

CLEARWATER THRESHERS

2022 Official Game Notes

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Clearwater Beach Dogs (20-32, 55-62) VS. Tampa Tarpons (29-21, 56-60)

Saturday, August 27, 2022

Game #118 | Home Game #59 | 6:30 PM | BayCare Ballpark, Clearwater, FL

RHP Gunner Mayer (1-4, 4.17 ERA) vs. TBD

LAST TIME OUT: Despite trailing 5-1 in the sixth, the Clearwater Beach Dogs stormed back for a 7-6 victory over the Tampa Tarpons in front of 2,366 on Friday night at BayCare Ballpark. Left-hander Jordi Martinez made his 15th start of the season on the mound for Clearwater, tossing a season-high six innings and allowing five runs on eight hits with three strikeouts. The Beach Dogs (20-32, 55-62) opened the scoring in the second inning on an RBI single by Troy Schreffler. It was Schreffler's fourth RBI of the season. After the Tarpons (29-21, 56-60) pushed home three runs in the third to make it 3-1, the visitors added solo home runs by Connor Cannon in the fifth and Ben Rice in the sixth to build a 5-1 lead. Clearwater inched closer in the sixth inning as first baseman Chad Castillo doubled for the third time in the series, an RBI double, and Jamari Baylor picked up an RBI groundout to trim the deficit to 5-3. Right-hander Daniel Harper pitched a scoreless seventh inning out of the bullpen for the Beach Dogs, before lefty rehabber Keylan Killgore put together a 1-2-3 eighth with two strikeouts to keep the home team down by only two. Trailing 5-3 in the bottom of the eighth, Clearwater loaded the bases and sent nine hitters to the plate as center fielder Justin Crawford reached on an error that scored two runs to tie it, before catcher Caleb Ricketts gave the Beach Dogs their first lead with a two-run single to make it 7-5. Ricketts reached base three times in the game and finished 2-for-4 with two RBI. In the ninth, right-hander Carlos Betancourt entered for the Beach Dogs and despite allowing one run on three hits to make it a 7-6 ballgame, secured his first save of the season as the home team evened the six-game series.

FOR STARTERS: Right-hander **Gunner Mayer** is scheduled to make his 10th start (15th appearance) for the Threshers on Saturday night...Holds a 1-4 record with 4.17 ERA...Last outing: August 20 @ Daytona, allowed two runs on three hits including two solo homers with seven strikeouts in four innings of work, no decision...has pitched twice vs. Tampa this season, @ Tampa on August 7 - allowed five runs on five hits with four strikeouts in 3.2 innings...has struck out 19 hitters in only 11.2 innings in the month of August...selected by Phillies in 5th round of 2019 MLB Draft...from Walnut Creek, CA



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SHARK BITES: vs. Tampa in 2022: 15-7, this marks the fourth and final meeting between the Threshers and Tarpons in 2022, Clearwater split a six-game series in Tampa on August 2-7... **KNOW THE FOE:** The Tarpons have surged in the second half, holding a 28-21 record and are only 2.5 games out of the final playoff spot in the FSL West. Tampa is 55-60 overall under MiLB's only female manager Rachel Balkovec ... **FISHING FOR TARPON:** The Threshers 15-7 mark against the Tarpons this season is their best winning percentage against any FSL opponent. Clearwater is also 8-2 at home against Tampa... **CRAWFORDVILLE:** Prior to Justin Crawford's single-A debut on Thursday night, the 17th overall pick of the Phillies in 2022 was seeing the ball well at the Florida Complex League level. Crawford finished with 11 hits in 11 games, notched 5 RBI and stole 8 bases, he was hitting .300 overall... Following a base hit and after reaching on an error Friday night, Crawford has reached base three times with the Threshers in his first two games ... **NOT SO FUN FACT:** Clearwater has had six losing streaks of three games or more in the second half, *the Threshers are also 7-18 at home in the second half of the season...* **DEBUT PARADE:** Outfielder Dakota Kotowski made his single-A debut for the Threshers on Friday night, he walked twice and scored a run. Kotowski signed a free agent deal with the Phillies on 7/25/22 and was hitting .441 with 7 RBI in 12 games with the FCL Phillies... RHP Josh Bortka was also added to the Threshers roster on Friday. Bortka was a 16th round selection of the Phillies in this year's MLB Draft from Central Missouri. Bortka pitched in two games with the FCL squad, allowing only two hits with one strikeout in two innings... **ON DECK:** Following this six-game set with the Tarpons, the Threshers will travel to Lakeland to battle the Flying Tigers in the final road series of the season August 30-Sept 4

Inside the Numbers:

Current Streak: W1
Last 10: 6-4
VS. Tampa: 15-7
At Home: 26-32
On Road: 29-30
In August: 11-11 (7-17 July)
On Saturdays: 10-11
Team hitting at home: .224
Team hitting on road: .225
Night games: 46-41
Day games: 9-21
Team hitting in August: .226
Team ERA in August: 4.84
Team hitting vs. LHP: .216
Team hitting vs. RHP: .227
Following a win: 29-24
Following a loss: 25-36
Starters ERA: 4.34
Bullpen ERA: 3.40



Diving Deeper - #40 RHP Gunner Mayer

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



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- 2-Aug OF Chad Castillo activated and assigned to Clearwater Threshers (retroactive to 8/1)
- 2-Aug OF Cade Fergus activated and assigned to Clearwater Threshers (retroactive to 8/1)
- 2-Aug C Ryan Letich activated and assigned to Clearwater Threshers (retroactive to 8/1)
- 2-Aug C Caleb Ricketts activated and assigned to Clearwater Threshers (retroactive to 8/1)
- 2-Aug OF Troy Schreffler activated and assigned to Clearwater Threshers (retroactive to 8/1)
- 2-Aug C Arturo De Freitas assigned to Jersey Shore from Clearwater Threshers (retroactive to 8/1)
- 2-Aug OF Marcus Lee Sang assigned to Jersey Shore from Clearwater Threshers (retroactive to 8/1)
- 2-Aug RHP Rodolfo Sanchez assigned to Jersey Shore from Clearwater Threshers (retroactive to 8/1)
- 2-Aug INF Nicolas Torres assigned to Jersey Shore from Clearwater Threshers (retroactive to 8/1)
- 2-Aug INF Albert Jerez released from organization (retroactive to 7/31)
- 2-Aug INF McCarthy Tatum on MiLB Rehab assigned to Clearwater Threshers
- 5-Aug INF Matt Alifano activated and assigned to Clearwater Threshers
- 5-Aug INF Alexeis Azuaje reinstated from 7-Day Injured List, activated by Clearwater Threshers
- 5-Aug C Andrick Nava assigned to Jersey Shore from Clearwater Threshers
- 5-Aug INF Kendall Simmons assigned to Jersey Shore from Clearwater Threshers



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- 12-Aug RHP Daniel Harper assigned to Clearwater Threshers from Florida Complex League
- 12-Aug RHP Cam Wynne reinstated from 7-Day Injured List, activated by Clearwater Threshers
- 12-Aug RHP Jean Cabrera placed on Development List (retroactive to 8/11)
- 12-Aug RHP Eiberson Castellano placed on Development List (retroactive to 8/11)
- 12-Aug LHP Gabriel Cotto placed on Development List (retroactive to 8/11)
- 12-Aug RHP Buddy Hayward transferred to 60-Day Injured List (retroactive to 8/11)
- 12-Aug LHP Keylan Killgore on MiLB Rehab assigned to Clearwater Threshers
- 12-Aug C Anthony Quirion on MiLB Rehab assigned to Clearwater Threshers
- 12-Aug LHP Josh Hendrickson on MiLB Rehab assigned to Clearwater Threshers
- 16-Aug RHP Jack Dallas assigned to Clearwater Threshers from Florida Complex League (retroactive to 8/15)
- 16-Aug RHP Victor Vargas on MiLB Rehab assigned to Clearwater Threshers (retroactive to 8/15)
- 16-Aug LHP Samuel Aldegheri reinstated from 60-Day Injured List, assigned to Florida Complex League (retroactive to 8/15)
- 17-Aug C Nick Matera on MiLB Rehab assigned to Clearwater Threshers
- 23-Aug LHP Jordan Fowler placed on Development List (retroactive to 8/21)
- 23-Aug INF Alexeis Azuaje placed on 7-Day Injured List (retroactive to 8/22)
- 24-Aug RHP Orion Kerkering assigned to Clearwater Threshers from Florida Complex League
- 24-Aug RHP Alex McFarlane assigned to Clearwater Threshers from Florida Complex League



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- 24-Aug RHP Alex Rao assigned to Clearwater Threshers from Florida Complex League
- 24-Aug RHP Alex Garbrick placed on Development List
- 24-Aug RHP Cam Wynne placed on Development List
- 25-Aug OF Justin Crawford assigned to Clearwater Threshers from Florida Complex League
- 25-Aug INF Otto Kemp assigned to Clearwater Threshers from Florida Complex League
- 25-Aug RHP Nicoló Pina assigned to Clearwater Threshers from Florida Complex League
- 25-Aug OF Jordan Viars assigned to Clearwater Threshers from Florida Complex League
- 25-Aug LHP Andrew Walling assigned to Clearwater Threshers from Florida Complex League
- 25-Aug RHP Victor Lopez placed on Development List
- 25-Aug LHP Gabriel Yanez placed on Development List
- 25-Aug RHP Sam Jacobsak assigned to Jersey Shore from Clearwater Threshers
- 25-Aug INF Hao Yu Lee assigned to Jersey Shore from Clearwater Threshers
- 25-Aug OF Leandro Pineda assigned to Jersey Shore from Clearwater Threshers
- 26-Aug RHP Josh Bortka assigned to Clearwater Threshers from Florida Complex League
- 26-Aug OF Dakota Kotowski assigned to Clearwater Threshers from Florida Complex League
- 26-Aug C Ryan Leitch placed on 7-Day Injured List



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