



West Michigan Whitecaps (13-8, 57-29)

High-A Affiliate, Detroit Tigers

LH Joe Miller (69 1/3 IP | 2.99 ERA)

at



Lansing Lugnuts (11-10, 47-40)

High-A Affiliate, Athletics

RH Corey Avant (72 1/3 IP | 5.35 ERA)

GAME 88 ♦ JACKSON® FIELD™ ♦ FRIDAY, JULY 18TH, 2025 ♦ 7:05 PM

History vs. West Michigan

The Nuts are 235-249 all-time vs. the Caps, 122-116 in Lansing and 113-132 in Comstock Park. Last season, the Lugnuts went 9-15 vs. the Whitecaps with a 4-8 record in West Michigan

Meetings	Score	Meetings	Score
1. 5/6 at WM	L, 2-0	13. 7/18 at LAN	
2. 5/7 at WM	W, 3-1	14. 7/19 at LAN	
3. 5/8 at WM	W, 4-2	15. 7/20 at LAN	
4. 5/9 at WM	L, 7-6	16. 8/19 at WM	
5. 5/10 at WM	L, 6-3	17. 8/20 at WM	
6. 5/11 at WM	L, 6-2	18. 8/21 at WM	
7. 6/10 at LAN	L, 6-2	19. 8/22 at WM	
8. 6/11 at LAN	W, 4-3	20. 8/23 at WM	
9. 6/12 at LAN	L, 7-1	21. 8/24 at WM	
10. 6/13 at LAN	L, 20-6		
11. 6/14 at LAN	L, 3-2		
12. 6/15 at LAN	L, 13-1		

Today: The Lansing Lugnuts, High-A affiliate of the A's, return from the All-Star Break with the first of a three-game mini-series vs. the West Michigan Whitecaps, High-A affiliate of the Detroit Tigers. The Nuts are 3-9 against West Michigan this season, losing five of six games at home against the Whitecaps during the second week of June.

Off the Field: Tonight is Christmas in July with a Santa Big Lug Bobblehead Giveaway presented by Jackson, and the Lugnuts clad in Christmas sweater-themed uniforms!

Last Game, Sunday: Lugnuts 3, Loons 1. Corey Avant tossed six scoreless innings for the second time in a week, and the Nuts won four of six games at Dow Diamond.

On Deck: Joey Chestnut Bobblehead and Appearance | Cap City Olive Burgers | LAFCU Fireworks. The American eating champion icon returns to Lansing to be celebrated with his very own Olive Burger bobblehead night, presented by Farm Bureau Insurance. Cheer on the Lugnuts as the Olive Burgers, and then thrill to LAFCU Fireworks after the game.

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

7:05 p.m., Saturday, July 19	RH Preston Howey, Whitecaps	at	RH Grant Judkins, Lugnuts
1:05 p.m., Sunday, July 20	LH Andrew Sears, Whitecaps	at	RH Sha Tzu-Chen, Lugnuts

LUG•NOTES

Report From Atlanta: 2025 Nuts Opening Day starter **Gage Jump** needed only four pitches last Saturday in the All-Star Futures Game, striking out Padres No. 1 prospect Leo De Vries on three pitches and retiring Cubs No. 1 prospect Owen Caissie on a first-pitch groundout to Lugnuts third baseman **Tommy White**. Great Lakes Loons outfielder **Josue De Paula** crunched a three-run go-ahead home run to win the Larry Doby MVP Award, helping the National League prevail, 4-2.

Get to the Weekend: If you'd like to look ahead, the Nuts have won their last seven weekend games, including sweeps the last three weekends against Dayton, Fort Wayne and West Michigan. The Nuts' 11-3 Sunday record marks their best record of any day of the week, though their 10 losses on Friday is their most losses of any day of the week.

Transactions: On July 16, outfielder **Jonny Butler** was given his release, infielder **Elvis Rijo** was transferred to the Arizona Complex League, and the Lugnuts welcomed back infielders **T.J. Schofield-Sam** and **Sahid Valenzuela** from Double-A Midland.

Get to Know These Names: The 2025 MLB Draft was held this past Monday and Tuesday and if the past is any indication, the Athletics' draft picks will be making a Midwest League impact sooner rather than later. Last year, third-rounder **Joshua Kuroda-Grauer** finished the season in Lansing before starring for the Nuts thus far this year. In 2023, the Lugnuts received first-rounder **Jacob Wilson** for 23 games in August; two years later, Wilson started the All-Star Game for the American League at shortstop. This year, the A's selected Florida State southpaw **Jamie Arnold**, Pipeline's No. 4 prospect entering the draft, with the 11th overall pick, following up with a pair of impact slugging outfielders: Indiana Hoosier **Devin Taylor** (the No. 30 prospect) at pick 48 and Oregon State Beaver **Gavin Turley** (the No. 78 prospect) at pick 110.

We Have Contact: No team in Minor League Baseball strikes out fewer times than the Lansing Lugnuts, whose total of 593 whiffs is the best in MiLB by 20 over the next closest team, Erie. The Nuts average a scant 6.82 strikeouts per game. Toledo, in contrast, has struck out 943 times this year and averages 10.14 K's per game.

Mark it Down: Sunday marked save No. 15 for Lansing closer **Mark Adamiak**, most in High-A and tied for 1st in all of Minor League Baseball with Colorado Rockies Futures Game representative Welinton Herrera of the Hartford Yard Goats. Adamiak entered this season with just two saves in all of his baseball career, comprising high school, college, summer ball and MiLB action.

League Leaderboard, Hitters: **T.J. Schofield-Sam** is 1st in the league in batting average (.337), followed by **Nate Nankil** at 2nd (.317); Schofield-Sam is 2nd in OPS (.914), 3rd in OBP (.418) and 4th in slugging (.496); Nankil is 6th in OBP (.405) and **Tommy White** is 7th in slugging (.482); Nankil is 4th in base hits (90), Schofield-Sam is tied for 5th (87) and **Joshua Kuroda-Grauer** is tied for 8th (84).

League Leaderboard, Pitchers: **Grant Judkins** leads the Midwest League in innings pitched (88.0) and is tied for 1st in starts (17). **Steven Echavarria** is tied for 8th in innings (72 1/3). **Blaze Pontes** and **Mark Adamiak** are tied for 1st in appearances (29), followed by teammate **Yehizon Sanchez**, tied for 3rd with 28 appearances.

At the Plate: The Lugnuts are 2nd in the Midwest League in batting average (.258), 2nd in at-bats (2883), 2nd in base hits (743), 2nd in doubles (163) and 3rd in HBPs (77).

On the Mound: The Lugnuts are 1st in holds (35), tied for 2nd in saves (23), 3rd in innings (753.0), 1st in fewest hit batsmen (29), 3rd in fewest walks (321), 1st in fewest balks (5) and 2nd in double play grounders (68).

In the Field: The Nuts turn the most double plays (88) in the MWL, and SS **Joshua Kuroda-Grauer** leads the league in assists.

IN A NUTSHELL

36-30 | 11-10 | Won 3

Home:	24-21	Night:	29-29
Road:	23-19	Day:	18-11

vs. LHP: 11-15 vs. RHP: 36-25

White unis:	13-10
Black unis:	21-15
Retro Gray unis:	7-5
Lansing Locos unis:	3-6
Special one-off unis:	3-4

Tuesday:	5-9
Wednesday:	9-4
Thursday:	8-6
Friday:	6-10
Saturday:	8-8
Sunday:	11-3

Series wins:	5
Series losses:	4
Series splits:	6

Scored 1st:	29-13
Opponent scored 1st:	18-27

Doubleheaders (W-L-S):	1-0-2
Shutouts:	4-5

More hits than opp.:	36-5
Fewer hits than opp.:	10-32
Equal hits:	1-3
Games decided by 1 run:	11-9

Comeback wins:	19
Final at-bat wins:	11
Walk-offs:	4
Extra Innings:	4-3

9-IP	Leading	Trailing	Tied
After 6:	24-5	11-27	6-5
After 7:	31-3	7-31	3-3
After 8:	34-3	4-31	3-3



Luggie's Nuggets

Kansas City Royals	1996-1998
Chicago Cubs	1999-2004
Toronto Blue Jays	2005-2020
Athletics	2021-present

Colors	red and black
Mascot Logo	Big Lug, a river dragon Luggie the Lugnut
Ballpark	Jackson® Field™
First Game at Ballpark	April 3, 1996: Michigan vs. Michigan St.
Total Capacity	11,000
Seasons	29
Championships	1997, 2003
All-Star Games Hosted	1997, 1999, 2002, 2018
Total Games	3,926
All-Time Won-Lost Record	1,969-1,957, .501

969 total players have played for the Lugnuts all time, with 208 (21%) also playing in the Majors – nine rehabbers and 199 earning their ticket up the ladder. The most recent was **Colby Thomas**, who debuted June 30 for the A's.

- 72 Lugnuts alumni debuted with the Toronto Blue Jays
- 32 with the Chicago Cubs
- 24 with the A's
- 22 with the Kansas City Royals
- 11 with the Florida/Miami Marlins
- 4 with the Seattle Mariners and San Diego Padres
- 3 with the Baltimore Orioles, Boston Red Sox and St. Louis Cardinals
- 2 with the Chicago White Sox, Colorado Rockies, Detroit Tigers, Pittsburgh Pirates, San Francisco Giants and Tampa Bay Rays
- 1 with the Atlanta Braves, L.A. Angels, L.A. Dodgers, Milwaukee Brewers, New York Mets, Texas Rangers, and Washington Nationals

All-Star nods: Carlos Beltrán (9x), Vladimir Guerrero, Jr. (4), Carlos Zambrano (3), Bo Bichette (2), rehabber Ryan Dempster (2), Jordan Romano (2), rehabber Marcus Stroman (2), Henderson Álvarez (1), rehabber Kevin Appier (1), Lance Carter (1), Yan Gomes (1), Alejandro Kirk (1), Carlos Mármol (1), Mason Miller (1), rehabber Mark Prior (1), Aaron Sanchez (1), Noah Syndergaard (1).

World Series titles (as a player): Jeremy Affeldt (3), Ryan Theriot (2), rehabber Kevin Appier (1), Carlos Beltrán (1), rehabber Ryan Dempster (1), Chad Durbin (1), Yan Gomes (1), 2011 manager Mike Redmond (1), Marc Rzepczynski (1).

World Series titles (as a coach): rehabber Mark Prior (2), Seth Conner (1), 2010 manager Sal Fasano (1), 2008-09 manager Clayton McCullough (1).

MLB No-Hitters: pitchers - Carlos Zambrano (9/14/08); Henderson Álvarez III (9/29/13); Taylor Cole (combined, 7/12/19); Aaron Sanchez (combined, 8/3/19); Ryan Tepera (combined, 6/24/21); catcher - Robinson Chirinos (Justin Verlander, 9/1/19).

Hit for the Cycle: Félix Pié (8/14/09); Cavan Biggio (9/17/19).

Rookie of the Year: Carlos Beltrán (A.L., 1999).

Comeback Player of the Year: Casey McGehee (N.L., 2014).

Gold Gloves: Carlos Beltrán (3), Vladimir Guerrero Jr. (1), Marcus Stroman (1).

Silver Sluggers: Carlos Beltrán (3), Carlos Zambrano (3), Vladimir Guerrero Jr. (2), Yan Gomes (1).

Major League Nuts

A's: Lawrence Butler (2021-22), Denzel Clarke (2022), Hogan Harris (2022), Grant Holman (2022-23), Mason Miller (2022), Max Muncy (2022-23), Jack Perkins (2023), Max Schuemann (2021), Tyler Soderstrom (2022), Jacob Wilson (2023)

Arizona Diamondbacks: Anthony DeSclafani (2012), Kendall Graveman (2013-14), Gabriel Moreno (2019),

Boston Red Sox: Josh Winckowski (2019)

Chicago Cubs: Jon Berti (2012), Matthew Boyd (2013), Nate Pearson (2018)

Chicago White Sox: Ryan Noda (2018), Joshua Palacios (2016-17), Vinny Capra (2018)

Cleveland Guardians: Lane Thomas (2015-16)

Kansas City Royals: Cavan Biggio (2016)

Los Angeles Angels: assistant pitching coach Sal Fasano (2010 manager), infield coach Ryan Goins (2009-10)

Los Angeles Dodgers: pitching coach Mark Prior (2004 rehab)

Miami Marlins: Griffin Conine (2019), Otto López (2019), Jesús Tinoco (2015), Jack Winkler (2022-23), Clayton McCullough (2008-09 manager)

New York Mets: Danny Young (2016)

New York Yankees: Marcus Stroman (2015 rehab)

Pittsburgh Pirates: Ryan Borucki (2016), Tim Mayza (2015)

Seattle Mariners: Casey Lawrence (2010-11), Rowdy Tellez (2014-15)

Tampa Bay Rays: Danny Jansen (2015)

Texas Rangers: assistant hitting coach Seth Conner (2013-14)

Toronto Blue Jays: Bo Bichette (2017), Vladimir Guerrero, Jr. (2017), Leo Jimenez (2019), Alejandro Kirk (2019), manager John Schneider (2016 manager), third base coach Carlos Febles (1996), bullpen catcher Luis Hurtado (2011)

Washington Nationals: Drew Millas (2021)

MIDWEST LEAGUE MATCHUPS

Opponents	Home	Road	Total
Beloit	3-3		3-3
Cedar Rapids	July 29-Aug 3		6 games
Dayton	3-3, Aug 12-17	5-1, Sept 2-7	8-4, 12 left
Fort Wayne	6-3	2-4	8-7
Great Lakes	3-3	4-2, August 5-10	7-5, 12 left
Lake County	3-3, Aug 26-31	2-4, July 22-27	5-7, 12 left
Quad Cities		3-3	3-3
South Bend	5-1		5-1
West Michigan	1-5, July 18-20	2-4, August 19-24	3-9, 9 left
Wisconsin		5-1	5-1
Totals	24-21, 21 games left	23-19, 24 games left	47-40, 45 left

THE A's SYSTEM

Athletics - MLB



41-57

American League West

Today: at Cleveland, 4:05 p.m.
JP Sears vs. Slade Cecconi

Midland RockHounds



45-42

Double-A Texas League

Today: vs. Arkansas, 8:00 p.m.
SP: Chen Zhong-Ao Zhuang

Las Vegas Aviators



59-34

Triple-A Pacific Coast League

Today: vs. Round Rock, 10:05 p.m.
SP: Ken Waldichuk

Stockton Ports



38-49

Single-A California League

Today: vs. Fresno, 10:05 p.m.

JULY 18TH IN LUGNUTS HISTORY

2011: The first nine Clinton LumberKings batters reached base and scored against relievers Dayton Marze and Shawn Griffith in a nine-run bottom of the 7th inning. The rally was capped by a two-run homer from the ice cream batter, Mickey Wiswall, giving everyone in Clinton free ice cream. The LumberKings rallied from a 5-2 deficit to rout the Nuts 11-5.

Happy Birthday, Dave Willis (1974), a 10th round selection by Kansas City in 1997 from UC Santa Barbara, who batted .281 with 30 doubles in 1998, but reached his ceiling with Double-A Wichita in 2000.

CATCHING STATS

	Diaz	Rodriguez	Schwartz
W-L (ShO)	7-8	19-11	13-9
ERA	5.36	3.48	4.35
INN.	131.0	264.0	182.0
R (ER)	83 (78)	124 (102)	105 (88)
E	3	2	1
PB	3	4	5
CS%	1-14, 7%	10-39, 26%	3-19, 16%
Pickoffs	-	-	1

STARTING PITCHER

#11 • RH • **Steven Echavarria** • 6-1, 180 • age 19

Profile

Name Steven Anthony Echavarria
Birthday August 6, 2005
Born Livingston, New Jersey
School Millburn High School
Acquired 3rd round, 72nd overall, 2023
Bats / Throws Right / Right

*Pronounce Steven's surname "etch-uh-VAIR-ee-uh,"
with the emphasis on the third syllable.*

Longest Outing: 6 1/3 IP, May 31, 2025, vs. Beloit | **Most K:** 7, 3x

In a Nutshell: Pipeline's No. 10 A's prospect / No. 5 pitching prospect (behind Gage Jump, Mason Barnett, Luis Morales and Jack Perkins); their grades: Fastball 55, Slider 55, Changeup 50, Control 50, Overall 45... **Fangraphs' No. 7 A's prospect;** grades present/future - Fastball 45/55, Slider 55/60, Changeup 40/55, Command 25/50.

Splits:

- Home: 0-4, 7.45, 38 2/3, 1.78 WHIP, .327 avg. | Road: 2-1, 2.94, 33 2/3 IP, 1.34 WHIP, .230 avg.
 - vs. lefties: .333 / .424 / .525, 21 BB, 27 K | vs. righties: .234 / .304 / .343, 14 BB, 33 K... base-stealers are 8-for-12.

Last Time Out: Started Game 2 of a doubleheader at Great Lakes, July 10, receiving a no-decision... had no difficulties in the first two innings, striking out the side in the 2nd, but departed due to elevated pitch count two outs into the 3rd: two hits, one run, one HBP, three strikeouts in total... 46 pitches, 31 strikes... the Lugnuts went on to fall, 4-1.

Gatorade, Not Gator: Echavarria posted a 0.28 ERA with 80 strikeouts in 50 innings as a senior at Millburn High School, allowing only one extra-base hit the whole season. He was named New Jersey's 2022-2023 Gatorade High School Baseball Player of the Year and the top prep prospect in the state. Initially committed to Oregon, he changed his commitment to the University of Florida as his senior year dawned, but then signed with the A's for \$3 million to head into professional baseball – the only New Jersey high schooler taken in the 2023 MLB Draft.

Teen Beat: 19-year-old Steven Echavarria, like 19-year-old teammate Wei-En Lin, is part of an exclusive club: players who suited up for the Lugnuts as teenagers. Future Major Leaguers include 19-year-old Max Muncy, who joined the Nuts for the final 42 games of 2022; 19-year-old Gabriel Moreno, who homered in his first Lugnuts at-bat in 2019; Vladimir Guerrero, Jr. and Bo Bichette, who were 18 and 19 respectively when they dominated the 2017 Midwest League and appeared in the Futures Game; 18-year-old Carlos Beltrán, who was in the Lugnuts' very first Opening Day lineup on April 5, 1996; and the 1999 Lugnuts teenage duo of 19-year-old Corey Patterson, who was named the Midwest League Prospect of the Year, and 18-year-old Carlos Zambrano, who won 13 games and worked 153 1/3 innings.

Path to Lansing: After signing, Echavarria debuted in instructional league ball in 2023. He was slated to pitch in the 2024 Spring Breakout for the A's against the Giants, but the game was canceled due to rain. On May 2, 2024, Game 22 of the Stockton Ports' season, he made his official professional debut, starting against Visalia and working three scoreless innings before allowing two unearned run in the fourth... posted 9.00 ERA in six May starts (20 R/18 ER in 18 IP)... limited opposition to one run or fewer in nine of his final 13 starts of the year, including stretch from June 25-August 4 with just 2 ER allowed in 25 2/3 IP... vs. right-handers: .306/.386/.387, 1 HR, 5 GiDP... vs. left-handers: .316/.431/.474, 3 HR, 1 GiDP... best inning was the fourth inning: 3-for-26, .115 avg. against... base-stealers were successful in 11 of 13 attempts.

YR	CLUB	W-L	ERA	G	GS	CG	ShO	SV	IP	AB	H	R	ER	HR	HB	BB	IBB	K	WP	BK	AVG
2024	Stockton	0-5	6.55	19	19	0	0	0	57.2	238	74	50	42	4	5	36	0	59	4	0	.311
2025	Lansing	2-5	5.35	17	16	0	0	0	72.1	278	79	47	43	6	4	35	0	60	5	0	.284
TOTALS		2-10	5.88	36	35	0	0	0	130.0	516	153	97	85	10	9	71	0	119	9	0	.297

IN THE BULLPEN

21 MARK ADAMIAK • RH • Age 24 • "uh-DAHME-ee-ack" • MWL: 2
FB, CUT, SL, CH | 2024: Stockton, 5-5, 4.90, 45 G, 2 SV, 60 2/3 IP, 62 H, 7 HR, 28 BB, 75 K, 12 WP
 4 days rest
 • Born in Des Plaines, IL... lives in Shawnee, Kansas... 454th overall, 15th rd., 2022, Arkansas.
 • \$125,000... at Shawnee Mission Northwest H.S., ranked the No. 1 RHP in Kansas in 2019.
 • Drafted after r-soph. year: Acad. Honor Roll; 9 G, 3 GS, 3.95, 13 2/3 IP, 14 H, 6 R, 8 BB, 18 K.
 • Four relief appearances with Lansing to end 2023: 5 IP, 4 H, 3 R, 1 HR, 2 BB, 7 K.

15 HUNTER BREault • RH • Age 26 • "BRO" • MWL seasons: 3
FB, CU, SL, SPL | 2024: Lansing, 4-3, 6.08, 36 G, 6 SV, 40 IP, 5 HR, 30 BB, 42 K, 5 WP
 5 days rest
 • Kapolei, HI... \$35,000... drafted 608th, 20th round, 2021, from the University of Oregon.
 • 2019 California Collegiate League top prospect by Perfect Game (12 G, 16 IP, 1 ER).
 • Perfect Game's No. 1 HS recruit in Hawaii... high school teammates with Blaze Pontes.
 • Four yrs. at Oregon: 50 G, 4.68, 57.2, 44 K... 19 G w/ LAN in 2023, spent 2024 with Nuts.

13 JAKE CHRISTIANSON • RH • 25 • MWL season: 1
FB, CU, SL, SPL | 2024: Bowling Green, 4-1, 3.74, 31 G, 2 SV, 53 IP, 41 H, 6 HR, 4 HBP, 19 BB, 56 K
 7 days rest
 • St. Paul, MN... drafted by TB 464th, 15th round, 2022, Feather River College... \$50,000.
 • Converted from catcher to closer at FRC... signed by Rays away from So. Illinois commit.
 • Released by Tampa on March 21, 2025... signed as free agent by the A's on March 22.
 • Drafted 10 picks after Mark Adamiak, 20 picks ahead of Blaze Pontes... enjoys cornhole.
 • Attended Northern Iowa Area CC for one year... business & biomechanics major.

17 HENRY GÓMEZ • RH • Age 23 • MWL season: 1
FB, SINK, CU, SL, CH | 2024: Palm Beach, 6-3, 3.03, 39 G, 12 SV, 62 1/3, 1 HR, 26 BB, 44 K
 7 days rest
 • Born in Maracaibo, lives in Zulia, Venezuela... signed by STL as an int'l free agent, 7/28/18.
 • Acquired by the Athletics in the Triple-A portion of the Rule 5 draft, 12/11/24.
 • Spent 2019, 2021, 2022 in Dominican Summer League, converting from starter to reliever.
 • Pitched in 2023 and 2024 in the Florida State League, lowering ERA from 4.91 to 3.03.

31 WANDER GUANTE • RH • Age 26 • MWL seasons: 2
FB, SL, CH | 2024: Lansing, 1-3, 5.22, 14 G, 7 GS, 50 IP, 8 HR, 22 BB, 35 K, .268 avg.
 4 days rest
 • Santo Domingo, DR... signed by the Athletics as an international free agent on 3/22/19.
 • "Guante" in English means glove... uncle Cecilio Guante pitched in MLB, 1982-1990.
 • Promoted to Midland 5/14, returned 7/19, promoted to Las Vegas 8/31/24 (6 G, 18 2/3, 5.79).
 • 2024 Arizona Fall League: 9 G, 7.84, 10 1/3 IP, 10 R, 5 BB, 8 K... rejoined LAN May 13, 2025.

20 JACK MAHONEY • LH • Age 26 • MWL season: 1
FB, SINK, SL, CH | 2024: Windy City, 5-4, 3.45, 52 G, 60 IP, 57 H, 4 HR, 24 BB, 61 K, 1.35 WHIP
 6 days rest
 • Appleton, WI... undrafted out of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, earned way to MiLB through indy ball.
 • Attended Appleton West, same high school as Lugnuts / MLB catcher Danny Jansen.
 • Independent experience: 2022-23 Milwaukee, '24 Windy City, '25 Staten Island FerryHawks.
 • 2025: 6 GS with Staten Island, 5.45 ERA, 33 IP, 12 BB, 41 K... purchased by A's on June 9.

27 JAKE PFENNIGS • RH • Age 25 • "FENN-igs" • MWL season: 1
FB, SINK, CU, SL, CH | 2024: Stockton, 1-2, 4.87, 8 G, 2 GS, 20 1/3, 21 H, 1 HR, 7 BB, 26 K, 5 WP
 4 days rest
 • Born in Coeur d'Alene, lives in Post Falls, ID... 394th, 13th rd., 2022, Oregon St. ... \$125,000.
 • 2018 Idaho Gatorade HS Player of the Year... 18 ppg, 12 rpg on Post Falls basketball team.
 • 2018 Baseball Northwest's top-ranked prospect for the full Idaho/Montana/Wyoming region.
 • Has battled injuries: 27 G across three pro seasons... 2-IP cameo for Triple-A LV in 2024.

16 BLAZE PONTES • RH • Age 25 • "PAHN-tez" • MWL seasons: 2
FB, SINK, CU, SL, CH | 2024: Lansing, 3-9, 7.36, 26 G, 10 GS, 88 IP, 113 H, 76 R, 11 HR, 40 BB, 44 K
 5 days rest
 • Mililani, HI... drafted 484th overall, 16th rd., 2022, University of Hawaii... signed for \$75,000.
 • 1st Team All-State as a high school junior (0.95)... Jr. year at Hawai'i: 1st Team All Big West
 • One year younger than teammate Hunter Breault at Kamehameha-Kapālama High School.
 • 2021: played for Waterloo (Northwoods League), where Lugs franchise used to be located.

33 TOM REISINGER • RH • 24 • "RICE-ing-er" • MWL season: 1
FB, CU, SWEEP, CH | 2024: Stockton, 1-5, 9.05, 21 G, 5 GS, 62 2/3, 93 H, 8 HR, 7 HBP, 41 BB, 53 K
 7 days rest
 • Kulpmont, PA... 286th overall, 10th rd., 2023, East Stroudsburg University (ESU) Warriors.
 • Signed for \$125,000... Mount Carmel Area H.S. quarterback... also played basketball.
 • Drafted following Jr. year: led PSAC in K (97 in 71 2/3 IP)... 2022-23 total: 185 K in 140 2/3.
 • Made pro debut in 2023 in ACL: 4 G/2 GS, 6 IP, 10 K... spent 2024 in Stockton, IL: May 1-30.

30 YEHIZON SANCHEZ • RH • 24 • "YAY-ih-son" • MWL seasons: 3
SINK, SL, CH | 2024: Lansing, 2-6, 6.18, 37 G, 1 SV, 51 IP, 63 H, 3 HR, 5 HBP, 31 BB, 44 K
 5 days rest
 • La Romana, DR... signed at age 18 as an international free agent on July 2, 2019.
 • In same signing class as James González and Wander Guante, who are in Midland.
 • Others from La Romana: Edwin Encarnación, Félix Pié and Miguel Castro.
 • 2023 Stockton Ports Opening Day starter... pitched in four games with Lansing in 2023.



fastball, curve, slider, change-up

#14 • LH • Lin Wei-En • 6-2, 195 • age 19

Profile

Name Lin Wei-En
Birthday Nov. 4, 2005, in Taoyuen, Taiwan
Born Kueishan, Taiwan
School Ping-Zhen High School
Acquired International Free Agent, June 4, 2024
Bats / Throws Left / Left

Pronounce Lin's name as "Leen Way-Un"

Longest Outing: 6 IP vs. San Jose, May 16, 2025 | **Most K:** 9 at Visalia, April 17, 2025

In a Nutshell: MLB Pipeline's **No. 30 A's prospect / No. 15 pitching prospect:** Fastball 50, Curve 50, Slider 45, Changeup 50, Splitter 45, Control 55, Overall 40... struck out first five batters faced in the Midwest League, June 26 vs. Dayton... followed up with three scoreless innings / 4 K at Fort Wayne, July 2... tossed four one-hit innings in first MWL start, July 10 at Great Lakes, striking out five... has "A+" printed in his green and gold glove because he set High-A as his goal for his first professional season... favorite American restaurants are Raising Cane's and Shake Shack... has a talent for imitating batting stances of any hitter, a la Batting Stance Guy.

Personal: The 18-year-old Lin signed for \$1.13 million as the A's third highest paid international free agent after OF Jose Ramos and SS Edgar Montero... international scouting director: Steven Sharpe; signing scout: Adam Hislop... cousin Ching-Hsien Ko is currently dominating the Arizona Complex League for the Dodgers (.362/.479/.533 in 45 games)... uncle Chen-Yu Hung pitched in CPBL from 2015-2019... famously won both the sem-final and championship games on the same day for his Little League team at age 11, throwing more than 200 pitches in total.

International Competition: Pitched for Taiwan in 2023 U-18 Baseball World Cup: 2-0, 13 IP, 0 ER, 1 BB, 14 K, defeating South Korea (5 1/3 IP, 1 UER, 6 K) and the Netherlands (7 2/3 IP, 8 K)... pitched for Taiwan (Chinese Taipei) in 2026 WBC qualifying: 2 G, 1 1/3 IP, 1 H, 0 R, 0 BB, 4 K, as Taiwan qualified for the World Baseball Classic; former Lugnut Chen Zhong-Ao Zhuang earned the win in the qualifying victory vs. Spain, February 25, 2025.

Professional Career: Debuted for the Stockton Ports, appearing in relief in the second game of the California League season, April 5, and firing three perfect innings with seven strikeouts... made first start on April 11, striking out eight in five innings of one-run ball... tossed four perfect innings with nine K's on April 17 to earn first win... stats following those first three appearances: 12 IP, 1 R, 0 BB, 24 K... became regular member of Stockton rotation starting May 4... stats in California League: 2.77 ERA at home, 5.25 ERA on the road | .205 vs. left, .267 vs. right | base-stealers went 4-for-9... promoted to Lansing June 24.

Players from Taiwan in MLB: The only Taiwanese player to see time in the Majors this season is Tsung-Che Cheng of the Pittsburgh Pirates/Triple-A Indianapolis Indians... there have been 18 Major Leaguers all-time from Taiwan, the first being Chin-Feng Chen of the Dodgers, who played from 2002-2005... the Yankees' Chien-Ming Wang (2005-09, 2011-13, 2016) has the most career wins (68), the Orioles/Marlins' Wei-Yin Chen (2012-19) has the most career innings pitched (1,064 2/3), and Cleveland's Yu Chang (2019-23) has the most offensive records, from games played (235) to runs (72) to hits (121) to homers (20).

Players from Taiwan in Lansing: The first Taiwanese Lugnuts are franchise record-holders – Po-Hsuan Keng, who pitched primarily out of the bullpen for the Nuts from 2005-2007, and Chi-Hung Chen, who served as a starting pitcher in 2005-06 and 2008... in 2024, Brock Whittlesey broke Keng's franchise record of most career appearances; Whittlesey pitched in 103 games from 2021-23, while Keng appeared in 94... Cheng, meanwhile, owns the Lugnuts' franchise record for most career innings pitched (374), with Keng ranking second (202); Cheng also ranks first in games started (67), career wins (23), losses (20), starts (67), strikeouts (367), runs (188), hits (360), and walks (189). Last season, the Lugnuts had Chen Zhong-Ao Zhuang, who sparkled with a 2.56 ERA in nine appearances, six starts, spanning 31 2/3 innings, posting a 3:29 BB:K ratio.



fastball, knuckle curve, slider, vulcan change-up

YR	CLUB	W-L	ERA	G	GS	CG	ShO	SV	IP	AB	H	R	ER	HR	HB	BB	IBB	K	WP	BK	AVG
2025	Stockton	1-4	3.96	13	10	0	0	0	50.0	194	49	27	22	5	2	6	0	69	6	1	.253
	Lansing	1-0	2.79	3	1	0	0	0	9.2	30	2	3	3	0	0	5	0	12	1	0	.067
	TOTALS	2-4	3.77	16	11	0	0	0	59.2	224	51	30	25	5	2	11	0	81	7	1	.228

4 DAVIS DIAZ • R/R • C • Age 22 • 1st season with Lugnuts				
<i>2024: Stockton, 14 G, .226 / .397 / .283, 12-for-53, 12 R, 3 2B, 0 3B, 0 HR, 6 RBI, 8 BB, 9 K, 7 HBP, 0 SB, 0 E</i>				
Last Game: 0-3, BB, K	GL: 6-18, 2 R, 2 2B, HR, 5 RBI, 2 BB, K	FW: 4-16, 2 R, 2B, RBI, 2 K, E	Current Hit Streak: -1 (0-3)	On-Base Streak: +8 (10-31, BB)
- Pittsburg, CA... signed for \$250,000 as the 226th pick, 8th round, 2024, Vanderbilt University. - Joined the Lugnuts June 3 from Stockton, replacing the promoted Cole Conn (Double-A Midland). 3x gold medalist, Team USA (2015, 2017, 2018), Perfect Game's No. 12 prospect in California. 2025 in Stockton: 42 G, .250 / .384 / .355, 10 2B, 3 3B, 0 HR, 21 RBI, 6-for-9 SB, 29 BB, 28 K, 6 HBP.				
10 JARED DICKEY • L/R • OF • Age 23 • 2nd season with Lugnuts				
<i>2024 Quad Cities: 81 G, .269 / .360 / .424, 39 R, 12 2B, 3 3B, 9 HR, 40 RBI, 32 BB, 64 K, 9 HBP, 8-for-12 SB... with Lansing: 34 G, .237 / .299 / .298, 31 H, 3 2B, 1 3B, 1 HR, 15 RBI, 3 SF, 10 BB, 23 K, 2 SB</i>				
Last Game: -	GL: 2-13, 4 R, 5 BB, 3 K, 1-2 SB, 2 E	FW: 7-22, 8 R, 4 2B, HR, 2 RBI, 4 BB, K, SB	Hit Streak: +1 (1-4)	On-Base Streak: +1 (1-3, 2 BB)
- Mt. Juliet, TN... signed for \$572,500 as the 319th pick, 11th round, 2023, University of Tennessee. - Acquired from KC by the A's on July 30, 2024, w/ Will Klein and Mason Barnett for Lucas Erceg. - Majored in recreation and sport management at UT... won 2020 Perfect Game 18U World Series title. 2023 All-SEC 2nd Team: 63 G, .328/ .392/ .525, 12 HR... had batted .380/ .484/ .690 in 40 G in 2022.				
24 RODNEY GREEN, JR. • L/L • OF • Age 22 • 1st season with Lugnuts • MLB Pipeline's No. 16 A's prospect				
<i>2024 with California: 55 G, .267 / .409 / .549, 55 H, 56 R, 14 2B, 1 3B, 14 HR, 46 RBI, 7 HBP, 43 BB, 72 K, 15-for-19 SB... with Stockton: 24 G, .289 / .368 / .464, 28 H, 19 R, 8 2B, 3 HR, 21 RBI, 9-for-10 SB</i>				
Last Game: -	GL: 2-14, 2 R, 3 RBI, 3 BB, 8 K, HBP	FW: 1-12, BB, 6 K	Current Hit Streak: +1 (1-3)	On-Base Streak: +1 (1-3, BB)
- Born in Berkeley, lives in Richmond, CA... 104th overall pick, 4th round, 2024, Cal... \$1,000,000. - Ranked ninth all-time at Cal with 34 homers, totaling 144 runs / 105 RBIs / 45 steals in 151 games. - Crushed first two home runs of the year vs. Great Lakes, April 8... 2-strike, 2-out GS in 9th vs. GL, 4/13. - El Cerrito H.S. alumni: John Fogerty, Phil Lesh, Pumpsie Green, Drew Gooden, Ernie Broglio.				
2 JOSHUA KURODA-GRAUER • R/R • INF • Age 22 • 2nd season with Lugnuts • MLB Pipeline's No. 8 A's prospect				
<i>2024 with Rutgers: 53 G, .428 / .492 / .590, 54 R, 95 H, 19 2B, 1 3B, 5 HR, 45 RBI, 32 BB, 18 K, 24-27 SB... combined pro debut (Stockton/Lansing/Vegas): 28 G, .324 / .421 / .343, 2 2B, 12 BB, 9 K, 5-7 SB</i>				
Last Game: 1-5, R, K, SB	GL: 3-18, 3 R, 4 BB, 4 K, HBP, 5 SB	FW: 5-23, 2 R, 2B, 3 RBI, 2 BB, 3 K, HBP, CS	Hit Streak: +2 (3-9)	On-Base Streak: +3 (3-11, 3 BB, HBP)
- Somerset, New Jersey... signed for \$1,043,900 as the 75th pick, 3rd round, 2024, Rutgers. 2024 Big Ten Player of the Year... 2024 All-Big Ten First Team... First Team All-America PGUSA. - Led NCAA D-I with 95 hits in the 2024 regular season... 2nd in NCAA with .428 average (1st - Condon). - Promoted to Lugnuts August 27: 12 G, .286 / .400, 2 2B, 5 BB, 3 K... Las Vegas: 4 G, 2-for-12, 1 RBI.				
26 RYAN LASKO • R/R • OF • Age 22 • 2nd season with Lugnuts • MLB Pipeline's No. 15 A's prospect				
<i>2024 with Stockton: 82 G, .225 / .359 / .322, 72 H, 48 R, 19 2B, 0 3B, 4 HR, 29 RBI, 9 HBP, 59 BB, 103 K, 20-26 SB, 2 E... with Lansing: 41 G, .245 / .341 / .342, 7 2B, 1 3B, 2 HR, 18 RBI, 20 BB, 35 K, 13-14 SB</i>				
Last Game: 0-3, RBI, K, SF	GL: 4-15, 3 R, HR, 4 RBI, 2 BB, 4 K, 2 HBP, SB	FW: 3-21, 2 R, 3 RBI, BB, 5 K, 3 SB, 3 HBP, E	Hit Streak: -1 (0-3)	On-Base Streak: -1 (0-3)
- Jackson, New Jersey... 2nd round, 41st overall, 2023, from Rutgers... signed for \$1.7 million. - First Scarlet Knight in Big Ten era to be All-American, 2021... tied RU 2B record (24) in 2022. - Led Big Ten in base hits (90) and runs scored (81) in 2022... criminal justice major. - Rated California League's Best Outfield Arm by Baseball America in 2024... Injured List, 4/4-5/12/25.				
25 DARLYN MONTERO • L/R • INF • Age 23 • 1st season with Lugnuts				
<i>2024 with Stockton: 95 G, .256 / .318 / .353, 93 H, 43 R, 15 2B, 1 3B, 6 HR, 29 RBI, 1 Sac., 1 SF, 10 HBP, 24 BB, 104 K, 9-for-9 SB, 8 E</i>				
Last Game: 1-4, 3 K	vs. GL: 3-13, R, 2B, 2 RBI, BB, 7 K, HBP	FW: 3-13, R, 2B, RBI, 4 K	Current Hit Streak: +2 (2-7)	On-Base Streak: +5 (5-17, BB, HBP)
- Azua, Dominican Republic... signed as an international free agent on November 7, 2018. - Played in DSL in 2019 (55 G, .213 avg.) and 2021 (40 G, .217 avg.), ACL in 2022 and 2023.				
19 NATE NANKIL • R/R • OF • Age 22 • 2nd season with Lugnuts • MLB Pipeline's No. 26 A's prospect				
<i>2024 in Stockton: 83 G, .285 / .401 / .460, 20 2B, 1 3B, 10 HR, 56 RBI, 44 BB, 64 K, 3-5 SB... Lansing, 28 G, .356 / .414 / .452, 37 H, 14 R, 7 2B, 0 3B, 1 HR, 14 RBI, 1 SF, 3 HBP, 8 BB, 25 K, 0-1 SB, 2 E</i>				
Last Game: 1-3, R, 2 BB, K	GL: 6-18, 7 R, 2 3B, 6 RBI, 4 BB, 2 K, HBP, 2 SB	FW: 5-16, 2 R, 3 RBI, 6 BB, 3 K, 2 HBP	Hit Streak: +1 (1-3)	On-Base Streak: +3 (2-9, 3 BB, HBP)
- Born in San Diego, resides in Chula Vista, CA... 7th round, 2023, Cal State Fullerton... \$300,000. - Grew up a Padres / Fernando Tatís, Jr. fan ... born w/ one functioning kidney... 5 RBI, 4/9/25 vs. GL. - Joins Sahid Valenzuela and A's manager Mark Kotsay as Fullerton Titans in the organization. - Batted .379 with .960 OPS in June, reaching base in all but one of 22 games played in the month.				
7 CJ RODRIGUEZ • R/R • C • Age 25 • 3rd season with Lugnuts				
<i>2024 with Lansing: 70 G, .201 / .320 / .236, 46 H, 21 R, 6 2B, 1 3B, 0 HR, 18 RBI, 2 SF, 3 HBP, 38 BB, 48 K, 4 E</i>				
Last Game: 0-4, K	vs. GL: 0-8, K	FW: 1-6, sacrifice	Current Hit Streak: -2 (0-8)	On-Base Streak: -2 (0-8)
- Carlos, Jr. ... Newport Beach, CA... 58th pick, 5th round, 2021, Vanderbilt... signed for \$400,000. - Has collected two hits in the same inning 2x for the Lugnuts: 7/19/23 vs. GL and 7/30/24 vs. Dayton.				
18 T.J. SCHOFIELD-SAM • L/R • INF • Age 24 • 3rd season with Lugnuts				
<i>2024 with ACL A's: 7 G, 12-for-28, .429 / .484 / .607... with Stockton: 59 G, .280 / .325 / .386, 71 H, 30 R, 11 2B, 2 3B, 4 HR, 38 RBI, 5-6 SB... with Lansing: 32 G, .231 / .331 / .343, 6 2B, 2 HR, 10 RBI, 7 HBP</i>				
Last Game: -	vs. GL: -	FW: -	Current Hit Streak: -	On-Base Streak: -
- Tyrell James... Brampton, ON... 374th pick, 12th rd., 2019, North Park S.S. ... signed for \$320,000. - Bronze Medalist w/ Canada Junior National Team in Panama... father is from Saint Vincent (SVG). 2018 - won the Tournament 12 title, the Marucci World Series title and U-21 Canadian Baseball title. - Promoted to Midland July 1, returned July 17... Double-A stats: 9 G, 5-36, .139/ .162/ .139, 1 BB, 6 K, 2 SB. - Has enjoyed marvelous 2025 with Lugnuts... 5-for-5 vs. Fort Wayne on April 24... batted .371 in April. - May 31 vs. Beloit, blasted go-ahead grand slam in the 7th ("The Schofield-Slam"), leading to 8-2 win.				
8 NICK SCHWARTZ • R/R • C • Age 24 • 1st season with Lugnuts				
<i>2024 with Stockton: 46 G, .207 / .323 / .266, 35 H, 28 R, 4 2B, 2 HR, 19 RBI, 28 BB, 60 K, 2-2 SB, 3 E... 2024 with ACL A's: 13 G, .244 / .340 / .268, 10 H, 4 R, 1 2B, 3 RBI, 6 BB, 14 K, 0 E</i>				
Last Game: -	vs. GL: 2-3, K, SB	FW: 1-8, R, 3B, 2 K	Current Hit Streak: +1 (2-3)	On-Base Streak: +1 (2-3)
- Massapequa, NY... signed as undrafted free agent, July 17, 2023, Southern New Hampshire. - SNHU's record-holder in career avg. (.398) and single-season RBI (71 in 2023)... only 1 E in 2023.				
1 SAHID VALENZUELA • S/R • INF • Age 27 • 4th season with Lugnuts				
<i>2024 in Midland: 35 G, .183 / .231 / .211, 9 R, 3 2B, 5 RBI, 7 BB, 22 K, 1-for-2 SB, 1 sac, 1 SF, 5 GIDP... 2024 with Lansing: 30 G, .173 / .246 / .192, 18 H, 12 R, 1 3B, 7 RBI, 10 BB, 23 K, 2-for-2 SB, 3 E</i>				
Last Game: -	vs. GL: -	FW: -	Current Hit Streak: -	On-Base Streak: -
- Somerton, AZ... signed for \$100,000 as the 404th pick, 13th round, 2019, Cal State Fullerton (JR). 2017: Big West Freshman of Year, Big West 1st Team, Collegiate Baseball Freshman All-America. 2025 Opening Day w/ Nuts, May 23 to LV, May 28 to MID, June 4 to LV, June 11 to MID, July 17 to LAN. 16 games with Class-AA Midland: .304/ .350/ .321... 6 games with AAA Las Vegas: 2-16, .125/ .125/ .250.				
23 TOMMY WHITE • R/R • INF • Age 22 • 1st season with Lugnuts • MLB Pipeline's No. 5 A's prospect				
<i>2024 with LSU: 66 G, .330 / .401 / .638, 92 H, 61 R, 12 2B, 1 3B (only college triple), 24 HR, 70 RBI, 27 BB, 38 K... Stockton: 25 G, .224 / .303 / .299, 15 R, 24-for-107, 2 2B, 2 HR, 14 RBI, 9 BB, 21 K, 1 E</i>				
Last Game: -	vs. GL: 2-10, 3 R, RBI, 3 K	FW: 6-22, 2 R, HR, 7 RBI, BB, 3 K, HBP, SB, E	Hit Streak: -1 (0-1)	On-Base Streak: -1 (0-1)
- St. Pete Beach, Florida... signed for \$3,000,000 as the 40th pick, 2nd round, 2024, LSU. - Transferred Calvary Christian H.S. to IMG Academy for senior year: nation's No. 1 3B prospect. - Crushed nine HRs in first eight games at NC State... finished with 27, most ever for a freshman. - Transferred to LSU and led Tigers to 2023 national championship, topping nation w/ 105 RBI in 66 gms. - College totals: 187 G, 179 R, 279 H, 48 2B, 75 HR, 249 RBI, 73 BB, 129 K, .355 / .419 / .704, 1.123 OPS - No. 8 in NCAA history for career HR (75)... hit opposite-field HR in 2025 Spring Breakout vs. Padres.				
5 CASEY YAMAUCHI • R/R • INF • Age 24 • 3rd season with Lugnuts				
<i>2024 in Stockton: 35 G, .316 / .389 / .404, 36 H, 18 R, 6 2B, 2 3B, 0 HR, 12 RBI, 5 HBP, 10 BB, 13 K, 7-10 SB, 10 E... Lansing: 52 G, .236 / .306 / .258, 24 R, 4 2B, 13 RBI, 7 HBP, 11 BB, 14 K, 13-15 SB, 5 E</i>				
Last Game: 2-3, R, 2B, RBI, HBP	GL: 8-25, 4 R, 2 2B, 3B, 2 RBI, 2 SB, 3 K, HBP	FW: 6-13, 2 R, RBI, BB, K, HBP	Current Hit Streak: +5 (8-21)	On-Base Streak: +5 (8-21, HBP)
- Hilo, HI... signed as an undrafted free agent with the Athletics from Hawai'i at Hilo, July 12, 2023. 5 years... graduated w/ bachelor degrees in Communications and Kinesiology & Exercise Sciences. - Owns Hawai'i Hilo records in runs (147), hits (240), doubles (49), steals (74-for-85); only 27 K in 167 G. - Joined Nuts for the final three games of 2023 at LC (6-9, 2 BB, 1 HBP), replacing Jacob Wilson at SS.				

ADDITIONAL LUG•NOTES

Prospecting: The Lugnuts' current roster boasts eight of MLB Pipeline's Top 30 Athletics prospects in No. 5 **Tommy White**, No. 8 **Joshua Kuroda-Grauer**, No. 10 **Steven Echavarria**, No. 15 **Ryan Lasko**, No. 16 **Rodney Green, Jr.**, No. 26 **Nate Nankil**, No. 29 **Tzu-Chen Sha** and No. 30 **Wei-En Lin**. 22 of the Top 30 overall have seen action in Lansing.

Roll Call: The 2025 Lugnuts have featured 39 different players, 17 position players and 22 pitchers (plus one position player pitching). 14 different players have hit a home run, 13 different players have stolen a base, 10 different pitchers have started a game and five different pitchers have recorded a save.

Walk-Off Wonders: The Nuts have walked off with a win on four different occasions this year:

- Jared Dickey's two-run single in the 12th inning to beat Great Lakes, 12-11, April 13th
- Sahid Valenzuela's RBI single in the 10th inning to beat Lake County, 1-0, May 4th
- Rodney Green, Jr.'s RBI single in the 10th inning to beat South Bend, 7-6, May 13th
- Jared Dickey's RBI fielder's choice in the bottom of the 9th to beat West Michigan, 4-3, June 11th

From The 517 to The Show: Six former Lugnuts players have made the Major Leagues this season, most recently **Colby Thomas** on June 29, bringing the total to 199 Lugnuts all-time who've reach the Majors. Thomas joined **Max Muncy**, **Gunnar Hoglund**, **Jack Winkler**, **Denzel Clarke**, **Jack Perkins** and broadcaster **Adam Jaksa** to debut this season in MLB.

All-Star Representation, Futures Edition: **Tommy White** and 2025 Opening Day starter **Gage Jump** (now in Double-A) represented the Athletics' organization at the **2025 All-Star Futures Game** on July 12th at Truist Park. White went 0-for-1 with a strikeout while Jump needed only four pitches to strike out Padres No. 1 prospect Leo De Vries and induce a groundout from Cubs No. 1 prospect Owen Caissie – coincidentally to White at third. White, the A's No. 6 prospect, joined Luis Morales (2024), Denzel Clarke (2022), Vladimir Guerrero Jr. and Bo Bichette (2017) and Angel Perdomo (2016) as active Lugnuts to play in the Futures Game.

All-Star Representation, Present Tense: Four Lugnuts were named Major League All-Stars – American League starting shortstop **Jacob Wilson** (2023), A.L. starting first baseman **Vladimir Guerrero, Jr.** (2017), A.L. reserve catcher **Alejandro Kirk** (2019), and N.L. starting pitcher **Matthew Boyd** (2013). It was Vladdy's fifth All-Star appearance, Kirk's second, and the first apiece for Wilson and Boyd. Wilson was the first A's starting shortstop in an All-Star Game since Bert Campaneris (1974) and the first rookie starting shortstop in an All-Star Game since Ron Hansen in 1960.

Still Shoving: 45-year-old **Rich Hill** pitched for the Lugnuts in 2003 (0-1, 2.76, 15 G, 4 GS, 29 1/3 innings, 14 H, 36 walks, 50 strikeouts, 9 wild pitches). 22 years later, Hill is working his way back to the Majors with Omaha, the Royals' Triple-A affiliate. On July 13, Hill struck out 10 Toledo Mud Hens in five innings, becoming the first 45-year-old to strike out at least 10 batters in a game since the Texas Rangers' Nolan Ryan whiffed double-digit Athletics on August 6, 1992. Hill is in his 20th professional season and with his 14th different MLB organization.

The Butler Did What?! 2021-2022 Lugnut **Lawrence Butler** led off July 8th's game for the A's vs. Atlanta with an inside-the-park home run, the Athletics' first inside-the-park homer since Mark Kotsay achieved the feat on October 4, 2006; the first leadoff inside-the-park home run for the A's since Elmer Valo in 1943; and the first A's player to have both an inside-the-park home run and an over-the-fence home run in the same game since Billy Williams on August 23, 1975. When the Giants' Patrick Bailey delivered a walk-off inside-the-park home run to end the night in baseball, it was the first time in Major League Baseball history that a leadoff inside-the-parker and a walk-off inside-the-parker were hit on the same day.

Dubious History: 2018 Lugnut **Vinny Capra** was former Great Lakes Loon Clayton Kershaw's 3,000th strikeout victim on July 2. Capra, a 20th-rounder from Richmond in 2018, had been claimed off waivers by the White Sox from the Milwaukee Brewers on May 15.

Simply Electric: 2022 Lugnut **Denzel Clarke** won the MLB Chevrolet Electric Play of the Week each of his first four weeks in the Majors.

Happy Trails: 2012 Nut **Kevin Pillar** announced his retirement on July 2 following a 13-year playing career with 10 different teams. A 32nd-round selection in 2011, Pillar went 6-for-6 with a grand slam in a 6-RBI night at the Dayton Dragons on May 13, 2012, and found a fire extinguisher in his locker after the game. He went on to be the 2012 Midwest League Most Valuable Player.

What a Crowd! The Lugnuts' July 4 crowd of 10,527 was...

- Larger than any crowd drawn by the Tampa Bay Rays this season.
- 18th largest crowd in Minor League Baseball this season.
- Larger than 15 Triple-A teams (Round Rock, Lehigh Valley, Scranton/Wilkes-Barre, Gwinnett, Jacksonville, Reno, Omaha, El Paso, Worcester, Louisville, St. Paul, Memphis, Salt Lake, Tacoma, Sugar Land).
- Larger than 29 Double-A teams (everyone except Frisco).
- Largest crowd in High-A. (No one else drew over 9,000.)
- Larger than 29 Single-A teams (everyone except Fresno, which used to be in Triple-A and edged Lansing by four: 10,531).
- The 2nd largest crowd in Lansing since 2020, beaten only by 2023's July 4.

What a Crowd, Part II: The Nuts drew 8,863 for Grand Slam School Day III on May 28 vs. Beloit, an attendance that ranks the 31st largest crowd in Minor League Baseball this year. If Lansing's July 4 crowd is excluded, the May 28 attendance would rank larger than any crowd in High-A this season except for a West Michigan Whitecaps gate of 9,049 on June 7.

DK at the Helm: The 19th manager in Lugnuts history is **Darryl Kennedy**, entering his second year in the A's organization. Kennedy distinguished himself as a catcher at Manatee Community College before starring at the University of North Florida and was named an NCAA All-American in 1991 en route to North Florida's Hall of Fame, inducted in 2017. Kennedy played in the Minor Leagues for seven seasons, including parts of four seasons in Triple-A. Following his 1997 retirement, he immediately began managing, leading the Gulf Coast League Rangers to the 1998 GCL Championship. Kennedy won a second title with the GCL Rangers in 2000, moving on to stops in the Florida State League, Northwest League and Texas League through 2006. Upon joining the Royals' organization, Kennedy managed in the Appalachian League, Carolina League, Pioneer League, Arizona League and Texas League through 2020. He served as bench coach for the KBO's Hanwha Eagles from 2021 through 2023 before joining the A's as Double-A Midland's assistant hitting coach in 2024.

Filling Out the Staff: **Dave Burba**, the Lugnuts' pitching coach, walked on at Ohio State, pitched in the Big Ten Championship game as a freshman, was drafted by the Mariners one round after Ken Griffey, Jr. in 1987, and won 115 games in 15 MLB seasons before spending 13 seasons as a pitching coach in the Colorado Rockies' organization. **Rubén Escalera** is in his second year as hitting coach and his 30th season in the A's organization; he simultaneously serves as a scout for the A's in Puerto Rico. And the pride of Yuba City, Calif., **Cooper Goldby** comes to the Lugnuts after two seasons serving as the Dominican Summer League A's manager. The catcher/utilityman was drafted out of Lewis-Clark State in the 35th round in 2017.