

Lansing Lugnuts (17-22, 53-52)

High-A Affiliate, Athletics RH Kenya Huggins (3 IP | 3.00 ERA)





Great Lakes Loons (22-16, 56-47)

High-A Affiliate, Athletics

RH Brooks Auger (65 IP | 5.68 ERA)

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Today: The Lansing Lugnuts, High-A affiliate of the A's, play the fourth of a six-game series at the Great Lakes Loons, High-A affiliate of the Los Angeles Dodgers. The Lugnuts are 9-6 this season vs. the Loons, including 6-3 in Midland.

Last Night: Pepinillos Picantes 7, Locos 6. Jake Gelof drilled a three-run double to cap off a six-run 5th inning, and Los Pepinillos Picantes del Norte won a Copa Thursday night. In defeat, Casey Yamauchi went 3-for-5 with three singles, continuing a red hot series.

On Deck: The Lugnuts play the Loons through Sunday, wrapping up the 18-game season series, then return home from Tuesday, August 12, through Sunday, August 17, to welcome in the Dayton Dragons for the penultimate homestand of the year.

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

7:05 p.m., Saturday, August 9 **RH Corey Avant, Lugnuts** at LH Maddux Bruns, Loons 1:05 p.m., Sunday, August 10 RH Steven Echavarria, Lugnuts at LH Adam Serwinowski, Loons

Lug•Notes

Prospecting: The Lugnuts' roster has six of MLB Pipeline's Top 30 Athletics prospects in No. 1 Leo De Vries, rated the No. 3 prospect in all of Minor League Baseball, plus No. 13 Steven Echavarria, No. 17 Ryan Lasko, No. 20 Carlos Pacheco, No. 21 Wei-En Lin, No. 25 Kenya Huggins and No. 28 Tzu-Chen Sha.

The Mighty Casey: Second baseman Casey Yamauchi drew three walks in the opener, including an intentional walk - and it's clear the Loons knew exactly what they were doing. In three games, Yamauchi is 5-for-10 with three walks and an HBP, reaching base nine times in 14 at-bats (.643 OBP). With such luminaries as Jared Dickey, Tommy White, Nate Nankil and Joshua Kuroda-Grauer now promoted, Yamauchi is batting .333/.403/.429 as the Lugnuts' 3-hole hitter. In August, period, the native Hawaiian is hitting .435 (10-23) with a .519 OBP.

Power Failure: Lansing has gone the last ten games without hitting a home run. The last time a Nut homered, it was 334 at-bats ago: July 26 at Lake County, a Ryan Lasko solo shot at Lake County. However... on July 12, both Lasko and Davis Diaz homered at Dow Diamond against tonight's Great Lakes starter, Brooks Auger.

HBL - Hit By Loons: No Midwest League team has plunked more batters than Great Lakes (87), with two Lugnuts hit last night and seven in the last two games. In contrast, Lansing pitchers have hit a league low 44 batters. (The Nuts have now been plunked 94 times this season, 3rd in the MWL; Great Lakes batters have been hit only 43 times, 11th in the league.)

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.

Orientation Needed: Since the Lugnuts' last series in Great Lakes, the roster has turned over

- 13 players out: Jonny Butler (release), Jake Pfennigs (release), Elvis Rijo (release), Rodney Green Jr. (Stockton), CJ Rodriguez (Midland), Nate Nankil (Midland), Joshua Kuroda-Grauer (Midland), Tommy White (Midland), Jared Dickey (Midland), Sahid Valenzuela (Midland), Nick Schwartz (Las Vegas), Wei-En Lin (Injured List), Jake Garland (Injured List).
- -12 players in: Ben Newton (Arizona Complex League), Carlos Pacheco (Stockton), Ryan Magdic (Stockton), C.J. Pittaro (Stockton), Pedro Pineda (Stockton), Cameron Leary (Stockton), T.J. Schofield-Sam (Midland), Gunner Gouldsmith (Midland), Kyle Robinson (Midland), Mario Gómez (Las Vegas), Leo De Vries (trade), Kenya Huggins (trade).

The Whiff: The Lugnuts entered the week as the most difficult team to strike out in the Minors, but have fanned 13 times in each of the first three games of this series, putting them closer to Erie (743-741) for the hardest team to strike out in MiLB. The SeaWolves average 7.125 strikeouts per game, just behind the Nuts' 7.076 strikeouts per game.

Mark it Down: Lansing closer Mark Adamiak has 17 saves this season, one behind Fresno's Nathan Blasick for the MiLB lead. Adamiak entered this season with just two saves in all of his baseball career, comprising high school, college, summer ball and MiLB action.

Roll Call: The 2025 Lugnuts have featured 49 different players, 25 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.

The Mutant Cycle: The best individual performance of the season was achieved against the Lugnuts by 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.

2025 vs. Great Lakes

The Nuts are 166-165 all-time vs. the Loons, 90-81 in Lansing and 76-84 in Midland.

The Nuts went 9-12 last season vs. the Loons, with a 6-6 record in Midland.

Meetings	Score	Meetings	Score				
1. 4/8 at LAN	L, 10-5	7. 7/8 at GL	L, 3-2				
2. 4/9 at LAN	W, 8-2 (6)	8. 7/10 Game 1	W, 10-1 (7)				
3. 4/10 at LAN	L, 3-2	9. 7/10 Game 2	L, 4-1 (7)				
4. 4/11 at LAN	W, 4-3	10. 7/11 at GL	W, 6-3				
5. 4/12 at LAN	L, 12-6	11. 7/12 at GL	W, 9-2				
6. 4/13 at LAN	W, 12-11 (12)	12. 7/13 at GL	W, 3-1				
		13. 8/5 at GL	W, 6-3 (10)				
		14. 8/6 at GL	W, 3-1				
		15. 8/7 at GL	L, 7-6				
		16. 8/8 at GL					
		17. 8/9 at GL					
		18. 8/10 at GL					

IN A NUTSHELL

36-30 | 17-22 | Lost 1 Home: 27-27 Night: 34-38 Road: 26-25 Day: 19-14 vs. LHP: 14-20 vs. RHP: 38-32 White unis: 14-12 Black unis: 24-19 Retro Gray unis: 7-7 Lansing Locos unis: 4-7 Special unis: 3-7 Tuesday: 7-10 Wednesday: 10-6

Thursday: 8-9 Friday: 7-11 Saturday: 8-11 Sunday: 12-5 Series wins: 5 6 Series losses: Series splits: 7 30-17 Scored 1st:

Opponent scored 1st: 22-35 Doubleheaders (W-L-S): Shutouts: 4-7

More hits than opp.: 40-7 Fewer hits than opp.: 11-40 Equal hits: 1-5 Games decided by 1 run: 12-11

Comeback wins: 23 Final at-bat wins: 12 Walk-offs: 4

Extra Innings: 5-3 9-IP Leading Trailing Tied After 6: 27-5 13-37 6-7 3-3

After 7: 35-3 8-43 5-43 After 8: 38-3 3-3



Luggie's Nuggets

Kansas City Royals Chicago Cubs Toronto Blue Jays Athletics 1996-1998 1999-2004 2005-2020 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
	1997, 2003
All-Star Games Hosted	1997, 1999, 2002, 2018
Total Lugnuts Games	3,943
All-Time Lugnuts Won-Lost Red	cord1,974-1,969, .501
Franchise Seasons	70; 1955-present
Franchise Championships	1958, 1959, 1960, 1975, 1976, 1980, 1986
Total Francise Games	9,276
Franchise Won-Lost Record	4,773-4,503, .515

979 total players have played for the Lugnuts all time, with 209 (21%) also playing in the Majors – nine rehabbers and 200 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), 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 Mayza (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	3-3 , Aug 12-17	5-1, Sept 2-7	8-4, 12 left									
Fort Wayne	6-3	2-4	8-7									
Great Lakes	3-3	6-3, August 8-10	9-6, 3 left									
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	2-4, August 19-24	3-12, 6 left									
Wisconsin		5-1	5-1									
Totals	27-27, 12 games left	26-24, 15 games left	53-52, 27 left									

THE A'S SYSTEM

Athletics - MLB



51-66 American League West

Yesterday: defeated the Nats, 6-0 Jacob Lopez: 7 2/3 IP, 3 H, 0 R, 10 K

Las Vegas Aviators



64-47 Triple-A Pacific Coast League

Yesterday: lost to Salt Lake, 15-12 Drew Swift: 4-5, 2 R, 2B, 2 RBI, K

Midland RockHounds



55-50 Double-A Texas League

Yesterday: lost to Amarillo, 7-1 Jared Dickey: 3-4, RBI, K, .500

Stockton Ports



42-63 Single-A California League

Yesterday: beat Modesto, 9-5 Devin Taylor: 2-3, 2 R, HR, 2 RBI, 2 BB

AUGUST 8TH IN LUGNUTS HISTORY

2009: Dayton No. 9 hitter Kevin Feiner went 5-for-6 with four doubles, a solo home run and 6 RBIs, and the Dragons won, 18-5, at Lansing behind 21 hits and nine walks. The Dragons were 14-for-34 with runners in scoring position and stranded 15 runners on base.

2010: Southpaw Greg Wilborn struck out 12 Lugnuts in seven shutout innings, and the Lugnuts were three-hit in an 11-0 loss at Great Lakes.

2018: The Lugnuts won their third consecutive game by the same exact 5-4 score, knocking off the Dayton Dragons at Cooley Law School Stadium. (On August 9th, the Lugnuts beat the Dragons... 4-3.)

Happy Birthday, Jeremy Hill (1977), Marc Rzepczynski (1985), Chavez Young (1997), Casey Yamauchi (2000)

CATCHING STATS Diaz Gomez Newton 11-16 2-1 W-L (ShO) ERA 4.33 236.0 27.0 R (ER) 154 (135) 13 (13) Е 3 ΡВ 4 CS% 6-27, 22% 0-6.0% Pickoffs

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

Profile NameKenya Carl HugginsChipola College Birthday December 12, 2002 Acquired...... Trade with Cincinnati, July 31, 205 Born...... New Orleans, Louisiana Bats / Throws......Right / Right

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

In a Nutshell: Acquired from the Cincinnati Reds in exchange for Miguel Andújar at the deadline on Thursday... becomes the 978th all-time Lansing Lugnut and the 48th different player to suit up this year... 24th pitcher, and the 12th different starting pitcher... 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.

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.



fastball, slider, change

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 "The Paladin" 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.

YR	CLUB	W-L	ERA	G	GS	CG	ShO	SV	IP	AB	Н	R	ER	HR	HB	ВВ	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	3.00	1	1	0	0	0	3.0	10	2	1	1	1	0	1	0	2	0	0	.200
	TOTALS	4-5	3.76	38	23	0	0	0	110.0	403	90	48	46	6	3	52	0	112	8	0	.223

IN THE BULLPEN

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MARK ADAMIAK • RH • Age 24 • "uh-DAHM-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

Born in Des Plaines, IL., lives in Shawnee, Kansas., 454th overall, 15th rd., 2022, Arkansas 2 \$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. days rest

Four relief appearances with Lansing to end 2023: 5 IP, 4 H, 3 R, 1 HR, 2 BB, 7 K

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

Kapolei, Hl ... \$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).

days rest 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.

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

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.

HENRY GÓMEZ • RH • Age 23 • MWL season: 1

day rest

1

day rest

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

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.

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.

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). day rest 2024 Arizona Fall League: 9 G, 7.84, 10 1/3 IP, 10 R, 5 BB, 8 K... rejoined LAN May 13, 2025.

JACK MAHONEY • LH • Age 26 • MWL season: 1 20

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

Appleton, Wl... 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. days rest 2025: 6 GS with Staten Island, 5.45 ERA, 33 IP, 12 BB, 41 K... purchased by A's on June 9.

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

Mililani, HI... drafted 484th overall, 16th rd., 2022, University of Hawai'i... signed for \$75,000. 2 1st Team All-State as a high school junior (0.95)... Jr. year at Hawa'i: 1st Team All Big West

One year younger than teammate Hunter Breault at Kamehameha-Kapālama High School. davs rest 2021: played for Waterloo (Northwoods League), where Lugs franchise used to be located.

TOM REISINGER • RH • 24 • "RICE-ing-er" • MWL season: 1 FB, CU, SWEEP, CH | 2024: Stockton, 1-5, 9.05, 21 G, 5 GS, 62 2/3, 93 H, 8 HR, 7 HBP, 41 BB, 53 K

Kulpmont, PA... 286th overall, 10th rd., 2023, East Stroudsburg University (ESU) Warriors. 0 Signed for \$125,000... Mount Carmel Area H.S. guarterback... 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. davs rest Made pro debut in 2023 in ACL: 4 G/2 GS, 6 IP, 10 K... spent 2024 in Stockton, IL: May 1-30.

YEHIZON SANCHEZ • RH • 24 • "YAY-ih-sone" • MWL seasons: 3 30 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

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.

days rest 2023 Stockton Ports Opening Day starter... pitched in four games with Lansing in 2023.

EXPECTED TO PITCH IN RELIEF

#27 · RHP · Kyle Robinson · 6-6, 210 · age 21

 Profile

 Name
 Kyle Robinson
 School
 Texas Tech University

 Birthday
 July 17, 2003
 Acquired
 316th overall, 11th round, 2024

 Born
 Amory, Mississippi
 Bats / Throws
 Right / Right

In a Nutshell: One of five 2024 draft picks on the Lugnuts' 2025 Opening Day roster, joining Tommy White (2nd round), Gage Jump (2nd round compensatory), Joshua Kuroda-Grauer (3rd round) and Rodney Green, Jr. (4th round)... the other four have since been reassigned elsewhere (Green to Stockton, the other three to Midland), but is now accompanied by 2024 draft picks Cameron Leary (10th round), Ryan Magdic (14th round), and Gunner Gouldsmith (19th round)... made his Lugnuts debut in relief on April 6 at Fort Wayne, tossing two scoreless innings with three strikeouts to earn first professional win in Lansing's 5-3 victory... made first MWL start on April 10 vs. Great Lakes... promoted to Double-A Midland on May 20th, returning on August 1st.

Worth Noting: - quality start (6 IP, 1 R) vs. FW on April 24 - attempted base-stealers are 6-for-10 - tossed six hitless innings vs. Lake County on April 30

- 2.35 ERA in 23 IP in Lansing this season



fastball, curve, slider, kick change, splitter

High School: Played four years on varsity for George C. Marshall High School (Falls Church, Virginia)... named All-Conference First Team as sophomore, junior and senior... named Conference Pitcher of the Year and Conference Player of the Year as a senior: 66 2/3 IP, 1.49 ERA, 60 K... George C. Marshall is best known for the Marshall Plan, which saw the United States give \$13.3 billion to help rebuild Western European economies; it earned Marshall the 1953 Nobel Peace Prize... Marshall's nickname is the Statesmen... other notable Marshall alumni include the first woman to officially run the Boston Marathon, Kathrine Switzer; safety and current Dallas Cowboys special teams coordinator Nick Sorensen; defensive end Michael McCrary; table tennis legend Sean O'Neill: and pitcher Pete Schourek.

Texas Tech: Robinson opened up his time in Lubbock as a reliever in 2022, appearing in 12 games (including nine appearances without allowing an earned run)... as a sophomore, was named to the 2023 Collegiate National Team; posted 5.36 ERA in 45 1/3 innings before finishing strong, posting five scoreless innings with eight strikeouts in the Big 12 Tournament against Oklahoma State to earn a nod on the All-Tournament Team, then limited No. 2 Florida to two ER in five innings in the NCAA Tournament... as a junior, led the Red Raiders with 76 IP in 15 starts, with a 5.09 ERA; struck out 11 in six innings at Oklahoma State on May 11, 2024... drafted following junior year... notable Texas Tech pros include Josh Tomlin, Danny Coulombe, Josh Jung, and the inimitable Dallas Braden.

Welcome to Pro Ball: Signed for \$150,000 after being selected with the first pick of Day 3 by the A's... made pro debut for Stockton on August 23, 2024 (2 IP, 3 H, 2 R, 1 BB, 2 K)... made three starts in total before Stockton's season ended, allowing exactly two earned runs in each outing... lefties hit .333 (6-for-18) with 1 BB / 6 K, while righties hit .273 (3-for-11) with 2 BB, 3 K... base-stealers went 2-for-2... pitched in the 2025 Crosstown Showdown, tossing two scoreless innings against Michigan State in relief of Yunior Tur.

Quality x 3: Posted a quality start in three straight outings for the Lugnuts... April 24 vs. Fort Wayne, allowing one run on five hits and one walk in six innings, one strikeout; 81 pitches, 53 strikes... April 30 vs. Lake County, pitched six hitless innings, walking three and striking out four; 90 pitches, 53 strikes... May 6 at West Michigan in the series opener, with a career high 6 2/3 innings, allowing two runs with three strikeouts; 89 pitches, 55 strikes...

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2024	Stockton	0-0	7.71	3	2	0	0	0	7.0	29	9	7	6	1	1	3	0	9	4	0	.310
2025	Lansing	4-4	3.57	9	8	0	0	0	45.1	175	45	21	18	4	0	14	0	33	4	0	.257
	Midland	1-6	5.29	11	10	0	0	0	51.0	196	56	31	30	4	1	31	0	37	5	0	.286
	TOTALS	5-10	4.67	23	20	0	0	0	103.1	400	110	59	54	9	2	48	0	79	13	0	.275

THE BATSMEN

LEO DE VRIES • S/R • SS • Age 18 • 1st season with Lugnuts • MLB Pipeline's No. 1 A's prospect, No. 3 Minor League Baseball prospect overall 2024 in Lake Elsinore: 75 G, .237 / .361 / .441, 63 R, 22 2B, 3 3B, 11 HR, 13-15 SB, 50 BB, 84 K, 9 HBP... 2025 in Fort Wayne: 82 G, .245 / .357 / .410, 46 R, 19 2B, 4 3B, 8 HR, 46 RBI, 8-15 SB, 52 BB, 72 K at GL: 2-13, R, 3 RBI, BB, 6 K, SB, HBP CR: 5-15, 3 R, 2B, 3B, 3 RBI, 6 K, 2 HBP, 2 SF Hit Streak: -1 (0-3) On-Base Streak: +2 (2-8, BB, HBP) First name: Leodalis... Azua, DR... \$4.2 million bonus - No. 1 international prospect, Jan. 15, 2024. • "El Mutante"... hit for the cycle, April 22, 2025: 5-for-5, 2 HR, SF, 8 RBI, finishing with 2-R 3B in the 9th. Acq, with Eduarniel Nuñez / Braden Nett / Henry Baez for Mason Miller / JP Sears, July 31, 2025 Pipeline Top 100: No. 1 Konnor Griffin, No. 2 Chase Burns, No. 3 De Vries, No. 4 Sebastian Walcott, Youngest active player in 2024 MiLB... youngest player to spend full season in High-A in 2025 Highest ever ranked Lugnut (Vladimir Guerrero, Jr. was No. 34 in 2017)... played point guard in DR. Youngest player in 2024 Arizona Fall League... youngest to homer in AFL since Bryce Harper, 2010. • Only player in Fort Wayne history with two four-walk games... K'ed vs. Gage Jump in Futures Game. 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 Current Hit Streak: +1 (1-3) Last: 1-3, R, RBI, BB, K, HBP at GL: 3-11, R, 2 RBI, 2 BB, 5 K, HBP vs. CR: 3-14, 3 R, 2 BB, 2 K, E On-Base Streak: +1 (1-3, BB, HBP) Pittsburg, CA... signed for \$250,000 as the 226th pick, 8th round, 2024, Vanderbilt University. 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. Joined Lugnuts on June 3 from Stockton, replacing the promoted Cole Conn (Double-A Midland). MARIO GOMEZ • 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 On-Base Streak: -1 (0-4) Last Game: at GL: 0-4, R, K vs. CR: 2-7, 2B, 3 RBI, K Current Hit Streak: -1 (0-4) Aguascalientes, Mexico... signed as an international free agent on February 19, 2020 (age 17). Played for one team in 2021, two teams in 2023, three teams in 2024, and now five teams in 2025. Joined Lugnuts on July 29, replacing Nick Schwartz (promoted to Las Vegas); RBI 1B in 1st AB Has played one game for Caneros de Los Mochis in each of last two winter ball seasons (0-for-2, 2 K). 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 GL: 1-3, R, 2 K, CS, HBP vs. CR: 1-6, 2 R, 2 BB, 2 K, CS Current Hit Streak: +2 (2-6) On-Base Streak: +3 (2-9, 2 BB, HBP) Reno, Nevada... 556th overall selection, 19th round, 2025, Sacramento State (\$20,000) Father Buddy - UNLV head coach, 2003-2010; Nevada-Reno associate head coach 2011-2013; Brought four gloves to Lansing; plays all infield positions... only Hornet to start all 57 gms. in 2024. area supervisor for Kansas City Royals... spent one year at Washington State, three years at Sac State. RYAN LASKO • R/R • OF • Age 22 • 2nd season with Lugnuts • MLB Pipeline's No. 17 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: 2-5, R, 2B, RBI, K GL: 3-13, 3 R, 2B, RBI, BB, 3 K, SB, HBP CR: 2-11, 4 R, 2B, 2 RBI, 3 BB, 2 K, SB Current Hit Streak: +1 (2-5) On-Base: +10 (7-37, 7 BB, HBP) Jackson, New Jersey... 2nd round, 41st overall, 2023, from Rutgers... signed for \$1.7 million · 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 First Scarlet Knight in Big Ten era to be All-American, 2021... tied RU 2B record (24) in 2022 CAMERON I FARY 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: 0-2, R, BB, K, HBP, E GL: 2-8, R, 2B, RBI, 3 BB, 3 K, 2 HBP, E CR: 2-17, R, 3 RBI, BB, 6 K, 3 SB, HBP Hit Streak: -1 (0-2) On-Base: +3 (2-8, 3 BB, 2 HBP) Bethnage NY selected 286th overall 10th round 2024 draft from Boston College (\$50,000) · Promoted from Stockton riding a 10-game hitting streak and a 30-game on-base streak High school: 3 years, St. Anthony's (NY), finished at P27 Academy (Lexington, SC)... finance major. • Slugged 2nd most HR in Boston College history (43)... only Eagle to have 40+ HR and 40+ steals DARLYN MONTERO • L/R • INF • Age 23 • 1st season with Lugnuts 25 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 vs. CR: 2-9. R. 3 RBI. BB. 2 K On-Base Streak: +7 (5-23, 4 BB. HBP) Last Game: 0-3, R, 2 BB, K, SB at GL: 1-58, 3 R, 2 BB, 3 K, 2 SB Current Hit Streak: -1 (0-3) Azua, Dominican Republic... signed as an international free agent on November 7, 2018. Played in DSL in 2019 (55 G, .213 avg.) and 2021 (40 G, .217 avg.), ACL in 2022 and 2023. · From Azua: Wenceel Perez, Yennsy Diaz, Franchy Cordero, Sandy Alcantara, Gregory Soto Played full 2024 in Stockton... spent from May 2-July 1, 2025: on Injured List (hamate). 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 at GL: 1-9, R, 5 K CR: 6-18, 2 R, 2B, 4 RBI, 6 K, SB, SF, E Current Hit Streak: +1 (1-4) Last Game: 1-4, 3 K On-Base Streak: +1 (1-4) Albany, CA... signed as undrafted free agent, January 22, 2025, Fresno State. 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. Business major... 3x Mountain West Scholar Athlete. 3x Academic All-Mountain West. CARLOS PACHECO R/R OF Age 20 1st season with Lugnuts MLB Pipeline's No. 20 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 vs. CR: at GL: PO Current Hit Streak: -Last Game: pinch-ran, picked off On-Base Streak: Miranda, Venezuela... signed as an international free agent, January 15, 2022. Pipeline grades: hit 45, power 40, run 60, arm 50, field 50... played in DSL in 2022 (.183) & 2023 (.244). Signed for \$1.2 million as the A's top position-player target in 2022 international free agency Playing at third different level in 2025, replacing the injured Pedro Pineda in Lansing on August 6 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 at GL: 1-10, 3B, RBI, BB, 2 K Last Game: 1-4, 3B, RBI, K On-Base Streak: +1 (1-4) Hamilton, NJ... 2021 Vanderbilt, 2022-24 Penn State... 2025 undrafted free agent, Penn State. 1B, 2B, 3B, LF, RF at Penn State... 1B, 3B, LF, CF, RF at Stockton (42 games in LF, 48 games at 1B).

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: 1-5, RBI, 2 K at GL: 2-13, R, 2 RBI, 7 K, HBP vs. CR: 4-22, 2 R, 4 RBI, 3 BB, 6 K, SF Current Hit Streak: +1 (1-5) On-Base: +10 (7-39, 3 BB, HBP)

Christopher John Pittaro... grandfather played in the minors from 1960-62, then coached at Rider.

- Tyrell James... Brampton, ON... 374th pick, 12th rd., 2019, North Park S.S. ... signed for \$320,000. Promoted to Midland July 1, returned July 17... Double-A stats: 9 G, 5-36, .139/.162/.139, 1 BB, 6 K, 2 SB.

- Bronze Medalist w/ Canada Junior National Team in Panama... father is from Saint Vincent (SVG). Has enjoyed marvelous 2025 with Lugnuts... 5-for-5 vs. Fort Wayne on April 24... batted .371 in April.

- 2018 won the Tournament 12 title, the Marucci World Series title and U-21 Canadian Baseball title. May 31 vs. Beloit, blasted go-ahead grand slam in the 7th ("The Schofield-Slam"), leading to 8-2 win.
- CASEY YAMAUCHI R/R INF Age 24 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: 3-5, R, RBI, K, SB at GL: 5-10, 2 R, RBI, 3 BB, K, HBP, SB CR: 7-25, 5 R, 3 RBI, BB, K, 2 SB, E

Current Hit Streak: +2 (5-8)

On-Base: +10 (12-37, 5 BB, HBP)

- Hilo, Hl... 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. Joined Nuts for the final three games of 2023 at LC (6-9, 2 BB, 1 HBP), replacing Jacob Wilson at SS.
- Owns Hawai'i Hilo records in runs (147), hits (240), doubles (49), steals (74-for-85); only 27 K in 167 G.

• Father, Chris, played 53 G in MLB (1985 DET, 1986-87 MIN), currently A's Special Assistant to the GM

Additional Lug•Notes

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 southpaw **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.

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: Tommy White and 2025 Opening Day starter Gage Jump epresented 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.