



SOUTH BEND CUBS (21-16)
 at
WEST MICHIGAN WHITECAPS (14-27)



May 21, 2026 / 6:35 PM ET
LMCU Ballpark / Comstock Park, Michigan
LHP Ethan Flanagan vs. RHP Lucas Elissalt
Radio: 96.1 FM / 960 AM WSBT

Series Schedule	Cubs Starting Pitchers	Opposing Starting Pitchers
5/22 Game 4 at West Michigan 6:35 PM ET	LHP Cole Reynolds	RHP Carlos Marcano
5/23 Game 5 at West Michigan 7:05 PM ET	RHP Jostin Florentino	RHP Rayner Castillo
5/24 Game 6 at West Michigan 6:35 PM ET	RHP Koen Moreno	LHP Gabriel Reyes
5/26 Game 1 vs Fort Wayne 6:05 PM ET	TBA	TBA
5/27 Game 2 vs Fort Wayne 11:05 AM ET	TBA	TBA
5/28 Game 3 vs Fort Wayne 7:05 PM ET	TBA	TBA

ABOUT THE SERIES - The Cubs leveled the series in Wednesday's 11:05 AM game, besting the Whitecaps by a 3-1 score. The Cubs were dead silent on offense for most of the day, as West Michigan pitching faced the minimum through seven innings, picking off both Cub baserunners during that time. However, South Bend turned the tides late, scoring two runs in the eighth and one more in the ninth to put aside a 1-0 deficit. Cub pitching was strong throughout the day – the bullpen especially dominant with 5.1 scoreless innings between Nate Williams and Jackson Brockett.

CLUTCH CUBS - Wednesday exemplified much of what the Cubs have done best this year – performing in crunch time. South Bend ranks second in all of Minor League Baseball for both batting average (AVG) and on-base plus slugging (OPS) in the seventh inning or later (.296 and .896, respectively). They also lead all of High-A in AVG with runners on base and in AVG/OPS with runners in scoring position. On the flip side, Cub pitching has the second-best earned run average (ERA) in the seventh inning or later at 4.02.

MAY I DRIVE IN A RUN - Of the 15 Midwest League players who have 13 or more RBI in the month of May, five are South Bend Cubs. Kane Kepley leads the way with 19, followed by Ty Southisene (17), Christian Olivo (16), Kade Snell (13), and Cameron Sisneros (13). As a team, the Cubs have the second-highest batting average in MiLB since May 14, sitting behind only Oklahoma City with a .358 clip.

THE KANE TRAIN - No. 6 Chicago Cubs prospect Kane Kepley leads the Midwest League in stolen bases (23) and all of affiliated baseball (MLB and MiLB) in runs scored (49). Kepley has already broken the South Bend Cubs record (since 2015) for steals and runs before the end of May, and he is 6 runs away from matching Byron Buxton's Midwest League record (since documentation began in 2005) for runs scored before the end of May. He also leads the Midwest League in AVG with runners in scoring position (.452) and checks into today's game with a 17-game on-base streak and the league's second-highest on-base percentage.

RECORD OFFENSE - It's been a historic start for Cub offense, beginning with the 22 home runs they launched in April to break the South Bend Cubs record for that month. Then, last week at Wisconsin, the Cubs produced a 25-run game on Thursday and a 24-run effort on Saturday. Only one 20-run performance had previously occurred in South Bend Cubs history. At this point, the Cubs lead all of High-A in runs scored per game (7.3).

PUTTING THE TEAM ON HIS BACH - Matt Halbach became the sixth South Bend Cubs player (since 2015) to have a six-RBI game, in the game last Thursday night at Wisconsin. Christian Olivo did the same on May 8 against Lansing. Halbach is also just the second South Bend Cubs player ever to have a home run, five hits, and six RBI in one game. Kevin Alcantara did the same at Cedar Rapids on June 17, 2023.

NOT SO FAST – South Bend Cubs catcher Justin Stransky leads the Midwest League in total baserunners caught stealing with 13. Last season, Cubs catcher Ariel Armas led all of baseball (MLB and MiLB) with 60 caught stealings, setting a South Bend Cubs record in the process.

TONIGHT'S CUBS STARTING PITCHER – Ethan Flanagan

CUBS SEASON.....	CAREER HIGHS
4.0, at Wisconsin 5/14.....	IP6.0, vs Columbia 7/26/25
7, vs Lansing 5/8.....	HitsSame
3, vs Lansing 5/8.....	RunsSame
3, at Dayton 4/26.....	Walks4, vs Fredericksburg 8/9/25
7, vs Beloit 4/15.....	K9, at Charleston 7/2/25

Last Time Flanagan...

Won A Game: 8/2/25 Myrtle Beach at Charleston
Lost A Game: 4/9/26 South Bend at Peoria
Allowed A Home Run: 5/8/26 South Bend vs Lansing



HT/WT: 6'3" / 205.... **AGE:** 23 ... **THROWS:** Left... **BORN:** Newport Beach, CA

LAST TIME OUT: Made his second start of the season last Thursday at Wisconsin (has also made 5 relief appearances this year). Covered 4 innings, allowing 3 runs on 5 hits with 2 walks and 5 strikeouts. All three runs scored on extra-base hits in the first inning. The Cubs won the game 25-6, but they only scored once while Flanagan pitched.

Other start was April 26 in Dayton, when he squared off against rehabbing Reds starter Nick Lodolo. Flanagan also pitched 4 innings then, allowing 2 runs, but the Cubs were shut out 3-0.

Has pitched exactly 4.0 innings in 6 straight outings. Two saves this year, including 4 shutout innings with 0 BB/7 K in Four Winds Field debut on April 14 vs. Beloit.

DOMINANT JULY 2025: Posted a 1.23 ERA in July of 2025 over four starts. Won three of them. Struck out 18 over 22 IP.

BACK IN BUSINESS: Flanagan missed all of the 2024 season due to injury, returned to Myrtle Beach in 2025, starting all 14 games. Walked just 24 batters in 63 innings, allowing one home run. Surrendered two homers in 2026 season debut at Peoria April 9.

CAREER NOTES: Selected by the Cubs in the 17th round of the 2023 MLB Draft out of UCLA...Did not pitch in 2024... Made 14 starts last season between ACL and Low-A Myrtle Beach, with 12 coming for Pelicans..Posted 5-1 record with 1.93 ERA with 54 K in 56.0 IP. Worked career best 6.0 shutout innings on 7/2/25 at Charleston with three hits allowed, two walks and nine K... At UCLA went 5-1 with a 3.91 ERA and 107 strikeouts over 92 total innings ... Was a Freshman All-American and All-Pac-12 selection in 2022.

First career appearance vs. West Michigan

Pitch Arsenal

4-Seam Fastball, Curveball, Slider, Changeup



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<p>28 Ethan Bell (R) Last Win: 4/21/26 at Dayton Last Loss: 9/4/25 vs Columbia Last HR: 4/24/26 at Dayton</p> <p>Arsenal: 4SFB, Slider, Curveball</p>	<p>BIO: 2025 free agent signing of the Chicago Cubs out of Saint Louis University. Made pro debut with Myrtle Beach Pelicans on 4/25/25, pitching a scoreless inning... Posted 1-4 record with 3.90 ERA in 26 games last season with MB. Walked 33 in 32.1 IP with 49 K. Struck out 49 batters in 36.2 IP in final season with Billikens</p>	<p>Last 3 Outings 5/6 vs LAN (SV): 1.2 IP, 0 R, 2 H, 1 BB, 4 K 5/10 vs LAN (ND): 1.0 IP, 0 R, 2 H, 0 BB, 0 K 5/15 at WIS (ND): 1.0 IP, 0 R, 2 H, 0 BB, 1 K</p> <p>*Scoreless Streak: 6.2</p>
<p>19 Kenten Egbert (R) Last Win: 9/7/25 vs Wisconsin Last Loss: 8/15/25 at Beloit Last HR: 8/15/25 vs Fort Wayne</p> <p>Arsenal: 4SFB, Slider, Curve, Change</p>	<p>BIO: Signed by the Cubs to a minor league contract in July 2023... Was working behind a cash register when he got his call from the Cubs... Pitched four seasons at Miami (Ohio), finishing First Team All-MAC as a senior in 2023... Spent all of 2025 with SB, 4.26 ERA in 26 G, 17 GS... Started game in hometown Dayton on July 26, earning victory with 6 IP, 1 R allowed, 1 K. Tossed 8.2 innings of 1-run ball vs Wisconsin in 2025 season finale, had chance at complete game shutout. Became just the 6th SB Cubs pitcher ever to throw 8 innings or more in a single game.</p>	<p>Last 3 Outings (Bullpen) 4/22 at DAY (ND): 1.1 IP, 5 R, 5 H, 2 BB, 3 K 5/1 vs FW (ND): 1.0 IP, 2 R, 2 H, 0 BB, 0 K 5/16 at WIS (ND): 1.0 IP, 2 R, 4 H, 0 BB 2 K</p> <p>*Scoreless Streak: 0.0</p>
<p>45 Ben Johnson (R)</p> <p>Last Win: 4/24/26 vs Chattanooga Last Loss: N/A Last HR: 5/3/26 vs Fort Wayne</p> <p>Arsenal:</p>	<p>BIO: Signed by the Cubs on July 26, 2024.. Did not make pro debut until 2026 after dealing with injuries last season.. Made pro debut with Low-A Myrtle Beach at Charleston on April 3.. Appeared in four games with Pelicans, then was promoted to Double-A Knoxville pitching in two games with Smokies and earning one victory.. Pitched four seasons of college baseball at Georgia Southern, best season came as a freshman in 2021 in 21 outings, worked 3.46 ERA.. Played 2022 summer in Cape Cod Baseball League with Cotuit, pitching nine games (three starts), striking out 18 batters in 21.1 IP.</p>	<p>Last 3 Outings 5/9 vs LAN (ND): 2.1 IP, 0 R, 2 H, 1 BB, 2 K 5/12 at WIS (ND): 2.0 IP, 0 R, 1 H, 0 BB, 3 K 5/19 at WM (ND): 2.2 IP, 1 R, 3 H, 1 BB, 4 K</p> <p>*Scoreless Streak: 0.0</p>
<p>50 Grayson Moore (R) Last Win: 5/12/26 vs Wisconsin Last Loss: 5/17/24 at Fort Wayne Last HR: 4/18/24 at Beloit</p> <p>Arsenal: 4SFB, Split, Slider, Curveball</p>	<p>BIO: Drafted by the Cubs in Round 14 of 2023 out of Vanderbilt... National runner-up with the Commodores in 2021... Made 11 appearances in South Bend in 2024, and 26 with SB in 2025, posting 4.40 ERA.. Converted all 5 of his save chances last season.. 40 K in 30.2 IP. Game up a run in final outing of 2025, which ended an 18.0 consecutive scoreless streak.. Did not have a pro win in three full seasons (2023-25) coming into this year, had two by May 12.</p>	<p>Last 3 Outings 5/7 vs LAN (ND): 2.0 IP, 0 R, 1 H, 0 BB, 2 K 5/12 at WIS (W): 2.0 IP, 0 R, 1 H, 0 BB, 2 K 5/19 at WM (ND): 1.0 IP, 0 R, 0 H, 1 BB, 1 K</p> <p>*Scoreless Streak: 5.0</p>
<p>30 Kenyi Perez (R) Last Win: 8/8/25 vs Fort Wayne Last Loss: 7/21/24 at Columbia (A) Last HR: 4/16/25 at West Michigan</p> <p>Arsenal: 4SFB, Sinker, Slider</p>	<p>BIO: Signed by the Cubs as an international free agent in 2020....Sixth pro season, 5th in the United States...36 games with Low-A Myrtle Beach 2024, 9.47 ERA... 36 games with SB in 2025, 5.67 ERA. Wipeout stuff, walked 46 in 39.2 IP last yr, struck out 55. Struck out side on 15 pitches 8/1/25 vs QC</p>	<p>Last 3 Outings 5/5 vs LAN (ND): 1.0 IP, 0 R, 0 H, 2 BB, 0 K 5/8 vs LAN (W): 1.2 IP, 0 R, 0 H, 1 BB, 5 K 5/14 at WIS (ND): 1.0 IP, 1 R, 1 H, 3 BB, 1 K</p> <p>*Scoreless Streak: 0.0</p>
<p>40 Jackson Brockett (L)</p> <p>Last Win: 5/20/26 at West Michigan Last Loss: 4/29/26 vs Fort Wayne Last HR: 4/29/26 vs Fort Wayne</p>	<p>BIO: Signed by the Cubs as a free agent on February 19, 2026 out of the University of Nebraska.. Born in Omaha, before moving to play high school baseball at Buford High School in Georgia.. Resides near Atlanta... Named to 2025 Big Ten All-Tournament Team.. Pitched four seasons at Nebraska, working in 57 career games. Final season with Huskers in 2025 featured 16 APP's and 15 starts, a 3.66 ERA in 64.0 IP, 23 BB and 45 K.. Posted seven starts with at least four strikeouts.. With Myrtle Beach Pelicans in 2026, did not allow a run in 14.2 IP, batters hit .109.. Gave up two-run homer in first outing with South Bend</p>	<p>Last 3 Outings 5/8 vs LAN (ND): 1.0 IP, 0 R, 1 H, 0 BB, 0 K 5/13 at WIS (ND): 3.1 IP, 1 R, 4 H, 1 BB, 1 K 5/20 at WM (W): 3.0 IP, 1 H, 0 R, 0 BB, 2 K</p> <p>*Scoreless Streak: 4.2</p>

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<p>33 JP Wheat (R) Last Win: 4/10/26 at Peoria Last Loss: 5/2/26 vs Fort Wayne Last HR: 4/19/25 at Augusta</p> <p>Arsenal: 4SFB, Slider, Changeup</p>	<p>BIO: Selected by the Cubs in the 16th-round of 2022 MLB Draft out of Next Level Academy HS.. Did not pitch professionally in 2022 or 2023, made pro debut in 2024 in ACL, then made 10 starts with Myrtle Beach, posting 7.91 ERA... Limited to just 33 IP last season due to injury, last pitched on 5/18/25 with Pelicans. Had best career outing on 5/10/25 vs Delmarva, throwing 6 hitless and shutout innings.</p>	<p>Last 3 Outings 5/6 vs LAN (ND): 1.1 IP, 1 R, 1 H, 0 BB, 2 K 5/10 vs LAN (ND): 1.0 IP, 3 R, 1H, 3 BB, 2 K 5/14 at WIS (ND): 1.0 IP, 0 R, 0 H, 1 BB, 1 K</p> <p>*Scoreless Streak: 1.0</p>
<p>38 Brayden Spears (R) Last Win: 4/27/26 vs Fort Wayne Last Loss: 9/2/25 vs Columbia Last HR: 4/27/26 vs Fort Wayne</p> <p>Arsenal: 4SFB, Sinker, Cutter, Sweeper, Changeup</p>	<p>BIO: Signed by the Cubs in 2025 after pitching 3 seasons with the Pioneer League's Boise Hawks.. Made Cubs org debut with Myrtle Beach, tossing 60.1 INN in 36 games. Posted 3.13 ERA.. Saved 5 games out of 10 opportunities, struck out 55. Played at Boise State University and Cal State Fullerton. Best season in Indy Ball came in 2024 w/ Boise, making 10 starts with a 3.74 ERA. struck out 56 in 53.0 IP</p>	<p>Last 3 Outings 5/3 vs FW (L): 3.1 IP, 3 R, 4 H, 2 BB, 5 K 5/10 vs LAN (ND): 3.1 IP, 1 R, 4 H, 0 BB, 5 K 5/16 at WIS (W): 3.0 IP, 1 R, 1 H, 3 BB 2 K</p> <p>*Scoreless Streak: 1.2</p>
<p>25 Adam Stone (R) Last Win: 5/5/26 vs Lansing Last Loss: 7/19/23 at Clearwater Last HR: 8/19/23 at Daytona</p> <p>Arsenal: 4SFB, Slider, Sweeper, Changeup</p>	<p>BIO: Selected by the Chicago Cubs in the 2025 Rule 5 Draft, originally signed as a free agent with the New York Yankees in 2022.. Has not pitched in an official game since 2023 due to injury.. Only pro season came in 2023 with Tampa in Florida State League... worked 20 games with 7.20 ERA.. Played 2022 season in college at Harvard.. Also pitched 7 games in Arizona Fall League in 2025 with Mesa Solar Sox</p>	<p>Last 3 Outings 5/5 vs LAN (W): 3.0 IP, 1 R, 4 H, 0 BB, 1 K 5/8 vs LAN (ND): 2.0 IP, 0 R, 2 H, 2 BB, 2 K 5/15 at WIS (SV): 3.0 IP, 0 R, 1 H, 0 BB, 4 K</p> <p>*Scoreless Streak: 7.0</p>
<p>39 Nate Williams (R) Last Win: 4/23/26 at Dayton Last Loss: N/A Last HR: 4/23/26 at Dayton</p> <p>Arsenal: 4SFB, Slider, Splitter</p>	<p>BIO: Selected by the Cubs in the 13th round of the 2025 Draft out of Mississippi State... Did not pitch professionally in 2025 after being drafted...Lone season with Miss State came in 2025, working 19 games with 4.23 ERA. Struck out 51 batters in 27.2 IP... Pitched two seasons at Florence-Darlington Tech in 2021 and 2022... Made pro debut at Peoria 4/7</p>	<p>Last 3 Outings 5/8 vs LAN (ND): 2.2 IP, 3 R, 5 H, 0 BB, 0 K 5/12 at WIS (W): 1.0 IP, 0 R, 1 H, 1 BB, 2 K 5/20 at WM (ND): 2.1 IP, 0 R, 2 H, 0 BB, 4 K - Career-high 4 strikeouts</p> <p>*Scoreless Streak: 3.1</p>
<p>13 Kevin Valdez (R) Last Win: 5/14/26 at Wisconsin Last Loss: 8/27/25 at Peoria Last HR: 5/2/26 vs Fort Wayne</p> <p>Arsenal: 4SFB, Sinker, Curveball, Slider, Changeup</p>	<p>BIO: Signed as an International Free Agent with the Chicago Cubs on November 12, 2021... Pitched eight games in 2022 in the Dominican Summer League, before being moved state side to the Arizona Complex League to finish that season... Started 2023 in ACL, went to Myrtle Beach posting 3.46 ERA in 12 Carolina League games that year.... Earned call-up to South Bend on July 18... Made seven starts for the Cubs in 2026, walked two or more in each outing.</p>	<p>Last 3 Outings (Bullpen) 4/26 at DAY (ND): 3.0 IP, 1 R, 0 ER, 1 H, 1 BB, 1 K 5/14 at WIS (W): 3.0 IP, 2 R, 1 ER, 2 H, 2 BB, 7 K</p> <p>*Scoreless Streak: 2.0</p>

SOUTH BEND CUBS CATCHERS/INFELDERS

<p>20 Miguel Useche *Catcher *Bats: Right / Throws: Right *NDFB 2025 *New Orleans *25: SB (7g) .091, 0 HR, 2 RBI Last Game: 1/2, 1 BB, 1 RBI This Series: 1/2, 1 BB, 1 RBI - Go-ahead RBI single in 8th on Wed. (Last) WIS Series: 4/8, 5 R, 2 RBI, 3 BB</p>	<p>Career Notes: Signed as a free agent with the Chicago Cubs out of Independent Ball on June 19 2025.. Assigned to South Bend Cubs last season where he went 2/22 at the plate in seven games played.. Started this season with Double-A Knoxville, where he launched his first pro home run on April 15 at Pensacola.. Last season in indy ball with Tri-City, hit .333 in 14 games with no homers and seven RBI.. Played final season of college ball at New Orleans in 2024, batting .349 with five homers and 45 RBI... Had career-day 5/16 at Wisconsin with four hits, five runs, two RBI, and two walks</p>	<p>2026 Hit Streak: 2 / Long Hit Streak: 2 On-Base Streak: 3 / Long On-BaseStk: 3 Last HR: 4/25 at Dayton (2-run) *Second pro homer, first with South Bend *First two hits this season were HR's (one with Knoxville, one with South Bend)</p> <p>Cubs Season – Career Game Highs Hits: 4, at Wisconsin 5/16 - Same RBI: 2, at Wisconsin 5/16 – Same</p>
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<p>9 Drew Bowser *Can play all INF spots *Bats: Right / Throws: Right *2023 20th Round Pick (Cubs) *Stanford *25: SB (89g) .204, 2 HR, 30 RBI Last Game: 0/3 This Series: 1/6, 1 R (Last) WIS Series: 2/15, 1 RBI, 1 BB, 2 R</p>	<p>Career Notes: Selected by Cubs in 20th round of 2023 draft out of Stanford... First Stanford selection by Cubs since Nico Hoerner in 2018... Made the College World Series all 3 years at Stanford... 2022 w/ Cardinal - .293, 18 HR (career high), 50 RBI... Drove in 48 RBI in final season in Palo Alto... In 2023, hit the Super Regional Game 3 pop-up that dropped to send Stanford to Omaha...7 HR in 2024 with ACL Cubs and Myrtle Beach in first full season... Had 4 hits in final 4 games combined to end last season with SB...Had one of two Cubs hits vs rehabbing Nick Lodolo on 4/26 at Dayton</p> <p>Walked off Lake County with a 10th-inning single 6/20/25</p>	<p>2026 Hit Streak: 0 / Long Hit Streak: 4 On-Base Streak: 0 / Long On-BaseStk: 11 Last HR: 4/9 at Peoria - (Solo) 111 MPH exit velo off bat</p> <p>Cubs Season – Career Game Highs Hits: 2, vs Lansing 5/6 – 3, at ACL-SD 6/7/24 RBI: 2, vs FW 5/2 – 5, at Beloit 8/13/25</p>
<p>7 Ty Southisene *Shortstop, Second Base *Bats: Right / Throws: Right *2024 4th Round Pick (Cubs) * Basic High School - Henderson, Nevada *26: MB (22g) .267, 0 HR, 8 RBI Last Game: 0/4 This Series: 2/9, 1 SB (Last) WIS Series: 10/26, 6 R, 7 RBI, 4 BB</p>	<p>Career Notes: Drafted by Cubs in 4th round of 2024 MLB Draft out of High School in Henderson, Nevada.. Las Vegas native... Ranked as Cubs #25 prospect... Played 91 games in first pro season last year, with 90 of them coming with Low-A Myrtle Beach... Hit .244 last year with 36 RBI, had 62 BB to 58 K.. Swiped 41 bases out of 48 attempts.. Went back to Pelicans to begin 2026, playing 22 games before promotion to South Bend on May 3.. Matched career-best with three hits in South Bend debut on 5/3 vs Fort Wayne.. Had three multi-hit efforts in first five MWL games... Struck out three times 5/14 at Wisconsin, first time in career.</p>	<p>2026 Hit Streak: 0 / Long Hit Streak: 6 On-Base Streak: 0 / Long On-BaseStk:10 Last HR: No pro HR's</p> <p>Cubs Season – Career Game Highs Hits: 4, at Wisconsin 5/16 – Same RBI: 4, at Wisconsin 5/16 – Same</p>
<p>24 Matt Halbach *First Base, Third Base *Bats: Right / Throws: Right *2024 10th Round Pick (Cubs) *UC San Diego *25: MB (103g) .244, 9 HR, 67 RBI Last Game: 5/5, HR, 5 R, 6 RBI, 2 BB (5/14) This Series: (Last) WIS Series: 5/10, HR, 5 R, 7 RBI, 2 BB</p>	<p>Career Notes: Drafted by Cubs in 10th round of 2024 MLB Draft out of UC San Diego... Did not play after being drafted in 2024, made pro debut with Myrtle Beach Pelicans on 4/4/25, clubbing first pro HR on Opening Day last season... Had back to back 3 hit games to start last year.. Hit .317 in April of 2025 and .121 in May, ended season with a .307 August... Finished 2024 at UC San Diego with a .408 batting average, 29 hits, 18 RBI and 23 runs scored. Played 2023 in Cape Cod Baseball League with Orleans Firebirds, hitting .364 in 32 games.. Had one of two Cubs hits vs rehabbing Nick Lodolo on 4/26 at Dayton.. Had career-day 5/14 at Wisconsin, went 5/5 with a HR, 5 runs, 6 RBI, and 2 BB</p>	<p>2026 Hit Streak: 1 / Long Hit Streak: 6 On-Base Streak: 1 / Long On-BaseStk: 15 Last HR: 5/14 at Wisconsin (Three-Run)</p> <p>*15-game on-base streak ended 5/9</p> <p>Cubs Season – Career Game Highs Hits: 5, at WIS 5/14 – Same RBI: 6, at WIS, 5/14 – Same</p>
<p>21 Cole Mathis *First Base, Third Base *Bats: Right / Throws: Right *2024 2nd Round Pick (Cubs) *College of Charleston *25: MB (29g) .215, 3 HR, 14 RBI Last Game: 1/5, 1 R, 1 RBI, 1 BB (5/14) This Series: (Last) WIS Series: 4/10, 2 R, 2 RBI, 2 BBI</p>	<p>Career Notes: Drafted by Cubs in 2nd round of 2024 MLB Draft out of Charleston... Did not make pro debut until 2025 due to Tommy John Surgery after being drafted, was a two-way player in college... Crushed three home runs in 29 with Low-A Myrtle Beach in 2025, and then hit seven in 14 games with the Pelicans before promotion to South Bend... Hit .335 with 14 homers and 57 RBI in 52 games in final college season in 2024.. Played 2023 summer with Cape League's Cotuit Keteleers, hitting .318 in 38 games with 11 homers and 42 RBI.. His father Sammie Mathis was a Minor League pitcher with Cleveland in 1995 and 1996.</p>	<p>2026 Hit Streak: 2 / Long Hit Streak: 6 On-Base Streak: 3 / Long On-BaseStk: 10 Last HR: 5/6 vs Lansing (two-run)</p> <p>*Has already homered in consecutive games twice this season. (Three straight from 4/12-4/15) *6-game hit streak and 10-game on-base streak ended 5/9</p> <p>Cubs Season – Career Game Highs Hits: 3, at WIS 5/12 – 4, 4/15/26 vs KPS RBI: 3, at DAY 4/21 – 5, 4/17/25 at Augusta</p>
<p>5 Christian Olivo *All OF spots, 3B, SS, 2B *Bats: Right / Throws: Right *2021 17th Round Pick (Cubs) *No College *25: MB (92g) .240, 3 HR, 38 RBI Last Game: 0/3 This Series: 1/7, 1 R (Last) WIS Series: 5/22, 9 R, 6 RBI, 4 BB, 2 HBP</p>	<p>Career Notes: Drafted as a shortstop in 17th round of 2021 MLB Draft out of Leadership Christian Academy in Puerto Rico, same academy as former South Bend Cubs catcher Miguel Pabon... Played in 92 games last season with Myrtle Beach, stealing 28 bases with a .240 AVG, three home runs, 38 RBI... Played with South Bend briefly in 2024, appearing in 13 games, going 4/47 at the plate...Scored career-best five runs in 16-10 victory over Dayton on April 21.. Hit two home runs in Dayton road series (3 HR in 92 games last season)..Played 21 straight games from April 9-May 2.. Had career best four hit, 2 HR, and 6 RBI game on May 8 vs Lansing - First player in South Bend Cubs history with 2 HR, 6 RBI and 3 runs scored in single game</p>	<p>2026 Hit Streak: 0 / Long Hit Streak: 3 On-Base Streak: 0 / Long On-BaseStk: 7 Last HR: 5/8 vs Lansing (two-home run game) - 3rd and 4th on season *Hit 3 HR in 92 games with Myrtle Beach (*25)</p> <p>*7-game on-base streak ended 5/9</p> <p>Cubs Season – Career Game Highs Hits: 4, 5/8 vs Lansing — Same RBI:6, 5/8 vs Lansing – Same</p>

<p>22 Dilan Granadillo *Catcher *Bats: Left / Throws: Right *NFA 2019 *No College *25: MB (47g) .190, 1 HR, 12 RBI Last Game: 1/3, 2 R, 1 BB (May 7) This Series: (Last) WIS Series: Did not play</p>	<p>Career Notes: Signed as free agent with Chicago Cubs on November 26, 2019... Played with the South Bend Cubs in 2023, spending nearly all of the season on the Development List.. Also appeared in 9 games with SB in 2024, going 3/23 at the plate. Three hits included pinch hit home run at Quad Cities on 6/1/24... Played in career high 47 G with Myrtle Beach last season, with career-best 12 RBI.. Picked up first caught-stealing of season on 4/22 at Dayton (Yerlin Confidon)</p>	<p>2026 Hit Streak: 1 / Long Hit Streak: 1 On-Base Streak: 4 / Long On-BaseStk: 4 Last HR: 8/20/25 vs Charleston (2-run) Cubs Season – Career Game Highs Hits: 1, vs LAN 5/8 - 3, at Charleston 8/2/25 RBI: TBD - 3, vs Charleston 8/20/25</p>
<p>17 Alex Madera *Shortstop, Second Base, Third Base *Bats: Left / Throws: Right *NFA 2026 *University of North Carolina *26: KNX (19g) .170, 0 HR, 5 RBI, 14 BB Last Game: 2/7, 1 Run This Series: 1/3, 1 BB, 1 Run, 0-1 SB (Last) WIS Series: 7/15, 6 R, 5 RBI, 8 BB</p>	<p>Career Notes: Signed as free agent with Chicago Cubs on February 21, 2026... Played four seasons of Division III baseball at Arcadia University in Pennsylvania, before ending collegiate career with two seasons at North Carolina in the ACC... Hit .464 as a junior at Arcadia, and .458 as a senior.. First season at UNC in 2024 posted .303 average with 34 RBI in 63 games.. Final season of 2025 hit .332 with .432 OBP.. Made pro debut with Double-A Knoxville Smokies on April 7, 2026, played 19 games with Knoxville.. Assigned to South Bend on May 5..Picked up career-high three hits with 2 RBI on 5/8 vs Lansing</p>	<p>2026 Hit Streak: 9 / Long Hit Streak: 9 On-Base Streak: 9 / Long On-BaseStk: 9 Last HR: 4/30/25 with UNC vs Queens University Cubs Season – Career Game Highs Hits:3, at Wisconsin 5/16 – Same RBI: 3, at Wisconsin 5/14 – Same</p>
<p>35 Cameron Sisneros *First Base, Designated Hitter *Bats: Left / Throws: Left *2024 14th round pick (Cubs) *East Tennessee State *25: MB & SB (83g) .275, 7 HR, 49 RBI, 53 BB, 51 K Last Game: 1/4, 1 RBI This Series: 1/7, 1 BB, 1 RBI (Last) WIS Series: 5/17, HR, 5 R, 8 RBI, 6 BB</p>	<p>Career Notes: 2024 14th-round pick of Chicago Cubs out of East Tennessee State.... Played 13 games with Low-A Myrtle Beach after being drafted in '24, hitting .209 with three home runs... 2025 with Pelicans: 38 G, .352 AVG /.478 OBP /.966 OPS, three HR, 26 RBI...Sisneros put together one of the best offensive seasons in the history of ETSU baseball in 2024. His 86 RBI broke the single season program record in that category, while his 23 home runs were the second-most ever by a Buc in a single campaign. Sisneros earned SoCon Player of the Year honors... Ended his time with ETSU by reaching base in 79 straight games.. Played 45 games with SB in 2025, hitting .213</p>	<p>2026 Hit Streak: 1 / Long Hit Streak: 3 On-Base Streak: 17 / Long On-BaseStk: 17 Last HR: 5/15 at Wisconsin (Three-Run) 11-game hit streak 4/25-5/11/25 w/ Myrtle Beach Cubs Season – Career Game Highs Hits: 3, vs Beloit 4/18 – 4, at Carolina 5/1/25 RBI: 3, vs Beloit 4/18 – Same</p>
<p>11 Justin Stransky *Catcher *Bats: Right / Throws: Right *2025 11th round pick (Cubs) *Fresno State *25: MB (13g) .163, 0 HR, 5 RBI Last Game: 0/3, 1 BB (Tuesday) This Series: 0/3, 1 BB (Last) WIS Series: 4/10, GS, 4 R, 6 RBI, 5 BB</p>	<p>Career Notes: 2025 11th-round pick of the Chicago Cubs out of Fresno State... Made pro debut with Myrtle Beach Pelicans on August 5 last season, hit .163 with Pelicans in 13 games with no home runs, 5 RBI, 6 BB, and 12 strikeouts... Had two multi-hit games.. Played two seasons at Fresno State, hitting .300 or better in both years.. Hit .304 in 2024, followed by a .316 performance in 2025 with 12 HR and 45 RBI.. Had career-game in season debut at Peoria, crushing first pro homer with career-high five RBI on April 8.. Has a pair of five RBI games this season, in season debut at Peoria 4/8, and 5/14 at Wisconsin. Homered in each</p>	<p>2026 Hit Streak: 0 / Long Hit Streak: 5 On-Base Streak: 6 / Long On-BaseStk: 5 Last HR: 5/14 at Wisconsin (Grand Slam) Coming into season, previous last HR was 5/10/25 vs San Jose State - Stretch where he hit a combined 5 HR over 3 games for Fresno State Cubs Season – Career Game Highs Hits: 2, at Wisconsin 5/12 – Same RBI: 5, at Wisconsin 5/14 - Same</p>

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<p>4 Leonel Espinoza *Can play all OF spots *Bats: Right / Throws: Right *NFA 2020 *No College *25: MB (93g) .270, 6 HR, 54 RBI Last Game: 0/3 This Series: 1/7 (Last) WIS Series: 9/22, HR, 8 R, 6 RBI, 4 BB</p>	<p>Career Notes: Signed as free agent with Chicago Cubs on October 15, 2020... Played in Dominican Summer League in all of 2021, and to start 2022. Moved State Side in ACL in 2023, hitting .339 with ACL Cubs in 33 games... Debuted with Myrtle Beach to end 2023, spent most of 2024 with Pelicans, hitting .260 in 59 games with 5 home runs and 20 RBI.. 2025 with Myrtle Beach hit .308 in May, posted .406 OBP that month as well, was 4-for-first-11 in August before call-up to South Bend, had multi-hit efforts in final two games in Carolina League...Hit .244 in 23 games with South Bend last season with 5 RBI... Smacked South Bend's first triple of season on April 15 vs Beloit.</p>	<p>2026 Hit Streak: 0 / Long Hit Streak: 5 On-Base Streak: 0 / Long On-BaseStk: 5 Last HR: 5/15 at Wisconsin (Three-Run) *8-game hit streak w/ MB 6/29-7/9/25 Cubs Season – Career Game Highs Hits: 2, 5/15 at WIS –3, at Kannapolis 7/9/25 RBI: 3, 5/15 at WIS – 5, at Columbia 6/24/25</p>
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<p>2 Kane Kepley *Can play all OF spots *Bats: Left / Throws: Left *2025 2nd Round Pick (Cubs) *North Carolina *25: MB (28g) .299, 2 HR, 15 RBI Last Game: 0/3, 1 BB, 1 Run This Series: 1/7, 1 HR, 3 R, 3 RBI, 2 BB (Last) WIS Series: 14/25, HR, 14 R, 11 RBI, 7 BB</p>	<p>Career Notes: 2nd round pick by Chicago Cubs out of North Carolina in 2025... Ranked as Cubs #6 prospect... Selected as second team all ACC member in lone season with Tar Heels... Swiped 45 bases last season as a junior, by himself, Kepley had more steals than 59 D1 programs. Played two seasons at Liberty, was named to ASUN all freshman team...After being drafted, assigned to Low-A Myrtle Beach, made pro debut on August 5. Played 28 games, walked 25 times to just 15 K. Had 3 triples, 2 HR, 16 steals.. Struck out three times in a game for first time in career on 4/9 at Peoria...Walked 12 times in six games during Beloit series in April.. Matched career-best with two hits and three RBI in series opener at Wisconsin 5/12.. Scored career-high five runs at Wisconsin 5/14</p>	<p>2026 Hit Streak: 0 / Long Hit Streak: 8 On-Base Streak: 17 / Long On-BaseStk: 17 Last HR: 5/19 at West Michigan (Three-run) *Has homered in back-to-back Tuesday series openers *Previous 12 game on-base streak snapped 4/26 at Dayton Cubs Season – Career Game Highs Hits: 4, at Wisconsin 5/16 - Same RBI: 5, at Wisconsin 5/16 - Same</p>
<p>15 Kade Snell *Can play all OF spots *Bats: Left / Throws: Left *2025 5th Round Pick (Cubs) *Alabama *25: SB (27g) .167, 0 HR, 7 RBI Last Game: 1/3, 1 BB, 1 Run This Series: 2/7, 1 BB, 1 RBI, 1 Run (Last) WIS Series: 6/21, 7 R, 7 RBI, 7 BB *Made pro debut w/ SB 8/5/25 *First career hit 8/5, double vs FW *First career RBI 8/15 at Beloit *First career HR 4/23/26 at Dayton</p>	<p>Career Notes: 5th round pick by Chicago Cubs out of Alabama in 2025... Ranked as Cubs #27 prospect.. Helped to 41-18 record in 2025 and appearance in Louisville Super Regional, losing to Miami (FL) 5-3 on May 30, and Southern Mississippi 6-5 on May 31, Snell had a hit in both games.... 101 career games with Crimson Tide,, hit .347, 16 HR, 82 RBI.. Originally committed and played for Auburn Tigers in 2021, did not see game action... Transferred to Wallace Community College in hometown of Dothan, Alabama for 2022 and 2023... First was a two-way player at Alabama, pitching in 10 games in 2024... Was hitter-only in 2025... Named first-team all SEC outfielder, and Second-Team Rawlings All-American Scored career-high four runs 5/14 at Wisconsin *Spent 2023 summer in Cape Cod League with Falmouth Commodores, hit .342 in 21 games, one home run, 15 RBI, 11 BB, 20 K *Crushed first pro home run at Dayton on April 23</p>	<p>2026 Hit Streak: 7 / Long Hit Streak: 7 On-Base Streak: 9 / Long On-BaseStk: 13 Last HR: 5/3 vs FW (Two-Run) *first Four Winds Field HR *13 game on-base streak ended 4/30 *Stole 11 bases with South Bend in 27 games last season,, did not steal one base in two years played at Alabama Cubs Season – Career Game Highs Hits: 2, 5/6 vs Lansing – Same RBI: 4, 4/15 vs Beloit – Same</p>

SOUTH BEND PROFESSIONAL BASEBALL HISTORY



<p>2026 Attendance Highs 1. 6,100 5/6 vs Lansing 2. 5,583 5/8 vs Lansing 3. 5,378 5/9 vs Lansing</p> <p>All-Time Attendance Highs 1. 8,169 7/25/24 vs PEO 2. 8,143 7/3/15 vs BG 3. 8,051 6/16/17 vs LC</p> <p>Season Attendance 1. 354,070 '17 Cubs 2. 350,083 '16 Cubs 3. 347,678 '15 Cubs 4. 343,783 '18 Cubs 5. 314,591 '23 Cubs</p>	<p>1988-1993 – South Bend White Sox / White Sox Affiliate *1989 and 1993 Midwest League Champions</p> <p>1994-1996 – South Bend Silver Hawks / White Sox Affiliate</p> <p>1997-2014 – South Bend Silver Hawks / Diamondbacks Affiliate *2005 Midwest League Champions *2001, 2008, 2013 Midwest League Runner-Up *2005 Midwest League Prospect of the Year/MVP: OF Carlos Gonzalez *2014 Midwest League Prospect of the Year: SS Andrew Velazquez</p> <p>2015-Present – South Bend Cubs / Cubs Affiliate *2019 and 2022 Midwest League Champions *Voted best ballpark in 2017, 2022, and 2023.</p>
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South Bend Cubs in the Majors (Debut Team)

OF Ian Happ (Cubs '17) / SB 2015
 P Pedro Aruajo (Orioles '17) / SB 2015-16
 P Dillon Maples (Cubs '17) / SB 2015-16
 P James Norwood (Cubs '18) / SB 2015-16
 P Duane Underwood (Cubs '18) / SB 2016
 INF David Bote (Cubs '18) / SB 2015
 SS Gleyber Torres (Yankees '18) / SB 2015
 P Adbert Alzolay (Cubs '19) / SB 2016
 OF Eloy Jimenez (White Sox '19) / SB 2016
 P Dylan Cease (White Sox '19) / SB 2017
 INF Nico Hoerner (Cubs '19) / SB 2018
 IF Isaac Paredes (Tigers '20) / SB 2016-17
 IF Vimalael Machin (A's '20) / SB 2015-17
 P Tyson Miller (Cubs '20) / SB 2017
 P Brailyn Marquez (Cubs '20) / SB 2018-19
 IF Jason Vosler (Giants '21) / SB 2015
 C Erick Castillo (Cubs '21) / SB 2016
 P Justin Steele (Cubs '21) / SB 2016
 IF Zack Short (Tigers '21) / SB 2017
 P Michael Rucker (Cubs '21) / SB 2017
 P Scott Effross (Cubs '21) / SB 2016
 P Tommy Nance (Cubs '21) / SB 2016
 P Jhon Romero (Nationals '21) / SB 2017
 P Manuel Rodriguez (Cubs '21) / SB 2017-18
 P Cory Abbott (Cubs '21) / SB 2018
 C Teddy Payne (Cubs '21) / SB 2017-18
 P Matt Swarmer (Cubs '22) / SB 2017
 P Brendon Little (Cubs '22) / SB 2018-19
 P Brandon Hughes (Cubs '22) / SB 2018-19
 P Javier Assad (Cubs '22) / SB 2018
 P Erich Uelmen (Cubs '22) / SB 2018
 OF Nelson Velazquez (Cubs '22) / SB 2018-21
 INF Jared Young (Cubs '22) / SB 2018
 INF Christopher Morel (Cubs '22) / SB 2019
 P Ethan Roberts (Cubs '22) / SB 2019
 C Miguel Amaya (Cubs '23) / SB 2018
 OF Alexander Canario (Cubs '23) / SB 2021-22
 IF Andruw Monasterio (Brewers '23) / SB 2016-17
 C Jhonny Pereda (Marlins '24) / SB 2017
 P Bryan King (Astros '24) / SB 2021
 P Bailey Horn (Red Sox '24) / SB 2021-22

P Nicholas Padilla (Cubs '22) / SB 2021-22
 P Anderson Espinoza (Cubs '22) / SB 2021
 P Nicholas Padilla (Cubs '22) / SB 2021-22
 P Jordan Wicks (Cubs '23) / SB 2021-22
 P Jeremiah Estrada (Cubs '23) / SB 2022
 OF Pete Crow-Armstrong (Cubs '23) / SB 2022
 INF Matt Mervis (Cubs '23) / SB 2022
 P Daniel Palencia (Cubs '23) / SB 2022
 P Luke Little (Cubs '23) / SB 2022-23
 P Porter Hodge (Cubs '24) / SB 2022
 INF Levi Jordan (Reds '24) / SB 2019
 OF Kevin Alcantara (Cubs '24) / SB 2023
 P Hunter Bigge (Rays '24) / SB 2021-24
 P DJ Herz (Nationals '24) / SB 2021-22
 INF Matt Shaw (Cubs '25) / SB 2023
 INF Cam Smith (Astros '25) / SB 2024
 P Cade Horton (Cubs '25) / SB 2023
 C Moises Ballesteros (Cubs '25) / SB 2023
 P Eduarniel Nunez (Padres '25) / SB 2021-23
 P Cam Sanders (Pirates '25) / SB 2019
 OF Owen Caissie (Cubs '25) / SB 2022
 P Riley Martin (Cubs '26) / SB 2022
 OF Yohendrick Pinango (Blue Jays '26) / SB 2021-23

Miscellaneous



NO-HITTERS – In total franchise history, South Bend has thrown 10 no-hitters. In South Bend Cubs history, there have been four.

*June 6, 2018: South Bend beat Fort Wayne 7-0 as Rollie Lacy and Ben Hecht combined for no-hitter.

*May 6, 2019: South Bend defeated Cedar Rapids 2-0 as Derek Casey and Peyton Remy combined for their no-hitter. Former Cubs catcher Victor Caratini caught half the game while on a rehab assignment.

*August 12, 2021: At Fort Wayne, Alexander Vizcaino, Joe Nahas, and Burl Carraway combined to no-hit the TinCaps in a 3-0 shutout.

*July 6, 2023: The most recent South Bend no-no, against the Peoria Chiefs, a 4-0 final, Michael Arias, Jarod Wright, Eduarniel Nunez, and Frankie Scalzo Jr. combined for the gem.

*Last South Bend Silver Hawks no-hitter: July 10, 2014 Blayne Weller (9 inning solo no-hitter) at Dayton, 12 strikeouts.

*South Bend has never thrown a perfect game in franchise history.

*Last time South Bend was no-hit – April 19, 2026 vs Beloit (Beloit won game 10-0).

*Previous prior opponent no-hitter: September 4, 2022 vs Lansing (Lansing won game 2-1).

CUBS REHAB ASSIGNMENTS – Dexter Fowler 2016, Jason Heyward 2017, Yu Darvish 2018 (2x), Drew Smyly 2018-2022-2024, Mike Montgomery 2019, Victor Caratini 2019, Ben Zobrist 2019, Derek Holland 2019, Nico Hoerner 2021, Rowan Wick 2021, Wade Miley 2022 (2x), Caleb Kilian 2024-2025, Yency Almonte 2025, Eli Morgan 2025, Jack Neely 2025.

BUDDY BAILEY – 2019 South Bend Cubs manager Buddy Bailey passed away this past fall on September 22, 2025. Bailey, whose 2419 career victories places him in third place on the all-time Minor League Manager wins list, spent his lone season with South Bend by winning the 2019 Midwest League Championship. The Cubs went an undefeated 7-0 in the 2019 playoffs, and Bailey also collected his 2100th professional victory while managing at Four Winds Field on June 6, 2019.

TERRY FRANCONA – The Cincinnati Reds manager was the skipper of the 1992 South Bend White Sox (73-64).

CUBS DEN TEAM STORE – In the summer of 2012, the Sons of Israel Synagogue was transformed into the South Bend Cubs Team Store (beyond the left field wall). The synagogue had not housed a congregation since 1991.

THREE-PEAT – South Bend became the first Midwest League franchise with three consecutive Midwest League Prospects of the Year (2014 Andrew Velazquez, 2015 Gleyber Torres, 2016 Eloy Jimenez).

SEASON #38 – 2026 marks the 38th season of South Bend being part of the Midwest League. It's also been 11 years since the Chicago Cubs made South Bend their MWL affiliate.

*South Bend All Time Record: 2499-2547 (Entering This Season)

*South Bend Cubs Record (2015-Present): 656-677 (Entering This Season)

***South Bend won its 2500th game as a franchise on April 8 at Peoria, by a final of 13-1.**

***7 of 9 Cubs in the lineup had multi-hit games, every Cub reached base.**

***South Bend pitching did not walk a batter in the game, struck out 12.**

THE NEW FOUR WINDS FIELD – With stadium construction being the story of the last two off-seasons at Four Winds Field, a 48-million-dollar has been completed leading into the 2026 season. A new natural playing field was installed for the 2025 seasons. In addition, last season's renovations featured brand new stadium seats across the ballpark, the Kids Fun Zone being moved to the right field corner, and the brand new splash pad complete past the left-center field wall. 'Phase Two' of the construction project has finished up with the installation of the new second deck, featuring new suites and party deck areas. As well as the South Bend Cubs Event Building in the left field corner, which will be headlined by the newly constructed 11/11 Club presented by Bacardi. It will feature an indoor climate controlled environment and outdoor second level balcony seating to accommodate 100 to 250 guests.

EXTRA INNINGS – South Bend was 2-8 in games going to extra innings last season. They have yet to play an extra innings game this season.

2026 COACHING STAFF - Daniel Wasinger begins his first season as South Bend Cubs manager after serving as the team's bench coach in 2025. The former Arizona Diamondbacks farmhand catcher was originally drafted by the Chicago Cubs out of high school, before getting selected by the DBacks out of college. He is joined by first year pitching coaches Henry Haack and JC Bonilla. As well as third year hitting coach, and former Boston Red Sox infielder Nate Spears, and hitting coach Chris Pieters, a 2017 South Bend Cub. Development Coach Max Anastasio also jumps into his first season in South Bend.