



# 2024 Fort Wayne TinCaps Game Notes



## Fort Wayne TinCaps (21-25) @ Wisconsin Timber Rattlers (29-17)

Wednesday, May 29 | 1:10pm ET | Neuroscience Group Field | Grand Chute, WI

LHP Jagger Haynes (No. 18 Padres prospect) vs. LHP Tate Kuehner

Video: [Bally Live app \(FREE\)](#) & [MiLB.TV](#) | Radio: 1380 The Fan & 100.9 FM / [TinCaps.com](#)

### News & Notes

| Padres Prospects (MLB.com) |     |                   |
|----------------------------|-----|-------------------|
| No. 1                      | RHP | Ethan Salas       |
| No. 3                      | RHP | Dylan Lesko       |
| No. 8                      | OF  | Homer Bush Jr.    |
| No. 16                     | RHP | Braden Nett       |
| No. 18                     | LHP | Jagger Haynes     |
| No. 27                     | INF | Jay Beshears      |
| No. 28                     | RHP | Bradley Rodriguez |
| No. 30                     | RHP | Henry Baez        |

| Brewers Prospects (MLB.com) |       |                 |
|-----------------------------|-------|-----------------|
| No. 7                       | OF    | Luis Lara       |
| No. 15                      | 3B/1B | Luke Adams      |
| No. 16                      | RHP   | Logan Henderson |
| No. 20                      | 2B/OF | Dylan O'Rae     |
| No. 21                      | SS    | Gregory Barrios |
| No. 22                      | 2B/3B | Jadher Areinamo |
| No. 28                      | RHP   | Patricio Aquino |

| Apple Slices |       |                     |
|--------------|-------|---------------------|
| Home:        | 13-11 | Score 1st: 9-7      |
| Road:        | 8-14  | Score ≤ 3: 5-19     |
| Day:         | 9-5   | Score 5+: 14-3      |
| Night:       | 12-20 | 1-run gms: 7-9      |
| Sunday:      | 5-3   | 2-run gms: 5-2      |
| Monday:      | --    | Lead after 6: 11-2  |
| Tuesday:     | 1-6   | Trail after 6: 5-20 |
| Wednesday:   | 2-5   | Lead after 7: 12-2  |
| Thursday:    | 4-3   | Trail after 7: 2-20 |
| Friday:      | 3-4   | Lead after 8: 12-1  |
| Saturday:    | 6-4   | Trail after 8: 0-20 |
| April:       | 8-13  | With HR: 10-7       |
| May:         | 13-12 | Without HR: 10-19   |
| June:        | --    | Multiple HR: 2-1    |
| July:        | --    | Comebacks: 14       |
| August:      | --    | Shutouts: 3-3       |
| September:   | --    | Extra inn: 4-4      |

| 2024 Series vs. Wisconsin (0-1) |        |
|---------------------------------|--------|
| May 28:                         | L, 4-3 |
| May 29:                         |        |
| May 30:                         |        |
| May 31:                         |        |
| June 1:                         |        |
| June 2:                         |        |
| June 18:                        |        |
| June 19:                        |        |
| June 20:                        |        |
| June 21:                        |        |
| June 22:                        |        |
| June 23:                        |        |

**LAST GAME:** The Timber Rattlers walked off the TinCaps, 4-3. A back-and-forth game saw Wisconsin take an early 2-0 lead, then Fort Wayne scored all of its runs in the fifth as Lucas Dunn was hit by a pitch with the bases loaded and Nerwilian Cedeño knocked a 2-run double. But the Rattlers equalized in the eighth and Gregory Barrios won it in the ninth.

**BREW CREW:** The TinCaps drove up from Fort Wayne Monday. They broke up the 355-mile drive with a stop at American Family Field to see the Brewers beat the Cubs. The experience was extra meaningful for outfielder Kai Murphy, whose dad (Pat) is Milwaukee's manager. It was also fitting that Robert Gasser, who pitched for the TinCaps in 2022 before being traded to the Brewers, threw 6+ scoreless innings... Milwaukee's roster this season has also included the following former TinCaps: Jake Bauers (2014); Owen Miller (2018); Colin Rea (2012-13); and Joe Ross (2012-13)... Speaking of local ties, right-handed reliever Cole Papham (MLB.com's No. 17 Padres prospect) grew up in nearby Denmark.

**HOT CAPS:** The TinCaps have won 9 of their last 12 games... During a 7-game winning streak from May 15-22 (the team's longest since 2015), Fort Wayne hit .279 with an .839 OPS. The TinCaps scored 58 runs in that span (8+/G), the most in the Midwest League and 3<sup>rd</sup> among MiLB's 120 full-season teams. 'Caps pitchers posted a 2.95 ERA in that stretch... During the winning streak, the TinCaps left just 34 runners on base, 2<sup>nd</sup> fewest among the 120.

**'CAPS IN THE COMMUNITY:** On Friday, TinCaps players and staff volunteered with The Rescue Mission, a local non-profit organization that provides restorative care to those experiencing a homelessness crisis. One group served lunch and helped with other chores at the Life House building downtown, while others assisted at Charis House, a shelter for women and children, and yet another group offered aid at Treasure House, a thrift store.

**RALLY CAPS:** The TinCaps have overcome a deficit in 14 of their 21 wins.

**CLOSE CALLS:** The 'Caps have played 8 extra-inning games, 3<sup>rd</sup> most in MiLB behind only Beloit and Triple-A Columbus (9)... The TinCaps have played 16 one-run games (tied with Lansing for most in MWL) and 8 two-run games... Fort Wayne has 3 walk-off wins... Until May 18, the 'Caps hadn't won a game by more than 3 runs.

**KEEPING IT IN THE YARD:** Offensively, the TinCaps have hit 10 homers over their last 11 games. Meanwhile, Fort Wayne's pitchers have allowed the 2<sup>nd</sup> fewest homers per 9 innings in the MWL this season (0.7, just 30 in 46 games).

**DEFENSE:** Kai Murphy leads the MWL in outfield assists (5)... As a team, the TinCaps are 2<sup>nd</sup> in OA (11)... Their catchers are 2<sup>nd</sup> in the MWL in caught stealing % at 28% (the league average is 22%). Individually, Anthony Vilar and Ethan Salas rank 5<sup>th</sup> in CS (9)... As a team, the TinCaps rank 2<sup>nd</sup> in fielding % behind only the Rattlers.

**ETHAN SALAS:** 8-game hitting streak - tied for longest active in MWL - ended Tuesday. Was 11-for-29 (.379 avg) with 4 doubles, a homer, 8 RBIs, 9 runs, 5 walks, and only 4 strikeouts.

**KAI MURPHY:** 12 doubles, 3<sup>rd</sup> in MWL.


**HOMER BUSH JR:** 24 stolen bases, most in MWL.


**DEVIN ORTIZ:** 12-game on-base streak.


**FORT WAYNE FAITHFUL:** Parkview Field hosted sellout crowds May 17-19, including May 18's season-high turnout of 8,402. That was the largest for a May game in the franchise's history. It was also the largest crowd at Parkview Field for a non-July 4<sup>th</sup> date since 2018. The weekend marked the first time the TinCaps sold out 3 consecutive games since 2018, and was the highest attendance for a Friday-Sunday stretch since 2015... The TinCaps sold out 2 more games last week as well.


[HOME RUN DERBY X: Coming to Parkview Field on Saturday, Aug. 10. Tickets on sale now.](#)

### San Diego Padres Affiliates

Triple-A: El Paso Chihuahuas (El Paso, TX) 

Double-A: San Antonio Missions (San Antonio, TX) 

High-A: Fort Wayne TinCaps (Fort Wayne, IN) 

Single-A: Lake Elsinore Storm (Lake Elsinore, CA) 

Rookie: ACL Padres (Peoria, AZ) 

Rookie: DSL Padres 

### Milwaukee Brewers Affiliates

Triple-A: Nashville Sounds (Nashville, TN)

Double-A: Biloxi Shuckers (Biloxi, MS)

High-A: Wisconsin Timber Rattlers (Grand Chute, WI)

Single-A: Carolina Mudcats (Zebulon, NC)

Rookie: ACL Brewers (Phoenix, AZ)

Rookie: DSL Brewers

### Upcoming Schedule

Thursday, May 30 @ Wisconsin (7:40pm)  
Friday, May 31 @ Wisconsin (7:40pm)  
Saturday, June 1 @ Wisconsin (7:40pm)  
Sunday, June 2 @ Wisconsin (2:10pm)

LHP Miguel Cienfuegos vs. RHP Will Rudy  
RHP Henry Baez vs. RHP Logan Henderson (No. 16 Brewers prospect)  
RHP Dylan Lesko (No. 3 Padres prospect) vs. TBD  
TBD vs. RHP Alexander Cornielle

## More News, Notes & Season Storylines

**SLAM FACTOIDS:** Fort Wayne hit a grand slam in 3 consecutive games (May 18-21) for the first time in franchise history. (Research credit: **Dylan Sinn** from *The Journal Gazette*.) The MLB record for consecutive games with a slam is 4 (Padres, 2020).

**MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS NIGHT:** Two weeks ago MiLB and RADical Hope announced a new partnership aimed at addressing the mental health crisis across the United States by empowering young adults with skills and resources so they're equipped to cope *before* they reach a crisis point. As part of Mental Health Awareness Month, the TinCaps are one of select teams offering a free workshop at Parkview Field where RADial Hope is sharing mental health resources, skills, and exercises for building resiliency, as well as discussion-based activities to further the conversation on mental health... In partnership with Parkview Sports Medicine as well, the TinCaps invited local middle school, high school, college, and club team captains and coaches for a wellness training on Saturday. Participants also received a free ticket and food voucher for that night's game... Additionally, the following non-profits have kiosks on the concourse: Fort Wayne's chapter of the National Alliance on Mental Illness; Remedy Live; Samaritan Dog; Sunny PATHH; and Great Kids Make Great Communities.

**BASEBALL HISTORY:** On May 4, 1871, the Fort Wayne Kekiongas played the Cleveland Forest Citys in the first ever professional baseball league game. The game, played at present-day Camp Allen Park just outside of Downtown Fort Wayne, marked the start of the National Association, which later became the National League. Fort Wayne won, 2-0, led by starting pitcher **Bobby Mathews**... On May 6, 1927, the Yankees played an exhibition game against the Lincoln Lifers semi-pro team at League Park in Fort Wayne (where Headwaters Park is now downtown). New York was in between traveling from Washington D.C. to Chicago. The exhibition was tied, 3-3, through 9 innings until **Babe Ruth** hit a 2-run homer in the 10<sup>th</sup> to lead the Yankees to a 5-3 win in front of a crowd of more than 3,000... **Tony Gwynn** was born May 9, 1960. Gwynn and the Padres twice visited Fort Wayne for exhibition games (May 13, 1999 and April 27, 2001).

**BACK AT PARKVIEW FIELD:** While the TinCaps were on the road earlier this month, the Parkview Sports Medicine Baseball Classic concluded with the 3<sup>rd</sup> night of high school baseball doubleheaders. **Kylar Decker**, a TinCaps Grounds Crew intern, threw a 3-hit shutout for Leo over Columbia City, while **Grant Peters**, also a member of the Grounds Crew's gameday staff, tossed a 2-hit shutout for Carroll over Homestead... Last week New Haven beat Woodlan and Northrop took on North Side... Tuesday saw matchups between Wayne and South Side, and Snider versus Blackhawk Christian.

**PROSPECTS:** Catcher **Ethan Salas** isn't just the top-rated Padres prospect, he's also the top catching prospect in baseball, according to MLB.com. They also rank Salas as the No. 6 overall prospect. Starting pitcher **Dylan Lesko** is the top righty in San Diego's system and MLB.com's 9<sup>th</sup> best RHP across the sport. Meanwhile, *Baseball America* included outfielder **Tyler Robertson** and first baseman **Griffin Doersching** on their pre-season "top 40." *BA* also highlighted reliever **David Morgan** on a list of prospects who impressed during spring training and ranked him as San Diego's 23<sup>rd</sup> best prospect... *Baseball America* has ranked Fort Wayne's roster as 1 of the 10 most talented in all of MiLB.

**WEATHER WOES:** 3 of the first 7 home dates at Parkview Field were rained out... April also featured another game delayed more than 70 minutes by rain.

**CONSECUTIVE POSTPONEMENTS:** Before April 10-11, Fort Wayne hadn't had consecutive home games postponed since May 30-31, 2006. That was at Memorial Stadium. Parkview Field opened in 2009. **Ethan Salas** was born June 1, 2006.

**FUN FACT:** The first game in Fort Wayne's franchise history was April 10, 1993 on the road against the Waterloo Diamonds (then a Padres affiliate). Waterloo's starting second baseman was **Homer Bush Sr.**, who went on to be a MWL All-Star... The current voice of the Dragons, **Tom Nichols**, was on the radio call for the Wizards then.

**PREMEIR PLAY:** **Lucas Dunn's** 10<sup>th</sup>-inning diving catch and outfield assist from left field on Opening Day at Great Lakes was 1 of 5 finalists for MiLB's Premier Play of the Week that week.

**AROUND BASEBALL:** MLB.com's No. 1 ranked prospect, **Jackson Holliday**, made his debut with the Orioles last month. His uncle, Josh, is the head coach at Oklahoma State, where TinCaps first baseman **Griffin Doersching** played as a grad student in 2022. At the time, former MLB All-Star **Matt Holliday** was a volunteer assistant coach, and Jackson, as a high schooler, was often around.

**ATTENDANCE CONTEXT:** Parkview Field's Opening Day crowd of 4,422 was the largest Opening Day gathering here since 2017 (when Opening Day fell on a Saturday). The TinCaps had the largest crowd of the night in the MWL.

**260 TO THE SHOW:** Since Fort Wayne's franchise was founded in 1993, the club has had 223 alumni go on to reach the big leagues, including more than 40 in MLB so far this year. The list features All-Stars like **Fernando Tatis Jr.** (2017), **Trea Turner** (2014), **Max Fried** (2013-14), **David Bednar** (2016-17), **Ty France**, and **Miles Mikolas** (2010), plus rookies **Jackson Merrill** and **Graham Pauley** (2023).

**WHAT'S NEW AT PARKVIEW FIELD:** During the off-season, as part of a \$1.2 million project to comply with MLB specifications, Parkview Field's playing surfaced was replaced. Additionally, the front steps of the ballpark were improved, as was the flooring of the PSM Treetops, while other areas of the yard were freshly painted... New concessions options include popcorn in a batting helmet, elote, and Bloody Marys.

**15<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY:** This season marks a decade and a half of TinCaps baseball at Parkview Field. During the year, the team is celebrating with special edition jerseys for select home games, among other promotions.

# Coaching Staff

## 15 Mike Daly      Manager      Age: 46

- **FROM:** Atlanta, GA + Cincinnati, Ohio
- **COLLEGE:** LSU (1997, 2000 National Champion)
- **CAREER:** Daly began in the Cleveland Guardians organization where he worked in their baseball operations department from 2001-2002 and as an area scout from 2003-2006. After 6 seasons with Cleveland, Daly moved to the Texas Rangers organization and was promoted to their Director of International Scouting in 2009. He spent 4 years in that position and became the Senior Director of Player Development in 2014. Eventually Daly was the assistant general manager from 2016-2021. In the fall of 2021, Daly was named the Assistant Director of Player Development for the San Diego Padres. He remained in that position until being hired as Fort Wayne's manager in January 2024.

## 45 Thomas Eshelman Pitching Coach      Age: 29

- **FROM:** Carlsbad, CA
- **COLLEGE:** Cal State Fullerton (3 seasons with a sub-2.00 ERA)
- **DRAFTED:** 2015, 2<sup>nd</sup> RD (Houston)
- **CAREER:** Eshelman played in the minor leagues from 2015-2019 with the Astros, Phillies, and Orioles organizations. He made his major league debut with the Baltimore Orioles in 2019. Eshelman pitched in the majors from 2019-2021 in 31 games, all with the Orioles.
- **COACHING:** After retiring from playing in 2022, Eshelman began his coaching career last season as the pitching coach of the Lake Elsinore Storm.

## 24 Jhonaldo Pozo Bench Coach      Age: 35

- **FROM:** San Pedro de Macoris, Dominican Republic
- **CAREER:** Pozo was a utility player that mostly played catcher. He played in the Padres organization from 2007-2011 and made a stop in Fort Wayne for 6 games in 2011.
- **COACHING:** 2024 marks Pozo's second stint as bench coach of the TinCaps. The former catcher was on staff in 2022 under manager Brian Esposito. Last year, Pozo served as the bench coach of the Lake Elsinore Storm. He spent the 2010 and 2011 seasons playing in Lake Elsinore before retiring and becoming a minor league coach.

## 13 Jed Morris Hitting Coach      Age: 44

- **FROM:** Eugene, Oregon
- **COLLEGE:** University of Nebraska (2002 BIG12 Player of the Year, .382AVG, 23 HRs, 90 RBI, led Nebraska to the College World Series back-to-back seasons.)
- **DRAFTED:** 2002, 36<sup>th</sup> round (Oakland)
- **CAREER:** Morris played in the minors from 2002-08, all with the A's organization. He was diagnosed with Leukemia in 2006 and missed almost all the 2007 season. After undergoing treatment, Morris returned in 2008. He played 2 years of independent league ball in 2009 and 2010
- **COACHING:** Morris was the head coach of Eastern University from 2012-2018. He's been a hitting coach in the Padres organization since 2018.

Athletic Trainer: **Lauren Gottschall**      Strength Coach: **Chandler Craig**      Clubhouse Manager: **Sam Lewis**  
 Video Analyst: **Dylan Bryant**      Performance Analyst: **Greg Bender**      Clubhouse Manager: **Hunter Sosenheimer**

### Notable Padres Player Development / Baseball Operations Staff

|                                   |               |                                    |               |
|-----------------------------------|---------------|------------------------------------|---------------|
| President of Baseball Ops & GM:   | A.J. Preller  | VP of Player Development:          | Ryley Westman |
| Asst. Dir. of Player Development: | Mike Daly     | Dir. of Pitching Development:      | Rob Marcello  |
| Infield Coordinator:              | Felipe Blanco | Catching Coordinator:              | Brian Whatley |
| Hitting Coordinator:              | Jonny Mathews | Field Coord. & Player Performance: | Vinny Lopez   |

### About the TinCaps

- **OWNERSHIP:** Hardball Capital (also operates Single-A Columbia and Double-A Chattanooga)
- **PRESIDENT:** Mike Nutter
- **FOUNDED:** 1993 as the Fort Wayne Wizards
- **AFFILIATION:** Minnesota Twins (1993-98), San Diego Padres (1999-present)
- **NAME:** Became the TinCaps in 2009 while moving into Parkview Field from the old Memorial Stadium... TinCaps is a reference to Johnny Appleseed aka John Chapman, who's laid to rest in Fort Wayne and was known for wearing a tin cap on his head
- **MWL TITLE:** 2009
- **MLB ALUMNI:** 212 TinCaps players have gone on to become major leaguers including including 2022 All-Stars Trea Turner (2014), Ty France (2016), Max Fried (2013), Miles Mikolas (2010), and David Bednar (2016-17), along with two-time Cy Young winner Corey Kluber (2008)... Other past greats include LaTroy Hawkins (1993), Torii Hunter (1994), and Jake Peavy (2000). Other past greats include LaTroy Hawkins (1993), Torii Hunter (1994), and Jake Peavy (2000).
- **BALLPARK:** Parkview Field (2009-present), Memorial Stadium (1993-2008)
- **MASCOT:** Johnny TinCap

### About Parkview Field

- **BACKGROUND:** In 2007, the Fort Wayne City Council approved the Harrison Square Project to build a new ballpark downtown as well as other amenities.
- **DEBUT:** Opening Day for Parkview Field took place on April 16, 2009. The TinCaps played in front of a sold-out crowd and beat the Dayton Dragons 7-0.
- **CAPACITY:** 8,100
- **RECORD CROWD:** 9,508 (July 4, 2019)
- **DIMENSIONS:** 336 feet to the left-field foul pole... 377 feet to left-center field... 400 feet to straight-away centerfield... 383 feet to right-center field... and 318 feet to the right-field foul pole.
- **WALLS:** Range from 10 feet tall, from center to right-center field, up to 15 feet tall in the outfield corners as well as a small section of left-center field.
- **MORE THAN BASEBALL:** Parkview Field hosts hundreds of special events yearly, including concerts such as Florida Georgia Line, Dierks Bentley, Zac Brown Band, and Nelly.

# STARTING PITCHER

## LHP Jagger Haynes

6-3 | 170 | 21 years old | Cerro Gordo, NC | Drafted: 5<sup>th</sup> Round, 2020 (West Columbus HS)

| Year                         | Age | AgeDif | Tm            | Lg   | Lev | Aff | W        | L        | W-L%        | ERA         | RA9         | G         | GS        | GF       | CG       | SHO      | SV       | IP       | H           | R         | ER        | HR        | BB       | IBB       | SO       | HBP       | BK       | WP       | BF       | WHIP       | H9           | HR9        | BB9        | SO9        | SO/W        |             |
|------------------------------|-----|--------|---------------|------|-----|-----|----------|----------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-----------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|-------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------|-----------|----------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|------------|--------------|------------|------------|------------|-------------|-------------|
| 2023                         | 20  | -1.9   | Lake Elsinore | CALL | A   | SDP | 0        | 3        | .000        | 3.91        | 4.62        | 11        | 11        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 25.1     | 22          | 13        | 11        | 2         | 12       | 0         | 29       | 1         | 2        | 1        | 109      | 1.342      | 7.8          | 0.7        | 4.3        | 10.3       | 2.42        |             |
| <b>All Levels (1 Season)</b> |     |        |               |      |     |     | <b>0</b> | <b>3</b> | <b>.000</b> | <b>3.91</b> | <b>4.62</b> | <b>11</b> | <b>11</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>25.1</b> | <b>22</b> | <b>13</b> | <b>11</b> | <b>2</b> | <b>12</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>29</b> | <b>1</b> | <b>2</b> | <b>1</b> | <b>109</b> | <b>1.342</b> | <b>7.8</b> | <b>0.7</b> | <b>4.3</b> | <b>10.3</b> | <b>2.42</b> |

### 2024 Appearances

| Date     | Opponent        | IP  | H | R / ER | B<br>B | K | NP-S  | Catcher |
|----------|-----------------|-----|---|--------|--------|---|-------|---------|
| April 12 | Lake County     | .1  | 2 | 4 / 4  | 4      | 0 | 32-13 | Salas   |
| April 17 | @ Dayton        | 1.2 | 4 | 3 / 4  | 3      | 4 | 57-32 | Vilar   |
| April 24 | Great Lakes     | 2.2 | 5 | 4 / 4  | 3      | 5 | 73-44 | Vilar   |
| May 1    | @ Lake County   | 6.0 | 4 | 1 / 1  | 3      | 1 | 75-46 | Vilar   |
| May 8    | @ West Michigan | 3.1 | 1 | 2 / 2  | 3      | 1 | 64-35 | Vilar   |
| May 15   | South Bend      | 6.0 | 5 | 2 / 2  | 2      | 3 | 89-58 | Vilar   |
| May 22   | Lansing         | 7.0 | 4 | 1 / 1  | 3      | 5 | 93-61 | Vilar   |

### Career Bests

|             |     |                     |
|-------------|-----|---------------------|
| Innings:    | 7.0 | May 22 vs. LAN      |
| Strikeouts: | 5.  | 2x, April 24 vs. GL |
| Walks:      | 0.  | April 14, 2023 @ IE |
| Earned R:   | 0   | Multiple            |
| Pitches:    | 93  | May 22 vs. LAN      |

- **MLB.com Scouting Report:**  
Fastball (55), Curveball (55), Changeup (50), Control (50), Overall (40)... Also throwing a slider this year
- **PADRES PROSPECT RANKING:** No. 18 (MLB.com) – 4<sup>th</sup> among LHP... Also in *Baseball America's* pre-season Top 30 and listed as a potential "breakout prospect"
- **FROM:** Cerro Gordo, NC (population: about 335)... in Columbus County, near Whiteville, NC (hometown of 2018 TinCap and current Washington National, MacKenzie Gore)... close to South Carolina border (about an hour from Myrtle Beach)
- **HIGH SCHOOL:** West Columbus HS... the Vikings
- **COLLEGE COMMITMENT:** North Carolina
- **2020:** Drafted in the 5<sup>th</sup> and final round that year by the Padres
- **2021:** Tommy John surgery
- **2023:** Finally made pro debut on April 14... After 10 starts, on June 29, placed on Injured List and activated on July 26... But following a start on July 26, back on IL for remainder of season... Experienced shoulder and blister problems... Says he has learned an "immeasurable" number of lessons from difficult start to pro career with injuries... His favorite moments last year with the Storm were seeing Henry Baez throw 8+ shutout innings in a game and when Albert Fabian capped a comeback with a walk-off homer
- **ARIZONA FALL LEAGUE:** Was going to represent the Padres with the Peoria Javelinas, but did not pitch due to injury
- **2024:** Says he's focused on being consistent week in and week out
- **INSTAGRAM:** @jaghaynes... X: @therealcj02
- **PERSONALITY:** Away from the field, enjoys golfing and hanging with friends... Likes '80s music... If he wasn't playing professional baseball, would pursue a career in business... First name is Coleman... Jagger is middle name, inspired by Mick
- **FAVORITE MLB PLAYER:** Gavin Williams, who made his MLB debut with the Guardians last year (after pitching for Lake County in 2022)... Seth Frankoff, who pitched for the Cubs in 2017, the Mariners in 2020, and the D-backs in 2021 has also been influential in his career... Both are NC natives as well
- **WALK-OUT SONG:** was "Edge of Seventeen" by Stevie Nicks... now "Photograph" by Def Leppard

# Hitters (Alphabetical)

**9 Colton Bender**      **5-9, 195**      **C**      **Age: 25**

- **FROM:** Lebanon, CT... 1<sup>st</sup> player from there selected in MLB Draft
- **HIGH SCHOOL:** Lyman Memorial HS (Lebanon, CT)... Bulldogs... hit .609 as a senior... grand slam in state finals... 4-time all-conference catcher... 2-time All-State selection
- **COLLEGE:** Quinnipiac University (health science major), MAAC... appeared in 2019 NCAA Tournament... Bobcats in MLB: reliever Turk Wendell (1993-2004) and infielder Matthew Batten (who debuted with the Padres last year)
- **DRAFTED:** 2021, 10th round
- **2021:** Assigned to the Arizona Complex League on July 26 (4 games)... Transferred to Single-A Lake Elsinore on Aug. 6 (20 games)
- **2022:** 28 games in ACL... Transferred to Lake Elsinore on Aug. 3 (14 games)
- **2023:** TinCaps Opening Day roster
- **FAMILY:** Parents are Jamie & John... has an older sister, Jordan... Father & grandfather also played catcher
- **MISCELLANEOUS:** Favorite player growing up was Jason Varitek... Plays the guitar... Enjoys hunting and fishing... Aspirations to become an entrepreneur... Unofficial team barber
- **SOCIAL MEDIA:** IG @colton.bender9... Twitter @benderrr9

**21 Homer Bush Jr.**      **6-3, 200**      **OF**      **Age: 22**

- **PADRES PROSPECT:** No. 8 (MLB.com)
- **FROM:** Grapevine, TX
- **HIGH SCHOOL:** Carroll High School (Southlake, TX)...won state championships in 2018 and 2019...also played one year of football
- **COLLEGE:** Grand Canyon (sports management major)...first-team All-WAC selection as an outfielder in 2023...hit .363 with 23 XBHs and set the team's single-season record with 25 stolen bases in 31 attempts...led the Lopes in R (69), H (88), 2Bs (19), OBP (.478), and SBs (25)
- **DRAFTED:** 2023, 4th round
- **2023:** 12 games in ACL, hit .409 with 16 R and 10 SBs...Promoted to Single-A Lake Elsinore (24 games)...Finished the season with Double-A San Antonio for 8 games, hit .429 (12-28).
- **FAMILY:** Homer and Monica Bush. Father, Homer played 7 MLB seasons (1997-2004) with the Yankees, Blue Jays and Marlins. In his career, Homer played 409 games and hit .285. Homer Bush Jr. was 2 ½ years old when Bush Sr. played his final big league game.
- **MISCELLANEOUS:** Only held one D-1 offer (New Mexico) before GCU head coach Andy Stankiewicz (a former teammate of Homer Bush Sr.) came to watch him play.
- **SOCIAL MEDIA:** IG @Homiebush... X @homerbushjr

**36 Griffin Doersching**      **6-4, 251**      **OF**      **Age: 25**

- **FROM:** Greendale, WI (town of 15,000; southwest of Milwaukee)
- **HIGH SCHOOL:** Greendale HS, the Panthers... 1<sup>st</sup> team All-State... hit .562 with 13 HRs and only 7 K during senior season... also played football for 2 years
- **DRAFTED:** 2022, 8<sup>th</sup> round
- **COLLEGE:** Played 4 seasons at Northern Kentucky (Horizon League)... set school records with 20 HR and 50 BB in 2021 (including one HR against Purdue Fort Wayne at Parkview Field that dented The Harrison building beyond LF)... ranks 2<sup>nd</sup> all-time at NKU in homers (47)... 2019 College Home Run Derby champion... named 1<sup>st</sup> Team All-Horizon League twice... grad transferred to Oklahoma State, where he hit .296 during his final collegiate season with 15 HR and 58 RBI in just 42 G... was working toward a graduate certificate in entrepreneurship... Josh Holliday was head coach, with Matt Holliday and Robin Ventura also assisting the staff
- **2022:** After being drafted, played 5 G for ACL Padres... transferred to Single-A Lake Elsinore on Aug. 13... part of a Storm squad that won the California League... blasted 8 HR in 25 G during final month of the season
- **2023:** Began season with Lake Elsinore... transferred to Fort Wayne Aug. 22... had 34 XBH & 55 RBI in 93 G with Storm
- **MISCELLANEOUS:** Favorite player growing up was Prince Fielder
- **NICKNAME:** Hokage (Japanese for "Fire shadow" – an anime reference)
- **INSTAGRAM:** @hokagedoersch... **TWITTER:** @HokageDoersch

**26 Jay Beshears**      **6-4, 215**      **INF**      **Age: 22**

- **FROM:** Naples, Florida
- **HIGH SCHOOL:** Community School of Naples...4-year varsity player and 4-time captain in baseball, 3-year varsity starter and 2-time captain in basketball
- **COLLEGE:** Duke...spent one season with the Blue Devils in 2023, started all 59 games and led the team hitting .333...2<sup>nd</sup> in doubles (15), 2<sup>nd</sup> in HR (15)...23 multi-hit games and a pair of 4-hit games...Started his college career at Northwestern for 2 seasons...hit .335 with 10 HRs, 46 RBIs and a .995 OPS in his sophomore season
- **DRAFTED:** 2023, 6th round
- **2023:** Played 2 games in ACL and 29 games with Single-A Lake Elsinore
- **2024:** Began the season with Lake Elsinore for 28 games...320 AVG, .942 OPS, 2 HR, 11 RBIs, 31 BB, 27 K's
- **FAMILY:** Son of Marc and Lori Beshears, one sister Elly (Emory Volleyball 2022-current)...father, Marc, PGA member
- **INSTAGRAM:** @jay\_b11

**2 Nerwilian Cedeño**      **5-11, 175**      **INF**      **Age: 22**

- **FROM:** Rio Tucani, Venezuela
- **SIGNED:** July 2, 2018, International free agent (\$300,000)...max allowed for Padres due to previous overage in international period)... age 16
- **2019:** DSL Padres (47 G)
- **2021:** ACL Padres (only 18 G... didn't play until Aug. 23 due to a meniscus tear suffered before spring training)
- **2022:** Single-A Lake Elsinore (71 G... season debut delayed until May 31 due to an elbow injury)
- **ARIZONA FALL LEAGUE:** Peoria Javelinas (12 G)
- **2023:** TinCaps Opening Day second baseman and second in the order... suffered a right wrist injury on defense in 5<sup>th</sup> game of season (April 12) at Parkview Field vs. Lake County... placed on Injured List on April 15... Sent to ACL Padres on a rehab assignment on June 26 (5 G)... Activated from Injured List on July 2
- **MISCELLANEOUS:** Earned high school degree last year through Padres educational program
- **VENEZUELAN LEAGUE:** Member of the Águilas del Zulia
- **FAMILY:** Has a 20-year-old brother, Oscar, who's playing 1B for the Cleveland Guardians Arizona Complex League team
- **INSTAGRAM:** @nerwilian\_cedeno2

**7 Lucas Dunn**      **6-0, 205**      **INF**      **Age: 25**

- **FROM:** Panama City, FL (2 hours West of Tallahassee)
- **HIGH SCHOOL:** Arnold HS (Panama City, FL)
- **COLLEGE:** University of Louisville (sports administration major)... 4-year career, batted .290 with an .809 OPS and 71 RBI in 155 GP and 452 AB... 1 of 7 Cardinals drafted in 2021, including first overall pick Henry Davis (PIT)
- **DRAFTED:** 2021, 8<sup>th</sup> Round, (250<sup>th</sup> overall)... had a pre-draft workout at Parkview Field
- **2021:** Assigned to Arizona Complex League on July 26 (8 games)... Transferred to Single-A Lake Elsinore on Aug. 6 (34 games)
- **2022:** Lake Elsinore (42 games)... Transferred to Fort Wayne on May 31 (62 games)
- **2023:** TinCaps Opening Day roster
- **NATIONAL TEAM EXPERIENCE:** In 2019, played for the USA Collegiate National Team that traveled to Japan and Taiwan (squad included current Tiger Spencer Torkelson)
- **MORE INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE:** Dual citizen of US and Germany. Speaks German fluently and played for Germany in World Baseball Classic Qualifying in Sept. 2022, as well as previously for junior national teams, traveling to countries like the Dominican Republic, Spain, Sweden, and the Czech Republic... MLB players from Germany include Twins outfielder Max Kepler
- **FAMILY:** Parents are Panja & Gary
- **MISCELLANEOUS:** Favorite players: Derek Jeter, Mike Trout, Bryce Harper & Fernando Tatis Jr.
- **INSTAGRAM:** @lucasdunn8... **TWITTER:** @lucasdunn8

## Hitters (Alphabetical – continued)

**40 Joshua Mears**      6-3, 230      OF      Age: 23

- **PADRES PROSPECT:** Baseball America previously graded him as San Diego's "Best Power Hitter" and "Best Outfield Arm"
- **FROM:** Federal Way, WA
- **HIGH SCHOOL:** Federal Way HS, Eagles... alumni include former big leaguers Travis Ishikawa (2006-15 with Giants, Brewers, Orioles, Yankees, and Pirates) and Dan Spillner (Padres 1974-78; Indians 78-84; White Sox 84-85)
- **COLLEGE COMMITMENT:** Purdue
- **DRAFTED:** 2019, 2nd round
- **2019:** AZL Padres (43 G)
- **2021:** Single-A Lake Elsinore (71 G), MiLB.com Organization All-Star
- **2022:** TinCaps Opening Day right fielder and 3-hitter... Midwest League Player of the Week (April 24), which included hitting a 504-foot home run at Lansing... Transferred to Development List on May 16... Assigned to ACL Padres on June 6 (17 G)... Returned to TinCaps on July 26... Assigned to Double-A San Antonio on Aug. 23 (24 G)... Led TinCaps with 14 HR in 52 G... Total of 23 HR in 93 G
- **2023:** Opening Day right fielder... Placed on IL May 5... Reinstated May 19... IL on Aug. 21
- **INSTAGRAM:** @\_joshuamears44

**1 Kai Murphy**      5-8, 173      OF      Age: 23

- **FROM:** Phoenix, AZ
- **HIGH SCHOOL:** Red Mountain High School (Mesa)... was ranked as No. 12 prospect in Arizona by Prep Baseball Report (also No. 2 LHP)... First Team All-State as a senior
- **COLLEGE:** Began career at Oregon State (2020) as a pitcher appearing 4 times in relief... due to a coaching change at OSU, transferred to Arizona State for 2021-22... at ASU, was a 2-way player, though most of his starts were in the outfield (5 appearances as a pitcher)... in 1<sup>st</sup> career start on mound against Cal on short notice, tossed 7 one-hit innings, becoming the first Sun Devil to record 7.0 IP while allowing one hit or fewer in their 1<sup>st</sup> career start this century
- **SUMMER BALL:** Played 2 seasons in the Northwoods League... Kenosha Kingfish (2020) & Lakeshore Chinooks (2021)
- **SIGNED:** By the Padres as a non-drafted free agent on July 30, 2022
- **2022:** Played 9 G for ACL Padres... transferred to Single-A Lake Elsinore on Aug. 22
- **2023:** Lake Elsinore Opening Day (hitting .287 with 22 XBH, 31 RBI & 11 SB)... transferred to High-A Fort Wayne on July 25
- **FAMILY:** Dad (Pat) was Notre Dame's head coach from 1988-94 (4 NCAA Tournament appearances) and at Arizona State from 1995-2009 (4 CWS appearances); joined Padres as a baseball ops special assistant in 2010, then managed Short-Season Eugene from 2011-12 and Triple-A affiliate from 2013-15 until becoming SD's interim manager for final 96 fames of '15... now Brewers manager
- **200 CLUB:** Brand he founded, with father, inspired by the mission to be relentlessly competitive, striving for improvement (shirts and hoodies for sale online)
- **INSTAGRAM:** @kmmurph1

**11 Tyler Robertson**      6-4, 200      OF      Age: 24

- **FROM:** Montgomery, AL
- **HIGH SCHOOL:** St. James, the Trojans... All-State as a senior... also pitched and played football (WR / CB)
- **DRAFTED:** 2022, 14<sup>th</sup> round
- **COLLEGE:** Spent 2 years at Shelton State CC (only baseball offer out of HS; had more offers for football but dad told him he'd go further in baseball)... transferred to Louisiana for final 3 college seasons, where he played most of his games at 3B... career .291 hitter with 13 HR for the Ragin' Cajuns
- **2022:** Briefly played for both Rookie ACL Padres and Single-A Lake Elsinore
- **2023:** On Lake Elsinore's Opening Day roster... Had a 1-month stint on the IL between May and June... eventually rehabbed with ACL Padres... in 56 G with the Storm, was hitting .265 with 6 HR and 30 RBI... also swiped 23 bags... transferred to Fort Wayne on Aug. 22
- **FAMILY:** Parents are Brian Robertson and Michelle Hutto... Brian played baseball at Jacksonville State and Auburn University-Montgomery... has 3 sisters & a step-sister
- **MISCELLANEOUS:** Big fan of Alabama football... Players he's most admired all-time are Mickey Mantle and Josh Hamilton
- **INSTAGRAM:** @tcrobertson\_32... **TWITTER:** @TCROBERTSON32

**4 Nik McClaughry**      5-9, 159      INF      Age: 24

- **FROM:** Roseville, CA
- **HIGH SCHOOL:** Rocklin HS
- **COLLEGE:** Arizona (Interdisciplinary Studies with an emphasis in sports and society)...3 seasons at Arizona, in 2023 he made All Pac-12 and was the conference defensive player of the year...in the batter's box he drew nearly as many walks (35) as strikeouts (36) and notched a .429 OBP...McClaughry was tied for the team lead and ranked third in the Pac-12 with 71 runs scored.
- **BEFORE ARIZONA:** McClaughry played two seasons at Sacramento City College (California Community College)...hit .260 in 58 games, earned Big 8 Conference Gold Glove Award
- **DRAFTED:** 10th Round, 2023
- **2023:** Lake Elsinore (27 G)...played 1 game with AAA El Paso at the end of the season
- **FAMILY:** Son of Jeff and Cheri McClaughry...One brother, Riley
- **INSTAGRAM:** @nikmcccloughry ... X: @NikMccloughry

**23 Devin Ortiz**      6-2, 215      INF      Age: 25

- **FROM:** Nutley, NJ
- **HIGH SCHOOL:** St. Joseph Regional (NJ), where he was named as a Rawlings/Perfect Game 2<sup>nd</sup> Team All-American in 2017... hit .541 his senior year
- **COLLEGE:** Virginia, where he was a 2-way player... Went 10-1 with a career 2.52 ERA in 71 IP on the mound in his career... also was a career .269 hitter, including .286 / .389 / .438 during his 5th year with the Hoos... hit two walk-off home runs in his career (only Cavalier since 2000), highlighted by a walk-off blast in the 2021 Columbia Regional, defeating Old Dominion (a game in which he was starting pitcher) to advance to the Supers... majored in philosophy
- **SIGNED:** August 2022, free agent
- **2023:** Assigned to Fort Wayne on May 5... transferred to Single-A Lake Elsinore on May 19... hit .252 in 65 G... returned to Fort Wayne on Aug. 22
- **FAMILY:** Uncle Dan was drafted in the 35th round by the Rangers in 1991... spent 2 years as a minor league relief pitcher with the Brewers & Cubs organizations
- **INSTAGRAM:** @ortizdevin
- **TWITTER:** @ortiz\_devin

**12 Ethan Salas**      6-2, 185      C      Age: 17

- **PROSPECT:** No. 1 Padres prospect...No. 6 overall (MLB.com) No. 1 international free agent in class of 2023 (Hit: 60... Power: 55... Run: 45... Arm: 60... Field: 60... Overall: 65)
- **FROM:** Montgomery, AL
- **SIGNED:** Jan. 15, 2023 by the Padres for \$5.6 million
- **WINTER LEAGUE:** Played for the Águilas del Zulia
- **2023:** Made pro debut at age 16 on May 30 with Single-A Lake Elsinore... became just the 3rd player since 2018 to play in Single-A during their age-17 seasons... won California League Player of the Week twice in July and was also named the league's Player of the Month... transferred to Fort Wayne on Aug. 8... was slashing .267 / .350 / .487 (.837 OPS) with 9 HRs (22 XBH)
- **YOUTHFUL:** At just 17 years and 2 months old, youngest player in FW's 30-year franchise history... With data available since 2006, just the fifth 17-year-old at the High-A level, the first since 2017, and the only catcher
- **FAMILY:** Father (Jose Antonio) played in Braves' farm system... Uncle (Jose Gregorio) played in Jays' org... Grandfather (Jose Gregorio) appeared in Padres, Astros, and Royals' systems... Older brother (Jose Salas Jr.) is a 21-year-old with Cedar Rapids... Younger brother (Andrew), 16, is reportedly committed to signing with the Marlins next year as a shortstop
- **MISCELLANEOUS:** As a left-handed batting catcher, has been compared to Joe Mauer... Also grew up admiring Yadier Molina, Sal Perez, and Bryce Harper
- **SCOUTING REPORT:** pure left-handed swing and advanced eye at the plate. On defense, shows athleticism, advanced blocking and receiving skills with a plus arm

**5 Anthony Vilar**      **5-10, 190**      **C**      **Age: 25**

- **FROM:** Miami, FL
- **HIGH SCHOOL:** Westminster Christian School (Miami)... Alumni include former Twins 2<sup>nd</sup> round pick Dan Perkins (1993), who played for the Fort Wayne Wizards in 1994 before making The Show in 1999
- **COLLEGE:** University of Miami... All-ACC 2<sup>nd</sup> Team in 2021 after junior season... Despite being a catcher now, played all of his collegiate games at 2B or SS... Started all 131 games he played in at Miami, 104 at 2B and 27 at SS... However, published catching workout videos on YouTube prior to the 2021 MLB Draft
- **DRAFTED:** 2021, 15<sup>th</sup> Round... Previously selected in the 37<sup>th</sup> round out of high school in 2018 by the Chicago Cubs but elected to go to Miami instead (scout Tim Adkins was scout who signed him, first with Cubs and then with Padres)
- **2021:** Played in 8 games with Rookie-level ACL Padres after college season
- **2022:** Spent entire season with Fort Wayne... hit .226 in 54 games
- **2023:** Began year with Single-A Lake Elsinore... was hitting .211 in 44 games when he was transferred to Fort Wayne on June 27
- **FAMILY:** Parents are Rossana and Henry (who played at Miami from 1990-1991 and is a certified MLB agent with BHSC Global)... Sisters are Regina and Sophia... On wrist tape, "Battle Strong," a tribute to friend Patrick Battle who passed away, and "LLA," Live Like Ari, another friend who's passed
- **INSTAGRAM:** @anthonyvilar

## THE LAST TIME...

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| <b>Series Sweep (Home):</b>       | May 20-23, 2019  | vs. South Bend                                                        |
| <b>Series Sweep (Road):</b>       | June 11-13, 2019 | @ Bowling Green                                                       |
| <b>Individual No-Hitter:</b>      | Aug. 19, 2009    | vs. Dayton (Simon Castro - 7 inn. game)                               |
| <b>Team No-Hitter:</b>            | May 16, 2023     | @ Dayton, W 6-0 (Jairo Iriarte, Alan Mundo, Adam Smith)               |
| <b>1-Hitter:</b>                  | April 7, 2024    | @ Great Lakes, W 2-0 (Lesko, Geraldo, Cienfuegos, Peña, and Och)      |
| <b>Got No-Hit:</b>                | Aug. 12, 2024    | vs. South Bend, L 3-0 (Alexander Vizcaíno, Joe Nahas, Burl Carraway)  |
| <b>Complete Game:</b>             | May 2, 2024      | @ Lake County, W 3-0 (Miguel Cienfuegos, 7.0 IP - DH)                 |
| <b>Complete Game Shutout:</b>     | May 2, 2024      | @ Lake County, W 3-0 (Miguel Cienfuegos, 7.0 IP - DH)                 |
| <b>9-Inning Complete Game:</b>    | Aug. 29, 2012    | vs. West Michigan, L 1-0 (James Needy)                                |
| <b>Consecutive Shutouts:</b>      | May 26-27, 2023  | vs. Lansing (W 1-0 [10 inn.], W 4-0)                                  |
| <b>Pitched Immaculate Inning:</b> | May 4, 2021      | vs. West Michigan (Ethan Elliott, Opening Day)                        |
| <b>Grand Slam:</b>                | May 21, 2024     | vs Lansing, W 12-1 (Albert Fabian, 6 <sup>th</sup> inning)            |
| <b>Back-to-Back Home Runs:</b>    | Sept. 9, 2023    | @ Dayton (Griffin Doerschling and Albert Fabian)                      |
| <b>2-HR Game:</b>                 | May 1, 2024      | @ Lake County (Devin Ortiz)                                           |
| <b>3-HR Game:</b>                 | Sept. 1, 2021    | @ Great Lakes (Robert Hassell III; 1st since Jonathan Galvez in 2010) |
| <b>HR in Consecutive Games:</b>   | May 19/21, 2024  | vs South Bend (May 19), Lansing (May 21) (Albert Fabian)              |
| <b>Walk-Off Win:</b>              | May 19, 2024     | vs. South Bend, W 9-6 (Albert Fabian grand slam, 11th)                |
| <b>Walk-Off HR:</b>               | May 19, 2024     | vs. South Bend, W 9-6 (Albert Fabian grand slam, 11th)                |
| <b>Consecutive Walk-Off Wins:</b> | May 2-3, 2018    | vs. Beloit                                                            |
| <b>Hit for the Cycle:</b>         | Aug. 27, 2018    | @ South Bend (Gabriel Arias: 5-6, 5 RBI)                              |
| <b>6-Hit Game:</b>                | May 18, 2015     | @ Lake County (Ruddy Giron: 6-6)                                      |
| <b>5-Hit Game:</b>                | May 1, 2019      | vs. Kane County (Xavier Edwards: 5-5, 2B, RBI)                        |
| <b>Pitcher Batted:</b>            | July 15, 2019    | @ Clinton (Carlos Belen)                                              |
| <b>Position Player Pitched:</b>   | April 28, 2024   | vs. Great Lakes (Anthony Vilar)                                       |
| <b>Inside-the-Park HR:</b>        | May 31, 2023     | vs. South Bend (Jackson Merrill)                                      |
| <b>Turned a Triple Play:</b>      | April 10, 1993   | @ Waterloo                                                            |
| <b>Hit into a Triple Play:</b>    | June 3, 2022     | @ Great Lakes                                                         |
| <b>Pinch-Hit HR:</b>              | May 21, 2015     | @ Lake County (Duanel Jones - 2-run HR in 9 <sup>th</sup> )           |
| <b>MLB Rehab:</b>                 | April 28, 2022   | vs. Dayton (LHP Blake Snell)                                          |
| <b>vs. MLB Rehab:</b>             | July 30, 2023    | @ West Michigan (Spencer Turnbull)                                    |

## Relievers (Alphabetical)

**14 Manuel Castro**      5-8, 180      RHP      Age: 21

- **ARSENAL:** 4-Seam Fastball, Curveball, Changeup, Cutter
- **FROM:** Guasave, Mexico
- **SIGNED:** 2021, International free agent
- **2022:** Began the season in the Arizona Complex League...Moved back and forth between Single-A Lake Elsinore twice...Pitched 8.2IP with 0ER with the Storm
- **2023:** Spent all of 2023 with Lake Elsinore...12GP, 5GS...46IP, 3.91 ERA, 55K, 12BB...His ERA in 5 starts was 2.84...He struck out 19 batters and only walked 1...California League Pitcher of the Week for his April 29 start vs Visalia (6IP, 2H, 0ER, 0BB, 3K)

**27 Will Geerdes**      6-2, 220      RHP      Age: 24

- **ARSENAL:** 4-Seam Fastball, Slider, Curveball, Changeup
- **FROM:** San Antonio, TX
- **HIGH SCHOOL:** International School of the Americas (San Antonio), a magnet school on the Robert E. Lee High School campus... Course schedule included Mandarin... Tossed 2 no-hitters
- **COLLEGE:** Columbia University (2019-21)... missed 2019 due to TJ, plus a foot injury... 2020 season was cut short... Ivy League didn't compete in 2021... transferred to Virginia in 2022, where he posted a 7.31 ERA in 32 IP... summer of 2020 pitched for the Wisconsin Woodchucks in the Northwoods League
- **MLB DRAFT LEAGUE:** Pitched for the Mahoning Valley Scrappers in 2022
- **SIGNED:** By Padres on Aug. 1, 2022
- **2022:** On Aug. 9, assigned to Single-A Lake Elsinore, 14.1 IP (4.40 ERA)
- **2023:** Began season with Lake Elsinore... 2.70 ERA in 33.1 IP... 41 K, just 14 BB... 4 saves, which was 7<sup>th</sup> most in the California League... transferred to Fort Wayne on June 27
- **FAMILY:** Parents are Barbara (school teacher) and Greg (lawyer)... Younger sister is Cate

**12 Joan Gonzalez**      6-3, 170      RHP      Age: 26

- **ARSENAL:** 4-Seam Fastball, Cutter, Sweeper
- **FROM:** Santiago, Dominican Republic... Moved with family to Daytona Beach, FL
- **COLLEGE:** 2 seasons at Highland CC (KS) from 2020-21, where he led the team in strikeouts as a sophomore (Jayhawk Conference Honorable Mention)... Summer 2021, pitched in the Appalachian League for the Pulaski (VA) River Turtles - appeared in the league's All-Star Game that was broadcast on MLB Network... transferred to Bethune-Cookman University (SWAC) for final 2 seasons ... 2023 First Team All-SWAC and SWAC Relief Pitcher of the Year... Pitched in MLB's HBCU Swingman Classic at T-Mobile Park in Seattle on July 7 (part of the MLB All-Star Game festivities and broadcast on MLBN)
- **MLB DRAFT LEAGUE:** Appeared in 7 games with the Trenton Thunder
- **SIGNED:** July 20, 2023 as a non-drafted free agent... assigned to Fort Wayne on Aug. 1
- **MISCELLANEOUS:** Nicknamed "Poké"... Favorite pitcher growing up was Pedro Martinez... Says he's better at playing piano than he is pitching... Enjoys hanging out with his family
- **FAMILY:** Younger brother (Jeffrey) just finished his junior year as a RHP at Bethune-Cookman... Also has a brother named Javier... Parents are Johanny and Jesus
- **TWITTER:** @joanjesusgonzal... **INSTAGRAM:** @joan07gonzalez

**22 Tyler Morgan**      6-0, 200      RHP      Age: 23

- **ARSENAL:** 4-Seam Fastball, Changeup, Slider, Curveball
- **FROM:** Flower Mound, TX (suburb of Dallas/Fort Worth)
- **HIGH SCHOOL:** Marcus HS (TX), where he was '19 Class 5/6A Pitcher of the Year
- **COLLEGE:** Abilene Christian, Wildcats (WAC)... 4 seasons... majored in business management
- **DRAFTED:** 2023, 14<sup>th</sup> round... 1 of 3 Wildcats drafted this year
- **2023:** After being drafted on July 20, assigned to Fort Wayne on Aug. 1
- **FAMILY:** Parents are Shanna & John
- **MISCELLANEOUS:** Favorite pitcher growing up was Max Scherzer... Grew up bowling as well (has scored in the 230s)... Now enjoys playing golf, fishing, hunting, and video games like "MLB The Show"... Beyond baseball, has an interest in pursuing a career in medical sales
- **INSTAGRAM:** @tyler\_morgan\_12... X: @TylerMo2121

**17 Ruben Galindo**      6-1, 170      RHP      Age: 23

- **ARSENAL:** 4-Seam Fastball, Changeup, Slider
- **FROM:** San Juan de Uraba, Columbia
- **SIGNED:** 2019, International free agent
- **2021:** With Single-A Lake Elsinore, posted a 4.57 ERA in 65 IP... 62K, 27 BB
- **2022:** Spent entire season with Single-A Lake Elsinore...Appeared in 10 games in Columbian Winter League...2.52 ERA in 25 IP
- **2023:** Promoted to Fort Wayne on May 9 after posting a .75 ERA in 12IP with Single-A Lake Elsinore
- **WORLD BASEBALL CLASSIC:** Competed for his native country (Columbia) in 2023 WBC ... appeared in a game against the United States on March 15...he struck out former TinCap Trea Turner (who hit 5 HR's with a .391 AVG in the tournament)

**37 José Geraldo**      6-3, 200      RHP      Age: 25

- **ARSENAL:** 4-Seam Fastball, Changeup, Slider
- **FROM:** Azua, Dominican Republic
- **SIGNED:** 2018, International free agent
- **2018:** In Dominican Summer League, 16 app., 4.74 ERA in 19 IP, 18 K, 7 BB
- **2019:** In Rookie Arizona League, 17 app., 3.09 ERA in 23.1 IP, 27 K, 8 BB
- **2021:** Reached High-A Fort Wayne... 9 app., 2.79 ERA in 9.2 IP, 10 K, 3 BB
- **2022:** DNP after Tommy John surgery
- **2023:** TinCaps Opening Day roster
- **MISCELLANEOUS:** Favorite big leaguer is Edwin Diaz... Earned high school diploma last July through Padres Educational Program

**8 David Morgan**      6-0, 185      RHP      Age: 24

- **ARSENAL:** 4-Seam Fastball, Slider, Curveball
- **FROM:** Mission Viejo, CA (Orange County)
- **HIGH SCHOOL:** Mission Viejo HS, the Diablos... 2-time all-conference selection
- **COLLEGE:** Began career at Orange Coast College (Newport Beach, CA), where he was an infielder for 2 years... hit nearly .300 in his career there... transferred to NAIA Hope International University (Fullerton, CA), where he was a 2-way player... only pitched 15 total innings at Hope, while crushing a .348 AVG with 47 RBI, mainly playing center field... majored in Kinesiology... Pitched for the Portland Pickles (summer collegiate West Coast League)
- **SIGNED:** Aug. 1, 2022, as a non-drafted free agent
- **2022:** After being signed, spent the rest of the season at the Arizona Complex
- **2023:** Started season with Single-A Lake Elsinore... 4.24 ERA in 25 relief app. (40.1 IP)... 13 BB and 42 K... transferred to Fort Wayne on Aug. 15
- **MISCELLANEOUS:** Grew up a Padres fan... favorite player growing up was Trevor Hoffman... Can surf... Plays the guitar and the piano... Nicknamed "Moe"
- **FAMILY:** Parents are Carolyn and Scott... has 2 brothers, Daniel and Dustin
- **INSTAGRAM:** @davidmorgn

**25 Mitchell Miller**      6-6, 185      LHP      Age: 26

- **ARSENAL:** 2-Seam Fastball, Cutter, Changeup, Sweeper
- **FROM:** Loganville, GA
- **HIGH SCHOOL:** Loganville HS
- **COLLEGE:** Began his college career at Clemson where he only pitched 5.2 innings over two seasons. Miller transferred to West Texas A&M where he was mostly used as a reliever...25 APP, 3.98 ERA, 52Ks, 31.2 IP
- **SIGNED:** Free agent, 2024
- **2022 (PIT):** Pitched in RK, A, A+...2.88 ERA, 34.1 IP, 39 Ks
- **2023 (PIT):** Pitched for the Greensboro Grasshoppers (PIT A+)...7.22 ERA in 28 APP (33.2 IP)
- **FAMILY:** Son of Cliff and Katie Miller, has two siblings
- **MISCELLANEOUS:** Drafted in the 31<sup>st</sup> RD of the 2018 draft by the LA Angels (did not sign)
- **INSTAGRAM:** @mitch\_miller30\_



## Relievers (Alphabetical – continued)

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| <p><b>26 Ryan Och</b>      6-0, 195      LHP      Age: 25</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>ARSENAL:</b> 4-Seam Fastball, Changeup, Slider</li> <li>• <b>FROM:</b> Carver, MN (town of ~3,000 on the banks of the Minnesota River. 30 minutes southwest of Minneapolis)</li> <li>• <b>HIGH SCHOOL:</b> In 2015, Och helped Chanhassen High School to the Class 4A State Championship, the first in school history</li> <li>• <b>COLLEGE:</b> Southern Mississippi (Conference-USA. Two conference titles and three NCAA tournament appearances, all but 2020, in his time there)...Och's senior season in college featured a remarkable 8-0 record out of the bullpen.</li> <li>• <b>DRAFTED:</b> 7<sup>th</sup> RD, 2021 (Southern Mississippi)</li> <li>• <b>2022:</b> TinCaps opening day roster... After 9 appearances, placed on IL on May 26... sent to ACL on rehab assignment July 15 (2 games)... sent to Single-A Lake Elsinore on July 27 (8 G)... Aug. 25 back on IL</li> <li>• <b>2023:</b> Missed due to injury</li> <li>• <b>FAMILY:</b> Mom (Shawn), Dad (Jeff)... Younger brother (Josh) is a freshman infielder at Southern Miss</li> </ul> | <p><b>43 Cole Papham</b>      6-3, 215      RHP      Age: 23</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>ARSENAL:</b> 4-Seam Fastball, Slider</li> <li>• <b>FROM:</b> Denmark, WI (village of 2,400 southeast of Green Bay)</li> <li>• <b>HIGH SCHOOL:</b> Denmark HS, where he played baseball &amp; basketball</li> <li>• <b>COLLEGE:</b> Began career at Lake Land College (IL)... started 12 games with a 5.08 ERA... had an 11-strikeout game in 2019... transferred to New Orleans, alma mater of manager Jonathan Mathews played his college ball... only pitched in 9.2 innings</li> <li>• <b>MLB DRAFT LEAGUE:</b> In 2022, 4 appearances with Mahoning Valley Scrappers</li> <li>• <b>SIGNED:</b> Aug. 1, 2022, as a non-drafted free agent</li> <li>• <b>2022:</b> After being signed, spent the rest of the season at the Arizona Complex</li> <li>• <b>2023:</b> Started season with Single-A Lake Elsinore... was the closer for the Storm, registering a 4.29 ERA in 21 IP... 8 saves in 10 tries... 25 K in 21 IP... transferred to Fort Wayne on Aug. 15</li> <li>• <b>FAMILY:</b> Parents are Stacy and Randy... has 2 brothers, Logan and Connor</li> <li>• <b>INSTAGRAM:</b> @cole_papham</li> </ul> |
| <p><b>33 Bradgley Rodriguez</b>      6-1, 160      RHP      Age: 20</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>FROM:</b> Petare, Venezuela (Nobody from Petare, Venezuela has ever appeared in a major league game)</li> <li>• <b>SIGNED:</b> 2021, Free agent</li> <li>• <b>2021:</b> Played with the Padres Dominican Summer League team after signing in 2021...10G, 6.20 ERA, 24.2 IP, 27K, 16 BB</li> <li>• <b>2022/23:</b> DNP</li> <li>• <b>2024:</b> Lake Elsinore...4G, 2 SV, 1.69 ERA, 5.1 IP, 9K, 1BB....Served as the Storm's closer – notched a 4-out save against Rancho Cucamonga ...pitched the 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> vs Modesto 3 days later...other two appearances are just in the 9<sup>th</sup> inning...Multiple K's in every appearance</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |

## Season Highs & Lows

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| <p><b>Longest Winning Streak:</b> May 15-22      7</p> <p><b>Longest Losing Streak:</b> April 24-May 1      8</p> <p><b>Largest Margin of Victory:</b> May 21 vs. LAN      11</p> <p><b>Largest Margin of Defeat:</b> April 27 vs. GL      11</p> <p><b>Longest Game, Time:</b> May 15 vs SB      3:42</p> <p><b>Longest Game, Innings:</b> 3x, May 19 vs. SB      11</p> <p><b>Shortest 9 inning Game:</b> April 16 @ DAY      2:07</p> <p><b>Shortest Game, Innings:</b> Multiple      7</p> <p><b>Largest Crowd (Home):</b> May 18 vs. SB      8,402</p> <p><b>Largest Crowd (Road):</b> April 20 @ DAY      8,616</p> <p><b>Largest Comeback Win:</b> Apr.14 LC, May 17 SB      5</p> <p><b>Largest Lead Blown in Loss:</b> May 1 @ LC      5</p> <p><b>Most Errors, Team:</b> Multiple      2</p> <p><b>Most Errors by Opponent:</b> May 14 vs. SB      3</p> <p><b>Most Left on Base:</b> May 14 vs. SB      16</p> <p><b>Warmest 1<sup>st</sup> Pitch Temp:</b> April 16, May 21      86°</p> <p><b>Coolest 1<sup>st</sup> Pitch Temp:</b> Apr 21 vs. GL      45°</p> <p><b>Walk-Off Wins: 3</b></p> <p>Apr. 13 vs. LC: Robertson single, 4-3 (7 inn.)</p> <p>May 15 vs. SB: Ortiz double, 3-2</p> <p>May 19 vs. SB: Fabian grand slam, 9-6 (10 inn.)</p> | <p><b>TEAM</b></p> <p><b>Most Runs, Game:</b> May 21, May 22      12</p> <p><b>Most Runs, Inning:</b> May 22, 5<sup>th</sup>      7</p> <p><b>Most Hits, Game:</b> April 20, May 18, May 22      12</p> <p><b>Fewest Hits, Game (9 innings):</b> April 26 vs GL      2</p> <p><b>Most Doubles, Game:</b> Multiple      4</p> <p><b>Most Triples, Game:</b> Multiple      1</p> <p><b>Most XBH, Game:</b> April 20 @ DAY      6</p> <p><b>Most Home Runs, Game:</b> May 21 vs LAN      4</p> <p><b>Most Walks, Game:</b> May 12 @ WM      11</p> <p><b>Most Strikeouts, Game:</b> April 26 vs GL      17</p> <p><b>Most SB, Game:</b> Multiple      4</p> <p><b>INDIVIDUAL SINGLE-GAME</b></p> <p><b>Most Hits:</b> Murphy, Dunn      4</p> <p><b>Most XBH:</b> Doersching, Dunn      3</p> <p><b>Most HR:</b> Doersching, Ortiz      2</p> <p><b>Most Total Bases:</b> Doersching, April 18 @ DAY      10</p> <p><b>Most Runs:</b> Fabian, April 20 @ DAY      4</p> <p><b>Most RBIs:</b> Robertson, May 22 vs LAN      5</p> <p><b>Most BB:</b> Vilar, Murphy, Salas      3</p> <p><b>Most K:</b> Multiple      3</p> <p><b>Most SB:</b> Bush Jr., Robertson      2</p> <p><b>Longest Hitting Streak:</b> Bush Jr. May 3-16      11</p> <p><b>Longest On-Base Streak:</b> Apr. 26 - May 22 Vilar      16</p> | <p><b>TEAM</b></p> <p><b>Most Runs Allowed, Game:</b> April 27 vs GL      14</p> <p><b>Most Runs Allowed, Inning:</b> April 24 vs GL      7</p> <p><b>Fewest Hits Allowed, Game:</b> April 7 vs GL      1</p> <p><b>Most Hits Allowed, Game:</b> Multiple      15</p> <p><b>Most XBH Allowed, Game:</b> Multiple      6</p> <p><b>Most HR Allowed, Game:</b> April 9 vs LC      4</p> <p><b>Most SB Allowed:</b> April 14 vs LC      3</p> <p><b>Most Ks, Game:</b> April 18 @ DAY      17</p> <p><b>Fewest Ks, Game:</b> April 12, May 1 vs LC      4</p> <p><b>Most BB, Game:</b> April 27 vs GL      9</p> <p><b>Fewest BB, Game:</b> April 13, May 16      1</p> <p><b>INDIVIDUAL SINGLE-GAME</b></p> <p><b>Longest Start:</b> Cienfuegos, Pinales, Haynes      7.0</p> <p><b>Most Pitches:</b> Haynes, May 23 vs LAN      93</p> <p><b>Shortest Start:</b> Haynes      0.1</p> <p><b>Longest Relief Outing:</b> Cienfuegos, T. Morgan      4.0</p> <p><b>Few H Allowed (Starter):</b> Lesko, April 7 @ GL      0</p> <p><b>Most H Allowed(Starter):</b> Cienfuegos, May 23 vs LAN      9</p> <p><b>Most Ks, Starter:</b> Pinales, May 21 vs LAN      9</p> <p><b>Most Ks, Reliever:</b> Galindo, April 17 vs DAY      6</p> <p><b>Most BB, Starter:</b> Lesko, April 27 vs DAY      6</p> <p><b>Most BB, Reliever:</b> Gonzalez, May 14 vs SB      4</p> <p><b>Most ER, Starter:</b> Lesko, May 5 @ LC      6</p> <p><b>Most ER, Reliever:</b> Geraldo, Geerdes, Morgan      4</p> |

# 2024 TRANSACTIONS

- April 14: RHP **Braden Nett** reinstated from Development List
- April 14: RHP **Joan Gonzalez** placed on Development List
- April 17: RHP **Will Geerdes** placed on 7-Day Injured List
- April 18: RHP **Ethan Routzahn** transferred to Double-A San Antonio
- April 18: RHP **Joan Gonzalez** reinstated from Development List
- April 23: RHP **Bradley Rodriguez** transferred from Single-A Lake Elsinore
- April 27: INF **Jarryd Dale** transferred to Double-A San Antonio
- April 30: C **Colton Vincent** transferred from Arizona Complex League
- May 7: RHP **Braden Nett** placed on 7-Day Injured List
- May 14: INF **Jay Beshears** transferred from Single-A Lake Elsinore
- May 23: C **Colton Vincent** transferred to Arizona Complex League
- May 25: INF **Albert Fabian** placed on 7-Day Injured List
- May 28: OF **Joshua Mears** reinstated from 7-Day injured list
- May 28: RHP **Cole Papham** transferred from Arizona Complex League to Fort Wayne on rehab
- May 28: RHP **Francis Peña** transferred to Double-A San Antonio

