



GAME NOTES

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FREDERICKSBURG NATIONALS (21-12, 56-43) at LYNCHBURG HILLCATS (15-18, 52-47)

Friday, August 2 | 6:30 p.m. | Bank of the James Stadium | Game 100 of 132 | Broadcast: FredNats B.N./MiLB.tv/Bally Live

RHP Travis Sykora (1-3, 2.92 ERA) vs. LHP Melkis Hernandez (Hillcat debut)

UPCOMING GAMES AND PROBABLE STARTERS

DATE	OPPONENT	PROBABLE PITCHERS	FIRST PITCH (ET)
Saturday, August 3	at Lynchburg	LHP Alex Clemmey (FredNat debut) vs. RHP Yorman Gomez (6-3, 3.73 ERA)	6:30 p.m.
Sunday, August 4	at Lynchburg	RHP Travis Sthele (5-6, 5.29 ERA) vs. RHP Jervis Alfaro (Hillcat debut)	2:05 p.m.
Monday, August 5	OFF		

GAME 100: After getting back in the win column last night for the first time in this series, the FredNats aim to even the series tonight on Travis Sykora start day in Lynchburg. Sykora has been one of the best starting pitchers in the Carolina League since debuting with Fredericksburg on May 1, and he will face Lynchburg for the second time after allowing two runs in three innings the first time he faced the Hillcats back in May. Sykora is coming off a career-high 10 strikeout outing last week, and will face Lynchburg lefty Melkis Hernandez, who is making his full-season debut today.

ABOUT LAST NIGHT: The FredNats exploded for 11 hits (seven for extra bases) in the first four innings of last night's game, and hung on at the end for a 9-7 victory over the Hillcats on Thursday night. Cristhian Vaquero hit a two-run double in the 1st inning, the first of three doubles in the game for him. Yohandy Morales hit a three-run homer in the 4th, and Brenner Cox had a two-run single as well. Nick Peoples' RBI double in the 3rd gave FXBG the lead that they would not relinquish. Brayan Romero allowed just two unearned runs in four innings in his full-season debut in a start last night as well.

JULY RECAP: The FredNats had the second-best record in the Carolina League in the month of July, going 14-9. Fredericksburg's pitching staff led the league in ERA for the vast majority of the month, but the rough finish in Lynchburg allowed Down East to edge FXBG for that accomplishment. The FredNats were pretty much in the middle of the road as a team offensively in the month, but did end up scoring the fourth-most runs in the league.

DON'T LET HIM GET HOT: Elijah Green homered in each of the first two games of this series, and has an extra-base hit in all three games as well. Since July 1, Green is slashing .269/.372/.493/.865 and has posted a wRC+ of 151 (100 is league average), and a wOBA of .406 (.313 is league average). He also cut his strikeout rate by 9% from June, and his walk rate in July was 14%. Green also has five career home runs in Lynchburg's Bank of the James Stadium, three this year and two last year.

CLUBHOUSE SWITCHEROO: When the Nationals traded Lane Thomas to the Cleveland Guardians on Monday, the trade had repercussions in this series. Cleveland sent back Top-30 prospects Alex Clemmey and Rafael Ramirez Jr., both of whom were on Lynchburg's team prior to the trade. Both have switched clubhouses, and Ramirez Jr. will make his third straight start tonight, while Clemmey will make his Washington organizational debut on Saturday in a start. Ramirez has three hits in two games against his old team.

YO!: 2023 FredNat and top Washington infield prospect Yohandy Morales is off to a red-hot start in his first two rehab games with FXBG, homering in both games he's played in. Morales broke his thumb in Harrisburg in late May and had not played since then. Last year's second round pick out of Miami, Morales played in 18 games for the FredNats after last year's draft, slashing .390/.448/.571 for an OPS of 1.019. Morales is currently ranked as Washington's 4th-best prospect.

DOMINANT STARTS: After heavily relying on the bullpen for the first two months of the season, the FredNat starting rotation has majorly improved over the last six weeks. Since June 11, FredNat starters have logged 177.1 innings and allowed just 36 earned runs for a group ERA of 1.84. In the three weeks prior to that, the starting rotation's ERA was 5.70. In the second half, Fredericksburg leads the Carolina League with a 2.78 team ERA.

THE SKIP IS BACK: The FredNats' leader from the last two seasons returns to the Managerial role for 2024. Jake Lowery is back for another year in the 'Burg. Lowery, 34, was selected by Cleveland in the fourth round of the 2011 Draft out of James Madison University, where he was given the Johnny Bench Award as the nation's top collegiate catcher. The Midlothian, Virginia native played in the Nationals organization from 2016 to 2019, including parts of two seasons with the Potomac Nationals. Lowery reached the Triple-A level in 2018 and transitioned to a managerial role in 2021 after nine seasons in the minor leagues. Lowery is the 28th manager in franchise history dating back to 1978. Lowery is 197-163 in his two-plus years as Manager in Fredericksburg, including the 2022 Carolina League playoffs.

THE STAFF: The majority of the 2023 coaching staff returns for 2024, with the lone exception being Hitting Coach Mike Habas. Pitching Coach Justin Lord, Development Coach Carmelo Jaime, Performance Analyst Josh Freligh, Strength & Conditioning Nathan Sier and Athletic Trainer Jake Meyer are all back from last year's staff. Lord, 44, will begin his fourth season coaching in the Washington organization. The Florida State alum pitched six seasons professionally before transitioning to coaching, spending time in the Baltimore organization prior to joining the Nationals.

Habas, 33, begins his first season in the Washington organization after spending the last four seasons coaching in the Milwaukee Brewers organization. He was the hitting coach for the ACL Brewers the last two seasons, and was an Assistant Coach for the independent Gary SouthShore RailCats and Head Coach at Prairie State Junior College prior to his time with Milwaukee. Jaime, 38, was Detroit's 24th round selection in the 2008 Draft out of Miami Dade College. The Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic native reached Double-A in his three-year minor league career, and has served as the first base coach and infield coach with the FredNats the past three seasons. Meyer is in his seventh year with the Nationals overall and second with the FredNats, he spent his first five years at the facility in West Palm Beach, FL. Sier is in his second year with FXBG after previous stops with ZSP Sports and Macomb Community College (MI). Freligh begins his second year with the Nationals after previous stops with the Boston Red Sox and Los Angeles Dodgers.

BY THE NUMBERS

Overall.....	56-43
2nd half	21-12
Home	28-20
Road.....	28-23
vs. Lynchburg	6-9
Last 10 games	5-5
Record in series	1-2
Series openers.....	8-10
Series finales	6-11
Doubleheaders.....	5-1
April	15-7
May.....	14-13
June	12-14
July	14-9
August	1-0
September	0-0
Day games	7-12
Night games	49-31
vs. North	45-30
vs. South	11-13
vs. LH starter	11-9
vs. RH starter.....	45-34
Scoring first.....	43-9
Scoring last	38-18
Up after 7/8.....	44-2/42-1
Extra innings	7-2
1-run games	8-8
Shutouts	10-6
Walk-offs	3-4
+/-.....	+47 (466-419)
Most over .500	16 (51-35)
Most under .500.....	(--)
W streak	9 (6/28-7/6)
L streak	6 (6/1-6/7)
White jerseys	4-3
Gray jerseys.....	13-11
Navy jerseys	19-5
Red jerseys	6-12
Military jerseys.....	2-6
'Burg jerseys.....	6-2

TRAVIS SYKORA

#22

Height: 6-6 Weight: 232 B/T: R/R Age: 20 (4/28/2004 in Round Rock, TX) Acquired: Round 3, 2023

2024: 1-3, 2.92 ERA CAREER: 1-3, 2.92 ERA REPERTOIRE: 4SFB, SL, SPL

Date	Opp.	Dec.	IP	H	R	ER	HR	BB	SO	ERA
APRIL TOTALS										
MAY TOTALS		0-2	16.2	14	9	8	1	6	23	4.32
JUNE TOTALS		0-1	18.2	11	5	5	1	6	24	2.41
JULY TOTALS		1-0	17.0	8	5	4	0	8	31	2.12
AUG. TOTALS										
SEPT. TOTALS										

Split	Team	W	L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	SVO	IP	H	R	ER	HR	HB	BB	IBB	SO	AVG	WHIP
Home Games	FBG	1	2	2.60	7	7	0	0	0	0	27.2	17	10	8	1	2	12	0	48	.173	1.05
Away Games	FBG	0	1	3.28	6	6	0	0	0	0	24.2	16	9	9	1	0	8	0	30	.182	0.97
Day Games	FBG	0	1	9.00	1	1	0	0	0	0	2.0	4	3	2	0	0	1	0	3	.364	2.50
Night Games	FBG	1	2	2.68	12	12	0	0	0	0	50.1	29	16	15	2	2	19	0	75	.166	0.95
vs Left	FBG	--	--	--	13	--	--	--	--	--	26.0	20	--	--	1	2	12	0	36	.204	1.23
vs Right	FBG	--	--	--	12	--	--	--	--	--	25.2	13	--	--	1	0	8	0	42	.148	0.82

TONIGHT'S START: Travis Sykora is making his 14th professional start this evening for Fredericksburg, against the Lynchburg Hillcats.

He was taken in the third round by Washington in the 2023, who gave him double-slot money to sign him away from a commitment to pitch at the University of Texas. That, along with some command issues that popped up during his senior year at Round Rock HS, caused him to fall from a first-round projection into the third.

QUICK CLIMBER: Sykora was promoted to the FredNats during the late April series against the Delmarva Shorebirds, but did not pitch. He also did not pitch last year after being drafted, but Washington felt he was ready to jump to full-season ball and will bypass the Florida Complex League entirely.

Sykora's calling card is a big fastball that reached 101 MPH on the prep circuit, and will sit in the mid to upper 90's. He pairs the heater with a splitter and a tight slider, both in the mid 80's.

A BIG MENTOR: Sykora has been open about how much he looks up to fellow Texan Nolan Ryan. Travis sees similarities in their two deliveries, between a high leg kick and "elbows and knees flying everywhere," Sykora said in a MLB.com interview. He was able to meet Ryan this offseason.

LAST TIME OUT: Sykora bounced right back after a slight bump in the road against Carolina. Against the Shorebirds last week, the big righty struck out a career-best 10 batters, as he allowing just an unearned run over four innings.

Recent Appearances

DATE	OPP.	DECISION	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K	HR
5/16	@ MB	ND	4.0	1	0	0	1	6	0
5/23	vs LYN	ND	3.0	4	2	2	2	5	0
5/30	@ DE	L	4.0	1	2	2	1	7	0
6/5	vs KAN	L	3.2	4	2	2	3	6	1
6/13	@ CAR	ND	5.0	2	0	0	0	3	0
6/20	vs DE	ND	5.0	1	1	1	2	8	0
6/26	@ SAL	ND	5.0	4	2	2	1	7	0
7/2	vs DEL	W	5.0	1	1	1	1	9	0
7/9	vs CAR	ND	5.0	0	0	0	2	7	0
7/20	@ SAL	ND	3.0	4	3	3	4	5	0
7/27	vs DEL	ND	4.0	3	1	0	1	10	0

NEXT GAME'S STARTER: LHP Alex Clemmey (1-4, 4.67)

Clemmey is set to make his FredNat debut, after coming over in the Lane Thomas deal.

AUSTIN AMARAL - RHP #34

Height: 6-0 Weight: 200 B/T: R/R Age: 22 (12/04/2001 in Debarry, FL) Acquired: Round 16, 2023
 Series: 1-0, 3.00 (3.0 IP, 1 ER) 3 K, 2 BB Repertoire: FB, SPL, SL vs. Left: .316 vs. Right: .205

- Austin Bergevine Amaral...taken by Washington in the 16th round last summer out of Stetson University, made four appearances (three starts) with Fredericksburg last season, posted a 3.38 ERA over 8.0 IP, with 13 K's, 5 BB's, and a .194 BAA
- Began 2024 in the FCL after getting hurt in the spring, allowed three ER over 6.2 innings before rejoining the FredNats on 7/1
- Led the Hatters by making 15 starts in 2023 with a team-leading 3.30 ERA (5th best in ASUN), 82 strikeouts on the season, with 34 of them looking which was the third-most by a Hatter in a single season

RECENT APPEARANCES								
DATE	DEC	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR
7/3	BS	3.0	4	3	3	2	1	0
7/11	W	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	0
7/21	-	3.0	2	1	0	0	0	0
7/26	W	3.0	2	0	0	0	1	0
8/1	W	3.0	3	1	1	2	3	0

ANTHONY ARGUELLES - RHP #18

Height: 5-10 Weight: 195 B/T: R/R Age: 23 (8/16/00 in Miami, FL) Acquired: Free Agent, 2023
 Series: 0-0, 9.00 (1.0 IP, 1 ER) 1 K, 0 BB Repertoire: 45FB, CRV, CHG, SL vs. Left: .129 vs. Right: .136

- Anthony Michael Arguelles...pitched collegiately at Sante Fe, Miami (FL), and Virginia Tech...was primarily a starter at Sante Fe where he posted a 3.04 ERA across 112.2 IP, with 10.54 K/9... moved to the bullpen with the 'Canes, struck out 44 batters and walked just 20 in 38.1 relief innings...flipped back to the rotation with VT, started 13 games and worked to a 4.90 ERA while showcasing his command with twice as many K's (64) as BB's (32)
- Went undrafted before signing with the West Virginia Black Bears of the MLB Draft League...made four appearances (3 starts)...struck out 13 hitters in 12 innings...contract purchased by Washington in August '23...made one appearance in the FCL and one with FXBG in '23, 1.1 scoreless IP total
- Sent back to FCL after 4/13 appearance, rejoined FXBG on 6/4 after three appearances in the complex (5/22, 5/27, 5/30)
- Had a 13.0 IP scoreless streak, longest on the team this year...has not allowed an earned run in 16.0 IP with the FredNats

RECENT APPEARANCES								
DATE	DEC	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR
6/14	S	1.0	1	0	0	2	2	0
6/16	-	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	0
6/19	S	1.0	0	0	0	2	3	0
6/21	-	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	0
6/26	S	1.0	2	0	0	0	1	0
6/28	-	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7/6	W, BS	1.0	1	1	0	1	2	0
7/11	H	1.0	0	0	0	1	2	0
7/14	-	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	0
7/24	-	0.2	0	4	4	4	0	0
7/28	-	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
8/1	-	1.0	1	1	1	0	1	0

MERRICK BALDO - RHP #17

Height: 6-1 Weight: 200 B/T: R/R Age: 23 (7/17/00 in New York, NY) Acquired: 17th Rd, 2023 Draft
 Series: 0-0, 27.00 (1.0 IP, 3 ER) 1 K, 1 BB Repertoire: 45FB, SL, CHG vs. Left: .256 vs. Right: .238

- Pitched three seasons at Loyola Marymount, almost exclusively as a reliever, two starts out of 39 total appearances...3.87 ERA over 79.0 IP with excellent command, 73 strikeouts to just 18 walks (4.06 K:BB ratio)...
- Signed for \$100K in the 17th round
- Made one appearance in the FCL in 2023 before joining the FXBG bullpen for his debut on 8/11 @ LYN...proved to be a valuable piece out of the bullpen during the FredNats' late-season playoff push, allowed just three ER in 17 IP (1.59 ERA)...did not allow an ER in seven of his nine appearances in '23
- Logged first pro save on 5/8 @ CHS...has stepped into the closer role since the promotion of Thomas Schultz
- Would be a herpetologist (Study of reptiles/amphibians) if he wasn't a baseball player

RECENT APPEARANCES								
DATE	DEC	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR
6/21	H	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	0
6/23	-	1.0	3	4	1	0	2	1
6/28	-	1.0	0	0	0	0	2	0
6/30	S	1.0	2	0	0	1	0	0
7/4	-	1.0	1	0	0	0	2	0
7/6	-	1.0	1	0	0	0	2	0
7/11	S	1.0	1	0	0	0	2	0
7/21	-	1.0	1	0	0	1	1	0
7/25	S	1.2	1	0	0	0	3	0
7/27	W	2.0	1	0	0	1	3	0
8/1	-	1.0	4	3	3	1	1	0

MATTHEW BOLLENBACHER - RHP #28

Height: 6-1 Weight: 203 B/T: R/R Age: 24 (11/9/99 in Virginia Beach, VA) Acquired: Free Agent, 2023
 Last Series (vs DEL): 0-0, 0.00 (3.2 IP, 0 ER) 8 K, 0 BB Repertoire: vs. Left: .313 vs. Right: .219

- Matthew David Bollenbacher...began collegiate career at East Tennessee State, where he made 36 appearances for the Bucs over three seasons, named to the Southern Conference All Freshman team in 2021 after leading the team with six saves, with five of those outings being 2+ innings, struck out 22 and walked six in 25.2 IP
- Finished third on ETSU in K's in 2022 with 46, made 19 appearances with one start, although it was on Opening Day
- Transferred to DBU for 2023, made 19 appearances with three starts, struck out 32 and walked 7 in 30.0 IP
- Made three appearances in the FCL in '23, allowed 1 ER in 3.2 IP
- Played for the Mystic Schooners in the New England Collegiate Baseball League in Summer '22
- Joined FXBG on 4/24

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DATE	DEC	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR
6/14	H	1.1	2	0	0	0	0	0
6/18	-	2.0	4	2	2	0	2	0
6/23	-	1.0	1	0	0	0	1	0
6/27	-	1.0	3	2	2	0	1	0
7/3	-	2.0	0	0	0	0	4	0
7/6	H	1.0	1	0	0	0	2	0
7/11	H	1.0	1	0	0	0	0	0
7/14	-	2.0	3	1	1	0	2	0
7/21	-	1.0	2	0	0	0	0	0
7/25	H	2.0	1	0	0	0	6	0
7/28	-	1.2	1	0	0	0	2	0

MASON DENABURG - RHP #32

Height: 6-4 Weight: 195 B/T: R/R Age: 24 (8/08/99 in Cape Canaveral, FL) Acquired: 1st Rd, 2018 Draft
 Series: 0-0, 0.00 (2.0 IP, 0 ER) 2 K, 0 BB Repertoire: FB, SL, CHG vs. Left: .250 vs. Right: .209

- Mason Alan Denaburg...has had two different season-ending surgeries (Shoulder in '19, Tommy John in '21) which has led to a bumpy beginning in his professional career
- Scuffled in the then-GCL in 2019 with a 7.52 ERA over 20.1 innings before Covid-19 and injury prevented him from pitching in 2020 and 2021
- Debuted in Fredericksburg on 5/25/22 and proved to be a valuable contributor in the rotation...pitched to a 4.15 ERA over 13 starts (39.0 IP) while giving up just three home runs
- Struggled in '23 with FXBG, with a 11.64 ERA, primarily as a bullpen arm...Excelled in May with a 4.15 ERA over five relief appearances
- Earned his first pro save on 5/7 @ CHS, worked the 10th inning and allowed an unearned run but secured a 5-4 win

RECENT APPEARANCES								
DATE	DEC	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR
6/20	-	2.0	2	0	0	2	1	0
6/25	-	1.0	0	0	0	1	0	0
6/28	BS,W	2.0	2	1	1	0	1	0
7/1	-	2.0	0	0	0	0	1	0
7/4	-	1.0	1	0	0	0	0	0
7/9	BS, L	0.1	2	2	2	2	1	0
7/14	-	1.2	2	4	3	3	2	0
7/20	-	2.0	0	0	0	0	2	0
7/26	-	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	0
7/28	L	0.1	1	2	2	3	0	0
7/31	-	2.0	0	0	0	0	2	0

BUBBA HALL - RHP
#27

Height: 6-1 Weight: 212 B/T: R/R Age: 23 (4/10/00 in Ft. Leavenworth, KS) Acquired: Free Agent, 2022
 Series: 0-0, 0.00 (1.0 IP, 0 ER) 0 K, 0 BB Repertoire: FB, SL, CHG vs. Left: .186 vs. Right: .241

- Dawson Alexander "Bubba" Hall...returning FredNat who played a key role out of the bullpen in 2023...frequently deployed as a multi-inning arm, Bubba made 21 appearances and logged a 3.51 ERA over 33.1 innings last season...allowed multiple earned runs in just two of his 21 outings with the FredNats, recorded eight consecutive scoreless outings from 7/6 to 8/1...opponents hit just .202 off the righty, as he registered a WHIP of 1.14
- Played at three different colleges...started with Mississippi Gulf Coast CC ('19, '20), transferred to Southern Illinois ('21), before enrolling at Dallas Baptist ('22) for his final collegiate season...held opposing hitters to a .188 BAA with DBU, racked up 74 K's against 24 BB's

RECENT APPEARANCES

DATE	DEC	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR
6/15	H	2.0	0	0	0	1	2	0
6/23	-	1.0	2	1	1	1	0	1
6/27	-	1.0	3	1	1	0	2	0
6/30	H	2.0	3	1	1	0	0	1
7/3	W	2.0	0	0	0	0	2	0
7/9	H	1.0	1	0	0	0	1	0
7/14	-	2.0	2	0	0	0	2	0
7/20	L	1.0	1	1	0	1	1	0
7/26	-	1.0	1	0	0	1	0	0
7/28	-	1.0	1	1	1	2	1	0
7/31	-	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	0

JOHAN OTANEZ - RHP
#35

Height: 6-1 Weight: 168 B/T: R/R Age: 22 (2/19/2002 in Cotui, DR) Acquired: International Free Agent, 2018
 Series: 0-0, 0.00 (1.0 IP, 0 ER) 2 K, 0 BB Repertoire: vs. Left: .300 vs. Right: .231

- Johan Manuel Otanez...assigned to Fredericksburg on 6/25 before series @ Salem, made two appearances late in 2023 with FXBG
- Spent 2019 in DSL primarily as a starter, but has since become a relief arm, played all of 2021 and 2022 in FCL with an ERA north of 5.50
- Was in the midst of best pro stretch in the FCL before promotion, had allowed one earned run in 10.0 innings (0.90 ERA) with 14 K's and 4 BB's

RECENT APPEARANCES

DATE	DEC	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR
6/27	-	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	0
7/1	-	2.0	0	0	0	2	3	0
7/4	-	2.0	3	1	1	1	2	0
7/9	H	1.0	0	0	0	1	2	0
7/19	BS	1.0	2	1	0	0	0	0
7/24	-	2.0	4	2	2	0	2	0
7/30	H	1.0	0	0	0	0	2	0

ANGEL ROMAN- LHP

Height: 5-11 Weight: 162 B/T: L/L Age: 20 (9/24/2003 in Cariaco, VEN) Acquired: International Free Agent, 2021

Series: 0-0, 18.00 (2.0 IP, 4 ER) 2 K, 1 BB Repertoire: vs. Left: .296 vs. Right: .248

- Angel Felix Del Valle Roman...spent 2022 and 2023 in the DSL before coming stateside this year to play in the FCL
- Posted a 2.97 ERA this year in 33.1 IP, 33 K and 11 BB, opponents hit .222 against him
- Has been almost exclusively a reliever in his three years in the system, with just three starts in 45 appearances

RECENT APPEARANCES

DATE	DEC	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR
7/31	-	2.0	7	5	4	1	2	0

BRYAN SANCHEZ - RHP
#29

Height: 6-1 Weight: 175 B/T: R/R Age: 21 (8/12/02 in Santo Domingo, DR) Acquired: International Free Agent, 2018

Series: 0-0, 9.00 (1.0 IP, 1 ER) 1 K, 2 BB, 0-1 SV Repertoire: 45FB, SL, CHG vs. Left: .242 vs. Right: .338

- Bryan Alberto Sanchez...has been a starter all of 2024, before moving to the bullpen ahead of the June series vs Kannapolis...0-2 with a 7.40 ERA across eight starts, 24.1 IP
- Made 12 appearances (6 starts) in 2023 with FXBG, posted a 6.42 ERA over 33.2 IP before being shut down in mid-June
- Has transitioned to a piggyback role, following up the starter twice a week
- On IL from 6/23-7/24

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DATE	DEC	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR
5/28	L	3.1	5	4	4	7	1	1
6/6	-	4.0	7	4	4	1	4	1
6/12	L	2.0	7	4	4	1	1	0
6/18	-	2.0	0	0	0	2	0	0
6/22	-	2.0	1	0	0	1	1	0
7/27	-	1.0	1	0	0	2	2	0
7/30	BS	1.0	1	1	1	2	1	0

SAMUEL VASQUEZ - RHP
#40

Height: 6-3 Weight: 170 B/T: R/R Age: 24 (9/20/99 in Bonao, DR) Acquired: Rule 5 Draft, 2023

Series: 0-1, 13.50 (0.2 IP, 1 ER) 0 K, 0 BB Repertoire: 45FB, SL, CHG vs. Left: .225 vs. Right: .250

- Selected by Washington in the MiLB Rule 5 Draft from Cleveland...spent all of 2022 and '23 with Carolina League foe Lynchburg...recorded a 4.50 ERA in 35 appearances with the Hillcats in '23
- Selected with the fourth pick in the first round of the MiLB Rule 5 draft
- Fastball has gotten up to 100 MPH this season

RECENT APPEARANCES

DATE	DEC	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR
6/29	S	1.0	1	0	0	0	0	0
7/1	-	1.0	1	1	1	2	2	0
7/5	S	1.0	0	0	0	0	2	0
7/11	S	1.0	1	0	0	0	1	0
7/13	S	1.0	0	0	0	1	0	0
7/19	BS, L	1.0	1	3	1	2	1	0
7/25	-	0.1	2	1	1	1	0	0
7/27	-	2.0	1	0	0	1	3	0
7/30	L	0.2	2	1	1	0	0	0

JOSE COLMENARES - C
#9

Height: 5-10	Weight: 165	B/T: R/R	Age: 21 (8/23/02 in El Tocuyo, VEN)	Acquired: International Free Agent, 2018
2024 Average: .205	2024 OPS: .587	Streak (long): 2g (4g)	Series: .250 (1-4)	Home Runs: 1 (Last: 6/27 @ SAL)

- Jose Samuel Colmenares...made full-season debut with Fredericksburg last season after spending '19, '21, '22, and part of '23 in the Dominican Summer League and the Complex League
- Recorded an OPS of .384 over 10 games, 27 AB's with FXBG last season, caught six of 20 base-stealers (30%)
- Walk off 1B on 7/27 vs DEL

EVERETT COOPER III - IF
#5

Height: 6-1	Weight: 184	B/T: L/R	Age: 20 (7/31/03 in Baltimore, MD)	Acquired: Round 16, 2022
2024 Average: .218	2024 OPS: .613	Streak (long): 2g (7g)	Series: .250 (2-8) R, BB, 2 K	Home Runs: 0

- Everett Melvin Cooper III...drafted out of Pro5 Baseball Academy (Apex, NC), played six games in the FCL in 2022 before getting his first real taste of professional baseball in 2023...hit .373 across 75 AB's in '23, with an .860 OPS, showcased strong plate discipline with 10 BB's against 9 K's, swiped six bases in nine attempts
- Made FredNat debut on 4/13 at Lynchburg, went 2-3 with two runs scored and a stolen base in a 4-1 win, first three-hit game on 7/3 vs DEL...slashing .308/.400/.423/.823 in July (52 AB)

BRENNER COX - OF
#12

Height: 6-3	Weight: 195	B/T: L/R	Age: 20 (5/11/04 in Houston, TX)	Acquired: Round 4, 2022
2024 Average: .221	2024 OPS: .716	Streak (long): 2g (4g)	Series: .375 (3-8) 3 R, 2 RBI, 2 BB, K	Home Runs: 5 (Last: 5/31 @ DE)

- Brenner Drew Cox...career-high 4 hits on 4/17 vs FAY, career-high five RBI's on 5/9 @ CHS ...4th round draft pick (111th overall) in 2022...signed for \$1 million instead of attending University of Texas where he was committed as a two-way player...struggled in 35 games with FXBG last year in his full season debut (.418 OPS)...went back to Complex where he finished the year out.
- Launched a go-ahead two-run HR on 5/8 @ CHS to break a 3-3 tie in the 10th inning...has hit better against LHP in '24, with a .300 AVG, .912 OPS, but with just 4 RBI
- Starred as a high school quarterback at Rock Hill HS in Frisco, TX...became the second-highest draft pick in the history of Prosper ISD, second to Steele Walker...did not play 6/4-7/6 (thumb)

ARMANDO CRUZ - IF
#20

Height: 5-11	Weight: 160	B/T: R/R	Age: 20 (1/16/04 in Santo Domingo, DR)	Acquired: International Free Agent, 2021
2024 Average: .218	2024 OPS: .523	Streak (long): 0g (7g)	Series: .111 (1-9) 3 K	Home Runs: 1 (Last: 5/22 vs LYN)

- Armando Junior Cruz...spent all of 2023 in Fredericksburg as a 19-year-old signed for a then-Nats record \$3.9 million out of the Dominican Republic in January of 2021...struggled at the plate in 2023, slashed .190/.244/.174 for an OPS of .517, despite offensive struggles, was clutch in 2023 with 3 walk-off hits and a game-tying grand slam on 8/5 vs Salem to cap a seven-run rally in the bottom of the 9th inning also plays electrifying defense primarily at shortstop, will play more 2B in 2024
- Former Top 30 prospect but has fallen out as of Opening Day 2024, Swiped three bases on 4/23 @ DEL, part of a team-wide 10 stolen bags on the day, Did not play 6/8-6/24 with a hand sprain

CALEB FARMER - C
#15

Height: 6-2	Weight: 205	B/T: R/R	Age: 24 (9/08/99 in Anaheim Hills, CA)	Acquired: Free Agent, 2022
2024 Average: .193	2024 OPS: .598	Streak (long): 0g (3g)	Series: .250 (2-8) RBI, 2 K	Home Runs: 2 (Last: 5/15 @ MB)

- Caleb Jordan Farmer...made full-season debut with Wilmington in 2023, slashed .185/.269/.305 with a .574 OPS across 52 games for the Blue Rocks
- Started 215 out of 227 games for D2 Colorado Mesa University, compiling a career line of .372/.455/.661/1.116, with 50 HR, 215 RBI, and 300 total base hits...accumulated a number of honors after his senior season including All-RMAC (Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference) 1st Team, ABCA (American Baseball Coaches Association) All-Region 2nd Team, RMAC All-Tournament Team, and a gold glove for his defensive work at third base
- Went back-to-back with Roismar Quintana on 5/8 @ CHS in the top of the first inning...played first pro game at 1B on 7/5 @ DEL

ELIJAH GREEN - OF
#21

Height: 6-3	Weight: 225	B/T: R/R	Age: 20 (12/04/03 in Windermere, FL)	Acquired: Round 1, 2022
2024 Average: .194	2024 OPS: .622	Streak (long): 5g (5g)	Series: .385 (5-13) 2 HR, 4 R, 4 RBI, BB, 4 K	Home Runs: 10 (Last: 7/31 at LYN)

- Elijah Joseph Green...returning FredNat, slashed .210/.323/.306 for an OPS of .629 in 75 games, struggled with strikeouts (139)...missed time with injured wrist last year but returned the final 3 weeks of the season, son of ex-NFL Pro Bowl TE Eric Green...drafted 5th overall in 2022 out of IMG Academy...signed at slot-value \$6.5 million...very rare power/speed combination with MLB Pipeline grading him at 70 speed and 60 power which could become "double plus"...HS teammate of fellow Nationals prospect James Wood...has the longest HR in the history of VACU Stadium (estimated 436 feet but probably longer)
- Washington's 6th-ranked prospect per MLB Pipeline... Favorite food is steak...favorite movie is Cars...favorite player growing up was Derek Jeter
- Hit first HR of 2024 in Lynchburg on 4/12, clearing the batters' eye in straightaway CF, hit 116 MPH HR on 5/12 @ CHS, hardest hit HR by a FredNat this season
- First career two-HR game on 5/29 @ Salem, including first of three-straight HR's by FXBG (Green, Pimentel, Quintana), has already eclipsed last year's HR total (5 in 2023)

JORGELYS MOTA - IF
#23

Height: 6-3	Weight: 170	B/T: R/R	Age: 19 (6/3/05 in Sabana Grande de Boya, DR)	Acquired: Int. Free Agent, 2022
2024 Average: .313	2024 OPS: .666	Streak (long): 1g (2g)	Series: .250 (2-8) R, RBI, 4 K	Home Runs: 0

- Jorgelys Ariel Mota...activated from FCL on 7/26 vs DEL, was hitting .191 in the complex with a .536 OPS, 3 HR and 17 RBI in 43 games (162 AB's)
- Slashed .318/.398/.459/.857 in the FCL in 2023, earning a late call to FXBG last year where he hit .154 with a .575 OPS over seven games
- Has played exclusively 3B this year

NATE OCHOA - IF
#13

Height: 6-4 Weight: 215 B/T: R/R Age: 20 (10/15/03 in Burlington, ON, Canada) Acquired: Round 6, 2022

2024 Average: .200 2024 OPS: .581 Streak (long): 1g (5g) Series: .333 (1-3) R, K Home Runs: 3 (Last: 5/31 @ DE)

- Nathaniel Ochoa Leyva...making his full-season debut with FXBG after 28 games in the Complex where he hit .290 with a .737 OPS last summer played every defensive position in those 28 games except CF and catcher drafted in the 6th round in 2022 out of Canada where he played for the Canadian Junior National team and the FieldHouse Pirates, signed for 375K in '22 to lure him away from a commitment to Alabama, had previously committed to Purdue.
- Played for the Trenton Thunder in the MLB Draft league in summer '22, .622 OPS in 31 games, mother Kerrie is Canadian and father Mariano is Cuban and was a Cuban National Ping Pong Champion
- Hit first pro homer on 4/12 at Lynchburg...career-high 4 RBI on 5/23 vs LYN, 5-13 with 5 RBI in that series

NICK PEOPLES - OF
#3

Height: 6-5 Weight: 205 B/T: S/R Age: 19 (7/24/04 in Camp Pendleton, CA) Acquired: Round 12, 2022

2024 Average: .158 2024 OPS: .603 Streak (long): 2g (2g) Series: .429 (3-7) 2 R, RBI, BB, 3 K Home Runs: 1 (Last: 6/12 @ CAR)

- Nicholas Sandow Peoples...drafted out of Northview High School in Covina, CA, in 2022...has played 50 games in the FCL between 2023 and '24, slashed .174/.305/.348/.653 with 5 HR, 24 RBI
- Primarily a LF, but has spent over 100 innings in RF as well
- Was #3 OF in California, signed for \$175K instead of playing at New Mexico State

BRANDON PIMENTEL - IF
#25

Height: 6-3 Weight: 210 B/T: L/L Age: 23 (6/16/00 in El Paso, TX) Acquired: Free Agent, 2023

2024 Average: .274 2024 OPS: .708 Streak (long): 1g (5g) Series: .286 (2-7) 3 K Home Runs: 5 (Last: 6/29 @ SAL)

- Brandon Pimentel...signed by the Nationals in July 2023 out of the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley, went 13-for-35 in 10 games in the Complex League last summer with 6 XBH and an OPS of 1.092, broke UTRGV program records in home runs (31) and batting average (.389)...First player in program history to hit 10+ home runs in multiple seasons..tied for the fifth most RBI (120) and recorded ninth-most hits (175) in program history, went 70 games without an error in left field or at first base, the third-longest streak in program history.
- Spent the first 2 years of his college career at Mississippi State where he won a national championship in 2021, played in 24 career games for the Bulldogs
- Drove in a FredNat-record eight RBI's on 4/6 vs Delmarva (3-RBI 2B, GS, RBI 2B), has launched two grand slams this year, on 4/6 vs DEL, and 4/20 vs FAY
- Walk-off 1B on 4/30 vs DEL...14 multi-RBI games this season
- Named April Player of the Month for the Carolina League and Nationals Player Development, slashed .351/.412/.581/.993 with 3 HR and a MiLB-leading 33 RBI's
- First FredNat to be named Player of the Month (Jackson Rutledge was named Pitcher of the Month for August '22)
- Part of back-to-back-to-back HR's by FXBG on 6/29 @ Salem (Green, Pimentel, Quintana)

RAFAEL RAMIREZ, JR - IF
#3

Height: 6-0 Weight: 159 B/T: L/R Age: 19 (7/22/05 in Paterson, NJ) Acquired: Trade with CLE, 2024

2024 Average: .194 2024 OPS: .627 Streak (long): 2g (2g) Series: .333 (3-9) R, 6 K Home Runs: 4 (Last: 7/10 vs DEL)

- Rafael Ilayah Ramirez, Jr...acquired from Cleveland at the trade deadline as part of the Lane Thomas deal, along with fellow Hillcat Alex Clemmey
- Was slashing .187/.301/.319/.620 prior to the swap, with four home runs and 23 RBI's, named Washington's #23 overall prospect according to MLB Pipeline
- Son of former MLB All Star Rafael Ramirez (1984 with ATL)

NATE ROMBACH - C
#38

Height: 6-4 Weight: 222 B/T: R/R Age: 23 (11/26/00 in Mansfield, TX) Acquired: Round 18, 2023

2024 Average: .286 2024 OPS: .733 Streak (long): 1g (6g) Series: .250 (2-8) BB, 6 K Home Runs: 2 (Last: 7/27 vs DEL)

- Nathan Andrew Rombach (pronounced rom-BACK)...drafted out of Dallas Baptist University, third Patriot on current FXBG roster (Bubba Hall, Matt Bollenbacher), made pro debut in the FCL this year, slashed .287/.368/.475/.843 over 29 games (101 AB) before joining the FredNats on 7/1, hit first HR on 7/5 @ DEL
- Career .261 hitter over two seasons (2022-23) with DBU, .835 OPS with 19 HR and 57 RBI
- Played two years at Texas Tech prior to transferring, spent two summers with the Santa Barbara Foresters in the California Collegiate League, also played for the St. Cloud Rox (Northwoods) in 2020
- Initially drafted by Miami in 2019 out of Mansfield Legacy High School

CRISTHIAN VAQUERO - OF
#30

Height: 6-3 Weight: 180 B/T: S/R Age: 19 (9/13/04 in Havana, Cuba) Acquired: Free Agent, 2022

2024 Average: .172 2024 OPS: .566 Streak (long): 1g (5g) Series: .231 (3-13) R, 2 RBI, BB, 3 K Home Runs: 4 (Last: 7/24 vs DEL)

- Cristhian Ivan Vaquero, called to FXBG on 8/22/23 and played the final 16 games with the FredNats...went 13-for-66 with a homer, 9 RBIs, 12 walks and a .609 OPS...Washington's 9th ranked prospect according to MLB Pipeline...has a career .732 OPS in 113 professional games prior to 2024.
- Signed in January 2022 for \$4.925 million, the most in that entire international signing class for any team and the most ever for the Nationals...known as "The Phenomenon" when he signed, trained in the Dominican Republic for most of his youth
- Comes from a very athletic family, mother was a swimmer on the Cuban National team, father competed nationally in Judo in Cuba

2024 FREDNATS TRANSACTIONS

DATE	+/-	PLAYER	POS	TRANSACTION	DATE	+/-	PLAYER	POS	TRANSACTION
4/12	-	John McHenry	INF	Transferred to A+ Wilmington	7/26	-	Roismar Quintana	INF	Transferred to A+ Wilmington
4/12	+	Everett Cooper III	INF	Transferred from Extended Spring Training	7/28	-	Dustin Saenz	LHP	Rehab assignment ended
4/16	+	Moises Diaz	RHP	Transferred from Extended Spring Training	7/28	+	Mikey Tepper	RHP	Reinstated from the injured list
4/16	+	Miguel Gomez	RHP	Transferred from Extended Spring Training	7/30	+	Yohandy Morales	INF	Placed on rehab assignment
4/16	-	Anthony Arguelles	RHP	Placed on 7-day injured list	7/30	-	John McHenry	INF	Released by Washington
4/16	-	Gabriel Agostini	LHP	Placed on 7-day injured list	7/30	-	Kevin Rodriguez	RHP	Released by Washington
4/24	N/A	Gabriel Agostini	LHP	Transferred to Full-Season Injured List	7/31	+	Alex Clemmey	LHP	Activated after trade w/ Cleveland
4/24	-	Miguel Gomez	RHP	Transferred to A+ Wilmington	7/31	+	Rafael Ramirez Jr.	INF	Activated after trade w/ Cleveland
4/24	-	Liam Sullivan	LHP	Placed on Full-Season Injured List					
4/24	+	Matthew Bollenbacher	RHP	Transferred from Extended Spring Training					
4/25	+	Travis Sykora	RHP	Transferred from Extended Spring Training					
4/27	-	Phillip Glasser	INF	Transferred to A+ Wilmington					
5/4	+	Joey Gallo	INF	Began Major League rehab assignment					
5/4	+	Robert Garcia	LHP	Began Major League rehab assignment					
5/7	-	Joey Gallo	INF	Rehab assignment ended					
5/7	-	Robert Garcia	LHP	Rehab assignment ended					
5/7	+	Marcus Brown	INF	Transferred from High-A Wilmington					
5/7	+	Jeremy De La Rosa	OF	Placed on Minor League rehab assignment					
5/7	-	Mikey Tepper	RHP	Placed on 7-day injured list					
5/14	-	Jose Atencio	RHP	Transferred to A+ Wilmington					
5/14	+	Dannel Diaz	LHP	Transferred from Florida Complex League					
5/14	+	Ivan Murzi	C	Transferred from AA Harrisburg					
5/28	-	Gavin Dugas	INF	Transferred to A+ Wilmington					
5/28	-	Jeremy De La Rosa	OF	Returned from rehab to A+ Wilmington					
6/4	+	Anthony Arguelles	RHP	Transferred from Florida Complex League					
6/4	+	John McHenry	INF	Transferred from A+ Wilmington					
6/4	-	Thomas Schultz	RHP	Transferred to A+ Wilmington					
6/4	+	Seth Shuman	RHP	Rehab transferred to FXBG from FCL					
6/4	-	Tyler Baca	OF	Placed on 7-day injured list					
6/5	-	Dannel Diaz	LHP	Transferred to A+ Wilmington					
6/6	+	Sammy Infante	INF	Rehab transferred to FXBG from FCL					
6/6	+	Jared McKenzie	OF	Rehab transferred to FXBG from FCL					
6/8	-	Sammy Infante	INF	Rehab ended, returned to A+ Wilmington					
6/9	+	Josiah Gray	RHP	Made Major League rehab start					
6/11	-	Josiah Gray	RHP	Rehab assignment ended					
6/11	+	Nick Peoples	OF	Transferred from Florida Complex League					
6/11	-	Tyler Baca	OF	Transferred from 7-day IL to 60-day IL					
6/11	+	Dannel Diaz	LHP	Transferred from A+ Wilmington					
6/18	-	Jared McKenzie	OF	Returned from rehab to A+ Wilmington					
6/18	+	Sammy Infante	INF	Transferred from A+ Wilmington					
6/18	-	Brenner Cox	OF	Placed on 7-day injured list					
6/18	+	Seth Shuman	RHP	Reinstated from IL, transferred to FXBG					
6/25	+	Murphy Stehly	INF	Rehab transferred to FXBG from FCL					
6/25	+	Johan Otanez	RHP	Transferred from Florida Complex League					
6/25	-	Seth Shuman	RHP	Transferred to A+ Wilmington					
6/25	-	Bryan Sanchez	RHP	Placed on 7-day injured list					
7/1	-	Murphy Stehly	INF	Returned from rehab to A+ Wilmington					
7/1	-	Ivan Murzi	C	Transferred to Florida Complex League					
7/2	+	Austin Amaral	RHP	Returned from rehab, reinstated from IL					
7/2	+	Nate Rombach	C	Transferred to FXBG from FCL					
7/4	-	Jarlin Susana	RHP	Transferred to A+ Wilmington					
7/6	+	Brenner Cox	OF	Reinstated from 7-day injured list					
7/19	+	Dustin Saenz	LHP	Rehab transferred to FXBG from FCL					
7/23	-	Marcus Brown	INF	Transferred to A+ Wilmington					
7/24	+	Bryan Sanchez	RHP	Reinstated from the 7-day injured list					
7/24	-	Sammy Infante	INF	Released by Washington					
7/24	-	Dannel Diaz	LHP	Released by Washington					
7/26	-	Marc Davis	RHP	Transferred to A+ Wilmington					
7/26	-	Moises Diaz	RHP	Transferred to A+ Wilmington					
7/26	+	Jorgelys Mota	INF	Transferred from Florida Complex League					
7/26	+	Brayan Romero	RHP	Transferred from Florida Complex League					
7/26	+	Angel Roman	LHP	Transferred from Florida Complex League					

2024 COMPLETE ROSTER

Pitchers (30): Gabriel Agostini, Anthony Arguelles, Jose Atencio, Merrick Baldo, Marc Davis, Mason Denaburg, Bubba Hall, Bryan Polanco, Kevin Rodriguez, Bryan Sanchez, Thomas Schultz, Travis Sthele, Liam Sullivan, Jarlin Susana, Mikey Tepper, Samuel Vasquez, Moises Diaz, Miguel Gomez, Matthew Bollenbacher, Travis Sykora, Robert Garcia, Dannel Diaz, Seth Shuman, Josiah Gray, Johan Otanez, Austin Amaral, Dustin Saenz, Brayan Romero, Angel Roman, Alex Clemmey

Position Players (27): Jose Colmenares, Caleb Farmer, Armando Cruz, Gavin Dugas, Phillip Glasser, John McHenry, Nate Ochoa, Brandon Pimentel, Roismar Quintana, Tyler Baca, Brenner Cox, Elijah Green, Cristhian Vaquero, Everett Cooper III, Joey Gallo, Marcus Brown, Ivan Murzi, Jeremy De La Rosa, Ivan Murzi, Sammy Infante, Jared McKenzie, Nick Peoples, Murphy Stehly, Nate Rombach, Jorgelys Mota, Yohandy Morales, Rafael Ramirez Jr.