



DURHAM BULLS GAME NOTES

TRIPLE-A AFFILIATE OF THE TAMPA BAY RAYS



Game #101, July 28, 2026

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TRIPLE-A NATIONAL CHAMPIONS | 2009, 2017, 2022

DURHAM BULLS ATHLETIC PARK

DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA

TV: BALLY SPORTS, MILB.TV, SPECTRUM, 50-2

RADIO: 620 AM; 99.3, 96.5 FM

Last Game: Sun	R	H	E
Durham	4	10	0
Memphis	12	14	2

WP – Rincon (4-5)

LP - Boyle (1-5)

S - None.

HR: Scott (1), Baez (31), Saggese (5)
Gorman (5), Prieto (11), Driscoll (2)

Opp	Record	1 st Half	2 nd Half	Total
CHA	2-10	0-9	2-1	18
LHV	3-9	3-9	DNP	12
SWB	3-3	3-3	DNP	6
NOR	11-7	6-6	5-1	24
JAX	7-10	3-9	4-1	18
RR	4-2	4-2	DNP	6
GWN	8-3	4-2	4-1	24
NAS	5-7	5-7	0-0	18
MEM	3-3	DNP	3-2	18
WOR	0-0	DNP	0-0	6

Scoring First 32-18

Scoring 4+ 39-23

Allowing 4+ 20-47

Vs RH 36-37

Vs LH 10-16

10+ Hits 18-8

Allowing 10+ Hits 10-25

Shutouts/Shutout 4-5

Hitting HR 35-27

Allowing HR 21-38

0 Errors 20-22

1-2 Errors 24-27

3+ Errors 2-4

1-Run Games 16-13

2-Run Games 10-9

Up/Tied/Down Aft 7 36-4/4-6/5-43

Up/Tied/Down Aft 8 35-1/4-6/1-40

Extra Innings 3-4

Doubleheaders 5-4

Biggest Inning: 8

at Scranton, April 10th, 7th inning

Biggest Inning Allowed: 11 (2x)

at Charlotte, March 27, 4th inning

v Charlotte, June 3, 11th inning

March: 0-4

April: 11-15

May: 13-14

June: 10-15

July: 12-6

August: 0-0

September: 0-0

Series:	Durham	v	Gwinnett	Game Time
Tue:	RH Mason Englert (0-2, 4.86)		LH Herick Hernandez (0-0, 8.31)	6:45 PM ET
Wed:	RH Brody Hopkins (4-7, 4.63)		RH AJ Smith-Shawver (1-0, 1.69)	6:45 PM ET
Thu:	RH Jesse Scholtens (1-2, 5.54)		RH Lucas Braun (4-2, 3.82)	6:45 PM ET
Fri:	RH Michael Forret (1-2, 5.23)		RH Owen Murphy (4-6, 3.66)	6:45 PM ET
Sat: (DH)	Durham – TBD/TBD		Gwinnett – TBD/TBD	1:05 PM ET/6:45 PM ET
Sun:	Durham – TBD		Gwinnett – TBD	5:05 PM ET
Mon:	Off day			

MEMPHIS SERIES: The Bulls' run of claiming series ended at three after splitting a six-game set in Memphis on Sunday. Durham won the first two before dropping a pair. The Bulls won Saturday before Memphis hit five HR in Sunday's win.

HOME TO GWINNETT: The Bulls host Gwinnett for a seven-game, six-day series, which includes a day-night DH on Saturday as a result of the July 5th rainout. Durham leads the season-series with the Stripers 8-3.

UPCOMING: The Bulls head to Charlotte for the first time since opening weekend of the 2026 season. Durham is 2-10 against the Knights, including 0-9 in the first half. Durham took 2 of 3 from the Knights at the DBAP after the All-Star Break.

TRANSACTION WIRE: RH Jesse Scholtens and Steven Wilson were assigned to Durham on major league rehab assignments for Tampa Bay. IF Tre Morgan was activated from the injured list, while RH Mason Englert was recalled as the 27th man for the Rays' Friday doubleheader against Boston. Scholtens was reinstated from the IL on Thursday and optioned to Durham.

CONNECTIONS: RHP Anthony Molina was originally signed by Tampa Bay and pitched in 13 games for Durham in 2023. IF Kim Ha-Seong appeared in 21 games in 2025 on major league rehab assignments for Tampa Bay, hitting .208. IF Brett Wisely appeared in five games in 2022 for Durham, while OF Ben Gamel played in 59 games in 2023. Hitting coach Dan DeMent coached for the Bulls in 2018 and 2019.

TRENDS:

* Durham's 5-0 start to the 2nd half was their best since 2021

* Durham started Covid-shortened season 5-0 (May 4 – 8 at Memphis)

* Durham hit back-to-back-to-back HR on Sat, July 4th v Gwinnett for first time in its Triple-A history
(Williams, Melton, Sabol v Anderson Pilar – on three successive pitches)

** Durham hit 3 straight HRs again in its next game (July 7 @ Jacksonville: Fraley, Williams, Melton v Blalock: 7p)

* Durham was 0-36 when trailing after 8 innings until d. Jacksonville July 7th: Down 8-7 entering 9th, won 9-8 in 10)

* Durham's W5 (June 24-28) was their longest winning streak of 2026

* Durham's series record: 2W/7L/4S (1st Half)
3W/0L/1S (2nd Half)

* The Bulls' 0-4 start to the 1st half was the worst in their Triple-A franchise existence

* Durham's 169 stolen bases are #3 across Triple-A (Gwinnett, 192)

* Durham ranks #28 in BA (.232), #29 in Hits (741) and #30 in strikeouts (1,084) (#1 K team in MLB/MiLB)

* Durham ranks #21 in ERA (5.34), #8 in most walks (471) and #12th in HRA (121)

* Durham ranks #26 in fielding percentage (.976), #2 in SB allowed (180)

* Durham's L9: Longest since L8 August 19-27, 2025 (L6 @ Lehigh Valley, L2 v Worcester)

L8: June 17-24, 2014 (L3 @ Louisville, L4 v Syracuse, L1 v Indianapolis)

L13: April 16-29, 2012 (L4 v Charlotte, L4 v Pawtucket, L2 @ Norfolk, L3 @ Indianapolis)

Half Comparison:

1 st Half		2 nd Half
.222	Average	.263
4.48	Runs/G	5.60
69 (0.92/g)	HR	29 (1.16/g)
.321	OBP	.377
.364	SLG	.420
.685	OPS	.797
35%	K %	31%
133-42 (76)	SB/%	36/11 (77)
5.63	ERA	4.44
4.99	BB/9IP	4.73
9.36	K/9IP	11.0

MiLB Best Record – 2nd Half

Hickory (#A-Tex)	21-8	.724
Durham (AAA-TB)	18-7	.720
Sugar Land (AAA-Hou)	19-8	.704
Erie (AA-Det)	19-8	.704
Tampa (A-NYY)	21-9	.700
Bowling Green (A-TB)	21-9	.700

ALEXANDER ALBERTO 6’8 RHP 11/2/01 MLB: 0.000

2026: Assigned to Durham June 16th from Double-A Montgomery.

Bio: International free agent (TB) in 2019.

Other: Was 2-1, 2.20 in 21 games for Montgomery (28.2IP/18H/7ER/9W/39K). Earned save in Triple-A debut v Jacksonville on June 16th. Was Major League Rule V pick by CWS in Dec ’25, but did not make team in spring training. Offered back to Tampa Bay in March.

ALEX COOK 6’2 RHP 3/29/01 MLB 0.000

2026: Made Bulls Opening Day roster. Placed on injured list May 20th. Activated May 26th.

Bio: 12th round (TB) in 2022 from Colby College (KS)

Other: Added to 40-man roster at end of 2025 season. Limited to 20 innings in 2025 (R shoulder injury). Appeared in 13g with Double-A Montgomery (1-1, 2.30) after making his Biscuits debut on July 9th.

MICHAEL GROVE 6’3 RHP 12/18/96 MLB: 3.031

2026: Added to Bulls June 2nd. Made 1st rehab outing 6/2 (2IP/1H/0R/1W/4K; 26p)

Bio: 2nd round (LAD) in 2018 from West Virginia

Other: Prepped at Wheeling Park HS (WV). Made MLB debut May 5, 2022 with LAD. 64g across MLB career, all with Dodgers, including 12 starts in 2023. Made 3 post-season appearances combined in 2023 (2g NLDS v AZ) and 2024 (1g NLDS v SD). Signed as free agent April 14, 2026 with Rays. Made 3 rehab starts in FCL (May 23-June 1). Labrum surgery in April, 2025, missed entire year.

BRODY HOPKINS 6’4 RHP 1/18/00 MLB: 0.000

2026: Made first career Triple-A roster. Threw career-high 100 pitches May 16th at Gwinnett (4.2IP/3H/1R/0ER/5W/5K). Had only one start of 90+ pitches in career. 5 no-hit IP (9) May 29 @ Norfolk.

Bio: 6th round (SEA) in 2023 from Winthrop University (SC)

Other: Acquired by TB on July 26, 2024 from Seattle in Randy Arozarena trade. Futures Game selection in 2024. Was OF/P in college, where career started at College of Charleston (2yrs). Played his final year of college ball at Winthrop. Spent 2025 at Double-A Montgomery (5-7, 2.72 in 25 starts). Fanned 141 in 116IP.

EVAN REIFERT 6’4 RHP 5/14/99 MLB: 0.000

2026: Made Opening Day Durham roster for second straight season.

Bio: Free Agent (MIL) in 2020 from Central Missouri.

Other: Spent two seasons at Iowa Western CC before heading to Central Missouri. Acquired by TB for Mike Brosseau ahead of 2022 season. Reifert was selected by Washington in Major League Rule V draft in Dec, 2024, but did not make team and offered back. Was 2-2, 5 with 2.48 ERA in 31 games with Durham in 2025.

OWEN WILD 6’2 RHP 7/30/02 MLB: 0.000

2026: Started the season at Double-A Montgomery. Assigned to Durham on May 26. Earned first Triple-A win of career on July 7th at Jacksonville (2IP/0H/0R/1W/3K)

Bio: 7th round (TB) in 2023 from Gonzaga.

Other: Was 1-3, 3.43 in 16 games with Montgomery (21IP/9H/8ER/9W/33K). Was 7-8, 4.71 at Montgomery in 2025 as a starter (23gs). Pitched for Great Britain in 2026 WBC (1gs v Italy in Pool play). Pitched three seasons at Gonzaga after growing up in Gig Harbor, WA.

HUNTER BIGGE 6’0 RHP 6/12/98 MLB: 1.049

2026: Made Durham Opening Day roster before recalled by Rays on April 2nd.

Bio: 12th round (Cubs) in 2019 from Harvard.

Other: Made MLB debut July 9, 2024 with Cubs. Traded to TB July 28, 2024 with Ty Johnson and Christopher Morel for Isaac Paredes. Appeared in 13g for Rays in 2025 before being struck in face while in dugout by 105mph line drive from Baltimore’s Adley Rutschman on June 19th, suffering multiple facial fractures. Missed remainder of 2025. Finished Harvard degree (physics).

MASON ENGLERT 6’4 RHP 11/1/99 MLB: 1.168

2026: Made Opening Day roster for TB. Placed on injured list April 20th with right forearm tightness. Was 0-1, 5.63 in 10g for Rays. Optioned by Rays May 9th. 6IP start 5/26 @ Norfolk was longest since 8/18/22 with High-A Hickory (Texas)

Bio: 4th round (TEX) in 2018 from Forney (TX) High School.

Other: Made MLB debut March 30, 2023 with Detroit. Claimed on waivers by DET (from TEX) in December, 2022. Rays acquired Englert from DET in February, 2025 for Drew Sommers. Made 29 appearances for Rays in 2025 (0-1, 3.83). Made 14 appearances for Durham in 2025 (1-0, 1.23).

LUIS GUERRERO 6’0 RHP 8/5/00 MLB: 0.155

2026: Made Durham Opening Day roster. Assigned to dev list June 23.

Bio: 17th round (BOS) in 2021 from Chipola JC (FL)

Other: Made MLB debut September 8, 2024 for Boston. Acquired by Rays in November, 2025 for Tristan Gray. Endured knee surgery resulting from throat infection at 1-year-old, spending nine months in hospital, resulting in limited, permanent mobility in right knee. 2023 Futures Game.

TREVOR MARTIN 6’5 RHP 12/15/00 MLB: 0.000

2026: Made first Opening Day roster with Durham. Selected to make his MLB debut April 20th v Cincinnati. Recalled again May 14th.

Bio: 3rd round (TB) in 2022 from Oklahoma State

Other: Grew up in Asher, OK, a town of less than 1,000. Father, Michael, made first-ever flight to Tampa to see his son make debut (2.1IP/2H/1ER/0W/2K). Was added to Rays’ 40-man ahead of selection.

JESSE SCHOLTENS 6’4 RHP 4/6/94 MLB: 2.091

2026: Started season with Durham (1 app) before recalled by TB. Remained with Rays until placed on IL after 5/25 app with right wrist injury. Assigned to Dur on rehab 7/18. Reinstated and optioned to Durham July 23.

Bio: 9th round (SD) in 2016 from Wright State.

Other: MLB debut April 7, 2023 for CWS. Holds M.A. in accounting. TJ surgery March, 2024, returning in May, 2025 for Charlotte. Waiver claim by TB August, 2025. Spent one season at Arizona before transferring to Diablo CC (CA). Finished college career over final two seasons at Wright State.

STEVEN WILSON 6’4 RHP 8/24/94 MLB: 3.166

2026: Started season on IL (lumbar disc). Placed on 60-day IL. Made debut in FCL July 4, then transferred to Durham July 17th.

Bio: 8th round (SD) in 2018 from Santa Clara.

Other: B.A. in economics & M.A. in business analytics from Santa Clara. Father (Robert) was an NCAA umpire. Early in minor league career, drove for Uber in off-season & worked at Lululemon while living with parents in Littleton, CO. Made O.D. roster for SD in ’22 & pitched in post-season with Padres. Acquired from CWS 11/25 w/Yoendrys Gomez for Tanner Murray & Everson Pereira.

JOE BOYLE 6’8 RHP 8/14/99 MLB: 1.005

2026: Opening Day Roster for Tampa Bay before IL with R elbow strain after April 8th start vs. Chicago Cubs. Started rehab for May 6th. Is 0-1, 5.17 in 3gs with Rays. Optioned to Durham May 18.

Bio: 5th round (CIN) in 2020 from Notre Dame.

Other: Traded from CIN to OAK in July, 2023 (Sam Moll), then acquired by TB in Dec, 2024 for Jacob Lopez and Jeffrey Springs. Made MLB debut September 17, 2023 for Oakland. Split 2025 between Durham (8-4, 1.88 in 18g/17gs) and Tampa Bay (1-4, 4.67 in 13g/9gs)

MICHAEL FORRET 6’3 RHP 1/28/97 MLB: 0.000

2026: Assigned to Durham June 9th from Double-A Montgomery.

Bio: 14th round (BAL) in 2023 from State College of Florida Manatee-Sarasota.

Other: Was 6-0, 2.15 over 10g/7gs at Double-A Montgomery in 2026 (54.1IP/35H/13ER/22W/56K). Acquired by Rays in trade that sent Shane Baz to Baltimore 12/19/25. Spent 2025 between High-A Aberdeen and Double-A Chesapeake. Attended Providence HS (NC). Initially verballed to ECU before heading to State College of FL.

CAM HILL 6’1 RHP 5/24/94 MLB: 1.112

2026: Made Durham opening day roster.

Bio: 17th round (CLE) in 2014 from Redlands CC (OK)

Other: Made MLB debut July 26, 2020 for Cleveland, appearing in 18 games (2-0, 4.91). Last affiliated game prior to 2026 with Durham was September 30, 2021 pitching for Columbus against Louisville. Induced out of retirement twice. Spent one season as a fill-in pitching coach for University of Illinois in 2024.

STEVEN MATZ 6’2 LHP 5/29/91 MLB: 10.099

2026: Assigned to Durham on major league rehab July 10th (Left ankle). Was 4-4, 6.28 in 15g/10gs with Tampa Bay.

Bio: 2nd round (NYM) in 2009 from Ward Melville HS (NY)

Other: Made MLB debut June 28, 2015 for NYM. Pitched 2015-2020 with Mets, then with Toronto (2021), St. Louis (2022-2025), Boston (2025) and Tampa Bay (2026). Won 10+ games twice in career (2019, 2021). Is 64-66 in career with 981 strikeouts. Started one game in 2015 WS for Mets (v. KC).

CHASE SOLESKY 6’3 RHP 9/26/97 MLB: 0.000

2026: Made first Opening Day roster for Durham. Solesky was selected by the Rays on May 5th, optioned May 8 and did not pitch during his first MLB call-up. Recalled by Rays, then made MLB debut May 18th v Baltimore.

Bio: 21st round (CWS) in 2019 from Tulane.

Other: Acquired by TB as free agent in off-season. Was 6-5, 5.03 in 25 games for Rochester (WASH) in 2025. Solesky pitched for three years at Tulane University.

LOGAN WORKMAN 6’4 RHP 12/6/98 MLB: 0.000

2026: Made second straight Opening Day roster for Durham. Was Durham’s Opening Day starter in Charlotte.

Bio: 7th round (TB) in 2021 from Lee University (TN).

Other: Workman was #2 in ERA, #2 in IP, 3rd in HRA and #1 in K in International League in 2025. Four year player at Lee University in Chattanooga. Grew up as a big Tennessee Volunteers fan.

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