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Akron RubberDucks (3-4)
Cleveland Guardians Double-A
RHP Daniel Espino (0-0, 4.50 ERA)
RHP Tanner Burns (0-0, 6.00 ERA)

vs.
Reading Fightin Phils (3-4)
Philadelphia Phillies Double-A
LHP Josh Hendrickson (0-0, 9.00 ERA)
TBA

Saturday, April 16, 2022 • Canal Park • 3:30 p.m. EDT

Games 8&9, Home Games 5&6, Day Game 3, Night Game 6, Interdivisional Games 5&6

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Friday: Fightin Phils 12, RubberDucks 3: After Akron took a 2-1 lead through four innings, Reading erupted for five runs in the fifth and six in the sixth to roll to a win at Canal Park, evening the series through four games. **Xzavion Curry** (0-1) allowed six earned runs in 4 2/3 innings. Jhailyn Ortiz hit two homers and drove in five runs for Reading. It was Akron's first game decided by more than two runs.

Reigning Champions: The Akron RubberDucks finished a league-best 73-46 in the regular season in 2021, and they swept the Bowie Baysox in three games for the sixth league title for the franchise in Northeast Ohio, adding to Eastern League titles in 2003, 2005, 2009, 2012 and 2016. Akron was five outs from being eliminated on the last day of the 2021 regular season, but a four-run eighth inning at home against Somerset earned a 5-4 win and berth in the Championship Series. After winning the first two games in Bowie, the RubberDucks rallied from a 5-0 deficit in Game 3, capped by **Bo Naylor's** walk-off single to win the Double-A Northeast Championship at Canal Park.

Returning cast: The RubberDucks' initial roster of 28 players includes 17 players who were with Akron when it clinched the league title on Sept. 24, 2021. Overall, 19 of the 28 appeared in a regular season or postseason game for Akron in 2021. On the field staff, the RubberDucks return 2021 Double-A Northeast Manager of the Year **Rouglas Odor**, pitching coach **Owen Dew**, hitting coach **Junior Betances**, assistant hitting coach (2021 bench coach) **Mike Mergenthaler**, and athletic trainer **Jacob Legan**. New bench coach **Juan De La Cruz** had the same role with the club in 2019.

Season format: The 138-game Eastern League season features two halves, with 69 games scheduled for each. The first half ends June 26, and the second half begins June 28. The half winners in each division will play a best-of-three divisional playoff, with those winners meeting in a best-of-three championship series. The schedule has 22 six-game series and a pair of three-game series (Opening Weekend and the weekend after a four-day July break coinciding with the MLB All-Star Game). While Akron opens in Erie, the SeaWolves will visit Canal Park for the other three-game series July 22-24. The RubberDucks will play every team in the league except Portland, and only play single series with Northeast Division opponents Reading, Binghamton, New Hampshire, Somerset and Hartford.

Double-A Northeast dominance: In 2021, the RubberDucks had a .500 or better record against every club they faced. Erie (12-12) and Somerset (6-6) were the only clubs without losing records against Akron. The RubberDucks played 60 of their 119 games against winnings teams, going 34-26 in those games.

UPCOMING PROBABLE PITCHERS (ALL TIMES EASTERN) – SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Tuesday, April 19 6:35 p.m. TBA
Wednesday, April 20 6:35 p.m. TBA
Thursday, April 21 6:35 p.m. TBA
Friday, April 22 7:05 p.m. TBA

RubberDucks host Fightin Phils: Akron is playing its only scheduled series this season with Reading. In 2021, the RubberDucks were 10-2 against Reading, including 5-1 at Canal Park. According to MLB.com, top prospects in this series include:

Guardians (MLB.com): #1 OF **George Valera**, #2 RHP **Daniel Espino**, #4 IF **Brayan Rocchio**, #8 LHP **Logan T. Allen**, #9 IF **José Tena**, #11 RHP **Tanner Burns**, #16 C **Bo Naylor**, #23 RHP **Xzavion Curry**

Phillies (MLB.com): #5 C **Logan O'Hoppe**, #10 RHP **Francisco Morales**, #11 LHP **Erik Miller**, #12 OF **Jhailyn Ortiz**, #20 RHP **James McArthur**, #30 RHP **McKinley Moore**

Guardians 40-man roster: Three current RubberDucks were placed on Cleveland's 40-man roster in November 2021. All three were on the championship-winning roster in September, including infielders **Brayan Rocchio** and **José Tena**, and outfielder **George Valera**.

Pitching preview: The RubberDucks rotation features three of the Guardians' top four pitching prospects (according to MLB.com) in right-hander **Daniel Espino** (top pitching prospect, 2019 first round from Georgia Premier Academy), left-hander **Logan T. Allen** (No. 3 pitching prospect, 2020 second round for Florida International), and right-hander **Tanner Burns** (No. 4 pitching prospect, 2020 first round from Auburn). Espino and Burns are making their Double-A debuts.

Newcomers: It is quicker to identify the entirely new additions to the roster, which include pitchers **Tanner Burns**, **Kevin Coulter**, **Daniel Espino**, **Hunter Gaddis**, **Nick Gallagher**, **Kevin Kelly**, and **Jerson Ramírez**, catcher **Seth Caddell**, and outfielder **Julian Escobedo**. Three players only joined Akron last year for the playoffs – left-hander **Tim Herrin**, infielder **José Tena**, and outfielder **Michah Pries** – after finishing the regular season with High-A Lake County.

Top backstop: In 2021, **Bo Naylor** led Double-A Northeast catchers with 629.1 innings (73 games) behind the plate (75.1 more than any other), 766 total chances, 707 putouts and 54 assists. His 21 runners caught stealing (68 attempts) were second. Naylor hit just .138 (13-for-94), 1 HR, 5 RBI through his first 26 Double-A games. But in the final 61 games of the season, he went 46-for-219 (.210) with 10 doubles, nine homers, 39 RBIs, and a .674 OPS.

Canal Park 25th anniversary season: The RubberDucks in 2022 celebrate the 25th anniversary of the 1997 opening of Canal Park. In the offseason, the RubberDucks finished a complete renovation of the luxury suites and partnered with the City of Akron to replace the entire original seating bowl.

at Bowie RHP Zach Peek (0-1, 5.40 ERA)
at Bowie RHP Garrett Stallings (0-0, 4.50 ERA)
at Bowie LHP Drew Rom (1-1, 3.38 ERA)
at Bowie RHP Brandon Young (1-0, 1.93 ERA)

RUBBERDUCKS STARTING PITCHER - GAME 1

#10 Daniel Espino...RHP, 6-2, 225, Age 21 (1/5/01), Resides: Panama City, Panama
Acquired: Selected by Cleveland out of Georgia Premier Academy in the 1st round (24th overall) of the June 2019 MLB Draft
Twitter: @Daniel24Espino Instagram: @daniel24espino Throws: Fastball, Curveball, Slider, Changeup

- Enters season ranked as No. 2 prospect (top pitching prospect) in Cleveland system according to MLB.com, *Baseball America* and *Baseball Prospectus*, and as "Best Fastball" (third straight season) and "Best Slider" in Cleveland system by *Baseball America*.
- Began season ranked among the top 100 prospects in baseball by *Baseball America* (66), MLB.com (53), *Baseball Prospectus* (43), and *The Athletic's* Keith Law (55).

2021 Season Highlights

- Led all Cleveland minor leaguers with 152 strikeouts in just 91. 2 IP (14.9 K/9 IP).
- Named by *Baseball America* as the organization's 2021 minor league player of the year.
- Started year at Low-A Lynchburg and was promoted to High-A Lake County on July 13.
- Struck out 10 or more batters in 5 of last 7 starts, fanning 13 on June 30 vs. Delmarva...Recorded all 12 outs via strikeout (4 IP) on July 30 at Dayton.
- Named High-A Central Pitcher of the Week Sept. 19, after his final start on Sept. 18 was a career-long 6.2 scoreless IP (2 H, 0 BB, 10 K) in a win over Beloit.
- Listed as the Cleveland No. 7/9 overall prospect according to MLB.com/*Baseball America*, and regarded as organization's "Best Fastball" (second straight year) by *Baseball America*.

2020:

- Entered season as Cleveland's No. 5/6 prospect according to MLB.com/*Baseball America*.
- Worked at the alternate training site in Lake County during the shortened 2020 MLB season.

2019:

- Made his professional debut with six starts for AZL affiliate (rookie) and three starts for short-season Mahoning Valley.

Amateur

- A native of Panama, he left his family when he was a 15-year-old sophomore to pursue development as a baseball player in the United States.
- Graduated from Bulloch Academy in Statesboro, GA, while he trained and pitched for Georgia Premier Academy in Statesboro, GA.
- Went 9-0 in 10 starts with a 0.32 ERA and 106 strikeouts and just 10 walks as a 2019 high school senior.
- Reached 100 mph on the radar gun in showcase games and entered the 2019 draft with the "best pure stuff" in the draft class, according to *Baseball America*.
- Pitched for the 18U Team Panama squad in the November 2018 COPABE Games in Chitré, Panama.
- Accepted a college scholarship from LSU before being drafted professionally by Cleveland.
- Admired fellow Panamanian Mariano Rivera as a youth: "I used him as a role model, just how he was able to be calm and just come into the ninth inning and just throw one pitch and be controlling the game and getting dudes out at the highest level in baseball. But not only that, but how he is as a person. He's humble and he's a great guy."

Daniel Espino - Pitching - Game Log - 2022 - Regular Season (RubberDucks Record in Starts: 0-1, Runs/Game: 2.00)

Date	GM #	Team	Opp	W	L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	SVO	IP	H	R	ER	HR	HB	BB	IBB	SO	WHIP	AVG	AB	WP	BK	GIDP	TBF	NP-S	AKR	Result
4/9/22		AKR	@ERI	0	0	4.50	1	1	0	0	0	0	4.0	3	2	2	2	0	0	0	9	0.75	.200	15	0	0	0	15	64	-40	L, 2-3
April		AKR		0	0	4.50	1	1	0	0	0	0	4.0	3	2	2	2	0	0	0	9	0.75	.200	15	0	0	0	15	64	-40	
Total		AKR	AA	0	0	4.50	1	1	0	0	0	0	4.0	3	2	2	2	0	0	0	9	0.75	.200	15	0	0	0	15	64	-40	

Daniel Espino - Pitching - Career - Regular Season

Season	League	Team	W	L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	SVO	IP	H	R	ER	HR	HB	BB	IBB	SO	WHIP	AVG	AB	WP	BK	GIDP	TBF	NP-S	
2019	Minors	2 Teams	0	3	3.80	9	9	0	0	0	0	23.2	16	11	10	2	1	10	0	34	1.10	.186	86	3	0	1	98	326	-227
2019	ROK	INDR	0	1	1.98	6	6	0	0	0	0	13.2	7	3	3	1	1	5	0	16	0.88	.152	46	0	0	1	53	134	-101
2019	A(Short)	MV	0	2	6.30	3	3	0	0	0	0	10.0	9	8	7	1	0	5	0	18	1.40	.225	40	3	0	0	45	192	-126
2021	Minors	2 Teams	3	8	3.73	20	20	0	0	0	0	91.2	64	40	38	9	1	39	0	152	1.12	.192	333	10	3	2	375	1509	-966
2021	A	LYN	1	2	3.38	10	10	0	0	0	0	42.2	34	17	16	2	0	23	0	64	1.34	.217	157	7	2	2	180	720	-438
2021	A+	LC	2	6	4.04	10	10	0	0	0	0	49.0	30	23	22	7	1	16	0	88	0.94	.170	176	3	1	0	195	789	-528
2022	AA	AKR	0	0	4.50	1	1	0	0	0	0	4.0	3	2	2	2	0	0	0	9	0.75	.200	15	0	0	0	15	64	-40
Career	ROK	INDR	0	1	1.98	6	6	0	0	0	0	13.2	7	3	3	1	1	5	0	16	0.88	.152	46	0	0	1	53	134	-101
Career	AA	AKR	0	0	4.50	1	1	0	0	0	0	4.0	3	2	2	2	0	0	0	9	0.75	.200	15	0	0	0	15	64	-40
Career	A+	LC	2	6	4.04	10	10	0	0	0	0	49.0	30	23	22	7	1	16	0	88	0.94	.170	176	3	1	0	195	789	-528
Career	A	LYN	1	2	3.38	10	10	0	0	0	0	42.2	34	17	16	2	0	23	0	64	1.34	.217	157	7	2	2	180	720	-438
Career	A(Short)	MV	0	2	6.30	3	3	0	0	0	0	10.0	9	8	7	1	0	5	0	18	1.40	.225	40	3	0	0	45	192	-126
Career	Minors	5 Teams	3	11	3.77	30	30	0	0	0	0	119.1	83	53	50	13	2	49	0	195	1.11	.191	434	13	3	3	488	1899	-1233

Highs	IP	H	R	ER	HR	HB	BB	IBB	SO	WP	BK	TBF	NP
Season	4.0 (4/9@ERI)	3 (4/9@ERI)	2 (4/9@ERI)	2 (4/9@ERI)	2 (4/9@ERI)	0	0	0	9 (4/9@ERI)	0	0	15 (4/9@ERI)	64 (4/9@ERI)
Career	6.2 (9/18/21)	6 (multiple)	6 (6/30/21)	6 (6/30/21)	2 (multiple)	1 (multiple)	4 (multiple)	0	13 (6/30/21)	3 (6/16/21)	1 (multiple)	23 (multiple)	91 (8/6/21)

RUBBERDUCKS STARTING PITCHER - GAME 2

#29 Tanner Burns...RHP, 6-0, 180, Age 23 (12/28/98), Resides: Decatur, AL

Acquired: Selected by Cleveland out of Auburn University in the Competitive Balance A Round (36th overall) of the June 2020 MLB Draft

Twitter: @Tannerburns_7

Instagram: @tannerburns_07

Throws: Fastball, Curveball, Slider, Changeup

- Enters season ranked as No. 11 prospect (No. 4 pitching prospect) in Cleveland system according to MLB.com.

2021 Season Highlights

- Entered the season as Cleveland's No. 16 overall prospect according to MLB.com.
- Made his pro debut with 18 starts for High-A Lake County.
- Was on the injured list July 20-Aug. 5 with elbow soreness.

Amateur

- Named to 2020 Preseason All-American lists by Baseball America and Perfect Game, and named to the Golden Spikes Award preseason watch list.
- Posted a 2.86 ERA over three seasons at Auburn...Became the third Auburn player to be named a two-time All-American, joining Gregg Olson (1987-88) and Casey Mize (2017-18).
- As a sophomore in 2019, he helped Auburn reach the College World Series. He had 101 strikeouts (79.2 IP), joining Casey Mize (2017-18) as the only Auburn pitchers since 2000 to strike out 100 batters. He matched Auburn's single-game record of 15 strikeouts, joining five others, including Casey Mize (2018) and Tim Hudson (1997), Auburn's volunteer pitching coach since 2020.
- As a freshman in 2018, he was named a Freshman All-American by *Baseball America*, Collegiate Baseball, D1 Baseball and Perfect Game/Rawlings. He was second to Casey Mize on the Auburn staff in innings (86.2), strikeouts (77) and wins (7) while posting a 3.01 ERA.
- Played for the USA Baseball 2018 Collegiate National Team that featured 2019 No. 1 overall pick Adley Rutschman and 2020 No. 1 overall pick Spencer Torkelson.
- Named Alabama's Mr. Baseball and Gatorade Player of the Year in 2017 and rated by Perfect Game as the No. 4 player in Alabama and No. 33 in the country. As a high school senior, he went he 10-1, 0.88 ERA, 116 K in 64 IP and hit .467, 16 HR, 46 RBI
- Five-year letterwinner at Decatur High School and a member of the 2016 USA Baseball 17U national team... Drafted by the Yankees in the 37th round in 2017 but did not sign.

Personal

- In 2020 Burns began "The 32 Foundation," a charity to raise money for families who need help paying for medical bills at the Children's Hospital of Alabama. According to [Mandy Bell \(MLB.com, March 2022\)](#), it was largely inspired by Hayden Qualls, a young cancer survivor who was a fifth grader when Burns met him in 2018. Burns met Hayden and his dad, Bryan, on a visit to the Children's Hospital of Alabama, where Auburn players make regular visits to patients. Diagnosed with leukemia at age 8, Hayden Qualls beat cancer four times and has been in remission for three years and is finishing his freshman year of high school. Burns keeps in regular communication with Hayden Qualls and his family.
- His father, Mike, played in the Houston Astros organization from 1991-93 as a catcher, first baseman and third baseman. Signed as a nondrafted free agent, Mike later [coached at Decatur High School \(before Tanner played there\) and at Calhoun Community College](#) (Brian Stultz, MiLB.com, June 2020), before leaving college baseball to follow Tanner's career at Auburn.
- From a family of Alabama fans, he originally committed to Alabama, until head coach Mitch Gaspard resigned. Butch Thompson, formerly at Mississippi State, then recruited him to Auburn.

Scouting Report (MLB.com, Preseason 2022)

"Burns usually works at 92-95 mph and touches 97 with some run on his four-seam fastball, and his ability to spot it on either side of the plate may be more impressive than its velocity (which fluctuated after his stint on the injured list) or life. His best secondary pitch is his plus slider/cutter, which arrives in the upper-80s and helped him to have more success against lefties than righties in High-A. He also throws a 78-82 mph downer curveball that has gotten more consistent in pro ball and has some feel for a low-80s changeup with some sink.

With the ability to throw four pitches for strikes and advanced command of his fastball, Burns has a high floor as well as the upside of a mid-rotation starter. The biggest concern is his durability because he's small for a starter, had shoulder issues in 2019 before his elbow flared up last year and his stuff has declined at the end of his last two full seasons. If he can stay healthy, his biggest backers believe he could be similar to fellow former Southeastern Conference standout Sonny Gray."

Tanner Burns - Pitching - Game Log - 2022 - Regular Season (RubberDucks Record in Starts: 1-0, Runs/Game: 4.00)

Date	GM #	Team	Opp	W	L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	SVO	IP	H	R	ER	HR	HB	BB	IBB	SO	WHIP	AVG	AB	WP	BK	GIDP	TBF	NP-S	AKR	Result
4/10/22		AKR	@ERI	0	0	6.00	1	1	0	0	0	0	3.0	4	2	2	1	1	2	0	4	2.00	.308	13	1	0	0	16	70 - 48	W, 4-2	
April		AKR		0	0	6.00	1	1	0	0	0	0	3.0	4	2	2	1	1	2	0	4	2.00	.308	13	1	0	0	16	70 - 48		
Total		AKR	AA	0	0	6.00	1	1	0	0	0	0	3.0	4	2	2	1	1	2	0	4	2.00	.308	13	1	0	0	16	70 - 48		

Tanner Burns - Pitching - Career - Regular Season

Season	League	Team	W	L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	SVO	IP	H	R	ER	HR	HB	BB	IBB	SO	WHIP	AVG	AB	WP	BK	GIDP	TBF	NP-S
2021	A+	LC	2	5	3.57	18	18	0	0	0	0	75.2	64	36	30	10	3	29	0	91	1.23	.229	279	8	0	6	315	1274 - 809
2022	AA	AKR	0	0	6.00	1	1	0	0	0	0	3.0	4	2	2	1	1	2	0	4	2.00	.308	13	1	0	0	16	70 - 48
Career	AA	AKR	0	0	6.00	1	1	0	0	0	0	3.0	4	2	2	1	1	2	0	4	2.00	.308	13	1	0	0	16	70 - 48
Career	A+	LC	2	5	3.57	18	18	0	0	0	0	75.2	64	36	30	10	3	29	0	91	1.23	.229	279	8	0	6	315	1274 - 809
Career	Minors	2 Teams	2	5	3.66	19	19	0	0	0	0	78.2	68	38	32	11	4	31	0	95	1.26	.233	292	9	0	6	331	1344 - 857

Highs	IP	H	R	ER	HR	HB	BB	IBB	SO	WP	BK	TBF	NP
Season	3.0 (4/10@ERI)	4 (4/10@ERI)	2 (4/10@ERI)	2 (4/10@ERI)	1 (4/10@ERI)	1 (4/10@ERI)	2 (4/10@ERI)	0	4 (4/10@ERI)	1 (4/10@ERI)	0	16 (4/10@ERI)	70 (4/10@ERI)
Career	6.1 (7/2/21)	7 (multiple)	5 (multiple)	5 (5/21/21)	1 (multiple)	1 (multiple)	4 (7/9/21)	0	9 (6/25/21)	2 (9/1/21)	0 (multiple)	25 (7/2/21)	92 (7/9/21)

2022 RUBBERDUCKS FIELD STAFF

#24 Rouglas Odor, Manager (Third Season) – Odor, 54, is in his 35th season with the Cleveland organization as a player, coach and manager. The 2022 season will be Odor's third as RubberDucks manager (tying him with Joel Skinner, Dave Wallace and Brad Komminsk for most seasons as Akron's manager). In 2021, Odor was named Double-A Northeast Manager of the Year after leading Akron to the Double-A Northeast championship and a 73-46 record. He also guided the RubberDucks to a 61-79 record in 2019. Odor has a career record of 534-513 as a manager.

Odor was the first member of the Guardians organization to be a member of the Canton-Akron Indians, Akron Aeros and RubberDucks. He was an infielder for Canton-Akron for parts of the 1991, 1993 and 1994 seasons. Odor served as the Aeros hitting coach in 2012 and served as the RubberDucks hitting coach in 2014.

A native of Maracaibo, Venezuela, Odor was a 32nd round selection by Cleveland in the 1988 draft out of the University of New Orleans. The former shortstop played in the minor leagues for Cleveland from 1988-94 and for the Milwaukee Brewers organization in 1995. The 2019 season was Odor's first as a manager since 2008. He managed San Felipe in the Venezuelan Summer League (1999-2000), the Burlington Indians (2001-2004), the Mahoning Valley Scrappers (2005-2006), and Gulf Coast League Indians (2007-2008). In 2009, Odor began serving as hitting coach for the Kinston Indians (2009-2010), Double-A Akron Aeros (2011-2012), High-A Carolina Mudcats (2013), Double-A Akron RubberDucks (2014), and Triple-A Columbus Clippers (2015-2017).

Odor resides in Winter Haven, Florida, with his wife, Milagros. He has three sons and is the uncle of Texas Rangers infielder Rougned Odor.

#35 Owen Dew, Pitching Coach (Second Season) — Owen Dew, 33, enters his sixth season in the Cleveland organization and second as RubberDucks pitching coach. In 2021, Dew led the Akron pitching staff to a 3.78 ERA (second best in the Double-A Northeast) and a franchise record 1,190 strikeouts. Prior to coming to Akron, Dew was the pitching coach for the Mahoning Valley Scrappers in 2017, AZL Indians in 2018 and Lake County in 2019.

Dew was a 21st round selection by Cleveland in 2010 out of the University of Central Florida. He spent parts of three seasons in the Cleveland organization, logging 58 appearances and 152.1 innings. Dew began his baseball journey as a right-handed pitcher for Seminole State College of Florida (2008-2009), before moving to the University of Central Florida in 2010. That same year, Dew advanced through Mahoning Valley with a strong 2.64 ERA in nine starts for the Scrappers. At Class-A Lake County, Dew was converted to a relief pitcher where he appeared in 15 games over the 2010 and 2011 seasons. In Dew's final season as a player, the right hander appeared in 34 games, accruing 70 innings and posted a 3.86 ERA with 41 strikeouts.

Since his playing career, Dew served as an assistant coach at Seminole State College of Florida while also assisting the Cleveland Indians as an associate scout from 2014-2017.

#16 Junior Betances, Hitting Coach (Second Season) — Betances, 48, enters his 25th season with the Guardians organization as a player, coach or executive and second as the hitting coach for the RubberDucks. In 2021, Betances guided the RubberDucks hitters to a .254 average (third best in the Double-A Northeast) with 116 home runs and 577 RBI (second best in the Double-A Northeast).

Betances came to the organization via the 1996 Rule 5 draft after spending six seasons in the Brewers organization. He batted .289 over 165 games in 1998 and 1999 for the Akron Aeros. Betances joined the coaching ranks in various roles for Cleveland's Dominican Summer League team from 2000-2010. Betances then served as Arizona League Indians coach from 2010-2015, and moved to Lake County in 2017 as the Bench coach for Manager Larry Day.

#28 Mike Mergenthaler, Assistant Hitting Coach (Second Season) — Mergenthaler, 33, enters his sixth year with the Cleveland organization and second season with Akron. Mergenthaler spent 2021 as the bench coach for the RubberDucks. Prior to coming to Akron, Mergenthaler was the bench coach with Lynchburg in 2019. In 2018 and 2019, Mergenthaler worked as a hitting coach for the Cleveland and Milwaukee joint Dominican Summer League team. The Thiells, New York, native was drafted as a player in the 32nd round of the 2011 amateur draft by the San Francisco Giants, playing in their system for parts of 2011 and 2012.

#27 Juan De La Cruz, Bench Coach (Second Season, not consecutive) – De La Cruz, 28, enters his fourth season with the Cleveland organization and second season with Akron, where he was the bench coach in 2019. De La Cruz spent 2021 as the bench coach for Low-A Lynchburg. De La Cruz was signed by Cleveland in 2009 and played eight seasons in the organization. He appeared in 12 games for the RubberDucks in 2017.

Jacob Legan, Athletic Trainer (Second Season) — Legan enters his ninth season in the Cleveland organization and second season in Akron. Prior to coming to Akron, Legan served as the athletic trainer for Lynchburg in 2019. He earned his bachelor's degree in Athletic Training from East Carolina and his master's degree in Exercise Physiology from the University of Akron.

Tyler Grisdale, Strength and Conditioning Coach (First Season) – Grisdale enters his first season with the Guardians organization. Grisdale spent two years in the Miami Marlins organization and four years in the Colorado Rockies organization, including as the Physical Performance Coach for the Spokane Indians (Colorado's High-A affiliate) in 2021.

Lineup Card (3-4)	Starts By Position
7 Different Batting Orders (Record in parentheses, bold is most common)	P Allen (1-1), Espino (0-1), Burns (1-0), Gaddis (1-0), Cantillo (0-1), Curry (0-1)
1. Brennan (2-3), Tena (1-1)	C Naylor (2-2), Rodríguez (1-2)
2. Rocchio (2-3), Escobedo (1-0), Valera (0-1)	1B Pries (3-3), Gonzalez (0-1)
3. Tena (2-3), Rocchio (1-0), Schneemann (0-1)	2B Tena (1-3), Rocchio (2-1)
4. Valera (2-3), Brennan (1-1)	3B Schneemann (1-2), Nova (2-2)
5. Naylor (3-3), Pries (0-1)	SS Rocchio (1-2), Tena (2-1), Schneemann (0-1)
6. Engelmänn (0-2), Schneemann (0-2), Pries (3-0)	LF Engelmänn (0-2), Valera (0-1), Brennan (1-1), Escobedo (2-0)
7. Pries (0-2), Nova (1-0), Schneemann (1-0), Escobedo (0-2), Engelmänn (1-0)	CF Brennan (2-1), Escobedo (0-3), Valera (1-0)
8. Schneemann (0-1), Escobedo (1-1), Engelmänn (1-0), Gonzalez (0-1), Nova (1-1)	RF Valera (0-3), Brennan (0-1), Escobedo (1-0), Engelmänn (2-0)
9. Caddell (1-1), Rodríguez (1-2), Escobedo (1-0), Nova (0-1)	DH Caddell (1-1), Naylor (1-1), Valera (1-0), Schneemann (0-1), Brennan (0-1)

We Are the RubberDucks

On October 29, 2013, team owner **Ken Babby** stood before a capacity audience at the Akron Civic Theater and announced that the team would be known henceforth as the **Akron RubberDucks**. In addition to being symbolic of the fun, family-friendly brand of entertainment offered by minor league baseball, the name also honors Akron's long history as the "**Rubber Capital of the World**." Brandiose Marketing of San Diego, California designed the team logo, colors, and various marks and insignias. Please note that for print coverage, *RubberDucks* is spelled as one word with a capital "D." In broadcast coverage, referring to the team as "*the Ducks*" is an acceptable variation of the team's nickname.

#17 WILL BRENNAN OF, L/L Kansas State
Twitter: @Silly_Willy18 IG: @silly_willy18 2019 (8th round)
Last (4/15vREA) 2-3, bi, sf **Streak** +6 (11-22, r, 4d, 6bi, 2bb, 2k, 2sf)
Series 7-13, 3d, 4bi, bb, 2sf **'22 Long Hit** 6 (4/9-15) - active
R-Trip 4-13, r, d, 2bi, bb, 2k **'22 Long OBS** 6 (4/9-15) - active
'22/Career High: 2/4 H, 1/3 R, 2/2 2B, 0/1 3B, 0/1 HR, 2/3 RBI, 0/2 SB
2-yr MiLB Totals thru '21: 159 g, .279, 7 hr, 82 rbi, 24 sb, .758 ops

2021 Highlights:

- Began the season with Lake County (High-A) on April 29...Played 62 games (.290, 4 HR, 30 RBI, .809 OPS, 13 SB)...Joined Akron on Aug. 2.
- Finished the season with a 20-game on-base streak Aug. 28-Sept. 19.
- Finished 3rd in Cleveland's system in doubles (28), 5th in hits (111), T4th in runs (70), 9th in steals (15).
- Ranked as the No. 29 Indians prospect by MLB Pipeline midseason rankings.
- 2019:** Made pro debut with 31 games for AZL Indians (rookie), .306, 1 HR, 23 RBI...Played 26 games for Mahoning Valley (short season) .215, 0 HR, 10 RBI.
- College:** Hit .332 in a three-year career at Kansas State, playing 162 games...Hit all four of his collegiate home runs during his junior year...Made 28 appearances (13 starts) as a pitcher in three seasons, going 6-5 with a 5.66 ERA in 82.2 total innings.

#9 SETH CADDELL C, R/R East Carolina
Twitter: @CaddellSeth IG: 2021 FA
Last (4/10@ERI) 1-3, r, bi, bb, k **Streak** +1 (1-3, r, bi, bb, k)
Series 1-6, r, bi, bb, 2k **'22 Long Hit** 1 (4/10) - active
R-Trip 1-6, r, bi, bb, 2k **'22 Long OBS** 1 (4/10) - active
'22/Career High: 1/4 H, 1/3 R, 0/2 2B, 0/1 3B, 0/2 HR, 1/4 RBI, 0/2 SB
1-yr MiLB Totals thru '21: 1 g, .000, 0 hr, 0 rbi, 0 sb, .000 ops

2021 Highlights

- Signed with Cleveland as a non-drafted free agent on July 23. His college teammate, pitcher Gavin Williams, was Cleveland's first-round pick (No. 23 overall).
- Appeared in one Arizona Complex League game, Sept. 18, starting as catcher and going 0-for-2 with a strikeout.
- College:** Played four years (2018-21) for ECU, in 148 games, hit 22 homers with an .814 OPS...Committed only four errors in four years...As a fourth-year junior in 2021, started 57 games (47 C, 10 DH), hit a team-high 14 HR, was third in total bases (103)...Second Team All-Region (American Baseball Coaches Association)...Three-time AAC All-Academic Team (2018-20)...Attended Pinecrest (NC) High School.

#39 JONATHAN ENGELMANN OF, R/R University of Michigan
Twitter: @JonnyNutCracker IG: @jonnynutcracker 2018 (31st round)
Last (4/15vREA) 0-4, 2k **Streak** -3 (0-9, r, 5k)
Series 1-12, 3r, d, 7k, hp **'22 Long Hit** 1 (4/12)
R-Trip 0-5, 3k **'22 Long OBS** 1 (4/12)
'22/Career High: 1/4 H, 2/4 R, 1/2 2B, 0/1 3B, 0/1 HR, 0/4 RBI, 0/2 SB
3-yr MiLB totals thru '21: 171 g, .250, 16 hr, 80 rbi, 22 sb, .737 ops

2021 Highlights:

- Played 22 games for Lake County (High-A), hitting .179 with five doubles and 7 RBI...Promoted to Akron for the first time June 8.
- Hit his first career inside-the-park home run off Grayson Rodriguez in Bowie June 20.
- 2020:** Trained and lived with Tyler Freeman and Steven Kwan in Texas. Faced pro pitchers, including major leaguers Jake Arrieta and Zack Britton.
- 2019:** Played 49 games for Lake County (Low-A): .259 AVG, 3 HR, 21 RBI...Also 4 games for Mahoning Valley (SS-A).
- 2018:** Began pro career playing 35 games with the AZL Indians (rookie): .315 AVG, 4 HR, 24 RBI...Played 3 games for Mahoning Valley (SS-A).
- Amateur/Personal:** One of four Wolverines drafted in 2018, when he was first team All-Big Ten...Signed by Aaron Etchison, Indians area scout who was a Michigan coach Engelmann's first two collegiate seasons...Went to Burlingame (CA) High School...Playing guitar is one of his hobbies.

#8 JULIAN ESCOBEDO OF, L/L San Diego State
Twitter: @JulianEsco1 IG: @julian.esco 2019 (17th round)
Last (4/15vREA) 0-3, bb, k **Streak** -1 (0-3, bb, k)
Series 1-11, r, bi, 4bb, 4k, sf, cs **'22 Long Hit** 2 (4/9-10)
R-Trip 2-9, 2r, 2d, 2k **'22 Long OBS** 3 (4/9-12)
'22/Career High: 1/4 H, 1/3 R, 1/2 2B, 0/1 3B, 0/2 HR, 1/4 RBI, 0/2 SB
2-yr MiLB Totals thru '21: 114 g, .235, 8 hr, 57 rbi, 19 sb, .685 ops

2021 Highlights

- Began the season with Lynchburg (Single-A) but went on the injured list after six games...Played eight rehab games with Arizona Complex League affiliate.
- Returned to Lynchburg for 12 games, later promoted High-A Lake County Aug. 3.
- Hit .254, 3 HR, 12 RBI, .748 OPS in 18 games with Lynchburg. In 38 games with Lake County, hit .206, 1 HR, 12 RBI, .598 OPS.
- 2019:** Made pro debut with 28 games in AZL (rookie), .327, 2 HR, 16 RBI, .919 OPS...Played 22 games for Mahoning Valley (SS-A) .129, 0 HR, 8 RBI, .389 OPS.
- College:** Played 159 games (139 starts) in three seasons...Hit .274, 7 HR, 63 RBI, .742 OPS...As a sophomore (2018), hit .316 with an .848 OPS.
- Was a four-time varsity team MVP at Eastlake High School in Chula Vista, CA.
- Favorite athlete is Tony Gwynn.

#2 MARCOS GONZÁLEZ IF, R/R Nizao, DR
Twitter: IG: @gonzalez_0212 2016 FA
Last (4/13vREA) 1-4, r **Streak** +1 (2-5, 2r, bi, 2bb)
Series 2-5, 2r, bi, 2bb **'22 Long Hit** 2 (4/9-13) - active
R-Trip 1-1, r, bi, 2bb **'22 Long OBS** 3 (4/9-13) - active
'22/Career High: 1/4 H, 1/4 R, 0/2 2B, 0/1 3B, 0/2 HR, 1/5 RBI, 0/2 SB
4-yr MiLB Totals thru '21: 163 g, .260, 12 hr, 67 rbi, 21 sb, .722 ops

2021 Highlights:

- Began the season with Akron...On the Injured List July 16-24 (left hamstring strain).
- Had a season-high three hits, including game-tying & go-ahead RBIs in Erie July 30.
- 2019:** Ranked by MLB.com as No. 28 Indians prospect entering the season...Made his full-season debut with 11 games for Lake County (A)...On injured list April 20-May 2 and May 5 until the end of the season.
- 2018:** Played 35 games with AZL Indians (rookie)...Finished 8th in Arizona League in OPS (.855) and tied for 9th in on-base percentage (.397).

#12 BO NAYLOR C, L/R Saint Joan of Arc (Mississauga, Ontario)
Twitter: @ BoNaylor IG: @bonaylor12 2018 (1st rd, #29)
Last (4/14vREA) 1-3, bi, bb, 2k, sb **Streak** +4 (5-13, d, t, 2bi, 2bb, 4k, hp)
Series 3-9, t, 2bi, 2bb, 4k, hp, sb **'22 Long Hit** 4 (4/10-14) - active
R-Trip 2-9, d, 2bb, 3k **'22 Long OBS** 5 (4/9-14) - active
'22/Career High: 2/3 H, 0/3 R, 1/2 2B, 1/1 3B, 0/2 HR, 1/6 RBI, 1/1 SB
3-yr MiLB Totals thru '21: 227 g, .227, 23 hr, 126 rbi, 22 sb, .696 ops

2021 Highlights:

- Selected as Cleveland's lone representative at SiriusXM All-Star Futures Game July 11 and caught the last three innings (of six on defense) for the American League.
- Homered in three straight Double-A Northeast games July 10-15.
- Hit grand slams in Saturday night wins at Erie (July 31) and home against Altoona (Aug. 7).
- Hit the ninth-inning, walk-off single to win the league championship over Bowie.
- 2020:** Played at the Alternate Training Site in Lake County...Indians No. 4/5 prospect (MLB.com/*Baseball America*), No. 42 prospect in baseball according to *The Athletic's* Keith Law...Played in July 18 Summer Camp game at Pittsburgh.
- 2019:** Hit .243 with 18 2B, 10 3B (led Midwest League), 11 HR and 65 RBI (5th in MWL), .421 SLG (8th) in 107 games for Lake County (A)...Named the No.3/5 Indians prospect by Baseball America/MLB Pipeline entering the season...Hit .251 with 39 RBI and a .764 OPS in the second half (57 G)...Batted .294 (55-187) with runners on base.
- 2018:** Named No. 4 Indians prospect by Baseball America and MLB Pipeline...Ranked as the No. 5 prospect in the Arizona League by Baseball America following the 2018 season.
- PERSONAL/MISCELLANEOUS:** Full name NOAH JAMES WASHINGTON NAYLOR...Younger brother of Josh Naylor, a first round pick of the Miami Marlins in 2015 and a current Cleveland outfielder...Bo was a standout high school catcher and appeared in 7 games with the Ontario Blue Jays (8-26, .421, 2 2B, HR, 6RBI), the elite 18U travel team in Ontario, Canada...Toured Florida as a member of the Canadian Junior National Team during spring training, including games and against the Red Sox and Blue Jays...Participated in the 2017 High School Home Run Derby during All-Star Week at Marlins Park...Entered the draft ranked 27th and 20th among amateur draft-eligible prospects according to MLB.com and Baseball America, respectively...Also rated the second-best high school hitter entering the draft by BA.

#6 VICTOR NOVA IF, L/R Santo Domingo, DR
Twitter: IG: 2019 Trade (SD)
Last (4/15vREA) 0-4, 2k **Streak** -5 (0-14, r, bb, 6k, sac)
Series 0-10, 4k, sac **'22 Long Hit** 0
R-Trip 0-4, r, bb, 2k **'22 Long OBS** 1 (4/10)
'22/Career High: 0/3 H, 1/4 R, 1/2 2B, 0/1 3B, 0/2 HR, 0/5 RBI, 0/1 SB
3-yr MiLB Totals thru '21: 178 g, .232, 8 hr, 74 rbi, 26 sb, .681 ops

2021 Highlights:

- Began the season with Lake County (High-A), playing 75 games (.207, 5 HR, 32 RBI, .650 OPS, 10 SB)...Joined Akron on Aug. 24.
- 2019:** Played 26 games with the San Diego Padres' Arizona League (rookie) affiliate, hitting .330 with 1 HR, 17 RBI...traded to Cleveland along with OF Franmil Reyes and LHP Logan Allen in the three-team trade that also sent RHP Trevor Bauer to Cincinnati and OF Yasiel Puig to the Indians...played 16 games with the Indians' AZL affiliate, hitting .246 with 3 RBI...In total hit .297 with 1 HR, 20 RBI, .783 OPS.
- 2018:** Made pro debut with 38 games for DSL Padres (rookie), hitting .197 with 2 HR, 17 RBI, and .661 OPS.
- 2017:** Signed as an amateur free agent by the San Diego Padres on April 26, 2017.

#37 MICAH PRIES OF, L/R Point Loma Nazarene
Twitter: @micahpries IG: @micahpries 2019 (13th round)
 Last (4/15vREA) 0-3, bi, 2k, sf **Streak -1 (0-3, bi, 2k, sf)**
 Series 1-9, bi, 2bb, 4k, sb, sf **'22 Long Hit 1 (4/14)**
 R-Trip 0-11, 4k **'22 Long OBS 2 (4/12-14)**
'22/Career High: 1/3 H, 0/2 R, 0/2 2B, 0/1 3B, 0/2 HR, 0/4 RBI, 1/1 SB
1-yr MiLB Totals thru '21: 72 g, .296, 12 hr, 40 rbi, 14 sb, .893 ops

• **2021 Highlights:**

- Began the season with Lynchburg (Low-A), playing 22 games (.320, 2 HR, 13 RBI, .951 OPS)...Played five rehab games with ACL Indians (8-for-17, 3 HR) July 15-22...Played 45 games with High-A Lake County (.267, 7 HR, 21 RBI, .788 OPS)...Joined Akron for the playoffs Sept. 21.
- **2019:** Drafted by Cleveland the same day (June 5th, 2019) his older brother, Jake, was drafted by the Yankees in the 24th round out of UCLA...Had right elbow surgery reconstruction on July 3 and did not appear for a minor league affiliate.
- Played three season at Point Loma Nazarene. Hit 18 home runs as a junior, only striking out 16 times in 222 plate appearances...Point Loma Nazarene baseball plays at what is described as "America's Most Scenic Ballpark" overlooking the California coast.

#4 BRAYAN ROCCHIO IF, S/R Caracas, VZ
Twitter: @roccchio05 IG: @roccchio05 2017 FA
 Last (4/14vREA) 1-4, 2r, hr, bi, bb **Streak +2 (2-7, 2r, hr, 2bi, bb, sf)**
 Series 2-10, 2r, hr, 2bi, 2bb, k, sf **'22 Long Hit 2 (4/13-14) - active**
 R-Trip 2-9, t, bi, 2bb, 4k **'22 Long OBS 6 (4/8-14) - active**
'22/Career High: 2/4 H, 2/4 R, 0/2 2B, 1/1 3B, 1/1 HR, 1/3 RBI, 0/2 SB
3-yr MiLB Totals thru '21: 237 g, .284, 22 hr, 119 rbi, 57 sb, .778 ops

• **2021 Highlights:**

- Indians #8 prospect (MLB.com & *Baseball America*) & "Best Defensive Infielder" (BA).
- Began the season with 64 games for Lake County (High-A) - .265, 9 HR, 33 RBI, .765 OPS, and 68 hits (ninth in High-A Central)...Hit .294 with .378 OBP & .488 SLG for Lake County since June 1...Joined Akron July 30.
- Career .859 OPS right-handed vs. .729 left-handed...MLB.com scouting grades: 55 Hit, 40 Power, 60 Run, 55 Field, 50 Arm, 50 Overall
- Nicknamed "The Professor" due to exceptional baseball IQ. Same nickname as Cubs starter Kyle Hendricks who went to Dartmouth.
- **2020:** Indians #5/6 prospect (*Baseball America*/MLB.com)...Went home to Venezuela when the pandemic halted spring training, so he was unable to return to the U.S. for Cleveland's alternate site or instructional program.
- **2019:** Named Indians' No. 5 prospect by *Baseball America*...New York-Penn League All-Star, No. 5 prospect and its youngest regular player...NYPL Player of the Week from August 19-25...finished tied for 7th in the New York-Penn League in hits (67), 8th in total bases (100) and 9th in stolen bases (14) in a team-high 69 games.
- **2018:** Named Indians' No. 9 prospect by *Baseball America*...Played 25 games with DSL affiliate (.323, 1 HR, 12 RBI, .825 OPS) and 35 games with the AZL affiliate...Finished third in the AZL in batting average (.343), hit one homer and had 17 RBI with an .836 OPS...named AZL Postseason All-Star...ranked as the Arizona League's top prospect by *Baseball America* following the 2018 season.
- **2017:** Same International Free Agent Class as 2021 Indians top prospects OF George Valera (#4/6 MLB.com/BA) and IF Aaron Bracho (#9 MLB.com).

#38 ERIC RODRÍGUEZ C, R/R George Wallace (AL) CC
Twitter: @E_Rod1328 IG: @e.rod_13 2018 (21st round)
 Last (4/15vREA) 0-4, k **Streak -1 (0-4, k)**
 Series 1-8, 3k **'22 Long Hit 1 (4/14)**
 R-Trip 0-3, bb, k **'22 Long OBS 2 (4/9-14)**
'22/Career High: 1/3 H, 0/3 R, 0/2 2B, 0/0 3B, 0/1 HR, 0/3 RBI, 0/0 SB
3-yr MiLB Totals thru '21: 66 g, .169, 4 hr, 19 rbi, 0 sb, .520 ops

• **2021 Highlights:**

- Began the season with Lynchburg (Low-A), playing 12 games (4-for-31, 0 HR, 0 RBI, one double)...Joined Akron on Aug. 2.
- Had his first hit since June 25 - and first ever in Double-A - on a three-run, go-ahead home run in Richmond Sept. 9. It was his first home run since Aug. 22, 2019.
- **2019:** Played 14 games with Mahoning Valley (short season), .140,
- **2018:** Made pro debut with 23 games for AZL Indians (rookie), hitting .200, 2 HR, 8 RBIs...Played 2 games for Lake County (A), going 2-for-7 with one RBI.

#1 DANIEL SCHNEEMANN IF, L/R Brigham Young U.
Twitter: @Schneemann55 IG: @D_Schnee 2018 (33rd round)
 Last (4/15vREA) 1-4, k **Streak +3 (3-10, r, bb, 4k)**
 Series 3-10, r, bb, 4k **'22 Long Hit 3 (4/12-15) - active**
 R-Trip 1-8, t, 4k **'22 Long OBS 3 (4/12-15) - active**
'22/Career High: 1/4 H, 1/3 R, 0/2 2B, 1/1 3B, 0/1 HR, 0/4 RBI, 0/2 SB
3-yr MiLB Totals thru '21: 164 g, .252, 11 hr, 74 rbi, 17 sb, .705 ops

• **2021 Highlights:**

- Underwent surgery on his right hand in early August after a July 31 check swing, missing the rest of the season.
- Played 26 games (12 in LF, 4 infield, 10 DH) for Lake County (High-A), .235, 3 HR, 13 RBI...joined Akron June 28 and started 10 straight games at SS (June 30-July 10).
- Spent 2020 training at home in Utah and Arizona...Sometimes trained with his wife, Allie Hancock-Schneemann, who is a volunteer assistant softball coach at BYU... Allie was a renowned defensive first baseman at BYU, posting the program's highest single-season fielding percentage in 2019...Daniel and Allie adopted a puppy in 2020, naming the dog Benny, after "Benny The Jet" from the movie Sandlot
- **2019:** Played 70 games for Lake County (A), .287, 2 HR, 30 RBI...Earned Midwest League Player of the Week for July 14, after going 12-for-19 (.632)...Was placed on the IL on July 22 with a left forearm strain and missed 11 days...Was the Captains' starting shortstop at the end of 2019 and during the playoffs...also played second and third base.
- **2018:** Played 41 games (.206, 3 HR, 14 RBI) with AZL Indians (rookie) after being drafted by Cleveland... Played just one game in the outfield (3 innings). Named the 2017 West Coast Conference Defensive Player of the Year as BYU's shortstop...Had the #4 play on SportsCenter's Top 10 Plays during the 2018 college season when he made a sliding stop and glove flip at shortstop against Santa Clara.

#7 JOSÉ TENA IF, L/R San Cristobal, DR
Twitter: IG: @joseluisstena20 2017 FA
 Last (4/15vREA) 1-3, r, bb **Streak +3 (4-12, 2r, bi, bb, 3k)**
 Series 4-16, 3r, bi, bb, 4k, sb **'22 Long Hit 3 (4/13-15) - active**
 R-Trip 1-9, bb, 3k **'22 Long OBS 3 (4/13-15) - active**
'22/Career High: 2/3 H, 1/3 R, 0/2 2B, 0/1 3B, 0/2 HR, 1/4 RBI, 1/1 SB
3-yr MiLB Totals thru '21: 202 g, .299, 18 hr, 99 rbi, 26 sb, .792 ops

• **2021 Highlights:**

- Ranked as Cleveland's No. 12/20 prospect by MLB.com/*Baseball America*.
- Played the regular season with High-A Lake County, 107 games, .281 (6th in High-A Central), 16 HR (T-9th), 58 RBI, .798 OPS, 116 hits (T-2nd), 25 doubles (T-3rd), 43 extra-base hits (5th), 193 total bases (4th)...Joined Akron for the playoffs Sept. 21.
- Graduated from Cleveland's high school diploma program in December...Completed four months' equivalent of coursework in 10 days, according to Cleveland Education & Language Coordinator Anna Bolton.
- **2019:** Finished 5th in the Arizona Rookie League in hits (62), tied for 7th in triples (6) and 10th in batting average (.325).
- **2018:** Named Dominican Summer League Mid-Season All-Star.
- Nephew of 16-year major leaguer Juan Uribe.

#13 GEORGE VALERA OF, L/L San Pedro de Macoris, DR
Twitter: @GV13 IG: @theofficialgv 2017 FA
 Last (4/15vREA) 2-4, 2r, hr, bi **Streak +1 (2-4, 2r, hr, bi)**
 Series 3-10, 3r, t, hr, 2bi, 2bb, 3k **'22 Long Hit 1 (multiple) - active**
 R-Trip 0-6, 4bb, 4k **'22 Long OBS 6 (4/8-15) - active**
'22/Career High: 2/4 H, 2/3 R, 0/2 2B, 1/1 3B, 1/2 HR, 1/6 RBI, 0/2 SB
3-yr MiLB Totals thru '21: 213 g, .246, 28 hr, 103 rbi, 18 sb, .853 ops

• **2021 Highlights:**

- Ranked No. 2 Indians prospect in MLB Pipeline midseason rankings.
- Ranked No. 5 Indians prospect by *Baseball America* before the season.
- Began the season with Lake County (High-A), playing 63 games (.256, 16 HR, 43 RBI, 10 SB)...Joined Akron Aug. 24.
- Had his first two career multi-homer games (2 HR each) Aug. 4 & 13 for Lake County.
- Led the High-A Central with a .977 OPS and was second in OBP (.430), third in walks (55), fourth in SLG (.548) and T-5th in homers (16) at the time of his promotion to Akron.
- **2019:** Named No.4 Indians prospect by MLB.com and *Baseball America*...ranked seventh in the New York-Penn League with eight home runs...played 46 games for Mahoning Valley (SS-A), hitting .236 with 8 HR, 29 RBI, .802 OPS...played six games for Lake County (A), going 2-for-23 with a triple and 3 RBI.
- **2018:** Ranked No. 5 Indians prospect by *Baseball America* & MLB Pipeline...Made his pro debut with six games for Arizona League (rookie) affiliate (6-for-18, HR, 6 RBI).

#44 MANUEL ALVAREZ Twitter: IG: RHP: vs. 1st Batter: 0-1 (.000), bb, hb Inherited Runners-Scored: 0-0 (-%)
3-yr MiLB Totals thru '21: 111/1 g/gs, 8-5, 5.14, 17/21 sv, 136.2 ip, 162 k, .224, 1.62 whip
 2021: Pitched 8 games (1 start) for Columbus (6.2 IP, 7 H, 12 ER, 14 BB, 8 K) before joining Akron June 8. Posted eight straight scoreless outings Aug. 12-Sept. 5 and extended it to 12 innings before allowing a run.
 2019: Pitched 30 games (40.1 IP, 4-1, 9/11 save opp., 2.90 ERA) for Lake County (Low-A) and was a Midwest League Midseason All-Star...Pitched 11 games (15 IP, 1-0, 6.00 ERA) for High-A Lynchburg.
 2018: Made his professional debut with 12 relief appearances (10.2 IP, 1-2, 10.97 ERA) for Lake County (Low-A)...Pitched 22 games (27.2 IP, 1-0, 5/5 save opp, 2.28 ERA) for Mahoning Valley (SS-A).
 Personal: Signed as a free agent on June 9, 2017...Born in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic.

Recent EL Outings (1 scoreless of 3 overall)
 0 straight scoreless outings (0.0 innings)

Date	Opp	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K	HR	IR-Sc
4/14	REA	H 0.2	1	2	2	2	0	0	0-0
4/12	REA	1.0	2	3	2	0	0	0	0-0
4/8	@ERI	1.0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0-0

#43 KEVIN COULTER Twitter: @kfccoulter IG: RHP: FB, SPL, SL vs. 1st Batter: 1-2 (.500), hr Inherited Runners-Scored: 2-2 (100%)
2-yr MiLB Totals thru '21: 41/13 g/gs, 11-6, 4.18, 0/1 sv, 114.0 ip, 120 k, .261, 1.36 whip
 Made one appearance (1 scoreless IP) for Triple-A Columbus April 10...joined Akron April 12.
 2021: Pitched 23 games (13 starts) for High-A Lake County (9-4, 5.10, 77.2 IP, 73 K, .281 opp. avg., 1.44 WHIP)...Tied for the High-A Central lead with nine wins, also tied for second in the organization.
 2019: Drafted in the 33rd round (1,000th pick) out of Mercer University...Made pro debut with the AZL affiliate (18 relief appearances, 36.1 IP, 2-2, 2.23, 47 K, .216 opp. avg.)
 Amateur: Finished four-year career at Mercer 18-11, 4.74 ERA in 73 outings (45 starts, 279.1 IP)...Pitched a team-high 83 innings (21 games, 12 starts, 5-3, 3.90) for Mercer in his senior year (2019) and was second team All-Southern Conference...Earned Southern Conference All-Freshman honors in 2016, when he led Mercer with eight wins in 17 games (16 starts)...Attended Buford (GA) High School, earning three varsity baseball letters. Also played basketball and ran cross country.

Recent EL Outings (1 scoreless of 2 overall)
 0 straight scoreless outings (0.0 innings)

Date	Opp	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K	HR	IR-Sc
4/15	REA	1.1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2-2
4/13	REA	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0-0

#45 NIC ENRIGHT Twitter: @Enright_15 IG: RHP: FB, CB, SL vs. 1st Batter: 0-2 (.000) Inherited Runners-Scored: 0-0 (-%)
2-yr MiLB Totals thru '21: 49/0 g/gs, 4-7, 2.72, 5/8 sv, 76.0 ip, 114 k, .185, 0.95 whip
 2021: Pitched 11 games (18.1 IP) for Lake County (High-A): 1-0, 3/3 sv, 1.47 ERA, .179 avg., 32/3 K/BB, and held a 12.2-inning scoreless streak before joining Akron June 25.
 Amateur: Pitched for 3 years at Virginia Tech (Red-Shirted 2017)...Started 5 games freshman (2016) and R-junior year (2019)...Started 4 games as a sophomore...34 career relief appearances. Career at VT: 5-9, 5.15 ERA, 3 saves, 138 IP, 48 BB, 145 K, 1.32 WHIP, 9.5 K/9...Best season at Virginia Tech was as RS-Jr, 1-3, 3.93 ERA, 17 BB, 63 K (career high), 11.3 K/9, career high is 50.1 IP. In 2018 he pitched 49.2 innings for VT, then another 49.1 as a pitcher for the Newport Gulls in the NECBL...Named Virginia's Gatorade state player of the year his senior season at the Steward School (6-1, 0.79 ERA)...Also drafted in 2015 out of high school by the Mets (19th round) but did not sign.

Recent EL Outings (2 scoreless of 2 overall)
 2 straight scoreless outings (3.0 innings)

Date	Opp	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K	HR	IR-Sc
4/14	REA	S 1.0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0-0
4/10	@ERI	S 2.0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0-0

#26 NICK GALLAGHER Twitter: IG: RHP: vs. 1st Batter: 0-3 (.000), k Inherited Runners-Scored: 0-1 (0%)
3-yr MiLB Totals thru '21: 74/11 g/gs, 5-7, 4.49 ERA, 5/8 sv, 158.1 ip, 179 k, .229, 1.29 whip
 2021: Pitched 36 games with High-A Lake County (54.2 IP, 1-3, 4.61, 3/6 saves, 70 K, 1.30 WHIP).
 2019: Pitched 10 games (five starts) with High-A Lynchburg to start the season (35 IP, 1-1, 4.89, 1.40 WHIP)...Placed on IL from May 27-August 19 with a right shoulder strain...Pitched four games with Low-A Lake County (9 scoreless IP).
 2018: Made his pro debut with 18 games (six starts) for Low-A Lake County (54 IP, 2-2, 4.00, 1/1 save, 1.28 WHIP)...Right elbow strain forced him to DL from July 5-August 18.
 2017: Drafted by Cleveland in the 16th round from the University of Iowa.

Recent EL Outings (2 scoreless of 3 overall)
 0 straight scoreless outings (0.0 innings)

Date	Opp	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K	HR	IR-Sc
4/15	REA	1.0	3	5	5	2	1	0	0-0
4/12	REA	1.2	1	0	0	0	2	0	1-0
4/8	@ERI	1.0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0-0

#36 TIM HERRIN Twitter: @TimmyHerrin IG: @timmyherrin LHP: FB,SNK,CT,SL,CH vs. 1st Batter: 0-2 (.000), k Inherited Runners-Scored:
3-yr MiLB Totals thru '21: 72/0 g/gs, 6-4, 3.18, 12/14 sv, 135.2 ip, 136 k, .235, 1.28 whip
 Pitched the regular season with High-A Lake County, going 4-3, 2/2 saves with a 2.57 ERA in 36 appearances (T-5th among Indians minor leaguers)...Joined Akron for the playoffs Sept. 21.
 Increased fastball velocity from approximately 87 MPH in college to now 97 MPH this year.
 2019: Finished 6th in the New York-Penn League in saves (6) and pitched 11 scoreless outings (17 IP) for the Mahoning Valley Scrappers...Made 12 appearances for Lake County (A), 1-0, 4.85 ERA, 1 save, 26 IP, 19 K.
 2018: Drafted after his junior season out of Indiana in the 29th round of the MLB Draft by the Cleveland Indians...Pitched 13 games with the AZL Indians (rookie), 0-1, 6.16 ERA, 3/5 saves, 19 IP, 8 BB, 22 K...One of four Hoosiers taken in the 2018 draft.

Recent EL Outings (1 scoreless of 2 overall)
 1 straight scoreless outings (2.0 innings)

Date	Opp	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K	HR	IR-Sc
4/13	REA	2.0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0-0
4/9	@ERI	L 0.1	1	1	1	0	2	0	0-0

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#41 KEVIN KELLY Twitter: [\[link\]](#) IG: [\[link\]](#)

RHP: vs. 1st Batter: 0-2 (.000), bb, k Inherited Runners-Scored: 0/1
2-yr MiLB Totals thru '21: 54/0 g/gs, 6-5, 4.05, 9/12 sv, 73.1 ip, 106 k, .257, 1.15 whip
2021: Pitched 40 games with High-A Lake County (56 IP, 5-5, 4.66, 7/10 saves, 81 K, 1.14 WHIP)
2019: Drafted in the 19th round by Cleveland out of James Madison University...Made his pro debut with 14 outings in the AZL (rookie)...Worked 17.1 IP, 1-0, 2.08 ERA, 2/2 saves, 1.15 WHIP.
Amateur: Pitched three seasons for James Madison...Made 54 appearances (26 starts)...Was the Friday starter for JMU as a junior in 2019 (7-7, 3.26 ERA, 88.1 IP in 15 starts)...Was a *Collegiate Baseball* freshman All-American in 2017...Completed his final semester of a computer science major the fall after being drafted...Completed a group project that created a web application improving upon current NCAA statistics websites...Attended Paul VI High School in Virginia.

Recent EL Outings (2 scoreless of 3 overall) 1 straight scoreless outings (2.0 innings)									
Date	Opp	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K	HR	IR-Sc
4/15	REA	2.0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0-0
4/12	REA	S 1.0	1	1	0	1	1	0	0-0
4/8	@ERI	1.2	0	0	0	0	4	0	0-1

#30 KYLE MARMAN Twitter: [\[link\]](#) IG: [@kylemarman](#)

RHP: FB, CB, SL vs. 1st Batter: 1-2 (.500), k Inherited Runners-Scored: 2-1 (50%)
2-yr MiLB Totals thru '21: 44/0 g/gs, 9-4, 4.09, 2/7 sv, 66.0 ip, 78 k, .219, 1.32 whip
2021: Made his Double-A debut for Akron May 29...On the Injured List Aug. 6-Sept. 8 (left hip soreness).
2019: Made his pro debut with 24 relief appearances for Lake County (Low-A).
2018: Drafted in the 13th round by the Indians out of Florida Atlantic but did not pitch for an affiliate.
Amateur/Personal: 6-2, 3.19 ERA, 62.0 IP in 28 games (7 starts) in three years at Florida Atlantic, where he was a teammate of Jake Miednik...A season-ending injury limited him to five starts in 2018 (junior year). He had been the Saturday starter after Miednik was the Friday starter...Born in Cincinnati, Bengals are his favorite pro sports team...Went to Dr. Phillips High School (Orlando, FL).

Recent EL Outings (2 scoreless of 2 overall) 2 straight scoreless outings (2.1 innings)									
Date	Opp	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K	HR	IR-Sc
4/14	REA	H 1.1	2	0	0	0	3	0	2-1
4/10	@ERI	H 1.0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0-0

#34 ANDREW MISIASZEK Twitter: [@andrewmiz24](#) IG: [@andrewmiz24](#)

LHP: FB, CH, SL vs. 1st Batter: 0-1 (.000), k, hb Inherited Runners-Scored: 0-0 (-%)
2-yr MiLB Totals thru '21: 49/0 g/gs, 8-4, 3.71, 2/4 sv, 89.2 ip, 117 k, .263, 1.45 whip
2021: Began the season with Low-A Lynchburg (5 G, 1-0, 0.00 ERA, 11.1 IP, 3 R, 2 BB, 19 K, .103 AVG).
2019: Drafted by Cleveland in the 32nd round out of Northeastern University...Made his pro debut with the Arizona League (rookie) Indians and Mahoning Valley (SS-A).
Amateur: Pitched at South Side High School in Oceanside, NY...Finished four-year Northeastern career as the program leader in career saves (30), tallying the single-season saves record (12) in each of the last two years.

Recent EL Outings (2 scoreless of 2 overall) 2 straight scoreless outings (3.0 innings)									
Date	Opp	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K	HR	IR-Sc
4/14	REA	H 1.0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0-0
4/10	@ERI	2.0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0-0

#46 JERSON RAMÍREZ Twitter: [\[link\]](#) IG: [\[link\]](#)

RHP: FB, SL, SNK vs. 1st Batter: 1-2 (.500) Inherited Runners-Scored: 0-0 (-%)
3-yr MiLB Totals thru '21: 74/0 g/gs, 8-5, 1.87, 31/37 sv, 105.2 ip, 138 k, .170, 1.02 whip
2021: Pitched 16 games (22 IP, 0-1, 1.23, 6/8 saves) with Low-A Lynchburg...Pitched 20 games (28 IP, 3-0, 3.21, 11/13 saves) with High-A Lake County...Led Cleveland system with 17 saves, finished T-7th in the Low-A East (6), T-3rd in High-A Central (11)...Finished with 69 strikeouts and 19 walks in 50 total innings (0.94 WHIP, .160 avg. against)
2019: Pitched 18 games (24.2 IP, 0-1, 0.73, 7/7 saves) with short-season Mahoning Valley...Recorded the fourth-most saves in the New York-Penn League (7).
2018: Pitched 20 games between DSL (6 games) and AZL (14 games) rookie affiliates...totaled 31 IP in 20 games (5-3, 2.03, 7/9 saves).

Recent EL Outings (1 scoreless of 2 overall) 0 straight scoreless outings (0.0 innings)									
Date	Opp	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K	HR	IR-Sc
4/13	REA	L 1.0	2	2	2	1	0	0	0-0
4/10	@ERI	W 1.0	2	0	0	0	2	0	0-0

RUBBERDUCKS HITTERS

Hitters	Pinch Hitting	Multi-Hit Games					Multi-RBI Games					Home Runs													
		T	2	3	4	5	Last	T	2	3	4	5	6	Last	T	Solo	2R	3R	GS	Leadoff	Tying	Go-ahead	Walk-off	Last	
Brennan		5	5				4/15vREA(2)	2	2					4/12vREA (2)											
Naylor		1	1				4/10@ERI (2)																		
Rocchio		1	1				4/9@ERI(2)								1	1									4/14vREA
Tena		1	1				4/14vREA(2)																		
Valera		1	1				4/15vREA(2)								1							1			4/15vREA
Total		9	9				4/15vREA(2)	2	2					4/12vREA	2	2								1	4/15vREA

RUBBERDUCKS 2022 TRANSACTIONS 28 PLAYERS USED (0 REHABS) 15 PITCHERS USED (0 REHABS)

2022 Opening Day Roster (* returning RubberDuck, *Injured List*, Cleveland Guardians 40-man roster)

P (15): LH Logan Allen*, RH Manuel Alvarez*, RH Tanner Burns, LH Joey Cantillo*, RH Xzavion Curry*, RH Nic Enright, RH Daniel Espino, RH Hunter Gaddis, RH Nick Gallagher, LH Tim Herrin*, LH Kevin Kelly, RH Kyle Marman*, LH Andrew Misiaszek*, RH Nathan Ocker, RH Jerson Ramirez

C (3): Seth Caddell, Bo Naylor*, Eric Rodriguez*

IF (5): Marcos González*, Victor Nova*, **Brayan Rocchio***, Daniel Schneemann*, **José Tena***

OF (5): Will Brennan*, Jonathan Engemann*, Julian Escobedo, Micah Pries*, **George Valera***

#	DATE	PLAYER	POS.	FROM	TO	#	DATE	PLAYER	POS.	FROM	TO
1	4/12	Nathan Ocker	RHP	Akron	Arizona Complex						
2	4/12	Kevin Coulter	RHP	Columbus (AAA)	Akron						

RUBBERDUCKS 2022 DAY-BY-DAY

Record: Sunday (1-0), Monday (0-0), Tuesday (1-0), Wednesday (0-1), Thursday (1-0), Friday (0-2), Saturday (0-1)

Home Sellouts: 0

Series: First Half: 0-0-0 Home, 0-1-0 Road, 0-1-0 Overall

Second Half: 0-0-0 Home, 0-0-0 Road, 0-0-0 Overall

Home Dates Lost: 0

#	Date	Opp.	Score	W/L	Record	Place	GB/A	Winner	Loser	Save	Time	Att.	Opening / Total (Avg)
1	4/8	@ERI	0-2	L	0-1	T-4th	-1.0	Kirby (1-0)	Allen (0-1)	Chentouf (1)	2:36	2,098	
2	4/9	@ERI	2-3	L	0-2	T-5th	-2.0	Navilhon (1-0)	Herrin (0-1)	-	3:03	731	
3	4/10	@ERI	4-2	W	1-2	T-4th	-1.0	Ramirez (1-0)	Houston (0-1)	Enright (1)	3:08	537	
4	4/12	REA	5-4	W	2-2	T-1st	0.0	Gaddis (1-0)	Perkins (0-1)	Kelly (1)	2:39	4,367	#1 / 4,367 (4,367)
5	4/13	REA	1-3	L	2-3	T-4th	-1.0	Skirrow (1-0)	Ramirez (1-1)	Marconi (1)	2:28	1,131	#2 / 5,498 (2,749)
6	4/14	REA	5-3	W	3-3	T-2nd	-1.0	Allen (1-1)	McArthur (0-2)	Enright (2)	2:58	1,723	#3 / 7,221 (2,407)
7	4/15	REA	3-12	L	3-4	T-4th	-1.0	Leverett (1-1)	Curry (0-1)	-	2:41	1,925	#4 / 9,146 (2,287)
	4/16-1	REA											
	4/16-2	REA											
	4/19	@BOW											
	4/20	@BOW											
	4/21	@BOW											
	4/22	@BOW											
	4/23	@BOW											
	4/24	@BOW											
	4/26	ALT											
	4/27	ALT											
	4/28	ALT											
	4/29	ALT											
	4/30	ALT											
	5/1	ALT											
	5/3	@RIC											
	5/4	@RIC											
	5/5	@RIC											
	5/6	@RIC											
	5/7	@RIC											
	5/8	@RIC											
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	5/11	ERI											
	5/12	ERI											
	5/13	ERI											
	5/14	ERI											
	5/15	ERI											
	5/17	@BNG											
	5/18	@BNG											
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	5/21	@BNG											
	5/22	@BNG											
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	5/31	RIC											
	6/1	RIC											
	6/2	RIC											
	6/3	RIC											
	6/4	RIC											
	6/5	RIC											
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RUBBERDUCKS 2022 DAY-BY-DAY

#	Date	Opp.	Score	W/L	Record	Place	GB/A	Winner	Loser	Save	Time	Att.	Opening / Total (Avg)
	6/28	@ERI											
	6/29	@ERI											
	6/30	@ERI											
	7/1	@ERI											
	7/2	@ERI											
	7/3	@ERI											
	7/4	ALT											
	7/6	ALT											
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	7/10	ALT											
	7/12	@BOW											
	7/13	@BOW											
	7/14	@BOW											
	7/15	@BOW											
	7/16	@BOW											
	7/17	@BOW											
	7/22	ERI											
	7/23	ERI											
	7/24	ERI											
	7/26	HBG											
	7/27	HBG											
	7/28	HBG											
	7/29	HBG											
	7/30	HBG											
	7/31	HBG											
	8/2	@ALT											
	8/3	@ALT											
	8/4	@ALT											
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Akron Baseball: A Winning Tradition

This is the 33rd season of Double-A baseball in Northeast Ohio, and the 25th in downtown Akron. The franchise began as the **Canton-Akron Indians** in 1989, and then moved to **Canal Park** in Akron as the **Aeros** in 1997, later becoming the **RubberDucks** before the 2014 season. The club has made the Eastern League playoffs 18 times overall, and 12 of the last 19 seasons. The team has captured **six league titles**—2003, 2005, 2009, 2012, 2016 and 2021. Notable alumni of the franchise include Victor Martinez, CC Sabathia, Grady Sizemore, Charles Nagy, Cliff Lee, Jhonny Peralta, Jaret Wright, Francisco Lindor, José Ramírez, and Shane Bieber.