



Lansing Lugnuts (22-27, 58-57)

High-A Affiliate, Athletics

RH Kenya Huggins (7 2/3 IP | 4.70 ERA)

at



West Michigan Whitecaps (35-14, 79-35)

High-A Affiliate, Detroit Tigers

LH Lael Lockhart (MiLB rehab)

History vs. West Michigan

The Nuts are 235-253 all-time vs. the Whitecaps, 122-119 in Lansing and 113-133 in Comstock Park. Last season, the Lugnuts went 9-15 vs. the Whitecaps with a 5-7 record in Lansing.

Meetings	Score	Meetings	Score
1. 5/6 at WM	L, 2-0	13. 7/18 at LAN	L, 5-2
2. 5/7 at WM	W, 3-1	14. 7/19 at LAN	L, 15-4
3. 5/8 at WM	W, 4-2	15. 7/20 at LAN	L, 6-0
4. 5/9 at WM	L, 7-6	16. 8/19 at WM	L, 6-1
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		

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Today: The Lugnuts play the second of a six-game series at West Michigan, closing out a 21-game season series. The Nuts are 3-13 against the Whitecaps this season and have lost eight consecutive meetings. Lansing is coming off winning five of six games at home vs. Dayton.

Last Night: Whitecaps 6, Lugnuts 1. Nick Sando tossed six innings of one-run ball, striking out five, John Michael Faile homered, and the Dragons avoided a six-game super-sweep with a Sunday afternoon win in front of 4,612 at Jackson Field.

On Deck: The Nuts play the Whitecaps through Sunday before returning to Lansing for the final homestand of the year, August 26-31 vs. Lake County. The Nuts wrap up their 29th season with a six-game series at Dayton from September 2-7 at Day Air Ballpark.

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

6:35 p.m., Thursday, August 21	RH Kyle Robinson, Lugnuts	at	RH Rayner Castillo, Whitecaps
6:35 p.m., Friday, August 22	RH Corey Avant, Lugnuts	at	LH Joe Miller, Whitecaps
7:05 p.m., Saturday, August 23	RH Steven Echavarria, Lugnuts	at	RH Preston Howey, Whitecaps
2:00 p.m., Sunday, August 24	RH Grant Judkins, Lugnuts	at	RH Lucas Elissalt, Whitecaps

LUG•NOTES

Prospecting: The Lugnuts' roster has five of MLB Pipeline's revamped Top 30 Athletics prospects: No. 15 **Steven Echavarria**, No. 19 **Ryan Lasko**, No. 22 **Wei-En Lin**, No. 23 **Carlos Pacheco** and No. 25 **Kenya Huggins**. Additionally, No. 1 **Leo De Vries**, No. 3 **Gage Jump**, No. 9 **Tommy White**, No. 12 **Joshua Kuroda-Grauer** and No. 21 **Nate Nankil** played for the Lugnuts earlier this season and are now with Double-A Midland.

Streaking: Infielder **Casey Yamauchi** went 1-for-4 last night with a single and enters today on a 20-game on-base streak. Yamauchi is hitting 350 (21-for-60) with a .403 OBP through 16 games in August.

Roster Movement: In a switch of shortstops, **Leo De Vries** was promoted to Double-A Midland and replaced on the Nuts' roster by Single-A Stockton's **Ali Camarillo**. De Vries went 0-for-4 with a walk for Midland in a 10-4 loss to Wichita last night. Camarillo, 22, was drafted by the A's in the 12th round in 2024 from Texas A&M, joining such other Aggies as **Will Johnston**, **Micah Dallas** and **Nathan Dettmer** to see time in Lansing.

Black and Blue: T.J. Schofield-Sam has been hit by 29 pitches this year, most in the Midwest League and second in Minor League Baseball to Michael Arroyo (31) of Arkansas.

Mark it Down: Closer **Mark Adamiak** is tied with Fresno's Nathan Blasick for the Minor League Baseball Lead with 19 saves. Adamiak leads the MWL with 38 appearances, one more than teammate **Blaze Pontes**.

On Iowa! **Grant Judkins** leads the Midwest League in innings (122 1/3) and is tied for the league lead in starts (23) and complete games (1). The former Hawkeye is also tied for 2nd in wins (8) and ranks 5th in WHIP (1.28).

Gone but Not Forgotten: The promoted **Nate Nankil** and **Joshua Kuroda-Grauer** still rank 3rd (.294) and 4th (.293) in the Midwest League in batting average, respectively. Both, however, have been outplayed in Double-A by **Jared Dickey** (.364, 20-for-55), .441 OBP, and **Tommy White** (.288, 21-for-73), .342 OBP.

3... 2... 1... Contact: The Nuts are the hardest team to strike out in Minor League Baseball, averaging a scant 7.1 strikeouts per game (812 in 114 games). The easiest team to strike out in MiLB is Salt Lake, which averages 10.2 whiffs per game.

At the Plate: The Lugnuts are 4th in the Midwest League in batting average (.247), 2nd in base hits (927), 4th in doubles (189), and 3rd in HBPs (100).

On the Mound: The Lugnuts are 2nd in holds (44), tied for 5th in saves (29), 3rd in innings (993 2/3), 1st in fewest hit batsmen (46), 2nd in fewest walks (412), 1st in fewest balks (6) and 2nd in double play grounders (82).

In the Field: The Nuts are 2nd for most double plays (105) in the MWL, trailing Wisconsin (109).

IN A NUTSHELL

36-30 | 22-27 | Lost 2

Home: 32-28 Night: 38-41
Road: 26-29 Day: 20-16

vs. LHP: 15-23 vs. RHP: 43-34

White unis: 17-12
Black unis: 24-23
Retro Gray unis: 7-8
Lansing Locos unis: 4-7
Special unis: 6-7

Tuesday: 7-11
Wednesday: 11-6
Thursday: 10-9
Friday: 9-12
Saturday: 9-12
Sunday: 12-7

Series wins: 6
Series losses: 7
Series splits: 7

Scored 1st: 35-19
Opponent scored 1st: 23-38

Doubleheaders (W-L-S): 2-0-2
Shutouts: 6-7

More hits than opp.: 45-7
Fewer hits than opp.: 12-44
Equal hits: 1-6
Games decided by 1 run: 14-11

Comeback wins: 25
Final at-bat wins: 12
Walk-offs: 4
Extra Innings: 5-4

9-IP	Leading	Trailing	Tied
After 6:	28-6	14-41	6-7
After 7:	37-4	8-47	3-3
After 8:	40-3	5-47	3-4



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
Lugnuts Seasons	29; 1996-present
Lugnuts Championships	1997, 2003
All-Star Games Hosted	1997, 1999, 2002, 2018
Total Lugnuts Games	3,953
All-Time Lugnuts Won-Lost Record	1,979-1,974, .501
Franchise Seasons	70; 1955-present
Franchise Championships	1958, 1959, 1960, 1975, 1976, 1980, 1986
Total Franchise Games	9,286
Franchise Won-Lost Record	4,778-4,508, .515

979 total players have played for the Lugnuts all time, with 209 (21%) also playing in the Majors – nine rehabbers and exactly **200** Big League Nuts earning their ticket up the ladder. The most recent was **Luis Morales**, who debuted August 1 for the A's.

- 72 Lugnuts alumni debuted with the Toronto Blue Jays
- 32 with the Chicago Cubs
- 25 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. (5), Carlos Zambrano (3), Bo Bichette (2), rehabber Ryan Dempster (2), Alejandro Kirk (2), Jordan Romano (2), rehabber Marcus Stroman (2), Henderson Álvarez (1), rehabber Kevin Appier (1), Matt Boyd (1), Lance Carter (1), Yan Gomes (1), Carlos Mármol (1), Mason Miller (1), rehabber Mark Prior (1), Aaron Sanchez (1), Noah Syndergaard (1), Jacob Wilson (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), Hogan Harris (2022), Max Muncy (2022-23), Jack Perkins (2023), Max Schuemann (2021), Tyler Soderstrom (2022), Colby Thomas (2023)

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

Baltimore Orioles: bench coach Robinson Chirinos (2003-04)

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)

Kansas City Royals: Rich Hill (2003)

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: Otto López (2019), Clayton McCullough (2008-09 manager)

Milwaukee Brewers: Danny Jansen (2015)

New York Mets: Danny Young (2016)

New York Yankees: Marcus Stroman (2015 rehab)

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

San Diego Padres: Mason Miller (2022)

Texas Rangers: assistant hitting coach Seth Conner (2013-14), Rowdy Tellez (2014-15)

Toronto Blue Jays: Bo Bichette (2017), Vladimir Guerrero, Jr. (2017), Leo Jiménez (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	3-3		3-3
Dayton	8-4	5-1, September 2-7	13-5, 6 left
Fort Wayne	6-3	2-4	8-7
Great Lakes	3-3	6-6	9-9
Lake County	3-3, Aug 26-31	3-9	6-12, 6 left
Quad Cities		3-3	3-3
South Bend	5-1		5-1
West Michigan	1-8	2-5, August 20-24	3-13, 5 left
Wisconsin		5-1	5-1
Totals	32-28, 6 games left	26-29, 11 games left	58-57, 17 left

THE A's SYSTEM

Athletics - MLB



57-70

American League West

Yesterday: beat Minnesota, 6-3
Nick Kurtz: 3-3, R, 2 2B, 2 BB, .313

Midland RockHounds



57-58

Double-A Texas League

Yesterday: lost to Wichita, 10-4
Leo De Vries: 0-4, BB | JKG: 3-4

Las Vegas Aviators



69-52

Triple-A Pacific Coast League

Yesterday: lost to Albuquerque, 9-3
Jacob Wilson, rehab: 1-3, solo HR

Stockton Ports



45-70

Single-A California League

Yesterday: lost to Lake Elsinore, 9-5
Griffin Kinn, pro debut: 1 IP, 0 H, 0 R, 2 K

AUGUST 20TH IN LUGNUTS HISTORY

2011: LF Marcus Knecht hit a grand slam for the second straight day, but Dayton scored two runs in the 9th to force extra innings and then a run in the 10th on a Theo Bowe RBI single to win it, 10-9, at Cooley Law School Stadium. The Nuts committed five errors in the loss, but only one of Dayton's runs was unearned. In defeat, RF Markus Brisker drew four walks and hit a three-run homer.

2017: Nick Sinay was hit by a pitch for the 36th time, tying the Midwest League single-season record set by Clinton's Jonathan "Dirt" Greene in 2008, but the Lugnuts lost to South Bend, 8-6, at Cooley Law School Stadium. It was one of three Nuts HBPs in the game, giving them 104 total, nine away from tying the MWL record.

2018: Samad Taylor and Chavez Young took Fort Wayne top prospect MacKenzie Gore deep in the third inning with back-to-back home runs, and the Lugnuts scored four unanswered runs to wipe out an early 4-1 deficit and defeat the TinCaps, 5-4. Gore had entered the third inning having allowed only three home runs in 252 batters.

CATCHING STATS

	Diaz	Gomez	Newton
W-L (ShO)	14-19	4-2	0-1
ERA	4.85	3.42	4.50
Innings	286.0	52.2	8.0
R (ER)	181 (154)	21 (20)	4 (4)
E	4	-	1
PB	7	-	1
CS%	10-36, 28%	1-12, 8%	1-3, 33%
Pickoffs	-	-	-

#40 • RHP • **Kenya Huggins** • 6-3, 240 • age 22

Profile

NameKenya Carl Huggins
BirthdayDecember 12, 2002
Born..... New Orleans, Louisiana

School Chipola College (4th round, 2022, CIN)
Acquired..... Trade with Cincinnati, July 31, 2025
Bats / Throws..... Right / Right

Longest Outing: 4 IP, 14x | **Most K:** 7, 2x

Touted: Kenya is considered the No. 25 prospect in the A's system by MLB Pipeline, after being rated the No. 22 prospect in the Reds system... grades: fastball 55, slider 50, changeup 50, control 45, overall 40.

In a Nutshell: Acquired from the Cincinnati Reds in exchange for Miguel Andújar at the trade deadline... 978th all-time Lansing Lugnut... had just been promoted to the Midwest League on July 23, moving up from Daytona to Dayton, but his only scheduled Dragons start was curtailed by rain... debuted Aug 3 vs. Cedar Rapids: 3 IP, 2 H, 1 R (Jay Thomason HR), 1 BB, 2 K... enjoys traveling in his spare time... member of the vaunted Atlanta baseball crew (Michael Harris, Lawrence Butler, etc.), training in the offseason.

Last Outing: Aug. 14, Game 1 vs. Dayton: 2 2/3 IP, 4 H, 2 R, 0 BB, 3 K, allowing 2-R HR in 1st to Carter Graham.

Bloodlines: Grandfather Jessie Huggins pitched in the Giants, Brewers and Cardinals systems from 1965-1966, 1969-1971... as a 21-year-old, posted 2.38 ERA in 212 IP for the 1966 Decatur Commodores (SF) in the Midwest League... passed away in 2017 at age 72, when Kenya was 14.

School Ties: New Orleans native / St. Augustine High School product was listed as an outfielder at the Perfect Game Breakthrough Series... as a senior in 2021 for the St. Augustine Purple Knights, whiffed 88 in 67 innings while slugging nine home runs... originally committed to Louisiana Tech before enrolling at Chipola Junior College... in 2022 with Chipola, went 4-3, 2.96, 73 IP, 66 H, 32 BB, 97 K (11.96 K/9-IP), with a fastball clocked 93-95 mph... other notable players who've come through Chipola: Russell Martin, Jose Bautista, Patrick Corbin, Tyler Flowers, Jose Caballero, and his teammate at Chipola, also drafted by the Reds, Cam Collier.

Life as a Pro: Drafted 123rd in 2022, in the 4th round, one pick ahead of former Lugnuts right-hander Jacob Watters (traded this past offseason to the Tampa Bay Rays) and two picks after former Lake County Captain Nate Furman... signed for \$407,500... made one appearance in 2022 in the Arizona Complex League... moved up to Class-A Daytona in 2022... underwent Tommy John surgery in June 2023, going from June 26, 2023 until August 24, 2024 without pitching ... dominated left-handed hitters in the 2025 Florida State League (.140/.238/.202, 16-for-114) compared to right-handers (.255/.331/.445, 28-for-110)... allowed .170 avg. with bases empty compared to .278 with RISP... base-stealers went 9-for-11.

YR	CLUB	W-L	ERA	G	GS	CG	ShO	SV	IP	AB	H	R	ER	HR	HB	BB	IBB	K	WP	BK	AVG
2022	AzCL Reds	0-1	0.00	1	1	0	0	0	1.0	5	2	2	0	1	0	0	0	3	0	0	.400
2023	Daytona	1-2	4.67	14	6	0	0	0	34.2	140	38	18	18	1	1	22	0	43	5	0	.271
2024	Daytona	1-0	1.13	4	0	0	0	0	8.0	24	4	1	1	0	0	3	0	7	1	0	.167
2025	Daytona	2-2	3.69	18	15	0	0	0	63.1	224	44	26	26	3	2	26	0	57	2	0	.196
	Lansing	0-0	4.70	3	3	0	0	0	7.2	30	8	4	4	2	0	2	0	10	1	0	.267
	TOTALS	4-5	3.85	40	25	0	0	0	114.2	423	96	51	49	7	3	53	0	120	9	0	.227



fastball, slider, change

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
3 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
4 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 Hawai'i... 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
0 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
0 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.
2 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
2 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.

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
3 days rest
 • Mililani, HI... drafted 484th overall, 16th rd., 2022, University of Hawai'i... 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, SINK, CU, SWEEP, CH | 2024: Stockton, 9.05, 21 G, 5 GS, 62 2/3, 93 H, 8 HR, 7 HBP, 41 BB, 53 K
2 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
3 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 Encarnacion, Félix Pié and Miguel Castro.
 • 2023 Stockton Ports Opening Day starter... pitched in four games with Lansing in 2023.

#29 • RH • Tzu-Chen Sha • 6-3, 190 • age 21

Profile

Name Tzu-Chen Sha
Birthday October 15, 2003
Born Taipei, Taiwan
School National Taiwan Sport University
Acquired International Free Agent, 2/15/23
Bats / Throws Right / Right

Pronounce Tzu-Chen Sha's name as "Shah Tsu-Chun"

Longest Outing: 6 IP, 3x | **Most K:** 9, April 12, 2025, vs. Rancho Cucamonga

Personal: Tzu-Chen initially gained notice as a soccer star, earning a spot on the Taiwanese National Team before reaching high school... undrafted out of high school, debuted in college in 2022 with four perfect innings / nine strikeouts at National Taiwan Sport University (the same university attended by former Lugnut Chen Zhong-Ao Zhuang)... named Best Pitcher at the 2022 MeiHuaQi College National Tournament... signed with the Athletics a few months later for \$370,000 plus \$30,000 to be put toward scholarship... part of the same A's international signing class as former Lugnut Luis Morales, now in the Majors.

Family Highlight: On July 5, with his father and brother watching him pitch in the Minor Leagues for the very first time, earned first High-A victory with five innings of two-hit, one-run ball vs. Fort Wayne (Brandon Butterworth solo HR in 3rd inning).

Last Game: August 14, Game 1 vs. Dayton, fired final four innings of a seven-inning victory: 3 H, 0 R, 1 BB, 2 K, to earn the save in a 3-2 win... 64 pitches, 42 strikes.

Pro Ball: Debuted with the Arizona Complex League A's in 2023 (June 6, 3 IP, 4 H, 0 R, 0 BB, 4 K at ACL Reds), earning way to Stockton for a July 26 California League debut (4 IP, 2 H, 0 R, 2 BB, 3 K vs. Lake Elsinore)... spent all of 2024 with Stockton, piggybacking Will Johnston on the second day of the season... returned to Stockton to open this season and debuted as part of a combined no-hitter at Fresno, following Jefferson Jean's five hitless innings with three perfect innings/six strikeouts before yielding to Wilfrid Alvarado for a perfect ninth in a 2-0 win... promoted to Lansing to replace Nathan Dettmer in the starting rotation on June 23.

Players from Taiwan in MLB: The only Taiwanese players to see time in the Majors this season are Kai-Wei Teng (SF) and Tsung-Che Cheng (PIT)... 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 Cheng, 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... Chi-Hung Cheng 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, slider, 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
2023	ACL Athletics	2-3	4.01	7	0	0	0	0	24.2	99	28	12	11	2	0	3	0	38	4	1	.283
	Stockton	0-1	5.00	7	7	0	0	0	27.0	109	31	17	15	4	3	5	0	15	7	1	.284
2024	Stockton	2-6	6.33	24	12	0	0	0	85.1	349	104	74	60	20	6	27	0	64	5	3	.298
2025	Stockton	3-3	2.70	12	7	0	0	1	50.0	186	43	19	15	1	4	9	0	59	5	0	.231
	Lansing	1-2	4.65	8	7	0	0	0	31.0	115	26	18	16	4	7	13	0	20	1	2	.226
TOTALS		8-15	4.83	58	33	0	0	1	218.0	858	232	140	117	31	20	57	0	196	22	7	.270

1	ALI CAMARILLO	• R/R	• SS	• Age 22	• 1st season with Lugnuts
2024 - did not make pro debut... 2025 in Stockton: 80 G, .254 / .329 / .318, 36 R, 79 H, 15 2B, 1 3B, 1 HR, 34 RBI, 15-for-18 SB, 32 BB, 62 K, 99 TB, 10 GiDP, 5 HBP, 1 S, 5 SF, 1 IBB, 13 E (all at shortstop)					
Last Game: 0-3, K		at WM: 0-3, K		vs. DAY	Current Hit Streak: -1 (0-3) On-Base Streak: -1 (0-3)
- Jorge Ali Camarillo... Chula Vista, CA... 346th overall, 12th round, Texas A&M... \$250,000. - Played in 2016 Little League World Series (dad Jorge was manager) with Park View Little League. - Little League team lost first game to Iowa 5-1, eliminated Texas 5-0, then lost to Tennessee 4-2 (7). - Played at Cal State Northridge in 2022 and 2023, transferring to Texas A&M for the 2024 season.			- In high school: two years at Montgomery High School, then two years at Otay Ranch High School. - Missed 23 games as a freshman at CSUN due to injuries, starting 29 games as a true freshman. - As a sophomore, All-Big West First Team, ranking 2nd in Big West in avg. (.371), 4th in OPS (1.032). - As a junior at A&M, had 34-game on-base streak... on Stockton IL, April 28-June 3... to Lansing, Aug 18.		
4	DAVIS DIAZ	• R/R	• C/INF	• Age 22	• 1st season with Lugnuts
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					
Last Game: 0-3, PB, E		at WM: 0-3, PB, E		vs. DAY: 5-15, 3 R, RBI, BB, K	Current Hit Streak: -2 (0-7) On-Base Streak: -2 (0-7)
- Pittsburg, CA... signed for \$250,000 as the 226th pick, 8th round, 2024, Vanderbilt University. - Joined Lugnuts on 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.		
9	MARIO GÓMEZ	• L/R	• C	• Age 22	• 1st season with Lugnuts
2025 totals: 24 G, .174 / .275 / .261, 1 2B, 1 3B, 1 HR, 0-for-2 SB... in Arizona Complex League: 12 G, .225 / .304 / .300, 1 HR... Stockton: 3 G, 0-for-11, 1 BB... Midland: 8 G, 3-for-15, 2B, 3B... Vegas: 1 G, 0-3					
Last Game: -		at WM: -		DAY: 5-8, 3 R, 2B, 2 HR, 4 RBI, 2 BB, HBP	Hit Streak: +4 (6-12) On-Base Streak: +4 (6-12, 2 BB, HBP)
- Aguascalientes, Mexico... signed as an international free agent on February 19, 2020 (age 17). - Joined Lugnuts on July 29, replacing Nick Schwartz (promoted to Las Vegas); RBI 1B in 1st AB.			- Played for one team in 2021, two teams in 2023, three teams in 2024, and now five teams in 2025. - Has played one game for Caneros de Los Mochis in each of last two winter ball seasons (0-for-2, 2 K).		
12	GUNNER GOULDSMITH	• S/R	• INF	• Age 23	• 1st season with Lugnuts
2025 totals: 59 G, .171 / .314 / .221, 7 2B, 1 3B, 35 BB, 45 K, 7-for-11 SB... ACL A's: 17 G, 8-for-44, 2B, 3B, .182 / .397 / .250... Stockton: 40 G, .159 / .268 / .205, 5-for-5 SB... Midland: 2 G, 2-for-5, 2 BB, 2 K					
Last Game: -		at WM: -		vs. DAY: 1-6, 2 K	Current Hit Streak: -1 (0-3) On-Base Streak: -1 (0-3)
- Reno, Nevada... 556th overall selection, 19th round, 2025, Sacramento State (\$20,000). - Brought four gloves to Lansing; plays all infield positions... only Hornet to start all 57 gms. in 2024.			Father Buddy - UNLV head coach, 2003-2010; Nevada-Reno associate head coach 2011-2013; area supervisor for Kansas City Royals... spent one year at Washington State, three years at Sac State.		
26	RYAN LASKO	• R/R	• OF	• Age 22	• 2nd season with Lugnuts • MLB Pipeline's No. 19 A's prospect
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					
Last Game: 0-4		at WM: 0-4		DAY: 3-15, 5 R, 2 RBI, 3 BB, 6 K	Current Hit Streak: -2 (0-7) On-Base Streak: -1 (0-4)
- 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.		
3	CAMERON LEARY	• L/L	• OF	• Age 23	• 1st season with Lugnuts
2024 with Stockton: 20 G, .222 / .309 / .395, 5 2B, 3 HR, 4 SB, 10 BB, 19 K... 2025 with Stockton: 93 G, .266 / .386 / .433, 66 R, 27 2B, 2 3B, 9 HR, 52 RBI, 44-for-49 SB, 66 BB, 98 K					
Last Game: 3-3, R, HR, RBI		at WM: 3-3, R, HR, RBI		DAY: 3-11, 3 R, 3B, 2 RBI, 3 BB, 5 K, SB	Current Hit Streak: +3 (6-9) On-Base Streak: +3 (6-9, 2 BB)
- Bethpage, NY... selected 286th overall, 10th round, 2024 draft from Boston College (\$50,000). - High school: 3 years, St. Anthony's (NY), finished at P27 Academy (Lexington, SC)... finance major.			- Promoted from Stockton riding a 10-game hitting streak and a 30-game on-base streak. - Slugged 2nd most HR in Boston College history (43)... only Eagle to have 40+ HR and 40+ steals.		
25	DARLYN MONTERO	• L/R	• INF	• Age 23	• 1st season with Lugnuts
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					
Last Game: 0-2, HBP		at WM: 0-2, HBP		vs. DAY: 2-14, R, RBI, 8 K	Current Hit Streak: -2 (0-5) On-Base Streak: +1 (0-2, HBP)
- Azua, Dominican Republic... signed as an international free agent on November 7, 2018. - From Azua: Wenceel Perez, Yennys Diaz, Franchy Cordero, Sandy Alcantara, Gregory Soto.			- Played in DSL in 2019 (.213 avg.) and 2021 (40 G, .217 avg.), ACL in 2022 and 2023. - Played full 2024 in Stockton... spent from May 2-July 1, 2025: on Injured List (hamate).		
19	BEN NEWTON	• S/R	• C/INF	• Age 23	• 1st season with Lugnuts
2025 with Las Vegas: 4 G, 1-for-8, 1 R, 1 2B, 0 BB, 3 K... 2025 with Arizona Complex A's: 16 G, 17-for-52, .327/.438/.462, 5 2B, 1 3B, 10 BB, 13 K... 2025 with Midland: 5 G, 2-for-9, 5 R, 1 HR, 4 RBI, 1 BB, 4 K					
Last Game: 0-2, BB, E		at WM: 0-2, BB, E		vs. DAY: 2-16, R, 2B, BB, 4 K, E, sac	Current Hit Streak: -2 (0-6) On-Base Streak: +1 (0-2, BB)
- Albany, CA... signed as undrafted free agent, January 22, 2025, Fresno State. - Business major... 3x Mountain West Scholar Athlete, 3x Academic All-Mountain West.			- Business major... according to college bio: "enjoys basketball, drawing and poker in his free time." - Also from Albany High School: Ron Hansen, the last rookie to start the ASG at SS before Jacob Wilson.		
8	CARLOS PACHECO	• R/R	• OF	• Age 20	• 1st season with Lugnuts • MLB Pipeline's No. 23 A's prospect
2025 with ACL A's: 12 G, .235 / .460 / .265, 8-for-34, 11 R, 1 2B, 2 RBI, 9 BB, 11 K, 5-for-6 SB... 2025 with Stockton: 39 G, .174 / .326 / .235, 20-for-115, 2 2B, 1 3B, 1 HR, 13 RBI, 21 BB, 41 K, 11-for-12 SB, 1 E					
Last Game: -		at WM: -		vs. DAY: 0-8, R, 2 BB, K	Current Hit Streak: -3 (0-8) On-Base Streak: -1 (0-3)
- Miranda, Venezuela... signed as an international free agent, January 15, 2022. - Signed for \$1.2 million as the A's top position-player target in 2022 international free agency			- Pipeline grades: hit 45, power 40, run 60, arm 50, field 50... played in DSL in 2022 (.183) & 2023 (.244). - Playing at third different level in 2025, replacing the injured Pedro Pineda in Lansing on August 6.		
7	PEDRO PINEDA	• R/R	• OF	• Age 21	• 1st season with Lugnuts
2025 with Stockton: 53 G, .253 / .356 / .458, 35 R, 5 2B, 2 3B, 10 HR, 37 RBI, 2-for-3 SB, 27 BB, 65 K, 4 HBP					
Last Game: 0-4, 3 K		at WM: 0-4, 3 K		vs. DAY: 3-9, RBI, 2 BB, 3 K, CS	Current Hit Streak: -1 (0-4) On-Base Streak: -1 (0-4)
Santo Domingo Norte, DR... signed as an international free agent, January 15, 2021.			Rose as high as MLB Pipeline's No. 11 A's prospect in 2022... signed for \$2.5 million.		
10	C.J. PITTARO	• L/R	• INF/OF	• Age 23	• 1st season with Lugnuts
2024 in Penn State: 2 G, 0-2, 1 K... 2025 in Stockton: 92 G, .246 / .358 / .323, 46 R, 16 2B, 4 3B, 1 HR, 36 RBI, 6-for-9 SB, 52 BB, 85 K, 6 GiDP, 10 HBP					
Last Game: 0-1		at WM: 0-1		vs. DAY: 2-11, 6 K	Current Hit Streak: -1 (0-1) On-Base Streak: -1 (0-1)
- Hamilton, NJ... 2021 Vanderbilt, 2022-24 Penn State... 2025 undrafted free agent, Penn State. - Christopher John Pittaro... grandfather played in the minors from 1960-62, then coached at Rider.			1B, 2B, 3B, LF, RF at Penn State... 1B, 3B, LF, CF, RF at Stockton (42 games in LF, 48 games at 1B). - Father, Chris, played 53 G in MLB (1985 DET, 1986-87 MIN), currently A's Special Assistant to the GM.		
18	T.J. SCHOFIELD-SAM	• L/R	• INF	• Age 24	• 3rd season with Lugnuts
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					
Last Game: 0-4		at WM: 0-4		DAY: 3-16, 2 R, 2B, 2 RBI, BB, 2 K, 2 HBP, E	Hit Streak: -3 (0-12) On-Base Streak: -1 (0-4)
- 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.		
5	CASEY YAMAUCHI	• R/R	• INF	• Age 25	• 3rd season with Lugnuts
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					
Last Game: 1-4, CS		at WM: 1-4, CS		DAY: 7-20, 2 R, 2B, 4 RBI, 2 BB, K, SB, 2 E	Hit Streak: +5 (6-19) On-Base: +20 (23-74, 7 BB, 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

200 to The Show: Seven former Lugnuts players have made it to the Majors this season, most recently 2023-24 Lugnuts right-hander **Luis Morales** on August 1st for the A's, bringing the total to **200 Lugnuts all-time** who've reach the Majors. Morales joined **Max Muncy, Gunnar Hoglund, Jack Winkler, Denzel Clarke, Jack Perkins, Colby Thomas** and broadcaster **Adam Jaksa** to debut in MLB this season.

Roll Call: The 2025 Lugnuts have featured 50 different players, 26 position players and 24 pitchers (plus one position player pitching). 18 players have stolen a base, 15 players have hit a home run, 12 pitchers have started a game and five pitchers have recorded a save.

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.

Get to Know These Names: If the past is any indication, the Athletics' 2025 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 south-paw **Jamie Arnold** 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. Both are playing for Single-A Stockton.

The Mutant Cycle: The best individual performance of the season was achieved against the Lugnuts by now former Nut **Leo De Vries**, who went 5-for-5 on April 22nd for Fort Wayne, with a single, a double, two home runs, a sacrifice fly, and - in the top of the ninth inning - a go-ahead two-run triple to both give the TinCaps the win and culminate the third cycle in Fort Wayne franchise history. De Vries finished the game with eight RBIs, tying the Fort Wayne single game franchise record. De Vries also is the only player in Fort Wayne history to have two four-walk games.

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

All-Star Representation, Futures Edition: A pair of Lugnuts now in Double-A, **Tommy White** and 2025 Opening Day starter **Gage Jump**, 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). 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.