



**SOUTH BEND CUBS (64-44, 25-21)
at
GREAT LAKES LOONS (62-46, 26-18)**

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Dow Diamond / Midland, Michigan**



**LHP Pierce Coppola vs. RHP Brooks Auger
South Bend: First-Half West Division Champions
Radio: 96.1 FM / 960 AM WSBT**

Series Schedule	Cubs Starting Pitchers	Opposing Starting Pitchers
8/16 Game 6 at Great Lakes 1:05 PM ET	LHP Ethan Flanagan	RHP Tyler Gough
8/18 Game 1 vs West Michigan 7:05 PM ET	TBA	TBA
8/19 Game 2 vs West Michigan 7:05 PM ET	TBA	TBA
8/20 Game 3 vs West Michigan 7:05 PM ET	TBA	TBA
8/21 Game 4 vs West Michigan 7:05 PM ET	TBA	TBA
8/22 Game 5 vs West Michigan 7:05 PM ET	TBA	TBA

ABOUT LAST NIGHT - South Bend earned its first victory of the week, toppling Great Lakes by a 6-2 final score. A lineup adjustment seemingly worked for the Cubs, moving Jose Escobar to the lead-off spot, as he had two hits, hitting at the top of the lineup for the first time this season.

SECOND-HALF RACE - The Cubs are the first-half West Division champions, but are gunning to win both halves of the season. With last night's win, and due to Beloit being postponed in Peoria, the Cubs sit at 1.5 games back in second-half play. It's anyone's game as Quad Cities is now tied for first, and South Bend, Wisconsin, and Peoria are all within 2.5 games.

WE GOT ICE - The South Bend Cubs have been hit by a pitch 103 times this season, which is the second most in both the Midwest League, and all of High-A, behind only the Cedar Rapids Kernels. It is also the third most in all of Minor League Baseball.

THE TOP PROSPECT - On July 23, MLB Pipeline named 19-year-old South Bend Cub Josiah Hartshorn the new No. 1 Chicago Cubs prospect. With 94 total RBI this season between Single-A Myrtle Beach and High-A South Bend, Hartshorn leads all first-year Minor League players in RBI this season. Nobody in Major or Minor League Baseball has more RBI than his 69 since debuting in South Bend on May 26.

ESCOBAT - Since making his High-A debut on May 28, No. 16 Cubs prospect Jose Escobar has put together a terrific run at the plate, leading the High-A level in hits (74) across 60 games during that timeframe. Escobar has three separate 4-hit games since June 23, including one on July 22 against Wisconsin.

VISITING SUCCESS - Infielder Matt Halbach continues to stand out playing on the road this season, posting a .296 road batting average in 48 games with 39 RBI. All 10 of Halbach's homers this season have come on the road. His road OPS is .869. In comparison, at Four Winds Field, Halbach is hitting .186 in 46 games with a .520 OPS.

NO SOUP FOR YOU - Catcher Justin Stransky continues to help out the pitching staff in a big way, leading the Midwest League with 35 baserunners caught stealing this year. That also leads all of High-A, and is tied for fifth for the most in all of baseball. In comparison, MLB leader William Contreras has caught 21.

BIG LEAGUE CUBS - Last week, 2023 South Bend Cubs outfielder Christian Franklin made his Big League debut with the Baltimore Orioles. He picked up his first MLB hit Saturday night with the O's. Also, Thursday night, Brett Bateman made his MLB debut with the Toronto Blue Jays. Bateman played for South Bend in 2024, and mashed his first MLB hit on the same night, a double off of Zack Wheeler. Franklin and Bateman are the 68th and 69th former South Bend Cubs, respectively, to make the Big Leagues.

FIRST-HALF CHAMPS - For the first time since 2016, the South Bend Cubs secured a playoff spot by clinching the first-half in the Midwest League West Division. June 13 against the Peoria Chiefs was clinch night, with the Cubs toppling the Chiefs by a final score of 6-4. South Bend scored five runs in the 1st inning to start the game, and received home runs in the inning by Josiah Hartshorn, Jose Escobar, and Justin Stransky. The Escobar and Stransky round-trippers went back-to-back. In 2016, South Bend won the East Division title.



TONIGHT'S CUBS STARTING PITCHER – Pierce Coppola

2026 SEASON.....	CAREER HIGHS
5.1, 5/19 at Kannapolis.....	Innings.....Same
5, 8/8 vs Cedar Rapids.....	Hits.....Same
6, 7/10 at Cedar Rapids.....	Runs.....Same
5, 5/31 vs Wilson.....	Walks.....Same
9, 5/19 at Kannapolis.....	K's.....Same

Last Time Coppola...
Won A Game: 5/9/25 Florida at Texas (College)
Lost A Game: 8/8/26 South Bend vs Cedar Rapids
Allowed A Home Run: 7/10/26 SB at Cedar Rapids



HT/WT: 6'8" / 245 .. **AGE:** 23 ... **THROWS:** Left **BORN:** Verona, New Jersey

#30 Cubs Prospect

LAST TIME OUT: Coming off back-to-back losses, despite giving up just one earned run combined in the two games. Last time out, surrendered two runs, one earned against Cedar Rapids. Has now faced Kernels twice after making MWL debut against them on July 10. Gave up five hits last Saturday, walked one, struck out four.

In loss prior at Lake County, the Cubs took 4-1 lead in the 8th inning of that game, but with rain moving into the Eastlake area after the top of the 8th, the four runs were swept off the board, and the game diverted back to a 1-0 score, and was concluded that way due to rain. Coppola took the loss because of that, but still fired 5.0 innings, giving up the one unearned run. Hit two batters, did not walk anyone, struck out four.

PELICAN PIERCE: Coppola did not begin his 2026 on schedule, spending all of April on the Development List before making his season debut with Myrtle Beach on May 6. He set the tone for his year in that outing at Hickory, walking none and striking out five in 4.0 scoreless innings. In his 10 starts with Myrtle Beach this year, Coppola covered 40.0 innings, going 0-5 with a 3.60 ERA. He had 57 strikeouts and 22 walks to his name, and he K'd a career-high nine in his longest pro outing of 5.1 innings on May 19 at Kannapolis.

CHOMP CHOMP: Coppola spent all four of his college years at the University of Florida, teaming up with first-round picks and current Major Leaguers Jac Caglianone and Wyatt Langford. The Gators reached the College World Series twice during Coppola's time in Gainesville (2023 and 2024).

As a freshman in 2022, Coppola made one start before redshirting due to an injury in 2023. The next season, he returned to make 8 starts, striking out 35 in 23.2 innings. Coppola's best year came in 2025, when he made 7 starts and went 3-1 with a 2.53 ERA, striking out 43 and walking just 9 in 21.1 innings. The lefty posted a microscopic WHIP of 0.98 in his final college season. Though back and shoulder problems limited Coppola to 49.1 college innings, he left Florida as the Gators' all-time leader in strikeouts per nine innings (15.5) among pitchers to throw at least 40 innings. He accomplished the ridiculous feat of striking out 10 in 3.2 innings last May against Alabama.

OTHER CAREER NOTES: Born in Verona, New Jersey (about 20 miles west of New York City), Coppola struck out 216 across 121 career innings at Verona High School. Perfect Game tabbed him as the No. 50 player in the nation (No. 4 in New Jersey) and the No. 9 left-handed pitcher in America (No. 2 in New Jersey). Coppola and Nazier Mulé, another New Jersey native in the South Bend rotation, went to high school about 20 minutes away from another. He and South Bend center fielder Kane Kepley each played for the 2024 Hyannis Harbor Hawks in the Cape Cod Baseball League.

First Career Appearance vs. Great Lakes

Pitch Arsenal

Fastball, Slider, Sweeper, Splitter, Changeup



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28 Ethan Bell (R) Last Win: 6/19/26 at Fort Wayne Last Loss: 7/25/26 vs Wisconsin Last HR: 8/7/26 vs Cedar Rapids Arsenal: 4SFB, Slider, Curveball	BIO: 2025 free agent signing of the Chicago Cubs out of Saint Louis University. Made pro debut with Myrtle Beach Pelicans on 4/25/25, pitching a scoreless inning... Posted 1-4 record with 3.90 ERA in 26 games last season with MB. Walked 33 in 32.1 IP with 49 K. Struck out 49 batters in 36.2 IP in final season with Billikens.. Pitched 2.1 shutout innings in extras 6/19 at Fort Wayne, both winning and tying runs at third base in both 10th and 11th..	Last 3 Outings 8/4 vs CR (ND): 1.1 IP, 0 R, 0 H, 0 BB, 3 K's 8/7 vs CR (ND): 0.1 IP, 4 R, 3 H, 1 BB, 0 K 8/13 at GL (ND): 2.0 IP, 0 R, 2 H, 0 BB, 2 K's *Scoreless Streak: 2.1
44 Noah Edders (R) Last Win: 8/1/26 MB vs Charleston Last Loss: 7/19/26 MB at Kannapolis Last HR: 6/11/26 MB vs Augusta Arsenal: 4SFB, Slider, Curve, Change	BIO: Selected by the Cubs in the 15th round of the 2025 MLB Draft out of Troy... Made three appearances out of bullpen with Low-A Myrtle Beach in 2025 after being drafted.. This season, pitched in 18 games and 15 starts with Pelicans, struck out 67 batters in 62.1 IP. Gave up 5 HR, hit 5 batters, walked 24.. Last home start with Pelicans on 8/1 featured 5.0 shutout IP with seven K's..Pitched 2023 & 2024 in college at Bradley University, before making 14 starts with Troy in 2025, led Troy with 65.0 innings pitched, struck out 67..Father Mostafa played professional soccer for Morocco's national team	Last 3 Outings 8/12 vs GL (MWL debut): 0.2 IP, 6 R, 5 H, 2 BB, 2 K's *Scoreless Streak: 0.0
34 Ethan Flanagan (L) Last Win: 7/29/26 at Lake County Last Loss: 6/21/26 at Fort Wayne Last HR: 7/23/26 vs Wisconsin Arsenal: 4SFB, Slider, Curve, Change	BIO: Selected by the Cubs in the 17th round of the 2023 MLB Draft out of UCLA...Did not pitch in 2024... Made 14 starts last season between ACL and Low-A Myrtle Beach, with 12 coming for Pelicans..Posted 5-1 record with 1.93 ERA with 54 K in 56.0 IP. Worked career best 6.0 shutout innings on 7/2/25 at Charleston with three hits allowed, two walks and nine K... At UCLA went 5-1 with a 3.91 ERA and 107 strikeouts over 92 total innings ... Was a Freshman All-American and All-Pac-12 selection in 2022	Last 3 Outings (Bullpen) 7/17 vs PEO (ND): 3.1 IP, 2 R, 2 H, 0 BB, 5 K's 7/23 vs WIS (W): 5.0 IP, 1 R, 3 H, 1 BB, 4 K's 7/29 at LC (SV): 3.0 IP, 2 R, 3 H, 2 BB, 5 K's *Scoreless Streak: 1.2
32 Anhuar Garcia (R) Last Win: 6/26/26 MB at Salem Last Loss: 6/10/25 vs ACL D-Backs Last HR: 7/9/26 MB vs Charleston Arsenal: 4SFB, Slider, Curve	BIO: Signed by the Cubs out of Mexico on December 15, 2024... Spent 2025 in the Arizona Complex League, appearing in seven games and six starts, struck out 35 batters in 32 IP.. This season, made one ACL appearance before heading to Myrtle Beach to make 11 outings and 3 starts.. Walked just nine batters in 25.1 IP with 31 K's.. Batters hit .161, gave up four homers.. Struck out seven batters in 4.0 innings in final start with Pelicans at Columbia.. Brother Reivaj (Ray-Vodge) Garcia played with the South Bend Cubs as infielder in 2021, 2024, and 2025	Last 3 Outings *Scoreless Streak: 0.0
22 Yoendris Gonzalez (R) Last Win: 6/18/26 MB at Delmarva Last Loss: 5/20/25 MB at Hickory Last HR: 6/2/26 ACL vs Guardians Arsenal: Fastball, Curveball	BIO: Signed by the Cubs out of Cuba on May 2, 2022... Spent 2022 in the Dominican Summer League before missing all of 2023 with an injury... Returned in the Arizona Complex League in May 2024 but went back on the Injured List in July... Spent all of last year with Myrtle Beach, posting a 4.38 ERA in 37.0 IP... Debuted May 30 this year in the ACL, making 4 appearances before rejoining Myrtle in mid-June... 2.21 ERA and 8 BB/33 K across 20.1 IP for the Pelicans... Named Carolina League Pitcher of the Week on July 6 for his 9 strikeouts in 5.0 hitless innings across two outings	Last 3 Outings 8/4 vs CR (ND): 2.2 IP, 0 R, 3 H, 3 BB, 1 K 8/8 vs CR (ND): 1.2 IP, 0 R, 2 H, 0 BB 3 K's 8/13 at GL (ND): 2.1 IP, 0 R, 4 H, 0 BB, 2 K's *Scoreless Streak: 7.0
37 Cole Reynolds (L) Last Win: 7/18/26 vs Peoria Last Loss: 6/11/26 vs Peoria Last HR: 7/1/26 at Beloit Arsenal: 4SFB, Sinker, Cutter, Sweeper, Change	BIO: Signed by the Chicago Cubs as a free agent on January 24, 2025 out of UNC Charlotte.. Played one season at Charlotte, and three prior college seasons at Elon.. Was a full time starter at Charlotte, making 15 starts in 2024 with 4.85 ERA. Struck out 84 batters in 72.1 IP.. At Elon made 20 appearances and 12 starts over three seasons... pitched 2022 summer season with the Orleans Firebirds in Cape Cod League, had 6.56 ERA but 24 K's in 23.0 IP... Made eight outings out of South Bend bullpen in 2025, posting 8.31 ERA.. Started 11 games with the Cubs in the first-half of 2026..	Last 3 Outings 7/31 at LC (ND): 2.2 IP, 1 UER, 1 H, 1 BB, 1 K 8/9 vs CR (SV): 3.0 IP, 0 R, 2 H, 1 BB, 1 K 8/14 at GL (ND): 3.2 IP, 2 R, 2 H, 5 BB, 3 K's *Scoreless Streak: 0.0



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13 Jose Romero (R) Last Win: 7/7/26 vs ACL Angels Last Loss: 5/21/26 vs ACL Brewers Last HR: 6/25/24 at Wisconsin Arsenal: 4SFB, Slider, Changeup	BIO: Signed by the Chicago Cubs as a free agent on October 15, 2020..Missed all of the 2025 season due to injury, was with South Bend for the entirety of the 2024 season, making 37 appearances with a 5-3 record and a 4.70 ERA.. Picked up seven saves.. Struck out 63 in 51.2 IP with 48 BB.. Posted 2.77 ERA in 2023 with Myrtle Beach across 28 appearances.. Before returning to Cubs in 2026, pitched in nine games with one start with ACL Cubs, struck out 16 in 9.1 IP with 14 runs allowed.	Last 3 Outings 8/2 at LC (ND): 2.0 IP, 0 R, 1 H, 0 BB, 2 K's 8/7 vs CR (ND): 1.0 IP, 5 R, 1 H, 4 BB, 2 K's 8/12 vs GL (ND): 1.0 IP, 2 R, 2 H, 2 BB, 0 K *Scoreless Streak: 0.0
46 Luis Rujano (R) Last Win: 7/9/26 at Cedar Rapids Last Loss: 6/20/26 at Fort Wayne Last HR: 6/14/26 vs Peoria Arsenal: 4SFB, Slider, Curve, Change	BIO: Selected by the Cubs in the 13th round of the 2022 MLB Draft....Born in Venezuela, moved to United States to play high school baseball in Florida, where he was drafted out of.. Spent nearly all of 2025 with SB, starting 3 games to start the season, then appearing in 28 games out of bullpen to wrap up campaign.. Struck out 57 batters in 48.2 IP.. Ended 2025 with AA Knoxville, started there this season, posting 8.61 ERA in 12 games, after pitching in six ACL games, assigned to South Bend on June 23.	Last 3 Outings 8/1 at LC (ND): 1.0 IP, 0 R, 1 H, 1 BB, 2 K's 8/7 vs CR (ND): 2.0 IP, 0 R, 2 H, 1 BB, 4 K's 8/12 vs GL (ND): 2.1 IP, 0 R, 0 H, 2 BB, 0 K *Scoreless Streak: 6.2
38 Brayden Spears (R) Last Win: 8/6/26 vs Cedar Rapids Last Loss: 8/11/26 at Great Lakes Last HR: 7/30/26 at Lake County Arsenal: 4SFB, Sinker, Cutter, Sweeper, Changeup	BIO: Signed by the Cubs in 2025 after pitching 3 seasons with the Pioneer League's Boise Hawks.. Made Cubs org debut with Myrtle Beach, tossing 60.1 INN in 36 games. Posted 3.13 ERA.. Saved 5 games out of 10 opportunities, struck out 55. Played at Boise State University and Cal State Fullerton. Best season in Indy Ball came in 2024 w/ Boise, making 10 starts with a 3.74 ERA. struck out 56 in 53.0 IP	Last 3 Outings 7/30 at LC (W): 3.0 IP, 3 R, 3 H, 2 BB, 5 K's 8/6 vs CR (W): 4.0 IP, 0 R, 2 H, 0 BB, 1 K 8/11 at GL (L): 3.0 IP, 4 R, 5 H, 2 BB, 1 K *Scoreless Streak: 1.0
25 Adam Stone (R) Last Win: 8/9/26 vs Cedar Rapids Last Loss: 8/6/26 vs Cedar Rapids Last HR: 5/28/26 vs Fort Wayne Arsenal: 4SFB, Slider, Sweeper, Changeup	BIO: Selected by the Chicago Cubs in the 2025 Rule 5 Draft, originally signed as a free agent with the New York Yankees in 2022.. Has not pitched in an official game since 2023 due to injury.. Only pro season prior came in 2023 with Tampa in Florida State League... worked 20 games with 7.20 ERA.. Played 2022 season in college at Harvard.. Also pitched 7 games in Arizona Fall League in 2025 with Mesa Solar Sox.. Possesses lowest Cubs organization reliever ERA at 1.77 (among those qualified)	Last 3 Outings 8/6 vs CR (L): 2.0 IP, 3 R, 2 ER, 2 H, 0 BB, 2 K's 8/9 vs CR (W): 1.0 IP, 0 R, 0 H, 0 BB, 0 K (6 pitches, 5 strikes) 8/14 at GL (ND): 0.1 IP, 0 R, 1 H, 1 BB, 1 K *Scoreless Streak: 2.1
39 Nate Williams (R) Last Win: 7/31/26 at Lake County Last Loss: N/A Last HR: 7/31/26 at Lake County Arsenal: 4SFB, Slider, Splitter	BIO: Selected by the Cubs in the 13th round of the 2025 Draft out of Mississippi State... Did not pitch professionally in 2025 after being drafted...Lone season with Miss State came in 2025, working 19 games with 4.23 ERA. Struck out 51 batters in 27.2 IP... Pitched two seasons at Florence-Darlington Tech in 2021 and 2022... Made pro debut at Peoria 4/7	Last 3 Outings 7/31 at LC (W): 2.1 IP, 1 R, 2 H, 3 BB, 3 K 8/8 vs CR (ND): 3.1 IP, 5 R, 4 H, 0 BB 3 K's 8/12 vs GL (ND): 1.2 IP, 0 R, 0 H, 0 BB, 2 K's *Scoreless Streak: 1.2
33 JP Wheat (R) Last Win: 7/29/26 at Lake County Last Loss: 5/2/26 vs Fort Wayne Last HR: 4/19/25 at Augusta Arsenal: 4SFB, Slider, Changeup	BIO: Selected by the Cubs in the 16th-round of 2022 MLB Draft out of Next Level Academy HS.. Did not pitch professionally in 2022 or 2023, made pro debut in 2024 in ACL, then made 10 starts with Myrtle Beach, posting 7.91 ERA... Limited to just 33 IP last season due to injury, last pitched on 5/18/25 with Pelicans. Had best career outing on 5/10/25 vs Delmarva, throwing 6 hitless and shutout innings.	Last 3 Outings 7/29 at LC (W): 1.0 IP, 1 R, 1 H, 2 BB, 1 K 8/6 vs CR (ND): 2.0 IP, 0 R, 0 H, 3 BB, 1 K 8/11 at GL (ND): 1.0 IP, 0 R, 1 H, 1 BB, 0 K *Scoreless Streak: 3.0



SOUTH BEND CUBS CATCHERS/INFIELDERS

9 Michael Carico *First Base, Catcher *Bats: Left / Throws: Right *2023 5th round pick (Cubs) *Davidson Last Game: 1/3, 1 BB (Tuesday) This Series: 1/3, 1 BB (Last) CR Series: 3/11, 1 R, 3 BB	Career Notes: 2023 5th-round pick of the Chicago Cubs out of Davidson... Before call up to South Bend on June 30, limited to just 66 games in pro career to this point due to injury.. Played 49 games this season with the Myrtle Beach Pelicans, hitting seven homers with 25 RBI and a .247 average. Walked and struck out 60 times.. Started 2026 with .297 average in April.. Drafted as a catcher, primarily plays 1B now.. Was College Baseball's national leader in OBP in 2022 (.559).. 2022 Atlantic 10 Player of Year.. Played 3 total seasons at Davidson (104 games), hitting .354 with 29 homers and 82 RBI..Made SB Cubs debut 6/30	2026 Hit Streak: 1 / Long Hit Streak: 5 On-Base Streak: 13 / Long On-BaseStk: 13 Last HR: First with South Bend: vs Wisconsin 7/24 (solo) Cubs Season – Career Game Highs Hits: 2, at LC 8/1 – 3, vs Augusta 6/11/26 RBI: 3, vs WIS 7/25 – 4, vs Augusta 6/11/26
4 Angel Cepeda Cubs #24 prospect *Shortstop, Second Base, Third Base *Bats: Right / Throws: Right *NDFA 2023 *No College *25: MB (100g) .249, 8 HR, 49 RBI Last Game: 1/4, 2 R, 1 RBI, 1 BB This Series: 3/15, 2 RBI, 3 BB, 2 R (Last) CR Series: 4/22, 1 BB, 5 R, 2 BB	Career Notes: Signed as free agent with Chicago Cubs on January 15, 2023... Played career-high 100 games with Myrtle Beach last season, hitting .249 with 8 HR and 49 RBI... Scorched to end the season after hitting .203 in April, .245 in May, .159 in June, .218 in July, and then .336 in August, went 7/19 at the plate (.368) in September... 17 errors last season playing third base and shortstop for Pelicans.. Left game in Peoria due to injury on April 9, also left his first game returning from injury, again hurt, on April 18 vs Beloit...Returned 6/19 at Fort Wayne	2026 Hit Streak: 1 / Long Hit Streak: 4 On-Base Streak: 6 / Long On-BaseStk: 7 Last HR: 7/31 at Lake County (Solo) Cubs Season – Career Game Highs Hits: 3, at Lake County 8/1 – Same RBI: 3, at Peoria 4/8 – 4, vs Columbia 9/2/25
17 Jose Escobar Cubs #16 prospect *All INF and OF spots but 1B *Bats: Left / Throws: Right *NDFA 2022 *No College *26: MB (40g) .299, 2 HR, 23 RBI Last Game: 2/5, 1 R This Series : 3/16, 2 BB, 1 R (Last) CR Series: 4/19, HR, 2 RBI	Career Notes: Signed as free agent with Chicago Cubs on February 20, 2022... Spent all of 2022 in Dominican Summer League, made state side debut with ACL Cubs in 2023, first opportunity with Myrtle Beach came to end 2024.. Played all of 2025 with Low-A Myrtle Beach, hitting .264 in 105 games, struck out 96 times in 401 at-bats.. Started 2026 with Pelicans, batting .299 in 40 games, struck out just 21 times in 147 at-bats.. Has two three-hit games this season, knocked in career-high four RBI at Columbia on April 8.. Went 3/3 and missed cycle by a triple in first-half clinching game vs Peoria.. Picked up first 4-hit game with Cubs on June 23 vs QC, first since April 2025.. Had 4 more hits on July 4 at Beloit, and again July 22 vs Wisconsin	2026 Hit Streak: 1 / Long Hit Streak: 8 On-Base Streak: 1 / Long On-BaseStk: 13 Last HR: 7/1 at Beloit (Solo) - 447 feet *10-game RBI streak snapped 7/24 Cubs Season – Career Game Highs Hits: 4, vs WIS 7/22 – Same RBI: 3, at LC 7/31 – 4, at Columbia 4/8/25
6 Michael Hallquist *All INF spots *Bats: Right / Throws: Right *NDFA 2026 *Ball State Last Game: 1/4, HR, 1 RBI This Series: 1/11, 1 RBI, 1 BB (Last) CR Series: 3/15, HR, 4 RBI, 3 BB	Career Notes: Signed as free agent with Chicago Cubs on July 1 2026.. Played three seasons of independent baseball, most recently in 2026 with Milwaukee Milkmen of American Association.. Hit .312 this season with 11 homers and 27 RBI in 39 games.. Played with hometown Fargo-Moorhead RedHawks in 2024 and 2025.. Spent one year in college with Ball State Cardinals, hitting .331 in 59 games with 21 home runs and 56 RBI in 2024.. 2024 First Team All MAC, also made All MAC defensive team.. Before Ball State played at Bismarck State College and Minnesota Crookston.. Homered in first SB Cubs at-bat 7/1 at Beloit, also homered in first game at Four Winds Field 7/18	2026 Hit Streak: 1 / Long Hit Streak: 4 On-Base Streak: 2 / Long On-BaseStk: 11 Last HR: 8/14 at Great Lakes (Solo) *11-game on-base streak ended 8/6 Cubs Season – Career Game Highs Hits: 2, 8/1 at Lake County - Same RBI: 3, 8/1 at Lake County –Same
24 Matt Halbach *Third Base, First Base *Bats: Right / Throws: Right *2024 10th Round Pick (Cubs) *UC San Diego *25: MB (103g) .244, 9 HR, 67 RBI Last Game: 0/3, 1 R, 1 RBI, 1 BB This Series: 4/16, 2 HR, 4 R, 3 RBI, 1 BB (Last) CR Series: 2/17, 2 RBI, 2 R, 2 BB	Career Notes: Drafted by Cubs in 10th round of 2024 MLB Draft out of UC San Diego... Did not play after being drafted in 2024, made pro debut with Myrtle Beach Pelicans on 4/4/25, clubbing first pro HR on Opening Day last season... Had back to back 3 hit games to start last year.. Hit .317 in April of 2025 and .121 in May, ended season with a .307 August... Finished 2024 at UC San Diego with a .408 batting average, 29 hits, 18 RBI and 23 runs scored. Played 2023 in Cape Cod Baseball League with Orleans Firebirds, hitting .364 in 32 games.. Had one of two Cubs hits vs rehabbing Nick Lodolo on 4/26 at Dayton.. Had career-day 5/14 at Wisconsin, went 5/5 with a HR, 5 runs, 6 RBI, and 2 BB.. Hitting .300 on the road with 8 homers and 36 RBI with .865 OPS.. at home, has hit .186 with 0 homers and 13 RBI and .520 OPS..	2026 Hit Streak: 0 / Long Hit Streak: 7 On-Base Streak: 2 / Long On-BaseStk: 15 Last HR: 8/13 at Great Lakes (Solo) *All 10 home runs have been on the road *15-game on-base streak ended 5/9 Cubs Season – Career Game Highs Hits: 5, at WIS 5/14 – Same RBI: 6, at WIS, 5/14 – Same

15 Brennan Hudson *Catcher *Bats: Left / Throws: Right *2026 20th Round Pick (Cubs) *Georgia *26: UGA (56g) .295, 22 HR, 51 RBI Last Game: 0/2, 1 R, 2 BB This Series: 1/6, 1 R, 2 BB, 1 RBI (Last) CR Series: 1/8, 1 RBI, 1 BB	Career Notes: Drafted by Cubs in 20th round of 2026 MLB Draft out of University of Georgia.. First 2026 Cubs draft pick to be assigned to South Bend.. Hit .295 in 56 games with Georgia this Spring, mashed 22 homers with 51 RBI.. Also played 2025 at Georgia.. Spent 2023 and 2024 seasons at Georgia State.. Named MVP of NCAA Athens Regional Tournament and to All-Tournament Team after hitting a team-best .556.. Made the 2026 SEC All-Tournament Team.. Out of high school in Cumming, Georgia, named to 2021 Rawlings Preseason Underclass All-American team.. Made pro debut 8/5.. Picked up first pro hit and RBI on double vs Cedar Rapids 8/9..	2026 Hit Streak: 0 / Long Hit Streak: 2 On-Base Streak: 3 / Long On-BaseStk: 2 Last HR: N/A Cubs Season – Career Game Highs Hits: 1, at GL 8/13 – Same RBI: 1, at GL 8/13 – Same
21 Logan Poteet <i>Cubs #27 prospect</i> *Catcher, First Base *Bats: Right / Throws: Right *2025 17th round pick (Cubs) *UNC Charlotte Last Game: 2/4, HR, 2 R, 1 RBI This Series: 4/11, HR, 3 R, 3 RBI (Last) CR Series: 2/12, 2 RBI, 4 BB *Made pro debut w/ South Bend 8/24/25 *First pro hit 8/29/25 at Peoria (single)	Career Notes: 2025 17th-round pick of the Chicago Cubs out of UNC Charlotte... Played one season with 49ers in 2025, batting .282 in 51 games with 10 HR's and 40 RBI... Before Charlotte spent two years total at Vanderbilt, appearing in 11 games in 2024.. Appeared in four games with Cape League's Chatham Anglers in summer of 2024... made pro debut with Cubs on 8/24, Originally from Powell, Tennessee, just up the road from Knoxville and the Cubs' Double-A affiliate home... Did not lose a single high school conference game (51-0) in four seasons at Powell H.S... Made pro debut with the South Bend Cubs last season, started 2026 with Low-A Myrtle Beach, batting .272 in 51 games with 14 homers and 39 RBI.. Hit first pro home run on September 7 last year with SB, also working behind the plate catching South Bend's win over Wisconsin to end last season.	2026 Hit Streak: 4 / Long Hit Streak: 4 On-Base Streak: 13 / Long On-BaseStk: 13 Last SB HR: 8/13 at Great Lakes (Solo) *Last Myrtle Beach home run this season came June 23 at Salem Cubs Season – Career Game Highs Hits: 2, vs CR 8/9 – 3, at Salem 6/23/26 RBI: 3, at CR 7/10 – 3, vs Augusta 6/14/26
11 Justin Stransky *Catcher *Bats: Right / Throws: Right *2025 11th round pick (Cubs) *Fresno State *25: MB (13g) .163, 0 HR, 5 RBI Last Game: 1/4 This Series: 1/5, 1 RBI, 2 BB, HBP (Last) CR Series: 0/5, 1 BB	Career Notes: 2025 11th-round pick of the Chicago Cubs out of Fresno State... Made pro debut with Myrtle Beach Pelicans on August 5 last season, hit .163 with Pelicans in 13 games with no home runs, 5 RBI, 6 BB, and 12 strikeouts... Had two multi-hit games.. Played two seasons at Fresno State, hitting .300 or better in both years.. Hit .304 in 2024, followed by a .316 performance in 2025 with 12 HR and 45 RBI.. Had career-game in season debut at Peoria, crushing first pro homer with career-high five RBI on April 8.. Has a pair of five RBI games this season, in season debut at Peoria 4/8, and 5/14 at Wisconsin. Homered in each.. *13-game on-base streak ended June 12.. Lashed first Cubs walk-off hit of season on July 24 vs Wisconsin in 11th inning.	2026 Hit Streak: 1 / Long Hit Streak: 7 On-Base Streak: 3 / Long On-BaseStk: 13 Last HR: 7/26 vs Wisconsin (2-Run) Coming into season, last HR was 5/10/25 vs San Jose State - Stretch where he hit a combined 5 HR over 3 games for Fresno State Cubs Season – Career Game Highs Hits: 2, vs Wisconsin 7/26 – Same RBI: 5, at Wisconsin 5/14 - Same



SOUTH BEND CUBS OUTFIELDERS

35 Josiah Hartshorn Cubs #1 prospect *All OF spots, First Base *Bats: Switch / Throws: Left *2025 6th round pick (Cubs) *No College *26: MB (39g) .273, 5 HR, 25 RBI, 34 BB, 27 K Last Game: 0/5 This Series: 3/16, 2 RBI, 1 BB (Last) CR Series: 7/16, 2 HR, 6 RBI, 5 BB	Career Notes: 6th round pick by the Chicago Cubs out of Orange Lutheran High School in Orange, California in 2025.. Notable fellow alumni include Yankees RHP Gerrit Cole, Brewers outfielder Garrett Mitchell, former MLB pitcher Brandon Maurer, and NASCAR driver Dean Thompson... Signed for 6th-round record \$2 million after originally signing to play college baseball with Texas A&M.. Co-Champion of 2024 All-Star High School Home Run Derby at Globe Life Field.. Mashed first pro home run in second pro game at Charleston on April 3 with Myrtle Beach.. Reached base safely in 21 straight games to start this season (first 21 career pro games).. Reached base in 19 straight games to start High-A tenure... Named MLB Pipeline's #1 Cubs prospect on July 23 and homered that night	2026 Hit Streak: 0 / Long Hit Streak: 12 On-Base Streak: 0 / Long On-BaseStk: 19 Last HR: 8/9 vs Cedar Rapids (Two-Run) *Had eight home runs in first 18 MWL games *12-game hit streak snapped 6/16 Cubs Season – Career Game Highs Hits: 3, vs Quad Cities 6/24 – Same RBI: 5, vs Fort Wayne 5/27 – Same
19 Geuri Lubo *Corner INF and all OF spots *Bats: Right / Throws: Right *NDFA 2021 *No College *26: MB (38g) .189, 6 HR, 23 RBI Last Game: 0/4 This Series: 0/5 (Last) CR Series: 1/9, 1 R, 3 RBI, 1 BB	Career Notes: Signed as free agent with Chicago Cubs on June 25, 2021... Played all of 2021 and 2022 with Dominican Summer League Cubs, batting .261 in '22 with three homers and 24 RBI..Named 2022 DSL All-Star... Then played two seasons with Arizona Complex League Cubs in 2023 and 2024, batting .288 in '24 with three homers and 22 RBI... Missed all of 2025 due to injury.. Assigned to South Bend on April 21, made Midwest League debut on April 24 at Dayton.. Smacked first High-A homer on April 25 at Dayton, a solo opposite field shot down the right field line... After 4 High-A games, returned to MB for 38, hitting .189 with 6 HR and 23 RBI... Promoted to SB on July 28	2026 Hit Streak: 0 / Long Hit Streak: 2 On-Base Streak: 0 / Long On-BaseStk: 3 Last HR: 7/26 MB at Hickory (Solo) Last High-A HR: 4/25 at Dayton (Solo) Cubs Season – Career Game Highs Hits: 2, 8/1 at LC –3, at Salem 6/24 RBI: 3, 8/9 vs CR –Same
20 Alexey Lumpuy *Can play all OF spots *Bats: Left / Throws: Left *2025 2nd Round Pick (Cubs) *No College *25: MB (80g) .258, 7 HR, 41 RBI Last Game: 1/4 This Series: 5/14, 4 R, 2 BB, HBP (Last) CR Series: 6/24, 5 R	Career Notes: Signed as a free agent with the Chicago Cubs on June 12, 2023 out of Cuba...Spent both 2023 and 2024 in Dominican Summer League before playing all of 2025 with Myrtle Beach.. Hit .209 with 11 HR and 46 RBI in 2025 with Pelicans.. This season, played 80 games with MB, hitting .258 with seven homers and 41 RBI..Struck out 107 times in 310 AB's.. Had 11-game on-base streak between July 3 and July 19 this season.. Made High-A debut August 4..	2026 Hit Streak: 2 / Long Hit Streak: 3 On-Base Streak: 5 / Long On-BaseStk: 5 Last HR: 7/25 at Hickory (Solo) Cubs Season – Career Game Highs Hits: 3, 8/9 vs CR - 4, at Kannapolis 7/10/25 RBI: 1, 8/6 vs CR - 3, vs Charleston 8/1/26
7 Kade Snell *Can play all OF spots *Bats: Left / Throws: Left *2025 5th Round Pick (Cubs) *Alabama *25: SB (27g) .167, 0 HR, 7 RBI Last Game: 0/2, 1 RBI, 1 BB This Series: 0/13, 2 R, 3 RBI, 3 BB (Last) CR Series: 5/23, HR, 1 RBI, 5 R, 1 BB *Made pro debut w/ SB 8/5/25 *First career hit 8/5, double vs FW *First career RBI 8/15 at Beloit *First career HR 4/23/26 at Dayton *Missed 6 weeks this season due to wrist injury. Returned from IL 7/17	Career Notes: 5th round pick by Chicago Cubs out of Alabama in 2025... Helped to 41-18 record in 2025 and appearance in Louisville Super Regional, losing to Miami (FL) 5-3 on May 30, and Southern Mississippi 6-5 on May 31, Snell had a hit in both games.... 101 career games with Crimson Tide,, hit .347, 16 HR, 82 RBI.. Originally committed and played for Auburn Tigers in 2021, did not see game action... Transferred to Wallace Community College in hometown of Dothan, Alabama for 2022 and 2023... First was a two-way player at Alabama, pitching in 10 games in 2024... Was hitter-only in 2025... Named first-team all SEC *Spent 2023 summer in Cape Cod League with Falmouth Commodores, hit .342 in 21 games, one home run, 15 RBI, 11 BB, 20 K *Crushed first pro home run at Dayton on April 23 -Scored career-high four runs 5/14 at Wisconsin	2026 Hit Streak: 0 / Long Hit Streak: 8 On-Base Streak: 2 / Long On-BaseStk: 13 Last HR: 8/6 vs Cedar Rapids (Solo) *8-game hit streak ended 8/7 *Stole 11 bases with South Bend in 27 games last season,, did not steal one base in two years played at Alabama Cubs Season – Career Game Highs Hits: 3, 8/1 at Lake County – Same RBI: 4, 4/15 vs Beloit – Same



SOUTH BEND PROFESSIONAL BASEBALL HISTORY

2026 Attendance Highs 1. 10,071 7/23 vs Wisconsin 2. 8,270 8/7 vs Cedar Rapids 3. 7,114 6/27 vs Quad Cities All-Time Attendance Highs 1. 10,071 7/23/26 vs WIS 2. 8,169 7/25/24 vs PEO 3. 8,143 7/3/15 vs BG Season Attendance 1. 354,070 '17 Cubs 2. 350,083 '16 Cubs 3. 347,678 '15 Cubs 4. 343,783 '18 Cubs 5. 314,591 '23 Cubs	1988-1993 – South Bend White Sox / White Sox Affiliate *1989 and 1993 Midwest League Champions 1994-1996 – South Bend Silver Hawks / White Sox Affiliate 1997-2014 – South Bend Silver Hawks / Diamondbacks Affiliate *2005 Midwest League Champions *2001, 2008, 2013 Midwest League Runner-Up *2005 Midwest League Prospect of the Year/MVP: OF Carlos Gonzalez *2014 Midwest League Prospect of the Year: SS Andrew Velazquez 2015-Present – South Bend Cubs / Cubs Affiliate *2019 and 2022 Midwest League Champions *2026 Midwest League First-Half West Division Champions *Voted best ballpark in 2017, 2022, and 2023.
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South Bend Cubs in the Majors (Debut Team)

OF Ian Happ (Cubs '17) / SB 2015 P Pedro Aruajo (Orioles '17) / SB 2015-16 P Dillon Maples (Cubs '17) / SB 2015-16 P James Norwood (Cubs '18) / SB 2015-16 P Duane Underwood (Cubs '18) / SB 2016 INF David Bote (Cubs '18) / SB 2015 SS Gleyber Torres (Yankees '18) / SB 2015 P Adbert Alzolay (Cubs '19) / SB 2016 OF Eloy Jimenez (White Sox '19) / SB 2016 P Dylan Cease (White Sox '19) SB 2017 INF Nico Hoerner (Cubs '19) / SB 2018 IF Isaac Paredes (Tigers '20) / SB 2016-17 IF Vimal Machin (A's '20) / SB 2015-17 P Tyson Miller (Cubs '20) / SB 2017 P Brailyn Marquez (Cubs '20) / SB 2018-19 IF Jason Vosler (Giants '21) / SB 2015 C Erick Castillo (Cubs '21) / SB 2016 P Justin Steele (Cubs '21) / SB 2016 IF Zack Short (Tigers '21) / SB 2017 P Michael Rucker (Cubs '21) / SB 2017 P Scott Effross (Cubs '21) / SB 2016 P Tommy Nance (Cubs '21) / SB 2016 P Jhon Romero (Nationals '21) / SB 2017 P Manuel Rodriguez (Cubs '21) / SB 2017-18 P Cory Abbott (Cubs '21) / SB 2018 C Teddy Payne (Cubs '21) / SB 2017-18 P Matt Swarmer (Cubs '22) / SB 2017 P Brendon Little (Cubs '22) / SB 2018-19 P Brandon Hughes (Cubs '22) / SB 2018-19 P Javier Assad (Cubs '22) / SB 2018 P Erich Uelmen (Cubs '22) / SB 2018 OF Nelson Velazquez (Cubs '22) / SB 2018-21 INF Jared Young (Cubs '22) / SB 2018 INF Christopher Morel (Cubs '22) / SB 2019 P Ethan Roberts (Cubs '22) / SB 2019 C Miguel Amaya (Cubs '23) / SB 2018 OF Alexander Canario (Cubs '23) / SB 2021-22 IF Andruw Monasterio (Brewers '23) / SB 2016-17 C Jhonny Pereda (Marlins '24) / SB 2017 P Bryan King (Astros '24) / SB 2021 P Bailey Horn (Red Sox '24) / SB 2021-22	P Nicholas Padilla (Cubs '22) / SB 2021-22 P Anderson Espinoza (Cubs '22) SB 2021 P Jordan Wicks (Cubs '23) / SB 2021-22 P Jeremiah Estrada (Cubs '23) / SB 2022 OF Pete Crow-Armstrong (Cubs '23) / SB 2022 INF Matt Mervis (Cubs '23) / SB 2022 P Daniel Palencia (Cubs '23) / SB 2022 P Luke Little (Cubs '23) / SB 2022-23 P Porter Hodge (Cubs '24) / SB 2022 INF Levi Jordan (Reds '24) / SB 2019 OF Kevin Alcantara (Cubs '24) / SB 2023 P Hunter Bigge (Rays '24) / SB 2021-24 P DJ Herz (Nationals '24) / SB 2021-22 INF Matt Shaw (Cubs '25) / SB 2023 INF Cam Smith (Astros '25) / SB 2024 P Cade Horton (Cubs '25) / SB 2023 C Moises Ballesteros (Cubs '25) / SB 2023 P Eduarniel Nunez (Padres '25) / SB 2021-23 P Cam Sanders (Pirates '25) / SB 2019 OF Owen Caissie (Cubs '25) / SB 2022 P Riley Martin (Cubs '26) / SB 2022 OF Yohendrick Pinango (Blue Jays '26) / SB 2021-23 P Yovanny Cruz (Yankees '26) / SB 2022-23 INF Pedro Ramirez (Cubs '26) / SB 2024 INF James Triantos (Cubs '26) / SB 2023/2025 OF Christian Franklin (Orioles '26) / SB 2023 OF Brett Bateman (Blue Jays '26) / SB 2024
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Miscellaneous

NO-HITTERS – In total franchise history, South Bend has thrown 10 no-hitters. In South Bend Cubs history, there have been four.

*June 6, 2018: South Bend beat Fort Wayne 7-0 as Rollie Lacy and Ben Hecht combined for no-hitter.

*May 6, 2019: South Bend defeated Cedar Rapids 2-0 as Derek Casey and Peyton Remy combined for their no-hitter. Former Cubs catcher Victor Caratini caught half the game while on a rehab assignment.

*August 12, 2021: At Fort Wayne, Alexander Vizcaino, Joe Nahas, and Burl Carraway combined to no-hit the TinCaps in a 3-0 shutout.

*July 6, 2023: The most recent South Bend no-no, against the Peoria Chiefs, a 4-0 final, Michael Arias, Jarod Wright, Eduarniel Nunez, and Frankie Scalzo Jr. combined for the gem.

*Last South Bend Silver Hawks no-hitter: July 10, 2014 Blayne Weller (9 inning solo no-hitter) at Dayton, 12 strikeouts.

*South Bend has never thrown a perfect game in franchise history.

***Last time South Bend was no-hit** – April 19, 2026 vs Beloit (Beloit won game 10-0).

*Previous prior opponent no-hitter: September 4, 2022 vs Lansing (Lansing won game 2-1).

CUBS REHAB ASSIGNMENTS – Dexter Fowler 2016, Jason Heyward 2017, Yu Darvish 2018 (2x), Drew Smyly 2018-2022-2024, Mike Montgomery 2019, Victor Caratini 2019, Ben Zobrist 2019, Derek Holland 2019, Nico Hoerner 2021, Rowan Wick 2021, Wade Miley 2022 (2x), Caleb Kilian 2024-2025, Yency Almonte 2025, Eli Morgan 2025, Jack Neely 2025, Caleb Thilebar 2026, Matthew Boyd 2026, Jameson Taillon 2026.

BUDDY BAILEY – 2019 South Bend Cubs manager Buddy Bailey passed away this past fall on September 22, 2025. Bailey, whose 2419 career victories places him in third place on the all-time Minor League Manager wins list, spent his lone season with South Bend by winning the 2019 Midwest League Championship. The Cubs went an undefeated 7-0 in the 2019 playoffs, and Bailey also collected his 2100th professional victory while managing at Four Winds Field on June 6, 2019.

TERRY FRANCONA – The Cincinnati Reds manager was the skipper of the 1992 South Bend White Sox (73-64).

CUBS DEN TEAM STORE – In the summer of 2012, the Sons of Israel Synagogue was transformed into the South Bend Cubs Team Store (beyond the left field wall). The synagogue had not housed a congregation since 1991.

THREE-PEAT – South Bend became the first Midwest League franchise with three consecutive Midwest League Prospects of the Year (2014 Andrew Velazquez, 2015 Gleyber Torres, 2016 Eloy Jimenez).

SEASON #38 – 2026 marks the 38th season of South Bend being part of the Midwest League. It's also been 11 years since the Chicago Cubs made South Bend their MWL affiliate.

*South Bend All Time Record: 2499-2547 (Entering This Season)

*South Bend Cubs Record (2015-Present): 656-677 (Entering This Season)

***South Bend won its 2500th game as a franchise on April 8 at Peoria, by a final of 13-1.**

***7 of 9 Cubs in the lineup had multi-hit games, every Cub reached base.**

***South Bend pitching did not walk a batter in the game, struck out 12.**

THE NEW FOUR WINDS FIELD – With stadium construction being the story of the last two off-seasons at Four Winds Field, a 48-million-dollar has been completed leading into the 2026 season. A new natural playing field was installed for the 2025 seasons. In addition, last season's renovations featured brand new stadium seats across the ballpark,, the Kids Fun Zone being moved to the right field corner, and the brand new splash pad complete past the left-center field wall. 'Phase Two' of the construction project has finished up with the installation of the new second deck, featuring new suites and party deck areas. As well as the South Bend Cubs Event Building in the left field corner, which will be headlined by the newly constructed 11/11 Club presented by Bacardi. It will feature an indoor climate controlled environment and outdoor second level balcony seating to accommodate 100 to 250 guests.

EXTRA INNINGS – South Bend was 2-8 in games going to extra innings last season. After playing zero extra inning games until June 19, the Cubs played two on back-to-back nights in Fort Wayne in June. They are 3-2 this season in extras.

2026 COACHING STAFF - Daniel Wasinger begins his first season as South Bend Cubs manager after serving as the team's bench coach in 2025. The former Arizona Diamondbacks farmhand catcher was originally drafted by the Chicago Cubs out of high school, before getting selected by the DBacks out of college. He is joined by first year pitching coaches Henry Haack and JC Bonilla. As well as third year hitting coach, and former Boston Red Sox infielder Nate Spears, and hitting coach Chris Pieters, a 2017 South Bend Cub. Development Coach Max Anastasio also jumps into his first season in South Bend.