

CLEARWATER THRESHERS

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Clearwater Threshers (12-23, 47-53) AT Tampa Tarpons (21-12, 48-51)

Sunday, August 7, 2022

Game #101 | Road Game #53 | 12:00 PM | Steinbrenner Field, Tampa, FL
RHP Gunner Mayer (1-2, 3.49 ERA) vs. LHP Joel Valdez (1-1, 4.82 ERA)

LAST TIME OUT: Despite rallying back in the ninth, the Clearwater Threshers fell in walk-off fashion 5-4 in 10 innings to the Tampa Tarpons on Saturday night at Steinbrenner Field. Right-hander Jean Cabrera made his 12th start of the season on the mound for Clearwater, allowing three runs, two earned, on four hits with four walks and six strikeouts in 3.1 innings of work. The Threshers (12-23, 47-53) opened the scoring with single runs in third and fourth innings, pushing home two runs on one passed ball and one wild pitch. Shortstop Eric Brito and first baseman Jamari Baylor scored the two runs, respectively. With the visitors leading 2-0 in the bottom of the fourth, the Tarpons (21-12, 48-51) stormed back with three runs on RBI singles by Alexander Vargas and Antonio Gomez, as well as an error on Baylor to make it 3-2. After left-hander Jordan Fowler worked three impressive scoreless innings out of the bullpen, the Threshers were able to rally in the top of the ninth. A passed ball, two wild pitches, an RBI single by Alexeis Azujae to tie it (playing in his first game since May 24) and a go-ahead RBI base knock by Brito made it 4-3 Clearwater. Leading 4-3 in the bottom of the ninth, the Threshers turned to righty Sam Jackobsak for the save but Alexander Vargas launched a solo home run out to the stands in right with one out to tie the contest 4-4. Tied 4-4 in the top of the 10th, and despite having an automatic runner placed at second base, the Threshers were unable to squeeze anything home off Zach Kohn. Clearwater did appear to score on an infield single by Troy Schreffler as the runner was originally ruled safe at first base, but the call was soon overturned after an umpire discussion. In the bottom of the 10th, Jackobsak returned to the mound and allowed a leadoff game-winning single to Madison Santos to give the Tarpons a 5-4 walk-off victory.

FOR STARTERS: Right-hander **Gunner Mayer** is scheduled to make his 7th start (12th appearance) of the season for the Threshers on Sunday afternoon...Holds a 1-2 record with 2.94 ERA...Last outing: vs. Dunedin on July 31, allowed no runs on only two hits with three strikeouts in four innings - second straight outing with 4 innings pitched, only 2 hits allowed (also 9 strikeouts on July 23)...activated off Injured List on July 9...Drafted by Phillies in 5th round of 2019 MLB Draft...from Walnut Creek, CA



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SHARK BITES: vs. Tampa in 2022: 13-4, this marks the third meeting between the Threshers and Tarpons this season, the Threshers swept a six-game series from the Tarpons April 19-24 at home and grabbed four of six games in Tampa June 21-26, the two teams will meet one more time in Clearwater on August 23-28... **KNOW THE FOE:** The Tarpons have surged into a tie for first place in the second half standings at 21-12, despite a 48-51 overall record under manager Rachel Balkovec... **DOUBLE TROUBLE...** Following Wednesday night's split, the Threshers are 2-10 in doubleheaders this season, including being swept by the Tarpons on June 25 ... **HOME SWEET HOME:** The Threshers lead the Florida State League in attendance, welcoming in more than 109,000 fans through the BayCare Ballpark gates so far in 2022, including 8,017 for the July 3 contest... **FUN FACT:** The Threshers 13-4 record vs. Tampa is their best winning percentage against any FSL opponent ... **NOT SO FUN FACT:** The Threshers finished the month of July 7-17, their worst month of the season. Clearwater had three losing streaks of four or more games... **WHO'S HOT:** Newcomer Caleb Ricketts, a 7th round draft pick of the Phillies in June 2022, has already recorded eight hits and four RBI, including a homer in his first three games with the Threshers... **WELCOME BACK:** INF Alexeis Azuaje returned to the lineup for the first time since May 24 on Saturday night, finishing 2-for-4 with an RBI... **ON DECK:** Following the six-game series with the Tarpons,, the Threshers will head home to open a six-game series with the St. Lucie Mets on August 9-14. The Threshers have only three more homestands remaining in 2022.

Inside the Numbers:

Current Streak: L1
Last 10: 3-7
VS. Tampa: 13-4
At Home: 22-26
On Road: 25-27
In August: 3-2 (7-17 July)
On Sunday: 8-9
Team hitting at home: .223
Team hitting on road: .226
Night games: 38-34
Day games: 9-19
Team hitting in August: .233
Team ERA in August: 3.01
Team hitting vs. LHP: .220
Team hitting vs. RHP: .227
Following a win: 26-20
Following a loss: 20-31
Starters ERA: 4.28
Bullpen ERA: 2.99



Diving Deeper - #40 RHP Gunner Mayer

MAYER, GUNNER TODD... RHP... B-T: R-R... HT: 6-6; WT: 205... BORN: July 27, 2000, Walnut Creek, CA... RESIDES: Stockton, CA... HOW OBTAINED: Selected by Phillies in 5th round of June 2019 draft... SIGNED BY: Joey Davis... EDUCATION: Attended San Joaquin Delta College (CA)... 2018 graduate of De La Salle HS (CA)... 2021: Pitched for Clearwater (A)... Was on the IL twice: 5/11-6/28 (right shoulder impingement syndrome) and 8/3-30 (COVID-related IL)... Had a rehab assignment to Florida Complex League Phillies (R) during his second IL stint... Overall, averaged 12.99 SO/9.0 IP (38 SO/26.1 IP)... Participated in Florida Instructional League... 2020: Participated in FIL... 2019: Made his professional debut with Gulf Coast League Phillies West (R)... Participated in FIL.



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CLEARWATER THRESHERS LATEST TRANSACTIONS

- 17-Jul INF Hao Yu Lee reinstated from 7-Day Injured List, activated by Clearwater Threshers
- 17-Jul C Chris Burke placed on Development List (retroactive to 7/16)
- 22-Jul OF Yhoswar Garcia transferred to 60-Day Injured List
- 22-Jul RHP Tommy McCollum transferred to 60-Day Injured List
- 22-Jul RHP Cam Bedrosian on MiLB Rehab assigned to Clearwater Threshers
- 22-Jul RHP Sam Coonrod on MLB Rehab assigned to Clearwater Threshers
- 26-Jul LHP Scott Moss on MiLB Rehab assigned to Clearwater Threshers
- 26-Jul RHP Cam Bedrosian on MiLB Rehab assigned to Jersey Shore, no longer with Clearwater Threshers
- 26-Jul RHP Sam Coonrod on MLB Rehab assigned to Lehigh Valley, no longer with Clearwater Threshers
- 2-Aug OF Chad Castillo activated and assigned to Clearwater Threshers (retroactive to 8/1)
- 2-Aug OF Cade Fergus activated and assigned to Clearwater Threshers (retroactive to 8/1)
- 2-Aug C Ryan Letich activated and assigned to Clearwater Threshers (retroactive to 8/1)
- 2-Aug C Caleb Ricketts activated and assigned to Clearwater Threshers (retroactive to 8/1)
- 2-Aug OF Troy Schreffler activated and assigned to Clearwater Threshers (retroactive to 8/1)
- 2-Aug C Arturo De Freitas assigned to Jersey Shore from Clearwater Threshers (retroactive to 8/1)



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- 2-Aug OF Marcus Lee Sang assigned to Jersey Shore from Clearwater Threshers (retroactive to 8/1)
- 2-Aug RHP Rodolfo Sanchez assigned to Jersey Shore from Clearwater Threshers (retroactive to 8/1)
- 2-Aug INF Nicolas Torres assigned to Jersey Shore from Clearwater Threshers (retroactive to 8/1)
- 2-Aug INF Albert Jerez released from organization (retroactive to 7/31)
- 2-Aug INF McCarthy Tatum on MiLB Rehab assigned to Clearwater Threshers
- 5-Aug INF Matt Alifano activated and assigned to Clearwater Threshers
- 5-Aug INF Alexeis Azujae reinstated from 7-Day Injured List, activated by Clearwater Threshers
- 5-Aug C Andrick Nava assigned to Jersey Shore from Clearwater Threshers
- 5-Aug INF Kendall Simmons assigned to Jersey Shore from Clearwater Threshers



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