

BELOIT SKY CARP (42-44, 12-8)
at
SOUTH BEND CUBS (34-53, 11-10)

July 18, 2025 / 7:05 PM ET
Four Winds Field / South Bend, IN

RHP Brooks Caple vs RHP Nick Brink

Radio: Sports Radio WSBT

Series Schedule	Cubs Starting Pitchers	Opposing Starting Pitchers
7/19 Game 2 vs Beloit 7:05 PM	LHP Evan Aschenbeck	RHP Will Schomberg
7/20 Game 3 vs Beloit 2:05 PM	RHP Yenrri Rojas	RHP Brandon White
7/22 Game 1 at Dayton 7:05 PM	TBA	TBA
7/23 Game 2 at Dayton 7:05 PM	TBA	TBA
7/24 Game 3 at Dayton 7:05 PM	TBA	TBA
7/25 Game 4 at Dayton 7:05 PM	TBA	TBA

ABOUT LAST SERIES– The South Bend Cubs took five of six games for the second time in the last month on the road, this time against the Wisconsin Timber Rattlers going into the All-Star Break, after also winning five in a series at Fort Wayne in June. South Bend had its best power stretch at the plate all season, clubbing a series-best 10 home runs in the six games at Wisconsin, with four of them coming from Jefferson Rojas, who was promoted to Double-A Knoxville, along with right-hander Ryan Gallagher.

DIVISION RACE – Heading out of the All-Star Break, South Bend is 1.5 games behind both the Beloit Sky Carp and Quad Cities River Bandits for first place in the Midwest League West Division. The Cubs take on Beloit this weekend, and will match-up next with Quad Cities starting on July 29.

SO LONG, JEFF – Chicago Cubs number-three prospect Jefferson Rojas wraps up his Midwest League tenure with 163 games played, a .258 combined average, 17 home runs, 91 RBI, 73 walks, and a 17% strikeout rate. The MLB average strikeout rate is 23%. All but two of Rojas' 163 games in the MWL featured at-bats exclusively against pitchers older than him. At the time of leaving, Rojas stands in the top-10 of the Midwest League leaders in SLG (5th, .492), and OPS (6th, .871).

PETE CROW-ALLSTAR – 2022 South Bend Cubs center fielder Pete Crow-Armstrong became the first former South Bend Cub to start an All-Star Game when he took the field at Truist Park this past week. PCA was mic'd up in center field with Joe Davis and John Smoltz, and did the same when he played at Dodger Stadium in the 2022 Futures Game.

COACHING STAFF – The 2025 coaching staff is once again led by manager Nick Lovullo, in his second season. The former Boston Red Sox farmhand is the son of Arizona Diamondbacks manager Torey Lovullo. Returning hitting coach Nate Spears played parts of two seasons with the Red Sox. New pitching coach George Thanopoulos pitched two seasons in the Colorado Rockies system at short-season Boise, and bench coach Daniel Wasinger wrapped up his playing career in the minors with the Diamondbacks and joins South Bend after serving as Low-A Myrtle Beach's first-base coach last season.

TONIGHT'S CUBS STARTING PITCHER – Brooks Caple

CUBS SEASON …….. CAREER HIGHS
7.0, vs Great Lakes 6/3….**Innings**……Same
8, at Wisconsin 7/8…….**Hits** ……Same
8, at Quad Cities 5/27…….**Runs** …….Same
5, at Fort Wayne 6/17…….**Walks** ……Same
5, vs Great Lakes 6/3…....**K's** …….6, at Hickory 5/20/25

Last Time Caple…
Won A Game: 7/8/25 South Bend at Wisconsin
Lost A Game: 7/1/25 South Bend at Peoria
Allowed A Home Run: 7/8/25 South Bend at Wisconsin



HT/WT: 6'6" / 230 … **AGE:** 22 … **THROWS:** Right **BORN:** Austin, Texas

LAST TIME OUT: Has pitched the opener of every series with the South Bend Cubs since being promoted. Game 1 against Beloit will be his first non-Tuesday start with South Bend. Last pitched at Wisconsin on July 8, earning the win, working six innings, with four runs allowed, eight hits, a homer, one walk, and four K's.

ROAD WORK: While in Myrtle Beach, Caple was a road warrior at the highest level, allowing just one earned run in 21 innings away from home. However, he hasn't fared as well in his three road starts at the High-A level, allowing 17 runs (14 of them earned) on 18 hits across 12.2 innings, striking out only six.

DOWN IN MYRTLE: In his final Carolina League start with Low-A Myrtle Beach, Caple worked a career-high 7.0 innings of scoreless baseball. Did not allow a run in the month of May in 16 consecutive innings. At the time of leaving the Carolina League, he had a 1.80 ERA. Would be second in the league if qualified. Also, if qualified, would have the fifth-best ERA in Low-A combined. Worked at least four innings in all seven Low-A starts.

CAREER NOTES: 2024 ninth-round pick of the Chicago Cubs out of Lamar. Pitched two seasons at Lamar after also playing two years prior at Stephen F. Austin. 31 outings in 2 seasons at SFA, with one start. Then started 26 of 30 games in the two years at Lamar. In 2023, he opened the year as the team's Friday starter but was moved to a closer role when he came back from the injury.

2024 season w/ Lamar: 15 GS, 7-3, 2.40 ERA, 97.2 IP, 27 BB/102 K.

First career appearance vs. Beloit

Pitch Arsenal
4-Seam Fastball, Cutter, Slider, Curveball, Changeup

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29 Burl Carraway (L) *Injured List* Last Win: 4/10/25 SB vs Peoria Last Loss: 9/1/21 SB vs LC Last HR: 5/4/22 Tennessee at BIRM **Arsenal:** 4SFB, 12-6 Curve, Slider	**BIO:** 2020 2nd round pick out of Dallas Baptist… Pitched w/ SB in 2021, 29 games, 31.0 IP, 51 K's… Missed all of 2023 and 2024 due to injury… Started season with SB – 4 G, 2.2 IP, 8 R, 2 H, 12 BB, 2 K's.. Placed on Development List, pitched in three games in Arizona Complex League.. Rejoined SB 6/17.	**Last 3 Outings** 6/19 vs LC – 1.0 IP, 0 R, 1 H, 0 BB, 0 K 6/21 vs LC – 0.2 IP, 0 R, 0 H, 0 BB, 1 K 7/1 at PEO – 0.2 IP, 2 R, 0 H, 2 BB, 1 K ***Scoreless Streak:** 0.0
19 Kenten Egbert (R) Last Win: 7/6/25 vs Peoria Last Loss: 6/1/25 at Quad Cities Last HR: 5/11/25 vs Fort Wayne **Arsenal:** 4SFB, Slider, Curve, Change	**BIO:** Signed by the Cubs to a minor league contract in July 2023… Was working behind a cash register when he got his call from the Cubs… Pitched four college seasons at Miami (Ohio), finishing First Team All-MAC as a senior in 2023… Spent all of 2024 with Single-A Myrtle Beach, posting a 3.04 ERA… Only 2 ER in 23.0 IP across his final four starts… Had been a starter this year in South Bend until final week of June	**Last 3 Outings** 7/2 at PEO – 2.0 IP, 3 R (2 ER), 4 H, 1 BB, 1 K 7/6 vs PEO – 2.0 IP, 0 R, 1 H, 1 BB, 0 K (Win) 7/10 at WIS – 3.0 IP, 1 R, 2 H, 2 BB, 3 K's ***Scoreless Streak:** 0.0
33 Jackson Kirkpatrick (R) Last Win: 6/6/25 at Kannapolis (A) Last Loss: N/A Last HR: N/A **Arsenal:** 4SFB, Slider, Splitter	**BIO:** Signed by the Cubs on March 5, 2025 and promoted from Single-A Myrtle Beach on June 24… From North Carolina and played college baseball at Western Carolina (2021-23) and Indianapolis (2024)... Made 11 starts for U Indy last spring, pitching to an 8.41 ERA with 48 BB/63 K in 35.1 IP… Made his first 15 appearances this season with Myrtle Beach, earning 7 saves with a 0.84 ERA and 36 K's in 21.1 IP	**Last 3 Outings** 7/5 vs PEO – 1.2 IP, 0 R, 0 H, 3 BB, 0 K 7/9 at WIS – 1.0 IP, 0 R, 1 H, 0 BB 0 K (Save) 7/13 at WIS – 1.0 IP, 1 R, 3 H, 0 BB, 0 K ***Scoreless Streak:** 0.0 (10.1 scoreless ended 7/13) * Hadn't allowed an ER since May 1
27 Grayson Moore (R) Last Win: N/A Last Loss: 5/17/24 at Fort Wayne Last HR: 4/18/24 at Beloit **Arsenal:** 4SFB, Split, SL, Changeup	**BIO:** Drafted by the Cubs in Round 14 of 2023 out of Vanderbilt… National runner-up with the Commodores in 2021… Made 11 appearances in South Bend last year, pitching to a 2.57 ERA in 14.0 IP before a season-ending injury at the end of May…	**Last 3 Outings** 7/5 vs PEO – 1.0 IP, 0 R, 0 H, 0 BB, 1 K 7/9 at WIS -1.0 IP, 0 R, 0 H, 3 BB, 1 K 7/13 at WIS – 1.0 IP, 0 R, 1 H, 0 BB, 2 K's (SV) ***Scoreless Streak:** 3.0
6 Johzan Oquendo (R) Last Win: 5/2/25 at Cedar Rapids Last Loss: 4/30/25 at Cedar Rapids Last HR: 5/11/25 vs Fort Wayne **Arsenal:** 4SFB, Sink, Slider, Changeup	**BIO:** Signed by Cubs as an international free agent in 2019….Missed all of 2024 due to injury…Returns to South Bend after finishing 2023 season w/ SB… 8 games w/ SB 2023, 2.60 ERA, 17.1 IP, 16 K's. Gave up first Earned Run on solo homer 4/30 at Cedar Rapids after 12.1 IP without one to start season	**Last 3 Outings** 7/2 at PEO – 1.0 IP, 0 R, 0 H, 0 BB, 1 K 7/6 vs PEO – 1.0 IP, 0 R, 0 H, 0 BB, 1 K (SV) 7/11 at WIS – 1.0 IP, 0 R, 0 H, 2 BB, 1 K ***Scoreless Streak:** 5.0
30 Kenyi Perez (R) Last Win: 4/23/24 at Lynchburg (A) Last Loss: 7/21/24 at Columbia (A) Last HR: 4/16/25 at West Michigan **Arsenal**: 4SFB, Sink, Slider	**BIO:** Signed by the Cubs as an international free agent in 2020….Fifth pro season, 4th in the United States…36 games with Low-A Myrtle Beach 2024, 9.47 ERA… Wipeout stuff, 71 K's in 38.0 IP, 60 BB… First season with South Bend.	**Last 3 Outings** 7/4 vs PEO – 1.0 IP, 1 R, 1 H, 0 BB, 1 K 7/8 at WIS – 1.0 IP, 0 R, 2 H, 1 BB, 2 K's 7/13 at WIS – 1.0 IP, 0 R, 0 H, 0 BB, 2 K's ***Scoreless Streak:** 2.0

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2 Vince Reilly (R) Last Win: 7/14/24 vs Kannapolis (A) Last Loss: 8/13/24 vs Columbia (A) Last HR: 6/5/25 vs Great Lakes **Arsenal:** 4SFB, Slider, Splitter	**BIO:** Signed by the Cubs as a free agent in 2024…Originally 2022 18th round pick of A's out of Grand Canyon …3.86 ERA w/ Low-A Stockton 2023…First season w/ Cubs 2024, 32 APP's Myrtle Beach, 52 K's – 53.1 IP, 3.88 ERA…Twin brother (Blake) also pitched at Grand Canyon	**Last 3 Outings** 7/3 at PEO – 1.0 IP, 1 UER, 1 H, 0 BB, 0 K 7/6 vs PEO – 1.0 IP, 0 R, 0 H, 0 BB, 1 K (Hold) 7/10 at WIS – 1.0 IP, 0 R, 1 H, 0 BB, 1 K ***Scoreless Streak:** 2.0
39 Brayden Risedorph (R) *Injured List* Last Win: 6/20/25 vs Lake County Last Loss: N/A Last HR: N/A	**BIO:** Drafted by the Cubs in 2024 20th round, playing two seasons at Indiana in the Big Ten… Born in Fort Wayne, grew up in Kendallville. Attended East Noble HS, Named first-team All-Central Region Senior year HS. Led IU in APP's in 2024. Posted 0.60 ERA at Myrtle Beach in 15 IP. 4 BB, 18 K, .118 OPP BA% Earned first pro win 6/20 vs LC, K'ing the side in 10th	**Last 3 Outings** 6/20 vs LC – 1.0 IP, 0 R, 0 H, 0 BB, 3 K's (Win) 6/24 at CR – 2.0 IP, 0 R, 0 H, 1 BB, 3 K's 6/28 at CR – 1.0 IP, 0 R, 0 H, 0 BB, 0 K (Save) ***Scoreless Streak:** 10..2
41 Luis Rujano (R) Last Win: 8/21/24 at Charleston (A) Last Loss: 6/26/25 at Cedar Rapids Last HR: 4/16/25 at West Michigan **Arsenal:** 4SFB, Curve, Change, Slider	**BIO:** From Venezuela… Drafted by the Cubs in Round 13 of 2022 out of high school in Florida… Spent the last two years with Myrtle Beach, making 16 starts out of 39 total appearances… 4.10 ERA in 2023, 5.40 ERA in 2024	**Last 3 Outings** 7/2 at PEO – 1.0 IP, 8 R (4 ER), 6 H, 2 BB, 1 K 7/6 vs PEO – 1.0 IP, 0 R, 0 H, 2 BB, 2 K's 7/12 at WIS – 1.0 IP, 0 R, 0 H, 0 BB, 1 K ***Scoreless Streak:** 1.0
36 Evan Taylor (L) Last Win: 5/16/25 at Lansing Last Loss: 6/29/25 at Cedar Rapids Last HR: 5/29/24 Beloit vs Dayton **Arsenal:** 4SFB, Sweeper, Changeup	**BIO:** Signed by the Cubs as Free Agent April 8, 2025.. Drafted by Marlins 9th round of 2022.. Pitched with Beloit all of 2024, working 31 games with 2.84 ERA.. Pitched against South Bend twice.. Former Arkansas Razorback, joins former college teammates Connor Noland, Casey Opitz, Christian Franklin and Jaxon Wiggins in Cubs org	**Last 3 Outings** 7/4 vs PEO – 2.0 IP, 0 R, 1 H, 3 BB, 1 K 7/8 at WIS – 2.0 IP, 0 R, 2 H, 0 BB, 0 K 7/13 at WIS – 1.0 IP, 0 R, 0 H, 0 BB, 1 K ***Scoreless Streak:** 5.0
38 Chase Watkins (L) Last Win: 4/22/25 vs Beloit Last Loss: 4/17/25 at WM Last HR: 6/26/25 at Cedar Rapids	**BIO:** Drafted by the Cubs in 9th round of 2021 draft….Fifth pro season, 3rd season spent with South Bend…33 games with SB in 2023, 3.52 ERA & 52 K's in 53.1 IP…Pitched one game in 2024 with AAA Iowa in September and another on April 12 of this season	**Last 3 Outings** 6/26 at CR – 2.0 IP, 5 R, 4 H, 1 BB, 2 K's 7/4 vs PEO – 2.1 IP, 1 R, 3 H, 2 BB, 2 K's 7/11 at WIS – 3.0 IP, 0 R, 3 H, 0 BB, 3 K's ***Scoreless Streak:** 3.0 (Snapped 9.1 on Sunday)

SOUTH BEND CUBS CATCHERS/INFIELDERS

25 Edgar Alvarez *First and Third Base, Left Field *Bats: Left / Throws: Right *2024 8th Round Pick (Cubs) *Nicholls State *24: SB (27g) .245, 1 HR, 9 RBI **Last Game:** 1/4, 2 K's (SAT) **This Series:** **(Last) WIS Series:** 6/16, 3 R, 1 RBI, 1 BB	**Career Notes:** Chicago Cubs 8th-round pick out of Nicholls State in 2024… Ranks second all time in career home runs at NSU (29)…Set single season record in 2024 for total bases (154) and RBI (67)… hit .405 in 2024, first NSU player since 1963 to hit above .400… Assigned to SB Cubs after draft, hit .245 in 27 games... 15 of 23 hits came versus FW TinCaps. Hit first pro home run on September 5, 2024, a grand slam, at Parkview Field against Fort Wayne. Started the year 0/24 at the plate	**2025** **Hit Streak:** 6 / **Long Hit Streak**: 8 **On-Base Streak:** 12 / **Long On-BaseStk:** 12 **Last HR:** 7/6/25 vs Peoria (Solo) First since 5/23/25 vs Wisconsin (Solo) **Cubs Season – Career Game Highs** **Hits:** 4, vs GL 6/3 – Same **RBI:** 3, vs GL 6/3 – 4, at FW 9/5/24
16 Ariel Armas *Catcher *Bats: Right / Throws: Right *2024 5th Round Pick (Cubs) *San Diego *24: SB (13g) .204, 0 HR, 5 RBI **Last Game:** 1/5, 2 K's **This Series:** **(Last) WIS Series:** 6/21, 2 HR, 3 RBI	**Career Notes:** Chicago Cubs 5th-round pick out of San Diego in 2024…All-WCC First Team and WCC Defensive Player of the Year in final year at USD… Armas played in 2015 Little League World Series (Sweetwater Valley), Lansing OF Nate Nankil was also on that LLWS team…Posted career best 3 hits and 4 RBI in same game at Fort Wayne on June 10. First professional HR was a go-ahead, 3-run blast in the 8th inning at West Michigan on April 19	**2025** **Hit Streak:** 3 / **Long Hit Streak**: 4 **On-Base Streak:** 3 / **Long On-BaseStk:** 5 **Last HR:** 7/11 at Wisconsin (Solo) *Two home runs in a series for first time in 2025 – Last homered April 23 vs Beloit **Cubs Season – Career Game Highs** **Hits:** 3, at FW 6/10 – Same **RBI:** 4, at FW 6/10– Same
11 Drew Bowser *Third Base, First Base *Bats: Right / Throws: Right *2023 20th Round Pick (Cubs) *Stanford *24: ACL & MB (69g) .181,7 HR, 24 RBI **Last Game:** 1/4, 1 RBI (SAT) **This Series:** **(Last) WIS Series:** 4/12, HR, 2 RBI, 2 BB	**Career Notes:** Selected by Cubs in 20th round of 2023 draft out of Stanford… First Stanford selection by Cubs since Nico Hoerner in 2018… Made the College World Series all 3 years at Stanford… 2022 w/ Cardinal - .293, 18 HR (career high), 50 RBI… Drove in 48 RBI in final season in Palo Alto… In 2023, hit the Super Regional Game 3 pop-up that dropped to send Stanford to Omaha… 7 HR in 2024 with ACL Cubs and Myrtle Beach in first full season. Walked off Lake County with a 10th-inning single 6/20 Was 4-for-12 with 3 2B, 4 BB vs Peoria in April	**2025** **Hit Streak:** 3 / **Long Hit Streak**: 11 **On-Base Streak:** 5 / **Long On-BaseStk:** 13 **Last HR:** 7/10 at Wisconsin (Solo) **Cubs Season – Career Game Highs** **Hits:** 2, at CR 6/26 – 3, at ACL-SDP 6/7/24 **RBI:** 3, vs LC 6/20 – 4, vs Kannapolis7/12/24
5 Cristian Hernandez *Shortstop, Second Base *Bats: Right / Throws: Right *NDFA 2021 *No College *24: MB & SB (118g) .261, 5 HR, 59 RBI **Last Game:** 1/4, 1 BB, 1 K **This Series:** **(Last) WIS Series:** 10/26, 2 RBI, 2 BB	**Career Notes:** Chicago Cubs #11 ranked prospect… Signed for 3 million dollars with Cubs in 2021… Player comp at time by MLB Pipeline: Alex Rodriguez… Promoted to South Bend to finish 2024 season, played 23 games, hit .229, 0 HR, 9 RBI, 15 BB, 19 K *11 game on-base streak to begin season, had 6 multi-hit games in first 9 games played of 2025 *Was MWL Player of the Week for his series vs Peoria in April *Has three separate four-hit games on season, two of them against Wisconsin.	**2025** **Hit Streak:** 6 / **Long Hit Streak**: 10 **On-Base Streak:** 6 / **Long On-BaseStk:** 17 **Last HR:** 7/2 at Peoria (Solo) Snapped 17-game on-base streak 7/5* **Cubs Season – Career Game Highs** **Hits:** 4, at WIS 7/10 – Same **RBI:** 3, vs WIS 5/25 – 4, vs Augusta 7/23/24
32 Brian Kalmer *First Base *Bats: Right / Throws: Right *2024 18th Round Pick (Cubs) *Gonzaga *24: SB (83g) .196, 11 HR, 43 RBI **Last Game:** 0/3, 1 BB (FRI) **This Series:** **(Last) WIS Series:** 2/13, HR, 4 RBI, 1 BB	**Career Notes:** Drafted by Cubs in 18th round of 2023 MLB Draft out of Gonzaga… Also played at Arizona State and Wabash Valley College… At Wabash Valley, he was the 2022 NJCAA Division 1 National Player of the Year with 109 RBI… Second straight season on SB Opening Day roster…Played 83 games in 2024, hit .196, 11 HR, 43 RBI… Crushed walk-off homer June 7, 2024 vs West Michigan	**2025** **Hit Streak:** 0 / **Long Hit Streak**: 6 **On-Base Streak:** 1 / **Long On-BaseStk:** 6 **Last HR:** 7/8 at Wisconsin (3-Run) *All three homers have come since June 24 **Cubs Season – Career Game Highs** **Hits:** 2, at WIS 7/8 – 3, vs Columbia 9/10/23 **RBI:** 4, at WIS 7/8 – 5, vs Peoria 7/26/24

13 Miguel Pabon *Catcher *Bats: Right / Throws: Right *2018 34th Round Pick (Cubs) *No College *24: MB (68g) .222, 3 HR, 20 RBI **Last Game:** 0/3, 1 RBI (SAT) **This Series:** **(Last) WIS Series:** 2/11, 3 RBI	**Career Notes:** Drafted as a shortstop in 34th round of 2018 MLB Draft out of Leadership Christian Academy in Puerto Rico… Transitioned to catcher after series of injuries… Second appearance with SB after playing 7 games with team in 2021…68 games in 2024 w/ MB, .222 average, 3 HR, 20 RBI… Has spent the last three off-seasons with the Criollos de Caguas (Puerto Rican Winter League) -7-game on-base streak ended 7/9	**2025** **Hit Streak:** 0 / **Long Hit Streak**: 6 **On-Base Streak:** 0 / **Long On-BaseStk:** 7 **Last HR:** 6/12 at Fort Wayne (Solo, First MWL home run) **Cubs Season – Career Game Highs** **Hits:** 2, at Wis 7/10 – 3, vs Augusta 7/23/24 **RBI:** 3, at Fort Wayne 6/12 – Same
7 Reginald Preciado *Third Base, Second Base, Left Field *Bats: Right / Throws: Right *TRADE 2020 (Yu Darvish deal) *No College *24: MB (89g) .229, 4 HR, 32 RBI **Last Game:** 2/4, 1 R, 2 RBI **This Series:** **(Last) WIS Series:** 6/16, 1 BB, 3 RBI	**Career Notes:** Acquired by Cubs from Padres in Yu Darvish trade… Trade also included 2022 South Bend Cubs Midwest League Champion Owen Caissie… 89 games w/ MB in 2024, .229, 4 HR, 32 RBI… 21-year-old from Panama… 2018 South Bend Cubs catcher Miguel Amaya (fellow Panama native) had large influence when he joined org… Named after Reginald "Reggie" Jackson. Goes by Reggie… Was a switch-hitter until August 2023	**2025** **Hit Streak:** 3 / **Long Hit Streak**: 5 **On-Base Streak:** 3 / **Long On-BaseStk:** 14 **Last HR:** 5/27 at Quad Cities (Solo) **Cubs Season – Career Game Highs** **Hits:** 3, at LAN 5/16 – 4, at Columbia 4/11/24 **RBI:** 2, at CR 6/24 – 6, at Salem 5/4/22
35 Cameron Sisneros *First Base, Designated Hitter *Bats: Left / Throws: Left *2024 14th round pick (Cubs) *East Tennessee State **Last Game:** 0/5, 2 K's **This Series:** **(Last) WIS Series:** 8/23, 2 HR, 6 RBI, 5 BB	**Career Notes:** 2024 14th-round pick of Chicago Cubs out of East Tennessee State.… Played 13 games with Low-A Myrtle Beach after being drafted in '24, hitting .209 with three home runs… 2025 with Pelicans: 38 G, .352 AVG /.478 OBP /.966 OPS, three HR, 26 RBI…Sisneros put together one of the best offensive seasons in the history of ETSU baseball in 2024. His 86 RBI broke the single season program record in that category, while his 23 home runs were the second-most ever by a Buc in a single campaign. Sisneros earned SoCon Player of the Year honors… Ended his time with ETSU by reaching base in 79 straight games	**2025** **Hit Streak:** 0 / **Long Hit Streak**: 5 **On-Base Streak:** 0 / **Long On-BaseStk:** 9 **Last HR:** 7/10 at Wisconsin (2-Run)* *Second home run in three games 11-game hit streak 4/25-5/11 w/ Myrtle Beach **Cubs Season – Career Game Highs** **Hits:** 3, at WIS 7/8 – 4, at Carolina 5/1/25 **RBI:** 3, at WIS 7/8 – Same
24 Miguel Useche *Catcher, Designated Hitter *Bats: Right / Throws: Right *NDFA 2025 *New Orleans **Last Game:** 1/2, 1 RBI, 1 BB (MWL Debut at Wisconsin) **This Series:** **(Last) WIS Series:** 1/2, 1 RBI, 1 BB	**Career Notes:** Signed as a Free Agent with the Chicago Cubs on June 19, 2025, after playing 14 games with Tri-City in the Frontier League (Indy Ball)… With Tri-City, hit .333, 0 HR, 7 RBI, 5 BB, 7 K's… Wrapped up collegiate career at University of New Orleans in 2024… Played three college seasons, hitting .314 in 159 games with 14 HR, 115 RBI, 94 BB… Finished career tied for program record in doubles with 54…First Team All-Southland, Second Team ABCA All-Region and Second Team All-Louisiana… Picked up first MWL hit on first pitch he saw 7/13 at Wisconsin, finished game with first High-A hit, RBI and walk.	**2025** **Hit Streak:** 1 / **Long Hit Streak**: 1 **On-Base Streak:** 1 / **Long On-BaseStk:** 1 **Last HR:** 5/11/24 New Orleans at Northwestern State (Solo) **Cubs Season – Career Game Highs** **Hits:** 1, at WIS 7/13 – Same **RBI:** 1, at WIS 7/13 – Same

SOUTH BEND CUBS OUTFIELDERS

8 Ivan Brethowr *Left and Right Field *Bats: Right / Throws: Right *2024 7th Round Pick (Cubs) *UC Santa Barbara *24: SB (23g) .169, 2 HR, 7 RBI **Last Game:** 1/2, 2 R, 2 BB **This Series:** **(Last) WIS Series:** 2/17, 5 BB, 4 RBI	**Career Notes:** Selected by Chicago Cubs in 7th round of 2024 Draft out of UC Santa Barbara… Teammate of Saturday Cubs starting pitcher Ryan Gallagher with the Gauchos… First Team All Big West in final year at UCSB… 15 home runs that year led Big West…Spent 2022 college season at Arizona State…Played 23 games with Myrtle Beach after being drafted, hit .169 with 2 HR, 7 RBI Hit leadoff from April 30-May 21	**2025** **Hit Streak:** 1 / **Long Hit Streak**: 7 **On-Base Streak:** 1 / **Long On-BaseStk:** 14 **Last HR:** 6/24 at Cedar Rapids (Solo) * Two of his four HR have come in CR **Cubs Season – Career Game Highs** **Hits:** 2, vs Lake County 6/21 – Same **RBI:** 3, at Wisconsin 7/10 – Same
22 Rafael Morel *Can play all INF and OF spots *Bats: Right / Throws: Right *NDFA 2018 *No College *24: SB (84g) .226, 8 HR, 32 RBI **Last Game:** 1/4, 2 RBI, 2 K's **This Series:** **(Last) WIS Series:** 3/14, 3 BB, 3 RBI	**Career Notes:** Signed as free agent with Chicago Cubs in 2018 out of the Dominican Republic… Younger brother of former Cubs infielder and 2019 South Bend Midwest League Champion Christopher Morel… Rafael hit a home run on the same day Christopher was traded to Rays on July 28, 2024… 84 games w/ SB 2024, 8 HR, 32 RBI. Delivered the first multi-home run game of his career on May 16 in Lansing, giving the Cubs the lead in the 10th inning with a two-run home run	**2025** **Hit Streak:** 1 / **Long Hit Streak**: 5 **On-Base Streak:** 3 / **Long On-BaseStk:** 16 **Last HR:** 5/16 at Lansing – Two 2-run HR *16 game on-base streak snapped June 1 in QC **Cubs Season – Career Game Highs** **Hits:** 3, at WM 4/19 – 4, at Beloit 4/17/24 **RBI:** 4, at LAN 5/16 – Same
9 Carter Trice *Super Utility (Mostly CF and 1B) *Bats: Right / Throws: Right *2024 12th Round Pick (Cubs) *North Carolina State *24: MB (67g) .218, 8 HR, 34 RBI **Last Game:** 1/3, 2 R, 1 BB **This Series:** **(Last) WIS Series:** 2/16, 1 BB	**Career Notes:** 12th round pick by Chicago Cubs out of North Carolina State in 2023… First two college seasons at Old Dominion with Andy Garriola… Like Garriola in 2019, he was the Conference USA Freshman of the Year in 2021… From Mechanicsville, Virginia, same hometown as 2019 South Bend Cubs Midwest League Champion Derek Casey…82 games in 2024 between ACL and Myrtle Beach, .228 avg, 9 HR, 38 RBI Activated from Injured List 5/28 June: .263/.446/.579, 7 HR, 14 RBI, 13-14 SB - First South Bend Cub to hit 7 HR in June	**2025** **Hit Streak:** 1 / **Long Hit Streak**: 8 **On-Base Streak:** 1 / **Long On-BaseStk:** 23 * Snapped 23-game on-base on 7/1 **Last HR:** Homered twice 6/21 vs Lake County (Solo in 1st, 2-Run in 9th) ***Three straight games with a HR 6/3-6/6** **Cubs Season – Career Game Highs** **Hits:** 3, vs LC 6/21 – 4, at DEL 8/4/24 **RBI:** 3, vs LC 6/21 – 7, at DEL 8/4/24

SOUTH BEND PROFESSIONAL BASEBALL HISTORY

2025 Attendance Highs
1. 7,541 7/4 vs Peoria
2. 6,860 6/6 vs Great Lakes
3. 6,528 6/20 vs Lake County

All-Time Attendance Highs
1. 8,169 7/25/24 vs PEO
2. 8,143 7/3/15 vs BG
3. 8,051 6/16/17 vs LC

Season Attendance
1. 354,070 '17 Cubs
2. 350,083 '16 Cubs
3. 347,678 '15 Cubs
4. 343,783 '18 Cubs
5. 314,591 '23 Cubs

1988-1993 – South Bend White Sox / White Sox Affiliate
*1989 and 1993 Midwest League Champions

1994-1996 – South Bend Silver Hawks / White Sox Affiliate

1997-2014 – South Bend Silver Hawks / Diamondbacks Affiliate
*2005 Midwest League Champions
*2001, 2008, 2013 Midwest League Runner-Up
*2005 Midwest League Prospect of the Year/MVP: OF Carlos Gonzalez
*2014 Midwest League Prospect of the Year: SS Andrew Velazquez

2015-Present – South Bend Cubs / Cubs Affiliate
*2019 and 2022 Midwest League Champions
*Voted best ballpark in 2017, 2022, and 2023.

South Bend Cubs in the Majors (Debut Team)

P Dylan Cease (White Sox '19) SB 2017
P Adbert Alzolay (Cubs '19) / SB 2016
OF Eloy Jimenez (White Sox '19) / SB 2016
P James Norwood (Cubs '18) / SB 2015-16
P Duane Underwood (Cubs '18) / SB 2016
INF David Bote (Cubs '18) / SB 2015
SS Gleyber Torres (Yankees '18) / SB 2015
P Pedro Aruajo (Orioles '17) / SB 2015-16
P Dillon Maples (Cubs '17) / SB 2015-16
OF Ian Happ (Cubs '17) / SB 2015
IF Jason Vosler (Giants '21) / SB 2015
C Erick Castillo (Cubs '21) / SB 2016
P Justin Steele (Cubs '21) SB 2016
IF Zack Short (Tigers '21) / SB 2017
IF Vimael Machin (A's '20) / SB 2015-17
IF Isaac Paredes (Tigers '20) / SB 2016-17
IF Andruw Monasterio (Brewers '23) / SB 2016-17
C Jhonny Pereda (Marlins '24) / SB 2017
P Michael Rucker (Cubs '21) / SB 2017
P Scott Effross (Cubs '21) / SB 2016
P Tommy Nance (Cubs '21) / SB 2016
P Tyson Miller (Cubs '20) / SB 2017
P Jhon Romero (Nationals '21) / SB 2017
P Matt Swarmer (Cubs '22) / SB 2017
P Manuel Rodriguez (Cubs '21) / SB 2017-18
P Brendon Little (Cubs '22) / SB 2018-19
P Brandon Hughes (Cubs '22) / SB 2018-19
P Javier Assad (Cubs '22) / SB 2018
P Cory Abbott (Cubs '21) / SB 2018
P Erich Uelmen (Cubs '22) / SB 2018
P Brailyn Marquez (Cubs '20) / SB 2018-19
INF Nico Hoerner (Cubs '19) / SB 2018
C Teddy Payne (Cubs '21) / SB 2017-18
OF Nelson Velazquez (Cubs '22) / SB 2018-21
INF Jared Young (Cubs '22) / SB 2018
C Miguel Amaya (Cubs '23) / SB 2018
INF Christopher Morel (Cubs '22) / SB 2019
P Ethan Roberts (Cubs '22) / SB 2019
OF Alexander Canario (Cubs '23) / SB 2021-22
P Bryan King (Astros '24) / SB 2021
P Bailey Horn (Red Sox '24) / SB 2021-22
P Nicholas Padilla (Cubs '22) / SB 2021-22
P Hunter Bigge (Rays '24) / SB 2021-24
P DJ Herz (Nationals '24) / SB 2021-22
P Jordan Wicks (Cubs '23) / SB 2021-22
P Nicholas Padilla (Cubs '22) / SB 2021-22
P Jeremiah Estrada (Cubs '23) / SB 2022
P Anderson Espinoza (Cubs '22) SB 2021
OF Pete Crow-Armstrong (Cubs '23) / SB 2022
INF Matt Mervis (Cubs '23) / SB 2022
P Daniel Palencia (Cubs '23) / SB 2022
P Porter Hodge (Cubs '24) / SB 2022
P Luke Little (Cubs '23) / SB 2022-23
INF Levi Jordan (Reds '24) / SB 2019
OF Kevin Alcantara (Cubs '24) / SB 2023
INF Matt Shaw (Cubs '25) / SB 2023
INF Cam Smith (Astros '25) / SB 2024
P Cade Horton (Cubs '25) / SB 2023
C Moises Ballesteros (Cubs '25) / SB 2023
P Eduarniel Nunez (Padres '25) / SB 2021-23

Miscellaneous

NO-HITTERS – In total franchise history, South Bend has thrown 10 no-hitters. In South Bend Cubs history, there have been four.

*****June 6, 2018: South Bend beat Fort Wayne 7-0 as Rollie Lacy and Ben Hecht combined for no-hitter.

*May 6, 2019: South Bend defeated Cedar Rapids 2-0 as Derek Casey and Peyton Remy combined for their no-hitter. Former Cubs catcher Victor Caratini caught half the game while on a rehab assignment.

*August 12, 2021: At Fort Wayne, Alexander Vizcaino, Joe Nahas, and Burl Carraway combined to no-hit the TinCaps in a 3-0 shutout.

*July 6, 2023: The most recent South Bend no-no, against the Peoria Chiefs, a 4-0 final, Michael Arias, Jarod Wright, Eduarniel Nunez, and Frankie Scalzo Jr. combined for the gem.

*Last South Bend Silver Hawks no-hitter: July 10, 2014 Blayne Weller (9 inning solo no-hitter) at Dayton, 12 strikeouts.

*South Bend has never thrown a perfect game in franchise history.

*Last time South Bend was no-hit in 9 innings – September 4, 2022 vs Lansing (Lansing won game 2-1).

- South Bend was no-hit in 7 innings, in Game 2 of a doubleheader vs the Great Lakes Loons on June 5, 2025.

CUBS REHAB ASSIGNMENTS – Dexter Fowler 2016, Jason Heyward 2016-2017, Yu Darvish 2018 (2x), Drew Smyly 2018-2022-2024, Mike Montgomery 2019, Victor Caratini 2019, Ben Zobrist 2019, Derek Holland 2019, Nico Hoerner 2021, Rowan Wick 2021, Wade Miley 2022, Caleb Kilian 2024.

CUBS DEN TEAM STORE – In the summer of 2012, the Sons of Israel Synagogue was transformed into the South Bend Cubs Team Store (beyond the left field fence). The synagogue had not housed a congregation since 1991.

TERRY FRANCONA – The Cincinnati Reds manager was the skipper of the 1992 South Bend White Sox (73-64).

BUDDY BAILEY – Buddy Bailey, who sits in third place on the all-time Minor League Manager wins list, spent the 2019 season with the South Bend Cubs, winning the 2019 Midwest League Championship. The Cubs went an undefeated 7-0 in the 2019 playoffs, and Bailey also collected his 2100th professional victory while managing at Four Winds Field on June 6, 2019.

THREE-PEAT – South Bend became the first Midwest League franchise with three consecutive Midwest League Prospects of the Year (2014 Andrew Velazquez, 2015 Gleyber Torres, 2016 Eloy Jimenez).

SEASON #37 – 2025 marks the 37th season of South Bend being part of the Midwest League. It's also the 10-year anniversary of the Chicago Cubs making South Bend their MWL affiliate.
*South Bend All Time Record: 2443-2472 (Entering This Season)
*South Bend Cubs Record (2015-Present): 600-602 (Entering This Season)

HARD HATS REQUIRED – The 2024-25 off-season has brought along a 48-million-dollar construction project at Four Winds Field, being split into two phases in a project that promises to bring more people downtown over the next several decades. A new natural playing field is already finished at Four Winds Field. In addition, new seats have been installed, construction of the second deck is concluding, the Kids Fun Zone has moved to the right field corner, and the brand new splash pad is being wrapped up past the left-center field wall. 'Phase Two' of the construction project takes place following the conclusion of the 2025 Midwest League season.

EXTRA INNINGS – To this point in the 2025 season, South Bend is 2-7 in games going to extra innings.