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#31 NICHOLAS AVILA RHP

@Avila_Nick11



DOB: 7/25/97 | **HT:** 6'4" | **WT:** 195 | **BATS:** R | **THROWS:** R | **BORN:** Modesto, CA | **SCHOOL:** Long Beach State | **ACQUIRED:** Round 26 (2019)

PRONUNCIATION: uh-VILL-uh | **PITCHES:** 4-Seam Fastball, 2-Seam Fastball, Sinkers, Cutter, Slider, Changeup

BIO: Started collegiate career at San Joaquin Delta College for two seasons before transferring to Long Beach State. In his lone season at LBSU, Avila posted an 0-5 record in 12 APPs (8 starts) over 56.1 IP with a 3.99 ERA, 19 BB and 39 K's while holding opposing batters to a .252 average. Avila moved from the bullpen to the starting rotation as the season progressed, posting a 3.19 ERA over 7 starts in Big West play while holding opposing batters to a .224 average during that span. Per Baseball America Draft Profile: "Avila pitched two years at San Joaquin Delta (Calif.) JC before transferring to Long Beach State this year. He had an oblique injury in the fall but bounced back to pitch effectively in the Dirtbags rotation in the spring. Avila pitches at 90-92 mph and touches 94 with sink on his fastball. He holds his velocity deep into his starts and induces a heavy volume of ground balls. His curveball and changeup both flash average and he throws enough strikes to remain a starter. Avila had ulnar nerve transposition surgery earlier in his career, so his health will need to be monitored." High

School: Had a 2.33 ERA in his final two high school seasons for the Turlock Bulldogs. Made eight starts as a senior in 2015, going 4-3 with a 1.72 ERA. Pitched 40.2 innings including three complete games, collecting 46 strikeouts.

#28 SOLOMON BATES RHP

@SolomonBates_



DOB: 3/16/97 | **HT:** 6'2" | **WT:** 210 | **BATS:** R | **THROWS:** R | **BORN:** Victorville, CA | **SCHOOL:** USC | **ACQUIRED:** Round 8 (2019)

PITCHES: 4-Seam Fastball, Cutter, Slider, Curveball

BIO: Fastball sits 89-93, topping out at 95mph, with cutting action. Secondary pitch is a 'slurvy' slider, per Baseball America. Led Salem-Keizer with six wins in 2018, a mark tied for second in the Northwest League... After redshirting his freshman season, Bates made 38 APPs (11 starts) with a 7-4 record and a 3.57 ERA, 110 K's and 41 BB over 113.1 IP in his two seasons playing for the Trojans. Bates started his final season with USC in the bullpen before transitioning to a starting role, going 6-3 with a 3.14 ERA in 18 APPs (9 starts) with 79 K's and 21 BB over 77.1 IP, earning All-PAC-12 honorable mention honors in the process. While in high school with Gardena Serra, Bates won the CIF-Southern Section Division 3 title vs. Mira Costa at Dodger Stadium. Sports hero is Derek Jeter/Sister, B.B. Bates, is a former UCLA softball star. Brother, R.J., was a teammate of Solomon's at USC.

#14 SETH CORRY LHP

@sethcorry



DOB: 11/3/98 | **HT:** 6'2" | **WT:** 195 | **BATS:** L | **THROWS:** L | **BORN:** Alpine, UT | **SCHOOL:** Lone Peak HS (UT) | **ACQUIRED:** Round 3, 96th (2017)

PITCHES: 4-Seam Fastball, 2-Seam Fastball, Curveball, Changeup

BIO: #11 ranked prospect in the San Francisco Giants system per MLB.com. Per MLB.com: "An all-state safety as a Utah prepster, Corry tore the anterior cruciate ligament in his knee playing football as a junior but rebounded in 2017 to become the state's best high school prospect since Mark Pawelek was a Cubs first-rounder in 2005. Signed for a well-over-slot \$1 million as a third-rounder, Corry broke out in the second half of 2019 and won low Class A South Atlantic League pitcher of the year honors after leading the circuit in ERA (1.76, second in the Minors), strikeouts (172, fourth), strikeout rate (12.6 per nine innings, fifth), whiff rate (34 percent, fifth) and opponent average (1.71, third). The Giants didn't bring their young pitchers to their alternate site last summer, so he worked out at home before reporting to instructional league. Corry has three solid or better offerings, highlighted by an upper-70s curveball with downer action that he often commands better than his fastball. His heater usually operates in the low 90s and tops out at 96 mph with arm-side run, though he worked at 93-95 in shorter stints during instructional league. He made significant improvements with his changeup in 2019, which helped him do a better job of keeping right-handers in check. Corry finished strong in 2019 once he developed a better and more consistent tempo in his delivery, reducing his walk rate to 2.6 per nine innings in the second half from 6.2 earlier in his career. He does throw with some effort but has the athleticism to make it work. He elicits comparisons to a young Matt Moore, who like Corry repeated Rookie ball and needed

time to learn to harness his stuff." Per FanGraphs, "Corry was a pretty raw fastball/curveball high school prospect whose changeup improved throughout the last two seasons, which is especially relevant because that pitch's movement pairs better with his fastball than the curve. Armed with that change, he dominated Low-A, striking out 172 hitters in 122 innings. He's a fairly stiff, short strider and often has scattershot fastball control - he walked a batter every other inning last year - so there's significant relief risk here. We're not inclined to project on Corry's control enough to consider him a starter, but we like him as a bat-missing, multi-inning reliever who ends up throwing 90 or so innings."

#8 JAKE DAHLBERG LHP



DOB: 12/1/93 | **HT:** 6'0" | **WT:** 205 | **BATS:** L | **THROWS:** L | **BORN:** Vancouver, WA | **SCHOOL:** Illinois - Chicago | **ACQUIRED:** Free Agent (7/23/21)

PRONUNCIATION: doll-berg | **PITCHES:** 4-Seam Fastball, Sinkers, Slider, Changeup

BIO: Signed on July 23 of this year from the Chicago Dogs of the American Association. While with Chicago, went 6-2 with a 3.05 ERA and 76 K's with 11 BB over 62.0 IP in 15 APPs (9 starts). His 3.04 ERA ranked 3rd in the American Association upon his signing. Posted a 0.98 WHIP and help opposing hitters to a .214 average. Fifth member of the Chicago Dogs to have their contract purchased by a Major League club this season. Spend three seasons with Chicago (2019-21) where he went 19-12 with a 4.36 ERA, 221 K's and 58 BB in 231.0 IP over 47 APPs (37 starts). Drafted by the St. Louis Cardinals in the 21st round of the 2017 MLB Draft out of Illinois-Chicago. Went 7-5 with a 3.12 ERA in 35 career appearances (15 starts) over two seasons in affiliated ball. Was released on March 28 of 2019 despite going a combined 5-5 with a 2.50 ERA in 16 APPs (15 starts) during his final season in 2018, splitting time between the State College Spikes (Short-Season A | New York Penn League) and the Peoria Chiefs (Low-A | Midwest League). Prides himself on attacking the strike zone, as evidenced by his 11 walks issued in 62.0 innings of work this season with Chicago. American Association Pitcher of the Week on July 6 after firing a complete game shutout on July 30 vs. the Milwaukee Milkmen, then backing that up with a 6.0 inning shutout performance against the SouthShore RailCats, a team that Dahlberg's current pitching coach for the Emeralds, Alain Quijano, coincidentally previously worked for in the same capacity. Dahlberg started the season as a bullpen arm for the Dogs but succeeded as transitioned back to a starter. A University of

Illinois Chicago alum, he is the only pitcher to earn two Horizon League Pitcher of the Year awards. UIC is the alma mater of Curtis Granderson.

JASIER HERRERA RHP



DOB: 1/1/98 | **HT:** 6'5" | **WT:** 190 | **BATS:** R | **THROWS:** R | **BORN:** Cartagena, Columbia | **ACQUIRED:** International Free Agent (11/22/14)

PRONUNCIATION: haas-ee-air | **PITCHES:** 4-Seam Fastball, Slider, Curveball

BIO: Pitched for Columbia at the 2021 Olympic Qualifying Tournament in Florida. Made one appearance on June 1 (ironically, against Emeralds teammate Diego Rincones and Venezuela) firing 2.0 scoreless innings while allowing just one hit and one walk. Did not face Rincones. 2018: Transitioned into a starting role after spending his first two professional seasons as a reliever. 2017: Missed the season after undergoing Tommy John surgery.

#49 NICK MORREALE RHP

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DOB: 7/27/97 | **HT:** 6'5" | **WT:** 220 | **BATS:** R | **THROWS:** R | **BORN:** Minneapolis, MN | **SCHOOL:** Georgetown | **ACQUIRED:** Round 14, 416th (2019)

PRONUNCIATION: more-ee-al-ee | **PITCHES:** 4-Seam Fastball, Sinkers, Slider, Changeup

BIO: Started the season with Eugene where went 1-0 with a 3.75 ERA and 18 strikeouts in 12.0 innings over three starts. Assigned to the injured list on May 31. Made his return to the diamond in mid-July with the ACL Giants Orange where he has since fired 12.1 innings over seven appearances with 20 strikeouts and just 4 walks. At Georgetown, transitioned from primarily working as a reliever in his sophomore (2018) season before pitching almost exclusively as a starter as a junior (2019). As a junior, Morreale went 4-5 in 15 APPs (11 starts) with a 4.63 ERA and a team-high 82 K's in 68.0 IP. His 82 K's were then the 5th most in single-season school history, and his 10.85 K/9 average ranked 2nd. Named to the Big East Honor Roll in his junior season. Attended high school at St. Thomas Academy, serving as a two-year starter and the team's captain during his senior season before spending a post graduate year at the IMG Academy. While at the IMG Academy, Morreale was named the team's best pitcher in 2016 after posting a 1.30 ERA and 79 K's in 50 IP. Was a six-time recipient of the Eagle Award while at St. Thomas Academy for having a 3.67 GPA or higher.

#32 RYAN MURPHY RHP

[@rmurphy1008](#)



DOB: 10/8/1999 | **HT:** 6'4" | **WT:** 190 | **BATS:** R | **THROWS:** R | **BORN:** Poughkeepsie, NY | **SCHOOL:** Le Moyne (NY) | **ACQUIRED:** Round 5, 144th (2020)

PITCHES: 4-Seam Fastball, Slider, Curveball, Changeup

BIO: Promoted from Low-A San Jose to High-A Eugene on July 29. At time of promotion, led all of Minor League Baseball in strikeouts (116). While with San Jose in 2021, Murphy went 4-2 in 15 starts with Low-A San Jose with a 2.96 ERA and an astounding 116 strikeouts in 76.0 innings of work. Departed San Jose as the Low-A leader in strikeouts (116), ERA (2.96) and innings pitched (76.0). Third pitcher to be promoted from San Jose to Eugene this season, following LHP Chris Wright and RHP Austin Reich. Ranked #25 in Baseball America Midseason Giants prospect rankings. Per Baseball America Draft Report: "Murphy was a stalwart of Division II Le Moyne's rotation for three years, piling up 215 strikeouts and just 44 walks in 203.2 innings. His impressive performance carried over into last summer in the New England Collegiate Baseball League, where he led the circuit in ERA (2.25) and was named pitcher of the year. Murphy's fastball sits around 90 mph with a high spin rate, and he mixes in a slider and changeup, though his offspeed offerings are below average. He fills up the strike zone, which helps his stuff play up." COLLEGE: In three seasons for the Dolphins, Murphy went 16-9 with a 3.40 ERA working primarily as a starter (29 starts, one relief outing). In 203.2 collegiate innings, he struck out 215 while walking 44. As a freshman at Le Moyne, Murphy fired a 7.0-inning no-hitter in the second game of a doubleheader at the University of New Haven on April 15, 2018. The no-no was the eighth individual no-hitter in school history and the first by a freshman. #21 ranked prospect in San Francisco system per MLB Pipeline: "Murphy was the No. 2 pitcher in NCAA Division II Le Moyne's rotation as a freshman in 2018, slotting in behind Josiah Gray (now with the Nationals) and throwing a no-hitter against New Haven. He pounded the strike zone for three years with the Dolphins and won New England Collegiate League pitcher of the year honors in 2019 after topping the summer circuit with a 2.25 ERA. The first D-II player selected in the 2020 Draft, he signed for \$22,500 in the fifth round and has ranked among the Minor League leaders in strikeouts and K/BB ratio while advancing to High-A in his pro debut this year. Murphy's fastball sits at 91-93 mph and touches 95 but plays well above its velocity with high spin and carry up in the strike zone. His best secondary offering is a low-80s slider with some depth, and he can turn it into a harder cutter with more horizontal movement. He also throws a curveball with downer break and is making strides with a changeup he uses to keep left-handers in check. Using a compact delivery that he repeats well, Murphy has advanced control and better command than most first-year pros. He hides the ball well and has good induced vertical break on his fastball, which gets on hitters quicker than they expect. He comes with a high floor as a No. 4 or 5 starter."

#35 CONNER NURSE RHP



DOB: 7/31/99 | **HT:** 6'6" | **WT:** 210 | **BATS:** R | **THROWS:** R | **BORN:** Winter Garden, FL | **SCHOOL:** Ridge HS (FL) | **ACQUIRED:** Round 34, 1026th (2017)

PITCHES: 4-Seam Fastball, 2-Seam Fastball, Cutter, Slider, Splitter

BIO: Signed for \$250,000, \$125,000 over slot. Did not pitch during the 2017 season due to a right rotator cuff strain. Did not pitch during the 2017 season due to a right rotator cuff strain. Just 21-years old, Nurse is pitching in his first full season of pro ball after spending 2018 in Rookie-ball down in Arizona, then splitting time between Arizona and the short-season Northwest league in 2019. Per Perfect Game coming out of high school: "Extra-large, athletic frame with broad shoulders and long limbs, leaner build with room to fill but also has present strength throughout. Primary righthanded pitcher, steady tempo to delivery throughout, shows balance and ability to repeat, leading to lots of strikes. Medium arm stroke through the back, work to a near over-the-top release point, does a nice job of working on top of the ball to generate nice angle on fastball. Topped out at 90 mph, mostly true in life, tough pitch to elevate due to plane. Curveball shows hammer depth at 79 mph from similar release point, present strikeout pitch and will manipulate shape/velocity to pitch early in count. Has confidence and feel in his changeup, occasional hard fading life at 74 mph, projects with additional arm speed. Nice feel for a full arsenal

and throws off speed pitches for strikes regularly. Righthanded hitter, wide base in the box with a short and inside swing path. Looks to lift and pull the ball, can turn on inner half pitch and flashes pop off the barrel. Named to World Showcase Top Prospect List. Good student. Committed to Seminole State College of Florida."

#34 TRAVIS PERRY RHP

[@trav_perry](#)



DOB: 3/8/97 | **HT:** 6'4" | **WT:** 190 | **BATS:** R | **THROWS:** R | **BORN:** Morristown, NJ | **SCHOOL:** Indian River JC | **ACQUIRED:** Round 28, 826th (2018)

PITCHES: 4-Seam Fastball, 2-Seam Fastball, Splitter, Curveball

BIO: Teammate of former Emerald Niels Stone ('19) while at Indian River State College. Made 19 APPs (0 starts) during lone season at Indian River State College, going 3-4 with 1 save in 31.1 IP with a 4.02 ERA and 32 K's. Interesting notes from Perry coming out of High School via Perfect Game: "Travis Perry is a 2015 SS/3B, RHP, OF with a 6-3 180 lb. frame from Morristown, NJ who attends Seton Hall Preparatory. Tall, long, lean, athletic build. Still very young and has room to fill out. Ran a 7.42 60 yard dash. Shows good, quick feet on the infield and soft hands. Smooth approach defensively and gets the most out of his arm strength. Hits right-handed, gets long to the ball at times. Works from a tall setup, has some moving parts but flashes power potential. Good runner in game action. Also took the mound, works from a balanced, smooth delivery. Shows a loose arm action, stays compact and releases from a three-quarter arm slot. Looks polished for his age, and not a lot of effort to his delivery. Fastball touched 84 mph and shows life. Throws a sharp 11-5 curveball, and spots it down in the zone. High upside pitcher with more velocity on the way. Very good student." Signed with the Giants for \$125,000.

#23 TAYLOR RASHI RHP

 @Taylor_Rashi



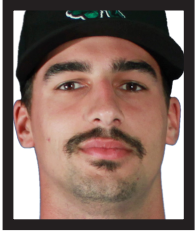
DOB: 1/15/96 | **HT:** 6'4" | **WT:** 220 | **BATS:** R | **THROWS:** R | **BORN:** Torrance, CA | **SCHOOL:** UC Irvine | **ACQUIRED:** Round 23, 686th (2019)

PRONUNCIATION: rash-ee | **PITCHES:** 4-Seam Fastball, Cutter, Splitter, Slider, Curveball

BIO: Prior to attending UC Irvine, Rashi attended El Camino College where he was a JC All-American, the South Coast Conference Pitcher of the Year, and set the school record for single-season strikeouts (144). At UC Irvine, Rashi split time between starting and relieving as a junior before sliding into the team's closer role as a senior. Rashi posted a sub-3.00 ERA in both seasons, going 3-4 with a 2.97 ERA and 47 K's in 20 APPs (10 starts) and 63.2 IP as a junior (2018), followed by going 5-1 in 25 APPs (4 starts) with 12 saves and 56 K's in 45.2 IP as a senior (2019). During that senior season, Rashi did not allow a run until his 20th appearance of the season. Rashi was named a third-team All-American by the NCBWA and Collegiate Baseball Newspaper in 2019 while also earning All-Big West First Team honors after finishing second in the Big West in saves (12).

#26 AUSTIN REICH RHP

 @reich12austin



DOB: 4/15/97 | **HT:** 6'3" | **WT:** 210 | **BATS:** R | **THROWS:** R | **BORN:** Saint Francisville, LA | **SCHOOL:** Northwestern State | **ACQUIRED:** Non-Drafted F.A. (6/30/99)

PITCHES: 4-Seam Fastball, Slider, Changeup

BIO: Called up to Eugene on July 6, 2021 from Low-A San Jose. While with Low-A San Jose, went 2-0 with a 2.16 ERA with 30 K's and just 7 BB in 16.2 IP across 12 relief appearances. As a senior at Northwestern State, went 0-1 with a 5.31 ERA and 33 K's in 20.1 innings, leading NSU with a 14.6 K/9. Contributed for the NSU Demons in all four years on campus, and was Industrial Engineering Technology major while at Northwestern State. Graduated high school with a 3.75 GPA and was a member of the Principal's List and the Beta Club. His collegiate teammate Adam Oller also signed with the Giants in 2019 after being released by the Pittsburgh Pirates (Oller has since signed with the Mets organization and is pitching for the Double-A Binghamton Rumble Ponies).

BLAKE RIVERA RHP

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DOB: 1/9/98 | **HT:** 6'4" | **WT:** 225 | **BATS:** R | **THROWS:** R | **BORN:** Smiths Station, AL | **SCHOOL:** Wallace State CC (AL) | **ACQUIRED:** Round 4, 106th (2018)

PITCHES: 4-Seam Fastball, Curveball, Changeup

BIO: #28 ranked prospect in Giants system via MLB.com. Per MLB.com scouting report: "Rivera declined to sign with the Giants as a 32nd-rounder after his freshman season at Wallace State-Hanceville (Ala.) CC, then became the second-highest drafted player in school history (Craig Kimbrel, third round, 2008) when San Francisco landed him in the fourth round for an above-slot \$800,000 a year later. With their college connection and his ability to spin a nasty breaking ball that could make him a closer, Rivera has some parallels to Kimbrel. He worked just 94 innings in his first three years as a pro - he was worn down in his debut, had a lower back strain in 2019 and the cancellation of the 2020 Minor League season restricted him to instructional league - and missed the first three months of this season with shoulder issues. Rivera's curveball is a legitimate hammer with power in the low 80s, high spin rates and true 12-6 break. His fastball gives him a second plus pitch that touches 97 mph with electric cutting action, though he tends to command it better when he works around 92-93. He also flashes a solid changeup but lacks consistency with his third offering. While he has the upside of a No. 3 starter, Rivera has a long ways to go to get there. He has to prove he can stay healthy, refine his changeup and harness his fastball and curveball to throw more strikes. His stuff could be even nastier if he moves to the bullpen and just airs out his two main weapons in shorter stints." Per Baseball America draft profile: "An Auburn signee, Rivera was a 32nd-round pick of the Giants last year, but he opted to return to Wallace

State (Ala.) JC. Craig Kimbrel did the same thing in 2007, opting to return to Wallace State after being drafted in the 33rd round. Kimbrel moved up the to the third round in the 2008 draft. A decade later, Rivera should also move up in the draft, although it likely won't be to the third round. Rivera has a pair of above-average pitches with a 93-96 mph fastball and a power curveball that is inconsistent but has late-count strikeout potential when he lands it. Rivera went 10-0, 1.75 with 98 strikeouts, 35 walks and 28 hits allowed in 65 innings. Rivera projects as a power reliever in pro ball."

#29 JOHN RUSSELL RHP

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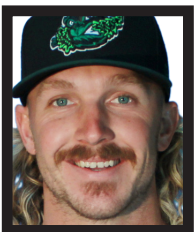


DOB: 10/17/95 | **HT:** 6'3" | **WT:** 195 | **BATS:** R | **THROWS:** R | **BORN:** Glastonbury, CT | **SCHOOL:** UConn | **ACQUIRED:** Round 16, 486th (2017)

PITCHES: 4-Seam Fastball, Curveball, Changeup, Cut-Slider

BIO: During his final season at UConn, Russell went 2-3 in 23 APPs (0 starts) with 12 saves, a 2.84 ERA, and an eye-popping 66 K's in 38.0, earning Second Team All-Conference and ABCA/Rawlings Third Team All-American honors. Russell's 12 saves ranked first in The American Athletic Conference and 10th in the NCAA. As a senior at Glastonbury H.S., Russell earned All-Conference and All-State honors while also receiving the Hartwell Leadership Award. Russell's selection by the Giants in the 2017 draft marked the second consecutive year that San Francisco selected a UConn closer in the draft after taking Pat Ruotolo in the 27th round of the 2016 draft. Russell originally attended UConn Avery Point before transferring to the more athletically renown UConn located in Storrs, CT. 2018: Ranked among SAL leaders for relievers in opponent's batting average (.188, 4th), strikeouts per 9.0ip (10.57, 5th) and fewest walks per 9.0ip (9.68, 5th)...led the GreenJackets in wins with eight...

#13 TYLER SCHIMPF RHP



DOB: 8/7/95 | **HT:** 6'4" | **WT:** 210 | **BATS:** R | **THROWS:** R | **BORN:** Citrus Heights, CA | **SCHOOL:** Texas | **ACQUIRED:** Round 13, 396th (2017)

PITCHES: 4-Seam Fastball, Slider, Curveball, Splitter

BIO: Schimpf was one of 11 Texas players that were drafted in 2017, tying the University of Michigan for the most players selected from any school in the country. Cousin, Tyler Waldron, pitched at Oregon State and was drafted by the Pittsburgh Pirates in 2010. Waldron went on to spent 6 season in the Pirates and St. Louis Cardinals minor league systems. Schimpf was selected by Oakland in the 31st round of the 2014 First-Year Player Draft but did not sign. Pitched for Salem-Keizer in both 2017 and 2019.

#40 KAI-WEI TENG RHP

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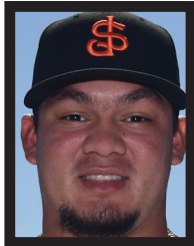
DOB: 12/1/98 | **HT:** 6'4" | **WT:** 260 | **BATS:** R | **THROWS:** R | **BORN:** Taichung, Taiwan | **ACQUIRED:** Trade w/ Minnesota (2019)

PRONUNCIATION: kai-way | **PITCHES:** 4-Seam Fastball, 2-Seam Fastball, Cutter, Slider, Curveball, Split-Changeup

BIO: Ranked as the #27 prospect in the San Francisco Giants system, per MLB.com. Acquired from the Minnesota Twins along with Jaylin Davis and Prelander Berroa in exchange for Sam Dyson. Signed in 2017 for \$500,000, the largest bonus given to a Taiwanese prospect in his international class. Went undefeated over 14 appearances in 2019 despite being traded mid-season, going 7-0 between Augusta (SAL) and Cedar Rapids (MWL) with a 1.58 ERA and 88 K's in 79.2 IP. Per MLB.com: "When they traded Sam Dyson to the Twins in July 2019, the Giants received three potentially useful pieces in Teng, slugger Jaylin Davis and live-armed righty Prelander Berroa. Teng originally signed in 2017 for \$500,000, the largest bonus given to a Taiwanese prospect in his international class. He dominated low Class A at age 20, going 7-0 with a 1.58 ERA and a .510 opponent OPS, but did not come to the United States amid the coronavirus pandemic in 2020. Teng works with four mostly average pitches, starting with a four-seam fastball that ranges from 90-94 with riding action up in the strike zone. Some scouts believe his fading changeup is his best secondary offering, while others point to his low-80s slider. He also mixes in an upper-70s curveball. Teng's repertoire plays better than the sum of its parts because he possesses tremendous feel for his craft. He has a knack for reading swings and sequencing his pitches, keeping hitters off balance while locating his offerings with precision. He already carries 260 pounds on his 6-foot-4 frame, so he'll have to keep his body in check to reach his ceiling as a back-of-the-rotation workhorse." Per FanGraphs, "Teng was one of two players, along with Junior Severino, who the Twins signed after voiding amateur shortstop Jeffy Marte's \$3 million deal due to vision issues. It didn't take long for them to flip Teng to San Francisco as part of the package that netted Sam Dyson. He has a thick lower half and is a middling athlete, but he's very well balanced over his blocking leg and otherwise has a smooth delivery that should not only enable him to throw enough strikes to remain a starter, but perhaps develop plus command, as well. There's already

strong breaking ball utility here, the ability to vary shape based on location, and competitive, arm-side changeup feel, too. Teng's frame is maxed out, so he probably won't add velo, but that's still a No. 4/5 skillset."

#18 JESUS TONA RHP



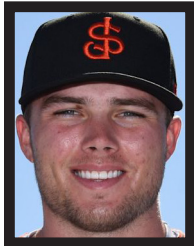
DOB: 3/30/96 | **HT:** 5'10" | **WT:** 170 | **BATS:** R | **THROWS:** R | **BORN:** Cabudare, Venezuela | **ACQUIRED:** International Free Agent (10/27/14)

PITCHES: 4-Seam Fastball, Slider, Changeup

BIO: Assigned to Eugene from Triple-A Sacramento on September 15. Has primarily pitched in ACL and with Low-A San Jose this season. Previously served as Salem-Keizer's closer during 2018 season, going 12-for-12 in save opportunities. Over career, is 30-for-33 in save opportunities (as of 9/21/21). Started as a catcher in 2015, but in 2018 the Giants converted him to pitching as they liked his mid 90's FB. Still developing his slider.

#50 TY WEBER RHP

 @Ty_Weber7



DOB: 3/19/98 | **HT:** 6'4" | **WT:** 220 | **BATS:** R | **THROWS:** R | **BORN:** Menomonee Falls, WI | **SCHOOL:** Illinois | **ACQUIRED:** Undrafted Free Agent (2020)

PITCHES: ...

BIO: Assigned to Eugene from Triple-A Sacramento on September 15. Primarily pitched for Low-A San Jose this season. At Illinois: Served as the team's ace in the COVID-shortened 2020 season. He had a 2-0 record and 1.31 ERA for the season when his college career suddenly ended. In 2019, he went 4-3, with a 3.28 ERA, 79.2 IP, .220 batting average against, and 46 strikeouts to 32 walks. For his career he finished with 12 wins and a 3.97 ERA across 260.2 innings. Academic All-Big Ten in 2020. Father, Dave Weber, is familiar with being drafted as he was selected by the Los Angeles Raiders in the 11th round of the 1988 NFL Draft.

#39 CHRIS WRIGHT LHP

 @ChrisWright0909



DOB: 10/14/98 | **HT:** 6'1" | **WT:** 205 | **BATS:** L | **THROWS:** L | **BORN:** Providence, RI | **SCHOOL:** Bryant | **ACQUIRED:** Round 12, 356th (2019)

PITCHES: 4-Seam Fastball, Curveball, Cutter, Slider

BIO: Promoted to Eugene from Low-A San Jose on May 25 after going 4-for-4 in save opportunities with a 1.13 ERA, 17 K and just 3 BB in 8.0 IP over 6 APPs out of the bullpen. Per Baseball America in 2019: "After his sophomore season, most scouts would have expected that hitting would have been Wright's path to pro ball, as a two-way player for Bryant with developing power and impressive defensive work around the bag at first base. However, Wright struck out 21 batters and walked just five in 11.2 innings in the Cape Cod League last summer, posting a 2.31 ERA in the process. He's done more of the same this spring in his junior year, striking out 60 batters in just 31 IP (17.2 per 9) with a 2.59 ERA. Wright only throws an 87-92 mph fastball, but the pitch consistently gets swings and misses thanks to an exceptional spin rate. Wright has a fringy breaking ball and a simple delivery from the stretch that doesn't seem to add much deception, but he's always gotten plenty of whiffs. Wright has developing power in his left-handed bat, but his upside now appears higher on the mound." Signed for \$125,000 out of Bryant. Collegiate Baseball Third-Team All-American Utility Player in 2019 and semifinalist for the John Olerud Two-Way Player of the Year Award after starting all 60 of Bryant's games at first base while also making 21 appearances on the mound as Bryant's closer (program-record 13 saves). Posted 2.36 ERA and 64 K in 34.1 IP, and hit .297

with 6 HR and 51 RBI.

POSITION PLAYER BIOS

#10 KWAN ADKINS OF

[@AdkinsKwan](#)



DOB: 10/2/96 | **HT:** 6'2" | **WT:** 195 | **BATS:** L | **THROWS:** L | **BORN:** Port Allen, LA | **SCHOOL:** Northwestern State | **ACQUIRED:** Round 30, 886th (2018)

BIO: Promoted from the ACL Giants Orange on August 11. Homered in first at-bat with Emeralds (August 12 vs. Hillsboro). Played four years at Northwestern State University. His 77 hits as a senior are tied for ninth in the school's single-season history. Played wide receiver for the football team his senior year. 2017 and 2018 Southland Conference Commissioner's Spring Honor Roll. In 2018, ranked second on the team in batting average (.321), hits (77) and stolen bases (7) while never seeing his average dip below .317 during the season. While at NSU, served as one of the team's representatives on the NSU Student Athlete Advisory Committee. Father, Stan, played baseball at Southern (same alma mater as 2021 Emerald Javeyan Williams). Attended Dupont HS where he was a four-time all-district, two-time all-metro, and two-time all-state selection. Was a member of the Beta Club and youth Legislature at Dupont.

#7 CARTER ALDRETE INF (3B/ ZB)

[@CarterRoo21](#)



DOB: 10/12/97 | **HT:** 6'2" | **WT:** 205 | **BATS:** R | **THROWS:** R | **BORN:** Monterey, CA | **SCHOOL:** Arizona State | **ACQUIRED:** Round 15, 446th (2019)

PRONUNCIATION: all-dret-ee

BIO: Selected in the 37th round of the 2016 MLB Draft by the Boston Red Sox. Father, Rich, played 6 seasons in the minors for the San Francisco Giants and the St. Louis Cardinals. His uncle, Mike, played 10 seasons in the Major Leagues and was a member of the 1996 World Series Champion New York Yankees. Currently, Mike is the first base coach for the Oakland Athletics. Sister, Annie, was an All-American softball player at Tennessee (also played at Cal) and played for Team USA. Teammate of Hunter Bishop and Spencer Torkelson (Detroit Tigers) while at Arizona State. Originally wanted to pursue football out of high school, taking recruiting trips to Washington, USC, Stanford, and other PAC-12 schools. "I was going to be a dual-sport athlete and I still remember the day I took my recruiting trip to USC," Aldrete explained how that changed things, "They introduced me to a defensive lineman and I looked at him and I was just like 'I don't really know if I'm going to play football anymore.'"

#6 BRETT AUERBACH C/UTIL



DOB: 8/27/98 | **HT:** 5'9" | **WT:** 185 | **BATS:** R | **THROWS:** R | **BORN:** Mission Viejo, CA | **SCHOOL:** Alabama | **ACQUIRED:** Undrafted Free Agent (2020)

PRONUNCIATION: ow-ERR-bock

BIO: Promoted to High-A Eugene from Low-A San Jose on July 1. While in San Jose, Auerbach slashed .342/.448/.521 with 11 doubles, 2 triples, 2 HRs and 12 SBs in 34 games. Upon departure from San Jose, ranked third in Low-A West in AVG 6 second in OBP. Started games at C, 2B, 3B 6 LF for San Jose. Auerbach can play numerous positions, but spends most of his time at catcher and third base, so the scouting reports say. Spent freshman and sophomore seasons at Saddleback CC before transferring to Alabama for his junior and senior seasons. In 250 plate appearances as a junior in 2019, he slashed .270/.364/.341. He followed that up by going .297/.372/.379 in 166 plate appearances in the Cape Cod League. In the COVID-shortened 2020 season, though, he was a different beast as he made more contact, found more power, and reversed his plate discipline trends. In 86 plate appearances he had 8 doubles and 3 home runs - after having just 1 home run the year before. Most impressive, however, was that he drew a whopping 17 walks in that span, while striking out just 8 times. Finished his senior season with a slash line of .388/.506/.642 and was named to the Collegiate Baseball News All-America Second Team. Was drafted in the 40th round of the 2018 MLB Draft by the Colorado Rockies, but opted to attend Alabama instead. Named First Team Orange Empire Conference in each of his two seasons at SCC. As a sophomore, led the Gauchos in numerous statistical categories including hits (67), doubles (17), runs (53) and stolen bases (26) while batting .362, good for second on the team.*30 ranked prospect in San Francisco system per MLB Pipeline: "The Rockies drafted Auerbach in the 40th round out of Saddleback (Calif.) CC in 2018, but he opted to transfer to Alabama instead of turning pro. After he won co-MVP honors at the 2019 Cape Cod League all-star game and batted .388 with 12 steals in 17 games while starting at four positions during the shortened 2020 college season, the Giants signed him for \$20,000 as a nondrafted free agent. He quickly has become an organization favorite with his hitting ability and versatility and reached High-A less than two months into his

2021 pro debut. Auerbach exudes a ballplayer vibe and is a classic greater-than-the-sum-of-his-parts type. A 5-foot-9 right-handed hitter with ordinary bat speed, he works deep counts and gets on base. He has shown some surprising pull power as he has adopted a more aggressive approach in his first taste of pro ball, but he'll probably max out at 12-15 homers per season. Though Auerbach has fringy speed, he plays quicker than that on the bases and in the field thanks to his outstanding instincts, and he's a shockingly prolific and efficient basestealer. In his first three months as a pro, he started games at second base, catcher, third base, center field and left field. He has average arm strength and fits best at second base, but his future will be as a utilityman who gets on base and can play anywhere on the diamond."

#17 TYLER FITZGERALD INF

[@Tyler_Fitz10](#)



DOB: 9/15/97 | **HT:** 6'3" | **WT:** 205 | **BATS:** R | **THROWS:** R | **BORN:** Springfield, IL | **SCHOOL:** Louisville | **ACQUIRED:** Round 4, 116th (2019)

BIO: Selected in the 30th round of the 2016 MLB Draft by the Boston Red Sox. 2019 All-ACC third Team and a Brooks Wallace Award Semifinalists after batting .315 in 66 games (all starts) with 15 doubles, 3 triples, 8 HRs, 65 RBI and 18 stolen bases in his junior season with the Cardinals. Named to the 2019 All-Louisville Regional Team and led Louisville in hits (84), RBI (65), and total bases (129) while hitting .315 in 2019. His father, Mike, appeared in 13 games for the Cardinals in 1988 and played a total of seven seasons professionally as an infielder after being a first-round pick (20th overall) by St. Louis in the 1984 June draft (secondary phase)...his older brother, also Mike, was a 27th round pick by the Padres in the 2014 draft and played one season in the Padres organization. Per FanGraphs, "Fitzgerald has everyday tools and he was a big name in high school, but apart from some spurts, he never quite performed up to his physical potential at Louisville. He has a solid shot to stick at shortstop and develop at least average power, especially if

San Francisco can help him better incorporate his lower half into his swing."

#16 RICARDO GENOVES C



DOB: 5/14/99 | **HT:** 6'2" | **WT:** 190 | **BATS:** R | **THROWS:** R | **BORN:** Caracas, Venezuela | **ACQUIRED:** International Free Agent (7/2/15)

BIO: #18 ranked prospect in the San Francisco Giants system per MLB.com. Joined the Emeralds from Low-A San Jose on XXXXXXXX. Per MLB.com, "The Genoves family in Venezuela sent two catchers into pro ball in older brother Ernesto, who spent six years in the Astros system, and younger brother Ricardo, who signed for \$500,000 in 2015. Initially known more for his defense, Ricardo homered four times in 148 games and produced a .664 OPS in his first three pro seasons before going deep nine times in 51 games with an .804 OPS while reaching low Class A in 2019. His 2020 development was limited to instructional league. Catching for Padres pitching prospect Anderson Espinosa as an amateur helped prepare Genoves for handling quality stuff as a pro. He moves well behind the plate and is becoming a solid receiver, albeit in need of more consistency. He has a strong and accurate arm that helped him erase 40 percent of basestealers in 2019. Early in his career, Genoves had a contact-oriented, pull-happy approach that produced a lot of weak groundouts to the left side. He had added some loft to his right-handed stroke and now drives the ball more regularly to all fields, showing 15-homer potential. He's a decent hitter who could use more plate discipline but should produce offense to serve as a useful big league backup." Per FanGraphs, "Genoves is Rule 5 eligible but probably too undercooked to be selected. Built like one of the Moai sculptures on Easter Island, Genoves may not have the mobility to catch long term. But he has a plus arm, he's

procedurally advanced for a 20-year-old, and he has the leadership qualities and intangibles that have an outsized impact at catcher. Plus, some of his mobility issues might soon be rendered moot by the existence of electronic strike zones. He also has plus power, enough to put balls out to right center, though Genoves' current pull-happy approach doesn't facilitate many homers out there."

#48 FRANKLIN LABOUR OF



DOB: 5/11/98 | **HT:** 6'1" | **WT:** 190 | **BATS:** R | **THROWS:** R | **BORN:** Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic | **ACQUIRED:** International Free Agent (7/2/15)

PRONUNCIATION: lah-bore

BIO: 2019: was named the Short-Season Player of the Year by Baseball America...was also named the publication's Short-Season All-Star as a designated hitter, finishing the year with a league-leading .639 slugging average and 14 home runs in only 41 games before being promoted to Class-A Augusta...tabbed a Mid-Season and Post-Season NWL All-Star... was the Northwest League Player of the Month following his July performance and earned Player of the Week honors from July 7-14....named the Giants' #20 prospect by MLB.com following the season. Signed for \$70,000 in 2015. Grew up admiring Manny Ramirez and Carlos Gomez.

#1 MARCO LUCIANO SS



DOB: 9/10/01 | **HT:** 6'2" | **WT:** 178 | **BATS:** R | **THROWS:** R | **BORN:** San Francisco de Macoris, Dominican Republic | **ACQUIRED:** Free Agent (7/2/18)

BIO: Promoted from Low-A San Jose to Eugene on August 4. Luciano hit .278/.373/.556 in 70 games for the SJ Giants. The Dominican Republic native exited San Jose as the Low-A West home run leader (18) while also ranking second in total bases (148), third in extra-base hits (35), third in RBIs (57), fourth in slugging (.544), and sixth in OPS (.930). Ranked as #1 Giants prospect by both Baseball America and MLB.com. Overall, Luciano is ranked by Baseball America as the #7 prospect in all of baseball while MLB.com had Luciano as the #11th ranked prospect entering the 2021 season. Per Baseball America: Luciano took a little while to get going in his first test at full-season ball, but he's been as advertised since hitting his stride. He's the unquestioned top prospect in the organization and projects to hit for both average and power no matter where he makes his defensive home. After two years under international signing restrictions, the Giants opened their wallet in 2018 to sign a star-studded international class that included Luciano and outfielders Luis Matos and Jairo Pomares. Luciano was the undisputed gem and quickly showed why in his 2019 pro debut when he demolished the Rookie-level Arizona League, made a cameo at short-season Salem-Keizer and asserted himself as the most promising prospect in the Giants' system. Luciano got his first look at Oracle Park in January, when he was part of a group the Giants brought in for a preseason minicamp. He got there again when he was added to the 60-man player pool following baseball's resumption from the coronavirus pandemic shutdown. Because the minor league season was canceled, Luciano spent the summer at the team's alternate training site getting at-bats against a wide variety of pitchers before heading to instructional league in the fall. After two years under international signing restrictions, the Giants opened their wallet in 2018 to sign a star-studded international class that included Luciano and outfielders Luis Matos and Jairo Pomares. Luciano was the undisputed gem and quickly showed why in his 2019 pro debut when he demolished the Rookie-level Arizona League, made a cameo at short-season Salem-Keizer and asserted himself as the most promising prospect in the Giants' system. Luciano got his first look at Oracle Park in January, when he was part of a group the Giants brought in for a preseason minicamp. He got there again when he was added to the 60-man player pool following baseball's resumption from the coronavirus pandemic shutdown. Because the minor league season was canceled, Luciano spent the summer at the team's alternate training site getting at-bats against a wide variety of pitchers before heading to instructional league in the fall."

#38 ISMAEL MUNGUIA SS



DOB: 9/19/98 | **HT:** 5'10" | **WT:** 158 | **BATS:** L | **THROWS:** L | **BORN:** Chinandega, Nicaragua | **ACQUIRED:** International Free Agent (7/25/15)

PRONUNCIATION: mun-gee-uh

BIO: Played for Nicaragua in the 2021 Olympic Qualifying Tournament in Florida. Batted .500 during the tournament which ranked 5th among all players. Went 6-for-12 with 1 double and 2 runs scored. In his last appearance with the Emeralds before departing for the Olympic Qualifying Tournament, Munguia delivered a walk-off hit on May 27 vs. Spokane to give the Emeralds a 5-4 win. Started first three seasons in Rookie ball (2017: DSL | 2017 & 2018: AZL) and saw his numbers significantly increase each year (2016: .274 AVG in 62 games | 2017: .331 AVG in 42 games | 2018: .345 AVG in 15 games) before being promoted to Low-A Augusta in 2018 where he hit only .226 in 37 games. However, 2019 saw another improvement as he spent the entire season in Augusta where he batted .286 with 22 doubles and 39 RBI.

FABIAN PENA C



DOB: 10/18/96 | **HT:** 5'11" | **WT:** 205 | **BATS:** R | **THROWS:** R | **BORN:** Miami, FL | **SCHOOL:** Manhattan | **ACQUIRED:** Round 25, 736th (2018)

PRONUNCIATION: fah-bee-ahn

BIO: At Manhattan: 3x All-MAAC selection; 3x Johnny Bench Watch List recipient; Finished his career third in school history with 58 doubles and 10th with 18 home runs. Baseball America draft profile: "A stocky, 5-foot-11, 205-pound catcher, Pena is a strong catch-and-throw backstop who profiles well defensively. He also showed some feel to hit during his first two years with Manhattan in the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference, but that ability didn't show up in the same way this spring. Pena hit just .255/.365/.411 with six home runs in 2018 after hitting .330 or better in each of his first two seasons. Pena has plus raw power and homered nine times as a freshman. He has hit with pop in wood-bat leagues as well, most notably when he recorded a .282/.342/.485 slash line with four home runs and nine doubles in 30 games in the Valley League in 2016. He held his own in the Cape Cod League in 2017 but didn't have the same power, hitting .275/.344/.388 with two home runs in 24 games. With a pull-oriented approach and a down spring, scouts see Pena as having a backup profile. He does, however, have the soft hands, reliable receiving ability and arm strength to project

as a plus defender." Grew up in Cuba, moved to USA at age 14.

#41 JAIRO POMARES OF



DOB: 8/4/00 | **HT:** 6'1" | **WT:** 185 | **BATS:** L | **THROWS:** R | **BORN:** Sancti Spiritus, Cuba | **ACQUIRED:** International Free Agent (7/2/18)

BIO: Promoted from Low-A San Jose on August 17. 8th ranked prospect in the San Francisco Giants system per Baseball America's updated midseason rankings. Per Baseball America scouting report: "Pomares has shown the most power of his short career this season with San Jose, all without a sacrifice to his hittability or on-base skills. He doesn't walk much, but so far he's made enough contact that it hasn't mattered." #9 ranked prospect in San Francisco system per MLB Pipeline: "Pomares starred in Cuba's 15-and-under league before defecting and signing with the Giants for \$975,000 as part of a potentially special 2018 international class that also includes shortstop Marco Luciano and outfielder Luis Matos. Advanced enough at the plate to come to the United States for his pro debut the next summer, he finished second in the Rookie-level Arizona League batting race (.368) and earned a promotion to short-season ball a week after turning 19. Visa issues during the coronavirus pandemic limited his 2020 development to San Francisco's Dominican instructional league program. Extremely advanced for his age, Pomares is one of the best pure hitters in the

system and doesn't try to do too much at the plate. He has a quick left-handed stroke, recognizes pitches well and has good feel for using the opposite field. He makes consistent hard contact and has hit for more power in 2021 as he has launched more balls to his pull side, showing the potential for 20-25 homers on an annual basis. Pomares' speed, arm and corner-outfield defense all earn average to solid grades. After he spent most of 2019 in right field, the Giants planned on trying him in center field, though that may be a stretch. He recorded 10 assists in 45 outfield starts during his first pro season."

#33 SEAN ROBY INF (1B/3B)

 @juniorroby8



DOB: 7/8/98 | **HT:** 6'2" | **WT:** 215 | **BATS:** R | **THROWS:** R | **BORN:** Indio, CA | **SCHOOL:** Arizona Western | **ACQUIRED:** Round 12, 346th (2018)

PRONUNCIATION: row-bee

BIO: Signed for \$150,000. NWL All-Star in 2019. Walked on at Western Arizona College and was awarded a scholarship his sophomore season...hit 22 home runs, drove in 77 RBI and stole 15 bases and posted a .356/.408/.739 slash line in 58 games during his sophomore season at Arizona Western. Per Baseball America draft profile: "Roby boosted his stock with strong performances during the Arizona JC playoffs, which might have been enough to put the righthanded slugger in draft consideration late on day two. He was leading all Arizona JC hitters with 20 home runs, 70 RBIs and a .755 slugging percentage going into the district tournament. He gets good bat speed from a strong frame. Primarily a pull hitter with a hitch in his swing, Roby gets the barrel to the inside half of the plate but struggles with breaking balls away. A below-average runner, Roby moves well enough at third base and can be an adequate defender with just a tick below-average range. He's considered signable, despite his Texas Wesleyan commitment."

#5 ARMANI SMITH OF

 @maniBo888



DOB: 7/19/98 | **HT:** 6'4" | **WT:** 215 | **BATS:** R | **THROWS:** R | **BORN:** Walnut Creek, CA | **SCHOOL:** UC Santa Barbara | **ACQUIRED:** Round 7, 206th (2019)

BIO: 35th round selection by the Cleveland Indians in 2016, but did not sign. Per Baseball America's 2019 draft profile: "A 35th-round pick by Indians in 2016, Smith mostly struggled in his first two seasons at UC Santa Barbara before breaking out as a junior. He developed an effective launch angle swing under Gauchos associate head coach Donegal Fergus, keeping his bat in the zone longer on an uphill path to get to his massive raw power. Smith is built like a linebacker at 6-foot-4, 215 pounds, and he has raw power some evaluators grade as an 80. He is a slugger with supreme bat speed who makes balls disappear when he connects, and he has the strength to muscle balls out even when he mishits them. Smith's ability to make contact is steadily improving, although he still projects as a below-average hitter. He is an average right fielder with a fringe-average arm. Smith's physicality, power and improved contact rate have him in consideration in the top 10 rounds. How well he maintains his new swing in pro ball will be key to his rise." Breakout junior season at UCSB saw him bat .323 with 11 home runs and 45 RBIs while starting all 56 games. Tallied 19 home runs

and 98 RBIs in his three-year career. He produced 37 extra-base hits with a team-high 18 doubles and eight triples, falling one triple shy of the UCSB single-season record. He finished with 16 multi-RBI games, 22 multi-hit games and slashed .323/.393/.631 en route to All-Big West First Team accolades. Played 43 games for Salem-Keizer in 2019 batting .306 with 6 doubles, 3 triples, 4 HR and 25 RBI. His .307 batting average with Salem-Keizer was tied for second best and was sixth best in the Northwest League among players with at least 40 games. Named the Northwest League Player of the Week on August 25. Is the nephew of former Yankees starter CC Sabathia.

#18 LOGAN WYATT 1B (INJURED LIST)

 @loganwyatt32



DOB: 11/15/97 | **HT:** 6'4" | **WT:** 230 | **BATS:** L | **THROWS:** R | **BORN:** Louisville, KY | **SCHOOL:** Louisville | **ACQUIRED:** Round 2, 51st (2019)

BIO: Per MLB Pipeline: "Signed for a well-below-slot \$997,500. Ranked 3rd in the NCAA Division I in walks in each of his two seasons as a starter at Louisville, including a school-record 72 BB in his Draft year. Earned All-ACC Second Team honors as a junior in 2019 after batting .283 in 69 games (all starts) with 9 HRs, 12 doubles, 53 RBI, and a .445 OBP. As a sophomore in 2018, Wyatt was named All-ACC First Team and a Collegiate Baseball Third Team All-American after batting .339 in 64 games (all starts) with 22 doubles, 6 HRs, 69 RBI, and an eye-popping .490 OBP. Per MLB.com: "Several Giants officials draw parallels between Brandon Belt, a 2009 fifth-round pick, and Wyatt, a 2019 second-rounder, as college first basemen whose hitting ability and plate discipline stood out more with their power when they entered pro ball. Wyatt ranked third in NCAA Division I in walks in each of his two seasons as a starter at Louisville, including a school-record 72 in his Draft year before signing for a well-below-slot \$997,500. After he reached low Class A in his pro debut, the coronavirus pandemic limited his development to instructional league in 2020. Wyatt has an efficient left-handed swing, good feel for the barrel, an extremely selective approach and the strength for at least solid raw power. But he won't realize his 20-homer potential until he attacks more pitches and drives them in the air more frequently. After he generated a lot of rolled-over grounders in his

introduction to pro ball, San Francisco has worked to get him to become more aggressive while still maintaining his plate discipline. Wyatt is a well-below-average runner and isn't a factor on the bases. He's more athletic than his lack of speed suggests, moving well at first base while displaying soft hands and decent arm strength. Some scouts who saw him as an amateur thought he might be worth trying in left field, though the Giants haven't shown any inclination to do so."

COACHING STAFF



DENNIS PELFREY

Few people may be more excited for the return of baseball than new Ems manager Dennis Pelfrey.

The 2021 season will be the MiLB managerial debut for the Arlington, Texas native, who was supposed to take the helm of the Class-A San Jose Giants last year before COVID-19 forced the cancellation of the season. Prior to joining the Giants organization, Pelfrey spent five seasons (2015-19) leading the Florence Freedom (now the

Florence Y'alls) in the Independent Frontier League. After succeeding former Freedom manager Fran Riordan (now the manager of the Triple-A Las Vegas Aviators) in 2015, Pelfrey led the Freedom to a 261-218 overall record during his tenure, highlighted by League Championship Series appearances in two of his final three seasons.

While his track record with the Freedom certainly speaks for itself, the impression he left amongst the staff in Florence, as evidenced by the words of Florence VP/General Manager Josh Anderson. Upon being hired within the Giants organization, Anderson stated, "working with Dennis has been nothing short of an honor and I'm so happy for him to get this opportunity."

Perhaps more impressive than his winning pedigree as a manager, though, is his knack for developing talent, having helped a whopping 16 former Freedom players sign contracts with MLB organizations during his time in Florence, Kentucky. Pelfrey attended Northwoods University in Cedar Hill, TX before spending six seasons playing professionally, the majority of which was spent in the Frontier League.

CORY ELASIK

Cory Elasik enters his second season with the Giants as AZL Hitting Coach. Cory spent part of the 2020 season assisting with hitters at the Giants Alternate Site in Sacramento. Before joining the Giants, Elasik was the Hitting Coach and Recruiting Coordinator at St. Johns River State College (2015-2020). He and his wife Brooke reside in Orange Park, Fl.



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ALAIN QUIJANO

Like Pelfrey, Quijano was also slated to make his Giants coaching debut in 2020 only to see the season cancelled due to COVID-19. Alas, the former left-handed hurler is ready to hit the ground running in Eugene, having previously coached at nearly every notable level of professional and amateur baseball prior to joining the Giants organization. A standout ace at Des Moines Lincoln High School (where he played for his father, Alex), Quijano originally committed to Iowa State University, only to soon see the school drop its baseball program altogether due to budget cuts, leaving

Alain wondering if his once promising future in baseball would materialize. Unphased, Quijano walked-on at Marshalltown (IA) Community College before later transferring to the University of Missouri and later Grand View University. Following his collegiate career, the Iowan spent nearly a decade playing in various independent leagues while simultaneously beginning his coaching career on the side at various universities. All the while, Quijano also pursued his Master's degree, one he eventually obtained from Lincoln Memorial University while serving as a graduate assistant for the school's baseball program. Most recently, Quijano was a former foe of Ems manager Dennis Pelfrey having served as the pitching coach for the Gary SouthShore RailCats in the independent

LIPSO NAVA

Nava is the true veteran of the Ems coaching staff having spent the prior 13 years as a member of the Giants organization. The Venezuelan has zig-zagged across the United States during his more than decade-plus tenure as a coach in the Giants organization, most recently serving as the fundamentals coach for the Double-A Richmond Flying Squirrels in 2019, a position he was slated to hold again in 2020 before the cancellation of the MiLB season due to COVID-19. Before spending time in Richmond, Nava accrued ample managerial experience as he led the San Jose Giants on two separate occasions (2016, 2018) while also serving as the skipper



for the Augusta GreenJackets in 2011 and 2012. His professional experience at the helm of pro baseball squad isn't limited to just the here in the United States, though, as he also earned the honor of being named the 2016 Venezuelan Winter League Manager of the Year after leading Aguilas del Zulia to the 2016 VWL Championship. As a player, Nava suited up for 16 seasons of professional baseball (1990-2006, including time within the Seattle Mariners (1990-94), Boston Red Sox (1995), and Chicago Cubs (1996) organizations. Like Ems hitting coach Jake Fox, Nava has already spent some time in the Northwest having previously played for the Northwest League's Bellingham Mariners during the 1990 season.