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- AUGUST 23** BEACH DOGS,
BALLPARK REPLICA GIVEAWAY
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- AUGUST 24** FIREWORKS
BY LITTLE GREEK FRESH GRILL
- SEPTEMBER 6** FIREWORKS BY SYSCO, SEASON REWIND
AND FAN APPRECIATION NIGHT
- SEPTEMBER 7** FIREWORKS
BY LITTLE GREEK FRESH GRILL
- SEPTEMBER 12** FSL WEST DIVISION PLAYOFF
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SCHEDULE & PROMOTIONS

| SUN | MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | SAT |
|---------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| AUGUST | | | | | | |
| | | | | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| | | | | JUP | JUP | JUP |
| | | | | 6:30p | 6:30p | 6:30p |
| 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| JUP | LAK | LAK | LAK | LAK | LAK | LAK |
| 12:00p | | | | | | |
| 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 |
| LAK | TAM | TAM | TAM | TAM | TAM | TAM |
| | 6:30p | 6:30p | 6:30p | 6:30p | 6:30p | 6:30p |
| 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 |
| TAM | DUN | DUN | DUN | DUN | DUN | DUN |
| 12:00p | 6:30p | 6:30p | 6:30p | 6:30p | 6:30p | 6:30p |
| 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 |
| DUN | | FTM | FTM | FTM | FTM | FTM |
| 12:00p | | | | | | |

| DATE | PROMOTION |
|---------|--|
| Aug. 2 | Veterans and Military Appreciation Night and Camo Cap Giveaway by Kelli's Catering, Phillie Phanatic Visit |
| Aug. 3 | Back to School Bash and Teacher Appreciation, Fireworks by Syco |
| Aug. 16 | Justin Crawford Bobblehead Giveaway by Barbacoa Boyz |
| Aug. 17 | Fireworks by Little Greek Fresh Grill |
| Aug. 23 | Beach Dogs, Ballpark Replica Giveaway by Coppertail Brewing Company |
| Aug. 24 | Fireworks by Little Greek Fresh Grill |

| SUN | MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | SAT |
|------------|-----|------------|-------------|----------|----------|-------|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| FTM | | STL | STL | STL | STL | STL |
| | | 6:30p | 6:30p | 6:30p | 6:30p | 6:30p |
| 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 |
| STL | | 2nd Half | | 2nd Half | 2nd Half | |
| 12:00p | | | | 6:30p | 6:30p | |
| 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 |
| East Champ | | East Champ | East Champ* | | | |

SEPTEMBER *if necessary
Sept. 15, 17 & 18 games if Division Series Winner

| DATE | PROMOTION |
|---------|--|
| Sept. 6 | Fan Appreciation and Season Rewind Night. |
| Sept. 7 | Largest and Last Fireworks by Little Greek Fresh Grill |

| West Division | East Division |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------|
| CLR Clearwater Threshers | DBT Daytona Tortugas |
| BRD Bradenton Marauders | JCP Jupiter Hammerheads |
| DUN Dunedin Blue Jays | PMB Palm Beach Cardinals |
| FTM Fort Myers Mighty Mussels | STL St. Lucie Mets |
| LAK Lakeland Flying Tigers | |
| TAM Tampa Tarpons | |

■ Home Game □ Away Game * Doubleheader



2024 CHAMPIONS
WEST DIVISION - FIRST HALF

PLAYOFF SCHEDULE

DIVISION SERIES vs 2nd Half West
9/10- Game 1 Away
9/12- Game 2 Home
9/13- Game 3 Home (if necessary)

CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES
(if Division Series Winner)
9/15- Game 1 Home
9/17- Game 2 @ East Champ
9/18- Game 3 @ East Champ
(if necessary)

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Your support and enjoyment fuel our team members who take pride in providing best-in-class service and a portfolio of great promotions and giveaways.

Please peruse this program to learn more about nightly and season-long happenings. Events are updated regularly, so be sure to visit us at ThreshersBaseball.com for the latest news.

Thank you for choosing to spend your time with us and please have an incredible experience!

Jason Adams

Jason Adams
Clearwater Threshers General Manager



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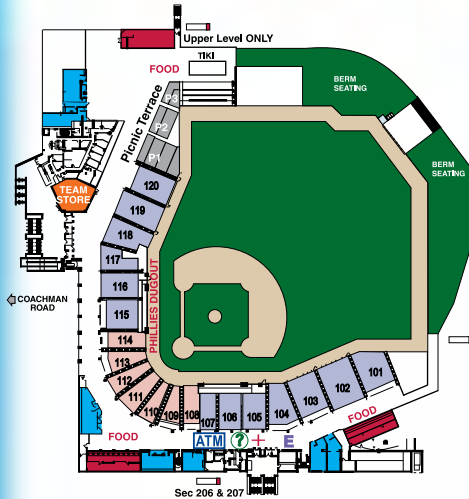
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BAYCARE BALLPARK INFORMATION



ANNOUNCEMENTS

PA and video board announcements can be arranged for a nominal fee by visiting Guest Services behind Section 106 before the end of the second inning.

ATM

The ATM is located on the first base side of the concourse behind section 105.

BAGS & BACKPACKS

Bags can be no larger than 16"x16"x8" and will be subject to inspection upon entry in accordance with Major League Baseball security regulations. Guests may discard or return the prohibited items to their vehicle.

BATS

Full-size baseball bats are prohibited from entry by guests to the ballpark.

BERM SEATING

Berm seating is limited and ticketed. Blankets are permitted to be brought into the park for berm seating. Chairs, folding chairs, camp chairs, and the like, are not permitted to be brought into the park.

CHILD TICKETS

Children 13 and younger qualify for the child's ticket price. For children 4 and younger, please see the BayCare Box Office or a ballpark gate attendant for a complimentary ticket.

CUSTOMER SERVICE & ADVANCE TICKETS

The Customer Service/Advance Tickets window is located on the first base side of the main concourse behind Section 106. Guests can report problems, check for lost and found items and claim prizes at this location. Tickets for future games may also be purchased here.

FIRST AID

The First Aid office is located on the first base side of the main concourse behind section 106. Guests can either report to this office or contact an usher if in need of medical assistance.

FOOD AND DRINK POLICY

No food, bottles, coolers or cans may be brought into the ballpark. The Threshers reserve the right to search any medical or diaper bags entering the ballpark.

FOUL BALLS

Any foul ball hit into the stands may be kept. Guests are not permitted on the field or to reach into the playing area. Foul balls may be dangerous, so please be alert at all times and aware of the potential hazards.

GATES OPEN

Ballpark gates will open one hour prior to scheduled game time.

HANDICAPPED SEATING

Disabled seating is available all throughout the ballpark. Limited wheelchair seating is available through the ticket office in person or on the telephone. One companion seat is available for purchase with each wheelchair space. An elevator is available for disabled use on the first base side of the stadium (South Parking Lot). Drop-off is available on the West Side of the ballpark (no elevator access here). Please contact an usher for assistance entering and exiting the ballpark.

KIDS ZONE

The left-field concourse features a playground and Kids Zone for our younger guests.

LOST AND FOUND

Located at Customer Service behind Section 106.

SENIOR TICKETS

Seniors 55+ may purchase discounted tickets.

SMOKING

Smoking is prohibited in most areas of the ballpark. Special smoking sections are marked. Smoking is permitted only on the concourse bridge by the right field foul pole and the Tiki Pavilion in left field. For resources to help quit smoking, call 1-877-U-CAN-NOW (1-877-822-6669).

TEAM STORE

The Threshers Team Store, Diamond Outfitters, is located next to the ballpark's west entry, and features hats, apparel and collectibles to satisfy Threshers fans of all ages. Merchandise available 24 hours a day on-line at ThreshersBaseball.com.

TIKI PAVILION

The Frenchy's Tiki Pavilion is located beyond the left field wall. It features a variety of mixed drinks, beer and wine for guests 21 and over. Seats in this section are first-come, first-serve during Threshers season.

WEAPONS

Firearms, weapons, knives, tasers and other dangerous or hazardous devices or substances (collectively "weapons") are prohibited at BayCare Ballpark, unless carried by an on-duty police officer or otherwise expressly approved by The Threshers. Anyone bringing such a weapon to the premises must return it to their vehicle immediately.



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MARTY MALLOY MANAGER



Born: Gainesville, FL

Resides: Trenton, FL... Former infielder. Returns to manage Clearwater (A) for 2024. Spent two years as minor league infield coordinator (2020-21) before returning to manage the Threshers in the second half of the 2021 season.

Previously served as a minor league manager for three years with Clearwater (2019) and Lakewood (A, 2017-18). Was the 2022 winner of the John Vukovich Award. Prior to joining the Phillies, spent four years (2013-16) with the Houston Astros, including three years as the manager for their Gulf Coast League (R) team, one year as the GCL hitting coach and one year as the Florida Instructional League coordinator. Also coached at the amateur level as head coach (two years) and volunteer assistant (six years) for Trenton High School and six years as an infield instructor at Gatorball Baseball Academy in Gainesville, Fla. Played 12 years (1992-2003), including his first eight in the Atlanta Braves minor league system.





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TIM COLLINS

PITCHING COACH

Born: Worcester, MA... Resides: Henrico, VA... Former pitcher. Begins his professional coaching career with Clearwater in 2024. His 11-year professional playing career (2007-14, 2017-19) included six seasons in the major leagues with the Royals, Nationals and Cubs.



GUSTAVO ARMAS

PITCHING COACH

Born: Caracas, VZ... Resides: Guatire, VZ... Former pitcher. Spent seven years (2014-20) in the Phillies minor league system, reaching as high as double-A with Reading in 2019. Advanced in player development roles for the Phillies since 2021.



CHRIS HEINTZ

HITTING COACH

Born: Syosset, NY... Resides: Tampa, FL... Former catcher. Joined the Phillies player development staff before the 2018 season, added to Clearwater (A) for the 2020 season. Appeared in 34 major league games for the Twins over three seasons (2005-07) after being a White Sox 19th round pick in the 1996 MLB Draft. Four years as a player and five as a coach led to his 2013 induction into the USF Hall of Fame. Graduated from Countryside High School in Clearwater, Fla.



MYCAL JONES

BENCH COACH

Born: Jacksonville, FL... Resides: Kissimmee, FL... Former infielder/outfielder. Joined Clearwater (A) in 2023, joined the Phillies as a minor league coach in 2020. Was a fourth-round selection of Atlanta in the 2009 MLB Draft, playing seven minor league seasons in their organization. Opened the Mycal Jones Baseball Academy in Naples, Fla., in September 2016.



JOHN RYAN MURPHY

PLAYER DEVELOPMENT INSTRUCTOR

Born: Bradenton, FL... Resides: Tampa, FL... Former catcher. Joined the Phillies in 2023 as player development instructor, his first coaching position. Originally selected by the New York Yankees in the second round of the June 2009 draft out of the IMG Academy. Played parts of eight seasons in the majors (2013-20, Yankees, Twins, Diamondbacks, Braves, Pirates).



SAMANTHA MYERS

ATHLETIC TRAINER

Born: Walnut Creek, CA... Resides: Pittsburg, CA... Joined Clearwater (A) as athletic trainer in 2023 after spending the 2022 season on the major league staff as medical operations liaison. Originally joined the Phillies as an athletic trainer in 2020. Is a 2018 graduate of Sacramento State University (CA) and attained her master's degree in applied exercise science and human movement science from Concordia University.



JOSEPH MIRANDA

STRENGTH & CONDITIONING COACH

Born: Cincinnati, OH... Resides: Maryville, TN... In his second season with Clearwater (A) following positions since 2014 in the Marlins, Reds and Rockies systems. Earned his master's degree in exercise science from George Washington University (DC). Is a certified strength and conditioning specialist (CSCS) and registered strength and conditioning coach (RCCSS), among other certifications.

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#43

LHP

B/T: L/L

HT: 5'10" | WT: 191

Born: April 14, 2004

Resides: Valencia, VZ

2023 Club: DSL-R



STARLYN CABA

#46

INF

B/T: S/R

HT: 5'10" | WT: 170

Born: December 6, 2005

Resides: Bonao, DR

2023 Club: DSL-W



LUIS AVILA

#47

RHP

B/T: R/R

HT: 6'1" | WT: 212

Born: May 26, 2003

Resides: Turmero, VZ

2023 Club: DSL-W



ETHAN CHENAULT

#23

RHP

B/T: R/R

HT: 6'5" | WT: 221

BORN: March 28, 2001

RESIDES: Forest, VA

2023 NCAA: UNC Wilmington



BRANDON BECKEL

#44

RHP

B/T: R/R

HT: 6'4" | WT: 215

BORN: October 20, 2001

RESIDES: San Antonio, TX

2023 Club: FCL, Thrashers



BRADY DAY

#26

INF

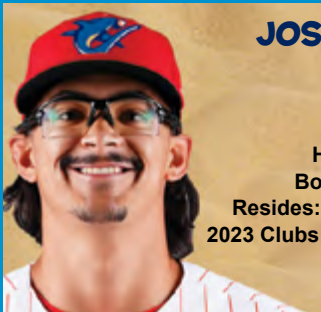
B/T: L/R

HT: 6'0" | WT: 190

Born: March 6, 2002

Resides: Hampstead, NH

2024 NCAA: Kansas State University



JOSH BORTKA

#39

RHP

B/T: R/R

HT: 6'4" | WT: 226

Born: July 12, 1999

Resides: Kansas City, KS

2023 Clubs: FCL, Thrashers



CARSON DEMARTINI

#8

INF

B/T: L/R

HT: 6'0" | WT: 197

Born: December 27, 2002

Resides: Virginia Beach, VA

2024 NCAA: Virginia Tech

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JACOB EDDINGTON

#28

RHP

B/T: R/R

HT: 6'2" | WT: 205

BORN: April 26, 2001

RESIDES: Ellsimore, MO

2023 NCAA: Missouri State University



ORLANDO GONZALEZ

#7

RHP

B/T: R/R

HT: 6'0" | WT: 199

Born: November 22, 2002

Resides: Tepatitlán de Morelos, MX

2023 Club: DSL-R



ALEX GARBRICK

#12

RHP

B/T: R/R

HT: 6'2" | WT: 226

Born: June 4, 1998

Resides: Phoenixville, PA

2023 Club: Jersey Shore



MAVIS GRAVES

#21

LHP

B/T: L/L

HT: 6'4" | WT: 230

BORN: November 20, 2003

RESIDES: Greer, SC

2023 CLUB: FCL



DREW GARRETT

#30

RHP

B/T: R/R

HT: 6'6" | WT: 221

BORN: June 20, 2000

RESIDES: Columbia, MO

2023 CLUB: FCL



JONH HENRIQUEZ

#40

RHP

B/T: R/R

HT: 5'11" | WT: 218

Born: October 30, 1999

Resides: San Francisco De Macoris, DR

2023 Clubs: Threshers,

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DIEGO GONZÁLEZ

#55

INF

B/T: R/R

HT: 5'11" | WT: 196

Born: June 7, 2003

Resides: Barquisimeto, VZ

2023 Club: FCL



RAYLIN HEREDIA

#27

OF

B/T: R/R

HT: 6'0" | WT: 207

BORN: November 10, 2003

RESIDES: Santo Domingo, DR

2023 Clubs: FCL, Threshers

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KEHDEN HETTIGER
#17

C
B/T: S/R
HT: 6'2" | WT: 209
BORN: May 25, 2004
RESIDES: Palmdale, CA
2023 Club: FCL



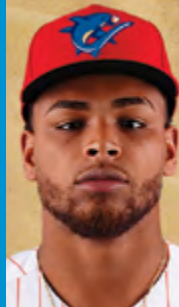
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#16

OF
B/T: R/R
HT: 6'5" | WT: 241
BORN: June 16, 2003
RESIDES: Waukesha, WI
2023 Club: FCL



CHASE HOPEWELL
#50

RHP
B/T: R/R
HT: 6'5" | WT: 205
BORN: January 23, 2001
RESIDES: Cincinnati, OH
2023 CLUB: FCL



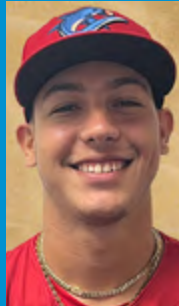
JOSE PEÑA JR.
#6

RHP
B/T: R/R
HT: 6'2" | WT: 218
BORN: July 8, 2003
RESIDES: Winter Haven, FL
2023 Club: FCL



CARTER MATHISON
#22

OF
B/T: L/L
HT: 6'2" | WT: 215
Born: January 26, 2003
Resides: Fort Wayne, IN
2024 NCAA: Indiana University



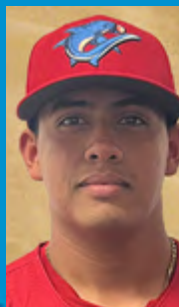
DANYONY PULIDO
#9

RHP
B/T: R/R
HT: 6'1" | WT: 216
Born: October 19, 2002
Resides: Caracas, VZ
2023 Club: DSL-W



MICAH OTTENBREIT
#24

RHP
B/T: R/R
HT: 6'4" | WT: 209
BORN: May 7, 2003
RESIDES: Grosse Ile, MI
2023 Club: FCL



PEDRO REYES
#54

RHP
B/T: R/R
HT: 6'3" | WT: 200
Born: November 26, 2002
Resides: Coatzacoalcos, MX
2023 Club: DSL-W



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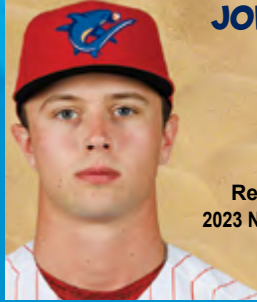
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GUILLERMO ROSARIO
#37
 C/1B
 B/T: R/R
 HT: 6'2" | WT: 223
 Born: April 22, 2005
 Resides: Santiago de los Caballeros, DR
 2023 Club: DSL-W



JOHN SPIKERMAN
#10
 OF
 B/T: S/R
 HT: 6'0" | WT: 190
 Born: April 2, 2003
 Resides: Montgomery, TX
 2023 NCAA: Oklahoma University



RICARDO ROSARIO
#3
 OF
 B/T: R/R
 HT: 6'0" | WT: 198
 Born: February 8, 2003
 Resides: Maracay, VZ
 2023 Club: Threshers



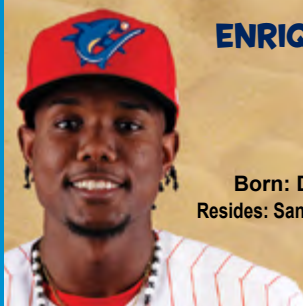
EDUARDO TAIT
#48
 C
 B/T: L/R
 HT: 5'11" | WT: 219
 Born: August 27, 2006
 Resides: Arraijan, PAN
 2023 Clubs: DSL-R, DSL-W



DEVIN SALTIBAN
#11
 INF
 B/T: R/R
 HT: 5'9" | WT: 185
 BORN: February 14, 2005
 RESIDES: Las Vegas, NV
 2023 Club: FCL



SAUL TERAN
#49
 RHP
 B/T: R/R
 HT: 6'1" | WT: 192
 BORN: March 20, 2002
 RESIDES: Caracas, VZ
 2023 Clubs: FCL, Threshers



ENRIQUE SEGURA
#52
 RHP
 B/T: R/R
 HT: 6'1" | WT: 181
 Born: December 19, 2004
 Resides: San Pedro de Macoris, DR
 2023 Club: FCL



TJARRY WALTON
#19
 OF
 B/T: R/R
 HT: 6'2" | WT: 237
 BORN: January 29, 2005
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| 3 | Rosario, R | OF | .204 | 14 | 49 | 3 | 10 | 0 | 4 | 3 | 17 | 3 |
| 8 | DeMartini, C | INF | .500 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| 8 | Ware, B | INF/OF | .201 | 75 | 264 | 34 | 53 | 9 | 41 | 33 | 74 | 11 |
| 10 | Spikerman, J | OF | .250 | 1 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 11 | Saltiban, D | INF | .232 | 81 | 284 | 59 | 66 | 13 | 39 | 46 | 86 | 20 |
| 16 | Owusu-Asiedu, A | OF | .188 | 78 | 250 | 34 | 47 | 6 | 19 | 32 | 109 | 13 |
| 17 | Hettiger, K | C/1B | .191 | 48 | 162 | 26 | 31 | 3 | 20 | 39 | 50 | 2 |
| 19 | Walton, T | OF | .217 | 31 | 106 | 15 | 23 | 3 | 15 | 15 | 36 | 7 |
| 22 | Mathison, C | OF | .500 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| 25 | Thomas, J | C | .171 | 22 | 70 | 5 | 12 | 1 | 9 | 11 | 13 | 0 |
| 26 | Day, B | INF | .250 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| 27 | Heredia, R | OF | .248 | 65 | 238 | 42 | 59 | 8 | 38 | 20 | 89 | 9 |
| 37 | Rosario, G | C/1B | .091 | 4 | 11 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 0 |
| 46 | Caba, S | INF | .143 | 8 | 28 | 2 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 6 | 7 |
| 48 | Tait, E | C | .296 | 8 | 27 | 4 | 8 | 3 | 7 | 1 | 9 | 0 |
| 55 | González, D | INF | .258 | 41 | 124 | 16 | 32 | 3 | 20 | 14 | 33 | 2 |
| | Team Total | | .230 | 100 | 3156 | 479 | 726 | 88 | 430 | 453 | 967 | 124 |

| # | TEAM PITCHING | W | L | ERA | G | GS | SV | IP | H | ER | BB | SO |
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| 6 | Peña, J | 4 | 1 | 4.79 | 25 | 0 | 0 | 41.1 | 32 | 22 | 23 | 60 |
| 9 | Pulido, D | 0 | 0 | 3.00 | 5 | 3 | 0 | 15.0 | 10 | 5 | 9 | 14 |
| 21 | Graves, M | 7 | 4 | 2.84 | 16 | 14 | 0 | 76.0 | 62 | 24 | 29 | 113 |
| 22 | Russo, L | 4 | 3 | 5.13 | 15 | 14 | 0 | 66.2 | 67 | 38 | 26 | 88 |
| 23 | Chenault, E | 1 | 3 | 4.79 | 24 | 0 | 3 | 35.2 | 26 | 19 | 24 | 52 |
| 24 | Ottobreit, M | 3 | 8 | 5.59 | 16 | 16 | 0 | 75.2 | 77 | 47 | 32 | 82 |
| 28 | Eddington, J | 2 | 0 | 4.24 | 12 | 3 | 0 | 23.1 | 17 | 11 | 24 | 27 |
| 29 | Rangel, A | 0 | 0 | 0.00 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2.0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| 30 | Garrett, D | 1 | 2 | 2.84 | 22 | 0 | 5 | 31.2 | 15 | 10 | 34 | 46 |
| 38 | Tucker, B | 5 | 2 | 2.94 | 15 | 9 | 0 | 64.1 | 53 | 21 | 13 | 62 |
| 39 | Bortka, J | 2 | 2 | 5.59 | 15 | 0 | 0 | 19.1 | 20 | 12 | 8 | 28 |
| 40 | Henriquez, J | 2 | 1 | 2.95 | 13 | 0 | 0 | 21.1 | 17 | 7 | 11 | 26 |
| 43 | Amarante, J | 0 | 2 | 7.11 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 6.1 | 8 | 5 | 4 | 7 |
| 44 | Beckel, B | 4 | 1 | 3.48 | 23 | 3 | 1 | 44.0 | 34 | 17 | 17 | 46 |
| 47 | Avila, L | 0 | 3 | 0.60 | 11 | 0 | 2 | 15.0 | 6 | 1 | 8 | 16 |
| 49 | Teran, S | 3 | 1 | 2.05 | 18 | 0 | 7 | 22.0 | 14 | 5 | 16 | 31 |
| 50 | Hopewell, C | 0 | 2 | 6.95 | 17 | 0 | 2 | 22 | 27 | 17 | 10 | 18 |
| 52 | Segura, E | 1 | 4 | 7.57 | 7 | 6 | 0 | 27.1 | 23 | 23 | 18 | 26 |
| | Team Total | 52 | 48 | 4.23 | 100 | 100 | 24 | 847.1 | 702 | 398 | 418 | 1037 |

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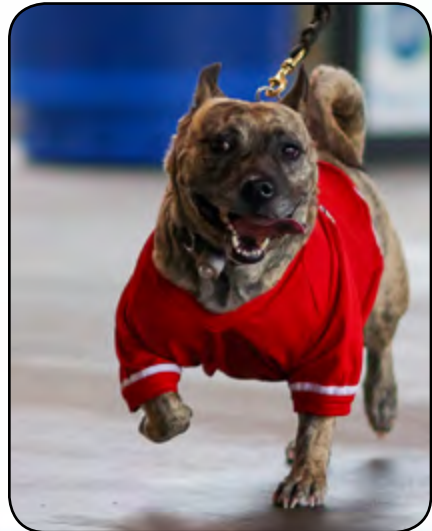
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If the batter gets a hit, write in the hit according to which base he reached. Each corner of the box represents a base, with the lower-right corner being first.

If he singles, put a "-" in the lower right. If he doubles, write a "=" in the upper right, and so on. For a walk, use "BB" in the lower right. As the runner advances, mark the appropriate symbol in the appropriate corner.

If a runner scores, put a circle at the bottom of the box, and inside the circle put the symbol of the play and/or the player that drove him in. For example, if the No. 5 hitter drives in two runs with a single, mark his single in the bottom right of his box and mark a circle with the number "5" in it in the boxes of the runners who score. (Some people like to use uniform numbers here, so you can tell who did what, even after lineup changes).

At the end of each inning, total the hits and runs for that inning only. At the end of the game you'll be able to add the innings total to get the game score.

| Symbols for Play | | | |
|-----------------------|-----------|------------------|-----|
| Single | S or — | Passed Ball | PB |
| Double | D or == | Struck Base | SB |
| Triple | T or == | Double Play | DP |
| Home Run | HR or == | Error | E |
| Sacrifice | SH or SAC | Sacrifice Fly | SF |
| Walk | BB | Interbatter Walk | IBW |
| Strikeout | K | Foul Fly | FF |
| Called Out on Strikes | X | Force Out | FO |
| Balk | BK | Line Drive | L |
| Fielder's Choice | FC | Bunt | B |
| Hit by Pitch | HP | Unassisted | U |
| Wild Pitch | WP | | |

Example Scorecard...

1st Inning

- Singled, advanced on next batter's walk, took 3rd on fielder's choice; scored on #4 batter's double.
- Walked; later forced out, shortstop to 2nd base.
- Reached on fielder's choice; advanced to 3rd on next batter's double; scored on #5 batter's single.
- Doubled; scored on #5 batter's single.
- Singled; advanced to 2nd on next batter's single; stole 3rd base; thrown out on grounder, shortstop to catcher.
- Singled; stole 2nd base.
- Reached 1st base on fielder's choice.
- Popped out to 2nd base.

| Team Batting Order | 1 | 2 |
|----------------------|---|----|
| 1. Center Fielder | 1 | F |
| 2. Shortstop | 2 | 6 |
| 3. 1st Baseman | 3 | FC |
| 4. 3rd Baseman | 4 | 2 |
| 5. Right Fielder | 5 | 2 |
| 6. Left Fielder | 6 | 2 |
| 7. Designated Hitter | 7 | FC |
| 8. 2nd Baseman | 8 | 4 |
| 9. Catcher | 9 | 1 |
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2nd Inning

- Leads-off with double.
- Flied out to centerfield.
- Popped out to shortstop.
- Struckout swinging.

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- Shortstop
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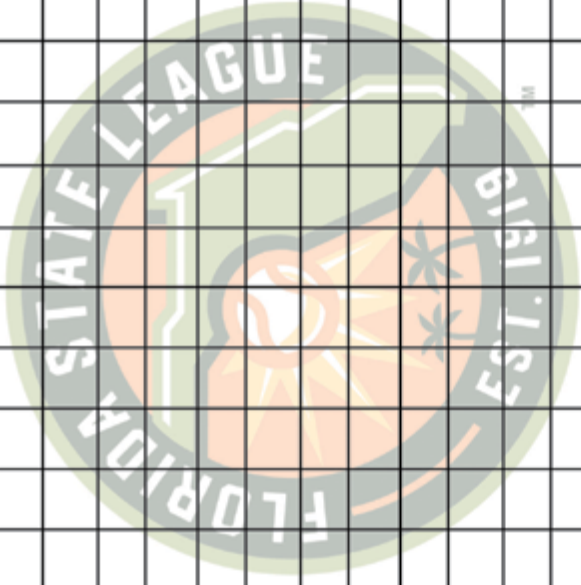
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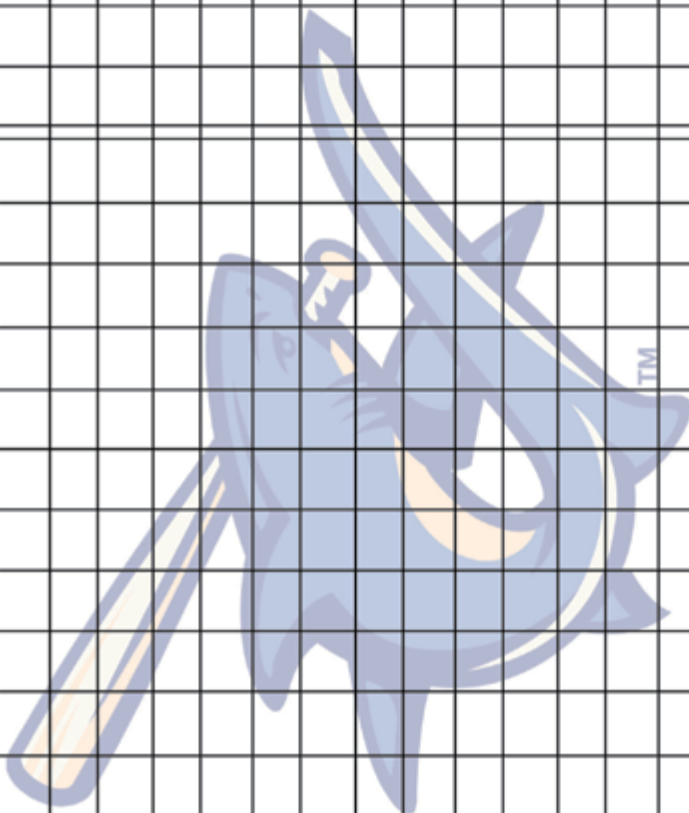


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Moving Around and Moving Up

How Baseball Took TJay Walton From Virginia to Florida and to the Pros

By Josh Sperber



It takes a lot of sacrifice to achieve one's dreams, and that sacrifice comes in many different forms. Sometimes it is a move that takes you hundreds of miles away from your home and your family, other times it can be as simple as skipping a party or event to train and get ready for a big game. In baseball especially, the love of the game can be a powerful motivator and can encourage people to sacrifice more just to keep playing another day.

Many people, including the writer of this article, have moved far away from home and made other similar sacrifices that take them away from their family to pursue their dreams. Threshers outfielder and top 30 Phillies prospect TJay Walton is a shining example of someone who moved away from home at a young age, sacrificing proximity to his family and friends to take a big step in his journey to the big leagues.

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Walton's story begins in Virginia, a state with a prestigious background in football despite being home to one of the best collegiate baseball programs in the country at the University of Virginia. TJay's older brother began playing sports at a young age, so TJay followed in his footsteps from the beginning, quickly taking a liking to baseball after seeing his brother play as a kid.

"One night my mom and me were at my brother's baseball practice, and while she was on the phone I decided to go on the field," Walton said of his first time playing baseball. "I asked the coach if I could hit, and he let me hit. Once my mom found me, she tried to get me off the field, but the coach suggested that she sign me up. That's pretty much how baseball got started for me." Both Walton brothers are still

playing baseball, with TJay's older brother currently pitching at North Carolina A&T. TJay also played basketball growing up, so the love for athletics was always there, but he didn't know how far his future as an athlete would take him when he first stepped on that diamond.

TJay was around four years old when he fell into his first practice on his older brother's team, and he continued to receive more opportunities to play as he got older. By the time he was 12 years old, he had started playing travel ball with a local 12U team after his family had moved a little further south. Baseball was more prevalent in his new hometown, and his travel ball team began a stretch of about four years playing together. Walton built close friendships with his squad, most of which still last to this day. As he got older





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and honed his talent, scouts from all levels of baseball began to take notice, including elite high school programs like IMG Academy in Bradenton.

TJay had heard of IMG before, seeing online ads and IMG players in college and pro sports he watched on TV, but never did he think that the prestigious academy would become a part of his athletic future. “IMG was really something that actually came out of nowhere,” said Walton of his choice to finish his high school career at IMG Academy. “At a travel ball tournament, some guys from IMG just approached me and started talking to me about it, but I had no idea what this really was until I looked into it.” He was skeptical at first because IMG is hundreds of miles away from his family and home in Virginia, but he saw the talent on the Crusaders baseball team which piqued his interest.

Future minor leaguers Daveon Hicks and eventual Florida State League opponent Elijah Green (Marauders) were at IMG when he was first looking at the school, but it was his family who had the final words of encouragement to help tip TJay’s metaphorical scales and convince him to go to IMG. His family, particularly his mother, was concerned about him moving so far away to continue an athletic career he began with his family in Virginia. With the support of his family, Walton decided to take IMG’s offer and make the journey of over 700 miles to take his athletic career to a new level and join the Crusaders baseball team.

It wasn’t long before TJay saw a lot of playing time and success at IMG Academy, seeing action in his junior year while becoming a two-year starter. He hit over .400 in both of

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his high school seasons at IMG, averaging over 1 RBI per game with 53 RBIs in 50 games, finishing with a 48-2 record with the Crusaders. With eye-popping stat lines, scouts took almost immediate notice of Walton, with the number of scouts increasing significantly in his senior year. TJayy had already committed to the University of Miami when the pro scouts came calling, so he had to choose between more development in college or the more immediate path to the pros.

“My brother had an opportunity [to go pro] and he’s still trying to get in there now. I saw how it was going, so I knew that I couldn’t miss this opportunity,” said Walton of his decision between college and going pro. “I knew I had to take this chance, take this gamble on myself and see what happens because I know what I’m capable of, I know the things that I can do...and it’s already paid

off, I’ve learned more baseball this year than I have ever learned in my first year.”

Already amid his first full season as a pro, Walton continues to enjoy the development and the chance to play baseball against high-level competition as he continues to develop in the Phillies farm system. Like many other athletes, Walton has already made some core memories in his first year as a professional athlete.

Draft day is always a monumental moment in the life of a professional athlete. TJayy Walton’s draft experience was no different. He got looks from multiple teams in the pre-draft process and decided to go about his normal routine on draft day, going to church to watch his uncle preach in the morning then spending the rest of the day with his family. He got his first call while driving, and his agent told him the Yankees





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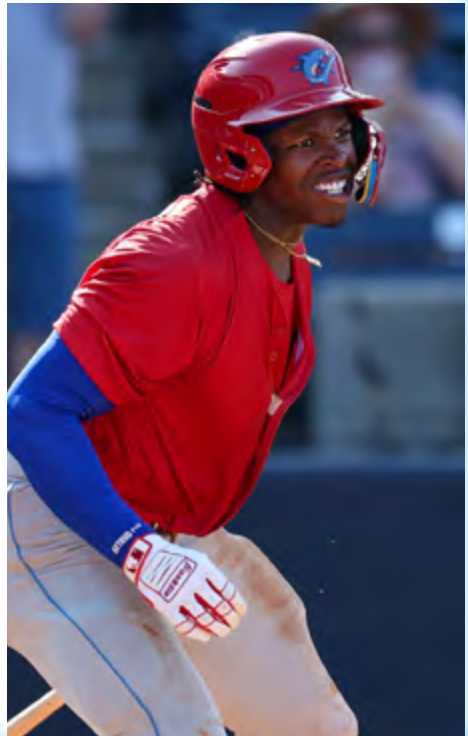
were thinking of picking him early on day two. This meant a lot to Walton, as his whole family rooted for the Yankees, and although Walton grew up rooting for their archrival Red Sox, the opportunity to play for his family's favorite team was certainly intriguing for TJay.

The Yankees passed, but shortly after his agent called to say that the Phillies were very interested as well. "I just remember that I was the most comfortable with them, and felt like I was already in the organization," One of the Phillies scouts had played with TJay's cousin as kids, and that instantly helped increase Walton's comfort level with the organization. Furthermore, TJay had known Aidan Miller for a while, and he had been drafted in the first round on day one. They played together when they were 14 years old and kept in contact during the draft process. "I had texted him the day before just to congratulate him and I said, 'hopefully we get to do it together.'" Walton recalled his draft experience. "Sure enough, the next day he texted me and said 'hey, let's do it!'" Walton was selected in the fourth round by the Phillies and debuted in the same lineup as Miller about a month later in the FCL.

When Walton was assigned to the Threshers to start the 2024 season, his friend was right there with him, as were many more new friends whom TJay developed a camaraderie with in the FCL and post-draft camp. "There was a lot of chemistry there, a lot of good team ball," Walton said of the Threshers first half success. "Even when I was out, they kept it going. A lot of things happened in that time frame, but I felt like

we kept it together through it all." Those strong relationships spurred a massively successful first half for the Threshers, culminating in an eight-game winning streak and a first-half championship.

Walton says that despite the roster turnover and callups throughout the season, the Threshers locker room has remained close, and they have forged bonds with the new additions to the Threshers roster. With success in the first half and playoffs looming, TJay and the rest of the Threshers hope that the brotherly bonds forged by the players can translate into more success in the homestretch of the season.



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The American (and Venezuelan) Dream

Saul Teran's Journey from the Venezuelan Capital to the Baseball Capital

By Josh Sperber



Leaving one's home is an inevitability in life. No matter how much pride someone has for their hometown and/or their home country, anyone's first home is rarely their last. Kids around the world always think about what will happen when they grow up and leave their home to go off on their own. Most people think of moving somewhere down the road or to a different part of their hometown or state, but it is less common that someone's dream is to leave their home country.

Athletes around the world tend to be part of that group, dreaming to go pro and make it to the big leagues in the United States. Threshers right hander Saul Teran is one of the many baseball players who has traveled a long way, and far from home, to work toward their goal of playing in the major leagues.

Family influence is always a factor when people choose their path in life. This was certainly the case for Teran, who hails from the capital of Venezuela in Caracas. Though he is the first professional baseball player in his family, much of his family grew up playing baseball at various levels in Venezuela. It was his family who got him started in the game when he was around six years old. His older cousin was playing at a camp nearby, and Saul's uncle took him along to join. From watching the drills and everything going on at the camp, Teran was hooked, and his parents signed him up for the school team and local little leagues shortly thereafter.

Saul wasn't always a pitcher as he began his baseball career as an outfielder. His arm was always strong, and it helped him get looks from a variety of baseball academies in his home country of Venezuela. His bat was solid, but it was his strong throwing arm that caught the eyes of multiple academies, including Crystal Ranch Academy not too far from where he grew up. "Crystal Ranch was the academy that took a chance on me when I didn't think that I'd have an opportunity to play professional baseball," said Saul of his decision to choose Crystal Ranch.

The head of the academy, Hector Martinez, said that he had good mechanics and a strong arm, so he recommended that Saul switch from outfield to pitcher upon signing with Crystal Ranch. Teran took the leap and switched his position, beginning to pitch with a prodigious baseball academy, which has also trained



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Phillies top prospects William Bergolla, (a Thresher in 2023 and now a member of the Sox) and catcher Rickardo Perez (currently on the FCL Phillies roster). From the beginning of his training at the academy, the Crystal Ranch staff gave Teran a goal-oriented plan and he kept reaching those marks.

Teran began with a two-pitch mix, starting out with a fastball and a slider as the first pitches in his arsenal. Even with his limited cache of pitches at the beginning of his career, it wasn't long before scouts in the United States began to take notice. Saul had followed baseball since he was a kid, constantly watching MLB games whenever they were on TV, and watching televised and live games in the Venezuelan League during the Winter. "Having so much baseball with the MLB and Venezuelan Winter League always motivated me to keep winning and working hard so I can play in those leagues one day," Teran said of his goals growing up in Venezuela.

He worked with a Crystal Ranch staff full of former pros, including a pitching coach who played with the Seattle Mariners. There he began to expand his arsenal that inflated to five pitches once he signed his first professional contract. During his time at Crystal Ranch, he got as much advice as he could on how life as a professional baseball player is in the United States as he got ready to chase his dream in another country.

When he came of age to sign as a pro in the United States, Teran was courted by scouts from multiple major league teams. The Minnesota Twins were among the other suitors, but Teran claimed the Phillies were the most persistent team to offer him a contract. They sent multiple



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scouts to watch him while he was training and playing at Crystal Ranch and he really felt desired by the Phillies organization.

It was a no-brainer to sign with the Phillies, and he put pen to paper in February of 2022 to begin his professional career. “I was definitely nervous, but it was a really beautiful moment,” Teran recalled when he signed his first contract with the Phillies. “I had fought for this moment my whole life, and to finally get the chance to do something I didn’t know I could do was truly an amazing feeling.” One of the toughest challenges for any budding young athlete is to go the distance and sign a pro contract, and Teran did so one month before his 20th birthday. He signed in time for spring training and was ready to begin his professional baseball career in the Dominican Summer League.

It didn’t take long for Teran to find a role in Boca Chica with the Phillies DSL teams, making four starts and throwing 11 relief outings for the DSL Phillies White in his 2022 debut season. He especially excelled in

late-game situations, earning five saves in the regular season and helping lead the Phillies White to the playoffs. With all levels of the minors geared towards learning, Teran was having great success on the field while learning English and more about pitching, expanding his arsenal while working with the Phillies DSL coaching staff. Through all the challenges, Teran helped the Phillies White to their first DSL Championship, and earn himself a spot on the Phillies Florida Complex League roster in the 2023 season.

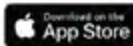
The learning experience and success continued for Teran after the move to the states, solidifying a five-pitch arsenal by adding a cutter and a sinker while training at the Carpenter Complex in Clearwater. On a solid FCL roster, he had to fight for playing time while continuing to learn English and adjust to life in a new country so far from home.

Despite the difficulty in keeping in contact with his family with a time zone shift and his busy schedule, Teran was buoyed by their constant support. “It’s difficult, but it’s something I

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always knew I needed to get used to because I had to come to America to follow my dream,” Saul said of the challenges.

They kept him motivated while he was so far away, as Teran improved in his second year with the Phillies organization. In the same number of appearances, all out of the bullpen in the FCL, Teran lowered his ERA from 4.50 to 4.01 in his second season in rookie ball, earning a call-up to the Threshers in August of 2023.

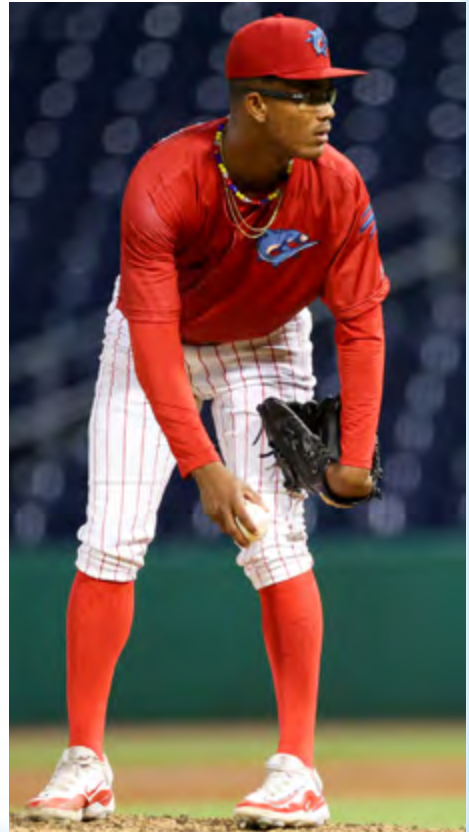
Saul pitched five relief outings in the regular season for the Threshers, and was back in the playoffs for the second time in his second year as a pro. He had been used in the late-game role in the regular season and was slotted in the back end of the Threshers bullpen for the playoffs as well. “I pitched in the [DSL] Final in 2022, and in my second year when I got to the Threshers, we were in the playoffs again” said Saul of his playoff experiences in his first two years as a pro.

“There were a lot of fans at the stadium in Clearwater, full stadiums for the playoffs so I was nervous again, but that’s baseball! No matter the situation I must be ready to do my job and get outs when they put me in.” Teran has always felt more comfortable in late game situations, and that was put to the test in the division series against Lakeland. Teran came in with a 2-1 Threshers lead and pitched a scoreless seventh and eighth innings to earn the win in the series clincher, sending the Threshers to the FSL Finals.

The Threshers didn’t take home the trophy in 2023, but they came back with a vengeance in 2024, winning every series in April and clinching the first half championship on the final game of the first half in the 2024 season.

Teran was a crucial part of the Threshers bullpen, not allowing an earned run until his final outing in April and leading the Florida State League with seven saves in the first half of the season.

Despite spending some time on the injured list in the second half, Saul knows that the playoffs are on the horizon once again for the Threshers. With an expansive arsenal and a penchant for pitching well in clutch situations, you can bet Teran will be ready for whatever lies ahead as he continues his journey with the Threshers on his way to the major leagues.



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How the West Was Won

Clearwater's Journey to Back-to-Back First Half Championships

By Josh Sperber



No matter how prestigious the feat, one of the hardest things for top teams to do in sports is repeat the success of the season prior. Repeats, and multi-year repeats, have a long history in sports, including the Boston Celtics historic run in the 1960s and ten-plus years of consecutive titles in European soccer from teams like Real Madrid and Juventus, but with baseball having such a long season, repeating makes that much harder.

This is especially true in minor league baseball, which has constant roster turnover and player movement throughout the 132-game season. Between seasons, players rise and fall in their system's ranks, and the Threshers certainly weren't safe from that inevitability, returning less than half of their 2023 playoff roster when they began the 2024 season in April. With an ever-changing roster, the Threshers began the 2024 season the same way they played in 2023, with an unrelenting desire to win.

That desire started from the top, with manager Marty Malloy leading an almost identical coaching staff that helped the Threshers to the Florida State League's best overall record in 2023. With many of the 2023 Threshers on the inaugural Phillies Spring Breakout roster, Aidan Miller was announced during the broadcast of the breakout game as the first player on the roster for the 2024 Threshers.



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Aidan Miller

Miller finished the season on a torrid run, starting all six playoff games and leading the FSL postseason with eight hits and a .368 batting average. A contingent of his fellow 2024 draftees joined him on the Threshers, with a lot of hype surrounding the team which featured multiple top prospects in the Phillies system.

From the get-go, team chemistry was strong and that quickly showed in the first series in Bradenton. Game one began with a come-from-behind victory, as the Threshers scored five unanswered runs on their Opening Day victory in Bradenton. Day two led to a 13-2 victory, with the Threshers belting their first two home runs of the season and the pitching staff carrying a shutout into the eighth inning.

Throughout the month, the Threshers snatched victory from the jaws of defeat, battling to numerous late victories and

winning all four series in the first month of the season. Miller proved to be a force at the plate, hitting over .300 with four home runs in April and emerging as one of the top prospects in all of baseball. George Klassen also proved to be a diamond in the rough, earning the Pitcher of the Month Award from the Phillies and the Florida State League after his first four pro starts and starting the season as the only pitcher in the minor leagues to throw over 20 innings pitched without allowing an earned run.

At the end of April, however, came the Threshers first big test; a road date against the 2023 Second-Half Champs Lakeland Flying Tigers that kicked off a 12-game road trip. Detroit's Spring Breakout roster featured multiple Flying Tigers, and that group had already beaten the Phillies in the Spring Breakout Game over one month prior. It became clear very quickly that Lakeland hadn't forgotten the playoff defeat at the hands of the Threshers back in September.

In the first two games of the series, the Flying Tigers outscored the Threshers 13-4 in two-straight defeats, bringing the Threshers back down to earth after taking five of six against the Marauders at home in the previous series. The Threshers were on the brink of dropping the first three games of the series in Lakeland, entering the final inning of game three trailing by two runs. Clearwater rattled off four runs in the ninth to take the lead, taking down Lakeland for their first win of the series 5-4.

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Luis Caicuto

More late heroics followed the next two games, as the Threshers earned another ninth inning win in game four and followed up that performance with a 4-1 victory on Saturday, securing at least a split of the series and keeping their undefeated series record intact. Though they lost the final game of the weekend, splitting their first series against the Flying Tigers, it was clear that the Threshers were still the team to beat in the Florida State League West.

Clearwater kept cruising through May, dropping just four games in the next three series against Tampa, Daytona and St. Lucie. By the start of June, the Threshers already had sent up key players to High-A Jersey Shore, with Miller, Klassen and starting catcher Luis Caicuto getting called up and a few other key players lost to injury. The Threshers struggled to adjust to the new team, dropping the first two series of the month four games to two and dropping out of first place in the division for the first time since early April by the third series of June.

After a road series loss in Bradenton, the Threshers dropped the first two games of a homestand against Tampa in their last full six-game series of the first half. At that point they trailed Lakeland in the standings, 1.5 games out of first place heading into the second half of the series. The team knew they needed to bounce back after a rainout but fell behind early in the third game of the series.

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a five-run fourth inning that included a Jordan Viars three-run blast to take a 7-3 lead before more rain came and finished the game after six innings with a Threshers victory. Clearwater rattled off three more wins to take the series, heading into the final three games of the first half trailing Lakeland by half a game.

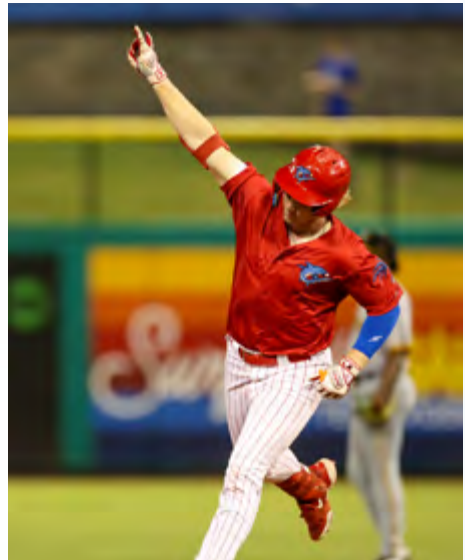
For the final three games of the first half, the Threshers traveled to Jupiter for a rematch of the 2023 Florida State League Championship Series with everything to play for. Each team was looking to clinch a first half championship in their respective divisions, with Jupiter beginning the week one game behind the Palm Beach Cardinals for first place in the East Division. Knowing that they essentially needed to win out, the Threshers started off with a bang in Jupiter, beginning the series opener with a walk and a double to plate the game's first run.

It was smooth sailing from there for Clearwater, racking up 14 hits and sealing the win with a six-run sixth in an 11-4 victory to start the series. After the game, the Threshers found out that Lakeland had lost their opener, giving the Threshers the division lead back at half a game. That was all the extra motivation the Threshers needed, as they shut out the Hammerheads twice in the next two games to clinch the first half championship.

The Threshers ended the first half on an eight-game winning streak and edged

out the Flying Tigers by half a game to take their second-consecutive first half championship in the FSL West Division. It has been tougher sledding in the second half so far for Clearwater, but regardless of the call-ups and adversity to be faced, this Threshers team is eager to avenge their game three defeat at home in the Championship last year.

Though it may be a completely different team competing for the title in 2024, the desire to win has not left the Threshers dugout as they prepare for another playoff run. Everyone in that locker room knows that there is plenty more baseball to play, and the focus on bringing a championship back to Clearwater remains priority number one.



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