



# Dragons GameDay

Thursday, July 4, 2024 ● Game # 13 (79)

Classic Park ● Eastlake, Ohio ● 7:00 p.m.

Radio: Fox Sports 980 WONE

## Dayton Dragons (7-5, 41-37) at Lake County Captains (6-5, 47-30)

LH T.J. Sikkema (2-2, 4.13) vs. RH Carter Spivey (5-1, 4.18)

**Today's Game:** The Dayton Dragons (affiliate of the Cincinnati Reds) meet the Lake County Captains (affiliate of the Cleveland Guardians) in the first game of a three-game series.

**Season Series between Dayton and Lake County:** Lake County 5, Dayton 4 (at Classic Park: Lake County 4, Dayton 2).

**Streaks:** The Dragons have won seven of their last nine games. They are 28-18 (.609) over their last 46 games (since May 12).

**Last Game:** Wednesday: Lake County 2, Dayton 1 (10 innings). The Captains broke a 1-1 tie with a single run in the top of the 10<sup>th</sup> inning. The Dragons left the bases loaded in the bottom of the 10<sup>th</sup> as Lake County avoided a sweep of the three-game series.

**Last Series (July 1-3 vs. Lake County):** Dayton went 2-1 in the series.

Dayton team stats in series: .177 batting average (17 for 96); 2.7 runs/game (8 R, 3 G); 1 home run; 3 stolen bases; 0.96 ERA (28 IP, 2 ER); 2 errors.

**Last Series (June 25-30 at Fort Wayne):** Dayton went 5-1 in the series.

Dayton team stats in series: .221 batting average (43 for 195); 4.8 runs/game (29 R, 6 G); 9 home runs; 9 stolen bases; 2.42 ERA (52 IP, 14 ER); 5 errors.

### Team Notes

- The Dragons posted a team ERA of 0.96 in the three-game set with Lake County, allowing just two earned runs in 28 innings. This is the lowest team ERA for the Dragons in any series since June 4-6, 2019 at West Michigan, when they posted a 0.67 ERA. The four runs allowed in the series were the fewest allowed by the Dragons in a set since they allowed four in a two-game series at Lake County, July 2-3, 2018. The last time they allowed four runs or fewer in a set of three games or longer was August 22-24, 2017 vs. Bowling Green, when they allowed two in three games.
- The Dragons have won seven of their last nine games. They won five straight from June 25-29, their longest winning streak of 2024. The entire winning streak was at Fort Wayne. Their team ERA in the set at Fort Wayne was 2.42, best in a series up to that point in 2024.
- Since May 12 (46 games), the Dragons have posted a team ERA of 3.43, best of any High-A team (30 clubs) during that period, and sixth best in Full-Season Minor League Baseball (120 teams). The Dragons team ERA over their last nine games (since June 25) of 1.91 is best in the minors.
- The Dragons are 11-2 when their starting pitcher goes 6+ innings; 25-8 when the starter goes 5+.
- The Dragons rank first in Minor League Baseball (120 teams) in average attendance (8,062).

### Player Notes

- Cam Collier has been selected to play in the 2024 All-Star Futures Game on July 13 in Arlington, Texas. Previous players selected to play in the Futures Game while they were playing for the Dragons included Wily Mo Pena (2001), J.C. Sulbaran (2009), Hunter Greene (2018), and Elly De La Cruz (2022). Rhett Lowder, who pitched for the Dragons earlier this season and is now with Chattanooga, will also play in the 2024 game.
- Dragons reliever John Murphy over his last 12 outings: 16 IP, 9 H, 2 R, 0 ER, 4 BB, 16 SO, 0.00 ERA.
- Dragons reliever Joseph Menefee over his last 10 outings: 16.1 IP, 7 H, 1 R, 0 ER, 8 BB, 26 SO, 0.00 ERA.

**Prospecting in Dayton:** Four players currently ranked among the Reds top-10 prospects by *Baseball America* are on the Dragons roster. They are third baseman Cam Collier (Reds #3 prospect), third baseman Sal Stewart (Reds #7 prospect), center fielder Carlos Jorge (Reds #9 prospect); shortstop Leo Balcazar (Reds #10 prospect). Note that the *MLB Pipeline* rankings produced by *MLB.com* have Collier at #4, Stewart at #7, Jorge at #8, and Balcazar at #19. Additionally, outfielder Hector Rodriguez is ranked #16 by *Baseball America*, and shortstop Victor Acosta is ranked #20, giving the Dragons six players ranked among the Reds top-20 by *Baseball America*. Outfielder Ethan O'Donnell and Jay Allen II do not appear on the *Baseball America* Reds top-30 list, but they are both on MLB Pipeline's top-30 list, with O'Donnell #23 and Allen #25, giving the Dragons eight players within the top-25 on the MLB Pipeline list.

- The average age of MWL position players in 2024 is 22.3. The Dragons have two position players age 19 (Collier, Balcazar) and five who are 20 (Acosta, Jorge, Rodriguez, Serrano, Stewart). The Dragons have the youngest group of position players in the MWL with an average age of 21.1.
- The Dragons roster includes three players selected by the Reds in the first round or supplemental first round of the draft including Cam Collier (1<sup>st</sup> round, 2022); Jay Allen II (Supplemental 1st round, 2021); and Sal Stewart (Supplemental 1st round, 2022).
- Two Dragons players are continuing the long list of recent Dayton prospects who were acquired in trades for major league players. Outfielder Hector Rodriguez and shortstop Victor Acosta were acquired in trades for MLB players in 2022. Dayton players from 2022-23 acquired in trades for major league players included Connor Phillips, Chase Petty, Noelvi Marte, Edwin Arroyo, Jose Acuna, and Andrew Moore.

### Upcoming Probable Pitchers (Game times are Dayton time) (All games on WONE 980 AM and [www.daytondragons.com](http://www.daytondragons.com))

Friday, July 5 (7:00 pm): Dayton RH Gabriel Aguilera (1-2, 4.61) at Lake County RH Trenton Denholm (7-2, 3.39)

Saturday, July 6 (7:00 pm): Dayton RH Victor Vargas (1-0, 1.00) at Lake County LH Matt Wilkinson (1-1, 3.42)

**Dragons "On the Air":** Every home and road game will be broadcast on radio on WONE 980-AM as Tom Nichols and Patrick Geshan call the action. Games are also available at [daytondragons.com](http://daytondragons.com) and [wone.com](http://wone.com); and on a mobile device through either the Dragons mobile app or the iHeart Radio app. Additionally, the Dragons will televise 15 home games on Dayton's CW (Channel 26, available on Spectrum Cable channels 13 and 1013; available on DirecTV and Dish Network channel 26). Tom Nichols will handle the play-by-play on all games and be joined by WDTN TV's Jack Pohl on most telecasts.

**Dragons Ticket Information:** [daytondragons.com/tickets](http://daytondragons.com/tickets)

**Dragons 2024 Schedule:** [miib.com/dayton/schedule](http://miib.com/dayton/schedule)

# THURSDAY'S STARTING PITCHER



## T.J. SIKKEMA (#34)

**Height:** 6-0    **Weight:** 205    **Throws:** Left  
**Birthdate:** July 25, 1998 (age 25)

**College:** University of Missouri  
**High School:** Central DeWitt (DeWitt, Iowa)  
**Home:** DeWitt, Iowa

**Acquired:** Selected from Royals in 2023 Minor League Rule 5 Draft  
**Originally Signed** by New York Yankees, Supplemental 1st Round (38<sup>th</sup> overall), 2019 Draft

**Notes: 2024:** Member of Dragons opening night roster...Placed on injured list on April 13 with left rotator cuff strain...Activated on May 14. **Career Notes:** Originally selected in the Supplemental 1<sup>st</sup> round of the 2019 draft by the Yankees...Ranked as #15 prospect in Yankees organization entering 2020 season, which was canceled due to pandemic...Did not pitch in 2021 due to injury...Returned to action in 2022 with Yankees High-A club at Hudson Valley and was effective with 2.48 ERA in 36.1 innings before being traded to Kansas City as part of deal that sent Andrew Benintendi to New York. **2023:** Ranked as Royals #16 prospect entering season by *Baseball America*...Spent the entire season at the Double-A level in the Royals system...Selected by the Reds following the 2023 season in the Minor League Rule 5 Draft. **College:** Spent three seasons at University of Missouri, 2017-19, posting a career record of 18-11 with a 2.38 ERA in 55 games (26 starts)...In 2019 as a junior, went 7-4 with a 1.32 ERA, allowing just 54 hits in 89 innings while striking out 101 to earn 2nd Team All-SEC honors.

### Sikkema's Professional Career Stats (prior to 2024)

Season	League	Team	W	L	ERA	G	GS	SV	IP	H	HR	BB	SO	AVG
2019	R+	Staten Island	0	0	0.84	4	4	0	10.2	6	0	1	13	.158
2022	A+	Hudson Valley	1	1	2.48	11	10	0	36.1	21	3	9	54	.165
2022	AA	NW Arkansas	0	5	7.44	8	8	0	32.2	42	6	15	29	.313
2023	AA	NW Arkansas	4	4	5.85	34	0	0	72.1	61	11	39	63	.236
<b>Career</b>			<b>5</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>5.03</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>152</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>159</b>	<b>.233</b>

### 2024: Dayton (Midwest League)

Date	Opp	W	L	ERA	G	GS	SV	IP	H	R	ER	HR	BB	SO	NP-S
4/6/2024	LAN	1	0	3.00	1	0	0	3	3	1	1	0	1	5	57 - 38
4/12/2024	@CR	0	0	4.91	1	0	0	0.2	2	1	1	1	1	1	19 - 9
5/14/2024	GL	0	0	3.86	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	13 - 10
5/19/2024	GL	0	1	5.40	1	0	0	2	3	2	2	1	0	1	32 - 21
5/25/2024	@QC	0	0	4.15	1	1	0	2	1	0	0	0	2	2	44 - 26
6/2/2024	@BEL	0	1	7.71	1	1	0	3	6	6	6	0	1	1	55 - 40
6/8/2024	LAN	0	0	6.89	1	0	0	4	4	2	2	0	0	4	53 - 39
6/14/2024	GL	0	0	5.95	1	0	0	4	1	1	1	1	2	4	61 - 36
6/22/2024	@WM	0	0	5.01	1	1	0	3.2	1	4	0	0	1	2	63 - 38
6/29/2024	@FW	1	0	4.13	1	1	0	5	1	0	0	0	1	6	63 - 40
<b>Total</b>	<b>A+</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4.13</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>28.1</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>460 - 297</b>

## Dragons Starting Rotation (in order of use):

RH Ryan Cardona: 2021 19<sup>th</sup> round draft pick, Marist College

RH Jose Franco: 2018 International Free Agent, Venezuela

LH T.J. Sikkema: 2023 MiLB Rule 5 Draft (from Kansas City); University of Missouri

RH Gabriel Aguilera: 2018 International Free Agent, Venezuela

RH Victor Vargas: 2024 MiLB Free Agent, Colombia (played six seasons in Phillies organization; opened 2024 in independent American Association).

## Dragons Bullpen (alphabetically):

RH Pedro Alfonseca: 2023 Minor League free agent (originally signed by Cleveland as outfielder out of Black Hawk College in Moline, IL)

RH Brock Bell: 2023 MiLB Rule 5 Draft (from Boston); State College of Florida

RH Trey Braithwaite: 2022 16<sup>th</sup> round draft pick, West Virginia University (also played at Navy)

RH Arij Fransen: 2019 International free agent, Netherlands

LH Bryce Hubbard: 2022 3<sup>rd</sup> round draft pick, Florida State

RH Brody Jessee: 2022 10<sup>th</sup> round draft pick, Gonzaga

LH Joseph Menefee: 2022 20<sup>th</sup> round draft pick, University of Texas

RH Luis Mey: 2018 International free agent, Dominican Republic

RH Simon Miller: 2023 12<sup>th</sup> round draft pick, UT San Antonio

RH John Murphy: 2023 MiLB Free Agent, University of Maryland (played four years of independent professional baseball, 2019-22)

RH Easton Sikorski: 2022 17<sup>th</sup> round draft pick, Western Michigan University

## BULLPEN BREAKDOWN (listed with last 3 appearances)

Pedro Alfonseca, RHP	Date	Opponent	Dec.	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	Pitches	Days Off
	6/20, Thu.	at West Michigan	ND	2	2	0	0	0	10	28	
	6/25, Tue.	at Fort Wayne	ND	1	2	1	1	0	0	12	
	6/30, Sun.	at Fort Wayne	ND	3	1	1	1	4	2	53	3

Brock Bell, RHP	Date	Opponent	Dec.	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	Pitches	Days Off
	6/23, Sun.	at West Michigan	ND	2.1	4	0	0	0	2	29	
	6/28, Sat.	at Fort Wayne	W	3	2	1	1	1	3	53	
	7/2, Tue.	Lake County	Sv	3	1	0	0	2	1	33	1

Trey Braithwaite, RHP	Date	Opponent	Dec.	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	Pitches	Days Off
	7/3, Wed.	Lake County	ND	2	2	1	1	1	1	35	0

Arij Fransen, RHP	Day	Opponent	Dec.	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	Pitches	Days Off
	6/22, Sat.	at West Michigan	L	2	6	4	4	1	2	51	
	6/29, Sat.	at Fort Wayne	ND	3	0	0	0	0	2	43	
	7/3, Wed.	Lake County	ND	2	2	0	0	0	2	30	0

Bryce Hubbard, LHP	Day	Opponent	Dec.	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	Pitches	Days Off
	6/13, Fri.	Great Lakes (GS)	L	4.2	3	3	3	5	1	83	
	6/19, Thu.	at West Michigan (GS)	ND	0.2	1	2	2	2	0	26	13

Brody Jessee, RHP	Day	Opponent	Dec.	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	Pitches	Days Off
	6/23, Sun.	at West Michigan	ND	1	1	0	0	0	0	11	
	6/27, Thu.	at Fort Wayne (G2)	W	3	0	0	0	2	4	47	
	7/1, Mon.	Lake County	W	3	2	1	1	1	1	41	2

Joseph Menefee, LHP	Date	Opponent	Dec.	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	Pitches	Days Off
	6/20, Thu.	at West Michigan	W	4	1	0	0	0	6	41	
	6/23, Tue.	at Fort Wayne	ND	1	1	0	0	0	1	15	
	6/28, Sat.	at Fort Wayne	ND	3	1	1	0	0	5	44	4

Luis Mey, RHP	Date	Opponent	Dec.	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	Pitches	Days Off
	6/19, Wed.	at West Michigan	Sv	1	0	0	0	2	1	25	
	6/27, Thu.	at Fort Wayne (G1)	W, BSv	2	2	4	2	3	3	52	
	7/1, Mon.	Lake County	Sv	2	1	0	0	0	3	40	2

Simon Miller, RHP	Date	Opponent	Dec.	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	Pitches	Days Off
	6/27, Thu.	at Fort Wayne (G1)	ND	2	1	0	0	1	1	25	
	6/30, Sun.	at Fort Wayne	ND	1	1	0	0	0	0	15	
	7/3, Wed.	Lake County	L	2	1	1	0	2	5	39	0

John Murphy, RHP	Date	Opponent	Dec.	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	Pitches	Days Off
	6/21, Fri.	at West Michigan	ND	1	1	0	0	0	2	14	
	6/27, Thu.	at Fort Wayne (G1)	ND	1	1	1	0	2	1	31	
	6/29, Sat.	at Fort Wayne	Sv	1	1	0	0	0	2	18	4

Easton Sikorski, RHP	Date	Opponent	Dec.	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	Pitches	Days Off
	6/21, Fri.	at West Michigan	ND	4.1	4	4	2	0	3	54	
	6/27, Thu.	at Fort Wayne (G1, GS)	ND	4	2	1	1	1	4	54	
	7/3, Wed.	Lake County	ND	1	0	0	0	0	1	12	0

## Position Players on the Mound

Player	Date	Opponent	Result
None to date			

# 2024 DRAGONS REVIEW (FIRST HALF)

DATE	OPP.	SCORE	DRAGONS R-H-E-LOB	OPPONENT R-H-E-LOB	WINNING PITCHER	LOSING PITCHER	SAVE	REC.	STD.	G/A/B	ATT.	TIME
April 5	LAN	0-1	0-4-1-5	1-6-1-9	Gonzalez	Gayman	Johnson	0-1	T-5th	-1	8,328	2:21
April 6	LAN	8-5	8-7-0-5	5-10-2-10	Sikkema	Dicochea	Mey	1-1	T-2nd	-1	7,598	2:49
April 7	LAN	7-6	7-14-3-11	6-7-0-8	Jessee	Sanchez	---	2-1	T-1st	---	7,581	3:04
April 9	at CR	7-4	7-8-0-7	4-7-3-5	Cardona	Bowen	Hubbart	3-1	T-1st	---	1,693	2:29
April 10	at CR	2-11	2-8-2-6	11-14-1-7	Matthews	Harmon	---	3-2	T-2nd	-0.5	663	2:30
April 11	at CR	4-8	4-6-2-4	8-7-0-8	Bischoff	Menefee	---	3-3	4th	-1	511	2:42
April 12	at CR	5-3	5-8-0-10	3-8-0-8	Bell	Labas	Mey	4-3	2nd	-1	1,450	2:52
April 13	at CR	5-8	5-8-2-5	8-11-1-7	Boadas	Lyons	Bischoff	4-4	3rd	-1	1,281	2:33
April 14	at CR	2-4	2-4-0-6	4-4-2-2	Carr	Gayman	---	4-5	4th	-2	1,749	2:09
April 16	FW	4-1	4-4-0-4	1-4-0-5	Hubbart	Pinales	Cardona	5-5	2nd	-1	7,607	2:07
April 17	FW	3-2	3-6-2-6	2-7-0-13	Jessee	Haynes	Bell	6-5	T-1st	---	7,477	2:50
April 18	FW	6-7 (10)	6-15-0-11	7-9-0-7	Pena	Fransen	Castro	6-6	T-1st	---	7,586	3:10
April 19	FW	3-5	3-6-1-8	5-7-1-7	T. Morgan	Gayman	---	6-7	T-3rd	-1	7,831	2:38
April 20	FW	5-7	5-6-1-4	7-12-0-9	D. Morgan	Bell	Castro	6-8	T-4th	-2	8,616	2:38
April 21	FW	3-5 (10)	3-10-1-14	5-7-1-12	Miller	Mey	Gonzalez	6-9	6th	-2.5	8,082	3:16
April 23	at LAN	6-3	6-9-2-7	3-7-3-9	Cardona	Myers	Hubbart	7-9	T-4th	-2	1,108	2:31
April 24	at LAN	4-11	4-3-0-6	11-11-2-8	Carrasco	Harmon	---	7-10	6th	-3	1,084	2:53
April 25	at LAN	4-9	4-5-2-6	9-12-1-9	Watters	Menefee	---	7-11	6th	-4	4,066	2:28
April 26	at LAN	14-10	14-20-2-9	10-11-1-6	Lowder	Pontes	---	8-11	T-5th	-4	2,253	2:54
April 27	at LAN	5-4	5-5-1-5	4-8-1-6	Bell	Jessee	9-11	4th	-4	3,442	2:27	
April 28	at LAN	9-10 (10)	9-15-2-9	10-16-2-15	Breault	Sikorski	---	9-12	4th	-5	1,119	3:28
April 30	WM	2-9	2-6-2-5	9-12-1-6	Merrill	Hubbart	---	9-13	T-4th	-6	8,034	2:35
May 1	WM	11-13 (10)	11-9-1-6	13-17-3-9	Kohlhepp	Bell	---	9-14	5th	-7	7,975	3:16
May 2	WM	4-0	4-4-0-5	0-4-1-4	Abel	Fields	---	10-14	T-4th	-6	8,362	2:21
May 3	WM	8-5	8-10-0-8	5-9-4-5	Lowder	Marcano	Murphy	11-14	T-3rd	-6	7,958	2:35
May 4	WM	2-1	2-3-0-4	1-5-0-7	Lyons	Burhenn	Menefee	12-14	3rd	-5	7,978	2:23
May 5	WM	6-8	6-13-1-12	8-12-0-9	Kohlhepp	Rivera	Bienlien	12-15	T-3rd	-6	7,838	2:57
May 7	at LC	5-9	5-8-2-7	9-12-2-12	Messick	Cardona	---	12-16	T-3rd	-7	1,316	2:49
May 8	at LC	1-8	1-4-1-7	8-11-1-8	Spivey	Hubbart	---	12-17	5th	-7	5,723	2:33
May 9	at LC	Postponed, rain. Rescheduled for May 10.										
May 10	at LC	0-8 (G1)	0-2-2-3	8-9-0-6	Denholm	Harmon	---	12-18	doubleheader			1:39
May 10	at LC	7-2 (G2)	7-5-1-2	2-6-1-8	Gayman	Hajjar	---	13-18	5th	-7	3,806	2:08
May 11	at LC	3-9	3-5-0-2	9-10-1-10	Peterson	Rivera	---	13-19	5th	-7	2,185	2:25
May 12	at LC	3-0	3-6-1-7	0-3-1-8	Lyons	Messick	Mey	14-19	5th	-6	2,495	2:35
May 14	GL	2-1	2-7-0-5	1-3-0-6	Cardona	Heubeck	Bell	15-19	T-4th	-5	7,329	2:23
May 15	GL	5-8	5-9-0-8	8-10-0-9	Martinez	Hubbart	Wepf	15-20	5th	-6	7,439	3:25
May 16	GL	11-10	11-11-2-9	10-11-1-12	Jessee	Edwards	Timpanelli	16-20	5th	-5	8,247	3:18
May 17	GL	5-2	5-8-0-5	2-6-0-8	Rivera	Ferris	Bell	17-20	5th	-4	8,461	2:22
May 18	GL	6-3	6-5-0-7	3-6-1-7	Moore	Bautista	Mey	18-20	5th	-3	9,074	2:23
May 19	GL	1-3	1-5-0-8	3-10-1-8	Reinoso	Sikkema	Ramirez	18-21	5th	-4	8,779	2:43
May 21	at QC	Postponed, rain. Rescheduled for May 22.										
May 22	at QC	2-5 (G1)	2-7-0-4	5-7-0-6	Owen	Cardona	---	18-22	doubleheader			1:45
May 22	at QC	8-6 (G2-8)	8-9-2-10	6-12-4-10	Mey	Wallace	---	19-22	T-5th	-4	2,139	2:41
May 23	at QC	6-1	6-10-2-4	1-4-0-7	Rivera	Zobac	Fransen	20-22	5th	-4	2,345	2:08
May 24	at QC	2-0	2-8-0-10	0-4-2-6	Harmon	Mozzicato	Moore	21-22	5th	-3	1,634	2:23
May 25	at QC	3-4	3-5-1-5	4-4-1-6	Block	Jessee	Sears	21-23	T-4th	-4	4,169	2:33
May 26	at QC	15-2	15-19-0-5	2-7-2-5	Lyons	Panzini	---	22-23	T-3rd	-4	2,389	2:27
May 28	at BEL	Postponed, rain. Rescheduled for May 29.										
May 29	at BEL	5-6 (G1-12)	5-9-2-16	6-10-1-13	Crigger	Mey	---	22-24	doubleheader			3:33
May 29	at BEL	2-0 (G2)	2-8-0-7	0-6-0-9	Rivera	Olson	Moore	23-24	5th	-5	966	1:59
May 30	at BEL	1-0	1-6-3-9	0-4-0-7	Harmon	Gibson	Fransen	24-24	5th	-4	1,264	2:36
May 31	at BEL	5-6	5-7-1-9	6-6-2-4	Crigger	Alfonseca	Belgrave	24-25	5th	-4	3,790	2:49
June 1	at BEL	4-2	4-2-0-7	2-5-1-3	Gayman	Meachem	Moore	25-25	5th	-4	3,165	2:31
June 2	at BEL	2-7	2-6-1-6	7-9-0-7	Buxton	Sikkema	---	25-26	5th	-5	1,851	2:33
June 4	LAN	2-9	2-5-3-6	9-12-0-6	Watters	Bell	---	25-27	5th	-5.5	7,833	2:28
June 5	LAN	4-1 (8)	4-6-0-7	1-3-2-4	Rivera	Carrasco	Mey	26-27	5th	-4.5	7,390	2:07
June 6	LAN	4-0	4-7-1-6	0-5-2-5	Harmon	Johnston	---	27-27	5th	-4	7,661	2:05
June 7	LAN	7-5	7-13-0-9	5-9-2-8	Menefee	Garland	Murphy	28-27	T-4th	-4	8,159	2:45
June 8	LAN	1-14	1-8-3-6	14-16-1-6	Myers	Franco	---	28-28	5th	-5	9,007	2:17
June 9	LAN	1-7	1-6-1-8	7-11-1-5	Watters	Cardona	---	28-29	5th	-6	8,532	2:22
June 11	GL	4-3	4-7-1-8	3-7-0-6	Rivera	Neeck	Mey	29-29	T-4th	-6	7,790	2:32
June 12	GL	2-3	2-6-1-6	3-7-0-11	Reinoso	Alfonseca	Wepf	29-30	5th	-6	7,692	3:02
June 13	GL	2-8	2-5-1-4	8-11-1-5	Romero	Hubbart	Rodriguez	29-31	5th	-7	7,984	2:36
June 14	GL	4-3	4-6-0-4	3-4-1-3	Fransen	Wepf	---	30-31	5th	-7	8,499	2:34
June 15	GL	5-4	5-8-1-6	4-5-0-6	Murphy	Reinoso	---	31-31	T-4th	-7	8,503	2:35
June 16	GL	2-4	2-6-3-5	4-9-0-12	Jeffrey	Gayman	Wepf	31-32	T-4th	-7	7,901	2:47
June 18	at WM	4-2	4-8-0-10	2-8-0-9	Aguilera	Jobe	Murphy	32-32	T-3rd	-7	5,171	2:43
June 19	at WM	9-6	9-9-0-2	6-13-0-12	Jessee	Miller	Mey	33-32	3rd	-7	4,948	2:41
June 20	at WM	7-1	7-7-0-5	1-6-2-4	Menefee	Marcano	---	34-32	T-2nd	-7	5,482	2:25

End of First Half

## Basics for 2024

This is the fourth year in which the league is classified at the High-A level of Minor League Baseball. The Midwest League was a Low-A league prior to 2021. The 12-team Midwest League operates with two six-team divisions...Each team in the Midwest League is scheduled to play a 132-game schedule in 2024 (66 home games)...The Midwest League will continue to utilize a Pitch Timer to encourage a quicker pace of play. Pitchers are required to deliver each pitch within a 15-second time limit (or 18 seconds with a runner on base). Defensive positioning rules require at least two infielders on each side of second base, with at least four infielders positioned on the infield dirt. Pitchers are limited in the number of unsuccessful pick-off throws they can make to a base. The third pick-off throw must result in an out, or the runner will be awarded the next base...Roster limits in 2024 are set at 30 players, the same as in 2021-23, after teams had played with 25-player limits in previous years.

# 2024 DRAGONS REVIEW (SECOND HALF)

DATE	OPP.	SCORE	DRAGONS R-H-E-LOB	OPPONENT R-H-E-LOB	WINNING PITCHER	LOSING PITCHER	SAVE	REC.	STD.	GA/B	ATT.	TIME
June 21	at WM	1-8	1-3-1-6	8-9-0-6	Hamm	Cardona	---	0-1	T-4th	-1	5,013	2:09
June 22	at WM	4-8	4-5-1-4	8-8-1-5	Perez	Fransen	---	0-2	6th	-2	7,023	2:36
June 23	at WM	0-3	0-5-0-7	3-7-0-5	Fields	Aguilera	Jimenez	0-3	T-5th	-3	5,317	2:10
June 25	at FW	8-4	8-13-1-10	4-8-1-6	Vargas	Pinales	---	1-3	5th	-3	3,690	2:45
June 26	at FW	Postponed, rain. Rescheduled for June 27.										
June 27	at FW	10-7 (G1-10)	10-10-2-6	7-8-2-12	Mey	Geerdes	---	2-3	doubleheader			3:13
June 27	at FW	3-1	3-5-0-5	1-2-3-3	Jessee	Sanchez	---	3-3	3rd	-1	7,119	1:57
June 28	at FW	4-3	4-6-1-3	3-5-3-4	Bell	Morgan	---	4-3	3rd	-1	6,133	2:14
June 29	at FW	3-0	3-6-0-8	0-2-0-3	Sikkema	Lesko	Murphy	5-3	3rd	-1	6,189	2:28
June 30	at FW	1-5	1-3-1-4	5-5-0-5	Smeltz	Aguilera	---	5-4	3rd	-2	6,446	2:15
July 1	LC	3-2	3-5-1-8	2-8-1-11	Jessee	Wilkinson	Mey	6-4	2nd	-1	8,641	2:47
July 2	LC	4-0	4-7-1-5	0-1-2-4	Cardona	Jacobs	Bell	7-4	2nd	-1	8,389	2:00
July 3	LC	1-2 (10)	1-5-0-10	2-6-0-8	Ellerts	Miller	Tulloch	7-5	2nd	-1	8,054	2:41

## DRAGONS BY SERIES

Date	OPP	G	W-L	R-RA	Avg.	XBH	HR	SB	ERA	E
April 5-7	LAN	3	2-1	15-12	.255 (25-98)	8	4	6	4.00 (27-12)	4
April 9-14	at CR	6	2-4	25-38	.210 (42-200)	9	4	7	6.12 (50-34)	6
April 16-21	FW	6	2-4	24-27	.237 (47-198)	14	5	8	3.86 (56-24)	5
April 23-28	at LAN	6	3-3	42-47	.265 (57-215)	23	8	4	6.92 (52-40)	9
April 30-May 5	WM	6	3-3	33-36	.227 (45-198)	16	5	10	5.07 (55-31)	4
May 7-12	at LC	6	2-4	19-36	.172 (30-174)	15	2	1	6.65 (45-34)	7
May 14-19	GL	6	4-2	30-27	.242 (45-186)	16	6	7	4.17 (54-25)	2
May 21-26	at QC	6	4-2	36-18	.291 (58-199)	17	7	7	3.12 (49-17)	5
May 28-June 2	at BEL	6	3-3	19-21	.190 (38-200)	3	1	5	3.12 (52-18)	7
June 4-9	LAN	6	3-3	19-36	.237 (45-190)	10	5	7	5.60 (53-33)	8
June 11-16	GL	6	3-3	19-25	.203 (38-187)	11	7	11	3.50 (54-21)	7
June 18-23	at WM	6	3-3	25-28	.195 (37-190)	19	5	6	3.88 (51-22)	2
June 25-30	at FW	6	5-1	29-20	.221 (43-195)	18	9	9	2.42 (52-14)	5
July 1-3	LC	3	2-1	8-4	.177 (17-96)	6	1	3	0.96 (28-3)	2

## STARTS BY POSITION

	C	1B	2B	3B	SS	LF	CF	RF	DH	Starts	Sub	Total
Rodriguez						30		32	11	73	2	75
Collier				49					23	72		72
Stewart			34	28					8	70		70
Jorge			3				59		5	67	1	68
Acosta			32		28				2	62	2	64
Hunter	27	23				10		4		64		64
Allen II						18	14	23	2	57	2	59
Balcazar			3		49				2	54		54
O'Donnell						13	4	19	13	49	4	53
Tanner	51									51	1	52
Contreras		14	6		1	6				27	8	35
Ibarra		26							3	29	1	30
Serrano		8		1					4	13	3	16
Mount		4							3	7		7
Graham		3							1	4		4
Hurtubise						1	1		1	3		3

## Dragons Starter/Reliever Comparison

	IP	ER	ERA	League Rank
Starting Pitching	337.33	150	4.00	6th
Relief Pitching	341.67	178	4.69	9th
<b>Total</b>	<b>679</b>	<b>328</b>	<b>4.35</b>	<b>10th</b>

## Hitting Streaks of 10 Games or More

Player	Length	Dates
Hector Rodriguez	12	June 6-20

## Dragons Pitchers with 10 or More Strikeouts in a Game

Player	Date	Opponent	Strikeouts
Javi Rivera	5/23	at Quad Cities	11
Jared Lyons	5/26	at Quad Cities	10

# DRAGONS 2024 MILESTONES

## Team Notes

Most Consecutive Wins: .....5, June 25-29  
Most Consecutive Losses: .....4, April 18-21; May 5-10  
Longest 9-Inning Game (Minutes):..... 3:25, May 15 vs. Great Lakes  
Longest Extra Inning Game (Minutes):..... 3:33, May 29 at Beloit  
Shortest 9-Inning Game (Minutes): ..... 2:00, July 2 vs. Lake County  
Shortest 7-Inning Game (Minutes): ..... 1:39, May 10 at Lake County (G1)  
Biggest Deficit in Win:..... 4, April 7 vs. Lansing (trailed 6-2; won 7-6)  
Biggest Lead in Loss: ..... 4, May 31 at Beloit (led 4-0; lost 6-5); June 22 at West Michigan (led 4-0; lost 8-4)  
Largest Margin of Victory: ..... 13, May 26 at Quad Cities (15-2)  
Largest Margin of Defeat: ..... 13, June 8 vs. Lansing (14-1)  
Most Errors, Game: ..... 3, several  
Most Errors, Inning: ..... 2, several

## Team Batting

Most Runs, Game:..... 15, May 26 at Quad Cities  
Most Runs, Inning:..... 7, May 16 vs. Great Lakes; June 19 at West Michigan  
Most Runs, First Inning:..... 3, April 6 vs. Lansing; April 26 at Lansing  
Most Hits, Game:..... 20, April 26 at Lansing  
Most Hits, Inning:..... 6, May 23 at Quad Cities; June 19 at West Michigan  
Fewest Hits, Game: ..... 2, June 1 at Beloit  
Most Home Runs, Game: ..... 4, May 26 at Quad Cities  
Most Home Runs, Inning: ..... 3, May 16 vs. Great Lakes  
Most Doubles, Game: ..... 5, April 26 at Lansing  
Most Triples, Game: ..... 2, April 17 vs. Fort Wayne  
Most Stolen Bases, Game: ..... 6, June 12 vs. Great Lakes  
Most Walks, Game: ..... 7, May 16 vs. Great Lakes; May 29 at Beloit  
Most Strikeouts, Game: ..... 17, April 18 vs. Fort Wayne  
Most Left on Base, Game: ..... 16, May 29 at Beloit (12 innings); 12, May 5 vs. West Michigan (9 innings)

## Individual Batting

Most Hits, Game:.....5, Allen II, April 28 at Lansing#  
Most Runs, Game:.....4, Collier, May 26 at Quad Cities  
Most RBI, Game:.....5, Allen II, May 1 vs. West Michigan  
Most Doubles, Game: ..... 2, several  
Most Triples, Game: ..... 1  
Most Home Runs, Game: ..... 2, Collier, April 18 vs. Fort Wayne; Allen II, May 1 vs. West Michigan  
Most Total Bases, Game: ..... 9, Collier, April 18 vs. Fort Wayne (2 HR, 1B)  
Most Walks, Game: ..... 3, several  
Most Stolen Bases, Game: ..... 2, several  
Most Strikeouts, Game: ..... 5, Tanner, April 18 vs. Fort Wayne#  
Longest Hitting Streak (Games): ..... 12, Rodriguez, June 6-20

## Grand Slam Home Runs:

**4+ Hit Games:** Allen II, April 28 at Lansing (5 hits); Ibarra, April 18 vs. Fort Wayne (4); Hunter, April 26 at Lansing (4); Stewart, May 14 vs. Great Lakes (4); Rodriguez, May 26 at Quad Cities (4); Collier, May 26 at Quad Cities (4).

**2-Home Run Games:** Collier, April 18 vs. Fort Wayne; Allen II, May 1 vs. West Michigan.

## Inside-the-Park Home Runs:

**Back-to-Back Home Runs:** Tanner & Allen II, May 16 vs. Great Lakes; Rodriguez & Collier, June 27 at Fort Wayne.

## Walk-Off Home Runs:

## Team Pitching

Most Runs Allowed, Game: ..... 14, June 8 vs. Lansing  
Most Runs Allowed, Inning: ..... 9, April 26 at Lansing  
Most Hits Allowed, Game:..... 17, May 1 vs. West Michigan (10 innings)  
Fewest Hits Allowed, Game: ..... 1, July 2 vs. Lake County  
Most Hits Allowed, Inning:..... 7, June 8 vs. Lansing  
Most Home Runs Allowed, Game: ..... 3, several  
Most Home Runs Allowed, Inning: ..... 2, June 4 vs. Lansing  
Most Walks Allowed, Game: ..... 11, May 16 vs. Great Lakes  
Fewest Walks Allowed, Game: ..... 0, May 26 at Quad Cities; June 20 at West Michigan#  
Most Strikeouts, Game: ..... 17, June 4 vs. Lansing

## Individual Pitching

Most Consecutive Scoreless Innings: ..... 19, Harmon, May 24-June 12  
Most Innings Pitched, Game: ..... 7, Rivera, June 5 vs. Lansing; Harmon, June 6 vs. Lansing  
Most Hits Allowed, Game:..... 9, Bell, June 4 vs. Lansing  
Most Runs Allowed, Game: ..... 9, Bell, June 4 vs. Lansing  
Most Home Runs Allowed, Game: ..... 3, Bell, June 4 vs. Lansing  
Most Walks Allowed, Game: ..... 5, Alfonseca, April 24 at Lansing, Hubbard, June 7 vs. Lansing  
Most Strikeouts, Game: ..... 11, Rivera, May 23 at Quad Cities  
Longest Relief Outing: ..... 4.1, Sikorski, June 21 at West Michigan  
Most Pitches Thrown, Game: ..... 97, Rivera, May 29 at Beloit  
Fastest Pitch: ..... 103 mph, Mey, April 17 vs. Fort Wayne & May 2 vs. West Michigan\*  
Most Strikeouts, Game, Opposing Pitcher: ..... 9, several

^Midwest League record; \*Dragons club record; #Ties Dragons club record

## DRAGONS WON-LOSS BREAKDOWN

	HOME		AWAY		ALL	
	W	L	W	L	W	L
SEASON	19	17	22	20	41	37
FIRST HALF	17	16	17	16	34	32
SECOND HALF	2	1	5	4	7	5
DAY GAMES	2	6	1	8	3	14
NIGHT GAMES	17	11	21	12	38	23
ONE RUN GAMES	9	4	3	4	12	8
EXTRA INNINGS	0	4	2	2	2	6
SHUTOUTS	3	1	5	2	8	3
IN APRIL	4	6	5	7	9	13
IN MAY	7	4	8	8	15	12
IN JUNE	6	6	9	5	15	11
IN JULY	2	1	0	0	2	1
IN AUGUST					0	0
IN SEPTEMBER					0	0
VS. EAST	19	17	13	11	32	28
VS. FORT WAYNE	2	4	5	1	7	5
VS. GREAT LAKES	7	5	0	0	7	5
VS. LAKE COUNTY	2	1	2	4	4	5
VS. LANSING	5	4	3	3	8	7
VS. WEST MICHIGAN	3	3	3	3	6	6
VS. WEST	0	0	9	9	9	9
VS. BELOIT			3	3	3	3
VS. CEDAR RAPIDS	0	0	2	4	2	4
VS. PEORIA					0	0
VS. QUAD CITIES			4	2	4	2
VS. SOUTH BEND					0	0
VS. WISCONSIN					0	0
AHEAD AFTER 7 INN. (DH:5)	16	0	14	1	30	1
TIED AFTER 7 INN.	1	7	2	1	3	8
BEHIND AFTER 7 INN.	2	10	6	18	8	28
SCORED FIRST	11	7	17	8	28	15
OPPS. SCORED FIRST	8	10	5	12	13	22
SCORED FOUR OR MORE	15	5	16	9	31	14
SCORED THREE OR LESS	4	12	6	11	10	23
DOUBLEHEADERS (W-L-SPL)			1-0-3		1-0-3	
COME FROM BEHIND WINS	9		7		16	
OPPS. COME FROM BEHIND WINS		9		11		20

### REDS MINOR LEAGUE COORDINATORS/ROVERS

Chris Tremie	Field Coordinator
Luis Bolivar	Academies Coordinator
Dave Hansen	Hitting Coordinator
Tyler Henson	Hitting Coordinator
Bryan Conger	Pitching Coordinator
Casey Weathers	Pitching Coordinator
Jose Nieves	Infield Coordinator
Kevin Mahar	Outfield/Base Running Coordinator
Corky Miller	Roving Catching Instructor
Eric Davis	Sr. Advisor to President & GM
Shawn Pender	Sr. Advisor to President & GM
Bill Doran	Special Assistant to the GM
Mario Soto	Special Assistant to the GM

## Dragons Manager/Coaches:

New Dragons manager **Vince Harrison Jr.** brings 10 seasons of minor league managing/coaching experience to the Dragons in 2024. He served as a coach with the Reds Triple-A club, the Louisville Bats, in 2023. Harrison also enjoyed a nine-year professional career as a player, playing in the Rays, Mets, and Marlins systems as a third baseman. Harrison, 44, has previous success as a manager in the Midwest League. In 2019, he was the manager for Kane County, an Arizona Diamondbacks affiliate, and led the club to an outstanding record of 81-58, tying for most victories in the league that season. After Harrison's playing career ended following the 2011 season, he was hired as a coach by the Pirates. He joined the Diamondbacks organization as a hitting coach in 2014 and spent five years in that role before becoming a manager. He managed for three years in the Diamondbacks system before joining the Reds organization in 2023 as a coach with Louisville. Harrison played at Princeton High School in Cincinnati before starring in both baseball and football at the University of Kentucky. He was drafted by the Tampa Bay Rays in 2001 and spent four years as a player in their farm system, reaching the Double-A level. His best seasons came in 2003 with Charleston (.275 batting average with 19 home runs) and 2004 with Bakersfield and Montgomery (.275, 16 home runs, .838 OPS). Harrison is part of a big baseball family. His younger brother, Josh Harrison, is an active Major League player with more than 1,000 career base hits and has been selected to play in the MLB all-star game two times, both while with the Pittsburgh Pirates. Their uncle, John Shelby, spent 11 years in the Major Leagues as a center fielder, mostly with the Orioles and Dodgers, and reached the 20-home run mark two times. Two cousins also played professionally.

**Brian Garman** returns to the Dragons as pitching coach. The Wapakoneta, Ohio native filled the same role with Double-A Chattanooga in 2023. Garman was the Dragons pitching coach in 2021 and '22 when he amazingly worked with 10 future major leaguers over those two seasons in Dayton including Andrew Abbott, Graham Ashcraft, Lyon Richardson, Connor Phillips, and Joe Boyle among others. Under Garman's leadership, the 2021 Dragons pitching staff set club records for most strikeouts per game and fewest hits allowed per game. Garman served as a pitching coach in the Los Angeles Angels system for two seasons, working at Orem (Utah) in the Pioneer League in 2019 and Inland Empire in the California League in 2018. Garman pitched at Wapakoneta High School and the University of Cincinnati before being drafted by the Milwaukee Brewers in 2010. He spent four years as a pitcher in the Brewers system, reaching the Double-A level in his final year in 2013.

**José León** joins the Dragons as hitting coach in 2024, his third season in the Reds organization and sixth year as a professional coach/manager. He was the hitting coach for the Arizona Complex League (ACL) Reds in 2023. León began his coaching career in the St. Louis Cardinals organization in 2018 and served as a manager in their system in both 2019 and 2021. León, a native of Puerto Rico, reached the Major Leagues as a player with the Baltimore Orioles for parts of three seasons from 2002-'04, appearing in 88 games. He played in the Minor Leagues from 1994-2009, enjoying a 16-year playing career as a corner infielder.

**Jeffrey Sierra**, a former Dragons player, joins the club as a coach in 2024. Sierra becomes the second former Dragons player to return to the team in a coaching role (Luis Bolivar was the first). Sierra appeared in 176 games with the Dragons in 2011-'12 as an outfielder. His 46 career stolen bases with the Dragons ranks among the top-10 in franchise history. Sierra was a key player for the Dragons in 2011 when the team posted an all-time franchise best record of 81-59 with a roster that also featured Billy Hamilton, Tucker Barnhart, and Donald Lutz among others. The 2024 season will be Sierra's 10th year as a coach in the Reds organization. He served as a coach with Double-A Chattanooga in 2023 after coaching at Single-A Daytona in 2022.

## Memorable Moments

On April 17 against Fort Wayne, Luis Mey fired a fastball at 103 mph to break the record at Day Air Ballpark of 102 by Hunter Greene in 2018.

On April 26 in a 14-10 win at Lansing, the Dragons collected 20 hits for the first time since they had 24 on July 4, 2012 and reached a season-high for runs in a game as 2023 #1 draft pick Rhett Lowder picked up his first professional win. The Dragons offense was led by Carlos Jorge, who became the first Dayton player to collect three extra base hits in a game since Mat Nelson last August. Jorge had a home run, two doubles, and four RBI. Sal Stewart added a home run, double, four RBI, and three walks. Cade Hunter had four hits. The Dragons built a 14-1 lead going to the bottom of the eighth inning and held on to win. Dayton was 20 for 41 (.488) as a team and had eight hits with men in scoring position. The Dragons had three sacrifice bunts after collecting only one in the first 18 games. This was the first time the Dragons won a game in which the opponent scored at least 10 runs since August 22, 2016 (11-10 over Lansing in what is recalled as the "skunk game." A skunk ran on the field in the 9<sup>th</sup> inning, causing a delay, before a Dragons comeback).

On April 28 at Lansing, Jay Allen II tied a club record with five hits in a game. The last player to do it was Jose Barrero (then known as Jose Garcia) in 2018.

On May 22 at Quad Cities in the second game of a doubleheader, the Dragons trailed 6-3 entering the final inning (7<sup>th</sup>) and still trailed 6-4 with two outs and two strikes when Carlos Jorge hit a game-tying two-run home run. The Dragons won the game in extra innings on a two-run single by Jay Allen II. This was the first time the Dragons won a game despite trailing by at least three runs going to the final inning since May 4, 2022 in the first game of a doubleheader with Lake County. It is believed to be the first time the Dragons have trailed by at least three runs entering the final inning and tied or took the lead via a home run in that inning, and went on to win the game, since July 18, 2013, when Seth Mejias-Brean hit a walk-off grand slam while trailing by three. In 2023, in a game when the Dragons trailed by two runs in the final inning, Ruben Ibarra hit a ninth inning two-out three-run home run for the lead and eventual win.

On May 26 at Quad Cities, the Dragons defeated the River Bandits 15-2. The Dragons established season highs for most runs in a game, most home runs (4), and largest margin of victory. This was the first time the Dragons had 15 or more runs and 19 or more hits in a game since June 5, 2021 at Lake County. Cam Collier had four hits including a home run, and he became the first Dayton player to score four runs in a game since Brian Rey on August 3, 2022. Hector Rodriguez also had four hits. This was the first time two Dayton players had at least four hits in a game since April 12, 2018 (Jeter Downs and Hendrik Clementina). Carlos Jorge, Victor Acosta, and Sal Stewart also added home runs. It was the first time the Dragons had four different players hit a home run in a game since September 9, 2022 at Lansing, when they had five players hit homers. Jared Lyons struck out 10 over six innings, retiring 17 of the first 18 hitters he faced. For the first time in 2024, Dragons pitchers did not issue a walk in a game.

On June 14 vs. Great Lakes, the Dragons trailed 3-0 going to the bottom of the ninth inning before rallying to score four in the ninth to win, 4-3. It was the first time since June 15, 2021 that the Dragons scored at least four runs in the bottom of the ninth to win. The Dragons scored the tying and winning runs on wild pitches on back-to-back pitches with two outs. Leo Balcazar raced in from third to beat the tag on a close play to end the game.

On June 15 vs. Great Lakes, the Dragons trailed 4-2 going to the bottom of the ninth inning before scoring three runs in the ninth to win, 5-4. Carlos Jorge hit a two-run home run to tie the game and Logan Tanner's one-out, RBI single brought in the winning run. It marked the first time since 2019 that the Dragons had walk-off wins in consecutive games, and the first time since record-keeping of walk-offs began in 2010 that the Dragons erased a ninth inning deficit to earn a ninth inning walk-off win in consecutive games.

## Comebacks, Blown Leads, & Walk-Off Wins

### Wins after Trailing by at Least Three Runs

Date	Opponent	Score	Note
April 7	Lansing	7-6	Trailed 6-2, mid 7 <sup>th</sup> . Scored 4 in 7 <sup>th</sup> , 1 in 9 <sup>th</sup> to win (RBI single by Hunter).
May 16	Great Lakes	11-10	Trailed 3-0, mid 2 <sup>nd</sup> . Scored 4 in 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 7 in 6 <sup>th</sup> for lead and eventual win.
May 18	Great Lakes	6-3	Trailed 3-0, mid 5 <sup>th</sup> . Scored 5 in 7 <sup>th</sup> to take 6-3 lead (2-R single by Jorge for lead).
May 22 (G2)	at Quad Cities	8-6 (8)	Trailed 6-3, end 6 <sup>th</sup> in 7-inning game. Scored 3 in 7 <sup>th</sup> to tie (Jorge 2-R HR), won in 8 <sup>th</sup> (Allen 2-R 1B).
June 7	Lansing	7-5	Trailed 3-0, mid 5 <sup>th</sup> . Trailed 5-3, mid 7 <sup>th</sup> . Scored 4 in 7 <sup>th</sup> for lead and eventual win.
June 14	Great Lakes	4-3	Trailed 3-0, mid 9 <sup>th</sup> . Scored 4 in 9 <sup>th</sup> for win (2-out WP to bring in Balcazar for win).
June 15	Great Lakes	5-4	Trailed 4-1, mid 6 <sup>th</sup> . Scored 3 in 9 <sup>th</sup> for win (2-R HR by Jorge to tie; RBI hit by Tanner for win).

### Losses after Leading by at Least Three Runs

Date	Opponent	Score	Note
April 19	Fort Wayne	5-3	Led 3-0, end 3 <sup>rd</sup> . FW tied game in 5 <sup>th</sup> , broke 3-3 tie with 2 in 8 <sup>th</sup> .
April 23	Fort Wayne	5-3 (10)	Led 3-0, end 3 <sup>rd</sup> . FW tied game in 6 <sup>th</sup> , broke 3-3 tie with 2 in 10 <sup>th</sup> .
April 25	at Lansing	9-4	Led 4-1, mid 6 <sup>th</sup> . LAN scored 6 in 6 <sup>th</sup> to take 7-4 lead.
May 1	West Michigan	13-11 (10)	Led 3-0, end 3 <sup>rd</sup> . WM took 4-3 lead in 5 <sup>th</sup> and eventually won with 4 runs in T-10 <sup>th</sup> .
June 31	at Beloit	6-5	Led 4-0, mid 5 <sup>th</sup> . BEL took lead with 3 in 8 <sup>th</sup> .
June 22	at West Michigan	8-4	Led 4-0, mid 4 <sup>th</sup> . WM tied game with 4 in 4 <sup>th</sup> , took lead with 3 in 5 <sup>th</sup> .

### Games Won in Final At-Bat (\*Walk-off Win)

Date	Opponent	Score	Note
*April 7	Lansing	7-6	Scored 1 in B9th to break 6-6 tie and win (RBI single by Hunter)
April 12	at Cedar Rapids	5-3	Scored 3 in T9th to overcome 3-2 deficit and win (3-R HR by Collier)
May 22 (G2)	at Quad Cities	8-6 (8)	Scored 3 in T7th to tie (Jorge 2-out, 2-R HR). Scored 2 in T8th to break 6-6 tie and win (2-R 1B by Allen)
*June 14	Great Lakes	4-3	Scored 4 in B9th to overcome 3-0 deficit for win (2-out WP to bring in Balcazar for win).
*June 15	Great Lakes	5-4	Scored 3 in B9th to overcome 4-2 deficit for win (2-R HR by Jorge to tie; RBI hit by Tanner to win).
June 27 (G1)	at Fort Wayne	10-7 (10)	Scored 4 in T10th to break 6-6 tie (RBI 1B by Stewart; back-to-back HR by Rodriguez & Collier).
June 28	at Fort Wayne	4-3	Scored 1 in T9th to break 3-3 tie (Rodriguez HR)

## 2024 Ejections

Player/Coach	Date	Opponent	Umpire	Reason
Pedro Alfonseca	4/28	at Lansing	Conor McKenna	Altercation with opponent
Vince Harrison Jr.	5/22 (G2)	at Quad Cities	Conor McKenna	Arguing catcher's interference call
Jose Leon	5/30	at Beloit	Saball/Spavak	Arguing check swing call
Vince Harrison Jr.	6/13	Great Lakes	Tatum Littleton	Arguing safe/out call
Cade Hunter	6/13	Great Lakes	Tatum Littleton	Arguing safe/out call
Sal Stewart	6/23	at West Michigan	Evan Anderson	Arguing check swing call



# 2024 TRANSACTIONS

**Opening Day Roster:** **Pitchers:** Kevin Abel, Pedro Alfonseca, Brock Bell, Ryan Cardona, Tanner Cooper, Arij Fransen, Myles Gayman, Johnathan Harmon, Bryce Hubbard, Brody Jessee, Rhett Lowder, Jared Lyons, Joseph Menefee, Luis Mey, Graham Osman, Javi Rivera, T.J. Sikkema.

**Catchers:** Cade Hunter, Logan Tanner.

**Infielders:** Victor Acosta, Leonardo Balcazar, Cam Collier, Yan Contreras, Ruben Ibarra, Jose Serrano, Sal Stewart.

**Outfielders:** Jay Allen II, Carlos Jorge, Ethan O'Donnell, Hector Rodriguez.

- April 5: Pitcher Ian Gibaut added on MLB rehab assignment.
- April 10: Outfielder Jay Allen II placed on 7-day injured list. Pitcher Ian Gibaut transferred to Louisville (continuation of MLB rehab assignment).
- April 13: Pitcher T.J. Sikkema placed on 7-day injured list.
- April 16: Pitcher Easton Sikorski promoted to Dayton from ACL Reds.
- April 17: Pitcher Tanner Cooper placed on 7-day injured list. Pitcher John Murphy promoted to Dayton from ACL Reds.
- April 21: Outfielder Jay Allen II activated from 7-day injured list.
- May 7: Pitcher Vin Timpanelli transferred to Dayton from Chattanooga. Pitcher John Murphy transferred to Development List.
- May 8: Pitcher Rhett Lowder promoted to Chattanooga. Pitcher Andrew Moore transferred to Dayton from Chattanooga.
- May 10: Outfielder Jacob Hurtubise transferred to Dayton on Triple-A injury rehab assignment.
- May 13: Outfielder Jacob Hurtubise completed rehab assignment and transferred to Cincinnati.
- May 14: Pitcher Brandon Williamson added on MLB rehab assignment. Pitcher Graham Osman transferred to Daytona. Pitcher T.J. Sikkema activated from injured list.
- May 19: Pitcher Brandon Williamson transferred to Louisville (continuation of MLB rehab assignment).
- May 21: Infielder Ruben Ibarra transferred to Chattanooga. Outfielder/first baseman Drew Mount transferred to Dayton from ACL Reds (continuation of MiLB rehab assignment).
- May 23: Pitchers Kevin Abel and Vin Timpanelli promoted to Chattanooga. Pitcher John Murphy activated from Development List.
- May 28: Pitcher Jose Franco promoted to Dayton from Daytona.
- June 2: Outfielder/first baseman Drew Mount activated from injured list and transferred to Louisville.
- June 6: Pitcher Andrew Moore promoted to Chattanooga.
- June 8: Pitcher Jared Lyons placed on injured list.
- June 18: Pitcher Gabriel Aguilera promoted to Dayton from Daytona.
- June 19: Pitcher Javi Rivera placed on injured list. Pitcher Simon Miller promoted to Dayton from Daytona.
- June 22: Pitcher Victor Vargas signed as a Minor League free agent.
- June 25: First baseman Carter Graham promoted to Dayton from Daytona.
- June 29: Pitcher Myles Gayman placed on injured list.
- July 1: Pitcher Trey Braithwaite promoted to Dayton from ACL Reds.

## Dragons Players with Other Clubs in 2024

Batter	Club	League	Class	G	Avg.	HR	RBI	SB	AB				
Carter Graham	Daytona	Florida Stats	A	49	.235	3	25	5	162				
Pitcher	Club	League	Class	W-L	Sv	ERA	G	GS	IP	H	BB	SO	
Trey Braithwaite	ACL Reds	Arizona Complex	Rookie	0-0	1	0.00	5	1	5	4	1	5	
Jose Franco	Daytona	Florida State	A	1-0	0	3.64	8	8	29.2	27	9	41	
Gabriel Aguilera	Daytona	Florida State	A	2-0	0	2.66	12	6	44	31	20	33	
Simon Miller	Daytona	Florida State	A	2-2	5	2.66	15	0	20.1	13	12	27	

## Cincinnati Reds Injury Rehabilitation Assignments

Player	Date	Position	Result
Ian Gibaut	April 5, 7	Pitcher	2 IP, 0 R
Jacob Hurtubise	May 10-12	DH/OF	3 for 11, home run, double (Triple-A rehab)
Brandon Williamson	May 14	Pitcher	3 IP, 0 R
Drew Mount	May 22-June 1	1B/DH	1 for 22 (Triple-A rehab)

## Individual Milestones/Honors

### Dragons Midwest League Player/Pitcher of the Week

Player	Batter/Pitcher	Dates	Notes
Rhett Lowder	Pitcher	4/22-4/28	1-0, 0.00, 6 IP, 1 R, 0 ER, 9 SO
Johnathan Harmon	Pitcher	6/3-6/9	1-0, 0.00, 7 IP, 0 R, 0 BB, 6 SO

### Dragons Midwest League Player/Pitcher of the Month

Player	Batter/Pitcher	Month	Notes
Jared Lyons	Pitcher	May	3-0, 1.17, 23 IP, 3 R, 3 ER, 28 SO

### Dragons Cincinnati Reds Minor League Player/Pitcher of the Month

Player	Batter/Pitcher	Month	Notes
Cam Collier	Batter	April	.298, 7 HR, 25 RBI, 20 G.
Sal Stewart	Batter	May	.292, 2 HR, 13 RBI, 25 G.
Jared Lyons	Pitcher	May	3-0, 1.17, 23 IP, 3 R, 3 ER, 28 SO

### Dragons Players Selected to Play in All-Star Futures Game

Cam Collier	July 13	Hosted by Texas Rangers
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**VICTOR ACOSTA****HITTING STREAK: 0**

Series vs. Lake County (7/1-6)	3 - 7	.429	0 2B	0 3B	0 HR	2 RBI	0 BB	3 SO	0 SB
Series at Fort Wayne (6/25-30)	2 - 13	.154	0 2B	0 3B	1 HR	2 RBI	3 BB	3 SO	0 SB

College: None

Acquired: Trade with Padres, August 2, 2022 Home: El Limon, DR

**Prospect Rankings (rankings as of May 1, 2024):** Baseball America: Reds #20 prospect. MLB Pipeline: Reds #20 prospect.

**Notes:** Acquired from San Diego at trade deadline in 2022 for major league infielder Brandon Drury...Was ranked as Padres #8 prospect by MLB Pipeline at time of trade...Originally received reported \$1.8 million signing bonus from Padres as international free agent. **2023:** Spent entire season with Single-A Daytona, appearing in exactly 100 games...Shook off a slow start; was batting just .164 a month into the season, but over his final 79 games, hit a credible .274 in a pitcher's league with a .764 OPS (the Florida State League's overall batting average in 2023 was .239 and the average OPS was .715).

Season	League	Team	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
2021	R	DSL Padres	.285	56	186	45	53	12	5	5	31	38	45	26
2022	R	ACL Padres	.243	32	111	17	27	3	2	2	11	16	30	5
2022	R	ACL Reds	.214	10	28	5	6	4	0	0	1	5	7	0
2023	A	Daytona	.251	100	347	41	87	20	5	2	31	41	85	12
<b>Career</b>			<b>.257</b>	<b>198</b>	<b>672</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>173</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>167</b>	<b>43</b>

**JAY ALLEN II****HITTING STREAK: 0**

Series vs. Lake County (7/1-6)	0 - 9	.000	0 2B	0 3B	0 HR	0 RBI	2 BB	5 SO	1 SB
Series at Fort Wayne (6/25-30)	1 - 15	.067	0 2B	0 3B	0 HR	0 RBI	3 BB	4 SO	1 SB

High School: John Carroll Catholic High School (Fort Pierce, FL)

Acquired: Supplemental first round, 2021 draft (30<sup>th</sup> overall selection) Home: Fort Pierce, FL**Prospect Rankings (rankings as of May 1, 2024):** MLB Pipeline: Reds #25 prospect. Baseball America: Reds #39 prospect.

**Notes:** **2023:** Appeared in just 25 games due to two separate major injuries...Suffered sprained UCL in left thumb in third game of season on April 9 and was out until beginning rehab assignment with ACL Reds on June 26...Returned to Dragons on July 6 but suffered season-ending hand injury on August 4. **2022:** Opened first full season of pro ball with Daytona...Finished fifth in the Florida State League in stolen bases with 31 despite playing in only 73 games...Promoted to Dayton on August 16 and became fourth youngest position player to appear in a Midwest League game in 2022...Broke Dragons club record for most stolen bases in a game with five on August 27 at Quad Cities...Finished third in Reds organization in stolen bases on the year with 43...Dragons went 16-6 after he joined the team. **High School:** Three-sport star at John Carroll Catholic High School (FL)...Football quarterback who threw for 29 touchdowns as a senior in 2020...As a guard in basketball, became school's first 1,000 point scorer...Received Division I interest in football, but committed to play baseball only at the University of Florida before signing with the Reds...Was rated as #20 high school prospect in the 2021 class by Perfect Game (and #5 outfielder)...Played in the 2020 Perfect Game All-American Classic...Selected with compensatory pick received after losing free agent Trevor Bauer.

Season	League	Team	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
2021	R	ACL Reds	.328	19	61	20	20	3	1	3	11	8	12	14
2022	A	Daytona	.224	73	241	48	54	13	2	3	21	40	73	31
2022	A+	Dayton	.230	18	74	13	17	1	2	0	8	4	19	12
2023	R	ACL Reds	.231	6	13	9	3	0	0	1	1	8	4	6
2023	A+	Dayton	.154	25	91	15	14	3	0	1	3	8	40	10
<b>Career</b>			<b>.225</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>480</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>148</b>	<b>73</b>

**LEO BALCAZAR****HITTING STREAK: 1**

Series vs. Lake County (7/1-6)	2 - 8	.250	0 2B	0 3B	0 HR	0 RBI	0 BB	2 SO	1 SB
Series at Fort Wayne (6/25-30)	5 - 20	.250	1 2B	0 3B	0 HR	4 RBI	0 BB	5 SO	0 SB

Acquired: Signed as international free agent, January 15, 2021 Home: Miami, FL (native of Maracay, VZ)

**Prospect Rankings (rankings as of May 1, 2024):** Baseball America: Reds #10 prospect. MLB Pipeline: Reds #19 prospect.

**Notes:** Begins 2024 season with career batting average of .300. **2023:** Got off to hot start with Single-A Daytona, batting .324 in first 18 games before suffering season-ending knee injury during celebration after scoring "walk-off" winning run to complete six-run final inning as Daytona erased 6-1 deficit to win on RBI single by Cam Collier...Started nine games at shortstop, three at second base, and three at third.

Season	League	Team	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
2021	R	DSL Reds	.259	29	112	26	29	5	4	6	15	13	29	8
2022	R	ACL Reds	.322	42	143	25	46	6	2	4	26	18	42	13
2023	A	Daytona	.324	18	68	11	22	5	1	1	11	13	22	2
<b>Career</b>			<b>.300</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>323</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>23</b>

**CAM COLLIER****HITTING STREAK: 0**

Series vs. Lake County (7/1-6) 1 - 13 .077 0 2B 0 3B 0 HR 0 RBI 0 BB 4 SO 0 SB  
 Series at Fort Wayne (6/25-30) 6 - 19 .316 0 2B 0 3B 2 HR 3 RBI 6 BB 8 SO 0 SB

Junior College: Chipola College; High School: Mount Paran Christian School (Kennesaw, GA)

Acquired: 1st round (18<sup>th</sup> overall), 2022 draft Home: Hiram, GA

**Prospect Rankings (rankings as of May 1, 2024):** Baseball America: Reds #3 prospect. MLB Pipeline: Reds #4 prospect.

**Notes:** Young, rising star who will be 19 years old for entire 2024 season (turns 20 on November 20)...At age 19 years, 4 months on opening day, 2024, is the youngest position player to play for the Dragons since the Midwest League was re-classified as High-A prior to the 2021 season (pitcher Chase Petty was 19 years, three months when he joined the Dragons in July of 2022)...One of two first round draft picks on Dragons opening day roster (Rhett Lowder is the other)...Was ranked by *MLB.com* as 8<sup>th</sup> best overall prospect entering 2022 draft...Son of former Major Leaguer Lou Collier, who played in over 300 games from 1997-2004. **2023:** Spent the entire season at Single-A Daytona as one of the youngest everyday players in the league at age 18...Showed improvement with strong finish, raising batting average from .218 at end of July to final mark of .246...Hit .311 with .838 OPS over final 34 games. **Junior College/High School:** Played at Chipola College (Marianna, FL), one of the top junior college programs in the country...In 2022 at Chipola, batted .333 with eight home runs in 52 games as a 17-year-old...Played high school baseball at Mount Paran Christian School in Kennesaw, Georgia (same school as 2017 Dragons star Taylor Trammell) and led team to state championship in 2021, his sophomore year (and final year of high school).

Season	League	Team	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
2022	R	ACL Reds	.370	9	27	7	10	1	0	2	4	7	6	0
2023	A	Daytona	.246	111	390	40	96	21	2	6	68	57	106	5
<b>Career</b>			<b>.254</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>417</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>5</b>

**YAN CONTRERAS****HITTING STREAK: 0**

Series vs. Lake County (7/1-6) 0 - 3 .000 0 2B 0 3B 0 HR 0 RBI 0 BB 1 SO 0 SB  
 Series at Fort Wayne (6/25-30) 1 - 6 .167 0 2B 0 3B 1 HR 2 RBI 1 BB 3 SO 0 SB

High School: Puerto Rico Baseball Academy (Gurabo, PR)

Acquired: 12th round, 2019 draft Home: San Lorenzo, PR

**Notes:** **2023:** Opened season in extended spring training...Promoted to Single-A Daytona on May 3 and appeared in six games, batting .412 (7 for 17)...Promoted to Dayton on May 23 and filled utility role for remainder of season with Dragons, appearing in 22 games. **Previous:** Missed entire 2021 season and all but two games in 2022 due to injury.

Season	League	Team	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
2019	R	AZL Reds	.145	20	69	8	10	1	2	0	2	14	25	4
2022	R	ACL Reds	.000	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	2	0
2023	A	Daytona	.412	6	17	4	7	4	0	0	6	2	5	3
2023	A+	Dayton	.143	22	56	5	8	1	0	0	2	5	34	3
<b>Career</b>			<b>.174</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>144</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>10</b>

**CARTER GRAHAM****HITTING STREAK: 0**

Series vs. Lake County (7/1-6) 0 - 3 .000 0 2B 0 3B 0 HR 0 RBI 0 BB 1 SO 0 SB  
 Series at Fort Wayne (6/25-30) 3 - 11 .273 0 2B 0 3B 1 HR 1 RBI 0 BB 5 SO 1 SB

College: Stanford; High School: Chaminade College Prep (West Hills, CA)

Acquired: 8th round, 2023 draft Home: Parker, CO

**Notes:** **2024:** Joined Dragons June 25 from Daytona...Hit a home run in his first at-bat with Dragons. **College:** Played three seasons at Stanford, 2021-23...Best season came as a sophomore in 2022 when he batted .331 with 22 home runs, leading the PAC 12 in homers to earn 2<sup>nd</sup> Team All-America honors from Baseball America...Home run total ranked fourth highest in school history...Stanford was ranked #2 in the nation as they qualified for the College World Series...Enjoyed another strong year in 2023 at Stanford, batting .315 with 15 home runs. He was selected 1<sup>st</sup> Team All-Conference in both 2022 and '23.

Season	Level	Team	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
2023	R	ACL Reds	.231	4	13	2	3	1	0	1	1	0	5	0
2023	A	Daytona	.194	11	31	5	6	1	0	0	3	6	11	2
2024	A	Daytona	.235	49	162	20	38	10	1	3	25	15	38	5
<b>Career</b>			<b>.228</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>206</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>7</b>

**CADE HUNTER****HITTING STREAK: 0**

Series vs. Lake County (7/1-6) 1 - 5 .200 0 2B 0 3B 1 HR 1 RBI 0 BB 1 SO 0 SB  
 Series at Fort Wayne (6/25-30) 1 - 18 .056 0 2B 0 3B 0 HR 2 RBI 1 BB 10 SO 0 SB

College: Virginia Tech; High School: Lenape (Medford, NJ)  
 Acquired: 5th round, 2022 draft Home: Mount Laurel, NJ

**Notes:** 2023: Began season at Daytona...Had a pair of two-homer games in June with Tortugas (June 3, June 28)...Had 28 starts at catcher, 26 in left field, and six at designated hitter with Daytona...Joined Dragons on July 18...Ranked tied for seventh in FSL in home runs with 10 at time of promotion to Dragons...Hit two home runs in one game in his second day with the Dayton club. **College:** Spent three years at Virginia Tech, 2020-22...Batted .330 with 17 home runs in 58 games as junior in 2022 to earn 2<sup>nd</sup> Team All-ACC honors...Connected on home run against Wright State in NCAA Regional...Also homered vs. Oklahoma in second game of Super Regional...VT finished one win short of reaching College World Series...Named to ABCA/Rawlings Atlantic All-Region 2<sup>nd</sup> Team...Also selected to 2022 All-ACC Academic Team. **Personal:** Father, Scott, is Director of Amateur Scouting for Seattle Mariners after completing 10-year minor league playing career, reaching Triple-A.

Season	League	Team	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
2022	R	ACL Reds	.400	6	15	5	6	2	1	1	5	5	4	0
2022	A	Daytona	.308	8	26	5	8	1	0	2	8	2	7	3
2023	A	Daytona	.245	61	212	34	52	5	0	10	34	29	75	5
2023	A+	Dayton	.228	43	149	26	34	4	0	5	18	23	42	0
2023	AA	Chattanooga	.222	3	9	1	2	0	0	0	0	3	3	0
<b>Career</b>			<b>.248</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>411</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>8</b>

**CARLOS JORGE****HITTING STREAK: 0**

Series vs. Lake County (7/1-6) 2 - 13 .154 0 2B 1 3B 0 HR 2 RBI 0 BB 6 SO 0 SB  
 Series at Fort Wayne (6/25-30) 5 - 20 .250 0 2B 0 3B 0 HR 2 RBI 1 BB 5 SO 2 SB

Acquired: Signed as international free agent, January 15, 2021 Home: Puerto Plata, Dominican Republic  
**Prospect Rankings (rankings as of May 1, 2024):** MLB Pipeline: Reds #8 prospect. **Baseball America:** Reds #9 prospect.

**Notes:** Last name pronounced HOR-hay...Began transition from second base to center field late in the 2023 season. **2023:** Blasted one of the biggest home runs of the Dragons season on August 29 at Great Lakes, a two-run shot in the top of the ninth inning with the Dragons trailing by one run, giving the team the lead and eventual win...Opened season with Daytona, appearing in 86 games...Hit for the cycle in four plate appearances on July 21 vs. Jupiter, getting a single in the eighth inning to complete it...Hit two home runs (including a grand slam) and drove in six runs on June 28 at Tampa...Started 65 games at second base, six games in center field and 10 as designated hitter...Joined Dragons on August 12...Enjoyed a strong finish to the year, batting .370 with two home runs and 11 RBI over his last seven games...Started 12 games in center field and 11 at second base with Dragons. **Previous Years:** Enjoyed huge season with DSL Reds in 2021, finishing third in the league in OPS (1.015), second in slugging percentage (.579), fifth in batting average (.346), and fifth in stolen bases (27)...Spent first season of professional baseball in 2021 primarily as a shortstop.

Season	League	Team	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
2021	R	DSL Reds	.346	47	159	38	55	8	10	3	33	24	32	27
2022	R	ACL Reds	.261	42	119	32	31	7	2	7	21	25	41	27
2023	A	Daytona	.295	86	298	70	88	11	9	9	36	47	70	31
2023	A+	Dayton	.239	23	88	8	21	3	1	3	14	5	30	1
<b>Career</b>			<b>.294</b>	<b>198</b>	<b>664</b>	<b>148</b>	<b>195</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>173</b>	<b>86</b>

**ETHAN O'DONNELL****HITTING STREAK: 0**

Series vs. Lake County (7/1-6) 1 - 8 .125 0 2B 0 3B 0 HR 1 RBI 0 BB 0 SO 0 SB  
 Series at Fort Wayne (6/25-30) 3 - 14 .214 2 2B 0 3B 0 HR 0 RBI 3 BB 5 SO 0 SB

College: Virginia; High School: Regis Jesuit (Aurora, CO)  
 Acquired: 6th round, 2023 draft Home: Highlands Ranch, CO  
**Prospect Rankings (rankings as of May 1, 2024):** MLB Pipeline: Reds #23 prospect.

**Notes:** 2023: Enjoyed highly-productive debut in professional baseball, earning Reds Minor League Player of the Month honor for September, when he batted .364 with four home runs in nine games. **College:** Spent two seasons at Northwestern (2021-22) before transferring to Virginia for 2023 season...In 65 games with Virginia, batted .354 with 13 home runs and 18 stolen bases with a .448 on-base pct., a slugging percentage of .587, and an OPS of 1.034...Earned First Team All-ACC honors and was named to the Rawlings Gold Glove team...Started 64 games in center field and one as a designated hitter...As sophomore in 2022 at Northwestern, batted .320 with 10 home runs in 47 games and broke the school record with 24 doubles to earn Second Team All-Big Ten honors...Grandfather was a three-sport athlete at Nebraska.

Season	League	Team	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
2023	R	ACL Reds	.200	4	15	3	3	0	0	0	2	2	5	1
2023	A	Daytona	.350	23	80	15	28	4	2	4	19	10	18	3
<b>Career</b>			<b>.326</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>4</b>

**HECTOR RODRIGUEZ****HITTING STREAK: 0**

Series vs. Lake County (7/1-6)	2 - 12	.167	1 2B	0 3B	0 HR	1 RBI	0 BB	1 SO	0 SB
Series at Fort Wayne (6/25-30)	7 - 25	.280	2 2B	1 3B	2 HR	3 RBI	0 BB	6 SO	3 SB

Acquired: Trade with New York Mets, July 28, 2022. Originally signed by Mets as international free agent, July 3, 2019.

Home: Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic

**Prospect Rankings (rankings as of May 1, 2024):** MLB Pipeline: Reds #13 prospect. **Baseball America:** Reds #16 prospect.

**Notes: 2023:** Opened season at Daytona...Named Florida State League Player of the Month for May (.357 avg., 4 HR, 1.006 OPS)...In the months of May and June, combined to bat .345 with 10 home runs, 33 RBI, and a 1.016 OPS in 45 games...After hitting .184 in July, bounced back to bat .360 in 19 games in August before promotion to Dayton on August 23...Led the Florida State League in slugging percentage, extra base hits, and runs at the time of his promotion to Dayton...Hit .345 in final eight games of 2023 with the Dragons...Named Dominican Winter League 2023-24 Rookie of the Year, batting .309 with three home runs in 42 games. **2022:** Acquired by Reds at trade deadline from Mets along with right-handed pitcher Jose Acuña in exchange for Major League outfielder Tyler Naquin and Triple-A pitcher Phillip Diehl...Batted .359 at Rookie level in 34 games over two different leagues, a mark that would have won the batting title in either league.

Season	League	Team	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
2021	R	DSL Mets 1	.301	42	123	17	37	8	2	3	15	13	17	6
2022	R	FCL Mets	.349	27	106	19	37	4	4	3	16	6	10	12
2022	R	ACL Reds	.400	7	25	7	10	4	2	0	4	3	0	3
2022	A	St. Lucie	.143	2	7	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
2022	A	Daytona	.289	13	45	7	13	4	2	0	6	2	10	1
2023	A	Daytona	.293	101	410	85	120	23	9	16	56	27	84	18
2023	A+	Dayton	.294	14	51	6	15	2	1	0	5	1	10	0
<b>Career</b>			<b>.304</b>	<b>206</b>	<b>767</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>233</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>40</b>

**JOSE SERRANO****HITTING STREAK: 0**

Series vs. Lake County (7/1-6)	0 - 0	#####	0 2B	0 3B	0 HR	0 RBI	0 BB	0 SO	0 SB
Series at Fort Wayne (6/25-30)	0 - 3	.000	0 2B	0 3B	0 HR	0 RBI	0 BB	3 SO	0 SB

Acquired: Signed as international free agent, January 15, 2021 Home: San Fernando Apure, VZ

**Notes: 2023:** Opened season with Dragons, appearing in eight games, primarily at second base and third base...Sent to extended spring training on April 25 and spent remainder of season with ACL Reds.

Season	League	Team	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
2021	R	DSL Reds	.287	35	115	15	33	6	4	0	15	12	26	2
2022	R	ACL Reds	.244	32	86	14	21	4	0	1	12	13	35	1
2023	R	ACL Reds	.227	42	141	27	32	5	4	2	25	22	56	2
2023	A+	Dayton	.172	8	29	2	5	1	0	0	3	1	13	0
<b>Career</b>			<b>.245</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>371</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>5</b>

**SAL STEWART****HITTING STREAK: 2**

Series vs. Lake County (7/1-6)	3 - 10	.300	2 2B	0 3B	0 HR	0 RBI	3 BB	2 SO	1 SB
Series at Fort Wayne (6/25-30)	7 - 17	.412	2 2B	0 3B	1 HR	6 RBI	3 BB	4 SO	1 SB

College: None; High School: Westminster Christian (Miami, FL)

Acquired: Supplemental 1st round, 2022 draft (32<sup>nd</sup> overall selection) Home: Miami, FL

**Prospect Rankings (rankings as of May 1, 2024):** MLB Pipeline: Reds #7 prospect. **Baseball America:** Reds #7 prospect.

**Notes: 2023:** Blasted Dragons only walk-off home run of the year on September 7 to defeat Fort Wayne and keep the Dragons playoff hopes alive with three games to play...Began season with Daytona...Endured tough start to year and was batting just .216 with only one home run at end of May (39 games)...From June 1 until promotion to Dragons on August 6, appeared in 49 games and batted .311 with nine home runs, 41 RBI, and an OPS of .973...Over entire season with Daytona, posted more walks than strikeouts (66 BB, 59 SO)...Made 45 starts at third base and committed just four errors, splitting time equally with Reds 2022 first round draft pick Cam Collier...Also made eight starts at second base without an error...Had 35 starts at the DH position...Finished season with Dragons and batted .387 with two home runs in last eight games. **High School:** Attended Westminster Christian High School in Palmetto Bay, Florida (suburb of Miami), the same school that produced three-time American League MVP Alex Rodriguez and actor Oscar Isaac...Finished second in the 2021 All-Star Home Run Derby, a national invitational event at the Major League All-Star Game hosted by the Colorado Rockies...In 2022, was one of 24 finalists for *USA Today* national high school player of the year after batting .514 with nine home runs as a senior...Selected by Reds as 32<sup>nd</sup> overall pick in 2022 draft (second selection of the compensatory round following the first round; selected with pick awarded to Reds for loss of free agent Nick Castellanos)...Had planned to play at Vanderbilt before signing professionally.

Season	League	Team	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
2022	R	ACL Reds	.292	8	24	5	7	4	0	0	5	4	5	0
2023	A	Daytona	.269	88	316	55	85	19	0	10	60	66	59	10
2023	A+	Dayton	.291	29	110	16	32	5	0	2	11	18	18	5
<b>Career</b>			<b>.276</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>450</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>15</b>

**LOGAN TANNER****HITTING STREAK: 2**

Series vs. Lake County (7/1-6) 2 - 5 .400 1 2B 0 3B 0 HR 0 RBI 3 BB 3 SO 0 SB  
 Series at Fort Wayne (6/25-30) 2 - 14 .143 1 2B 0 3B 1 HR 1 RBI 0 BB 7 SO 0 SB  
 College: Mississippi State; High School: George County (Lucedale, MS)  
 Acquired: 2nd round, 2022 draft Home: Lucedale, MS

**Prospect Rankings (pre-season 2024): Baseball America: Reds #37 prospect.**

**Notes:** Starting catcher and top home run hitter on 2021 national champion Mississippi State team. **2023:** Spent the entire season at Daytona...Showed potential during a four-week stretch from June 25-July 23 when he batted .295 in 14 games, posting an .869 OPS while collecting five doubles and a home run. **College/High School:** Played three seasons at Mississippi State, 2020-22...Named Second Team All-SEC and SEC All-Defensive Team in 2022, batting .285 with seven home runs in 55 games...Best season in 2021 as sophomore for national champs, batting .287 with 15 homers in 67 games including a home run in the title game against Vanderbilt...Played for Team USA Collegiate National Team in 2021...Earned high school all-state honors as both a junior and senior at George County High School...Mother played softball at Southern Mississippi and appeared in Women's College World Series.

Season	League	Team	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
2022	R	ACL Reds	.000	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
2022	A	Daytona	.211	16	57	9	12	3	0	1	7	12	20	1
2023	A	Daytona	.202	65	218	31	44	15	1	2	27	34	65	0
<b>Career</b>			<b>.201</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>278</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>1</b>

## Pitchers

**GABRIEL AGUILERA**

Acquired: Signed as international free agent, October 16, 2018  
 Home: Estado Bolivar, Venezuela

**Notes: 2024:** Joined the Dragons on June 18...Opened the season with Single-A Daytona, working in a tandem rotation...Made six starts and six relief appearances...Was limited to a maximum of four innings over most of his tenure at Daytona (worked five innings two times). **2023:** Returned to action after missing the previous season, logging 32 innings. **2022:** Missed the entire season due to injury. **2021:** Selected by Baseball America as an Arizona Complex League All-Star after posting a 1.29 ERA in 21 innings. **Personal:** Brother-in-law of Major League slugger Eugenio Suarez.

Season	Level	Team	W	L	ERA	G	GS	SV	IP	H	HR	BB	SO	AVG
2019	R	DSL Reds	2	3	4.33	14	7	0	43.2	44	3	9	35	.256
2021	R	ACL Reds	0	1	1.29	5	4	0	21	11	1	4	35	.151
2021	A	Daytona	0	2	3.28	6	4	0	24.2	19	0	14	22	.226
2023	R	ACL Reds	0	0	5.06	4	4	0	5.1	5	0	2	10	.250
2023	A	Daytona	0	2	5.74	7	7	0	26.2	20	4	22	28	.217
2024	A	Daytona	2	0	2.66	12	6	0	44	31	0	20	33	.199
<b>Career</b>			<b>4</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>3.59</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>165.1</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>163</b>	<b>.218</b>

**PEDRO ALFONSECA**

Junior College: Black Hawk College (Moline, IL); High School: North Kansas City (North Kansas City, MO)  
 Acquired: Signed as Reds Minor League Free Agent, February 10, 2023  
 Home: Shawnee, KS

**Notes:** Outfielder in Cleveland organization, 2017-19 after being signed as a 39<sup>th</sup> round draft pick in 2016...Appeared 75 minor league games as a position player, batting .227, 9 HR, 40 RBI...Topped out in the Short-Season New York/Penn League with Mahoning Valley in 2019...Converted to pitcher after being released by Cleveland on April 29, 2021...Pitched in seven games for the Rocky Mountain Vibes of the independent Pioneer League in 2022 before being signed by the Reds prior to the 2023 season.

Season	League	Team	W	L	ERA	G	GS	SV	IP	H	HR	BB	SO	AVG
2023	R	ACL Reds	0	1	3.72	7	0	1	9.2	8	0	6	9	.222
2023	A	Daytona	0	0	10.54	13	0	0	13.2	9	1	21	15	.184
<b>Career</b>			<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>7.71</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>23.1</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>.200</b>

## BROCK BELL

Junior College: State College of Florida; High School: Mountain Pointe (Tempe, AZ)

Acquired: Selected from Boston in 2023 Minor League Rule 5 Draft; Originally drafted by Red Sox in 7<sup>th</sup> round, 2019

Home: Phoenix, AZ

**Notes:** Younger brother of 2016-17 Dragons infielder Brantley Bell and son of former MLB two-time all-star and former Reds bench coach Jay Bell...After being drafted by Boston in 7<sup>th</sup> round in 2019, briefly pitched professionally that summer as he returned from Tommy John surgery in 2018 while in junior college...After the cancellation of the 2020 season due to the pandemic, missed both 2021 and '22 due to UCL revision surgery...Returned to action in the Red Sox system in 2023, enjoying success at the High-A level with Greenville of the South Atlantic League, posting a 2.72 ERA with only nine walks in 36 innings...Selected by Reds from Boston in Minor League Rule 5 Draft in December of 2023.

Season	League	Team	W	L	ERA	G	GS	SV	IP	H	HR	BB	SO	AVG
2019	R	GCL Red Sox	0	1	2.77	8	8	0	13	10	0	4	11	.222
2019	R+	Lowell	0	1	0.00	1	1	0	1.2	3	0	2	1	.333
2023	A	Salem	2	1	4.58	11	0	1	19.2	16	2	5	15	.229
2023	A+	Greenville	4	1	2.72	24	0	3	36.1	31	2	9	35	.228
<b>Career</b>			<b>6</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3.18</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>70.2</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>.231</b>

## TREY BRAITHWAITE

College: West Virginia (also played at Navy); High School: Millbrook (Winchester, VA)

Acquired: 16<sup>th</sup> round, 2022 draft Home: Winchester, VA

**Notes: 2024:** After missing entire 2023 season due to injury, returned to action with ACL Reds on June 13 and made five appearances before joining Dragons on July 1. College: Spent first four seasons of college career at Navy (2018-21) and set program record for career saves with 17...Transferred to West Virginia University as fifth year senior in 2022 and enjoyed tremendous success, posting a 1.70 ERA with eight saves to earn Big 12 First Team All-Conference and NCBWA Third Team All-American honors.

Season	Level	Team	W	L	ERA	G	GS	SV	IP	H	HR	BB	SO	AVG
2022	R	ACL Reds	1	0	0.00	2	0	0	2	2	0	1	2	.250
2022	A	Daytona	1	0	1.50	3	0	0	6	5	0	2	5	.217
2023		Did Not Pitch-Injured												
2024	R	ACL Reds	0	0	1.80	5	1	1	5	4	0	1	5	.211
<b>Career</b>			<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1.38</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>.220</b>

## RYAN CARDONA

College: Marist College; High School: Livingston (Livingston, NJ)

Acquired: 19<sup>th</sup> round, 2021 draft Home: Livingston, NJ

**Notes: 2023:** Spent most of season at Daytona, going 2-2 with two saves and an ERA of 3.10...Fastball averaged 90-92 mph...Earned run average was second best in the Florida State League among players with at least 80 innings at time of his promotion to Dayton...Strikeout total of 106 ranked fifth in the league...Ranked first among pitchers with at least 80 innings in strikeouts per nine innings (11.73)...Fastball averaged 90-92. **College:** Played three seasons at Marist College (Division I, Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference)...Went 1-3 with a 3.34 ERA in final year of 2021.

Season	League	Team	W	L	ERA	G	GS	SV	IP	H	HR	BB	SO	AVG
2021	R	ACL Reds	0	0	0.00	3	1	1	4	2	0	0	3	.143
2021	A	Daytona	1	1	5.00	4	3	0	9	10	1	5	7	.278
2022	A	Daytona	4	4	3.36	25	7	5	75	55	6	50	92	.207
2023	A	Daytona	2	2	3.10	22	14	2	81.1	52	3	48	106	.181
2023	A+	Dayton	0	0	7.00	2	2	0	9	13	1	2	8	.351
<b>Career</b>			<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>3.43</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>178.1</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>216</b>	<b>.206</b>

## JOSE FRANCO

Acquired: Signed as Reds International Free Agent, October 16, 2018 Home: Maracay, Venezuela

**Notes: 2024:** Joined Dragons on May 28 from Daytona...Made eight starts with Tortugas, going 1-0 with a 3.64 ERA. **2023:** Missed the entire season due to injury.

Season	League	Team	W	L	ERA	G	GS	SV	IP	H	HR	BB	SO	AVG
2019	R	DSL Reds	3	1	2.20	14	14	0	57.1	50	1	14	59	.239
2021	A	Daytona	2	5	6.71	19	11	0	59	50	12	42	77	.222
2022	A	Daytona	1	6	4.44	20	13	0	77	76	13	39	104	.259
2023		Did Not Pitch												
2024	A	Daytona	1	0	3.64	8	8	0	29.2	27	4	9	41	.237
<b>Career</b>			<b>7</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>4.36</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>223</b>	<b>203</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>281</b>	<b>.241</b>

## ARIJ FRANSEN

Acquired: Signed as Reds International Free Agent, May 27, 2019 Home: Hilversum, Netherlands

**Notes: 2023:** Spent the entire season with Daytona...Notched season high eight strikeouts on two occasions, May 23 and August 15...Fastball averaged 90-92 mph.

Season	League	Team	W	L	ERA	G	GS	SV	IP	H	HR	BB	SO	AVG
2021	R	ACL Reds	3	1	3.78	9	5	0	33.1	34	3	3	43	.266
2022	R	ACL Reds	1	2	7.71	9	7	0	25.2	34	4	13	18	.315
2022	A	Daytona	2	6	6.46	13	6	0	39	47	9	17	28	.299
2023	A	Daytona	3	8	6.09	24	16	0	81.1	98	8	36	85	.295
<b>Career</b>			<b>9</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>5.97</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>179.1</b>	<b>213</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>174</b>	<b>.294</b>

## BRYCE HUBBART

College: Florida State; High School: Windermere (Windermere, FL)

Acquired: 3rd round of the 2022 Draft

Home: Windermere, FL

**Notes: 2023:** Spent season with Daytona and then pitched in Arizona Fall League...Was ranked as Reds #20 prospect by MLB Pipeline prior to 2023 season...Was ranked by Baseball America as 79<sup>th</sup> best prospect in 2022 draft and was taken by the Reds in the third round. **College/High School:** Played at Florida State and was key member of Seminoles starting rotation...Went 8-3 with a 3.32 ERA with FSU in 2022 to earn Second Team All-ACC honors, notching 96 strikeouts in 76 innings including four double-digit strikeout performances (career high of 13 strikeouts against James Madison)...Freshman All-American in 2021, going 6-5, 3.80...Following 2021 season, pitched in prestigious Cape Cod League and was selected as an all-star, posting a 1.16 ERA in 31 innings with Brewster...As senior at Windermere High School in 2019, went 9-0 with a 0.73 ERA but was not drafted after committing to FSU.

Season	League	Team	W	L	ERA	G	GS	SV	IP	H	HR	BB	SO	AVG
2022	R	ACL Reds	0	0	5.40	2	1	0	1.2	2	0	3	2	.333
2022	A	Daytona	1	0	0.00	3	0	0	5.2	1	0	3	10	.056
2023	A	Daytona	1	3	4.96	16	7	3	45.1	39	3	49	51	.229
<b>Career</b>			<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4.44</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>52.2</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>.216</b>

## BRODY JESSEE

College: Gonzaga University; High School: South Anchorage (Alaska)

Acquired: 10th Round, 2022 draft Home: Anchorage, AK

**Notes: 2023:** Made relief appearance with Daytona on April 7 before being placed on injured list...Returned to action on June 6 on rehab assignment with ACL Reds, appearing in two games...Rejoined Daytona on June 15...Promoted to Dayton on Sept. 5...Last 13 games at Daytona from July 2-Sept. 3: 1.14 ERA, 23.2 IP, 3 ER, 35 SO. **College:** Spent 2021 and '22 seasons at Gonzaga, making 36 relief appearances, going 7-3 with 4.69 ERA.

Season	League	Team	W	L	ERA	G	GS	SV	IP	H	HR	BB	SO	AVG
2022	R	ACL Reds	0	1	5.40	2	0	0	1.2	0	0	1	1	.000
2023	R	ACL Reds	0	0	0.00	2	0	0	3	1	0	2	7	.100
2023	A	Daytona	1	0	1.84	17	0	3	29.1	22	1	21	43	.214
2023	A+	Dayton	0	0	4.50	1	0	0	2	2	0	0	5	.286
<b>Career</b>			<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2.00</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>.202</b>

## JOSEPH MENEFFEE

College: Texas A&M; High School: George Ranch (Richmond, TX)

Acquired: 20th round of the 2022 Draft Home: College Station, TX

**Notes: 2023:** Spent entire season at Daytona, working strictly as a reliever...Enjoyed a strong first half, posting an ERA of 2.53 in 14 appearances before struggling in the second half with a 7.86 ERA in 17 outings...Fastball averaged 89-91. **College:** Played four seasons at Texas A&M, 2019-22...Best season came in 2021 when he went 4-2, 3.00 in 33 innings with 50 strikeouts and only 17 hits allowed (.155 opponent batting average)...Played for Team USA 18U team in 2017 as teammate of former Dragons outfielder Michael Siani...Grandfather played baseball at LSU.

Season	League	Team	W	L	ERA	G	GS	SV	IP	H	HR	BB	SO	AVG
2022	R	ACL Reds	0	0	0.00	2	0	0	2	1	0	0	2	.143
2022	A	Daytona	0	0	2.70	3	0	0	3.1	8	0	1	4	.500
2023	A	Daytona	7	5	5.48	31	0	1	47.2	46	3	36	66	.254
<b>Career</b>			<b>7</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5.09</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>.270</b>



## LUIS MEY

Acquired: Signed as an international free agent, July 2, 2018 Home: San Pedro de Macoris, Dominican Republic

**Notes:** One of the hardest throwers in professional baseball... Broke the all-time record for fastest pitch at Day Air Ballpark on April 17, 2024 when he fired a fastball at 103 mph (previous record was 102 by Hunter Greene in 2018. **2023:** Spent season with Daytona...Did not pitch until May 21 and made only one appearance after July 26...All 54 appearances over last three seasons came out of the bullpen.

Season	League	Team	W	L	ERA	G	GS	SV	IP	H	HR	BB	SO	AVG
2019	R	AZL Reds	0	5	8.39	13	12	0	39.2	64	4	28	28	.370
2021	A	Daytona	0	0	6.00	6	0	2	9	8	1	9	10	.229
2022	A	Daytona	4	1	5.65	34	0	2	43	45	3	32	58	.274
2023	A	Daytona	1	3	5.40	14	0	1	16.2	14	3	16	18	.233
<b>Career</b>			<b>5</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>6.65</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>108.1</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>.303</b>

## SIMON MILLER

School: University of Texas at San Antonio; High School: Canton (Canton, TX)

Acquired: 12<sup>th</sup> round, 2023 draft Home: Canton, TX

**Notes: 2024:** Opened season at Daytona before promotion to Dayton on June 19...Did not allow a run over last six appearances at Daytona covering eight innings, allowing just two hits with 13 strikeouts...Left-handed batters went 4 for 30 (.133) with 15 strikeouts against him. **College/High School:** Spent freshman season at LSU Eunice (junior college)...Transferred to UT San Antonio prior to 2021 season...Named 2023 Conference USA Pitcher of the Year after going 8-1 with a 11 saves and a 2.30 ERA, working strictly as a reliever...Named 2<sup>nd</sup> Team All-American by Baseball America and the NCBWA...Played three seasons of football at Canton High School.

Season	Level	Team	W	L	ERA	G	GS	SV	IP	H	HR	BB	SO	AVG
2023	A	Daytona	0	0	0.00	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	.000
2024	A	Daytona	2	2	2.66	15	0	5	20.1	13	1	12	27	.183
<b>Career</b>			<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2.53</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>21.1</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>.176</b>

## JOHN MURPHY

College: Maryland; High School: Gloucester (New Jersey)

Acquired: Signed as a Minor League free agent, February 3, 2023 Home: Merchantville, NJ

**Notes: 2024:** Opened season in extended spring training...Joined Dragons on April 17...Placed on Development List on May 7...Activated by Dragons on May 23. **2023:** Signed as Minor League free agent on February 3, 2023...Opened 2023 season with Daytona...Promoted to Dayton on May 16. **2022:** Played for Gateway in Frontier League, going 1-4 with a 2.75 ERA and nine saves in 36 appearances. Also played in Frontier League in 2021 after playing in independent United Shore Baseball League in 2019-20. **College:** Pitched four seasons at University of Maryland, 2016-19...Appeared in 75 games (three starts) with record of 4-5 and 4.09 ERA...Notched 11 saves as senior in 2019, tied for third most in program history.

Season	League	Team	W	L	ERA	G	GS	SV	IP	H	HR	BB	SO	AVG
2023	A	Daytona	1	0	2.19	10	0	3	12.1	9	0	3	15	.200
2023	A+	Dayton	4	3	4.89	26	0	4	46	46	8	19	44	.261
2023	AAA	Louisville	0	0	4.50	1	0	0	2	3	0	2	0	.333
<b>Career</b>			<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4.33</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>60.1</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>.252</b>

## T.J. SIKKEMA

College: Missouri; High School: Central DeWitt (DeWitt, IA)

Acquired: Selected from Kansas City in the 2023 Minor League Rule 5 Draft

**Originally Signed:** Yankees Supplemental 1st round (38th overall) of the 2019 Draft Home: DeWitt, IA

**Notes: 2024:** Member of Dragons opening night roster...Placed on injured list on April 13 with left rotator cuff strain...Activated on May 14. **Career Notes:** Originally selected in the Supplemental 1<sup>st</sup> round of the 2019 draft by the Yankees...Ranked as #15 prospect in Yankees organization entering 2020 season, which was canceled due to pandemic...Did not pitch in 2021 due to injury...Returned to action in 2022 with Yankees High-A club at Hudson Valley and was effective with 2.48 ERA in 36.1 innings before being traded to Kansas City as part of deal that sent Andrew Benintendi to New York. **2023:** Ranked as Royals #16 prospect entering season by *Baseball America*...Spent the entire season at the Double-A level in the Royals system...Selected by the Reds following the 2023 season in the Minor League Rule 5 Draft. **College:** Spent three seasons at University of Missouri, 2017-19, posting a career record of 18-11 with a 2.38 ERA in 55 games (26 starts)...In 2019 as a junior, went 7-4 with a 1.32 ERA, allowing just 54 hits in 89 innings while striking out 101 to earn 2nd Team All-SEC honors.

Season	League	Team	W	L	ERA	G	GS	SV	IP	H	HR	BB	SO	AVG
2019	R+	Staten Island	0	0	0.84	4	4	0	10.2	6	0	1	13	.158
2022	A+	Hudson Valley	1	1	2.48	11	10	0	36.1	21	3	9	54	.165
2022	AA	NW Arkansas	0	5	7.44	8	8	0	32.2	42	6	15	29	.313
2023	AA	NW Arkansas	4	4	5.85	34	0	0	72.1	61	11	39	63	.236
<b>Career</b>			<b>5</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>5.03</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>152</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>159</b>	<b>.233</b>

## EASTON SIKORSKI

College: Western Michigan; High School: De La Salle (Warren, MI)

Acquired: 17<sup>th</sup> Round, 2022 Draft Home: Fraser, MI

**Notes:** Joined Dragons on April 16, 2024 from Extended Spring Training...**2023:** Spent entire season at Daytona...Made only one appearance after July 1 due to injury...Made 10 relief appearances in May and June, posting a combined ERA of 0.90 (20 IP, 11 H, 2 R, 4 BB, 24 SO)...For the year, limited left-handed batters to a combined OPS of .488. **College/High School:** Teammate of former Dragon Blake Dunn (Reds 2023 Minor League Player of the Year) at Western Michigan...Spent four years at WMU (2019-22)...Pitched mostly as a starter over his last three years...Best season came in 2021 when he went 5-3 with a 4.14 ERA in 11 starts, issuing only 18 walks in 63 innings...Two-time Academic All-MAC selection. At De La Salle Collegiate High School in Warren, Michigan (about 20 miles north of downtown Detroit), was winning pitcher in 2016 state championship game. **Personal:** Father, Brian, pitched in 40 MLB games with Texas, San Diego, and Cleveland before beginning a career as a pro scout.

Season	League	Team	W	L	ERA	G	GS	SV	IP	H	HR	BB	SO	AVG
2022	R	ACL Reds	0	0	0.00	2	0	0	2	1	0	0	5	.143
2023	A	Daytona	4	1	3.41	17	0	6	29	20	3	14	33	.200
<b>Career</b>			<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3.19</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>.196</b>

# The Last Time...

## Batters

Dragons Hit Walk-Off Home Run:  
Sept. 7, 2023, Sal Stewart, vs. Fort Wayne

Dragons Player Hit Two Home Runs in a Game:  
May 1, 2024, Jay Allen II, vs. West Michigan

Dragons Player Hit Three Home Runs in a Game:  
April 23, 2019, Pabel Manzanero, at Lake County

Dragons Player Collected Five Hits in a Game:  
April 28, 2024, Jay Allen II, at Lansing

Dragons Player Collected Four Hits in a Game:  
May 26, 2024, Hector Rodriguez & Cam Collier, at Quad Cities

Dragons Player Had Three Extra Base Hits in a Game:  
April 26, 2024, Carlos Jorge, at Lansing (1 HR, 2 2B)

Dragons Hit Inside-the-Park Home Run:  
May 14, 2023, Edwin Arroyo, at Peoria

Dragons Player Hit for the Cycle:  
July 21, 2011, Donald Lutz, vs. Peoria

Dragons Player Hit Grand Slam Home Run:  
Sept. 6, 2023, Carlos Jorge, vs. Fort Wayne

Dragons Player Hit Pinch Hit Home Run:  
June 30, 2023, Tyler Callihan, at West Michigan (G1)

Dragons Batter Opened Game with Home Run:  
May 24, 2024, Sal Stewart, at Quad Cities (first pitch)

Dragons Hit Back-to-Back Home Runs:  
June 27, 2024, Hector Rodriguez & Cam Collier, at Fort Wayne (G1)

Dragons Hit Three Straight Home Runs:  
June 13, 2015, Jose Ortiz, Jimmy Pickens, Luis Gonzalez, vs. Beloit

Dragons Player Stole Four Or More Bases in a Game:  
August 27, 2022, Jay Allen, at Quad Cities (5)

## Pitchers

Dragons Team Threw a No-Hitter:  
May 20, 2017 (Scott Moss: 6 IP; Carlos Machorro: 2 IP; Brian Hunter: 1 IP)

Dragons Pitcher Threw a Complete Game a No-Hitter:  
May 13, 2006, Johnny Cueto, at Appleton (5 innings)

Dragons Opponent Threw a No-Hitter:  
May 16, 2023, vs. South Bend (3 pitchers combined)

Dragons Pitcher Tossed 7-Inning Complete Game:  
August 20, 2021, Eduardo Salazar, vs. Lake County

Dragons Pitcher Tossed 9-Inning Complete Game:  
June 28, 2017, Ty Boyles at West Michigan

Dragons Pitcher Tossed 9-Inning Complete Game Shutout:  
June 28, 2017, Ty Boyles at West Michigan

Dragons Pitcher Struck out 10 or More Batters in a Game:  
May 26, 2024, Jared Lyons at Quad Cities (10 strikeouts)

Dragons Pitcher Struck out 12 or More Batters in a Game:  
June 29, 2022, Joe Boyle at Great Lakes (12 strikeouts)

Dragons Pitcher Struck out 4 Batters in an Inning:  
April 11, 2019, Ryan Campbell (4 in 7th), at Fort Wayne

## Team Notes

Dragons Turned Triple Play:  
April 16, 2023, vs. Great Lakes (only one in franchise history)

Dragons Won at Least 7 Straight Games:  
August 25-Sept. 1, 2022 (won 7 straight)  
June 2-11, 2019 (won 9 straight)

Dragons Lost at Least 7 Straight Games:  
July 9-16 (lost 7 straight)

Dragons Scored at Least 15 Runs in a Game:  
May 26, 2024 at Quad Cities (15 runs)

Dragons Collected at Least 20 Hits in a Game:  
April 26, 2024 at Lansing (20 hits)

Dragons Won Back-to-Back Shutouts:  
May 29-30, 2024 at Beloit

Dragons went Entire Series without an Error:  
June 8-11, 2018 vs. Bowling Green (4-game series)  
May 3-5, 2019 at Cedar Rapids (3-game series)  
July 8-9, 2015 vs. Bowling Green (2-game series)

Dragons Swept Home Series:  
Sept. 14-19, 2021 vs. Fort Wayne (6-game series)  
June 7-10, 2019 vs. Fort Wayne (4-game series)  
July 13-15, 2019 vs. Beloit (3-game series)

Dragons Swept Road Series:  
June 4-6, 2019 at West Michigan (3-game series)  
April 8-9, 2017 at Lake County (2-game series)

Dragons Were Swept in Home Series:  
June 21-24, 2018 vs. South Bend (4-game series)  
August 10-12, 2019 vs. Lansing (3-game series)  
April 6-7, 2017 vs. Lake County (2-game series)

Dragons Were Swept in Road Series:  
July 12-16, 2022 at Lake County (4-game series)  
May 1-2, 2019 at Peoria (3-game series)  
April 7-8, 2016 at Bowling Green (2-game series)

Dragons Played 9-Inning Game in Under Two Hours:  
July 22, 2023 vs. Wisconsin (one hour, 57 minutes)

Dragons Played a Game in Over Four Hours:  
July 8, 2021 vs. West Michigan (4 hours, 12 minutes, 9 inn.)

Dragons Played a Rain-Shortened Game:  
June 5, 2023, vs. Lansing (game called after 8 innings; 4-1 win)

# DRAGONS IN THE COMMUNITY IN 2024

## Dragons MVP Program

The Dragons MVP School Program includes over 1,100 fourth and fifth grade classrooms across the Miami Valley. The program is in its 19th year, impacting over 31,000 students. Teachers select five MVPs based on the criteria put in place by the teacher including performance, effort, citizenship, and improvement. The five MVPs receive four tickets to a Dragons game, access to an exclusive Dragons MVP Zone, an MVP certificate, and a Dragons MVP hat. The Dragons visit selected classrooms over the course of the program. The Dragons MVP Program is made possible by the generous support of Ohio's 529 College Advantage, Roosters, WDTN and Dayton's CW.

## Hometown Heroes presented by the Dayton Development Coalition, Reynolds & Reynolds, HII Mision Technologies, and Synergy Building Systems

Five times during the 2024 baseball season, the Dragons will partner with the Dayton Development Coalition, Reynolds & Reynolds, HII Mission Technologies, and Synergy Building Systems for a season-long tribute to all service men and women past and present. There will be four special spotlights (April 20, May 14, June 11, July 3) that will each highlight a different aspect or organization involved in the military. The season-long celebration will wrap up with American Celebration Night on August 24.

## Home Run for Life presented by Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield

Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield and the Dragons team up to provide kids battling serious medical conditions with once-in-a-lifetime opportunities during Dragons games. Each honoree takes an honorary homerun lap around the bases during a Dragons game and receives an engraved bat, along with other gifts. Dates for the 2024 season are May 15, June 12, July 10, and August 7.

## Community All-Stars presented by Flying Ace Express Car Wash

The Dragons partner with Flying Ace Express Car Wash on the Community All-Stars Program, honoring Dayton's best individuals and organizations that are improving the quality of life in the Miami Valley. From firefighters to first responders to volunteers and good Samaritans, the Dragons will honor five honorees that will be highlighted during a game with a tribute video telling their story. Dates for 2024 include May 17, June 14, July 2, August 8, and August 30.

## Veteran Salute Program presented by CareSource Military & Veterans

The Dragons Veteran Salute program, presented by CareSource Military & Veterans, highlights five veteran's stories during each season. Veterans who are chosen are honored at a Dragons game with an in-game ceremony and provided with VIP treatment during their special night. Dates are May 19, June 9, July 14, August 11, and September 1.

## Recycling Bin Initiative

The Dayton Dragons and Montgomery County Environmental Services are once again teaming up for Heater's Recycling Bin Initiative (RBI) Program. This free, fun, and educational program is for kids and families to learn about household recycling and how recycling benefits the economy and the environment. All participants will receive up to four Dragons lawn tickets to RBI Night at a Dragons game, exclusive RBI gifts, and will be eligible to win other great Dragons prizes and experiences. Dates are June 13 and August 22.

## Other Major Events

	<b>Date/s</b>
Boy Scouts/Girl Scouts Overnights	June 7, July 26
Marvel Night	June 8
Team Zoom (game entertainment)	May 4, June 9
Logan Wilson Celebrity Softball Game	June 1
BirdZerk!	June 14
ZOOperstars!	June 15
Dragons 5K presented by Orthopedic Associates	July 20
Star Wars characters at the ballpark	July 26
Dontatos Movie Night	August 2
Great American Beer Tasting presented by Heidelberg Distributing	August 17