, .400 (4/10), 2 2B, 2 RBI, 4 R, 2 BB/3 K

CURRENT HIT STREAK: 2

SEASON-HIGH HIT STREAK: 2 2x, last 5/24-

Culver signed a contract extension with the ValleyCats on 2/28/23...2022 stats with Tri-City: 37 G, .329/.413/.557/.970, 6 HR, 18 RBI, 30 R, 22 BB/30 K, 3/5 SB. 2022 stats between Sussex County and Tri-City: 87 G, .262/.376/.424/.800, 8 HR, 36 RBI, 56 BB/69 K, 59 R, 3/5 SB...Nine-year MiLB stats: 902 G, .231/.304/.328/.632, 43 HR, 329 RBI, 347 BB/897 K, 75/107 SB...Career Indy ball stats: 302 G, .268/.362/.398/.760, 18 HR, 141 RBI, 160 R, 152 BB/243 K, 15/24 SB...Culver, a native of Rochester, NY, joined the ValleyCats on 7/17/22 after being claimed off of waivers from the Sussex County Miners, where he had a .196 batting average with 10 XBH (2 HR), and a .638 OPS in 50 games. Following the pick-up, he hit .329 with 22 XBH (6 HR), and a .970 OPS in 37 games...Earned the Can-Am League's Defensive Player of the Year award in 2019. Culver brought a veteran plate approach and presence to a young ValleyCats lineup, and immediately succeeded out of the leadoff spot for the 'Cats. His stellar approach, team-first mentality, and gold glove-caliber defense were all major factors in the team's second-half success, falling just short of a postseason appearance. "We are excited to have Cito Culver returning to Tri-City for the 2023 season," said ValleyCats Vice President and General Manager Matt Callahan. "He is a consummate professional and strong veteran presence both on the field and in the clubhouse. Cito will be a key leader for our ballclub as we pursue a Frontier League Championship this season." In 2010, Culver was drafted in the first round (32nd overall) out of Irondequoit High School by the New York Yankees in the MLB Draft and signed for \$954,000. Culver spent 8 seasons in the Yankees organization, including two in the New York-Penn League with the Staten Island Yankees. During his time in pinstripes, Culver reached as high as Triple-A Scranton Wilkes-Barre before his release at the end of the 2017 season. Culver spent the 2018 season with the New Orleans Baby Cakes, the former Triple-A affiliate of the Miami Marlins, before embarking into the realm of independent professional baseball in 2019...Per an article from the County Miners, in affiliated ball, he was asked only to hit right-handed and kept it that way until 2019 when he had a dry spell at the plate. Bobby Jones asked him to try hitting from the left side and he went 1-for-4, the next day he went 3-for-4 with a triple. In an article last year written by Mark Singelais in the Times-Union newspaper, Culver was once viewed as Jeter's replacement and grew up a Jeter fan too...He went to Irondequoit High School... Craig Jones, the Irondequoit High School Assistant coach for Culver during high school and in seventh grade said that Culver's athletic ability, speed, and overall, general understanding of the game stood out to him. Culver did his best to lead by example, use his ability and knowledge of the game and teach that to others and point. Jones remarked that Culver had to be very selective getting good pitches because pitchers and coaches less likely to pitch to him. He also used him as the closer. Eventually, Culver made three pitching appearances in pro ball and while trying to make a comeback to the Minor Leagues the Yankees gave him a tryout as a pitcher, but he didn't make it since he could not touch 90 on the mound. He was happy and thought it was surreal to see Culver get drafted, go as the first pick for the Yankees. ...Irondequoit High School Baseball Coach Tim Mabbs, who spent 33 years in the district as a coach, said that he brought Culver out from eighth grade year to the varsity level. He started on the varsity team in eighth grade, had a solid year, and held his own. Culver had to pass a NY State test to join varsity, and he was able to. This was a physical test that had a shuttle run, number of pull ups, setups, run a mile in a certain amount of time, and run a physical exam with a doctor. By ninth grade, he was a captain and coach on the field. Culver's work ethic, and determination stood out to him. During the summers, Culver and his family would travel down south and play for these high power teams, compete with kids 3-4 years older than him. This took his skillset to the next level. For the most part, Culver and his family went in a travel trailer and went from tournament to tournament mostly in Florida and Georgia. Scouts often wanted Culver to hit after his high school games and up to 22 MLB teams watch him hit. Sometimes it was a distraction, game ends, and then you have to take BP after the game ends. During the 2011 draft, Mabbs thought he was getting in the 3rd or 4th round and turned off the TV. The Yankees were the frontrunners, had the most contact with them, but the Reds were talking to him too. Mabbs also mentioned that Culver had a full ride to Maryland, and made the tough choice to go the professional route right away and begin playing rookie ball as a 17-year old. In high school. He still keeps in touch with Mabbs, who traveled to see him play in the Batavia about 25-30 miles away from Rochester along with Kim Bartella, his former math teacher and someone that was like a second mother to him. Culver gives back to his former high school and throughout his career has gone back to Irondequoit for Saturday morning practices to hit and help out the baseball players...A couple of other players from Irondequoit high school played professionally; Matthew Tone, LHP, 2009-2011 in the Minors drafted by the Twins in 14th round and reached High-A Fort Myers also played with Culver. Mike Zaccardo reached Low-A Williamsport in the Phillies organization in 2008...Culver will be trying out with Baseball United in Dubai in November. This program has Hall of Famers Mariano Rivera and Barry Larkin in its front office along with Adrian Beltre and Felix Hernandez. Baseball United will be having its first season next year. They are recruiting professional baseball players around the world to join the first professional baseball organization in the Middle East and Indian Subcontinent. This area is home to Bat and Ball sports, and has tens of millions of baseball fans. If Culver performs well in the Dubai Showcase he could get drafted into this league...born on 8/26/1992 (30).

BATTING NOTES

#34 C CIARAN DEVENNEY | R/R | 6-0/215

ACQ: 2022 FREE AGENT

SERIES: 3 G (1 GS), .375 (3/8), 2B, 0 BB/2 K

LAST HOMESTAND: 1 GS, .000 (0/5), 0 BB/4 K

CURRENT HIT STREAK: 2

SEASON-HIGH HIT STREAK: 2, 5/24 -

Devenney was signed by Tri-City on 6/11/22 after being released by the Sussex County Miners on 5/8/22, whom he did not appear in a game with. His 2023 option was exercised by the ValleyCats...2022 stats with the ValleyCats: 8 G, .222 (4/18), 2 HR, 4 RBI, 3 BB/3 K, 6 R, 1 2B. The lack of games played last season was because of stints on the injured list and inactive list. According to a Times-Union article written by Mark Singelais in July 2022, Devenney was hit in the face by a pitch by Empire State's Johsson Arias and broke four bones, mostly in his upper left cheek. He had a plate inserted and received surgery at Monmouth (pronounced Mon-myth) Medical Center on June 29, nearby his hometown of Manalapan, NJ. The plate stopped everything from being caved. The surgeon had to do a small incision above the eye, and everything else was down underneath the lip. The injury happened about two weeks after the ValleyCats picked him up and ended his season...2021 stats with the Gary SouthShore RailCats in the American Association: 15 G, .256/.347/.419/.766, 6 XBH (0 HR), 5 RBI, 6 BB/20 K, 7 R...Devenney played at the University of Connecticut (UCONN) in 2021; the Huskies are in the Big East Conference. He was at the University of Massachusetts-Lowell (pronounced Low-ull) from 2019-2020; the River Hawks are a D1 program in the American East Conference. Devenney went to Mercer County Community College in 2018; the Vikings are in the Garden State Athletic Conference. He also attended Delaware State University in 2017; the Hornets are a D1 program in the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference. The city of Lowell is 30 minutes northwest of Boston, and has the highest percentage of Cambodian residents out of any region in the United States. This is because many Cambodians fled their home country in the 1970s because of the regime in place and may found refuge. Eventually, because of the immigration, Lowell and Massachusetts saw an economic boom in the 1980s in part because of the Cambodian immigrants contributing to the mill industry. Originally, Lowell had the largest industrial complex in the U.S. in the 1850s because of the textile mill industry...was a two-sport athlete at St. John Vianney High School where he lettered in baseball and ice hockey.....born on 6/26/1998 (24).

C AUSTIN ELDER | L/R | 5-10/195

ACQ: 2023 FREE AGENT

SERIES:

LAST HOMESTAND:

CURRENT HIT STREAK:

Elder was picked up by the ValleyCats after he was released by the Lake Country DockHounds of the AAPB on 5/23/23. He played in two games for the Lake Country this year and was 1-for-3. Elder was originally traded to the DockHounds from Tri-City in exchange for OF Lamar Briggs on 3/9/23. Briggs is now in his fourth professional season and is with the Gastonia Honey Hunters in the ALPB this year after playing for Lake Country in 2022 and the Westside Woolly Mammoths of the USPBL from 2020-21...Elder's 2022 stats with the 'Cats: 22 G, .283/.429/.472/.901, 3 HR, 12 RBI, 14 BB/11 K, 10 R, 6/21 in SB attempts (28.6 CS%)...He was traded from the Grand Junction Rockies of the PBL for OF/RHP Thomas Kretzler. 2022 was Kretzler's lone professional season and he batted in 11 games and made five appearances from the mound...Elder was with the Rockies from 2021-22...indy ball stats: 119 G, .315/.414/.398/.812, 4 HR, 54 RBI, 58 BB/49 K, 61 R, 20 2B...he played college ball at California State University Northridge in 2019; the Matadors are a D1 program in the Big West Conference. Elder also went to the St. Mary's College of California from 2020-21; the Gaels are a D1 program in the West Coast Conference. St. Mary's College of California is located in Moraga, CA and is in the San Francisco Bay Area...from Concord, CA in northeast San Francisco...born on 8/9/1999 (23).

#23 C/OF JAKOB GOLDFARB | L/R | 6-2/210

ACQ: 2023 FREE AGENT

SERIES: 2 GS, .286 (2/7), R, 0 BB/2 K, 1/1 SB

LAST HOMESTAND: 3 GS, .375 (3/8), 2 2B, 2 RBI, R, 2 BB/2 K

CURRENT HIT STREAK: -1

SEASON-HIGH HIT STREAK: 2 2x, last 5/19- 5/21 (G1)

Goldfarb will be in his second stint with the ValleyCats after playing one game on 6/14/22, going 1-for-3 with a sac fly and throwing out a runner at third. His short tenure with the 'Cats was because he signed a minor league deal with Pittsburgh. According to Times Union writer Mark Singelais, he had connections on last year's team as he went to high school with 2B Brantley Bell, played in Ogden with Pavin Parks, and played at the University of Oregon with Brac Warren; Ducks are in the PAC-12 Conference and Goldfarb holds the program record with 14 outfield assists. He was originally drafted by the White Sox in 2019 in the 24th round (710th pick overall) for \$2,500. He was only in the White Sox organization for the 2019 season, spending time with both rookie ball affiliates before his release on 5/21/20. Goldfarb went hitless in a four-game stint with the Chicago Deep Dish, a team in the City of the Champions Cup, which was an indy ball league that only existed in 2020. Goldfarb tore up the PBL with the Ogden Raptors in 2021, leading the league in runs and steals...2021 stats: 88 G, .342/.461/.661/1.122, 24 HR, 90 RBI, 116 R, 30 2B, 5 3B, 50 BB/78 K, 45/53 SB. He parlayed his impressive season into a minor league contract with the Pirates in 2022, reaching Single-A for the first time, and heading right to Bradenton. After being released by the Pirates on 6/7/22, he signed a minor league deal with the Diamondbacks on 6/16/22, and spent the next two months in rookie ball before his release...career MiLB stats: 61 G, .225/.395/.326/.711, 4 HR, 27 RBI, 32 BB/64 K, 10/13 SB...Goldfarb played in three games in this year's WBC and went 1-for-4 with an RBI and a walk, all of which came against Venezuela. It was the only run Israel would score in that game...went to Desert Mountain High School, which is where 10-year MLB veteran (2010-19) Peter Bourjos (pronounced Borjiss) went to his freshman year...from Scottsdale, Arizona and was born on 6/23/96 (26).

#3 2B/C TREY HAIR | L/R | 5-10/185

ACQ: 2023 FREE AGENT

SERIES: 3 GS, .182 (2/11), RBI, R, 0 BB/6 K

LAST HOMESTAND: 3 GS, .500 (5/10), 2 HR, 6 RBI, 3 R, 1 BB/1 K, 1/1 SB

CURRENT HIT STREAK: 1

SEASON-HIGH HIT STREAK: 3, 5/21-24

Hair played with the Frisco RoughRiders, the Texas Rangers Double-A affiliate in 2022...2022 stats with the: 64 G, .244/.304/.521/.825, 17 HR, 51 RBI, 18 BB/63 K, 2/5 SB... selected by the Tampa Bay Rays in the 2017 MLB Draft in the 34th round (1,009th pick overall) out of the University of Evansville, and made it as high as Single-A in two seasons in their organization. The D1 Purple Aces are in the Missouri Valley Conference...Hair was picked up by Texas on 6/16/21...four-year MiLB career stats: 250 G, .281/.361/.507/.868, 44 HR, 173 RBI, 90 BB/224 K...he played in Indy ball with Sussex County in 2019 and 2021, along with the Fargo-Moorhead Redhawks in the American Association in 2020...Career Indy ball stats (through 2022): 147 G, .298/.398/.490, 16 HR, 98 RBI, 39/52 SB, 82 BB/117 K...he is set for his second stint in the Frontier League. Hair, reached Single-A Bowling Green before his November 2018 release. Ahead of the 2019 season, the Nebraska native joined the Sussex County Miners of the Canadian-American Association ahead of the league's merger with the Frontier League. Bobby Jones, his manager with the Minors, who was a 10-year MLB veteran and 1997 All-Star pitcher, said this about Hair: "Trey brings a lot of offense to that position (second base). You like his offense and you love his competitiveness. He's never going to give away an at-bat. He fights you on every at-bat." Hair smashed 17 home runs, 5 of which came in 5 straight games, a franchise record for most consecutive games with at least one home run. The record-setting performance, spanning from June 7-11, earned Hair Texas League Player of the Week honors. The addition of Hair not only brings a powerful left-handed bat to the ValleyCats lineup, but it also provides defensive versatility as he has played every position with the exception of center field and pitcher in his professional career. Hair, who appeared primarily as a second baseman during his time in a Sussex County uniform will reunite with his former up-the-middle partner Cito Culver. Between Sussex County and Fargo-Moorhead, the two have worked together up-the-middle for three of the last four seasons...Per an article from the Miners: During the pandemic, he was a hitting coach at the University of Nebraska-Omaha, and kept in shape by working out with the team and taking full rounds of batting practice. The Mavericks are a D1 program in the Summit League Conference...Hair played for Missouri State University in 2014; the Bears are a D1 program in the Missouri Valley Conference. He went to Fort Scott Community College in 2015 before transferring to Evansville; the Greyhounds are a D1 JUCO program in the Kansas Jayhawk Community College Conference...his favorite food is a big, thick t-bone steak...from Hickman, Nebraska. According to the 2020 census, Hickman has roughly 2,600 residents and is 25 minutes south of the state capital, Lincoln...born on 4/21/1995 (28).

BATTING NOTES

#1 2B/CF JAXON HALLMARK | R/R | 5-10/185

ACQ: 2023 FREE AGENT

SERIES: 3 G (1 GS), .200 (1/5), HBP, 2 R

LAST HOMESTAND: 1 G (0 GS), 0/0

CURRENT HIT STREAK: 1

SEASON-HIGH HIT STREAK: 1 4x, last 5/25

Hallmark was signed by the Houston Astros as a non-drafted free agent in 2021, and played in Single-A with the Fayetteville WoodPeckers last year...stats with Fayetteville: 61 G, .201/.321/.371, 10 XBH (2 HR), 15 RBI, 24 R, 31 BB/92 K, 20/25 SB...played his college ball at the University of Nebraska where he was the 2021 Team Captain and earned First-Team Big 10 Honors during the Cornhuskers Big 10 Title Run, leading all Big 10 players with a .342 BA, 10 HR, and 16 SB. According to the a 2021 article by Nate Head in the Lincoln Journal Star, Hallmark came in clutch with a leadoff homer in game two of Fayetteville Regional against their rival the University of Arkansas...It surprised him and baseball analysts that he didn't get drafted: He said, "It's not so much that I want to prove that I should have been drafted, it's more to prove that I belong here. My entire life, I feel like I have been overlooked a little bit in the sport of baseball. I am just here to prove that I belong here and that this is what I wanted to be doing and I plan on doing it for a while." Hallmark had a year left of eligibility with the Huskers but didn't want to risk the opportunity of playing professional baseball, and took the offer from the Astros. Hallmark made the decision with those who have shaped his baseball career, including 14-year MLB veteran, 2006 World Champion and 2x All-Star Darin Erstad...In 2019, he made the Big 10 All-Freshman Team...earned his Bachelor's Degree in sports media and communication...went to Midland High School and born on 10/2/98 (24) in Midland, TX...Mike Stanton, an 18-year MLB veteran, All-Star, and 3x World Series Champion (1998-2000) went to the same high school.

#33 OF CARSON MCCUSKER | R/R | 6-8/250

ACQ: 2021 FREE AGENT

SERIES: 3 GS, .250 (3/12), HR, 2B, 4 RBI, 3 R, 2 BB/3 K

LAST HOMESTAND: 3 GS, .364 (4/11), 2B, RBI, 1 BB/1 K

CURRENT HIT STREAK: -1

SEASON-HIGH HIT STREAK: 8, 5/12-24

McCusker is entering his third season with the ValleyCats and signed a contract extension with them on 4/6/23...2022 stats: 77 G, .265/.320/.502/.822, 13 HR, 46 RBI, 21 BB/95 K, 5/5 SB. He was also tied for 10th in the league with 24 doubles...Career ValleyCats stats: 108 G, .281/.344/.525/.869, 19 HR, 69 RBI, 36 BB/118 K, 6/6 SB...he spent the last four years of college career at Oklahoma State University; the Sooners are in the Big 10 Conference...McCusker began his college career at Folsom Lake College (JUCO program in the Big 8 conference) in Folsom, California, and was drafted in the 26th round (774th overall) in 2017 by the Milwaukee Brewers...Pete Incaviglia went to OSU In a Times Union article written by Mark Singelais in August 2021, McCusker said that his coach (Josh Holliday) talked about Pete Incaviglia almost everyday because of his accolades at OSU. One of the reasons why the organization signed McCusker was because the skipper saw him play multiple times and was impressed by his skillset, and firmly believes if the rounds were not shortened during in 2020, he would have been drafted again...from Sparks, Nevada (about five minutes from Reno), which is home to Scheels, the world's largest all-sports store, which has an indoor ferris wheel, and two aquariums...born on 5/22/98 (24)...mom played college volleyball.

#9 OF JUAN MONTES | L/L | 6-2/195

ACQ: 2023 FREE AGENT

SERIES: 3 GS, .273 (3/11), 2B, 2 RBI, 2 BB/2 K, 2/2 SB

LAST HOMESTAND: 2 GS, .250 (1/4), R, 1 BB/0 K

CURRENT HIT STREAK: -1

SEASON-HIGH HIT STREAK: 3, 5/21 (G2) - 5/24

Montes was signed by the Baltimore Orioles out of hometown of Guatemala City, Guatemala in 2013. He played six years in the Minors with Baltimore and reached as high as Low-A with the Aberdeen IronBirds in 2019. There have been nine players according to Baseball Reference and The Baseball Cube to play affiliated ball and are from Guatemala. There have been no players to reach the Majors from Guatemala; Montes is one of four Guatemalans to reach as far as Low-A...Career MiLB stats: 213 G, .242/.366/.327/.693, 8 HR, 74 RBI, 105 R, 81 BB/139 K, 44/62 SB...won the MVP of the Pecos League last season with the Roswell Invaders...stats with Roswell: 43 G, .405/.540/.605/1.225, 8 HR, 47 RBI, 66 R, 33 BB/29 K, 42/46 SB...played in the Nicaraguan Winter League with a team called Tren del Norte (North Train) during the last three years...he won the NWL Rookie of the Year honors in 2019...the NWL began in 1956 lasted until 1967 and was resurrected in 2004. It is a five-team, 30-game season that runs from November to December...played for team Nicaragua in their first WBC. He batted .286 (4-for-14) with a double in four games played, including a multi-hit game in the elimination game against Venezuela...mentioned by Talkin' Baseball because he has "top 5 greatest mustache ever seen on a baseball diamond". Talkin' Baseball of the most popular baseball podcasts and accounts on social media...born on 5/15/1995 (27).

#13 INF PAVIN PARKS | L/R | 6-1/200

ACQ: 2022 TRADE — OGDEN RAPTORS (PBL)

SERIES: 3 GS, .091 (1/11), 1 BB/8 K

LAST HOMESTAND: 3 GS, .286 (2/7), 2 BB/5 K

CURRENT HIT STREAK: -1

SEASON-HIGH HIT STREAK: 1 4x, last 5/24

Parks came in relief in the eighth inning on May 18 in Sussex County, striking out two and getting out of a bases loaded, no out jam in an inning of work...Parks's 2023 option was exercised by the ValleyCats...2022 stats with Tri-City: 94 G, .284/.399/.488/.887, 17 HR, 67 RBI, 65 BB/69 K, 78 R, 14/19 SB...He was one of three All-Stars with the ValleyCats last season, joining the MVP Brantley Bell and Brad Zunica. He also won the All-Star Game MVP after going 2-for-3 with a solo home run and two runs scored...Parks was acquired by the ValleyCats on 3/15/22 from the Ogden Raptors for RHP Dan Zubiuk, who ended up returning to the FL with the Washington Wild Things last year...2021 stats with the Raptors: 95 G, .330/.427/.568/.995, 15 HR, 102 RBI, 64 BB/90 K, 100 R, 27 2B, 7 3B, 24/30 SB...Parks was teammates with Broughton at Ogden in 2921...Parks was drafted by the Detroit Tigers in the 36th round (1072nd overall pick) of the 2019 draft out of Kent State University; the Golden Flashes are in the Mid-American Conference...2019 stats with the Tigers West rookie ball affiliate: 11 G, .000 BA (0/19), 2 R, 6 BB/7 K...before the Tigers drafted him, he was also selected by the San Diego Padres in the 24th round of the 2018 draft...Parks pitched 48 games in college and college summer ball leagues, as well as with the Raptors and Tigers rookie ball affiliate. Pitching stats with Ogden: 8 G (1 GS), 0-1, 9.2 IP, 5.59 ERA, 5 K/2 BB...pitching stats with the Tigers rookie ball affiliate: 4 G (0 GS), 0-0, 5.0 IP, 0.00 ERA, 5 K/1 BB...according to a Times-Union article written by Mark Singelais, it was reported that Parks was named after pro golfer Corey Pavin, who won the 1995 Open. His parents named him Pavin after seeing the golfer walk into a restaurant they were at in Akron, Ohio. Singelais wrote that Parks was dealt to Tri-City because shortstop Ogden manager Kash Beauchamp had another shortstop he liked on the team. Furthermore, the Pete Incaviglia had a hand in his recruitment as he is good friends with Beauchamp and personally reached out to Parks in February 2022 about joining the Frontier League. Parks has enjoyed both indy ball leagues, but claimed the FL to be a slightly higher league with a higher level of play. Since Parks has performed in the FL, and could return to affiliated ball one day, he was one of reasons why Cito Culver was picked up on waivers from the Sussex County Miners in 2022, so that the ValleyCats can add to their infield depth...Parks was a three-sport star in basketball, football, and baseball at Manchester High School...born in Akron on 12/24/1996 (26).

PITCHER NOTES

	1ST BATTER RETIRED	PCT.	IR/SCORED	PCT.	SV/OPPS	PCT.
Beaulac	1/1	1.000	0/0	--	0/0	--
Bell	3/4	.750	3/3	1.000	0/0	--
Bryant	9/15	.600	0/0	--	0/0	--
Carney	1/1	1.000	0/0	--	0/0	--
Dunaway	0/0	--	0/0	--	0/0	--
Edwards	6/7	.857	1/0	.000	0/0	--
Ernst	3/5	.600	2/1	.500	0/0	--
Gill	3/5	.600	0/0	--	0/0	--
Guduan	4/6	.667	2/2	1.000	1/1	1.000
Hanewich	1/1	1.000	0/0	--	0/0	--
Jaramillo	0/0	--	0/0	--	0/0	--
Jimenez	0/0	--	0/0	--	0/0	--
Johnson	8/14	.429	0/0	--	0/0	--
Losak	0/1	.000	0/0	--	0/0	--
Marshall	14/18	.778	0/0	--	0/0	--
McKenney	1/4	.250	0/0	--	0/1	.000
Parks	1/1	1.000	3/0	.000	0/0	--
Vazquez	10/14	.571	0/0	--	0/0	--
Veliz	6/8	.750	0/0	--	0/1	.000
Warren	3/5	.600	0/0	--	0/0	--
Young	0/0	--	0/0	--	0/0	--
TOTALS	72/100	.720	11/6	.545	1/3	.333

#11 RHP BRENDAN BELL | R/R | 5-11/205

ACQ: 2023 FREE AGENT

LAST 2023 APPEARANCE W/ TC: 1.0 IP, 0 H, 0 R, 0 ER, 0 BB, 0 K, 5/25 @ WC	LAST 2023 SAVE W/ TC:
LONGEST 2023 APPEARANCE W/ TC: 2.0 IP, 5/19 vs. WSH	MOST WALKS W/ TC IN 2023: 1, 5/14 vs. TR
LAST 2023 WIN W/ TRI:	MOST STRIKEOUTS W/ TC IN 2023: 2, 5/19 vs. WSH
LAST HOMESTAND: 2.0 IP, 1 H, 0 R, 0 ER, 0 BB, 2 K, 5/19 vs. WSH	

Bell mostly throws a fastball and slider with an occasional changeup. His heater sits between 92-95 MPH...Bell was drafted by the Philadelphia Phillies in the 37th round (1,110th pick overall) in the 2019 Draft and signed for \$50,000. He played in Philadelphia's organization in 2019 and 2021, reaching as high as Single-A Clearwater in his last affiliated season...Career MiLB stats: 36 G (1 GS), 3-2, 48.1 IP, 5.40 ERA, 42 K/32 BB...played college ball in 2019 at the College of Central Florida, a D1 JUCO program that ranked first in 2019 in the Florida College System Activities Association. The head coach of CCF, Marty Smith, has been the head coach since 2006 and has produced over 30 professional baseball players, which includes seven-year Major Leaguer Jason Nix, a seven-year MLB veteran...went to Paula Vista Community HS in Lake Worth, FL (the same HS where 2011 grad Trea Turner went to)...born on 3/11/2000 (23) in Ocala, FL (two hours northwest of Clearwater).

#19 RHP GARRISON BRYANT | L/R | 6-4/226

ACQ: 2023 FREE AGENT

LAST 2023 APPEARANCE W/ TC: L, 6.0 IP, 8 H, 7 R, 5 ER, 1 BB, 4 K, 5/23 @ WC	LAST 2023 SAVE W/ TC:
LONGEST 2023 APPEARANCE W/ TC: 6.0 IP 2x, last 5/23 @ WC	MOST WALKS W/ TC IN 2023: 1 2x, last 5/13 @ WC
LAST 2023 WIN W/ TC:	MOST STRIKEOUTS W/ TC IN 2023: 7, 5/17 @ SC
LAST HOMESTAND:	

Bryant throws a fastball, changeup, slider, and curveball. His heater sits between 90-93...Bryant spent six seasons in the Minors in the Mets organization, and made it as high as Double-A Binghamton last year...2022 stats between High-A Brooklyn and with the Rumble Ponies: 24 G (17 GS), 8-4, 107.2 IP, 4.68 ERA, 79 K/36 BB...career MiLB stats: 76 G (48 GS), 15-14, 295.0 IP, 4.91 ERA, 265 K/94 BB...faced Tri-City twice in 2019 while he was with the Brooklyn Cyclones, received the no-decision at "The Joe" after hurling five-innings of one-run ball on 7/9/19 and tossed five shutout innings on 8/17/19. Bryant helped lead the Cyclones to the New York-Penn League title in 2019, twirling six shutout frames in a no-decision effort, and only allowing one hit in game one of championship against the Lowell Spinners. Brooklyn would go on to win that game 2-1, and the series 2-1 as well. He was teammates with ValleyCats southpaw Andrew Edwards during that run in Brooklyn, and ran it back with him with the Cyclones in 2022... During 2020, Bryant played with the then-Rockland Boulders before their first season in the Frontier League in 2021...he was selected by the Mets in the 36th round (1,090th pick) for \$100,000 of the 2016 Draft out of Clearwater High School in Florida, where he was also the starting QB. Per a 2022 article by the Tampa Bay News Weekly from Dan Hirschberg, Bryant turned down an offer as the signal caller at the University of Florida. Bryant's football career gave him a good mindset for baseball: "I have a football mindset from being a quarterback and knowing how important it is to analyze your opponent," said Bryant. "I get ready for a game (I am pitching) the night before. At breakfast the day of I am looking at the line-up and watching video of my opponent. I see holes in their swings. I see tendencies. Before the game even starts, I am mentally 2 to 3 innings into it"...he went to Clearwater High School, the same high school where beloved Met, 1986 World Champion, and 2x All-Star Howard Johnson played at...born in Deerfield, NH on 12/3/98 (24). Deerfield has New England's Oldest Annual Fair and was originally part of Nottingham before residents presented a deer to the governor on a second petition for a parish, hence why it's called Deerfield...has a two-year old son named Shea...taught eighth grade before the season.

RHP ELLIOT CARNEY | R/R | 6-3/210

ACQ: 2023 TRADE (LE)

LAST 2023 APPEARANCE W/ TC: 1.0 IP, 0 H, 0 R, 0 ER, 0 BB, 1 K, 5/23 @ WC	LAST 2023 SAVE W/ TC:
LONGEST 2023 APPEARANCE W/ TC: 1.0 IP, 5/23 @ WC	MOST WALKS W/ TC IN 2023:
LAST 2023 WIN W/ TC:	MOST STRIKEOUTS W/ TC IN 2023: 1, 5/23 @ WC
LAST HOMESTAND:	

Carney was acquired by the ValleyCats from the Lake Erie Crushers in exchange for a PTBNL...stats with the Crushers in 2022: 20 G (0 GS), 1-1, 41.0 IP, 3.51 ERA, 59 K/18 BB, 9 HR...played college ball at Coastal Carolina University in 2022 and earned his master's degree in sports management...went at Wofford College in Spartanburg, South Carolina (an hour and a half from the state capital of Columbia) from 2019-21 where he earned his bachelor's degree in finance; the Terriers are a D1 program in the Southern Conference. In 2021, Carney earned Southern Conference Pitcher of the Year Honors, tossed the program's first no-hitter against the University of North Carolina Greensboro on April 17, and made SoCon's First-Team. He nearly hurled a second no-hitter against The Citadel on May 9, but lost it with two outs in the ninth. Carney settled for a 10-strikeout, complete-game shutout...made honor roll in 2020...Carney received a medical redshirt season in 2019 due to injury...attended Edmonds Community College (shortened to Edmonds College since 2020) from 2017-2018 and made honor roll both years; the Tritons are a JUCO program in the Northwest Athletic Conference (NWAC) in the North Region. The Tritons won the North Region title in 2018 and made it to the final four of the NWAC Championship Tournament...his father, Robert, pitched at Oregon State from 1983-84...born in Sammamish, Washington on 5/2/98 (25). Sammamish is located in the Seattle Metropolitan Area and is 30 minutes Southwest of Edmonds College located in Lynnwood, Washington.

PITCHER NOTES

#36 RHP MATT DUNAWAY | R/R | 6-0/210

ACQ: 2023 TRADE (GAT)

LAST 2023 APPEARANCE W/ TC:	LAST 2023 SAVE W/ TC:
LONGEST 2023 APPEARANCE W/ TC:	MOST WALKS W/ TC IN 2023:
LAST 2023 WIN W/ TC:	MOST STRIKEOUTS W/ TC IN 2023:
LAST HOMESTAND:	

Dunaway throws a fastball, changeup, curveball, and slider. The heater sits between 92-94 MPH...Dunaway was traded to the ValleyCats from the Gateway Grizzlies for RHP Joey Gonzalez on 3/30/23. Gonzalez was Tri-City's best pitcher last year pacing the team with 20 games started, 116.2 IP, and 128 strikeouts while pitching to a 3.63 ERA. Dunaway was originally signed by the Grizzlies on 2/24/23 after spending last year in the American Association with the Sioux Falls Canaries. His former coach, Grady Wood, at Western Oregon University was the Canaries ace in 2017 and was a player/coach in 2020. His connection to Wood helped with his opportunity with the Canaries...2022 stats with the Canaries: 20 G (0 GS), 3-1, 22.2 IP, 2.38 ERA, 29 K/8 BB...Dunaway played college ball at Western Oregon University from 2021-22; the Wolves are a Division II program in the Great Northwest Athletic Conference (GNAC) located Monmouth, Oregon, which was the last town that prohibited alcohol in the United States until a popular vote in 2002. It did not allow the sale of alcohol in bars, restaurants, and supermarkets since 1858 and it took until the sixth popular vote since prohibition ended in 1933 to stop the ban), Skagit Valley Community College from 2019-20 (a JUCO program in the Northwest Athletic Conference that is located Mount Vernon, Washington), and Saint Martin's University in 2018 (the Saints are a DII program in the GNAC that play in Lacey, Washington, a city that has received the designation of a Green Power Community because five percent of its total energy comes from green power sources)...Dunaway was born in Mililani, Hawaii (which is near the center of the island of Honolulu) on 4/29/99 (24)...his brother Spencer played golf for four years at Brigham Young University in Utah.

#20 LHP ANDREW EDWARDS | L/L | 6-2/216

ACQ: 2023 FREE AGENT

LAST 2023 APPEARANCE W/ TC: 1 GS, L, 3.0 IP, 3 H, 3 R, 3 ER, 2 BB, 5 K, 5/25 @ WC	LAST 2023 SAVE W/ TC:
LONGEST 2023 APPEARANCE W/ TC: 3.0 IP, 5/25 @ WC	MOST WALKS W/ TC IN 2023: 2, 5/25 @ WC
LAST 2023 WIN W/ TC:	MOST STRIKEOUTS W/ TC IN 2023: 5, 5/25 @ WC
LAST HOMESTAND:	

Edwards has a three pitch mix: fastball, cutter, and curveball. The heater sits between 89-92 MPH. Edwards spent four years in New York Mets organization from 2019-2022 and reach as high as Double-A Binghamton. He was drafted by New York in 2019 out of New Mexico State in the 31st round (928th overall) for \$50,000; the Aggies (pronounced Agg-ease) are in the Western Athletic Conference. Edwards was teammates with Baltimore Orioles starter Kyle Bradish at NMSU in 2018...2022 stats between the Rumble Ponies and the High-A Brooklyn Cyclones: 17 G (0 GS), 2-1, 21.1 IP, 5.91 ERA, 30 K/12 BB. 2022 was first professional season where he finished the season with over a 3.30 ERA...Edwards helped lead the Brooklyn Cyclones to the 2019 New York-Penn League title, earning the win to clinch a finals berth over the Hudson Valley Renegades, and recording the six-out save over the Lowell Spinners for the New York-Penn League title. He was teammates with Garrison Bryant in Brooklyn during the title run in 2019, and they ran it back together with the Cyclones in 2022...Career stats: 57 G (0 GS), 6-6, 85.0 IP, 3.39 ERA, 107 K/45 BB...before playing for the Aggies, he went to Central Arizona College; the Vaqueros are a JUCO program in the Arizona Community College Athletic Conference...born on 05/12/1997 (26) in Las Cruces, New Mexico, the headquarters for Virgin Galactic, the first company to offer suborbital space flights (a flight that reaches outer space does not complete an orbital revolution). Las Cruces is also the city where New Mexico State University is located.

#15 RHP AARON ERNST | R/R | 6-3/200

ACQ: 2023 FREE AGENT

LAST 2023 APPEARANCE W/ TC: L, 1.0 IP, 0 H, 2 R, 2 ER, 2 BB, 1 K, 5/19 vs. WSH	LAST 2023 SAVE W/ TC:
LONGEST 2023 APPEARANCE W/ TC: 1.2 IP, 5/16 @ SC	MOST WALKS W/ TC IN 2023: 2 2x, last 5/19 vs. WSH
LAST 2023 WIN W/ TC:	MOST STRIKEOUTS W/ TC IN 2023: 1 2x, last 5/19 vs. WSH
LAST HOMESTAND: L, 1.0 IP, 0 H, 2 R, 2 ER, 2 BB, 1 K, 5/19 vs. WSH	

Ernst has a fastball, slider, changeup, and curveball. His heater sits at 92-95 MPH...Ernst graduated from Wright State University (DI) in Dayton, Ohio last year, where he was named to the Horizon League Honor Roll for the Raiders. He played with the Raiders only during the 2022 campaign after not playing from 2020-21...WSU stats: 10 G (5 GS), 1-1, 20.1 IP, 8.41 ERA, 30 K/19 BB...Ernst played for the Flyers at the University of Dayton from 2018-19 and in 2018 made the A-10 All-Freshman Team...career stats with the Flyers: 23 G (15 GS), 4-11, 88.2 IP, 5.48 ERA, 70 K/40 BB...played with the Upper Valley Nighthawks in the New England Collegiate Baseball League in 2019...stats with the Nighthawks: 10 G (2 GS), 1-1, 27.0 IP, 4.67 ERA, 24 K/8 BB...played summer ball with the Great Lakes Summer Collegiate League in 2018 with the Richmond Jazz...stats with the Jazz: 5 GS, 1-2, 23.1 IP, 5.79 ERA, 20 K/14 BB...went to Carmel HS, which has produced 10 professional baseball players, including Kyle Lloyd who made a spot start for the San Diego Padres in 2017...from Carmel, IN and was born on 1/28/99 (24).

#19 LHP ELIJAH GILL | L/L | 5-11/185

ACQ: 2023 TRADE (BILLINGS MUSTANGS — PBL)

LAST 2023 APPEARANCE W/ TC: ND, 4.1 IP, 7 H, 4 R, 2 ER, 2 BB, 4 K, 5/21 vs. TC (G2)	LAST 2023 SAVE W/ TC:
LONGEST 2023 APPEARANCE W/ TC: 4.1 IP, 5/21 vs. TC (G2)	MOST WALKS W/ TC IN 2023: 4, 5/16 @ SC
LAST 2023 WIN W/ TC:	MOST STRIKEOUTS W/ TC IN 2023: 8, 5/16 @ SC
LAST HOMESTAND: ND, 4.1 IP, 7 H, 4 R, 2 ER, 2 BB, 4 K, 5/21 vs. TC (G2)	

Gill has a fastball, curveball, and changeup. The heater sits at 90-92 MPH...Gill was acquired in a trade for two-time Frontier League All-Star 1B Brad Zunica, who made both All-Star teams with the 'Cats, and was a six-year minor leaguer with the Padres, reaching Double-A...2022 Stats with the Billings Mustangs as the Pioneer Baseball League Pitcher of the Year, ERA Leader, and All-Star: 16 G (15 GS), 3-1, 85.2 IP, 3.26 ERA, 80 K/29 BB, 53 GB%...Gill impressed the Billings after pitching six innings with the Williamsport Cross Cutters in the MLB Draft League in 2022. He also played summer ball with the Hyannis Harbor Hawks in the Cape Cod Baseball League last season, and was the Kalamazoo Growlers in the Northwoods League in 2021...between Williamsport, Hyannis, and Billings, Gill tossed 179.1 innings in 2022...he played two years at Valdosta State University (DII) during 2021-22 campaign. Gill spent the 2020 season at East Carolina University; the Pirates are a D1 program in the American Athletic Conference located in Greenville, North Carolina. He played for St. Johns River CC from 2018-2019; the Vikings play in the Mid-Florida Conference in the NJCAA Region 8 division. St. Johns is located about 30 minutes southwest of Jacksonville, where Gill is from)...born on 12/2/98 (24)...his full name is Daniel Elijah Gill.

PITCHER NOTES

#29 LHP REYMIN GUDUAN | L/L | 6-4/205

ACQ: 2023 FREE AGENT

LAST 2023 APPEARANCE W/ TC: SV, 2.0 IP, 3 H, 0 R, 0 ER, 0 BB, 4 K, 5/24 @ WC	LAST 2023 SAVE W/ TC: 2.0 IP, 3 H, 0 R, 0 ER, 0 BB, 4 K, 5/24 @ WC
LONGEST 2023 APPEARANCE W/ TC: 2.0 IP, 5/24 @ WC	MOST WALKS W/ TC IN 2023:
LAST 2023 WIN W/ TC:	MOST STRIKEOUTS W/ TC IN 2023: 4, 5/24 @ WC
LAST HOMESTAND: 2.0 IP, 6 H, 2 R, 2 ER, 0 BB, 5 K	

Guduan has a fastball, changeup, and slider. His heater sits at 92-97 MPH...Guduan played four Major League seasons, three with the Houston Astros (2017-2019), and one with the Oakland Athletics (2021). Career MLB stats: 43 G (0 GS), 1-0, 39.0 IP, 31 K/21 BB...Guduan was with the Los Angeles Dodgers organization in the 2020 season, but did not play in the Minors because of COVID-19...he played in the Dominican Winter League from 2015-2022 with the Gigantes del Cibao. Last year, Guduan was with the Leones del Yucatán and the Toros de Tijuana in the Mexican League. He was a Mexican League Mid-Season All-Star with Yucatán...Guduan signed as an 18-year old with the Houston Astros out of San Pedro de Macorís, Dominican Republic on May 29, 2010...he skipped Low-A and did not play for the ValleyCats...Guduan was born on 3/16/1992. (31).

#38 RHP BRETT HANEWICH | S/R | 6-3/200

ACQ: 2022 FREE AGENT

LAST 2023 APPEARANCE W/ TC: 1.0 IP, 2 H, 2 R, 1 ER, 2 BB, 1 K, 5/25 @ WC	LAST 2023 SAVE W/ TC:
LONGEST 2023 APPEARANCE W/ TC: 1.0 IP, 5/25 @ WC	MOST WALKS W/ TC IN 2023: 2, 5/25 @ WC
LAST 2023 WIN W/ TC:	MOST STRIKEOUTS W/ TC IN 2023: 1, 5/25 @ WC
LAST HOMESTAND:	

His 2023 option was exercised by the ValleyCats...2022 stats with Tri-City: 16 G (0 GS), 0-0, 13.0 IP, 13.15 ERA, 17 K/11 BB, 5 HR allowed...signed by the Los Angeles Angels in 9th round (265th overall) for \$10,000 in the 2017 Draft out of Stanford University; the Cardinal are in the PAC-12 conference...Hanewich reached as high as Double-A Mobile in 2019 across three MiLB seasons, and played in the Arizona Fall League in 2018 as well as Spring Training in 2019. Hanewich was named a rising Arizona Fall League star in 2018 for the Mesa Solar Sox...his fastball, which could reach 97 MPH in affiliated ball, was said to be dunking into the strike zone like a "bowling ball", per 1983 NL Cy Young award winner, John Denny in an article written by Ryan Falla in 2019 on Halo Hangout (which is part of FanSided). Denny and Hanewich worked together in 2017 for 15 hours a day, six days a week, with Sunday as the only day off. Hanewich drove two hours to Denny, met him at 7 am, and wouldn't arrive back home until 3 am. The two focused on little details such as intent on pitching, where the ball is being released, picking out a tiny spot on the catcher, dividing the plate into thirds (in, middle, away), rather than the whole. They worked out for 1.5 hours each day, but for the most part, it did not involve weights. It was not exactly pilates, or yoga, but Hanewich became stronger because of the new training regimen. On a max effort days, Hanewich would long toss from 350-400 feet before trying to reach new heights on the radar gun...career MiLB stats: 92 G (0 GS), 6-8, 134.0 IP, 3.63 ERA, 154 K/90 BB...He spent his first two years at Lakewood Ranch High School and his last two years at IMG Academy. IMG is right down the block for him, and as an alumni he has been able to train there at times. IMG has produced six MLB players, the most experienced was John Ryan Murphy. Murphy had an eight-year MLB career with the Yankees, Twins, Diamondbacks, Braves, and Pirates, and caught Mariano Rivera's last game...born on 12/15/94 (28) in Brandon, Florida (where Pittsburgh's Single-A affiliate the Bradenton Manatees play)...according to an article written by Halos Heaven in September 2018 by Jessica DeLine, Hanewich was asked to tell a funny story about his tenure in the Minors, and he said that when he was with Single-A Burlington, the weather was so bad the first month they had to warm up in the parking lot. It was also reported in the article that he has received comparisons to John Lackey, Jordan Walden, and Carter Capps for his pitching motion.

RHP GABRIEL JARAMILLO | R/R | 6-1/178

ACQ: 2023 FREE AGENT

LAST 2023 APPEARANCE W/ TC:	LAST 2023 SAVE W/ TC:
LONGEST 2023 APPEARANCE W/ TC:	MOST WALKS W/ TC IN 2023:
LAST 2023 WIN W/ TC:	MOST STRIKEOUTS W/ TC IN 2023:
LAST HOMESTAND:	

Jaramillo played three seasons in the Chicago Cubs organization (2018, 2021-22), and reached as far as High-A in his last two years in affiliated ball. He was part of the South Bend Cubs team that won the Midwest League Championship in 2022. Jaramillo was signed by Chicago out of Maracay, Venezuela on July 17, 2018. Many big leaguers come from Maracay, including Jose Altuve, Miguel Cabrera, and Bobby Abreu. Maracay is also home to the Tigres de Aragua, who have been a part of the Venezuela Professional Baseball League since 1965...2022 stats: 17 G (0 GS), 1-1, 24.2 IP, 4.01 ERA, 20 K/10 BB...career MiLB stats: 46 G (0 GS), 5-4, 72.1 IP, 3.11 ERA, 76 K/32 BB, 1.20 WHIP...born on 11/3/98 (24).

RHP FRANCISCO JIMENEZ | R/R | 6-1/180

ACQ: 2023 FREE AGENT

LAST 2023 APPEARANCE W/ TC:	LAST 2023 SAVE W/ TC:
LONGEST 2023 APPEARANCE W/ TC:	MOST WALKS W/ TC IN 2023:
LAST 2023 WIN W/ TC:	MOST STRIKEOUTS W/ TC IN 2023:
LAST HOMESTAND:	

Jimenez was a member of the ValleyCats pitching staff in 2021 during their inaugural season in the FL. Jimenez was one of three ValleyCats pitchers to combine to no-hit the Sussex County Miners on June 22, 2021 at "The Joe". The right-hander flawlessly bridged the gap between starter Parker Kelly and closer Trey Cochran-Gill, retiring all six batters he faced, including setting down 4 consecutive batters on strikes. The historic occasion was the third no-hitter in the franchise's history, and the first home no-hitter for the ValleyCats. Jimenez exclusively appeared as a reliever for the team in 2021...Stats with the 'Cats: 33 G (0 GS), 5-4, 45.1 IP, 5.36 ERA, 65 K/17 BB. Before joining the ValleyCats, Jimenez made three starts for the Lexington Legends in the Atlantic League...following his first season in Tri-City, Jimenez was traded to the Fargo-Moorhead RedHawks of the American Association in exchange for a player to be named later. Jimenez was released by the RedHawks on May 21st after just two games with the club, before signing with the Lake Country DockHounds...stats with the Dockhounds: 16 GS, 3-8, 88.0 IP, 5.63 ERA, 87 K/28 BB. The 6'1" hurler brings versatility to the ValleyCats pitching staff, with the ability to pitch in the rotation or out of the bullpen...Jimenez signed Baltimore Orioles on 8/2/11 and played in their organization for eight seasons from 2012-2019. He reached as high as Triple-A Norfolk in 2018 and 2019. Jimenez was mostly a starter for the first five seasons of his Minor League career before transitioning to the bullpen...Minor League stats: 170 G (58 GS), 40-28, 568.1 IP, 3.47 ERA, 452 K/181 BB...played for the Toros del Este in the Dominican Winter League each winter from 2017-18 season to the 2021-22 season...Jimenez also played for Team Colombia in the 2021-22 Caribbean Series...foreign winter league stats: 22 G (0 GS), 2-1, 22.2 IP, 3.18 ERA, 19 K/6 BB...born on 10/4/94 (28) in San Cristobal, Dominican Republic.

PITCHER NOTES

#32 RHP DWAYNE MARSHALL | R/R | 6-2/205

ACQ: 2023 FREE AGENT

LAST 2023 APPEARANCE W/ TC: W, 7.0 IP, 3 H, 0 R, 0 ER, 1 BB, 6 K, 5/24 @ WC	LAST 2023 SAVE W/ TC:
LONGEST 2023 APPEARANCE W/ TC: 7.0 IP, 5/24 @ WC	MOST WALKS W/ TC IN 2023: 4, 5/12 vs. TR
LAST 2023 WIN W/ TC: 7.0 IP, 3 H, 0 R, 0 ER, 1 BB, 6 K, 5/24 @ WC	MOST STRIKEOUTS W/ TC IN 2023: 6 2x, last 5/24 @ WC
LAST HOMESTAND:	

Marshall has a two-seam, cutter, slider, and curveball. His two-seamer is in the low-mid 90s. Marshall played the last two seasons with the Sussex County Miners and was a Frontier League All-Star last year...2022 stats: 21 G (20 GS), 11-3, 118.0 IP, 2.67 ERA, 2 CG, 111 K/43 BB. He was second among qualified starters (96 IP) with a 2.67 ERA, tied for third in games started, wins, and complete games, tied for fifth in innings pitched, and gave up the third fewest homers among qualified starters with six. 2021-22 stats: 30 G (25 GS), 14-4, 154.2 IP, 2.91 ERA, 133 K/60 BB. Marshall also played indy ball with the Skyland Cardinals in Augusta, NJ during the 2020 campaign where he tossed two scoreless innings in the All-American Baseball Challenge, which had a six-team, 23-game season...he played four years of college ball at the University of Maryland Eastern Shore; the Hawks are a D1 program in the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference. The school was formerly known as Princess Anne Academy because it resides in the town of Princess Anne, Maryland, which was named after the daughter of King George II. He spent his fifth and final year of college ball as a graduate student receiving his masters in Health Administration at Felician University; the Golden Falcons are a DII program in the Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference...Marshall went to Seton Hall Prep (pronounced See-ton) for high school, which is where Madison Bumgarner and Rick Porcello played at...from Piscataway, NJ, which is where the first national Fourth of July Celebration (which was in 1778)...born on 2/9/98 (25).

#21 RHP RAFI VAZQUEZ | L/R | 6-1/200

ACQ: 2023 FREE AGENT

LAST 2023 APPEARANCE W/ TC: W, CG SHO, 7.0 IP, 3 H, 0 R, 0 ER, 1 BB, 8 K, 5/21 (G1) vs. WSH	LAST 2023 SAVE W/ TC:
LONGEST 2023 APPEARANCE W/ TC: 7.0 IP 2x, last 5/21 (G1) vs. WSH	MOST WALKS W/ TC IN 2023: 1 2x, last 5/21 (G1) vs. WSH
LAST 2023 WIN W/ TC:	MOST STRIKEOUTS W/ TC IN 2023: 8, 5/21 (G1) vs. WSH
LAST HOMESTAND: W, CG SHO, 7.0 IP, 3 H, 0 R, 0 ER, 1 BB, 8 K, 5/21 (G1) vs. WSH	

Came in as a pinch-hitter after Trey Hair was ejected on May 24 in Windy City and had a walk and an RBI single...Vazquez throws a fastball, sinker, slider, and changeup. His fastball and sinker sit at 89-93 MPH...Vazquez pitched with the Westside Woolly Mammoths in the United Shore Professional Baseball League last season...2022 stats: 12 G (7 GS), 2-2, 37.1 IP, 6.51 ERA, 33 K/7 BB...played college ball at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte from 2019-2021; the 49ers are a D1 program in Conference USA. UNC Charlotte is called the 49ers because the school was saved from closing in 1949 (three years after its inauguration) by Bonnie Cone. The university survival made Cone believe they had the the 49ers spirit, referencing the US citizens that endured hardships to travel for the California Gold Rush in 1849. Thus, UNC Charlotte changed their name from the Owls to the 49ers. Vazquez was the Player of the Year at Florence-Darlington Tech College in 2018; the Stingers are a D1 JUCO program in the District 10 division and are located in Florence, South Carolina...was at Coastal Carolina University in Conway, South Carolina in 2017...one notable alumni from CCU is 10-year veteran MLB veteran infielder Tommy La Stella...Vazquez was primarily a 1B/DH during his collegiate career, but pitched between CCU, FDTC, and the Madison Mallards of the Northwoods League from 2017-2018...college and Northwoods League pitching stats: 23 G (5 GS), 6-3, 39.2 IP, 7.03 ERA, 35 K/26 BB. He played for the Savannah Bananas in the Coastal Plains League in 2019 (prior to most of their hijinks which began in 2020), but only as a hitter...went to Bishop O'Connell High School, which has produced a wide variety of professional athletes from basketball, football, swimming, and boxing, perhaps the most famous of whom was 13-year pro football player, and 3x pro bowler Eric Metcalf, who played from 1989-2002...Vazquez was born on 12/12/97 (25) in Annadale, Virginia.

#17 RHP GREG VELIZ | L/R | 6-1/205

ACQ: 2023 TRADE (LAKE COUNTRY DOCKHOUNDS — AAPB)

LAST 2023 APPEARANCE W/ TC: 1.0 IP, 0 H, 0 R, 0 ER, 0 BB, 0 K, 5/23 @ WC	LAST 2023 SAVE W/ TC:
LONGEST 2023 APPEARANCE W/ TC: 2.0 IP, 5/17 @ SC	MOST WALKS W/ TC IN 2023: 1, 5/12 vs. TR
LAST 2023 WIN W/ TC:	MOST STRIKEOUTS W/ TC IN 2023: 2 2x, last 5/17 @ SC
LAST HOMESTAND: 2.0 IP, 2 H, 2 R, 2 ER, 2 BB, 2 K	

Veliz has a fastball, slider, and changeup. His heater sits at 93-95 MPH. Veliz was traded to Tri-City on 3/9/23 to complete a previous trade in February for Austin Faith. Faith pitched in 12 games for the 'Cats in 2022, starting eight of them. He had a 3-3 record and a 6.08 ERA in 47.1 IP...Veliz had a three-year MiLB playing career all with the Angels from 2019-2022 and went as far as High-A. He was drafted in the 15th round (451st overall) of the 2019 draft and signed for \$125,000. He was released on June 13, 2022...2022 stats between the High-A Tri-City Dust Devils and the Single-A Inland Empire 66ers: 13 G (0 GS), 2-1, 16.0 IP, 6.19 ERA, 16 K/10 BB...Career MiLB stats: 40 G (0 GS), 5-4, 57.2 IP, 4.68 ERA, 70 K/25 BB...joined the Lake Country Dockhounds in the American Association for the rest of the 2022 campaign. Stats with the DockHounds: 22 G (0 GS), 2-0, 26.0 IP, 6.58 ERA, 30 K/9 BB...he played his college ball at the University of Miami...the Hurricanes are in the Atlantic Coast Conference...Veliz went to North Broward Prep for High School, the same one where Ariana Grande went to...Born in Key West, FL...on 4/10/97 (26). Key West is the southernmost point in the United States with water from the Gulf of Mexico and the Atlantic Ocean surrounding both sides of the city that has a population just over 25,000.

#35 RHP BRAC WARREN | R/R | 6-4/230

ACQ: 2022 FREE AGENT

LAST 2023 APPEARANCE W/ TC: 2.0 IP, 0 H, 0 R, 0 ER, 0 BB, 3 K, 5/25 @ WC	LAST 2023 SAVE W/ TC:
LONGEST 2023 APPEARANCE W/ TC: 2.0 IP, 5/25 @ WC	MOST WALKS W/ TC IN 2023: 2 2x, last 5/18 @ SC
LAST 2023 WIN W/ TC:	MOST STRIKEOUTS W/ TC IN 2023: 3, 5/25 @ WC
LAST HOMESTAND: L, 1.0 IP, 2 H, 4 R, 2 ER, 2 BB, 2 K, 5/18 @ SC	

Warren throws a fastball, slider, and curveball. The heater sits at 94-96 MPH, and he has a high-80s slider. The Tri-City exercised his contract option for the 2023 campaign...2022 stats with the ValleyCats: 37 G (0 GS), 5-0, 32.0 IP, 4.78 ERA, 45 K/30 BB...Selected by the San Francisco Giants in the 17th round (516th overall) of the 2017 Draft out of the University of Oregon where he was teammates with Jakob Goldfarb...according to an article from Jeff Welsch in August 2019 from MT Sports, he had Tommy John surgery, a herniated disk, pulled hamstring, sprained ankle, and a tender shoulder, which is why his first and only MiLB season came with the Giants Orange rookie ball affiliate in 2019. He sent the Giants organization as a whole never gave up on him during rehab...2019 stats: 4 G (0 GS), 2.2 IP, 10.13 ERA (3 ER), 1 K/5 BB...released on May 28, 2020...in the same aforementioned article, he left Oregon ninth all-time in appearances with 61...went to Custer County High School in Miles City, Montana...born in Rosebud, Montana on 2/14/96 (27). In a 2020 census, there were only 36 people that lived in Rosebud.

PITCHER NOTES

RHP GAYLAN YOUNG | R/R | 5-11/190

ACQ: 2023 TRADE — OGDEN RAPTORS (PBL)

LAST 2023 APPEARANCE W/ TC:	LAST 2023 SAVE W/ TC:
LONGEST 2023 APPEARANCE W/ TC:	MOST WALKS W/ TC IN 2023:
LAST 2023 WIN W/ TC:	MOST STRIKEOUTS W/ TC IN 2023:
LAST ROAD TRIP:	

Young was acquired by the ValleyCats from the Ogden Raptors of the Pioneer Baseball League for a PTBNL on May 26, 2023...Young did not play a game with Ogden but spent the 2022 season with the Northern Colorado Owlz, and with the Grand Junction Rockies...2022 pitching stats: 30 G (0 GS), 1-0, 34.0 IP, 2.91 ERA, 20 K/18 BB...2022 hitting stats: .300 (3/10)...he was primarily a hitter during his collegiate career...he played college ball at New Mexico Highlands University in 2019 and 2021 in Las Vegas; the Cowboys are a DII program in the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference. He majored in Recreation and Sports Management and was a ...Young attended Otero Junior College in La Junta, Colorado; the Rattlers are a JUCO program in the Northwest Plains District/Region 9. The Koshare Indian Museum, home of the largest self-supporting log roof in the world, is located at Otero Junior College...enjoys hunting and golfing in his free time...grandfather played in the minor leagues...from Roswell, N.M....born on 1/6/98 (25).

COACHES SECTION

PETE INCAVIGLIA, FIELD MANAGER

Pete Incaviglia, a native of Argyle, Texas (a half hour north of Fort Worth) returns to lead the ValleyCats for his third season. As the skipper of the 'Cats over the last two seasons, Incaviglia has amassed a 102-86 record. In his second season at the helm of the ValleyCats, Incaviglia became the third manager in team history to eclipse the 100-win mark, joining Ed Romero and Gregg Langbehn. The infamous power hitter who was named the NCAA Player of the Century with a .464 batting average, 48 HR, and 143 RBI in 78 games with Oklahoma State during the 1985 season and mashed 100 homers in 213 collegiate games. His 100 career homers at the college level, as well as his HR, RBI, 285 total bases, and 1.140 SLG are all NCAA records from that 1985 season. He coached Tri-City hitters to a Frontier League-leading 162 home runs, and a .288 team batting average, the third best in the league in 2022. Before his coaching career, he played for the Rangers, Tigers, Astros, Phillies, Orioles, and Yankees over a 12-year MLB career spanning from 1986-1998. Overall, he batted .246 and mashed 206 homers in the big leagues while racking up 655 RBIs in nearly 1,300 games played. Incaviglia was selected by the Expos in the 1985 draft and asked to go straight to the Majors. The Expos did not want this, so was traded to the Rangers, and began his professional career in the Majors during the 1986 season. For about 30 years there was the Pete Incaviglia rule where teams could not trade a drafted player unless he's been on the team for one calendar year. This rule lasted until 2015 and from then on drafted players can be traded the day after the conclusion of the World Series...per a 1986 article by The Sun Sentinel written by Andy Cohen, he impressed the Rangers after smoking a ball to the outfield on a day with 20 mph wind through the left field wall with an inch thick of plywood. At Oklahoma State, pitchers were afraid of him since he cranked a ball through the screen. He also played the 1995 season with the Chiba Nippon Ham Fighters of the NPB (Japan's baseball league)...per a Ken Rosenthal article in 1997 with The Baltimore Sun, his legacy had humble beginnings, and battled asthma as a kid where he would need to go to the hospital and get a shot of adrenalin after playing sports. However, weight lifting at the age of 10 helped improve his stamina during an era where pumping iron was frowned upon. He would have 3 a.m. emergency room visits at the hospital and an allergic reaction to fish at age four nearly killed him...he has over 35 years of professional baseball experience, Pete Incaviglia enters his third season at the helm of the Tri-City ValleyCats. Since 2001, Incaviglia has held a variety of coaching and managing positions within professional baseball. This includes championships as a Field Manager in the Atlantic League (2018) and American Association (2015, 2011). His coaching experience also includes time as the hitting coach for the Erie SeaWolves (the Detroit Tigers Double-A affiliate) from 2004-2006. Incaviglia's most recent tenure was with the Sugar Land Skeeters, formerly of the Atlantic League. After serving as the team's Field Manager since November of 2017, he became the Director of Baseball Operations for the Constellation League in Sugar Land, Texas...famous managers such as Johnny Podres, Jim Leyland, and HOF Sparky Anderson believed in Incaviglia's managerial capability...in a 2018 interview with SportsRadio 98.9 FM, Incaviglia Compares American Association to Double-A, and the Atlantic League to Triple-A. Was on the 1993 Phillies, knew the team was special in Spring Training, lot of blue collar men with a lot to prove. Lots of loose cannons led by Darren Daulton, Larry Bowl, John Vukovich, and Jim Fregosi that had a loose clubhouse. Had the Phils won game six, Incaviglia believes they would have won the championship. Had more memories of his time with the Phillies, than with any other team in his career. When Incaviglia was traded to the 1996 Orioles because Fregosi wanted to give him a chance on another contender and do right by him...On the Z104.5 podcast in 2007, Incaviglia talked about how OSU and his coach, Gary Ward, gave him the recipe for success to excel at the Major League level. Ward was adamant about the art of a baseball swing, taught hitters how to have a plan before they need an at bat, nobody was going to out prepare or outperform Ward during the game. Him and Coach Ward speak often. Wore OSU shirts all throughout his MLB career. Thought about being a coach at OSU in the past...born on 4/2/1964 (59).

BROOKS CAREY, PITCHING COACH

Brooks Carey joins the ValleyCats after spending the past 4 seasons as the New Jersey Jackals' Field Manager. Over the course of his time at the helm of the Jackals, Carey captured a 2019 Can-Am League championship, and became the franchise's second-winningest manager of all-time, with 182 wins. Prior to joining the Jackals, Carey was the skipper of the Normal CornBelters, a former member of the Frontier League, from 2013-17. Carey led the franchise to their first-ever winning season, and in amassed a record of 248-230. Prior to his time as a manager, Carey served as the Pitching Coach for the Sussex Skyhawks (2008 & 2009), the Normal CornBelters (2010 & 2011), and the Evansville Otters (2012). Before pursuing coaching in the world of professional baseball, Carey led Key West High School, his alma mater, to a 1998 Florida state title. Carey, a starting pitcher drafted by the Baltimore Orioles in the 10th round of the 1978 MLB Draft out of Florida State University, reached Triple-A in both the Baltimore Orioles and Cincinnati Reds organizations. Over the course of his five-year professional playing career, Carey tallied a 3.75 ERA in 683.2 innings pitched...born on 3/8/55 (67)

THOMAS INCAVIGLIA, THIRD BASE AND BENCH COACH

The nephew of manager Pete Incaviglia, Thomas Incaviglia enters his third season as the Third Base and Bench Coach for the Tri-City ValleyCats. Incaviglia played professionally for the Grand Prairie AirHogs of the American Association for two seasons, and played collegiately at Oklahoma State, Texas, and Cal State Monterey Bay, winning an NCAA Division I National Championship with the Longhorns. His father, Tony played alongside Ozzie Smith in college Cal Poly. Thomas has spent the offseason gaining managerial experience in the California Winter League, the Official Winter League of the Frontier League...From a 2004 article written by John Hersey in the Oklahoman. Thomas ran around the Rangers locker room, had a catch with Lenny Dykstra before the game once. He wanted to go wherever his uncle went which is one of the reasons why he played at Oklahoma State University. He doesn't shy away from having the same namesake and thinks it's pretty fun to be related to his uncle. Pete gave Thomas advice and believed in him when he was nearly redshirted as a freshman at OSU...born on 9/5/84 (38).

THE VALLEYCATS WHEN...

	TOTAL	HOME	ROAD
Leading After Six Innings	4-2	4-1	0-1
Leading After Seven Innings	5-2	4-1	1-1
Leading After Eight Innings	3-0	2-0	1-0
Tied After Six Innings	1-1	0-1	1-0
Tied After Seven Innings	0-1	0-1	0-0
Tied After Eight Innings	0-0	0-0	0-0
Trailing After Six Innings	0-4	0-0	0-4
Trailing After Seven Innings	0-4	0-0	0-4
Trailing After Eight Innings	0-7	0-2	0-5
ValleyCats Score First	4-3	3-2	1-1
Opponents Score First	1-4	1-0	0-4
Score Three Runs or Fewer	1-5	0-1	1-4
Score More Than Three Runs	4-2	4-1	0-1
Allow Three Runs or Fewer	3-1	2-0	1-1
Allow More Than Three Runs	2-6	2-2	0-4
Have Fewer Than 10 Hits	1-5	1-1	0-4
Have 10 or More Hits	4-2	3-1	1-1
ValleyCats Homer	3-3	3-0	0-3
ValleyCats do not Homer	2-4	1-2	1-2
Vs. The East Division	2-4	2-1	0-3
Vs. The West Division	3-3	2-1	1-2
First Game of a Series	1-3	1-1	0-2
Second Game of a Series	3-1	2-0	1-1
Third Game of a Series	1-3	1-1	0-2
Rubber Match	1-1	1-0	0-1
With a Rain Delay	0-0	0-0	0-0
One-Run Games	0-2	0-0	0-2
Two-Run Games	0-0	0-0	0-0
Three-Run Games	1-1	0-1	1-0
Extra Innings	0-0	0-0	0-0
Doubleheader Games	2-0	2-0	0-0
International Tiebreaker Games	0-0	0-0	0-0
Errorless Games	3-2	2-1	1-1
Games with an Error	2-5	2-1	0-4
Night Games	3-4	3-2	0-2
Day Games	2-3	1-0	1-3
Series Won-Lost-Tied	2-2-0	2-0-0	0-2-0
Series Swept by the ValleyCats	0	0	0
Series Swept by Opponents	1	0	1
On Monday	0-0	0-0	0-0
On Tuesday	0-2	0-0	0-2
On Wednesday	1-1	0-0	1-1
On Thursday	0-2	0-0	0-2
On Friday	1-1	1-1	0-0
On Saturday	1-0	1-0	0-0
On Sunday	2-1	2-1	0-0
In May	5-7	4-2	1-5
In June	0-0	0-0	0-0
In July	0-0	0-0	0-0
In August	0-0	0-0	0-0
In September	0-0	0-0	0-0

STREAK/MISC. STATS

4+ RBI GAMES: 1, Hair (5/21 G1 vs. WSH)

4+ HIT GAMES: 1, Culver (5/24 @ WC)

Multi-Homer Games: 1; Hair (2 HR, 5/21 G1 vs. WSH), Biermann (2, 5/18 @ SC)

LONGEST HITTING STREAK: 8; Broughton (5/17 -) McCusker (5/12-24)

LONGEST SCORELESS PITCHING STREAK: Vazquez, 10.1 IP, 5/14 -

LONGEST ERRORLESS STREAK: 18.0 inn., 5/16 (5th) - 5/18 (7th)

CONSECUTIVE STOLEN BASES (PLAYER): 5, Montes (5/13 -)

SHUTOUT WINS: 2, last 5/24 @ WC

SHUTOUT LOSSES:

LONGEST WIN STREAK: 2 2x, last 5/21 (G1) - 5/21 (G2)

FL PLAYER/PITCHER OF THE WEEK

2023 EJECTIONS

PLAYER/STAFF	DATE	VS.	INNING	UMPIRE
Trey Hair	5/24	Windy City	3rd	Clark Morgan

CAT-CHEER CONTROL

PLAYER	G	GS	SB	ATT	PCT	PO	A	E	PCT	PB	ERA
Ciaran Devenney	4	3	5	6	.167	30	1	0	1.000	0	5.33
Austin Elder											
Jakob Goldfarb	7	7	5	6	.167	53	5	1	.983	1	4.42
Trey Hair	2	2	6	8	.250	19	3	0	1.000	2	3.18
TOTAL	12	12	16	20	.200	102	9	1	.991	3	4.45

VALLEYCATS TRANSACTIONS

#	DATE	PLAYER	FROM	TO
1	5/19	RHP Elliot Carney	Lake Erie	Tri-City (Traded for PTNBL)
2	5/19	LHP Mike Losak	Tri-City	Released
3	5/22	RHP Brett Hanewich	Tri-City	Activated from the Injured List
4	5/22	RHP Joe Johnson	Tri-City	Released
5	5/26	C Austin Elder	—	Tri-City
6	5/26	C/OF Jakob Goldfarb	Tri-City	7-Day Injured List
7	5/26	RHP Gaylan Young	Ogden (PBL)	Tri-City
8	5/26	RHP Alex McKenney	Tri-City	Windy City

