

2025 Game Notes

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August 21, 2025 -- Game #116/48, Home Game #59
Reading Fightin Phils (20-27, 45-68) vs. Altoona Curve (27-20, 56-58)
RHP Chuck King vs. RHP Alessandro Ercolani
6:00 p.m. | Peoples Natural Gas Field | Altoona, PA

Radio -- **WRTA 98.5 & Fly Altoona Curve Radio Network** | TV -- **MLB.TV, Bally Sports Live, SportsNet Pittsburgh**

TODAY'S GAME / OPPOSING STARTER: The Curve play their lone series of the season with the Reading Fightin Phils. Altoona last played the Fightin's in 2023 and went 6-5.

Chuck King takes the ball for Reading tonight. A 27-year-old from Coppell, TX, King signed with the Phillies in the 2023-24 off-season after working for three seasons as a sports scientist at Driveline. King pitched five years at TCU and once or twice a week would get on a mound and see if the stuff he was reading on Driveline's blog would work for him. He sat 97 during a bullpen and decided to give a pro baseball career a shot, throwing at Driveline's pro day and earning a contract with Philadelphia.

No. 1: Baseball's top prospect, **Konnor Griffin**, joined the Curve on Monday, August 18. Griffin, at 19 years, 3 months and 26 days, he is the youngest player in franchise history to suit up for The Curve. Griffin is the tenth player in franchise history, just the third infielder, to join Altoona while ranked as the No. 1 prospect in baseball, first since **Paul Skenes** in 2023. At the time of his promotion, Griffin ranks among all minor league players in runs scored (3rd, 97), stolen bases (9th, 60), hits (4th, 134), and batting average. (7th, .328).

Griffin is the first Pirates minor leaguer to steal 60 bases since Manny Ravelo stole 70 bases in 2001 with Single-A Lynchburg and Hickory.

POSTSEASON CURVE: With 22 games remaining in the Second Half, Altoona holds a 1.0 game lead over Harrisburg in the Southwest Division. The Curve were last in the postseason in 2018 when they fell to the Akron RubberDucks in the Division Series.

TERMARRINATOR: Infielder **Termarr Johnson** has a season-long six game hit streak stretching from his series in Richmond to this week's series with Reading. In his last 14 games he's batting 21-for-55 (.382) with 2 2B, 1 3B, 1 HR and 6 RBI with a .926 OPS. Johnson matched his career-high with four hits on August 14 at Richmond.

NICK AT NIGHT: First baseman **Nick Cimillo** has returned from the All-Star break with a vengeance. In his last 25 games, he's batting .247 with 17 extra base hits (.986 OPS). In that time he ranks 2nd among Double-A players in HR (9), and XBH (17), 4th in SLG% (.634) and 7th in OPS (.986).

DUUUUUUCE: Infielder **Duce Gourson's** last two homers have come in clutch spots. After swatting a game-tying shot on August 8 in the bottom of the 9th against Hartford, Gourson smacked a go-ahead 3-run homer on Tuesday, August 18 at Richmond. With the Curve down to their final out, Gourson rocked his third hit of the game to take a 7-4 lead in an exhilarating comeback win for the Curve. Gourson is 16-for-40 (.400) with 2 2B, 2 HR, 4 RBI and 11 BB in his last 12 games (since August 7).

KELLY K'S: Righty **Antwone Kelly** has become one of the top pitching prospects in the Pirates minor league system. The 21-year-old holds a 1.00 WHIP between Greensboro and Altoona which ranks 8th among qualified minor league pitchers. The Aruban righty has allowed 2 runs or fewer in 19-of-23 starts this year. He's totaled 112 strikeouts this season, 3rd-most in the Pirates minor league system (**Bubba Chandler**, 121), just behind teammate **Wilber Dotel** (115).

SO YOU LIKE PLAYING ALTOONA?: Nine players this season have earned an Eastern League weekly or monthly award immediately after playing the Curve. CJ Kayfus (Akron, 4/13), Brandon Beck (Somerset, 4/20), Blaze Jordan (Portland, May Player of the Month), David Sandlin (Portland, 6/1), Rafael Sanchez (New Hampshire, 6/8), Trey Gibson (Chesapeake, 7/27), Max Ferguson (Portland, 8/3), Sean Sullivan (Hartford August 11) have all taken home weekly awards after playing Altoona. **Hunter Barco** was named the Eastern League Pitcher of the Week (April 27) and Pitcher of the Month in April to account for Altoona's only honors this season.

EZZY: Outfielder **Esmerlyn Valdez** has gotten his feet underneath of him at Double-A, in his last 20 games, he is 18-for-70 (.257) with 1 2B, 1 3B, 2 HR, 12 RBI and 14 walks (.758 OPS).

MY VALENTIN: Righty **Valentin Linarez** has turned in one of the best seasons of his professional career in 2025. In addition to holding opponents to a career-low .177 BAA this season and a 1.12 WHIP, since June 10 he's allowed just 3 runs in 25.1 IP (1.07 ERA) and a 0.83 WHIP with 26 strikeouts.

JUSTIN'S MEIS: Since recording a 4.91 ERA in the month of May, **Justin Meis** has held opponents to a 0.90 WHIP and walked just 5 batters in 30.0 innings with 33 strikeouts. Meis' 58 K's this season are 4th-most by an Eastern League reliever.

CLOSE WINS: 23 of Altoona's last 29 wins (since June 18) have all come in a save situation for the bullpen. 57 of the team's 114 games this year (50%) have been decided by two runs or fewer.

ITALIANISSIMO: Righty **Alessandro Ercolani** has dialed in throughout his first trip through the Eastern League. In 11 of his 22 outings this season, he's allowed 1 run or fewer. Held under an innings count this year, Ercolani has gone 0-1 with a 2.93 ERA (10 ER / 30.2 IP) in his last 7 outings (6 starts) in which he's held opponents to a .198 BAA.

SOUTHWEST DIVISION STANDINGS

Team	W-L (2nd/Ovr.)	GB	RESULT
Altoona	27-20, 57-58	--	7-1 L vs REA
Harrisburg	26-21, 60-56	1.0	3-0 W 4-2 W @ ERI
Akron	24-23, 67-48	3.0	6-2 L vs NH
Richmond	23-23, 44-69	3.5	6-0 L @ CHE
Erie*	22-25, 67-49	5.0	3-0 L 4-2 L vs HBG
Chesapeake	17-30, 47-66	10.0	6-0 W vs RIC

NORTHEAST DIVISION STANDINGS

Team	W-L (2nd/Ovr.)	GB	RESULT
Binghamton*	31-16, 77-38	--	4-1 W @ POR
Somerset	26-20, 61-54	4.5	PPD vs HFD
Hartford	22-23, 58-56	8.0	PPD @ SOM
Portland	21-25, 55-58	9.5	4-1 L vs BNG
New Hamp.	20-26, 49-66	10.5	6-2 W @ AKR
Reading	20-27, 45-69	11.0	7-1 W @ ALT

2025 CURVE AT A GLANCE

Overall Record	57-58
Home	32-26
Road	25-32
First Half	30-38
Second Half	27-20
Place (Southwestern Div)	1st
Games Ahead/Behind	+1.0
Streak	L1
Last 5	3-2
Last 10	6-4
All-Time Record	1,818-1,785
'25 Home Attendance	242,354
Home Openings	56
Average Attendance	4,328
2025 vs. Reading	1-1
at Altoona	1-1
at Reading	0-0
All-time vs. Reading	158-169
at Altoona	89-78
at Reading	69-91

TOP 30 PROSPECTS

NAME	OUTLET (MLB/BA)
Konnor Griffin	1/1
Termarr Johnson	6/7
Esmerlyn Valdez	15/22
Mitch Jebb	18/20
Omar Alfonso	19/25
Jack Brannigan*	21/24
Anthony Solometo*	25/30
Wilber Dotel	28/13
Antwone Kelly	--/12
Aidan Miller	2/2
Moises Chace*	8/9
Jean Cabrera	11/13
Carson DeMartini	13/14
Wen-Hui Pan*	16/24
Caleb Ricketts	22/26
Eiberson Castellano	24/16
Dyan Campbell	28/-

* - Injured List

RECENT MLB DEBUTS

RHP Thomas Harrington	4/1/25 (PIT)
LHP Omar Cruz	4/1/25 (SD)
INF Tsung-Che Cheng	4/9/25 (PIT)
INF/OF Matt Gorski	4/24/25 (PIT)
RHP Braxton Ashcraft	5/26/25 (PIT)
RHP Cam Sanders	8/5/25 (PIT)

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Jon Mozes and Preston Shoemaker will call the action of the 2025 season on the Fly Altoona Curve Radio Network, flown by Contour Air-lines. Pregame coverage begins 15 minutes before all games.

TODAY IN CURVE HISTORY PRESENTED BY

2012 - Jameson Taillon makes Double-A debut, pitching five scoreless innings with six strikeouts and allowed four hits at Trenton and earned the win in 5-0 victory. Taillon was the No. 2 overall pick in the 2010 draft and the Pirates No. 2 prospect, joining top prospect and 2011 No. 1 pick Gerrit Cole on the club.



UPCOMING GAMES AND PROBABLE PITCHERS

Fri. August 22	Reading	6:00 p.m.	TBA vs. RHP Jean Cabrera
Sat. August 23	Reading	6:00 p.m.	RHP Antwone Kelly vs. RHP Braydon Tucker
Sun. August 24	Reading	6:00 p.m.	LHP Dominic Perachi vs. RHP Griff McGarry
Tues. August 26	@ Harrisburg	6:30 p.m.	TBA vs. TBA
Wed. August 27	@ Harrisburg	6:30 p.m.	TBA vs. TBA
Thur. August 28	@ Harrisburg	6:30 p.m.	TBA vs. TBA
Fri. August 29	@ Harrisburg	7:00 p.m.	TBA vs. TBA

RECORD BREAKDOWNS/HIGHS & LOWS

2025 SEASON HIGHS/LOWS

TEAM MISCELLANEOUS

LONGEST WINNING STREAK.....	6, 6/28 @ CHE - 7/4 vs HBG
LONGEST LOSING STREAK.....	6, 7/5 @ HBG - 7/11 @ BNG
LARGEST MARGIN OF VICTORY.....	9 runs, 10-1, 4/16 vs SOM
LARGEST MARGIN OF DEFEAT.....	13 runs, 16-3, 7/8 @ BNG
LARGEST SHUTOUT WIN.....	8-0, 5/14 vs HBG G1
LARGEST SHUTOUT LOSS.....	10-0, 5/24 @ AKR
LARGEST COMEBACK TO WIN.....	5 runs, 2x, last 7/13 @ BNG
LONGEST GAME, TIME.....	3:24, 5/7 @ ERI
LONGEST 9-INNING GAME TIME.....	3:20, 4/13 @ AKR
SHORTEST 9-INNING GAME TIME.....	2:01, 4/19 vs SOM
LONGEST 7-INNING GAME TIME.....	2:30, 5/31 vs POR G2
SHORTEST 7-INNING GAME TIME.....	1:30, 5/29 vs POR G1
LONGEST GAME, INNINGS.....	12 innings, 4/26 @ CHE
LONGEST HOME GAME, INNINGS.....	11 innings, 7/3 vs HBG
LONGEST ROAD GAME, INNINGS.....	12 innings, 2x, last 5/7 @ ERI
LARGEST CROWD, HOME.....	9,165, 7/3 vs HBG
SMALLEST CROWD, HOME.....	2,436, 4/15 vs SOM
LARGEST CROWD, ROAD.....	8,128, 5/20 @ AKR
SMALLEST CROWD, ROAD.....	878, 5/6 @ ERI
MOST ERRORS.....	4, 7/23 vs CHE
MOST ERRORS BY OPPONENT.....	5, 7/27 vs CHE
MOST CONSECUTIVE GAMES WITHOUT AN ERROR.....	5, 4/10 @ AKR - 4/15 vs SOM
MOST LOB.....	16, 4/16 vs SOM
FEWEST LOB.....	1, 3x, last 7/22 vs CHE

TEAM BATTING

MOST RUNS.....	11, 2x, last 8/3 @ POR
MOST RUNS, INNING.....	9, 7th inning, 4/20 vs SOM
MOST HITS.....	17, 6/8 @ NH
MOST HITS, INNING.....	8, 7th inning, 4/20 vs SOM
MOST HOME RUNS, GAME.....	3, 2x, last 8/3 @ POR
MOST HOME RUNS, INNING.....	2, 4x, last 9th inning, 8/8 vs HFD
MOST CONSECUTIVE GAMES WITH A HOME RUN.....	7, 4/20 vs SOM - 4/27 @ CHE
MOST DOUBLES, GAME.....	5, 2x, last 6/29 @ CHE
MOST TRIPLES, GAME.....	3, 4/29 vs AKR
MOST EXTRA-BASE HITS.....	6, 4x, last 8/3 @ POR
MOST STOLEN BASES.....	7, 4/24 @ CHE
MOST STRIKEOUTS, 9-INNING GAME.....	15, 2x, last 4/27 @ CHE
MOST STRIKEOUTS, ALL GAMES.....	16, 5/7 @ ERI
MOST WALKS, ALL GAMES.....	11, 4/16 vs SOM

TEAM PITCHING

MOST RUNS ALLOWED.....	16, 7/8 @ BNG
MOST RUNS ALLOWED, INNING.....	7, 8th inning, 5/24 @ AKR
MOST HITS ALLOWED.....	19, 7/8 @ BNG
MOST HITS ALLOWED, INNING.....	5, 6x, last 6th inning, 8/10 vs HFD
MOST HOME RUNS ALLOWED.....	3, 5x, last 7/11 @ BNG
MOST HOME RUNS ALLOWED, INNING.....	2, 2x, last 1st inning, 7/13 @ BNG
MOST CONSECUTIVE GAMES ALLOWING A HOME RUN.....	4, 4/23 - 4/26 @ CHE
MOST STRIKEOUTS, 9-INNING GAME.....	16, 4/27 @ CHE
MOST STRIKEOUTS, ALL GAMES.....	16, 4/27 @ CHE
MOST BASES ON BALLS.....	10, 4/4 vs CHE
MOST EXTRA-BASE HITS ALLOWED.....	9, 4/9 @ AKR

INDIVIDUAL BATTING

MOST RUNS SCORED.....	4, Mitch Jebb, 5/15 vs HBG
MOST HITS.....	4, 3x, last Termarr Johnson, 8/14 @ RIC
MOST EXTRA-BASE HITS.....	3, Kervin Pichardo, 5/10 @ ERI
MOST DOUBLES.....	3, Kervin Pichardo, 5/10 @ ERI
MOST TRIPLES.....	2, 2x, last Sammy Siani, 8/5 vs HFD
MOST HOME RUNS.....	2, Nick Cimillo, 8/3 @ POR
MOST TOTAL BASES.....	8, 2x, last Nick Cimillo & Termarr Johnson, 8/3 @ POR
MOST RBI.....	5, Nick Cimillo, 5/31 vs POR G2
MOST STOLEN BASES.....	3, 2x, last Mike Jarvis, 5/9 @ ERI
MOST BASES ON BALLS.....	3, 3x, last Mitch Jebb, 4/16 vs SOM
MOST TIMES REACHING BASE SAFELY.....	5, 3x, last Mitch Jebb, 8/5 vs HFD
MOST STRIKEOUTS.....	4, 3x, last Aaron McKeithan, 6/28 @ CHE
LONGEST HITTING STREAK.....	10, Mitch Jebb, 8/3 @ POR - 8/16 @ RIC
LONGEST ON-BASE STREAK.....	23, Jack Brannigan, 4/23 @ CHE - 5/18 vs HBG
LONGEST RBI STREAK.....	6, Nick Cimillo, 6/15 vs ERI - 6/22 vs RIC

INDIVIDUAL PITCHING

MOST INNINGS PITCHED, STARTER.....	6.0, 9x, last Wilber Dotel, 8/20 vs REA
MOST INNINGS PITCHED, RELIEVER.....	5.0, Alessandro Ercolani, 6/19 vs RIC
MOST HITS ALLOWED, STARTER.....	11, Po-Yu Chen, 7/8 @ BNG
MOST HITS ALLOWED, RELIEVER.....	7, Fineas Del Bonta-Smith, 6/14 vs ERI
MOST STRIKEOUTS, STARTER.....	10, Wilber Dotel, 5/4 vs AKR
MOST STRIKEOUTS, RELIEVER.....	6, Emmanuel Chapman, 8/5 vs HFD
MOST BASES ON BALLS, STARTER.....	5, 2x, last Po-Yu Chen, 6/13 vs ERI
MOST BASES ON BALLS, RELIEVER.....	4, 2x, last Fineas Del Bonta-Smith, 5/24 @ AKR
MOST EARNED RUNS ALLOWED, STARTER.....	9, Po-Yu Chen, 7/8 @ BNG
MOST EARNED RUNS ALLOWED, RELIEVER.....	7, Fineas Del Bonta-Smith, 5/24 @ AKR
MOST CONSECUTIVE SCORELESS IP.....	25.2*, Hunter Barco, 4/4 vs CHE - 5/3 vs AKR

* - Active Streak, Bold - Franchise Record

2025 RECORD BREAKDOWN

	TOTAL	HOME	ROAD
Overall Record	57-58	32-26	25-32
vs. Southwest Division	40-37	21-17	19-20
vs. Northeast Division	17-21	11-9	6-12
vs. NL Affiliates	20-17	13-9	7-8
vs. AL Affiliates	37-41	19-17	18-24
First Half	30-38	20-18	10-20
Second Half	27-20	12-8	15-12
Day Games	16-12	8-7	8-5
Night Games	41-46	24-19	17-27
Day Game After Night	11-10	4-6	7-4
Curve Score 1st	33-13	15-4	18-9
Opponent Scores 1st	24-44	17-22	7-22
Come From Behind Wins	28	18	10
vs. RH Starters	43-47	24-21	19-26
vs. LH Starters	14-11	8-5	6-6
Curve Starter 5.0 + IP	19-17	12-7	7-10
Curve Starter 6.0 + IP	6-3	3-2	3-1
Curve Starter 7.0 + IP	0-0	0-0	0-0
When Hitting a HR	34-19	19-8	15-11
When Not Hitting a HR	23-39	13-18	10-21
Outhit Opponent	40-9	20-2	20-7
Equal # of Hits	4-3	2-3	2-0
Outhit by Opponent	13-46	10-21	3-25
Curve 10+ Hits	23-2	14-2	9-0
Commit 0 Errors	25-21	12-10	13-11
Commit 1 Error	24-26	17-12	7-14
Commit 2+ Errors	8-11	3-4	5-7
Leading After 7th	43-3	22-1	21-2
Trailing After 7th	2-41	1-18	1-23
Tied After 7th	8-4	6-2	2-2
Leading After 8th	47-0	24-0	23-0
Trailing After 8th	1-43	0-20	1-23
Tied After 8th	5-5	5-1	0-4
Extra-Inning Games	4-4	4-1	0-3
Double-headers	2-8	1-3	1-5
Series Record	7-8-6	4-2-5	3-6-1
One-Run Games	19-16	13-5	6-11
Two-Run Games	14-9	5-5	9-4
3+Run Games	24-33	14-16	10-17
Shutout Record	6-15	2-5	4-10
April Record	12-11	6-5	6-6
May Record	11-16	8-7	3-9
June Record	12-12	6-6	6-6
July Record	12-12	8-4	4-8
August Record	10-7	4-4	6-3
September Record	0-0	0-0	0-0
Monday Record	0-0	0-0	0-0
Tuesday Record	8-9	5-3	3-6
Wednesday Record	8-10	5-5	3-5
Thursday Record	9-8	5-4	4-4
Friday Record	8-13	4-7	4-6
Saturday Record	11-10	7-3	4-7
Sunday Record	13-8	6-4	7-4
1st Game of Series	11-10	7-4	4-6
Last Game of Series	13-8	7-4	6-4
Getaway Day	9-4	2-0	7-4
Red Alternate Hat	18-14	0-1	18-13
Black Keystone Hat	16-14	16-14	0-0
Gray Road Hat	4-7	0-0	4-7
Red/Bronze Engineer Hat	5-7	5-3	0-4
Peces Dorados Hat/Uniform	3-4	2-2	1-2
Rail Kings Hat/Uniform	4-3	4-3	0-0
Red Uniform	17-16	6-5	11-10
White Uniform	12-10	12-10	0-0
Gray Uniform	13-16	0-0	13-16
Bronze Uniform	5-7	5-3	0-4
Armed Forces Hat	2-5	1-1	1-4
Other Specialty Uniform/Hat	6-4	5-2	1-2

2025 VS. EASTERN LEAGUE OPPONENTS

OPPONENT	TOTAL	HOME	ROAD
vs. Akron	8-13	5-4	3-9
vs. Binghamton	2-4	0-0	2-4
vs. Chesapeake	13-8	4-5	9-3
vs. Erie	5-7	3-3	2-4
vs. Harrisburg	8-4	7-2	1-2
vs. Hartford	3-3	3-3	0-0
vs. New Hampshire	1-5	0-0	1-5
vs. Portland	6-6	3-3	3-3
vs. Reading	1-1	1-1	0-0
vs. Richmond	6-5	2-3	4-2
vs. Somerset	4-2	4-2	0-0
TOTALS	57-58	32-26	25-32

TODAY'S STARTING PITCHER

#36 Alessandro Ercolani

RHP



Vitals: 6-1, 225, 4/20/04 (21)
Pitch Selection: Fastball (92-96), Cutter, Slider, Changeup
Hometown: Bargo Maggiore, San Marino
Acquired: International FA (2021) (San Marino), 4th year of professional baseball
Prospect Ranking: Baseball America No. 21 Pirates Prospect

Trending: Last 7 outings (7/9 - Present): 0-1, 2.93 ERA (10 ER / 30.2 IP), 23 H, 16 BB, 24 K (.198 BAA)... Crossed the 75-pitch threshold 4 times in 22 outings this season (innings limit)... Has allowed 1 run or fewer in 11-of-22 outings... Is recording the lowest first strike % (39.2) since he left the complex (2023, 46.9%, 2024, 48.2%)... Recording a career-low .234 BABIP

CAREER NOTES

2025: Assigned to Altoona to begin the season... Matched his career-high with 3 HR allowed on 4/26 at Chesapeake... Finished 5.0 innings for the first time in his 7th start of the season on 5/14 (G1) vs. Harrisburg... Allowed just 1 baserunner (solo HR) in 4.0 innings on 5/29 in the first of a DH vs. Portland...Tossed a season-long 5.2 IP (83 pitches) on August 9 vs Hartford...

2024: Spent the entire season at High-A Greensboro, swinging between the bullpen and rotation... His 93 strikeouts were 9th-most among all Pirates farmhands... Reduced his walk rate from 4.3/9 innings in 2023 to 2.9/9 innings in 2024... Recorded a 1.17 ERA in four April outings (2 ER / 15.1 IP)... Bounced back from a difficult month of May (18 runs in 15.0 innings) to record a 3.48 ERA in 10.1 innings in June, 17 of 28 earned runs he allowed during the season came in the calendar month... Held opponents to a .173 batting average against in 15 outings, two starts, from June 1 through the end of the season... Picked up 58 strikeouts in his final 46.1 innings of the season... Recorded a 1.46 ERA in the second half of the season... **2023:** Spent the entire season with Single-A Bradenton... Tossed at least 5.0 innings in seven of his 17 outings... Was named the Florida State League Pitcher of the Week for the week of 6/12-6/18... Was placed on the 7-Day IL on August 1 and missed the rest of the regular season... Pitched for Salt River in the Arizona Fall League after the season where he was the youngest player on the circuit... Walked 11 batters in 3.2 innings over four outings...

CURVE CUTS: Alessandro Ercolani... Hails from San Marino, a country of a little over 34,000 people which is land-locked by Italy and has the world's fifth-smallest country by population... Every member of San Marino's population could fit into every MLB stadium, including MLB's smallest - the Cleveland Guardians' Progressive Field, which holds 34,830... Picked up baseball at age six after a friend of his enrolled in the sport, noting in an interview with MLB.com's Michael Clair in 2024 that seeing stadiums filled with screaming fans in the U.S. caught his eye... Got his Italian passport at age 12 so that he could participate in the Italian National Team's development programs...Suited up for Italy's U15 National Team... Was Listed on Team Italy's provisional roster for the 2023 World Baseball Classic, but did not appear in the tournament... Was mentored by former Dodgers Minor Leaguer and German National Team Pitcher Markus Solbach and Italian Pitcher turned Pitching Coach Alessandro Maestri... Is fluent in english, spanish and italian... *For more on Ercolani, see page 39 of the Curve Media Guide*

GAME	RESULT	GS	ERA	IP	H	R	ER	K	AVG	BB	HR	P-S	LEFT
4/9 @ AKR	L, 1-13	1	21.60	1.2	4	4	4	2	.444	2	0	50-28	1-3, 1 on
4/15 vs. SOM	L, 1-6	1	9.64	3.0	3	1	1	2	.333	2	1	57-36	0-1
4/20 vs. SOM	ND, 9-3	1	5.87	3.0	0	0	0	4	.226	0	0	42-32	0-0
4/26 @ CHE	ND, 3-4	1	6.17	4.0	3	3	3	3	.217	1	3	62-42	3-3
5/2 vs. AKR	ND, 6-2	1	5.17	4.0	5	1	1	4	.238	0	0	70-47	3-1
5/8 @ ERI	ND, 3-4	1	5.30	3.0	5	2	2	2	.263	1	0	64-41	2-2
5/14 vs. HBG	W, 8-0	1	4.18	5.0	3	0	0	5	.247	1	0	64-44	4-0
5/23 @ AKR	L, 3-6	1	5.53	4.0	6	6	6	2	.259	2	1	63-41	2-6
5/29 vs. POR	L, 0-3	1	5.12	4.0	1	1	1	1	.240	0	1	41-26	0-1
6/3 @ NH	L, 0-4	1	4.79	4.0	2	1	1	4	.230	1	1	62-36	0-1
6/8 @ NH	ND, 11-5	1	4.54	4.0	2	1	1	4	.224	1	1	55-35	0-1
6/14 vs. ERI	L, 2-7	1	4.74	4.0	4	3	3	3	.226	3	0	80-51	0-3
6/20 vs. RIC (from 6/19)	ND, 1-2	0	4.25	5.0	2	0	0	2	.216	1	0	71-45	1-2
6/27 @ CHE	ND, 3-4	1	4.19	5.0	5	3	2	1	.221	1	0	67-40	0-3
7/3 vs. HBG	ND, 4-2	1	4.14	5.0	5	2	2	0	.224	1	1	65-44	1-2
7/9 @ BNG	ND, 0-3	1	3.82	5.0	1	0	0	3	.213	1	0	60-40	0-0
7/18 vs. AKR	ND, 2-1	0	3.61	3.2	1	0	0	3	.207	3	0	57-30	0-1
7/23 vs. CHE	L, 3-6	1	3.95	3.1	5	4	4	3	.213	2	0	66-42	0-4, 2 on
7/29 @ POR	ND, 3-4	1	3.74	4.0	2	0	0	4	.210	3	0	79-47	1-0
8/3 @ POR	ND, 11-4	1	3.79	3.2	4	2	2	3	.213	1	0	68-43	7-2, 1 on
8/9 vs. HFD	ND, 3-2	1	3.54	5.2	6	2	0	4	.216	2	0	83-54	1-2, 1 on
8/15 @ RIC	ND, 5-4	1	3.73	5.1	4	4	4	4	.215	4	1	83-51	3-4
Season	1-7	20	3.73	89.1	73	40	37	63	.215	33	10	1409-895	
Career	1-7	20	3.73	89.1	73	40	37	63	.215	33	10	1409-895	

STAT	2025			CAREER	
	VALUE	DATE	VALUE	DATE	VALUE
IP	5.2	8/9/25 vs. HFD	6.0	2x, 6/24/23 @ LAK	
SO	5	5/14/25 vs. HBG	9	6/9/23 vs. DUN	
H	6	2x, 8/9/25 vs. HFD	8	2x, 5/22/24 vs. GVL	
R	6	5/23/25 @ AKR	10	5/22/24 vs. GVL	
ER	6	5/23/25 @ AKR	9	5/22/24 vs. GVL	
HR	3	4/26/25 @ CHE	3	2x, 4/26/25 @ CHE	
BB	4	8/15/25 @ RIC	4	2x, 4/20/23 vs. DBT	
NP	83	2x, 8/15/25 @ RIC	89	7/20/23 vs. FTM	

ALESSANDRO ERCOLANI'S SPLITS

SPLIT	2025									CAREER								
	IP	H	R	ER	K	BB	HR	ERA	P	IP	H	R	ER	K	BB	HR	ERA	P
Home	45.2	35	14	12	31	15	3	2.36	696	112.1	92	50	41	109	41	14	3.28	1779
Away	43.2	38	26	25	32	18	7	5.15	713	118.2	101	61	56	113	48	12	4.25	1961
Day	19.0	14	7	7	19	5	1	3.32	295	34.0	32	20	19	40	14	3	5.03	582
Night	70.1	59	33	30	44	28	9	3.84	1114	197.0	161	91	78	182	75	23	3.56	3158
vs Left	42.0	36	-	-	36	18	4	-	706	104.2	92	-	-	105	44	13	-	1759
vs Right	46.2	37	-	-	27	15	6	-	707	123.2	101	-	-	117	45	13	-	1990
March	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
April	11.2	10	8	8	11	5	4	6.17	211	36.2	32	20	19	35	20	6	4.66	655
May	20.0	20	10	10	14	4	2	4.50	302	51.2	60	43	34	49	20	9	5.92	855

CAREER STATISTICS

YR	CLUB	W-L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	HR	BB	SO
21	FCL Pirates (Rk.)	2-3	5.40	10	0	0	0	0	18.1	20	13	11	1	8	20
22	FCL Pirates (Rk.)	1-0	1.19	10	8	0	0	1	30.1	19	4	4	0	20	39
23	Bradenton (A)	4-5	4.43	17	15	0	0	0	65.0	62	40	32	8	31	66
24	Greensboro (A+)	6-2	3.29	24	9	0	0	1	76.2	58	31	28	8	25	93
25	Altoona (AA)	1-7	3.73	22	20	0	0	0	89.1	73	40	37	10	33	63
MiLB Totals (5 seasons)		14-17	3.60	83	52	0	0	2	279.2	232	128	112	27	117	281

BATTERS BREAKDOWN

PLAYER	MULTI-HIT GAMES					MULTI-RBI GAMES					HOME RUN BREAKDOWN					
	TOT	2H	3H	4H	5+	TOT	2BI	3BI	4BI	5+BI	TOT	2R	3R	GS	PH	LAST
Omar Alfonso	3	2	1	--	--	3	2	1	--	--	2	--	--	--	--	7/5 @ HBG
Jase Bowen	10	8	2	--	--	2	1	1	--	--	5	1	1	--	--	7/27 vs CHE
Jack Brannigan	9	6	3	--	--	6	4	--	2	--	5	1	1	--	--	6/12 vs ERI
Nick Cimillo	15	15	--	--	--	13	10	1	1	1	15	7	--	1	--	8/17 @ RIC
Brenden Dixon	8	8	--	--	--	3	2	1	--	--	3	2	--	--	--	7/20 vs AKR
Maikol Escotto	3	3	--	--	--	1	1	--	--	--	2	1	--	--	--	7/12 @ BNG
Tres Gonzalez	9	7	2	--	--	2	2	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Duce Gourson	9	4	5	--	--	1	--	1	--	--	3	--	1	--	--	8/12 @ RIC
Konnor Griffin	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Hudson Head	2	1	1	--	--	1	1	--	--	--	1	1	--	--	--	6/12 vs ERI
Wyatt Hendrie	--	--	--	--	--	3	2	--	1	--	3	2	--	1	--	7/13 @ BNG
P.J. Hilson	2	2	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Spencer Horwitz	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Mike Jarvis	8	6	2	--	--	5	2	2	1	--	2	1	--	1	--	7/26 vs CHE
Mitch Jebb	25	19	5	1	--	5	4	1	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Termarr Johnson	24	18	5	1	--	5	3	2	--	--	9	2	1	--	--	8/3 @ POR
Aaron McKeithan	5	4	1	--	--	3	3	--	--	--	3	1	--	--	--	7/23 vs CHE
Kervin Pichardo	11	9	1	1	--	11	7	3	1	--	7	4	1	--	--	7/4 @ HBG
Javier Rivas	2	2	--	--	--	1	1	--	--	--	1	1	--	--	--	8/17 @ RIC
Shawn Ross	1	1	--	--	--	4	2	1	1	--	2	--	1	1	1	4/24 @ CHE
Sammy Siani	10	7	3	--	--	7	4	3	--	--	3	1	1	--	--	7/10 @ BNG
Esmerlyn Valdez	5	4	1	--	--	3	1	2	--	--	2	--	1	--	--	8/13 @ RIC
Imanol Vargas	3	2	1	--	--	3	3	--	--	--	1	1	--	--	--	6/12 vs ERI
Totals	164	128	33	3	--	81	54	20	6	1	69	25	8	4	1	8/17 @ RIC

OFFENSE BY INNING											
INNING	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10+	TOTAL
CURVE	48	35	66	48	52	56	54	39	24	5	427
OPPONENT	60	56	64	44	42	61	50	48	29	6	460

EJECTIONS - 4			
PLAYER/COACH	DATE	UMPIRE	REASON
Termarr Johnson	4/29 vs CHE	Elliott Melton	Arguing Balls & Strikes
Kahlil Watson	4/29 vs CHE	Stone Garver	Arguing a Fair Ball Call
Ryan Clifford	7/12 @ BNG	Warren Eubanks	Arguing
Termarr Johnson	8/7 vs HFD	Nathan Hall	Arguing Balls & Strikes

2025 HOME-ROAD STATS			
Home (32-26)			
Average:	.227	Home Runs:	34
Runs Per Game:	4.1	Stolen Bases:	71
Doubles:	68	Walks:	209
Triples:	20	Strikeouts:	429
Road (25-32)			
Average:	.208	Home Runs:	35
Runs Per Game:	3.2	Stolen Bases:	63
Doubles:	73	Walks:	226
Triples:	6	Strikeouts:	529

TEAM HITTING RANKINGS			
Category	TOTAL	EL RANK	AA RANK
Average	.217	11th	28th
Runs Scored	420	10th	26th
Hits	780	11th	27th
Doubles	141	12th	27th
Triples	26	T-4th	T-6th
Home Runs	69	12th	27th
Walks	435	5th	14th
Strikeouts	958	4th	9th
Stolen Bases	134	7th	T-16th
RISP	.229	8th	23rd

SHUTOUTS BY CURVE - 7			
Date	Score	Hits	Pitcher(s)
4/10 @ AKR	2-0	3	Barco, Linarez, Meis, Sanders
4/22 @ CHE	2-0	3	Barco, Linarez, Ramos, Sanders
5/14 vs HBG G1(7)	8-0	3	Ercolani, Nielson
5/25 @ AKR G1 (7)	1-0	1	Bayless, Chapman, Ramos
6/21 vs RIC	1-0	4	Townsend, Del Bonta-Smith, Meis, Burrows
8/6 vs HFD	1-0	2	Kelly, Linarez, Bidois
8/16 @ RIC	2-0	4	Townsend, Chen, Walsh, Samaniego

SHUTOUTS BY OPPONENTS - 15			
Date	Score	Hits	Pitcher(s)
4/5 vs CHE	2-0	3	Fruit, Van Loon, Heid
4/30 vs AKR	6-0	3	Davenport, Sharpe, Morehouse
5/6 @ ERI	3-0	2	Hamm, Petit, Smith
5/9 @ ERI	7-0	4	Petit, Bergner, Smith, Magno
5/23 @ AKR G2 (7)	5-0	2	Spivey, Jacobs
5/24 @ AKR	10-0	3	Peterson, Sharpe
5/29 vs POR G2 (7)	3-0	3	Sandlin
6/3 @ NH	4-0	5	Watson, Gregory
6/4 @ NH	3-0	2	Harrison, Urbaz, Larkin
6/5 @ NH	2-0	3	Watts-Brown, Garkow, Amalfi
6/7 @ NH G1 (7)	4-0	0	Sanchez
6/10 vs ERI	3-0	4	Bergner, Marks, Magno, Guasch
7/6 @ HBG	2-0	3	Huff, Gomez, Davila, Mejia, Santos
7/9 @ BNG	3-0	3	Geber, Guzman, Foster, Lambert, Nunez
7/25 vs CHE	7-0	2	Gibson, Cooper

2025 PINCH HITTERS		
PLAYER	STATISTICS	LAST APP.
Nick Cimillo	1-1, 1B, RBI	5/14 vs HBG G2
Brenden Dixon	0-2, 2 K	4/29 vs AKR
Duce Gourson	0-1, K	8/14 @ RIC
Wyatt Hendrie	0-1	6/10 vs ERI
Mike Jarvis	1-2, 1B, BB	5/25 @ AKR G1
Termarr Johnson	1-1, 2B, 2 RBI	5/30 vs POR
Shawn Ross	1-1, Grand Slam	4/20 vs SOM
Imanol Vargas	0-2, K	6/13 vs ERI
2025 Totals:	4-11, 2 1B, 2B, HR, BB, 4K, 7 RBI	8/14 @ RIC

MAJOR LEAGUE REHAB ASSIGNMENTS - 2		
Player	Dates	Notes
Spencer Horwitz - INF	4/27 @ CHE - 5/4 vs AKR	Went 2-16 with 2B, 2 BB in 5G
Johan Oviedo - RHP	7/18 vs AKR	3.1 IP, 3 H, 1 R, 0 BB, 3 K on 53 pitches
Johan Oviedo - RHP (2)	7/24 vs CHE	5.0 IP, 4 H, 1 R, 0 BB, 5 K on 63 pitches

2025 STREAKS/OFFENSIVE SUPERLATIVES		
10+ GAME HITTING STREAKS (1) Mitch Jebb - 10 (8/3 @ POR - 8/16 @ RIC)	FIRST-INNING LEAD-OFF HOME RUNS	EASTERN LEAGUE PLAYER OF THE WEEK AWARDS =
15+ GAME ON-BASE STREAKS (2) Mitch Jebb - 15 (4/19 vs SOM - 5/8 @ ERI) Jack Brannigan - 23 (4/23 @ CHE - 5/18 vs HBG)	4+ RBI GAMES (5) Jack Brannigan (4) - 4/16 vs SOM Shawn Ross (4) - 4/20 vs SOM Kervin Pichardo (4) - 5/15 vs HBG Nick Cimillo (5) - 5/31 vs POR G2 Jack Brannigan (4) - 6/12 vs ERI	WINS TRAILING/TIED AFTER 8 INNINGS (6) July 3 vs HBG - Tied 2-2 after 8, won 4-2 (11) July 18 vs AKR - Tied 1-1 after 8, won 2-1 (10) July 19 vs AKR - Tied 5-5 after 8, won 6-5 (9) August 6 vs HFD - Tied 0-0 after 8, won 1-0 (9) August 9 vs HFD - Tied 2-2 after 8, won 3-2 (10) August 12 @ RIC - Trailing 4-3 after 8, won 7-5 (9)
BACK-TO-BACK HOME RUNS (1) Esmerlyn Valdez/Duce Gourson, 9th inning, 8/8 vs HFD	GRAND SLAMS (4) Shawn Ross - 4/20 vs SOM Nick Cimillo - 5/31 vs POR G2 Wyatt Hendrie - 7/13 @ BNG Mike Jarvis - 7/26 vs CHE	
WALK-OFF WINNERS (7) Mitch Jebb RBI-1B, 9th inning - 5/4 vs AKR Brenden Dixon 2-Run HR, 8th inning, 5/31 vs POR G2 Nick Cimillo 2-Run HR, 11th inning, 7/3 vs HBG Maikol Escotto scores on Wild Pitch, 10th inning, 7/18 vs AKR Duce Gourson RBI-2B, 9th inning, 7/19 vs AKR Nick Cimillo RBI-BB, 9th inning, 8/6 vs HFD Mitch Jebb RBI-Sac Fly, 10th inning, 8/9 vs HFD	5+ HIT GAMES =	
	MULTI-HOMER GAMES (1) Nick Cimillo - 2, 8/3 @ POR	

ALTOONA CURVE PITCHER NOTES

#34 Emmanuel Chapman

RHP

Pitch Selection: Fastball (92-96), SL, SPLIT
Hometown: Baguanos, Cuba
Acquired: MiLB FA (2023)
Vitals: 6-4, 281, 9/23/98 (27)
Curve Record: 14-13

Trending:

Has pitched 1.0 IP+ in 44-of-52 outings with Altoona
 May: 0.68 WHIP, .086 BAA (10.1 IP)
 Struck out a career-high 6 batters on 8/5 (2.2 IP, 1 R)

- **2025:** Struck out a career-high 6 batters on 8/5 vs Hartford...
 - **2024:** Finished the season T-8th on the Curve in Games Started (7), recorded a 3.28 ERA as a starting pitcher... Ranked third on the team in ERA (3.57, min. 50.0 IP)... Pitched 1.0 IP+ in 19-of-24 outings with Altoona, including 14 appearances that lasted 3.0 IP... Transferred to ALT on 5/28... Last 20 apps of the season (6/18 - 9/12): 2-2, 2.73 ERA (17 ER / 56.0 IP), 1.09 WHIP, 24 BB, 53 K... Tossed 14.0 consecutive hitless innings from July 28-August 18... Held opponents to a .103 BAA in the month of August... Was on the mound on 7/24 at Erie when the Curve turned a triple play for the third time in franchise history... With runners on first and second after a walk by and an error committed by Charles McAdoo, Erie's Julio Rodriguez hit a hard ground ball to third where McAdoo picked it up, touched third base and then threw to second where Kervin Pichardo made the quick turn for the triple play...
 - **CURVE CUTS:** Signed with the Pirates on 12/15/2023 after defecting from Cuba in April of 2023... Participated in a showcase for MLB teams in August... Established residency in Santo Domingo Centro in the Dominican Republic before signing with the Pirates for a bonus of \$200,000 according to Francys Romero... Does not bear a familial relation to former Pirates LHP Aroldis Chapman... Is taking 1-on-1 English lessons with Joe Shuta of WRTA radio during his time with the Curve...

RECENT APPEARANCES						
DATE	DEC.	IP, H, R/ER, BB/K	PITCHES/STRIKES	SCORELESS STREAK	NOTES	
7/24 VS CHE	--	1.0, 2, 0/0, 0/2	21/12	3.0	WORKED AROUND 2 1B'S IN 6TH	
7/30 @ POR*	--	3.2, 0, 0/0, 2/4	48/30	6.2	RETIRED 11 STRAIGHT HITTERS TO BEGIN BULLPEN DAY, CURVE WON 6-2	
8/5 VS HFD	W (6-2)	2.2, 2, 1/1, 1/6	49/30	8.2 (ENDED)	K'D 2 BATTERS IN EACH INNING HE PITCHED IN	
8/10 VS HFD	--	1.2, 2, 3/3, 4/2	51/24	--	ALLOWED 7-OF-8 HITTERS IN A ROW TO REACH IN 2ND INNING OF RELIEF	
8/17 @ RIC	--	1.1, 1, 2/2, 3/3	44/24	--	WALKED 3 HITTERS AND ALLOWED 1B AFTER GETTING 1ST 2 OUTS IN 4TH INNING	

#17 Valentin Linarez

RHP

Pitch Selection: FB (94-97), SL, CH, SPLIT
Hometown: Palenque, D.R.
Acquired: Int'l FA (2018)
Vitals: 6-5, 226, 2/14/00 (25)
Curve Record: 12-19

Trending:

Allowed 8 runs in 9.0 innings in May (13 H, 6 BB, 9 K)
 Last 15 outings (6/10 - Present): 25.1 IP, 10 H, 3 R, 11 BB, 26 K (.125 BAA)

- **2024:** Split the season between Altoona and Greensboro... Went 1-2 with a 6.46 ERA in 17 appearances with the Curve, walked 19 batters and struck out 28 in 30.2 IP... Transferred to Greensboro on 6/25... Went 3-0 with a 3.20 ERA in 18 games and saved 2 games, struck out 43 batters in 25.1 IP... After the seasons played for Scottsdale in the Arizona Fall League and allowed just one run in 10.1 IP, 3 H, 8 BB, 11 K...
 - **CURVE CUTS:** Valentin Guillermo Linarez... Pitches with a high spin rate on all offerings, allowing for additional movement on fastball and slider... Saw an average velocity increase of nearly four mph on his fastball from 2022 to 2023...

RECENT APPEARANCES						
DATE	DEC.	IP, H, R/ER, BB/K	PITCHES/STRIKES	SCORELESS STREAK	NOTES	
8/1 @ POR	W (5-2)	1.2, 2, 1/1, 1/2	32/17	--	NIELSON ALLOWED INHERITED RUN TO SCORE, PROTECTED 2-1 LEAD	
8/6 VS HFD	--	2.0, 0, 0/0, 1/2	23/14	2.0	K'D FINAL 2 HITTERS FACED	
8/9 VS HFD	--	1.1, 0, 0/0, 0/1	18/13	3.1	SET DOWN ALL 4 HITTERS FACED	
8/13 @ RIC	--	2.0, 1, 0/0, 2/2	39/21	5.1	STRANDED 2 MEN IN 2ND INNING OF RELIEF (2 BB)	
8/17 @ RIC	--	1.1, 0, 0/0, 1/1	18/10	6.2	CLEANED UP 4TH INNING FOR CHAPMAN, INHERITED THREE RUNNERS, STRANDED TWO	

#47 Justin Meis

RHP

Pitch Selection: FB (93-96), CH, SL, Sweep, CT
Hometown: Bethel Park, PA
Acquired: 10th Round, 2021 (Eastern Mich.)
Vitals: 6-2, 175, 11/23/99 (25)
Curve Record: 21-14

Trending:

Holds a 0.87 WHIP in 31.0 IP since June 1 (2.03 ERA, 5 BB/33 K)

- **2025:** Had an 12.2 scoreless inning streak end on 7/4 at HBG...
 - **2024:** Spent the entire season working out of the Altoona bullpen... Finished the season second on the team in appearances (37), 4th in strikeouts (72), 1st among relievers... Recorded a 2.45 ERA in 8 June appearances, had an ERA over 5.00 in each other calendar month... Recorded 1.0 IP+ in 24-of-37 appearances... His 72 strikeouts ranked 6th among Eastern League Relievers...
 - **CURVE CUTS:** Justin Daniel Meis... Last name is pronounced "mice"... Signed for \$127,500... Is a 2018 graduate of Bethel Park High School located outside the city of Pittsburgh, where he was a four-time letterwinner and one-year captain on the baseball team... Was coached by Chris Tekulve at Bethel Park, son of Pirates Hall of Famer Kent Tekulve... Father, Jeff, played High School Basketball at Baldwin High School, Mom, Leigh, played Volleyball and Softball on WPIAL Championship Teams... Younger brother, Ryan Meis, played four years at Division-II Seton Hill University... Helped Pirates minor leaguer Nick Dombkowski develop his slider, and in return learned how to throw his changeup from Dombkowski (Rob Biertempfel, The Athletic) - the two have been throwing partners for their entire professional career... Meis learned how to throw his slider playing Little League at Bethel Park in Pittsburgh...

RECENT APPEARANCES						
DATE	DEC.	IP, H, R/ER, BB/K	PITCHES/STRIKES	SCORELESS STREAK	NOTES	
8/7 VS HFD	--	1.2, 0, 0/0, 0/1	21/15	3.2	LEFT AFTER 104 EXIT VELO LINE DRIVE WENT OFF HIS BACK	
8/10 VS HFD	--	1.0, 3, 1/1, 1/1	21/12	--	ONLY 3RD OUTING THIS SZN W/ 3+ HITS ALLOWED	
8/12 @ RIC	S (5)	1.0, 1, 1/1, 0/0	12/8	--	ALLOWED LEADOFF 2B AND RBI GROUNDOUT TO FINISH 7-5 WIN OVER RICHMOND	
8/15 @ RIC	S (6)	1.0, 0, 0/0, 0/1	12/9	1.0	SET DOWN SIDE IN ORDER TO LOCK DOWN 5-4 WIN	
8/19 VS REA	W (4-3)	1.0, 0, 0/0, 0/0	12/9	2.0	WORKED AROUND ERROR TO BEGIN INNING, SET DOWN 3 STRAIGHT HITTERS AFTER THAT	

#53 Cy Nielson

LHP

Pitch Selection: FB (92-95), SL, CH
Hometown: Spanish Fork, UT
Acquired: 8th Round, 2022 (BYU)
Vitals: 6-3, 210, 2/25/01 (24)
Curve Record: 13-17

Trending:

Has thrown 1.0 IP+ in 32-of-45 games in a Curve uniform
 Has at least 1 K in 44-of-45 outings w/ ALT
 57 K's is 9th-most by an EL reliever this season

- **2024:** Split the season between High-A Greensboro and Double-A Altoona... Was named a postseason All-Star in the South Atlantic League alongside Greensboro teammates LHP Dominic Perachi and INF Charles McAdoo... Went 3-1 with a 6.55 ERA (16 ER / 22.0 IP) in 13 appearances for the Curve... Struck out 28 batters and walked 14... Went 1.0 IP+ in 11-of-13 games for the Curve... Tossed 2.0 innings in each of his final five outings in September (2.70 ERA)... Made 44 total appearances, 4th-most by a PIT MiLB pitcher... Totaled 78 strikeouts, 7th-most by a PIT MiLB reliever... Also earned 7 saves, tied for 3rd-most among PIT MiLB...
 - **CURVE CUTS:** Cy Ballard Nielson... Named the 2019 Gatorade Utah Player of the Year as a senior at Spanish Fork High School... Spanish Fork is part of the Orem-Provo metro area, about 50 minutes south of Salt Lake City... Father, Damian, played baseball at Southern Utah... Became the second BYU Cougar to be selected by the Pirates, joining INF Vance Law, who was taken in the 1978 MLB Draft by the Pirates and played in 11 Major League seasons... Married his wife, Lo, in the '24-25 off-season, the two have a golden retriever named Gibby... Lo was a left-handed pitcher on BYU's Softball team... The highlight of the wedding was a fountain tower of ranch which guests enjoyed with Chick-Fil-A chicken nuggets... Also enjoys hunting in the off-season...

RECENT APPEARANCES						
DATE	DEC.	IP, H, R/ER, BB/K	PITCHES/STRIKES	SCORELESS STREAK	NOTES	
8/7 VS HFD	--	2.0, 2, 0/0, 1/2	26/16	4.0	STRANDED 2 BASERUNNERS IN 2ND	
8/10 VS HFD	--	0.2, 2, 0/0, 0/1	28/18	4.2	RELIEVED WOODS, ALLOWED 1 INTERITED RUNNER TO SCORE	
8/15 @ RIC	--	1.1, 0, 0/0, 2/1	21/10	6.0	FINISHED 6TH FOR ERCOLANI, INDUCED DP BALL AFTER LEADOFF WALK IN 7TH	
8/20 VS REA	--	1.2, 5, 2/1, 1/1	35/22	--	ALLOWED ONLY 1 HARD HIT BALL OUT OF 5 HITS // ENDED 6.0 SCORELESS STREAK	

#23 Tyler Samanigo

LHP

Pitch Selection: FB (91-95), SI, SL, CH
Hometown: Huntsville, AL
Acquired: 15th Round, 2021 (South Alabama)
Vitals: 6-2, 226, 1/30/99 (26)
Curve Record: 6-7

Trending:

22-24 w/ ALT: 5-4, 4.72 ERA (48 ER / 95.2 IP), 83 H, 39 BB, 99 K, .237 BAA, 1.28 WHIP

- **2025:** Made 10 rehab apps with FCL, BRD and GBO going 2-2 with a 6.00 ERA (8 ER / 12.0 IP), 12.0 IP, 11 H, 2 HRA, 5 BB, 14 K... Activated to ALT on 6/24
 - **2024:** Went 0-0 with a 3.57 ERA in 13 appearances, struck out 22 batters in 17.2 IP... Placed on 7-Day IL on 4/16 (back)... Activated on 6/4... Earned his first save of the season on 6/8 at RIC... Struck out 6 in 2.0 IP on 6/29 vs. Akron... Struck out 16 batters and walked only 4 batters in 13.0 IP since return from IL (2.19 ERA)... Placed on 7-Day IL on 7/19... Underwent Tommy John surgery with internal brace...
 - **CURVE CUTS:** Robert Tyler Samanigo (Tyler)... In 2022, was named an MiLB Organizational All-Star by MLB.com and took home the Kent Tekulve Minor League Reliever of the Year award... Earned 10 saves for the Curve in 2022 and recorded a 3.52 ERA with a .147 BAA... Spent two years at Northeast CC (MS) before spending his junior season at South Alabama... Same college at Pirates 1st round selection in 2019 OF Travis Swaggerty... Lettered five times in baseball at Lee (AL) High School, where he was a 2017 first-team Class 5A state selection... Attended same High School as Craig Kimbrel and his family, Tyler played under the same High School Coach, is represented by the same agency... Tyler's brother lived with Craig's brother in college, and Craig's younger brother, Matt, helped coach Samanigo in high school...

RECENT APPEARANCES						
DATE	DEC.	IP, H, R/ER, BB/K	PITCHES/STRIKES	SCORELESS STREAK	NOTES	
8/8 VS HFD	--	2.0, 1, 0/0, 0/5	34/21	5.1	K'D SIDE IN ORDER (ALL LOOKING) IN 1ST INNING OF RELIEF	
8/13 @ RIC	L (0-1)	1.1, 1, 1/1, 1/1	17/12	--	SURRENDERED RBI 2B TO C. HOWELL FOR GO-AHEAD RUN IN 10-6 L	
8/16 @ RIC	S (1)	1.0, 0, 0/0, 0/2	13/13	1.0	WORKED AROUND LEADOFF ERROR, 1ST CAREER OUTING W/ 10+PITCHES, 100% STRIKE%	
8/19 VS REA	S (2)	1.0, 0, 0/0, 0/2	13/10	2.0	DOMINATED THE SIDE, K'D A PAIR TO END THE GAME	

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#25 Landon Tomkins

RHP

Pitch Selection:	Sinker (92-94), SL, CH	<p>- 2025: Began the season with Greensboro and went 6-3 with a 2.47 ERA in 39 games, earned 6 saves... Held opponents to a .184 BAA...</p> <p>- 2024: Split the season between Bradenton and Greensboro, going 3-3 with a 4.19 ERA in 34 games (9 with Greensboro)... His 8 saves were second-most in the Pirates minor league system...</p> <p>- CURVE CUTS: Landon James Tomkins... Signed with the Pirates for a bonus of \$15,000... Spent two seasons at Hinds CC (Raymond, MS) and then 3 seasons at Louisiana Tech... Was the 79th player drafted in LA Tech history, became the fourth to be drafted by Pittsburgh - first since Mike Jeferson in 2011...</p>
Hometown:	Brandon, MS	
Acquired:	10th Round, 2023 (La. Tech)	
Vitals:	6-3, 200, 6/23/00 (25)	
Curve Record:	3-0	
<p>Trending: Has walked just 4 batters in his last 12 outings (15.0 IP)</p>		

RECENT APPEARANCES						
DATE	DEC.	IP, H, R/ER, BB/K	PITCHES/STRIKES	SCORELESS STREAK	NOTES	
8/9 @ ASHVILLE	W (6-3)	1.1, 0, 0/0, 0/1	14/9	3.1		
8/12 @ RIC	W (1-0)	1.0, 2, 0/0, 2/1	28/14	4.1	ALLOWED BB, 1B, P-5, BB AGAINST FIRST 4 HITTERS - WIGGLED OUT OF INNING W/ K, FC	
8/15 @ RIC	--	1.1, 1, 0/0, 0/1	21/12	5.2	FINISHED 7TH FOR NIELSON AND SET DOWN SIDE IN ORDER IN 8TH OF 5-4 WIN	
8/19 VS REA	--	1.1, 1, 0/0, 0/0	20/11	7.0	ALLOWED 1 OF 2 INHERITED RUNNERS TO SCORE, SAT DOWN 4 STRAIGHT HITTERS AFTER 1B	

#30 Blake Townsend

LHP

Pitch Selection:	FB (87-91), SL, CH	<p>- 2025: Opened the season at High-A Greensboro and went 2-0 with a 1.14 ERA in 11 games (23.2 IP, 18 H, 3 R, 5 BB, 28 K)... Transferred to ALT on 5/27... Transferred to GBO on 5/30, returned to ALT on 6/3... Transferred to IND on 8/2...</p> <p>- 2024: Began the season with High-A Everett with the Seattle Mariners organization... 1-1, 2.45 ERA in 28 appearances, struck out 30 batters 29.1 IP (17 BB)... Released by Seattle on August 5, signed with the Pirates on August 22 and assigned to the FCL... Assigned to ALT on 8/31... Went 1-0 with a 2.00 ERA in 5 games, struck out 6 batters in 9.0 IP...</p> <p>- CURVE CUTS: Blake Townsend... Hails from Traralgon, Victoria in Australia... Became the 8th player in franchise history from Australia when he joined the Curve in 2024... Pitched for Team Australia at the 2023 World Baseball Classic, was the second-youngest pitcher on the team... Shared the field at the WBC with former Curve INF Robbie Glendinning... Pitches in the Australian Baseball Winter League with the Melbourne Aces... Appeared for 4 Mariners affiliates in 2022, reaching Triple-A Tacoma for 2.2 innings pitched... Had Tommy John surgery following the 2019 season...</p>
Hometown:	Traralgon, Australia	
Acquired:	MiLB FA, 2024	
Vitals:	6-4, 245, 4/5/01 (24)	
Curve Record:	10-5	
<p>Trending: As starter w/ ALT: 0-2, 1.54 ERA in 7G: 23.1IP, 17 H, 6R/4ER, 4 BB, 20 K (0.90 WHIP) Had a 15.0 scoreless IP (7/12 - 8/7) (.136 BAA)</p>		

RECENT APPEARANCES						
DATE	DEC.	IP, H, R/ER, BB/K	PITCHES/STRIKES	SCORELESS STREAK	NOTES	
8/7 VS HFD	--	3.0, 6, 3/3, 1/2	56/37	--	ALLOWED SEASON-HIGHS IN RUNS (3) AND HITS (6)	
8/12 @ RIC	--	1.1, 3, 2/2, 1/0	29/18	--	INHERITED 2 RUNNERS FROM KELLY, ALLOWED GM-TYING 3R HR AND GO-AHEAD 1B IN 6TH	
8/16 @ RIC*	--	3.1, 2, 0/0, 0/3	40/30	3.1	RETIRED 8 STRAIGHT TO BEGIN OUTING // 7TH START FOR ALT (1.54 ERA AS STARTER)	
8/19 VS REA	--	1.0, 0, 0/0, 0/1	10/6	4.1	SET DOWN MIDDLE OF THE ORDER IN ORDER	

#6 Mike Walsh

RHP

Pitch Selection:	FB (92-94), SWEEP, CH	<p>- 2025: Began the season with Greensboro and went 4-1 with a 2.76 ERA in 38 games, earned 7 saves... His 7 saves are 3rd-most among PIT MiLB</p> <p>- 2024: Split the season between Bradenton (10 games) and Greensboro (20 games) and went 1-2 with a 1.11 ERA (5 ER / 40.2 IP) and struck out 38 batters in 40.2 innings...</p> <p>- CURVE CUTS: Michael James Walsh (Mike)... Signed with the Pirates for a bonus of \$147,500... In 2022, earned All-Ivy League honorable mention recognition after striking out 80 batters across 11 starts (65.0ip) as a junior at Yale... Became one of 9 players in Yale history to be selected within the draft's first 10 rounds... Attended Lyons Township High School (La Grange, IL), the same school that produced actor David Hasselhoff, as well as two-time Super Bowl-winner and 2021 Pro Bowl kicker Jake Elliott...</p>
Hometown:	La Grange, IL	
Acquired:	9th Round, 2022 (Yale)	
Vitals:	6-2, 197, 1/17/01 (24)	
Curve Record:	2-1	
<p>Trending: Has improved his first strike% from 38.4% in 2024 to 48.1%</p>		

RECENT APPEARANCES						
DATE	DEC.	IP, H, R/ER, BB/K	PITCHES/STRIKES	SCORELESS STREAK	NOTES	
8/10 @ ASHVILLE	--	1.0, 3, 2/2, 0/0	22/15	--		
8/13 @ RIC	--	1.0, 3, 3/3, 2/0	30/17	--	WALKED FIRST 2 HITTERS FACED, ALLOWED RUN-SCORING HITS TO BERICOTO AND HOWELL	
8/16 @ RIC	--	2.0, 0, 0/0, 0/1	27/16	2.0	HIT FIRST BATTER FACED IN 7TH, RETIRED 6 STRAIGHT AFTER THAT	
8/19 VS REA	--	2.0, 2, 1/1, 0/2	31/21	--	ALLOWED 3 STRAIGHT BASERUNNERS IN 6TH, RETIRED FINAL 5 HITTERS IN A ROW	

#32 Jaden Woods

LHP

Pitch Selection:	FB (93-95), SL, CH	<p>- 2024: Went 3-3 with a 4.93 ERA in 20 games, 1 start with the Curve... Struck out 43 batters in 34.2 IP with the Curve... Ranked 7th among Eastern League relievers in strikeouts (42) from his debut on June 21 through the end of the season... Went 1-0 with a 2.13 ERA, 1 save in 20G with Greensboro to start the season...</p> <p>- CURVE CUTS: Jaden Chance Woods... Signed with the Pirates for a bonus of \$271,300... Born in Macon, GA, raised in Alpharetta, GA and moved to Warner Robins, GA when he was in 8th grade... Told Andrew Destin of the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette that he didn't begin playing baseball until he was in 8th grade after he moved to Warner Robins, GA and they didn't have a lacrosse team he could join so he had to find a new sport to play. Played football, basketball, soccer and baseball and liked baseball the most and stuck with it... Was convinced by a friend of his, Jeremy White, to pick up a baseball after noticing how strong his arm was playing quarterback... Began playing travel ball as a sophomore in high school and earned a scholarship offer from Georgia State where he was committed to until his junior year when he committed to Georgia... Earned a degree in Sport Management in just three years, an area that his parents harped on while he was growing up: to be a good student...</p>
Hometown:	Warner Robins, GA	
Acquired:	7th Round, 2023 (Georgia)	
Vitals:	6-2, 205, 2/1/02 (23)	
Curve Record:	15-22	
<p>Trending: Struck out at least 1 batter in 29-of-37 appearances Ranks 3rd in EL w/ 37 appearances Has struck out 95 batters in 83.1 innings since joining the Curve, most by an EL reliever since 6/22/24</p>		

RECENT APPEARANCES						
DATE	DEC.	IP, H, R/ER, BB/K	PITCHES/STRIKES	SCORELESS STREAK	NOTES	
8/7 VS HFD	--	0.2, 2, 2/1, 0/1	17/11	--	LEFT AFTER E-4 (HARD PITCH LIMIT)	
8/10 VS HFD	--	0.2, 5, 5/5, 3/0	34/18	--	FINISHED 5TH INNING FOR CHAPMAN, ALLOWED 4 STRAIGHT BASERUNNERS TO BEGIN 6TH	
8/14 @ RIC	--	1.0, 2, 0/0, 0/3	21/16	1.0	WORKED AROUND 2 1B'S TO CLOSE OUT 4-1 WIN	
8/17 @ RIC	L (5-4)	1.2, 2, 2/2, 2/2	41/19	--	ALLOWED GAME-TYING 2B TO ARTEAGA IN 8TH, BANDURA DROVE IN WINNING RUN IN 9TH	
8/20 VS REA	--	1.1, 1, 0/0, 1/3	20/12	1.1	K'D 3 BATTERS IN 9TH AROUND 2-OUT BB AND 2B	

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#50 Omar Alfonso

C

Hometown: Minneapolis, MN
Acquired: MiLB FA (2019)
Vitals: 6-1, 235, 8/3/03 (21)
Bat/Throw R/R
Multi-Hit Games (ALT): 3 (15 w/ GBO)
Multi-RBI Games (ALT): 2 (9 w/ GBO)

DATE	LINE	NOTES	RECENT NOTEABLE PERFORMANCES
7/1 VS HBG	1-3, BB		TEAM DEBUT, CAUGHT 6-5 WIN OVER HARRISBURG
7/4 @ HBG	2-3, 2B, HR, RBI, BB		REACHED IN 3 STRAIGHT PA'S TO START, INCLUDING 1ST AA HR IN 2ND INNING OF 5-1 WIN
7/5 @ HBG	1-4, HR, RBI		HOMERED IN 2ND STRAIGHT GAME
8/7 VS HFD	3-4, 3B, 3 RBI, BB		ALSO CAUGHT A RUNNER STEALING 2ND

Trending: 14-for-51 (.275), 2 2B, 3B, 7 RBI in 14G in August

- **2025:** At the time of his promotion to ALT on 7/1, ranked 7th in the SAL in HR (11), 10th in OBP% (.389), 4th in BB (44) in 67G... Ranks 4th among PIT MiLB in HR (11)...

- **2024:** Split the season between Bradenton and Greensboro, batted .252 with 17 2B, 1 3B, 13 HR, 46 RBI, 61 BB and 117 K in 110G...

- **CURVE CUTS:** Omar Eliezar Alfonso... Father Eliezer played 6 major league seasons with San Francisco, San Diego, Seattle and Colorado from 2006-11... Older brother, Eliezer, is a catcher in the Tigers minor league system and has played against Altoona with Erie... Omar was born while his father was playing for the St. Paul Saints in the Northern League in 2003... Father played nearly 2000 career games between the majors, affiliated minors, independent leagues and various winter leagues... His father, Eliezer, is a second cousin of former Met Edgardo Alfonso... Eliezer is now a coach with Leones de Yucatan in the Mexican League...

#28 Derek Berg

C

Hometown: Conroe, TX
Acquired: 10th Round (2024, Army)
Vitals: 6-3, 200, 9/21/01 (23)
Bat/Throw R/R
Multi-Hit Games (ALT): 0 (9 w/ BRD + GBO)
Multi-RBI Games (ALT): 0 (7 w/ BRD + GBO)

DATE	LINE	NOTES	RECENT NOTEABLE PERFORMANCES
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Trending:

- **2025:** Split the season between Bradenton (52G) and Greensboro (27G) and batted .220 with 9 2B, 4 3B, 7 HR, 35 RBI with 10-15 SB...

- **CURVE CUTS:** Derek Payne Berg... Signed with the Pirates for a bonus of \$172,500... In 2024, earned Patriot League All-League 1st-team honors as a senior at Army West Point... Hit a team-high 15 home runs and finished his season with a 28-game on-base streak... In 2023, named to the Patriot League All-League 1st team as a junior... In 2022, took home All-Patriot League 1st-team accolades as a second baseman during his sophomore season... Attended Conroe High School (Conroe, TX), where he was a two-time All-Conroe Independent School District player... Conroe also produced former Pirates outfielder Jeromy Burnitz...

#22 Nick Cimillo

INF

Hometown: Suffern, NY
Acquired: 16th Round, 2022 (Rutgers)
Vitals: 6-3, 220, 2/23/00 (25)
Bat/Throw R/R
Multi-Hit Games (ALT): 12
Multi-RBI Games (ALT): 8

DATE	LINE	NOTES	RECENT NOTEABLE PERFORMANCES
5/31 VS POR	2-3, HR, 5 RBI		HIT GAME-TYING GRAND SLAM IN 6TH AND GAME-TYING 1B IN 8TH OF 9-7 COMEBACK WIN
7/3 VS HBG	1-4, HR, 2 RBI, BB		SMACKED WALK-OFF 2R HR IN 11TH INNING
8/6 VS HFD	0-3, BB, RBI		EARNED WALK-OFF WALK IN 1-0 WIN VS HFD
8/15 @ RIC	1-4, HR, 2 RBI, BB		BANGED GO-AHEAD 2R HR IN 7TH INNING OF 7-5 WIN

Trending: Since ASB (7/19 - Present): .247, 7 2B, 1 3B, 9 HR, 19 RBI (.986 OPS)

- **2025:** Drove in a career-high 5 runs on 5/31 vs Portland, including his second career Grand Slam (6/28/24 @ JS)... Hit a walk-off 2R HR in the 11th inning on 7/3 vs. Harrisburg... Had 11G on-base streak end on 7/10... Slammed a go-ahead 2-run HR on 8/15 at Richmond (7th inning), did it again on 8/17 at Richmond (8th inning)...

- **2024:** Split the season between Greensboro and Altoona... Finished the season tied for third-most in HR (21) and second in RBI (71) among Pirates minor leaguers... Began the season on the Development List with High-A Greensboro and batted .293/.419/.619 with 8 2B, 17 HR, 48 RBI in 52G... Made his team debut on 7/19 at Somerset, went 0-for-3... Somerset's TD Bank Ballpark is just 15 miles from Bainton Field, Rutgers' home ballpark.

- **CURVE CUTS:** Nicholas William Cimillo... Signed with the Pirates for bonus of \$100,000... Grew up playing catcher and moved to first base full-time during the 2024 season... Has drawn attention for his 106 mpg average exit velocity, a mark that ranked him in the 90th percentile among professional players and one of the top hitters in the Pirates system... His father, William, went to St. John's University, where he played football and was named to the school's hall-of-fame in 2020... William was a firefighter in the Bronx while Nick was growing up and the two would regularly attend Yankee games after his shift at the firehouse... Attended Suffern HS in Suffern, NY... Began his collegiate career at Manhattan University where he was named the 2019 MAAC Rookie-of-the-Year... Was a Second-Team All-Big 10 Selection in 2022 in his lone season at Rutgers... Led the Big 10 in batting average (.385), slugging percentage (.707) and OPS (1.199) in 2022...

#3 Tres Gonzalez

OF

Hometown: Atlanta, GA
Acquired: 5th Round, 2022 (Georgia Tech)
Vitals: 5-11, 185, 10/4/00 (24)
Bat/Throw L/L
Multi-Hit Games (ALT): 9 (1 w/ GBO)
Multi-RBI Games (ALT): 2

DATE	LINE	NOTES	RECENT NOTEABLE PERFORMANCES
4/30 VS AKR	1-4		PICKED UP HIT IN 9TH INNING AFTER PITCHING TOP 9 IN RELIEF
5/15 VS HBG	1-2, 2 BB, 2 RBI		REACHED IN 3-OF-4 PA'S - PUT FINISHING TOUCHES ON 9-4 WIN WITH 2R 1B IN 7TH
8/5 VS HFD	1-3, RBI, 2 BB		FIRST GAME BACK IN ALT LINEUP SINCE 7/1
8/7 VS HFD	3-4, 2B, BB		ALSO MADE 4TH APPEARANCE ON THE MOUND IN RELIEF

Trending: Since return to ALT lineup on 8/5: 8-for-28 (.286), 1 2B, 3 RBI, 6 BB, (.417 OBP), 11 K in 10G

- **2025:** Made his first career appearance on the mound (pro or college) in the 8th inning of a 13-1 loss at Akron on 4/9, allowed an infield single and tossed a scoreless inning on just 7 pitches, 6 strikes... Tossed another scoreless inning on 4/18 vs Somerset in a 12-1 loss... Made his third appearance on the mound in the team's 23rd game, tossing the 9th inning on 4/30 against Akron and allowed 1 run on 2 hits with 1 K... Transferred to FCL on 7/1 to begin new strength program, added to GBO roster on 7/25 and went 6-for-21 with 4 BB in 6G... Transferred to ALT on 8/2... Made his 4th appearance on the mound on 8/7, finishing the 8th after Meis left with injury...

- **2024:** Spent the entire season with Altoona... Earned one of eight walk-off RBI's for Altoona on the season... Batted .239/.313/.273 with 9 2B, 1 3B, 24 RBI and 10-18 SB in 95 games for Altoona... Named to the Pirates Spring Breakout roster, where he went 0-for-2 as the starting left fielder against the Orioles... Had 6 multi-hit games in the first three months of the season, recorded 7 in the month of July (.357 BA)...

- **CURVE CUTS:** Eduardo Alberto "Tres" Gonzalez... Older sister, Gabriela, played tennis at Georgia Tech... Father, Eddie, once captained the tennis team at ACC rival North Carolina State... Ranked the No. 3 outfielder in Georgia and a top-50 outfielder in the nation by Perfect Game... 2019 Perfect Game First-Team Preseason All-Region for the southeast... Four-year letterwinner at Mount Vernon Presbyterian, named captain in final two seasons... Also lettered for three seasons in tennis... Recently celebrated 6 years with his girlfriend, Mary Catherine, who attended the University of Georgia while he attended Georgia Tech...

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#10 Duce Gourson

INF

Hometown: San Diego, CA
Acquired: 9th Round, 2024 (UCLA)
Vitals: 6-0, 200, 9/20/02 (22)
Bat/Throw: L/R
Multi-Hit Games (ALT): 8
Multi-RBI Games (ALT): 1

DATE	LINE	NOTES	RECENT NOTEABLE PERFORMANCES
7/13 @ BNG	3-5, 2B, HR, RBI	HAD 2 XBH OUT OF LEADOFF SPOT	
7/19 VS AKR	3-4, 2B, 3B, RBI	SMACKED WALK-OFF 2B IN B9	
8/8 VS HFD	1-3, HR, RBI, 2 BB	BLASTED GAME-TYING HR IN B9, CURVE LOST 3-2 IN 10 INNINGS	
8/12 @ RIC	3-4, HR, 3 RBI, BB	SLAMMED GO-AHEAD 3R HR W/ 2 OUTS IN T9, LED CURVE TO 7-5 COMEBACK WIN	

Trending: Last 12G: 16-for-40 (.400), 2 2B, 2 HR, 4 RBI, 11 BB (.529 OBP, 1.129 OPS)

- **2025:** Assigned to Greensboro to begin the season, batted .261/.367/.440 with an .807 OPS in 38 games, earning 9 2B, 5 HR, 17 RBI and 20-22 SB... Was on the IL from May 11-May 30... Smacked a walk-off 2B on July 19 vs. Akron... Changed from #6 to #10 on 8/6...
 - **2024:** Played 22 games with Bradenton and Greensboro, finishing his pro debut with a .203/.379/.270 with 5 2B, 8 RBI and 4-5 SB...
 - **CURVE CUTS:** Ethan Royal Gourson (Duce)... Attended Point Loma HS in San Diego... Signed with the Pirates for a bonus of \$187,500... Has played 1B, 2B and 3B since signing with Pittsburgh... Suited up for the Team USA's Collegiate National Team and participated in the Stars vs. Stripes intersquad, reached in 11-of-20 plate appearances in the summer of 2023... Was UCLA's primary second baseman from 2022-24, and posted a career .300/.435/.482 slash line over 168 career games with 49 2B, 21 HR, 119 RBIs, 117 BB, and 37 HBPs ... Was a Freshman All-American in 2022 after collecting 23 doubles, a program record for a freshman ... Named to the All-Pac-12 Team in 2023 after recording career highs in batting (.319), slugging (.515), and home runs... His favorite player at age 10 was Troy Tulowitzki... His hidden talent is that he can juggle...

#12 Konnor Griffin

INF

Hometown: Jackson, MS
Acquired: 1st Round, 9th overall (2024)
Vitals: 6-4, 225, 4/24/06 (19)
Bat/Throw: R/R
Multi-Hit Games (ALT): 0 (40 w/ BRD+GBO)
Multi-RBI Games (ALT): 0 (19 w/ BRD+GBO)

DATE	LINE	NOTES	RECENT NOTEABLE PERFORMANCES
8/19 VS REA	1-4, 2B, RBI	HAD GAME-TYING SAC FLY IN 6TH INNING OF 6-5 WIN	

Trending:

- **2025:** Split the season between Bradenton (50G) and Greensboro (51G) and batted .332 with 21 2B, 4 3B, 16 HR, 72 RBI and 59-70 SB... Ranked among the MiLB leaders in H (T-2nd, 133), R (1st, 97), SB (4th, 59)... Ranked as the No. 1 prospect in Baseball by Baseball America and MLB Pipeline (June 23 update)... Was the lone player in MiLB w/ 130+ H, 15+ HR and 50+ SB at the time of his promotion...
 - **CURVE CUTS:** Konnor Griffin... Signed with the Pirates for a bonus of \$6,532,025... Attended Jackson Prep School... Was named Baseball America's High School Player of the Year in 2024... Was committed to attending LSU... Began playing SS as a Freshman in HS... Batted .559 with 9 HR and 39 RBI with 85 stolen bases as a senior, also went 10-0 with a 0.72 ERA and 107 strikeouts in 67.2 innings on the mound in his senior season... Played in the High School All-American Game after his junior season of high school... Was the first high school player selected in the 2024 draft... His father, Kevin, is the Head Softball Coach and Associate AD at Belhaven University (DIII), has amassed a program-record 449 wins including their first ever NCAA Division III WCWS Appearance where they finished as national runners-up in 2024... His father scored a school record 1,501 points in his high school basketball career at Central Fellowship Christian Academy in Macon, GA, a record that stood for 31 years... Has two siblings, Kannon and Kaden... Has developed a relationship with Pirates star Andrew McCutchen (McCutchen's first MLB spring training was 2006, same year Konnor was born)... Enjoys fishing in his free time and would want to start a baseball training facility after his playing career wraps up... Grew up an Atlanta Braves fan, attending games for the Mississippi Braves (Southern League) as a kid...

#38 Wyatt Hendrie

C

Hometown: Palmdale, CA
Acquired: 7th Round, 2021 (San Diego St.)
Vitals: 5-10, 195, 2/2/99 (26)
Bat/Throw: R/R
Multi-Hit Games (ALT): 0
Multi-RBI Games (ALT): 3

DATE	LINE	NOTES	RECENT NOTEABLE PERFORMANCES
4/9 @ AKR	1-2, 2B, BB, HBP	WAS STRANDED IN SCORING POSITION TWICE IN 13-1 LOSS TO AKRON	
5/4 VS AKR	1-3, HR, 2 RBI	2R HR IN 3RD INNING GAVE CURVE 2-0 LEAD AT TIME, EVENTUAL 3-2 WIN	
6/25 @ CHE	1-3, HR, 2 RBI	2R HR IN 3RD INNING TOOK 2-0 LEAD, EVENTUAL 4-2 WIN	
7/13 @ BNG	1-4, HR, 4 RBI	SLAMMED GO-AHEAD GRAND SLAM IN 7TH INNING	

Trending:

- **2025:** Placed on Development List on 4/23, activated on 5/1... Placed on Development List on 7/1, activated on 7/11... Banged Grand Slam on 7/13 to lead comeback win... Placed on Development List on 7/18, activated on 8/13...
 - **2024:** Split the season between Altoona and Greensboro... Batted .254/.304/.365 with 4 2B, 1 HR, 13 RBI in 20 G with Altoona... Batted .163 in 15G with Greensboro, placed on IL with a season-ending injury on 8/6...
 - **CURVE CUTS:** Wyatt James Hendrie... Graduated from Paraclete HS in California in 2017 and spent the 2019 season at Antelope Valley College (JUCO) where he was picked in the 10th round of the 2019 Draft by the Chicago Cubs, but opted to attend San Diego State... Chose the Aztecs over the likes of Arizona, Nevada, Cal Poly, Loyola Marymount, Purdue, Stanford, and UT Arlington... Was named a First-Team All-Mountain West Selection in 2021, was named one of 16 finalists for the Buster Posey National Collegiate Catcher of the Year Award... Started 38 games behind the plate for the Aztecs in 2021 and was named Mountain West Player of the Week three times... Collegiate teammate Troy Melton was a 4th round draft selection of the Detroit Tigers in 2022 and faced Altoona four times during the 2024 season... Collegiate teammate Mike Jarvis was selected in the 6th round of the 2021 draft by the Pirates... Other notable San Diego State alumni include Stephen Strasburg (who made his professional debut at Altoona in 2010), 15-year major leaguer and current MLBPA President Tony Clark and Hall of Famer Tony Gwynn... Lists his favorite foods as Thai food and Cinnamon rolls... His favorite player when he was 10 years old was Jason Varitek... Is currently learning to play the guitar in his free time...

#46 P.J. Hilson

INF

Hometown: Jonesboro, Ark.
Acquired: MiLB Rule V, 2023 (SFG)
Vitals: 5-11, 175, 8/25/00 (24)
Bat/Throw: R/R
Multi-Hit Games (ALT): 2 (11 w/ GBO)
Multi-RBI Games (ALT): 0 (10 w/ GBO)

DATE	LINE	NOTES	RECENT NOTEABLE PERFORMANCES
8/6 VS HFD	1-3	TEAM DEBUT	
8/14 @ RIC	2-4, RBI	DREW BASES LOADED WALK TO TAKE 2-1 LEAD IN 6TH INNING OF EVENTUAL 6-1 WIN	

Trending: Batted .309 with a .985 OPS in 16G in July w/ GBO // 8-for-26 with 1 3B, 1 2B, 2 RBI in 10G w/ ALT

- **2025:** Batted .259 with 5 2B, 11 HR, 35 RBI and 10-13 SB in 60G w/ Greensboro... Transferred to ALT on 8/6... Changed number for #6 to #46 on August 10...
 - **2024:** Ranked among all Pirates farmhands in runs (66, T6th) and home runs (15, T7th)... Was named the South Atlantic League Player of the Week for the week of 8/26-9/1...
 - **CURVE CUTS:** Patrick Johnathan (P.J.) Hilson... Was committed to play baseball at Alabama before signing with the Giants... During the cancelled 2020 season, Hilson, a stand out track and field star, juggled professional baseball with college track & field, running for Arkansas State in the 2020-21 indoor season... Competed in the 60m and 200m at the Sun Belt Conference Championships... Enrolled at Arkansas State pursuing a Bachelor's degree in Kinesiology and Exercise Science... Brother Kyle Clemons is an Olympic Gold Medalist track and field sprinter who specializes in the 400-meter dash... Clemons was the 2014 champion at the USA Indoor Track and Field Championships and won gold medals at the World Championships in Beijing in 2015 and at the Olympics in Rio de Janeiro in 2016 on the 4 x 400m relay... Mother Valarie Hilson competed in track for Arkansas State... Brother Nick Hilson competed in track for Arkansas... Hit .402 in 33 games with 35 hits, 36 runs scored, 12 2B, 2 3B, 6 HR, 34 RBI and 23 SB in his senior season at Nettleton High School in 2018... Drafted by the San Francisco Giants in the 6th round (166th overall) of the 2018 First-Year Player Draft out of Nettleton (AR) High School... Signed on June 17, 2018... Selected by the Pittsburgh Pirates in the fourth round of the Minor League phase of the 2023 Rule V Draft... Re-signed as an MiLB FA on 2/10/25...

ALTOONA CURVE POSTION PLAYER NOTES

#19 Mitch Jebb

INF/OF

Hometown: Saginaw, MI
Acquired: 2nd Round, 2023 (Michigan St.)
Vitals: 6-1, 185, 5/13/02 (22)
Bat/Throw: L/R
Multi-Hit Games (ALT): 25
Multi-RBI Games (ALT): 4
Trending: Reached base safely in 38-of-last-47G
EL Ranks: 4th in H (101), 7th in SB (28), 9th in BB (50) // Last 14G (8/3-Present): 19-for-54 (.352), 5 2B, 6 RBI, 9 BB, 3 K, 1-2 SB (.431 OBP, .875 OPS)

DATE	LINE	NOTES	RECENT NOTEABLE PERFORMANCES
5/4 VS AKR	2-4, RBI	WALK-OFF RBI 1B TO SCORE SIANI AND SECURE 3-2 WIN + SERIES WIN 4-2 VS AKR	
5/16 VS HBG	3-4, 2B, 3 RBI	2ND STRAIGHT 3-HIT GAME VS HBG	
8/5 VS HFD	4-4, BB, RBI	1ST GM W/ 3+H SINCE 5/17	
8/9 VS HFD	1-2, 2B, 2 BB, RBI	HAD A HAND IN ALL 3 RUNS SCORED, HAD WALK-OFF SAC FLY IN 10TH INNING OF 3-2 WIN	

- **2025:** Earned 3 BB on 4/16 vs Somerset, matching career-high for 7th time in career... Picked up a walk-off 1B on 5/4 vs AKR...
 - **2024:** Spent the entire season with High-A Greensboro... Picked up 25 extra base hits and stole 43 bases in 113G... Led Pirates MiLB in SB, T-18th most among all minor league players... Named to the Pirates Spring Breakout roster, where he went 0-for-2 with an RBI as the designated hitter... Batted .218 through play on June 30 before becoming one the South Atlantic League's most productive hitters, ranking fifth in batting average (.297), and OBP (.383), fourth in hits (57), tied fir first in triples (five) and first in runs scored (35) and stolen bases (27)... Hit .330/.381/.420 with 8 RBI and 12-16 SB in 23 August games...
 - **CURVE CUTS:** Mitchell Louis Jebb... Became the earliest Spartan taken in the draft since Mark Mulder went No. 2 overall in 1998 to the Oakland Athletics... Became Michigan State's first selection by the Pirates since LHP Cam Vieaux was selected in the 6th round of the 2016 draft... Signed with the Pirates for an under-slot bonus of \$1,647,500... Has spent the majority of his amateur and collegiate career as an infielder, is playing outfield on a regular basis for the first time in his career with the Curve... Is known as one of the fastest baserunners in the Pirates minor league system... Says music is one of his biggest hobbies off the field...

#2 Termarr Johnson

INF

Hometown: Atlanta, GA
Acquired: 1st Round, 2022 (Mays HS (GA))
Vitals: 5-8, 175, 6/11/04 (21)
Bat/Throw: L/R
Multi-Hit Games (ALT): 26
Multi-RBI Games (ALT): 4

DATE	LINE	NOTES	RECENT NOTEABLE PERFORMANCES
6/1 VS POR	2-3, HR, 2 RBI, BB	5MASHED 2R HR (424 FT / 112 EXIT) IN 6TH INNING	
7/29 @ POR	3-5, SB	4TH 3-HIT GAME OF SEASON	
8/3 @ POR	3-4, 3B, HR, 3 RBI	2B SHY OF CYCLE	
8/14 @ RIC	4-5	MATCHED CAREER-HIGH WITH 4 HITS	

Trending: Reached base safely in 85-of-110 G with ALT, has a hit in 63-of-96 games this year // Last 14G: .382 BA, 2 2B, 1 3B, 1 HR, 6 RBI (.926 OPS)
 - **2025:** Ranked as the No. 87 prospect in baseball according to MLB Pipeline to begin the season... **Has not faced a pitcher younger than him in professional baseball...** Opened as the youngest position player in the Eastern League at 20 years old, just two days younger than Reading's Aidan Miller the 7th-youngest player at the level... Picked up a hit in 7 straight games to begin the year, has two 7-game hit streaks this season... Played in 67 games with Altoona before turning 21 on 6/11, 3rd-most games played in Altoona's franchise history by a player younger than 21 years old (McCutchen 138, J. Tabata 83)... Was ejected (arguing balls and strikes) on 8/7 vs. Hartford...
 - **2024:** Split the season between Greensboro and Altoona... Became the 3rd-youngest player to suit up for Altoona in team history at 20 years, 2 months and 16 days... Among PIT MiLB, ranked 4th in SB (22) and games played (124)... Entered the season as the No. 1 2B prospect in the game according to MLB Pipeline...
 - **CURVE CUTS:** Termarr Johnson... Was rated as the No. 4 prospect in the 2022 MLB Draft according to MLB Pipeline and the "Best Hitter" in the draft class... Was committed to play collegiately at Arizona State... Drafted by the Pirates in the 1st round (4th overall) of the 2022 First-Year Player Draft out of Mays High School (GA)... Signed on July 29, 2022 and received a bonus of \$7,219,000... Is the youngest of four brothers, each of whom have baseball backgrounds... His brother Tervell played baseball at Georgia Tech (21-22), Arizona State (2022), and Compton (Junior) College in 2023 for the Frederick Keys in the MLB Draft League where he posted a .356/.443/.525 batting line with one homer and seven doubles in 16 games... Tervell has since played for UT-Rio Grand Valley and is slated to play the 2025 season at Seattle University... His older brother, Terrenz, composed the song Twin Time (performed under the artist name Levels) which Termarr used as his walk-up song while playing for Single-A Bradenton in 2023... His oldest brother, Tervont, played collegiately at Eastern Kentucky, Georgia State and Georgia Tech and coached for the Frederick Keys of the MLB Draft league in 2023... His mother, Kim, was a track & field athlete at Georgia Tech, running the 200-meter dash...

#15 Kervin Pichardo

INF

Hometown: Bronx, NY/Santo Domingo Norte, D.R.
Acquired: Trade - SD (2024)
Vitals: 5-11, 195, 10/15/01 (23)
Bat/Throw: R/R
Multi-Hit Games (ALT): 8
Multi-RBI Games (ALT): 10

DATE	LINE	NOTES	RECENT NOTEABLE PERFORMANCES
5/10 @ ERIE	4-4, 2 2B, 2 RBI	SECOND CAREER 4-HIT GAME	
5/15 VS HBG	3-4, HR, 4 RBI, 4 R	SET CAREER-HIGH WITH 4 RUNS, HIT 2R HR IN 1ST INNING. REACHED IN 4-OF-5 PA'S (SAC FLY, BB, 3 H)	
6/11 VS ERIE	2-3, 2B, BB	REACHED IN FIRST 3 PA'S, ACCOUNTED FOR 3-OF-7 BASERUNNERS FOR ALT IN 5-2 LOSS TO ERIE	
8/3 @ POR	2-5, 3 RBI	1 OF 3 CURVE BATTERS (JOHNSON, CIMILLO) TO DRIVE IN 3 IN 11-4 W AT PORTLAND	

Trending: Reached base 7 times in 17 PA's (.429 OBP) in 4G last week at Richmond
 - **2025:** Placed on 7-Day IL with a right thumb sprain on 4/9... It was the first time in his career that he has missed time with an injury... Activated on 4/23, homered in his first at-bat off Orioles LHP Trevor Rogers... Matched his career-high with 4 hits (4-4, 2 2B, 2 RBI) on 5/10 at Erie... Scored a career-high 4 runs on 5/15 vs Harrisburg...
 - **2024:** Spent the entire season with Altoona and was named the Team's Most Valuable Player... Led the club with 11 HR (tied with Tsung-Che Cheng) and 106 hits... Recorded career-highs in every major offensive category... Finished the season 5th among PIT MiLB in hits (105), was 1 of 23 players to hit at least 10 HR... Batted .252/.306/.373 with 14 2B, 2 3B, 11 HR, 49 RBI with 8-12 SB...
 - **CURVE CUTS:** Kervin Francisco Pichardo... Last name pronounced peach-are-doe... Signed with the Philadelphia Phillies as a non-drafted free agent on June 24, 2019... Traded by the Philadelphia Phillies to the San Diego Padres on March 30, 2022 in exchange for RHP James Norwood... Traded by the San Diego Padres to the Pittsburgh Pirates on March 30, 2024 in exchange for LHP Jackson Wolf... Was born in the Bronx, NY and attended Monroe HS, who's alumni list includes Hall of Famer Hank Greenberg '29 (2x AL MVP)... Also played for the Long Island Tigers travel ball program... Moved to the Dominican Republic at age 15 and trained at the Mejia y Neno Baseball Academy... Has a supreme handle on the english language after growing up in the U.S... Was known for having one of the strongest infield arms in the Padres minor league system...

#5 Javier Rivas

INF

Hometown: Petare, Venezuela
Acquired: Int'l FA (2021)
Vitals: 6-6, 228, 9/1/02 (22)
Bat/Throw: R/R
Multi-Hit Games (ALT): 2 (28 w/ GBO)
Multi-RBI Games (ALT): 0 (17 w/ GBO)

DATE	LINE	NOTES	RECENT NOTEABLE PERFORMANCES
8/9 VS HFD	2-4, 2 2B	FIRST TWO HITS IN AA	
8/14 @ RIC	1-5, RBI	KNOCKED GAME-TYING 1B IN 6TH INNING	
8/17 @ RIC	2-4, HR, 2 RBI	FIRST AA HR IN 5TH INNING OF 6-5 LOSS	

Trending: Went 0-12, 3 K in first 3G w/ ALT, 8-29, 4 2B, HR, 4 RBI in last 7G
 - **2025:** At the time of his promotion to ALT on 8/5, ranked 2nd in the SAL in HR (18), 1st in RBI (72), 2nd in H (94), 3rd in XBH (32) in 94G...
 - **2024:** Spent the majority of the season at Low-A Bradenton and wrapped up the year with 10 games at High-A Greensboro... Ranked among all Pirates in triples (19, T8th) and extra-base hits (33, T10th)... Also ranked among Florida State League leaders in slugging (10th) and home runs (T10th)... Was named the Florida State League Player of the Week for the week of 6/3-6/9...
 - **CURVE CUTS:** Javier Rivas... Born in Petare, resides now in Caracas, Venezuela... Signed on July 2, 2019...

ALTOONA CURVE POSTION PLAYER NOTES

#27 Esmerlyn Valdez

OF

Hometown: San Juan La Maguana, D.R.
Acquired: Int'l FA (2021)
Vitals: 6-2, 181, 1/27/04 (21)
Bat/Throw: R/R
Multi-Hit Games (ALT): 3 (25 w/ GBO)
Multi-RBI Games (ALT): 3 (16 w/ GBO)

DATE	LINE	NOTES	RECENT NOTEABLE PERFORMANCES
7/2 VS HBG	2-4, 2B, RBI	FIRST DOUBLE-A RBI CAME IN 4-RUN 4TH OF 8-5 WIN	
7/29 @ POR	1-3, 2 RBI, 2 BB	FIRST MULTI-RBI GAME AT DOUBLE-A	
7/30 @ POR	3-5, 2B, RBI	1ST 3H GAMES W/ ALT	
8/8 VS HFD	2-3, HR, RBI, 2 BB	HIT FRONT END OF B2B HR IN 9TH TO TIE GAME, TRAVELED 429 FT, 113 EXIT	

Trending: Reached in 26-of-32G with ALT // Last 20G: 18-70 (.257) with an .758 OPS (1 2B, 1 3B, 2 HR, 12 RBI, 14 BB, 23 K)

- **2025:** At the time of his promotion to ALT on 7/1, ranked 1st in the SAL in BA (.303), HR (20), RBI (57), SLG% (.592), OPS (.977), Hits (84), 2B (18), XBH (39) in 72G... Leads PIT MiLB in HR (20), and RBI (57)... Played 2 innings in the field and went 0-for-1 at 1B at The Futures Game in Atlanta on 7/12... Became the 23rd player in franchise history to participate...

- **2024:** Played the full season with Single-A Bradenton and batted .226 with 17 2B, 1 3B, 22 HR, 61 RBI in 107G... Was one of four Pirates minor leaguers to hits 20+ HR... Was named an FSL Post-season All-Star by MiLB.com... Ranked among all Pirates farmhands in home runs (3rd), extra-base hits (40, T-3rd), walks (5th), RBI (6th), slugging (7th), OPS (.816, 8th) and total bases (166, 8th)... Also led the Florida State League in home runs and OPS, while also ranking among league leaders in slugging (2nd), extra-base hits (T3rd), RBI (4th), total bases (4th), OBP (5th) and walks (5th)...

- **CURVE CUTS:** Esmerlyn Valdez... Born in Bani in the Dominican Republic... Was signed by Victor Santana on 1/15/2021... Entering his time with Altoona, has played 115G in RF, 64 in LF, 79G at 1B and 54 as DH...

MISCELLANEOUS TEAM INFORMATION

TRANSACTIONS

April - 15 Moves

April 4 Pirates set 28-man roster
 April 9 RHP **Alessandro Ercolani** activated to Altoona
 INF **Kervin Pichardo** placed on 7-Day IL (retro 4/8)
 C **Shawn Ross** transferred from ALT to IND
 April 15 INF **Mike Jarvis** transferred from IND to ALT
 RHP **Cristofer Melendez** placed on 7-Day IL
 LHP **Anthony Solometo** placed on 7-Day IL
 C **Shawn Ross** transferred from IND to ALT
 RHP **J.C. Flowers** transferred from FCL to ALT
 April 19 INF **Imanol Vargas** placed on Development List
 RHP **Fineas Del Bonta-Smith** transferred from FCL Pirates to ALT
 April 23 C **Wyatt Hendrie** placed on Development List
 INF **Kervin Pichardo** activated from 7-Day IL
 April 24 RHP **Jarod Bayless** transferred from GBO to ALT
 LHP **Nick Dombkowski** transferred from ALT to IND

May - 18 Moves

May 1 C **Wyatt Hendrie** reinstated from Dev. List
 C **Aaron McKeithan** placed on Dev. List
 OF **Jase Bowen** placed on 7-Day IL
 RHP **Derek Diamond** placed on 7-Day IL
 INF **Imanol Vargas** reinstated from Dev. List
 LHP **Hunter Barco** transferred from ALT to IND
 RHP **Garrett McMillan** transferred from GBO to ALT
 RHP **Sean Sullivan** reinstated from 7-Day IL
 INF **Spencer Horwitz** rehab transferred to IND
 RHP **Cristofer Melendez** moved to 60-Day IL
 May 8 LHP **Anthony Solometo** moved to 60-Day IL
 May 16 OF **Sammy Siani** placed on 7-Day IL
 C **Aaron McKeithan** reinstated from Dev. List
 May 26 RHP **Po-Yu Chen** transferred from ALT to IND
 INF **Mike Jarvis** transferred from ALT to IND
 May 27 LHP **Blake Townsend** transferred from GBO to ALT
 May 28 RHP **Po-Yu Chen** transferred from IND to ALT
 LHP **Blake Townsend** transferred from ALT to GBO

June - 23 Moves

June 1 RHP **Garrett McMillan** placed on 7-Day IL
 June 3 LHP **Blake Townsend** transferred from GBO to ALT
 June 6 RHP **Fineas Del Bonta-Smith** transferred from ALT to IND
 INF **JC Flowers** transferred from ALT to IND
 RHP **Beau Burrows** transferred from GBO to ALT
 C **Shawn Ross** transferred from ALT to IND
 June 8 RHP **Cam Sanders** transferred from ALT to IND
 June 10 RHP **Sean Sullivan** transferred from ALT to IND
 RHP **Fineas Del Bonta-Smith** transferred from IND to ALT
 June 14 INF **Jack Brannigan** placed on 7-Day IL
 INF **Mike Jarvis** transferred from IND to ALT
 June 17 OF **Sammy Siani** activated from 7-Day IL
 LHP **Tyler Samaniego** returned from rehab, transferred from ALT to GBO
 June 19 OF **Jase Bowen** activated from 7-Day IL
 June 22 INF **Imanol Vargas** released from contract
 RHP **Fineas Del Bonta-Smith** released
 June 24 RHP **Brandon Bidois** transferred from GBO to ALT
 RHP **Ryan Harbin** transferred from GBO to ALT
 LHP **Tyler Samaniego** transferred from GBO to ALT
 RHP **Antwone Kelly** transferred from GBO to ALT
 INF **Duce Gourson** transferred from GBO to ALT
 RHP **Jarod Bayless** transferred from ALT to GBO
 OF **Hudson Head** placed on Dev. List

July - 13 Moves

July 1 OF **Esmerlyn Valdez** transferred from GBO to ALT
 C **Omarr Alfonzo** transferred from GBO to ALT
 C **Wyatt Hendrie** placed on Dev. List
 OF **Tres Gonzalez** transferred from ALT to FCL
 C **Wyatt Hendrie** activated from Dev. List
 OF **Esmerlyn Valdez** placed on Temporary Inactive List (Futures Game)
 July 11 C **Wyatt Hendrie** placed on Dev. List
 OF **Esmerlyn Valdez** reinstated from Temporary Inactive List
 July 18 C **Wyatt Hendrie** placed on Dev. List
 OF **Esmerlyn Valdez** reinstated from Temporary Inactive List

July 18 RHP **Johan Oviedo** begins Major League Rehab
 July 26 OF **Hudson Head** released from contract
 July 29 RHP **Beau Burrows** transferred from ALT to IND
 RHP **Johan Oviedo** rehab transferred to IND
 LHP **Dominic Perachi** activated from Injured List
 July 31 **August - 20 Moves**
 August 2 LHP **Blake Townsend** transferred from ALT to IND
 OF **Tres Gonzalez** transferred from GBO to ALT
 August 5 INF **Javier Rivas** transferred from GBO to ALT
 INF **Maikol Escotto** released from contract
 August 6 OF **Jase Bowen** transferred from ALT to IND
 OF **P.J. Hilson** transferred from GBO to ALT
 LHP **Blake Townsend** transferred from IND to ALT
 INF **Brenden Dixon** placed on Dev. List
 August 12 RHP **Wilken Ramos** transferred from ALT to IND
 RHP **Ryan Harbin** transferred from ALT to IND
 RHP **Mike Walsh** transferred from GBO to ALT
 RHP **Landon Tomkins** transferred from GBO to ALT
 INF **Brenden Dixon** released from contract
 INF **Mike Jarvis** transferred from ALT to IND
 August 13 C **Wyatt Hendrie** reinstated from Dev. List
 INF **Konnor Griffin** transferred from GBO to ALT
 August 19 C **Derek Berg** transferred from GBO to ALT
 RHP **Brandon Bidois** transferred from ALT to IND
 C **Aaron McKeithan** released from contract
 OF **Sammy Siani** transferred from ALT to IND

UNIVERSITY ORTHOPEDICS INJURY REPORT

Player	Injury	Placed (Retro)	Reinstated
Dominic Perachi	Oblique	April 4	July 31
Tyler Samaniego	Elbow	April 4	June 17
Sean Sullivan	Shoulder	April 4	May 6
Kervin Pichardo	Thumb	April 9 (April 8)	April 23
Cristofer Melendez	R. Elbow	April 17 (April 16)	--
Anthony Solometo	L. Shoulder	April 18 (April 16)	--
Jase Bowen	L. Hand	May 2	June 19
Derek Diamond	Shoulder	May 2	--
Sammy Siani	Hamstring	May 16 (May 15)	June 17

Player	Injury	Placed (Retro)	Reinstated
Garrett McMillan	Elbow	June 1 (May 31)	--
Jack Brannigan	Shoulder	June 14	--

ALTOONA CURVE COACHING STAFF

Andy Fox
 Manager (1st Season)
 Career Record: 45-94

Andy Fox is the 16th manager in Curve history. Fox's coaching career has seen him serve in several roles, including time with the Rangers, Mariners, Marlins, and Red Sox. He spent the last 14 years in Boston's system, serving as the team's infield coordinator and first base coach. Prior to his time in Boston, Fox served as a first base coach for the Marlins and managed the Rangers Single-A Clinton team in 2006. Fox was drafted in the 2nd round of the 1989 Draft by the Yankees and won two World Series in his nine-year Major League career with New York (1996) and the Florida Marlins (2003) as an infielder.

Matt Ford
 Pitching Coach
 1st season/12th overall

Ford joins the Curve in 2025 after serving as the Pitching Coach for Low-A Bradenton in 2024. This is his 12th season serving as an instructor in the Pirates system, previously serving in the FCL (2022), Greensboro (2021), as the team's Rehab Pitching Coordinator (2019-20), Bradenton (2017-18), both West Virginia clubs (2015-2016) as well as with Bristol (2014). Ford was Toronto's third round pick in 1999 and made his Major League debut with the Brewers in 2003. He pitched in 25 games and made four starts in his lone Major League season. He began his coaching career at the University of Akron in 2012.

Scott Seabol
 Hitting Coach
 1st season/10th overall

Seabol comes to Altoona after spending the 2024 season as the Hitting Coach in Bradenton. This is his second season as a Pirates minor league instructor. He joined the Pirates after four seasons as a hitting instructor in the Miami Marlins system (2020-2023) and the New York Yankees (2016-2019). Seabol was drafted by the Yankees in 1996 out of West Virginia University and played 60 Major League games with New York (2001) and the St. Louis Cardinals (2005). His 14-year playing career wrapped up in 2009 after a season in Korea and two seasons in Japan. He is a native of McKeesport, PA.

Casey Harms
 Hitting Coach
 1st season/11th overall

Harms begins his fifth season as a Pirates instructor in 2025 and joins Altoona after serving as Greensboro's Bench Coach in 2024. Harms joined the Pirates in 2021 as the Hitting Coach in the FCL. He played outfield at Division III Occidental College in Los Angeles and went on to coach in the collegiate ranks at UC Santa Barbara (2013-2018) and Santa Barbara City College (2019-2021). He also spent two seasons as the Manager for the Waterloo Bucks in the Northwoods League (2019-20) and led the team to a 28-13 record and a league championship in 2020.

Gary Green
 Bench Coach
 4th season/20th overall

Green returns for a fourth season in Altoona and his 20th season as a minor league instructor with the Pirates. He has previously served as the Bench Coach in Indianapolis (2022) as well as the Minor League Infield Coordinator/Roving Field Instructor for the Pirates (2011-2021). A Pittsburgh native, Green's father, Fred, won a World Series with the Pirates in 1960. Green spent 11 seasons managing in the Tigers minor league system (99-10). A former Major League infielder for parts of five seasons, Green was drafted 27th overall by the Padres in 1984 and played on Team USA in the 1984 Olympic Games.

PIRATES ORGANIZATIONAL REPORT



MLB/PIITTSBURGH

Record/Place: 54-74/5th NL Central
 Yesterday: 2-1 W vs Toronto

Today: OFF DAY

Notes:

- **Tommy Pham** had two hits with a double and two RBI yesterday in a 2-1 win over Toronto.
- **Johan Oviedo** allowed one run on two hits in five innings with a walk and six strikeouts.
- **Kyle Nicolas** tossed two scoreless innings in relief, while **Isaac Matson** tossed one scoreless frame and **Dennis Santana** earned the save.



AAA/INDIANAPOLIS

Record/Place: 29-18, 71-50 /T-1st IL West
 Yesterday: 6-0 W @ Syracuse

Today: @ Syracuse at 6:35 p.m. - RHP Jarod Bayless

Notes:

- **Sammy Siani** went 2-for-4 in his Triple-A debut as Indianapolis defeated Syracuse 6-0 last night.
- **Rafael Flores** hit his second Triple-A home run in the win.
- **Nick Dombkowski** tossed six scoreless innings in the start, allowing just two hits with four strikeouts.
- **Ryan Harbin** tossed a scoreless frame in relief.



HIGH-A/GREENSBORO

Record/Place: 35-15, 80-35 /1st SAL North
 Yesterday: 4-3 L @ Bowling Green

Today: @ Bowling Green at 7:35 p.m. - RHP Carlton Reed

Notes:

- **Matt King**, **Sammy Stafura**, and **Will Taylor** each hit doubles last night in a 4-3 loss for Greensboro.
- **Connor Wietgreffe** tossed six scoreless innings with three hits allowed and four strikeouts.
- **Jaycob Deese** allowed two runs in an inning of relief before **Inmer Lobo** took the loss allowing two runs in an inning of relief.



LOW-A/BRADENTON

Record/Place: 24-26, 54-62 /3rd FSL West
 Yesterday: 8-4 L vs Daytona

Today: vs Daytona at 6:30 p.m. - TBD

Notes:

- **Tony Blanco Jr.** hit his sixth home run of the season for Bradenton in an 8-4 loss last night.
- **Richard Ramirez** hit his fourth home run of the campaign in the defeat.
- **Carlos Castillo** allowed four runs on four hits in 2.2 innings with four walks and two strikeouts.
- **Cesar Aquino** took the loss in relief, allowing three runs in 2.1 innings.

MISCELLANEOUS STATS

2025 STARTS BY POSITION

Player	C	1B	2B	3B	SS	LF	CF	RF	DH
Alfonzo	27	5	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Bowen	--	1	--	--	--	13	13	19	4
Brannigan	--	--	--	14	41	--	--	--	4
Cimillo	--	59	--	--	--	--	--	--	32
Dixon	--	27	--	24	--	--	--	--	8
Escotto	--	--	1	--	22	13	--	2	--
Gonzalez	--	--	--	--	--	26	--	21	9
Gourson	--	8	2	26	--	--	--	--	1
Griffin	--	--	--	--	2	--	--	--	--
Head	--	--	--	--	--	5	4	15	3
Hendrie	23	--	--	--	--	4	--	--	3
Hilson	--	--	--	--	--	4	3	--	--
Horwitz	--	4	--	--	--	--	--	--	1
Jarvis	--	--	7	8	9	12	7	5	--
Jebb	--	--	24	--	--	--	68	--	10
Johnson	--	--	81	--	--	--	--	--	15
McKeithan	38	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2
Pichardo	--	--	--	39	32	--	--	--	8
Rivas	--	--	--	2	8	--	--	--	--
Ross	27	--	--	2	1	--	--	--	--
Siani	--	--	--	--	--	22	20	28	3
Valdez	--	2	--	--	--	--	--	25	5
Vargas	--	9	--	--	--	16	--	--	7

2025 STARTS BY BATTING ORDER

Player	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th
Alfonzo	--	--	--	7	16	9	1	--	--
Bowen	--	6	1	1	4	12	14	7	5
Brannigan	--	1	7	44	5	2	--	--	--
Cimillo	--	--	13	36	28	9	5	--	--
Dixon	--	--	--	4	3	6	17	15	14
Escotto	1	10	--	--	--	5	3	6	13
Gonzalez	--	--	1	--	7	14	12	13	9
Gourson	13	5	--	--	1	4	14	--	--
Griffin	--	2	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Head	--	--	--	--	--	2	13	12	--
Hendrie	--	--	--	--	--	1	4	11	14
Hilson	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	3	4
Horwitz	2	3	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Jarvis	6	16	--	--	2	6	8	4	5
Jebb	58	23	--	--	--	1	4	3	13
Johnson	35	17	45	--	--	--	--	--	--
McKeithan	--	--	--	--	--	1	3	17	18
Pichardo	--	27	9	14	11	9	3	3	3
Rivas	--	--	--	--	1	1	8	--	--
Ross	--	--	--	2	3	7	7	8	3
Siani	--	5	37	1	7	8	4	11	--
Valdez	--	--	1	5	17	8	--	--	--
Vargas	--	--	1	1	10	12	6	1	2

OUTFIELD ASSISTS

Player	Total	Last Assist
Maikol Escotto	3	6/19 vs RIC
Wyatt Hendrie	1	5/29 vs POR G2
Mike Jarvis	3	6/27 @ CHE
Sammy Siani	5	8/16 @ RIC
Esmerlyn Valdez	3	8/9 vs HFD
Imanol Vargas	1	5/16 vs HBG

THE LAST TIME...

Altoona scored 10 or more runs (game)..... 11, 8/3/25 at Portland
 Altoona scored 10 or more runs (inning).....10, 8/7/10 at Harrisburg
 Altoona scored 15 or more runs (game)..... 19*, 5/22/22 vs Richmond
Opponent scored 10 or more runs (game)..... 10, 8/13/25 at Richmond
 Opponent scored 10 or more runs (inning) 10, 6th inning, 8/10/24 at Portland
Opponent scored 15 or more runs (game)..... 16, 7/8/25 at Binghamton

Altoona collected 15+ hits in a game 17, 6/8/25 at New Hampshire
 Altoona collected 20+ hits in a game.....20, 8/24/21 vs. Richmond
Opponent collected 15+ hits in a game 15, 8/10/25 vs. Hartford
 Opponent collected 20+ hits in a game 20, 9/3/18 at Bowie

Altoona hits an inside-the-park HR Sammy Siani, 7/10/25 at Binghamton
Altoona hits a walk-off HR.....Nick Cimillo, 2-run home run, 7/3/25 vs. Harrisburg
Altoona hits a pinch-hit HR.....Shawn Ross, Grand Slam, 4/20/25 vs. Somerset
Altoona hits a grand slamMike Jarivs, 7/26/25 vs. Chesapeake
Altoona hits back-to-back HRs..... Esmerlyn Valdez/Duce Gourson, 8/8/25 vs Hartford
 Altoona hits HRs from both sides of plate..... Endy Rodriguez, 9/1/22 vs Akron
 Altoona hits leadoff HR to start gameTsung-Che Cheng, 6/6/24 at Richmond
 Altoona pitcher hits a HR.....Beau Sulser, 5/14/19 at Binghamton (2)
Altoona hits Multi-HR.....Nick Cimillo (2), 8/3/25 at Portland

Opponent hits an inside-the-park HR Daniel Cabrera / Eric De La Rosa, 9/10/21 vs. Erie
Opponent hits a walk-off HR.....Jake Holton, Two-Run HR in 12th, 5/7/25 at Erie
Opponent hits a pinch-hit HRMax Ferguson, Grand Slam, 7/29/25 at Portland
Opponent hits a grand slam.....Max Ferguson, 7/29/25 at Portland
 Opponent hits back-to-back HRs Alex Binelas/Phillip Sikes, 8/10/24 at Portland
Opponent hits leadoff HR to start gameTravis Bazzana, 4/29/25 vs. Akron
Opponent hits Multi-HR.....Nick Dunn (2), 8/20/25 vs. Reading

Altoona batter hits for the cycle 4/9/13, Andrew Lambo at Akron
 Altoona batter records 5+ hits in a game.....5, 16x, last - Cal Mitchell, 8/24/21 vs. Richmond
Altoona batter has 5+ RBI in a game..... 5, Nick Cimillo, 5/31/25 vs. Portland

Opponent batter hits for the cycle..... Lou Montanez, 8/1/08 vs. Bowie
 Opponent batter records 5+ hits in a game Juan Perez, 4/20/12 vs. Richmond
 Opponent batter has 5+ RBI in a game..... 7, Ryan Clifford, 7/8/25 at Binghamton

Altoona threw a no-hitter (9 IP) (one pitcher) N/A
 Altoona threw a no-hitter (9 IP) (combined).....
 E. Hollingsworth/J. Townsend/J. Ramos/R. Beckman, 7/25/13 at New Hampshire
 Altoona threw a no-hitter (7 IP) (combined)..... N/A

Opponent threw a no-hitter (9 IP)Casey Mize, 4/29/19 vs. Erie
 Opponent threw a no hitter (9 IP) (combined).....
 C. McDermott, N. Hoffman, E. Lucas 5/19/23 at Bowie
Opponent threw a no-hitter (7 IP).....Rafael Sanchez, 6/7/25 at New Hampshire (1)
 Opponent threw a no-hitter (7 IP) (combined)
C. James/C. Kimball/Z. Zinicola, 6/10/10 vs. Harrisburg (2)

Altoona threw a complete-game shutout (9 IP) Domingo Robles, 8/26/19 vs. Akron
 Altoona threw a complete-game shutout (7 IP) Domingo Robles, 6/8/19 vs. Akron (1)
 Altoona threw back-to-back shutouts (team) 7/3/24 - 7/4/24 vs. Harrisburg

Opponent threw a complete-game shutout (9 IP).....Casey Mize, 4/29/19 vs. Erie
Opponent threw a complete-game shutout (7 IP) David Sandlin, 5/29/25 vs. Portland (1)
Opponent threw back-to-back shutouts (team).... 6/3, 6/4, 6/5, 6/7/25 (1) at New Hampshire

Altoona wins in last at bat..... Duce Gourson Go-Ahead HR, 9th inning, 8/12/25 at Richmond
Opponent wins in last at bat Scott Bandura RBI-2B, 9th inning, 8/17/25 at Richmond

Altoona swept doubleheader 6/21/23 vs. Bowie
Opponent swept doubleheader 6/20/25 vs. Richmond

Altoona pitcher strikes out:
10..... Wilber Dotel, 5/4/25 vs Akron
 11 Thomas Harrington, 7/10/24 vs Bowie
 12+ 12, Braxton Ashcraft, 6/6/24 at Richmond

Opponent pitcher strikes out:
10..... Nestor German, 7/26/25 vs Chesapeake
11..... Alex Pham, 4/22/25 at Chesapeake
 12+ 12, Cade Cavalli, 7/30/21 vs. Harrisburg

Altoona turns a triple playCharles McAdoo/Kervin Pichardo/Nick Cimillo (5-4-3), 7/24/24 at Erie
 Opponent turns a triple play Kellin Deglan/Kyle Holder (2-6), 7/15/19 vs. Trenton

* - Franchise Record
 ** - Tied Franchise Record

2025 GAME-BY-GAME

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME/RESULT	REC	PLACE	G (+/-)	WINNER	LOSER	SAVE	TIME	GT TEMP	ATT.
4/4	Chesapeake	3-2 L	0-1	T-4th	(-1.0)	Daniel Lloyd (1-0)	Cy Nielson (0-1)	Keegan Gillies (1)	2:58	63, Over.	4,617
4/5	Chesapeake	2-0 L	0-2	T-4th	(-2.0)	Peter Van Loon (1-0)	Derek Diamond (0-1)	Dylan Heid (1)	2:20	60, Over.	3,664
4/6	Chesapeake	2-1 W	1-2	T-4th	(-2.0)	Anthony Solometo (1-0)	Trace Bright (0-1)	Cam Sanders (1)	2:24	50, Over.	3,120
4/8	@ Akron	6-5 L	1-3	T-4th	(-3.0)	Davis Sharpe (1-0)	Jaden Woods (0-1)	Zane Morehouse (2)	2:49	36, P.C.	3,579
4/9	@ Akron	13-1 L	1-4	T-4th	(-4.0)	Jake Miller (1-0)	A. Ercolani (0-1)	--	3:06	47, Over.	1,250
4/10	@ Akron	2-0 W	2-4	4th	(-3.0)	Valentin Linarez (1-0)	Tommy Mace (1-1)	Cam Sanders (2)	2:35	45, Over.	1,292
4/11	@ Akron	8-1 W	3-4	4th	(-2.0)	Jaden Woods (1-1)	Zach Jacobs (0-1)	N. Dombkowski (1)	2:59	41, Over.	1,980
4/12	@ Akron	4-3 L	3-5	T-4th	(-3.0)	Trenton Denholm (1-0)	E. Chapman (0-1)	--	2:29	49, P.C.	1,679
4/13	@ Akron	13-1 L	3-6	5th	(-4.0)	Magnus Ellerts (1-0)	Po-Yu Chen (0-1)	--	3:20	54, Sunny	3,029
4/15	Somerset	6-1 L	3-7	5th	(-4.0)	Brendan Beck (1-0)	A. Ercolani (0-2)	Kelly Austin (2)	2:22	44, Over.	2,436
4/16	Somerset	10-1 W	4-7	5th	(-4.0)	Hunter Barco (1-0)	Bailey Dees (0-1)	--	2:38	44, P.C.	2,587
4/17	Somerset	6-4 W	5-7	5th	(-3.0)	Jaden Woods (2-1)	Cam Schlittler (1-1)	Cam Sanders (3)	2:41	66, Clear	3,121
4/18	Somerset	12-1 L	5-8	5th	(-4.0)	Luis Pacheco (1-0)	Derek Diamond (0-2)	--	2:45	82, Clear	3,707
4/19	Somerset	2-1 W	6-8	T-4th	(-3.0)	Cy Nielson (1-1)	Harrison Cohen (0-1)	Cam Sanders (4)	2:01	86, P.C.	4,198
4/20	Somerset	9-3 W	7-8	T-4th	(-3.0)	Valentin Linarez (2-0)	Ryan Anderson (0-1)	--	2:31	66, Sunny	3,110
4/22	@ Chesapeake	2-0 W	8-8	4th	(-3.0)	Valentin Linarez (3-0)	Alex Pham (0-1)	Cam Sanders (5)	2:25	79, P.C.	1,061
4/23	@ Chesapeake	3-2 W	9-8	T-3rd	(-3.0)	Jaden Woods (3-1)	Peter Van Loon (1-1)	Justin Meis (1)	2:46	65, Sunny	4,173
4/24	@ Chesapeake	8-5 W	10-8	3rd	(-2.0)	Emmanuel Chapman (1-1)	Trace Bright (1-3)	Cam Sanders (6)	3:05	73, Clear	2,173
4/25	@ Chesapeake	3-2 L	10-9	T-3rd	(-3.0)	Keegan Gillies (2-0)	Valentin Linarez (3-1)	--	2:44	71, Cloudy	7,847
4/26	@ Chesapeake	4-3 L (12)	10-10	4th	(-4.0)	Yaqui Rivera (1-0)	Jaden Woods (3-2)	--	3:14	71, P.C.	8,061
4/27	@ Chesapeake	4-1 W	11-10	T-3rd	(-3.0)	Emmanuel Chapman (2-1)	Chayce McDermott (0-1)	Cam Sanders (7)	2:50	69, Sunny	4,388
4/29	Akron	10-2 W	12-10	3rd	(-3.0)	Valentin Linarez (4-1)	Shawn Rapp (0-2)	--	2:46 (1:48)	86, P.C. & Rain	2,667
4/30	Akron	6-0 L	12-11	3rd	(-3.0)	Aaron Davenport (1-0)	Jarod Bayless (0-1)	--	2:54	74, Clear	2,924
Curve in April: 12-11, Team BA: .219 (T-8th), Team ERA 3.91 (7th)											
5/1	Akron	4-2 L	12-12	3rd	(-4.0)	Rorik Maltrud (1-1)	Po-Yu Chen (0-2)	Jake Miller (1)	2:25	71, Sunny	4,065
5/2	Akron	6-2 W (6)	13-12	3rd	(-3.0)	Jaden Woods (4-2)	Rodney Boone (0-1)	Valentin Linarez (1)	2:12 (1:15)	82, P.C. & Rain	4,439
5/3	Akron	5-3 L	13-13	T-3rd	(-4.0)	Tommy Mace (4-2)	Cy Nielson (1-2)	Davis Sharpe (1)	2:40	71, Cloudy	3,278
5/4	Akron	3-2 W	14-13	3rd	(-3.0)	Cam Sanders (1-0)	Ross Carver (1-1)	--	2:37	68, Cloudy	3,592
5/6	@ Erie	3-0 L	14-14	T-3rd	(-4.0)	Jaden Hamm (1-2)	Jarod Bayless (0-2)	Dylan Smith (1)	2:23 (0:55)	56, P.C. & Rain	878
5/7	@ Erie	6-4 L (12)	14-15	5th	(-5.0)	Drew Sommers (1-0)	Justin Meis (0-1)	--	3:24	58, P.C.	3,391
5/8	@ Erie	4-3 L	14-16	5th	(-6.0)	Yosber Sanchez (1-1)	F. Del Bonta-Smith (0-1)	--	2:48	51, Cloudy	1,607
5/9	@ Erie	7-0 L	14-17	5th	(-7.0)	Austin Bergner (3-2)	Valentin Linarez (4-2)	--	2:16 (0:13)	56, Clear	1,513
5/10	@ Erie	6-4 W	15-17	5th	(-6.0)	Wilber Dotel (1-0)	J. Montalvo (2-1)	Cam Sanders (8)	2:40	64, P.C.	2,625
5/11	@ Erie	3-2 W	16-17	5th	(-5.0)	Emmanuel Chapman (3-1)	Troy Melton (1-1)	Justin Meis (2)	2:38	58, Sunny	2,027
5/13	Harrisburg	PPD (Rain)	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
5/14	Harrisburg G1	8-0 W (7)	17-17	T-4th	(-5.0)	Alessandro Ercolani (1-2)	Dustin Saenz (2-4)	--	2:04	62, Over.	--
5/14	Harrisburg G2	6-4 L (7)	17-18	4th	(-6.0)	Kyle Luckham (3-2)	Po-Yu Chen (0-3)	Michael Cuevas (5)	2:13	64, Over.	8,273
5/15	Harrisburg	9-4 W	18-18	T-3rd	(-6.0)	Garrett McMillan (1-0)	Miguel Gomez (0-1)	--	2:41	78, P.C.	2,597
5/16	Harrisburg	5-4 W	19-18	3rd	(-5.0)	Wilken Ramos (1-0)	Bryce Conley (0-1)	Cam Sanders (9)	2:34	75, Over.	3,863
5/17	Harrisburg	8-4 W	20-18	3rd	(-5.0)	F. Del Bonta Smith (1-1)	Hyun-il Choi (2-1)	--	2:25	69, Drizzle	4,227
5/18	Harrisburg	6-4 L	20-19	3rd	(-5.0)	Garrett Davila (3-2)	Jarod Bayless (0-3)	Michael Cuevas (6)	2:27	67, Over.	4,734
5/20	@ Akron	3-1 L	20-20	3rd	(-6.0)	Rodney Boone (2-1)	Jarod Bayless (0-4)	Zane Morehouse (4)	2:28	57, Over.	8,128
5/21	@ Akron	PPD (Rain)	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
5/22	@ Akron	PPD (Rain)	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
5/23	@ Akron G1	6-3 L (7)	20-21	4th	(-7.5)	Jake Miller (3-0)	A. Ercolani (1-3)	--	1:56 (0:36)	56, P.C.	--
5/23	@ Akron G2	5-0 L (7)	20-22	4th	(-8.5)	Carter Spivey (2-0)	Garrett McMillan (1-1)	Zach Jacobs (1)	1:52	53, P.C.	5,128
5/24	@ Akron	10-0 L	20-23	4th	(-9.5)	Austin Peterson (3-2)	Wilber Dotel (1-1)	Davis Sharpe (3)	2:30	60, P.C.	4,442
5/25	@ Akron G1	1-0 W (7)	21-23	4th	(-8.5)	Emmanuel Chapman (4-1)	Shawn Rapp (0-3)	Wilken Ramos (1)	2:01	65, P.C.	--
5/25	@ Akron G2	5-4 L (7)	21-24	4th	(-9.0)	Magnus Ellerts (2-0)	J.C. Flowers (0-1)	Zane Morehouse (5)	2:07	64, P.C.	5,088
5/27	Portland	4-2 W	22-24	4th	(-9.0)	Blake Townsend (1-0)	Blake Wehunt (1-5)	--	2:13	57, Rain	3,166
5/28	Portland	PPD (Rain)	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
5/29	Portland G1	3-0 L (7)	22-25	4th	(-9.5)	David Sandlin (3-1)	A. Ercolani (1-4)	--	1:30	75, P.C.	--
5/29	Portland G2	9-6 L (7)	22-26	T-4th	(-10.0)	Reidis Sena (4-1)	Wilken Ramos (1-1)	Yovanny Cruz (2)	2:18	73, P.C.	3,733
5/30	Portland (Fin. 5/31)	6-3 L	22-27	T-4th	(-11.0)	Jack Anderson (2-3)	Sean Sullivan (0-1)	--	2:23 (0:37)	65, Rain	3,802
5/31	Portland G2	9-7 W (8)	23-27	T-4th	(-11.0)	Cam Sanders (2-0)	Zach Bryant (1-2)	--	2:30	51, Cloudy	3,811
Curve in May: 11-16, Team BA: .218 (9th), Team ERA 4.47 (10th)											
6/1	Portland	7-5 W	24-27	T-3rd	(-10.0)	Wilken Ramos (2-1)	Yovanny Cruz (0-1)	--	2:31	64, P.C.	4,130
6/3	@ New Hampshire	4-0 L	24-28	4th	(-11.0)	Ryan Watson (4-2)	A. Ercolani (1-5)	Hunter Gregory (4)	2:24	76, Clear	5,055
6/4	@ New Hampshire	3-0 L	24-29	5th	(-12.0)	Devereaux Harrison (4-5)	Jarod Bayless (0-4)	Conor Larkin (3)	2:10	84, Clear	2,222
6/5	@ New Hampshire	2-0 L	24-30	5th	(-13.0)	Jaroon Watts-Brown (1-1)	Wilber Dotel (1-2)	Alex Almalh (3)	2:12	92, Clear	2,170
6/6	@ New Hampshire	PPD (Rain)	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
6/7	@ New Hampshire G1	4-0 L (7)	24-31	5th	(-13.5)	Rafael Sanchez (2-3)	Po-Yu Chen (0-5)	--	1:40 (2:42)	66, Rain	--
6/7	@ New Hampshire G2	5-2 L (7)	24-32	5th	(14.0)	Grant Rogers (1-1)	Jaden Woods (4-3)	Grayson Thurman (1)	1:45	63, Clear	3,569
6/8	@ New Hampshire	11-5 W	25-32	5th	(-13.0)	Sean Sullivan (1-1)	Ryan Watson (4-3)	--	2:55	73, P.C.	4,345
6/10	Erie	3-0 L	25-33	5th	(-14.0)	Austin Bergner (4-2)	Blake Townsend (1-1)	Richard Guasch (1)	2:14	78, P.C.	3,525
6/11	Erie	5-2 L	25-34	5th	(-15.0)	Kenny Serwa (2-0)	Wilber Dotel (1-3)	Matt Seelinger (1)	2:26	86, Clear	3,122
6/12	Erie	10-6 W	26-34	5th	(-14.0)	Emmanuel Chapman (5-1)	Tim Naughton (2-1)	--	2:46	89, Clear	5,679
6/13	Erie	4-1 W	27-34	5th	(-13.0)	Justin Meis (1-1)	Carlos Pena (3-4)	Beau Burrows (1)	2:38	75, Over.	3,181
6/14	Erie	7-2 L	27-35	5th	(-14.0)	Garrett Burhenn (7-1)	A. Ercolani (1-6)	--	2:34 (1:57)	68, Over.	4,536
6/15	Erie	7-1 W	28-35	5th	(-13.0)	Cy Nielson (2-2)	Austin Bergner (4-3)	--	2:17	66, Cloudy	5,372
6/17	Richmond	PPD (Rain)	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
6/18	Richmond	2-1 W	29-35	5th	(-13.5)	Wilber Dotel (2-3)	Manuel Mercedes (3-7)	Wilken Ramos (2)	2:17 (1:34)	86, P.C.	3,520
6/19	Richmond G1	2-1 SUSP	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
6/19	Richmond G2	CNCL (Rain)	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
6/20	Richmond G1*	2-1 L (7)	29-36	5th	(-14.0)	Nick Sinacota (1-2)	Jarod Bayless (0-5)	Evan Gates (3)	1:49 (3:04)	84, Rain	3,254
6/20	Richmond G2	7-4 L (7)	29-37	5th	(-14.5)	Michael Struffler (1-1)	Po-Yu Chen (0-6)	Tyler Myrick (4)	2:14 (1:14)	73, Over.	4,570
6/21	Richmond	1-0 W	30-37	5th	(-14.5)	F. Del Bonta-Smith (2-1)	Joe Whitman (2-7)	Beau Burrows (2)	2:36	88, P.C.	6,054
6/22	Richmond	2-1 L	30-38	5th	(-14.5)	John Michael Bertrand (2-6)	Emmanuel Chapman (5-2)	Braxton Roxby (3)	2:38	91, P.C.	4,028
End of the First Half: 30-38, Team BA: .218 (9th), Team ERA 3.97 (7th)											
6/24	@ Chesapeake	6-3 W	1-0, 31-38	T-1st	(+1.0)	Wilber Dotel (3-3)	Nate Webb (1-1)	Beau Burrows (3)	2:32	97, Clear	1,165
6/25	@ Chesapeake	4-2 W	2-0, 32-38	T-1st	(+1.0)	Justin Meis (2-1)	Walter Pennington (0-1)	Wilken Ramos (3)	2:31	80, Clear	1,078
6/26	@ Chesapeake	3-2 W	3-0, 33-38	1st	(+1.0)	Po-Yu Chen (1-6)	Trey Gibson (1-1)	Beau Burrows (4)	2:52	92, P.C.	1,276
6/27	@ Chesapeake	4-3 L (10)	3-1, 33-39	T-1st	(+1.0)	Kyle Virbitsky (1-0)	Wilken Ramos (2-2)	--	2:40	70, Over.	2,982
6/28	@ Chesapeake	4-2 W	4-1, 34-39	1st	(+1.0)	Antwone Kelly (1-0)	Braxton Bragg (2-2)	Justin Meis (3)	2:38	86, Clear	2,397
6/29	@ Chesapeake	6-4 W	5-1, 35-39	1st	(+1.0)	Brandon Bidois (1-0)	Ryan Long (2-5)	Wilken Ramos (4)	2:41	90, P.C.	1,657
Curve in June: 12-12, Team BA: .220 (T-8th), Team ERA 2.97 (2nd)											
7/1	Harrisburg	6-5 W	6-1, 36-39	1st	(+1.0)	Ryan Harbin (1-0)	Luke Young (1-3)	Justin Meis (4)	2:31	77, Cloudy	5,022
7/2	Harrisburg	8-5 W	7-1, 37-39	1st	(+1.0)	Po-Yu Chen (2-6)	Kyle Luckham (4-4)	Beau Burrows (5)	2:36	87, P.C.	4,256
7/3	Harrisburg	4-2 W (11)	8-1, 38-39	1st	(+1.0)	Brandon Bidois (2-0)	Chance Huff (0-2)	--	2:55	84, P.C.	9,165
7/4	@ Harrisburg	5-1 W	9-1, 39-39	1st	(+2.0)	Antwone Kelly (2-0)	Hyun-il Choi (4-2)	--	2:23	84, Clear	7,584
7/5	@ Harrisburg	4-1 L	9-2, 39-40	1st	(+2.0)	Dustin Saenz (4-6)	Wilber Dotel (3-4)	Daison Acosta (2)	2:24	90, Clear	5,420
7/6	@ Harrisburg	2-0 L	9-3, 39-41	1st	(+2.0)	Miguel Gomez (1-1)	Blake Townsend (1-2)	Junior Santos (5)	2:06	86, Sunny	1,738
7/8	@ Binghamton	16-3 L	9-4, 39-42	1st	(+1.0)	Joander Suarez (5-2)	Po-Yu Chen (2-7)	--	2:47	82, Cloudy	1,090
7/9	@ Binghamton	3-0 L	9-5, 39-43	T-1st	(+1.0)	Cameron Foster (3-1)	Justin Meis (2-2)	Anthony Nunez (2)	2:24	78, Cloudy	1,722
7/10	@ Binghamton	2-1 L	9-6, 39-44	T-1st	(+2.0)	R.J. Gordon (1-0)	Beau Burrows (1-0)	TJ Shook (4)	2:18	78, Clear	2,646
7/11	@ Binghamton	6-3 L	9-7, 39-45	T-1st	(+1.0)	Jonathan Santucci (1-0)	Wilber Dotel (3-5)	--	2:51	91, P.C.	2,365
7/12	@ Binghamton	4-1 W	10-7,								

2025 GAME-BY-GAME

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME/RESULT	REC	PLACE G (+/-)	WINNER	LOSER	SAVE	TIME	GT TEMP	ATT.
7/13	@ Binghamton	7-5 W	11-7, 41-45	T-1st (+1.5)	Jaden Woods (5-3)	TJ Shook (5-1)	Ryan Harbin (1)	2:41	82, Over.	1,909
In-Season All-Star Break July 14-17										
7/18	Akron	2-1 W (10)	12-7, 42-45	1st (+0.5)	Wilken Ramos (3-2)	Zane Morehouse (0-2)	--	2:52	82, P.C.	5,111
7/19	Akron	6-5 W	13-7, 43-45	1st (+1.0)	Beau Burrows (1-1)	Matt Jachec (0-1)	--	2:43	91, P.C.	4,733
7/20	Akron	9-2 L	13-8, 43-46	T-1st (+2.5)	Davis Sharpe (4-4)	Wilber Dotel (3-6)	--	2:53	84, P.C.	5,133
7/22	Chesapeake	2-1 L	13-9, 43-47	T-1st (+1.5)	Trace Bright (2-7)	Po-Yu Chen (2-8)	--	2:35	80, P.C.	6,208
7/23	Chesapeake	6-3 L	13-10, 43-48	T-1st (+1.5)	Ryan Long (4-5)	A. Ercolani (1-7)	Blake Money (1)	2:28	78, Over.	4,475
7/24	Chesapeake	5-2 W	14-10, 44-48	1st (+1.0)	Johan Oviedo (1-0)	Zach Fruit (0-2)	--	2:14	95, P.C.	3,996
7/25	Chesapeake	7-0 L	14-11, 44-49	T-1st (+1.5)	Trey Gibson (3-2)	Antwone Kelly (2-1)	--	2:20 (0:33)	82, Over.	3,387
7/26	Chesapeake	6-1 W (8)	15-11, 45-49	1st (+1.0)	Wilber Dotel (4-6)	Nestor German (3-5)	--	2:15 (0:40)	86, Cloudy	7,025
7/27	Chesapeake	6-1 W	16-11, 46-49	1st (+1.5)	Blake Townsend (3-2)	Levi Wells (0-5)	--	2:40 (0:46)	89, P.C.	3,712
7/29	@ Portland	4-3 L	16-12, 46-50	1st (+1.5)	Jacob Webb (1-0)	Justin Meis (2-3)	Zach Bryant (3)	3:00 (0:04)	94, P.C.	6,868
7/30	@ Portland	6-2 W	17-12, 47-50	1st (+2.5)	Blake Townsend (4-2)	Eduardo Rivera (0-3)	--	2:41	84, P.C.	6,362
7/31	@ Portland	2-1 L	17-13, 47-51	1st (+2.0)	Caleb Bolden (2-3)	Antwone Kelly (2-2)	Yovanny Cruz (5)	2:24	73, Cloud/Rain	5,787
Curve in July: 12-12, Team BA: .186 (12th), Team ERA 3.51 (5th)										
8/1	@ Portland	2-1 W	18-13, 48-51	1st (+1.5)	Valentin Linarez (5-2)	Jacob Webb (1-1)	Wilken Ramos (6)	2:40	73, Clear	6,868
8/2	@ Portland	4-1 L	18-14, 48-52	1st (+1.5)	Cooper Adams (1-0)	Wilber Dotel (4-7)	Reidis Sena (2)	2:35	71, Clear	6,868
8/3	@ Portland	11-4 W	19-14, 49-52	1st (+2.5)	Justin Meis (3-3)	Jack Anderson (2-5)	--	2:52	78, P.C.	6,868
8/5	Hartford	6-5 W	20-14, 50-52	1st (+2.5)	Emmanuel Chapman (6-2)	Jack Mahoney (3-6)	Wilken Ramos (7)	2:55 (0:07)	86, P.C.	6,037
8/6	Hartford	1-0 W	21-14, 51-52	1st (+2.5)	Brandon Bidois (3-0)	Welinton Herrera (3-2)	--	2:17	82, P.C.	3,567
8/7	Hartford	10-5 L	21-15, 51-53	1st (+2.5)	Mason Green (3-4)	Dominic Perachi (0-1)	--	3:15	80, Over.	3,736
8/8	Hartford	3-2 L (10)	21-16, 51-54	1st (+1.5)	Victor Juarez (6-3)	Ryan Harbin (1-1)	--	3:01	84, Clear	5,256
8/9	Hartford	3-2 W (10)	22-16, 52-54	1st (+1.5)	Brandon Bidois (4-0)	Austin Smith (0-1)	--	2:48	87, Clear	8,087
8/10	Hartford	11-4 L	22-17, 52-55	1st (+1.5)	Michael Prosecky (2-1)	Po-Yu Chen (2-9)	--	3:06	86, Sunny	3,913
8/12	@ Richmond	7-5 W	23-17, 53-55	1st (+2.5)	Landon Tomkins (1-0)	Tyler Myrick (1-5)	Justin Meis (5)	2:42	87, P.C.	8,035
8/13	@ Richmond	10-6 L	23-18, 53-56	1st (+1.5)	Ian Villers (1-1)	Tyler Samaniego (0-1)	--	2:52	82, P.C.	4,850
8/14	@ Richmond	6-1 W	24-18, 54-56	1st (+2.5)	Wilber Dotel (5-7)	Cameron Pferrer (0-1)	--	3:09	87, Over.	7,214
8/15	@ Richmond	5-4 W	25-18, 55-56	1st (+2.5)	Cy Nielson (3-2)	Will Bednar (0-2)	Justin Meis (6)	2:49	89, P.C.	7,675
8/16	@ Richmond	2-0 W	26-18, 56-56	1st (+2.5)	Po-Yu Chen (3-9)	Nick Zwack (0-2)	Tyler Samaniego (1)	2:35	90, P.C.	7,865
8/17	@ Richmond	6-5 L	26-19, 56-57	1st (+1.5)	Will Bednar (1-2)	Jaden Woods (5-4)	--	3:11	91, P.C.	5,273
8/19	Reading	6-5 W	27-19, 57-57	1st (+2.5)	Justin Meis (4-3)	Tommy McCollum (0-3)	Tyler Samaniego (2)	2:58	71, Cloudy	5,690
8/20	Reading	7-1 L	27-20, 57-58	1st (+1.0)	Estibenzon Jimenez (3-3)	Wilber Dotel (5-8)	--	2:24	75, Over.	3,133
8/21	Reading	6:00 PM								
8/22	Reading	6:00 PM								
8/23	Reading	6:00 PM								
8/24	Reading	6:00 PM								
8/26	@ Harrisburg	6:30 PM								
8/27	@ Harrisburg	6:30 PM								
8/28	@ Harrisburg	6:30 PM								
8/29	@ Harrisburg	7:00 PM								
8/30	@ Harrisburg	6:00 PM								
8/31	@ Harrisburg	1:00 PM								
Curve in August: 0-0, Team BA: .000 (T-1st), Team ERA 0.00 (T-1st)										
9/2	Richmond	6:00 PM								
9/3	Richmond	6:00 PM								
9/4	Richmond	6:00 PM								
9/5	Richmond	6:00 PM								
9/6	Richmond	6:00 PM								
9/7	Richmond	1:00 PM								
9/9	@ Erie	6:05 PM								
9/10	@ Erie	6:05 PM								
9/11	@ Erie	6:05 PM								
9/12	@ Erie	6:05 PM								
9/13	@ Erie	6:05 PM								
9/14	@ Erie	1:35 PM								
Curve in September: 0-0, Team BA: .000 (T-1st), Team ERA 0.00 (T-1st)										

2025 ALTERNATE IDENTITIES ALL HAIL THE RAIL KINGS



The Altoona Rail Kings were a former independent baseball team who played at Veterans Field in Altoona for two seasons from 1996-1997. The team participated in the North Atlantic League in 1996, finishing 36-42, and in the Heartland League in 1997, making the playoffs with an even 36-36 record. The Rail Kings relocated to Huntington, West Virginia when Altoona was awarded the Pirates Double-A affiliate in 1998. We have recreated the brand for the first time with fresh white uniforms and green caps that resemble their original look. The Rail Kings will be in action every Thursday at PNG Field this season!

LOS PECES DORADOS



BACK in 2025 is the return of our Copa de la Diversión brand, Los Peces Dorados! "Copa de la Diversión™" or "Fun Cup™" is a season-long event series specifically designed to embrace the culture and values that resonate most with Minor League Baseball™ teams' local U.S. Hispanic communities. When deciding on an Altoona Curve Copa de la Diversión identity, "Peces Dorados" made the biggest splash. Translating to "Gold Fish," this rebranded identity pays homage to a fan-favorite mascot in Curve, PA, Al Tuna. Los Peces Dorados will suit up for six home dates in 2025 with our players wearing specialty uniforms as we acknowledge the rich history of Hispanic culture in baseball! The six Tuesday dates include April 15, May 13, June 10, July 1, August 19, and Spetember 2.