

# **DUNEDIN BLUE JAYS**



## Saturday April 19, 2025 LAKELAND FLYING TIGERS (6-8) at DUNEDIN BLUE JAYS (7-7)

Gage Stanifer (3-0) R Н Ε LOB Win: 2 **LAKELAND** 5 Ignacio Briceno (1-2) 3 3 Loss: 3 DUNEDIN 12 11 0 Save:

First Pitch: 6:32 Game Time: 2:21 Attendance: 1,338 Temperature: 84°F

#### HOME RUNS (2025 TOTAL / INNING / RUNNERS ON BASE / OUTS / PITCHER / SCORE AFTER HR / MPH / FT)

#### **LAKELAND**

N/A

#### DUNEDIN

Bryce Arnold (#3 / 6th / 1 on / 2 out / 3-2 / Timmer / DUN 8 – LAK 3 / 98.7 / 345)

Jean Joseph (#1 / 7th / 1 on / 0 out / 1-2 / Williams / DUN 10 – LAK 3 / 95.6 / 367)

Bryce Arnold (#4 / 8th / 0 on / 0 out / 0-0 / Williams / DUN 12 – LAK 3 / 102.9 / 414)

### **BLUE JAYS NOTES**

- The Dunedin Blue Jays were firing on all cylinders as they defeated the Lakeland Flying Tigers 12-3 on Saturday night at TD Ballpark in game five of a six-game series.
  - After falling behind 3-1 in the 5<sup>th</sup> inning, Dunedin scored 11 unanswered runs.
  - The Jays are nine for their last 19 (.473) with runners in scoring position.
  - Over the first five games of the series vs. Lakeland, Dunedin is batting .276 with a .919 OPS as a team, and their 10 home runs are more than any other Class-A team for the week.
  - Trey Yesavage and Gage Stanifer combined to strike out 17 Flying Tigers, the most strikeouts in a game by Dunedin's pitching staff this season.
  - Daulton Varsho appeared in his first game on MLB Rehab Assignment with Dunedin, and went 0-for-3 but reached on an error in the 1<sup>st</sup> inning.
- RHP Trey Yesavage (5 IP, 3 R, 4 H, 0 BB, 10 K) fired five innings and fanned 10 Flying Tigers without issuing a walk.
  - Yesavage retired the first 12 batters he faced in order and was perfect over his first four innings of work.
  - o His first six strikeouts came over a span of seven batters.
  - The Blue Jays No. 2 prospect recorded 18 whiffs on 37 swings for a 49% whiff rate.
  - Yesavage topped out at 96.3 MPH on his fastball, which averaged 94.5 MPH.
  - Over his first three professional starts, Yesavage has posted a 2.84 ERA over 12.2 frames with 18 strikeouts and opponents' batting .182.
- RHP Gage Stanifer (4 IP, 0 R, 1 H, 0 BB, 7 K) hurled four shutout innings with seven punchouts and only one hit allowed, to pick up his FSL leading third win of the season.
  - Over his first three outings this season, all in a piggyback role following Yesavage, Stanifer has allowed one run in 12 innings with 20 strikeouts, six walks, and only four hits allowed, good for a 0.83 WHIP.
  - Stanifer's three wins are T-1<sup>st</sup> in the FSL, and he ranks among league leaders with a 0.75 ERA (4<sup>th</sup>), 20 strikeouts (T-3<sup>rd</sup>). .095 BA (1<sup>st</sup>), and a 0.83 WHIP (3<sup>rd</sup>).
- SS Bryce Arnold (3-for-4, 2 HR, 3 RBI, 3 R, 2B) recorded the first multi-homer game of his career, with a two-run blast in the 6<sup>th</sup> inning and solo shot in the 8<sup>th</sup>.
  - All three of Arnold's hits on Saturday went for extra-bases, and seven of his nine hits this season have been for extra-bases.
  - o His three hits and three runs scored in the contest both match career highs.
  - His homers left the bat at 98.7 MPH and 102.9 MPH.
  - Arnold ranks among FSL league leaders with 4 HR (T-1<sup>st</sup>), 13 RBI (T-6<sup>th</sup>), .442 OBP (7<sup>th</sup>), .806 SLG (2<sup>nd</sup>), 1.248 OPS (1<sup>st</sup>), 7 XBH (T-2<sup>nd</sup>), 25 TB (T-6<sup>th</sup>), and 11 R (T-4<sup>th</sup>).
  - Arnold has hit safely in four straight games, with seven RBI over his last four contests.
- LF Yhoangel Aponte (1-for-4, 3 RBI, 3B, 2 R) roped a bases clearing three-run triple in the 6<sup>th</sup> inning to untie the ballgame and give Dunedin a 6-3 lead.
  - o Aponte has an extra-base hit and RBI in back-to-back games
  - o Aponte entered Friday without an RBI on the season and now has 5 RBI over his last two games.
  - After he went hitless over the first two games, Aponte is 8-for-30 (.267) with four extra base hits, five RBI, and a .853 OPS over his last eight games.
- 2B JR Freethy (3-for-5, RBI, 2 R, 2B) notched a career-high three hits, including an RBI single in the 3<sup>rd</sup> inning to open the scoring.
  - Freethy's 11 runs scored this season are tied for tops on the team and are T-4<sup>th</sup> in the FSL.
- RF Yeuni Munoz (1-for-3, 2 RBI, BB) tallied a pair of RBI in the contest, marking his second straight multi-RBI game and fourth multi-RBI performance this season.
  - Over his last four games, Munoz is 8-for-16 (.556) with 3 HR, 9 RBI, 2 BB, 2B, 7 R.
  - o Over his last ten games, Munoz has four home runs and 17 RBI.
  - Munoz ranks among FSL leaders batting .308 (10<sup>th</sup>) with 4 HR (T-1<sup>st</sup>), 16 RBI (T-2<sup>nd</sup>), .438 OBP (9<sup>th</sup>), .692 SLG (3<sup>rd</sup>), 1.130 OPS (4<sup>th</sup>), 7 XBH (T-2<sup>nd</sup>), and 27 TB (4<sup>th</sup>).