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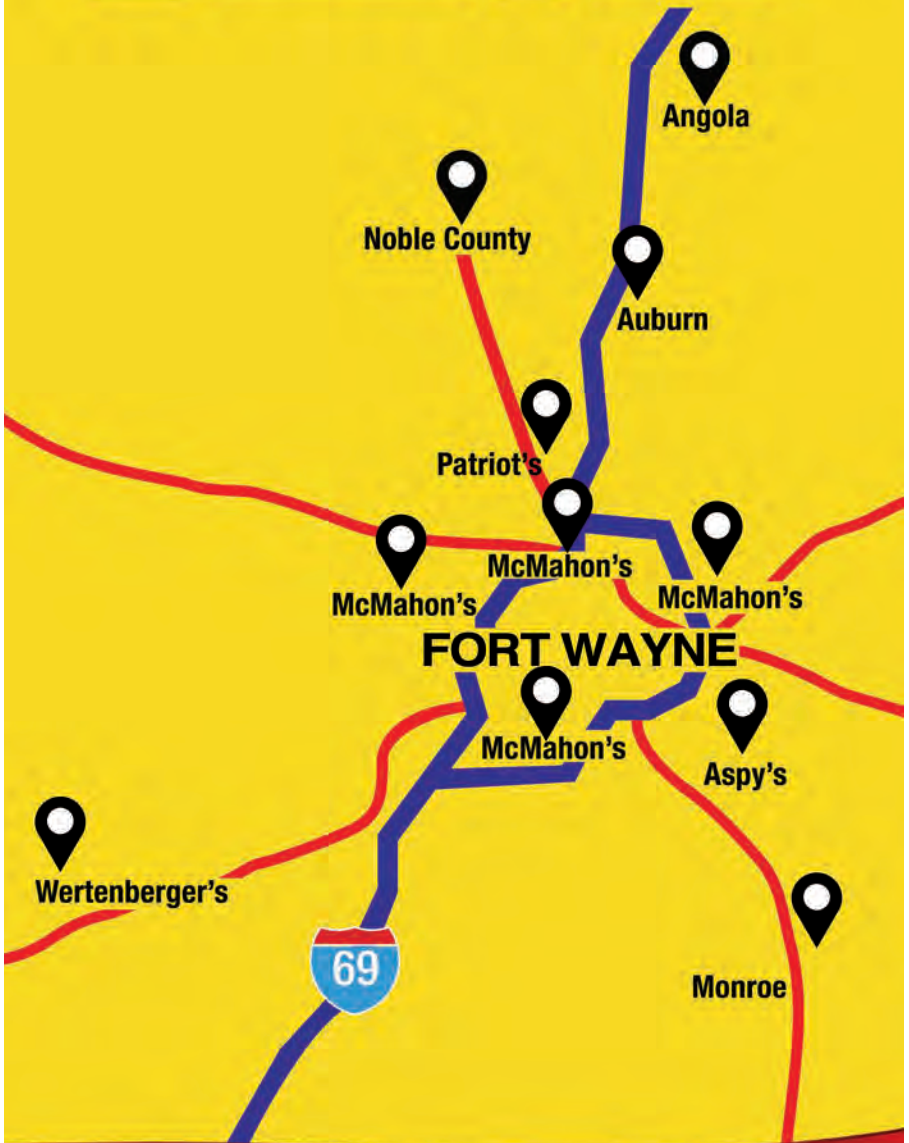


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IN THIS TOGETHER

TinCaps Team Up with Parkview Health for Special #INThisTogether T-Shirt

Written by Jack McMullen, Broadcasting & Media Relations Intern

Amid the COVID-19 pandemic, the TinCaps have made a limited-edition #INThisTogether t-shirt available to fans. The team has partnered with Parkview Health, and proceeds from the shirt sales go towards supporting the Parkview Foundation.

The green shirts, which are available to order for \$22 at TinCaps.com, read “TinCaps” across the chest. While the team’s primary logo features a red apple at the center, the special design substitutes in a red heart. Below the classic TinCaps font is the phrase “IN This Together,” which has become a statewide campaign to promote social distancing to keep Hoosiers healthy and return Indiana to normal social interactions and business operations as quickly as possible.

“We’re extremely grateful for all essential workers,” said Michael Limmer, TinCaps Vice President for Marketing. “We hope these shirts not only raise money for some of our healthcare heroes who may be in need of assistance themselves, but also help unite our community together during this challenging time.”

Proceeds from the sale of this shirt will support Parkview Foundations through their Greatest Need Fund, which benefits programs related to patient care experience and emergency assistance for essential healthcare professionals at Parkview Health.



IN THIS TOGETHER

“We’ve been funding a couple of really important things out of the Greatest Need Fund recently,” said Denise Andorfer, the Interim Operations Director of Parkview Foundations. Among those is their employees’ emergency assistance fund, which provides financial help to Parkview employees who may have a loved one ill or may need medical treatment of their own. Andorfer says Parkview has raised over \$200,000 for the fund since the crisis began.

The Greatest Need Fund also provides Parkview Health workers with a grocery pickup-style service at many of the hospitals in the area.

“We know we have co-workers working very long shifts,” says Andorfer. “So we don’t want them feeling that after they work 12 hours in a draining, intense environment, they need to stop at the grocery store on their way home.”



18 Threads, a Fort Wayne-based custom print apparel shop, is giving their support by facilitating production and shipping logistics for the shirts. 18 Threads has over 15 additional shirt designs centered around this period of quarantining and social distancing—one of which was even featured on social media by U.S. Surgeon General Dr. Jerome Adams.

While both the TinCaps and Parkview are well-embedded into the Fort Wayne community, it’s been obvious to both parties that the greatest support comes from the people of Fort Wayne.

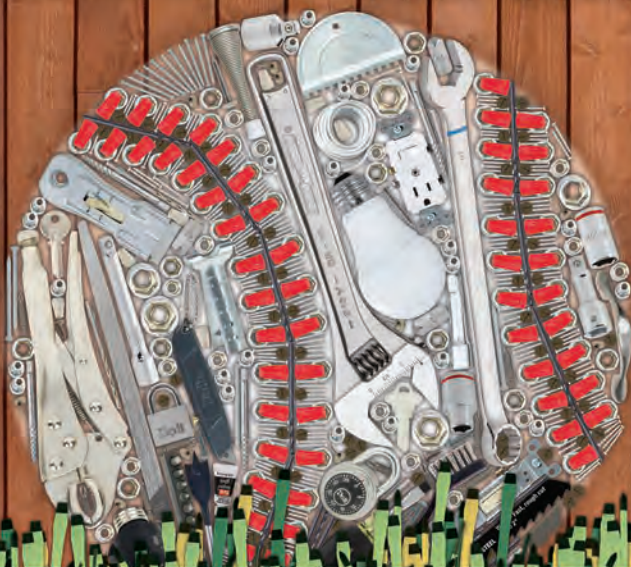
“We’re called to act very quickly and to adapt,” said Andorfer. “I think the community has done an incredible job of that and we’ve been blessed to be a part of that as well.”

“Our community’s compassion and resiliency are consistently reflected in its tremendous generosity – especially in times of crisis and uncertainty,” said Susan Trent, Parkview Foundation Board Chair. “What a great way to boost two terrific local teams – our Parkview healthcare heroes and our Fort Wayne TinCaps. I’d call that a home run!”

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The TinCaps mascot and players make appearances at local hospitals, schools, little leagues and community partners. In 2018, the TinCaps did over 125 mascot and player appearances in the tri-state region.

Charitable and Community Programs

This year, 370 schools and libraries (almost 120,000 students) participated in the TinCaps Reading Program, an incentive-based system for schools and libraries.

Charitable & Community Events

In 2018, Parkview Field hosted over 100 charitable and community events including the Patriotic Pops concert, "Turn the Park Pink" events, a weekly farmers market, and free Holiday Fest activities as part of the downtown community.

Fundraising Program

The TinCaps Fundraising Program allows organizations to sell TinCaps tickets and retain a percentage of the profits. Little Leagues, churches, and local schools participating in the program raised nearly \$200,000 throughout 2018.


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The TinCaps partnered with 65 organizations in 2018 through the "Community Organization of the Game", a program established to highlight a local community organization during every TinCaps home game.



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TINCAPS FAMILY 5-MEAL KITS ARE A HIT

Written by Jack McMullen, Broadcasting & Media Relations Intern

The TinCaps and Parkview Field's award-winning Food and Beverage Department are offering "Family 5-Meal Kits" during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The meal kits provide 5 packaged meals, fit to serve 4-5 people, for \$185 (tax included). Cooking and reheating instructions for each of the components of the meal are included in the kit. Kit orders must be placed by Monday at 4 p.m. and can be picked up on Friday afternoons at Parkview Field.

Orders will close once the TinCaps have received the maximum number for the given week. In the first week of production (for pickup on May 8), the TinCaps sold out of all 150 kits they planned for, and wound up raising the total to 165. As a result, fans are encouraged to place their orders early before the deadline.

"We know a lot of fans aren't just missing the baseball at Parkview Field, but the entire ballpark experience, especially our delicious food," said Michael Limmer, TinCaps Vice President for Marketing and Promotions. "This is an effort for us to continue serving our fans as best as we can during a unique time. We hope this is an option that can also help make life easier for some when it comes to eating at home."

Season-ticket holder Jim Garigen is one of those fans.

"I placed my order as soon as I could," Garigen said. "I'm glad to be able to support the organization and its employees however I can right now, and not to mention, the meals are phenomenal."



For the first week, "Family 5-Meal Kits" included:

MEAL #1: Taco meat, chicken mole, Mexican rice with chorizo, tortilla shells, salsa, and shredded cheese.

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MEAL #3: Pulled pork sliders, baked beans, and a vegetable medley.

MEAL #4: Barbeque brisket, green beans, and potato salad.

MEAL #5: Grilled chicken breast, roasted red potatoes, a vegetable medley, and dinner rolls.

The menu is subject to change moving forward.

The family meal kits will also include desserts such as cookies and brownies, a 12-pack of soda, bags of tortilla and potato chips, and souvenir TinCaps cups and helmets.

“So far we’ve received amazing feedback,” said TinCaps President Mike Nutter. “It’s honestly more food than I even imagined. For my family of four, it’s probably more like six-to-seven full dinners and sides.”

The TinCaps are partnering with Parkview Health, so the public can donate a “Family 5-Meal Kits” to a healthcare worker and his/her family. In the first week of distributing, 17 “Family 5-Meal Kits” were donated to healthcare workers, including 11 donated by local beverage company Five Star Distributing. On top of that, even more fans donated to other local non-profit organizations helping to feed the hungry at this time.



“We hope that these meal kits can take something off the ‘to do’ list for these men and women that are focused on the health and well-being of our community during these unique circumstances,” said Limmer. “A donation means a Parkview healthcare worker’s family can enjoy a week’s worth of meals as a small ‘thank you’ from our appreciative community.”

Meal kits ordered before 4 p.m. on a given Monday will be ready for pickup on that following Friday. For example, kits ordered on Thursday, May 7 and Monday, May 11 will both be ready for pickup on the afternoon of Friday, May 15. Kits can be retrieved in the Diamond Lot at Parkview Field.

“We thank everyone who has already made an order, and a special thanks to those, like Five Star, who’ve made donations to those Parkview Health employees on the front lines right now,” said Nutter.

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SAN DIEGO PADRES TOP 20 PROSPECTS

MacKenzie Gore and Luis Patino front another deep group of prospects in 2020 with CJ Abrams, Luis Campusano and Gabriel Arias coming fast behind them.

Written by John Conniff, MadFriars.com and Fox Sports San Diego

In 2018, we wrote that the Padres had talent in the minor leagues but fans would need to wait a few years before seeing it at the big league level. Last season, we wrote that the impending arrival of shortstop Fernando Tatis, Jr. and starting pitcher Chris Paddack would mark the beginning of the payoff for a development period that began after the 2015 season.

This year, the organization should hit a tipping point.

Already this offseason, the Padres included prospects Luis Urías, Xavier Edwards, and Logan Driscoll in trades to acquire Major League players Tommy Pham, Trent Grisham and Emilio Pagán.

One can argue that Tatis is the best player the Padres have developed since Tony Gwynn. A pitching prospect comparable to MacKenzie Gore might be even harder to name. We've been raving about Gore since he was drafted in 2017 and this year, he will spend significantly more time in the majors than the minors.

Once again, Baseball America and MLB Pipeline rank San Diego among the top three minor league systems in baseball. Up to seven Padres prospects have appeared in major national top 100 rankings, and CJ Abrams is a strong candidate to rank near the very top of the game's best next year.

Best Places to See the Prospects

Triple-A El Paso: The Chihuahuas, who missed the playoffs for the first time in five years in 2019, should be positioned to return this year. Adrian Morejon, Michel Baez and Ronald Bolaños, all key members of Padres' 2016 international signing splurge, could headline the pitching staff, along with former Top 20 hurlers Jacob Nix and Brett Kennedy. Owen Miller and Edward Olivares should join the squad from last year's Texas League champion Amarillo Sod Poodles. However, the most interesting player in the Sun City might be infielder/RHP Jake Cronenworth, who was acquired from Tampa with Pham. Cronenworth, if he doesn't stick with the big club, could play all four infield positions, hit from the left side and pitch in relief.

Double-A Amarillo: The Padres could return their two top prospects, Gore and Luis Patiño to the Panhandle. If, as we expect, Taylor Trammell starts the year in center for the Sod Poodles, he'll be part of a dynamic up-the-middle trio with catcher Luis Campusano and shortstop Gabriel Arias, who both rank among the best in the game at their positions.

High-A Lake Elsinore: The staff will be anchored by two of the organization's better young pitchers, lefties Joey Cantillo and Ryan Weathers. Offensively, it should be an interesting mix with infielder Tupupita Marcano and catcher Blake Hunt likely joining some intriguing holdovers from last year's club in the outfield.

Low-A Fort Wayne: San Diego should send the three teenagers from the top of last year's draft out to the Summit City in outfielders Hudson Head and Joshua Mears and uber-prospect Abrams. Abrams hit .401 in his pro debut in the AZL and joined the TinCaps before an injury ended his season in August. He is considered one of the best athletes in the system.

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The Padres will once again feature two AZL teams, and the short-season Tri-City club could be a powerhouse as many of the teenagers from last season could return.

All ages are listed for Opening Day 2020.

1. MACKENZIE GORE - LHP/STARTING PITCHER

Height/Weight: 6'3"/195 lbs. • Age: 21 • Bats/Throws: L/L

How Acquired: First Round 2017 draft

2019 Highlights: MacKenzie Gore, 20, might be the San Diego Padres' best pitching prospect ever. That's no guarantee that he will be the best Padres' pitcher of all-time, but only Andy Benes, who reached the majors 14 months after the Padres drafted him first overall in 1988, might have been a better pitching prospect in the organization. As enjoyable as it was to follow Paddack's ascent up the minors last year, Gore should be even better.

In the California League, he never allowed more than two runs in any of his 15 starts for Lake Elsinore and blanked his opponent in seven. His 1.02 ERA was the best in the league among pitchers who threw at least 70 innings and his 38% K-rate also paced the league.



MacKenzie Gore. (2018)

Our 2019 pitcher of the year is 6-foot-3, a plus athlete, has a fastball that sits in the mid-90s, a very good changeup to go along with a plus curve and slider. Couple that with an unrivalled work ethic and a solid dose of the "red-ass" when he's on the mound and he has all the ingredients you can ask for.

Negatives: Blisters on his throwing hand in 2018 caused Gore to miss significant time and not get the repetitions on his breaking pitches that he would have liked, but he experienced no issues with it in 2019.

Projection: He has a chance to be a top of the rotation starter. It's all there.

MadFriars' Assessment: Gore will be in San Diego during the year, it's just a question of when and for how many innings. Last year we believed the organization would keep Paddack in the minors to start the season to ease his workload, but AJ Preller's group wanted to break camp with the best 25 players. If that holds this spring, Mac could be in San Diego in April.

2. LUIS PATIÑO - RHP/STARTING PITCHER

Height/Weight: 6'0"/195 lbs. • Age: 20 • Bats/Throws: R/R

How Acquired: 2016 International Free Agent Signee – Colombia

2019 Highlights: Patiño put up fantastic second-half numbers in the California League. Following an electric performance in the All-Star Future's Game, his numbers were as good as anyone's. Despite his listed six-foot height, Luis can bring it. His fastball sits in the mid-90s and can approach triple digits. Last year his change-up showed development to become as big a weapon as his slider.

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Negatives: There were times early last season that Patiño tried to simply muscle his way through the competition, leading to struggles with command. By the summer though, he was more consistently under control and issued just five walks over his final 30 innings with Lake Elsinore before a late-season promotion.

Projection: As Patiño goes further up the minor league ladder and keeps getting better, the worries about whether he is big enough to be a starter are starting to fade.

MadFriars' Assessment: He has yet to work 100 innings in any of his three professional seasons and he has more to refine than Gore. While the organization is no doubt anxious to get him to the Majors, discretion may be the better part of valor here. A full season starting in the upper minors with a late-season cameo feels like the best path.



Luis Patiño (2018)

3. CJ ABRAMS - SS

Height/Weight: 6'3"/180 lbs. • Age: 19 • Bats/Throws: L/R
How Acquired: First Round 2019 draft

2019 Highlights: CJ Abrams had the most speed among the top prospects in the 2019 amateur draft and was possibly the best athlete. However, San Diego's scouts raved most about his bat-to-ball skills. He also has a frame that promises more lean muscle in the future. That's a recipe for a player who could develop into an elite offensive performer.

Although stats from the AZL aren't especially important, he completely outclassed the pitchers he faced there, collecting far more extra-base hits than strikeouts in his stint in the desert. As we've reported, while Abrams' future might ultimately be in the outfield, the club will give him every opportunity to show he can make it work at shortstop.

Negatives: Most scouts and minor league pundits don't believe he will be able to stay at shortstop but believe that he could be a plus defender at either second or in center field.



CJ Abrams (2019)

Projection: Abrams earned an aggressive promotion to Fort Wayne in mid-August, but a shoulder bruise shut him down after just two games. He was fine by the time he reported to instructs and had a full active offseason to prepare for a return to the Summit City. While the Padres have been markedly more conservative advancing position players than they have pitchers, they've been willing to push guys on occasion. Abrams is a player who will likely merit the fast timeline. Playing in the Midwest League as a teenager challenges anyone from a warm-weather state, but he is as talented as anyone the Padres have sent to Fort Wayne.

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MadFriars' Assessment: San Diego is going to keep him at shortstop for now. Whether he ends up there at the major league level is a question for a few years down the road. The goal for 2020 is to put him in the place where his talents can shine the brightest.

4. TAYLOR TRAMMELL • CF/LF

Height/Weight: 6'2"/215 lbs. • Age: 22 • Bats/Throws: L/L

How Acquired: Trade with Cincinnati Reds and Cleveland Indians for OF Franmil Reyes and LHP Logan Allen

2019 Highlights: Despite plenty of disappointment when the Padres moved fan-favorite Franmil Reyes and potential I-can't-believe-we-gave-up-on-that-guy, Logan Allen, it's easy to see why the club was willing to take the risk to land the talented outfielder. Though he was carrying a .236 average in Double-A when San Diego acquired him, Trammell's walk and strikeout rates were nearly identical to what he posted in his strong 2018 Hi-A performance.

The 35th overall pick in 2016, Trammell rose to the top of prospect lists last winter on the heels of two straight years of well-above-average offensive production in full-season ball and athleticism that allowed evaluators to dream that more power might emerge.

Negatives: A big part of Trammell's value will hinge on showing he can stay in center, as he doesn't fit the over-the-fence power profile of an everyday left fielder.

Projection: Despite struggling in Double-A, Trammell remains one of the game's most enticing prospects. Questions remain about whether his arm can play there, the left-handed Trammell has the speed to make all the plays in center. He has the toolset to be a top-of-the-order hitter and showed enough raw power at 21 years old to dream on, especially if the swing adjustments he made after the deal stick.

MadFriars' Assessment: Trammell could be bumped up to Triple-A, although it wouldn't be a surprise to see him in Amarillo to open the season.

5. LUIS CAMPUSANO • CATCHER

Height/Weight: 5'10"/215 lbs. • Age: 21 • Bats/Throws: R/R

How Acquired: Second Round 2017 Draft

2019 Highlights: The median on-base percentage of big league catchers who logged 300 plate appearances in 2019 was a paltry .313. Dan Szymborski's ZiPS system already projects a .301 OBP for Campusano if he were thrown into the big leagues in 2020. Fortunately, even the Padres' notorious willingness to push prospects won't make that happen. After hitting the ball hard but putting up so-so numbers in Fort Wayne in 2018, Campusano got the ball in the air more often last year and emerged as a true offensive force. He won co-MVP honors in the California League and put up one of the best hitting lines in the Padres' system.



Luis Campusano (2018)

Defensively, he has come a long way – particularly for a player who didn't grow up catching. He was lauded by Storm pitchers for his ability to call a game and he could develop into an above-average defensive catcher.

Negatives: Although the Georgia native and baseball lifer has all the tools to be a strong defensive catcher, he'll need to improve both his receiving and throwing mechanics to actually get there.

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Projection: If he can put together all the pieces, he could be part of a wave of stellar big league catchers to hit the Majors in the coming few years.

MadFriars' Assessment: He will start the year as the everyday catcher in Amarillo and should be there for the season. If he continues his development on both sides of the ball, he should emerge as one of the top prospects in baseball.

6. ADRIAN MOREJON • LHP/STARTING PITCHER

Height/Weight: 6'0"/200 lbs. • Age: 21 • Bats/Throws: L/L

How Acquired: 2016 International Free Agent Signee – Cuba

2019 Highlights: Last year we all wrote that Morejon was “1-A” to Gore at the top of the system. The talent is still there, the problem is that he has yet to throw more than 65 innings in any of the three years since signing for the largest amateur bonus ever given out by the Padres.



Adrian Morejon (2017)

In 2019 he continued to battle nagging injuries. He hit the injured list early in the season with a vaguely-described shoulder injury and then spent the rest of his minor league tenure as an “opener” for Amarillo, pitching in two-inning spurts. When he’s on the mound, Morejon has a mid-90s fastball, a quality curve, a changeup and a filthy knuckle-curve that tumbles out of the strike zone. He has all the components to be a very, very good big league pitcher.

Negatives: It’s all there, right now it’s just a matter of being healthy.

Projection: The obvious concern with Morejon is that he might not be durable enough to be a full-time starter in the big leagues. However, his stuff is good enough that you can dream about him being part of the next great Padres rotation.

MadFriars' Assessment: Morejon made his debut in the major leagues but only threw eight innings before going down again with a strained shoulder. The Padres significantly beefed up their bullpen this winter and the chance to win the lottery with Morejon is as a starting pitcher. He should be in the rotation in El Paso where he will need to prove that he can go deep in games.

If he’s healthy, he is as good as anyone on this list, but the question is if he can be healthy.

7. GABRIEL ARIAS • SHORTSTOP

Height/Weight: 6'-1"/205 lbs. • Age: 20 • Bats/Throws: R/R

How Acquired: 2016 International Free Agent Signee – Venezuela

2019 Highlights: Arias has been one of the best defensive infielders in the Padres' system since he first came stateside as a 17-year-old. The question has always been with the bat. For the second straight year, his production spiked in the second half of 2019 as Arias posted a .909 OPS and 25 extra-base hits over his final 63 games for the Lake Elsinore Storm.

In both years, the big improvement was cutting down on his strikeout rate. The added bonus last season was that it translated into more power, with his slugging percentage going from .394 in the first half to .533 in the second.

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Negatives: While Arias' offensive production is encouraging, there are still some signs of concern. Arias's swinging-strike percentage was 21.5%, which led the California League, although he did make some strides in the second half. His 4.9% walk rate was the second-lowest in the league and his BABIP of .379 was the third-highest in the league.

Projection: Arias is a future big league shortstop. The question is whether he's a star at the position or a flashy back-up.

MadFriars' Assessment: With Tatis and Manny Machado locked in on the left side for the foreseeable future, it's not clear where he could fit with the Padres' long-term. He will be the everyday shortstop in Amarillo and have to show the improvements in his approach at the plate are real.

8. JOEY CANTILLO • LHP/STARTING PITCHER

Height/Weight: 6'5"/222 lbs. • Age: 20 • Bats/Throws: L/L
How Acquired: Sixteenth Round 2017 Draft

2019 Highlights: Cantillo put himself on the prospect map with a dazzling season with the TinCaps. He posted a 1.93 ERA in 98 innings to earn a promotion to Lake Elsinore. He's added velocity, going from sitting in the high-80s to the low-90s with his precise fastball, and a plus changeup. Last season his curveball also improved to serve as a real weapon.

Negatives: To really shine at the highest levels, Cantillo still needs to add a few ticks to his fastball.

Projection: Cantillo, who is closer in age to most 2018 high school draftees than his own classmates, added velocity last year and the most optimistic projections of his future reasonably anticipate another improvement. If he's able to sit regularly in the 93-94 range, his already above-average change-up will play up even more. If he tops out sitting at 91, he could still profile as a big league starter. Either way, Cantillo's a sponge for information, a fierce competitor he's likely to perform at the upper range of what could be expected from players with his skill set.



Joey Cantillo (2019)

MadFriars' Assessment: Cantillo should open the year as the leader of the Storm staff. The Padres and Cantillo believe that with a few more mechanical adjustments he can sit in the mid-90s. If he does, it will make his changeup and curve that much better. He is one of the more relentless workers in the organization both on the physical and mental side of the game.

9. MICHEL BAEZ • RHP/STARTING PITCHER

Height/Weight: 6'8"/225 lbs. • Age: 23 • Bats/Throws: R/R
How Acquired: 2016 International Free Agent Signee – Cuba

2019 Highlights: For the second consecutive year, the big righty got underway late in 2019, this time waylaid by a shoulder injury. That followed back issues the year before. Once he got going in late May, the Cuban hurler, who turned 23 this winter, looked much better in short stints than he did from the rotation in 2018. He pitched exclusively out of the bullpen for Amarillo, generally pitching two innings at a time. For Amarillo, Baez struck out a third of the batters he faced while pushing his walk rate down into single digits. His contract was purchased by the Padres on July 21st and he spent the rest of the year pitching out of the Padres' bullpen.

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Negatives: His velocity still never found its way back to where he sat in his first full stateside season in 2017, and when he jumped to the big leagues after just two months, the game's best hitters were often able to wait him out.

Projection: Baez has the tools to be a beast out of the bullpen – though a guy who's looked as stiff and rigid as he often has might struggle to get loose quickly with frequent use – and his profile doesn't offer as much to dream on in the rotation as his younger countrymate's.

MadFriars' Assessment: As with Morejon, San Diego's offseason splurge on bullpen arms means there is no need to have Baez open the year in the big leagues. If they send him out to the minors, letting him work in longer stretches out of the rotation or in a hybrid multi-inning opener role makes sense developmentally. He should join his countryman Morejon in anchoring a solid El Paso staff.

10. RYAN WEATHERS • LHP/STARTING PITCHER

Height/Weight: 6'1"/200 lbs. • Age: 20 • Bats/Throws: L/L

How Acquired: First Round 2018 draft

2019 Highlights: Weathers, the son of former major league pitcher David Weathers and the Padres' first-round pick in 2018, got off to a red-hot start with the TinCaps before fading in the second half. Despite a 4.42 ERA in the second half, compared to a 3.00 in the first, the organization was happy with the progress of the Tennessee native, who a spring earlier was competing at the lowest rung of his state's high school ranks. Now 20, Weathers has done best in higher profile settings, including two strong innings in the Don Welke Classic. If his velocity is somewhere between what we saw in April and what he had in July for the year, he is going to quickly move his way back up national rankings and get many more opportunities in the spotlight. When all is going right, Weathers locates his fastball well while throwing a slider that functions as a strikeout pitch. He also has a change-up, but he didn't need it too often in the Midwest League.

Negatives: When his fastball only sits 90-91, the lefty struggles to make the rest of his repertoire work. While he came into his first professional camp with better conditioning than he had in high school, he still needs to be in better shape to make the most of his talent.



Ryan Weathers (2019)

Projection: Keith Law told MadFriars that Weathers had the highest floor of any high-ceiling high school picks in the 2018 draft. With three solid pitches, he has an opportunity to be a middle of the rotation big league starter.

MadFriars' Assessment: Weathers will inevitably be compared to Gore because they were both high school lefties drafted in the first round. Weathers repertoire isn't as dominant as Gore's, but Weathers has the stuff to function as a very good starter with mid-rotation upside or better. If he can consistently keep his velocity in the 93-94 mph range, he could dominate the Cal League this year.

Prospects 11-20:

- 11. Reggie Lawson • Starting Pitcher
- 12. Hudson Head • CF
- 13. Edward Olivares • OF
- 14. Owen Miller • INF
- 15. Ronald Bolaños • Starting Pitcher

- 16. Hudson Potts • 3B
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VIRTUAL TINCAPS PLAY ON “MLB THE SHOW”

Written by John Nolan, Broadcasting & Media Relations Manager

While the real-life Fort Wayne TinCaps have had their season delayed, the virtual TinCaps continue on in their place. Fans can tune in to watch something of an all-star TinCaps team in the “MLB The Show 20” video game every Thursday evening.

The games are set to broadcast on Facebook Live on Thursdays at 7:05 p.m. against whichever team the TinCaps were scheduled to play in the original Midwest League 2020 schedule.

“We’re continuously looking for creative ways to keep engaging with our fans,” said Michael Limmer, TinCaps Vice President for Marketing and Promotions. “Hopefully, just like a real game at Parkview Field, our virtual TinCaps games can offer fans an escape from everyday stresses and provide some fun and entertainment.”

The screenshot displays the MLB The Show 20 interface during a game. On the left, a player in a TinCaps uniform (number 48) is shown. The center features a circular radar chart for a player with an overall rating of 90. To the right, another radar chart shows a player with an overall rating of 67. Below these are two lineup tables for the game between the TinCaps (LF, RF) and the RHP DH.

AT-BATS
9
HOME RUNS
0
RBI
2
AVERAGE
.444
SECOND POSITION
LF, RF

STEALING 69
SPEED 82
REACTION 89
ARM STRENGTH 72
FIELDING 93
VISION 68
CONTACT R 77
CONTACT L 82
POWER R 77
POWER L 57
OVERALL 90

AT-BATS
3
HOME RUNS
0
RBI
0
AVERAGE
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SECOND POSITION
1B

STEALING 14
SPEED 40
REACTION 54
ARM STRENGTH 65
FIELDING 72
VISION 53
CONTACT R 52
CONTACT L 56
POWER R 41
POWER L 53
OVERALL 67

VS RHP DH

POS	BATS	PLAYER	OVERALL
1 LF	L	Mallex Smith	78
2 3B	R	Tree Turner	85
3 SS	R	Fernando Tatis Jr.	91
4 CF	R	L Torii Hunter	90
5 RF	R	Hunter Renfree	81
6 DH	R	Franmil Reyes	78
7 2B	L	C.J. Abrams	80
8 1B	L	Josh VanMeter	68
9 C	R	Austin Hedges	88

BENCH

POS	BATS	PLAYER	OVERALL
C	R	Luis Compagno	67
1B	R	Jedd Gyorko	72
SS	S	Kyle Edwards	65
3B	R	Ty France	66
2B	L	Eric Sogard	78

Quick Menu **Select Player** **Change Defensive Positions** **Player Card** **Back**

LINEUPS **MLB**

The decision to broadcast the video game on a weekly basis came after strong fan support during the club’s “Virtual Opening Day” on April 13. The virtual TinCaps defeated the Dayton Dragons in that game as the Facebook Live broadcast attracted 6,790 unique visitors. The archived video has over 8,000 views and more than 500 comments. The broadcast ran for about 1 hour and 20 minutes. In addition to game play, the TinCaps also treated fans to entertainment between innings, like a performance by the Bad Apple Dancers, Tony DesPlaines singing “Take Me Out to the Ball Game,” and other popular promotions. Broadcasts now also include a special promotional discount for fans shopping on TinCaps.com.

Fort Wayne's roster is an assembly of many of the best players to make their way through the Summit City, who are also available in the game. Wizards legends Torii Hunter (1994) and Corey Kluber (2008) are paired with rising stars like Padres shortstop Fernando Tatis Jr. (2017) and top pitching prospect MacKenzie Gore (2018). Meanwhile, the 'Caps are taking on other all-time teams, with the likes of Mike Trout on the Cedar Rapids Kernels, Yadier Molina with the Peoria Chiefs, and Clayton Kershaw pitching for the Great Lakes Loons.

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LOSS 47 **JOHNNY CUETO**
 IP: 7.0 H: 5 SO: 2
 ER: 2 BB: 0

SAVE 28 **COREY KLUBER**
 IP: 1.0 H: 0 SO: 2
 ER: 0 BB: 0

NOTABLE PLAYERS

DAYTON	FORT WAYNE
Edwin Encarnacion 1 for 3, 2B	Fernando Tatis Jr. 2 for 3, HR, RBI, R
Billy Hamilton 1 for 4, 5D	Hunter Renfro 1 for 3, HR, RBI, R
Didi Gregorius 1 for 3, 2B	Mallex Smith 1 for 4, 2B
Nick Senzel 1 for 3, 5D	Franmil Reyes 1 for 3

PLAYER OF THE GAME
P 59 CHRIS PADDACK
 5.0 IP 2 H 10 SO 0 ER 0 BB

Help **Navigate** **Select** **PAUSE MENU**

Remotely, TinCaps broadcasters John Nolan and Jack McMullen are calling play-by-play of the action, with Tim Bajema, the team's assistant video production manager, producing and intern Zach Webb behind the controller playing against the computer.

While "The Show" features Triple-A and Double-A teams by default, it doesn't include Single-A teams like the TinCaps. However, within the game, Webb meticulously created Midwest League team logos and uniforms, and invented the rosters, too.

With Webb at the controls, at last check, the virtual TinCaps were undefeated through the first four weeks of the season. (No official word on if the "reset" button has ever been used.)

Fans can keep up with daily progress of the team's virtual season by following "TinCapsBaseball" on Twitch.

For another fix of TinCaps baseball these days, MiLB.TV has made 2019 games available to view for free. That's not only TinCaps games, but thousands of contests throughout Minor League Baseball. In addition, past TinCaps games are also airing on Comcast Network 81. Over Memorial Day Weekend, classic 'Caps games can also be heard on ESPN Radio 1380 and 100.9 FM.

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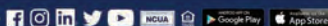
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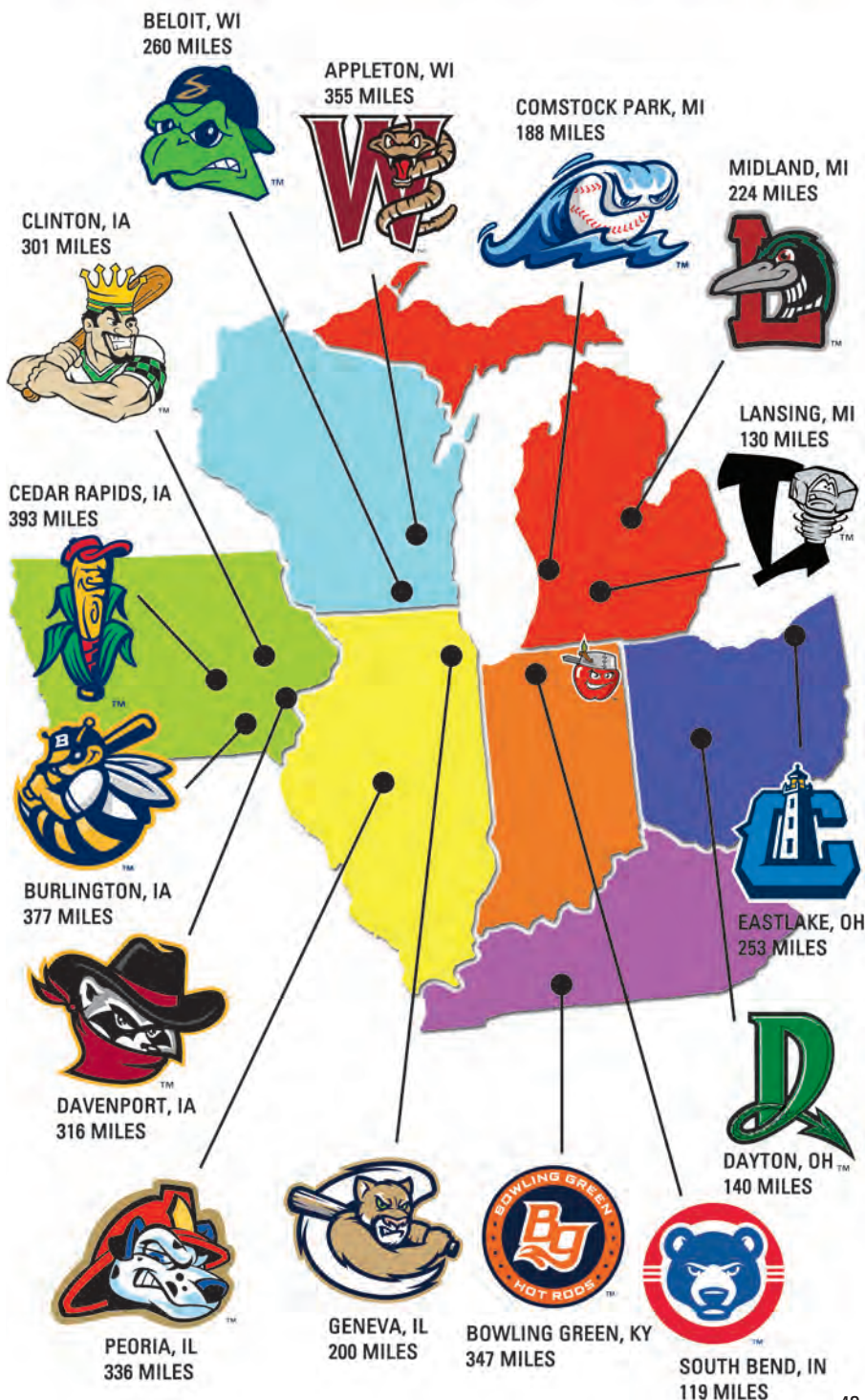
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- B) Ted Williams
- C) Babe Ruth
- D) Hank Aaron

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Willie Mays

Among players who appeared in the field only at shortstop, who is the all-time leader in games played?

- A) Derek Jeter
- B) Ozzie Smith
- C) Omar Vizquel
- D) Cal Ripken

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Ted Williams

Who recorded the most hits in a season among catchers who caught at least 150 games in that season?

- A) Mike Piazza
- B) Ted Simmons
- C) Iván Rodríguez
- D) Johnny Bench

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Babe Ruth

Who was the first player to hit a pinch-hit home run in the World Series?

- A) Dusty Rhodes
- B) Kirk Gibson
- C) Yogi Berra
- D) Home Run Baker

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Most of the TinCaps that are called up during July and August come from the Dust Devils.

Website: DustDevilsBaseball.com



SINGLE-A

FORT WAYNE TINCAPS • Midwest League

You're on the Fort Wayne TinCaps, the Low Single-A affiliate of the Padres. Most of the time the players on the TinCaps have a year or two experience after high school. It might have been professional or in college, but the TinCaps normally don't get players right out of high school and players usually have not played a season this long.

Players in the Padres system make or break it at this level as most players are given a chance to prove their value to the team.

Website: TinCaps.com



ADVANCED-A

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If you start off with the Storm (in Lake Elsinore, California) it means that you were a high draft pick right out of college - ready to prove yourself right away. A player on the fast track to the Major Leagues spends about a year per team and the California League expects to see a lot of offense and high ERAs for pitchers.

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Website: StormBaseball.com



DOUBLE-A

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A Major League team's hottest prospects are typically in Double-A, waiting for a chance at their shot to show what they can do.

Website: SodPoodles.com



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ALL-TIME BEST IN FRANCHISE HISTORY

Written by John Nolan, Broadcasting & Media Relations Manager

From the infancy of the franchise in 1993 to the present day, more than 1,000 players have put on a Fort Wayne Wizards or TinCaps uniform. Of those, 188 have eventually made it from the “260” to The Show, playing in Major League Baseball. The list of alumni includes All-Stars, Gold Glove winners, a batting champ, and even Cy Young winners.

But who’s been the best? Who would you put on an “all-time” roster? We tried our hand at that.



We put our all-time roster up against the best of the rest of the Midwest League in a bracket-style contest.

First, on TinCaps.com in March, we created a 16-player bracket vying for the crown of best player in franchise history. The Fort’s home run king, Fernando Tatis Jr., who crushed 21 home runs as an 18-year-old in 2017, took that fan-vote title over Torii Hunter, who flashed his brilliance here as a 19-year-old in 1994, or five years before Tatis was even born.

Adding to that duo, our super-team of alums features eight position players, plus a designated hitter, five starting pitchers, and two relief pitchers.

There’s no exact science to assembling such a team. But here’s some insight into how we made our choices...

A player’s success in Major League Baseball was most heavily weighed. For example, when it came to picking a third baseman, Chase Headley, received the nod over someone like Sean Burroughs. In our top-player-in-franchise-history bracket, we excluded the likes of Headley, Chris Paddock, and Joakim Soria, as they each had just a short stint in Fort Wayne -- in Headley’s case, four regular season games in 2005. However, in this scenario, we’re going with the approach that if they played at all as a Wizard or TinCap, they’re eligible. So even though Sean Burroughs holds multiple single-season franchise records after slashing .359/.464/.479 (.943 OPS) in 122 games in 1999, his big league numbers over parts of seven seasons (5.5 WAR) don’t quite stack up with Headley (25.9 WAR).

Again, to be clear, this is not a perfect system. It’s challenging to evaluate the careers of retired players versus active players, especially young ones on the rise. Feel free to disagree. That’s part of the fun (or frustration) of an endeavor like this.

Also, we utilized some flexibility when it comes to positioning. Case in point, since two of the clear-cut qualifiers for this are Tatis and Trea Turner, who are both primarily shortstops, we shifted Turner to second base, where he has played 42 times in his MLB tenure.

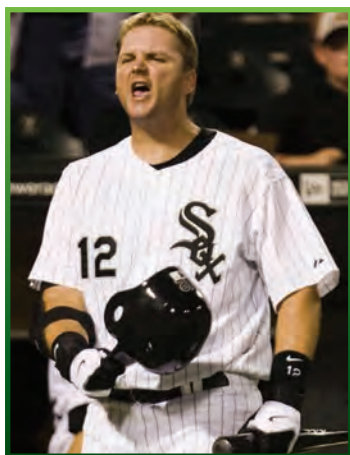
Without further ado, here's the team...

Catcher: A.J. Pierzynski (1995-96)

- MLB: 1998-2016
- Why He's Here: 2x All-Star (2002, 2006); World Series champion (2005); Silver Slugger Award (2012)

First Base: David Freese (2006)

- MLB: 2009-2019
- Why He's Here: World Series MVP (2011); NLCS MVP (2011); World Series champion (2011) All-Star (2012)
- Note: Freese played the majority of his career playing third base, but also played 149 MLB games at first, where he wrapped up his career last season



A.J. Pierzynski

Second Base: Trea Turner (2014)

- MLB: 2015-present
- Why He's Here: Baseball America All-Rookie Team (2016); NL Stolen Base Leader (2018); World Series champion (2019)
- Note: As mentioned above, Turner is primarily a shortstop, but has played 42 MLB games at second



Trea Turner

Third Base: Chase Headley (2005)

- MLB: 2007-2018
- Why he's Here: Gold Glove (2012); Silver Slugger Award (2012); NL RBI Leader (2012)

Shortstop: Fernando Tatis Jr. (2017)

- MLB: 2019-present
- Why He's Here: Baseball America All-Rookie Team (2019); 22 home runs were most ever for a shortstop before turning 21 years old

Left Field: Matt Lawton (1993)

- MLB: 1995-2006
- Why He's Here: 2x All-Star (2000, 2004)

Center Field: Torii Hunter (1994)

- MLB: 1997-2015
- Why He's Here: 5x All-Star (2002, 2007, 2009, 2010, 2013); 9x Gold Glove (2001-09); 2x Silver Slugger Award (2009, 2013); Minnesota Twins Hall of Fame



Torii Hunter

Right Field: Michael Cuddyer (1998)

- MLB: 2001-15
- Why He's Here: 2x All-Star (2011, 2013); NL Batting Champ (2013); Silver Slugger Award (2013); Minnesota Twins Hall of Fame

Designated Hitter: Josh VanMeter (2014-15)

- MLB: 2019-present
- Why He's Here: The only everyday player from the Fort Wayne area in the franchise's history; Ossian, Ind., native and Norwell High School alum; as a 19-year-old in 2014, led the TinCaps into the Midwest League Playoffs by driving in all four runs in a 4-0 victory at Bowling Green on the final day of the regular season in a must-win game; had the go-ahead hit in the eighth inning of postseason opener against higher-seeded West Michigan to spark series upset; overcame broken leg suffered during April 2015 game to return in August



Josh VanMeter

Starting Pitcher: Jake Peavy (2000)

- MLB: 2002-16
- Why He's Here: NL Cy Young Award (2007); 3x All-Star (2005, 2007, 2012); 2x MLB ERA Leader (2004, 2007); 2x NL Strikeout Leader (2005, 2007); Gold Glove (2012)



Corey Kluber

Starting Pitcher: Corey Kluber (2008)

- MLB: 2011-present
- Why He's Here: 2x AL Cy Young Award (2014, 2017); 3x All-Star (2016-18); AL ERA Leader (2017)

Starting Pitcher: Miles Mikolas (2010)

- MLB: 2012-14; 2018-present
- Why He's Here: All-Star (2018)

Starting Pitcher: Max Fried (2013-14)

- MLB: 2017-present
- Why He's Here: In 2019, at the age of 25, ranked 5th in the National League in xFIP -- a stat that's similar to ERA but focuses solely on the events a pitcher has the most control over (strikeouts, unintentional walks, hit-by pitches, and home runs); still considered an up-and-coming starting pitcher for the Braves



Chris Paddack

Starting Pitcher: Chris Paddack (2016)

- MLB: 2019-present
- Why He's Here: Baseball America All-Rookie Team (2019)

Relief Pitcher: LaTroy Hawkins (1993)

- MLB: 1995-2015
- Why He's Here: 1 of only 16 pitchers in MLB history to appear in more than 1,000 games

Relief Pitcher: Joakim Soria (2006)

- MLB: 2007-present
- Why He's Here: 2x All-Star (2008, 2010); Baseball America All-Rookie Team (2007)

Also considered: INF Corey Koskie, OF Will Venable, C Nick Hundley, SP/RP Oliver Perez, RP Brad Brach, RP Brandon Kintzler

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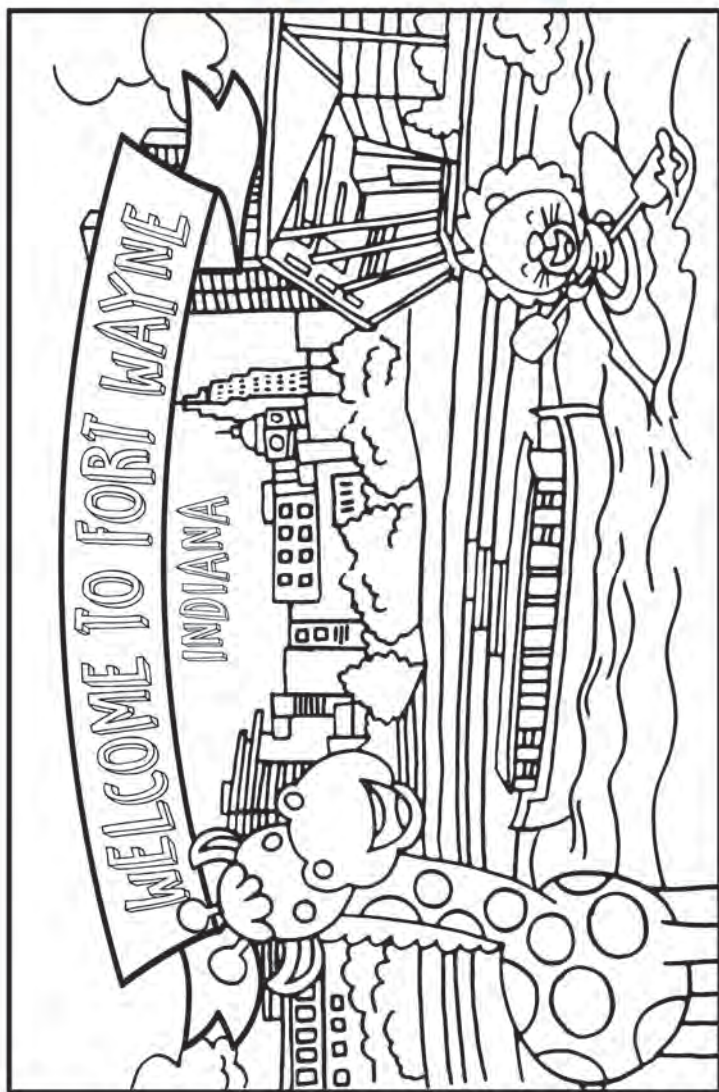


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