



RiverDogs GameDay

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Charleston RiverDogs (4-3) at Columbia Fireflies (4-3)

LHP Ben Brecht (0-0, 0.00) vs. RHP Matt Stil (1-0, 0.00)

Tonight's Game: The Charleston RiverDogs (affiliate of the Tampa Bay Rays) visit the Columbia Fireflies (affiliate of the Kansas City Royals) for the second game of their first road trip of the 2021 season. The RiverDogs and Fireflies are scheduled to play six games from Tuesday-Sunday.
RiverDogs-Fireflies Season Series in 2021: Overall: Fireflies 1, RiverDogs 0. At Segra Park: Fireflies 1, RiverDogs 0.

Last Time Out: The RiverDogs loaded the bases in the top of the ninth inning, but came up empty in a 4-3 loss to open the series on Tuesday night. Solo home runs from Heriberto Hernandez and Diego Infante staked the RiverDogs to an early 2-0 lead before Columbia came back to tie it up on a two-run double from Maikel Garcia in the fifth. Brett Wisely quickly put the RiverDogs back on top in the sixth with an RBI groundout. The Fireflies rallied to move ahead for the first time in the eighth. Diego Hernandez beat out an infield single to open the inning and scored on a triple by Darryl Collins. Brady McConnell then lined a base hit into left field to give Columbia the lead. With the bases loaded and two outs in the ninth, Walter Pennington struck out Nick Schnell to end the comeback bid.

Welcome to Charleston: As part of the gigantic shakeup that occurred around Minor League Baseball since the end of the 2019 season, the RiverDogs found out that their 16-year relationship with the New York Yankees was coming to an end. The new parent club of the RiverDogs turned out to be an AL East rival of the Yankees, the Tampa Bay Rays. The RiverDogs were previously affiliated with Tampa Bay from 1997-2004, when the big league club played as the Devil Rays.

Nobody Better: The Rays farm system is considered to be the best in Major League Baseball by multiple publications including Baseball America and MLB Pipeline. Tampa Bay's prospect pipeline contains eight of MLB Pipeline's Top 100 prospects entering the 2021 season. That list includes the #1 overall prospect in baseball, shortstop Wander Franco, who will open the campaign with Triple-A Durham.

Prized Pups: The RiverDogs roster contains seven members of MLB Pipeline's Top 30 Rays prospects. The highest ranked of that group is starting pitcher Cole Wilcox who came in at #9. Outfielder/catcher Heriberto Hernandez is the most highly regarded position player at #13. The rest of the list is filled out by starting pitchers Seth Johnson (#15), Taj Bradley (#21) and John Doxakis (#29), shortstop Alike Williams (#25) and outfielder Nick Schnell (#30).

Hammerin' Heriberto: With a solo home run on Tuesday, Heriberto Hernandez has now homered in three of the last four games he has played in. The outfielder is hitting .368 with six runs batted in and is reaching base at a .538 clip.

So Many Strikeouts: On Sunday evening, four RiverDogs pitchers combined to strike out 17 Myrtle Beach hitters. That total is the most strikeouts in a game since 2017 and the most in a nine-inning game since 2016 for the RiverDogs. So far this season, the pitching staff has recorded 87 strikeouts while issuing only 11 walks.

Looking for More: The RiverDogs have struggled with runners in scoring position over the last five games, going just 7-42 (.167) at the plate in those situations. On the season, they are hitting a combined .190 with RISP. Logan Driscoll has been most effective in those spots, with four hits in seven chances.

Early Returns: Cole Wilcox and Luis Patino have received much of the buzz regarding the prospects acquired by the Rays in the Blake Snell trade with San Diego this winter. However, catcher Logan Driscoll, who also was part of that haul, is off to a torrid start in 2021. The George Mason product has collected 8 hits in 14 at bats with three doubles and four runs batted in.

Let's Make a Deal: Several members of the RiverDogs roster were acquired by the Rays via trade. Cole Wilcox and Logan Driscoll each were sent to Tampa Bay by San Diego in the Blake Snell deal this winter. Alexander Ovalles and Heriberto Hernandez arrived to the Rays organization together via the Nate Lowe trade with Texas in December. Finally, Curtis Mead arrived from the Phillies farm system in exchange for pitcher Christopher Sanchez.

Low-A East Standings

North Division	W-L	GB
Lynchburg	7-0	--
Delmarva	4-3	3.0
Salem	3-4	4.0
Fredericksburg	0-7	7.0
Central Division	W-L	GB
Down East	7-0	--
Carolina	5-2	2.0
Fayetteville	2-5	5.0
Kannapolis	0-7	7.0
South Division	W-L	GB
Charleston	4-3	--
Columbia	4-3	--
Augusta	3-4	1.0
Myrtle Beach	3-4	1.0

Upcoming Schedule and Probable Pitchers

Date	Time	Opponent	Charleston Starter		Opposing Starter
Thursday, May 13	7:05 PM	at Columbia	RHP Taj Bradley (0-1, 19.29)	vs.	RHP Ben Hernandez (0-0, 6.75)
Friday, May 14	7:05 PM	at Columbia	RHP Seth Johnson (0-1, 3.00)	vs.	LHP Emilio Marquez (0-0, 3.60)
Saturday, May 15	6:35 PM	at Columbia	LHP John Doxakis (0-0, 0.00)	vs.	RHP Adrian Alcantara (1-1, 3.18)
Sunday, May 16	5:05 PM	at Columbia	TBA	vs.	RHP Anderson Paulino (1-0, 2.25)



TONIGHT'S STARTING PITCHER

#31 BEN BRECHT

Height: 6-7
Weight: 225

Bats: L
Throws: L
Birthdate: January 7, 1998
College: UC Santa Barbara

Acquired: 5th Round, 2019
Birthplace: Evanston, IL

Notes: Worked 4.0 scoreless innings in 2021 debut on May 6th against Myrtle Beach...made 10 appearances, 6 as a starter in Hudson Valley following the 2019 draft...went 2-0 with a 2.19 earned run average...struck out 23 batters while issuing just 4 walks...started all 16 games he pitched in during junior season at USCB in 2019 after splitting time between rotation and bullpen in first two years...in 2019, struck out 101 opposing hitters while issuing only 18 walks 90.0 innings...posted the lowest ERA on team among pitchers with at least 18.0 innings of work as a freshman...as a senior at New Trier High School, went 8-0 with a 0.31 ERA...high school career included two no-hitters and a 15-strikeout game...full name is Benjamin Nathan Brecht...grew up a Chicago Cubs fan...favorite athletes are Chris Sale and Rich Hill

Season	League	Team	W	L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	HR	HB	BB	IBB	SO	WHIP	AVG	AB	WP
2021	A	CSC	0	0	0.00	1	1	0	0	0	4.0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0.25	.077	13	0
Career	A	Multiple	0	0	0.00	1	1	0	0	0	4.0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0.25	.077	13	0

2019, Hudson Valley (New York-Penn League)

Season	League	Team	W	L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	HR	HB	BB	IBB	SO	WHIP	AVG	AB	WP
2019	A(Short)	HV	2	0	2.19	10	6	0	0	0	24.2	18	7	6	0	0	4	0	23	0.89	.200	90	1
Career	A(Short)	Multiple	2	0	2.19	10	6	0	0	0	24.2	18	7	6	0	0	4	0	23	0.89	.200	90	1

2021 Starter Totals: W-L: 0-2 2.22 ERA 24.1 IP 18 H 4 BB 27 K 7 R 6 ER 1 HR

RIVERDOGS POSITION PLAYERS

#8 Hill Alexander

OF

Last Game: 0-0, HBP
Current Streak:
Longest Hit Streak: 2
Last HR: August 11, 2019 at Lowell
This Series: 0-0, HBP
vs. COL: 0-0, HBP
Last Series: 2-12, run

2021 Season Highs

H: 1 (Multiple)
R: 1 (May 5 vs. Myrtle Beach)
HR:
RBI:
2B:
K: 3 (May 5 vs. Myrtle Beach)
BB:

- Hit .264 with 41 RBI in 64 games with Hudson Valley in 2019
- 28th round pick out of Lubbock Christian
- Hit .411 with 14 home runs and 54 RBI in 52 games at DII Lubbock Christian in final college season
- Previously played at Dallas Baptist (2018) and Midland College (2016-17)
- Hit school record 26 home runs for Midland College in 2016 campaign
- Named NJCAA Division1 All-American and Heartland Conference Player of Year

#19 Logan Driscoll

C

Last Game: DNP
Current Streak: 4
Longest Hit Streak: 4
Last HR: September 2, 2019 vs. Spokane
This Series:
vs. COL:
Last Series: 8-14, 2 2B, 4 RBI, 2 BB, 2 runs

2021 Season Highs

H: 3 (May 7 vs. Myrtle Beach)
R: 2 (May 6 vs. Myrtle Beach)
HR:
RBI: 2 (May 5 vs. Myrtle Beach)
2B: 1 (Multiple)
K: 2 (May 5 vs. Myrtle Beach)
BB: 1 (Multiple)

- Has hit safely in every game he has appeared (.571 batting average)
- Dealt to Tampa Bay as part of the return in Blake Snell trade this winter
- Hit .268 in 38 games with Tri-City in the San Diego farm system in 2019
- Drafted by the Padres in Competitive Balance Round B in the 2019
- Hit .342 during final season at George Mason in the spring of 2019
- Invited to play in Arizona Fall League following first pro season
- Hit 2 home runs and caught all 9.0 innings in first game with Peoria
- Sister, McKenna, was member of dance team at George Mason
- Brother, Garrett, was also on the baseball team

#1 Jonathan Embry

C

Last Game: 0-3
Current Streak:
Longest Hit Streak: 1
Last HR: August 11, 2019 at Lowell
This Series: 0-3
vs. COL: 0-3
Last Series: 2-6, 2 RBI, BB, 2 runs

2021 Season Highs

H: 1 (May 5 vs. Myrtle Beach)
R: 2 (May 5 vs. Myrtle Beach)
HR:
RBI: 2 (May 5 vs. Myrtle Beach)
2B:
K: 2 (May 11 at Columbia)
BB: 1 (May 5 vs. Myrtle Beach)

- Threw out 28% of base stealers in 2019 with Hudson Valley
- Posted a .329 on-base percentage in 37 games with Renegades
- Selected by the Rays in the 10th round of the 2019 draft out of Liberty
- hit .312 with a team-leading 11 home runs during final season with Flames
- walked 59 times against just 34 strikeouts
- Began collegiate career as a walk-on
- Played catcher most frequently, but also corner outfield
- Hit over .400 in junior and senior years at Christian Academy of Louisville
- majored in aviation and has pilot's license

#11 Heriberto Hernandez

OF/C

Last Game: 2-3, HR, RBI, BB, 2 runs
Current Streak: 1
Longest Hit Streak: 3
Last HR: May 11 at Columbia
This Series: 2-3, HR, RBI, BB, 2 runs
vs. COL: 2-3, HR, RBI, BB, 2 runs
Last Series: 5-16, 2B, 2 HR, 4 RBI, 4 BB, 2 SB, 5 runs

2021 Season Highs

H: 2 (Multiple)
R: 2 (Multiple)
HR: 1 (Multiple)
RBI: 3 (May 7 vs. Myrtle Beach)
2B: 1 (May 7 vs. Myrtle Beach)
K: 3 (5/9 vs. Myrtle Beach)
BB: 1 (Multiple)

- Has hit a home run in 3 of last 4 games played
- Acquired from the Rangers on Dec. 10 in a 6-player trade involving Nate Lowe
- Ranked by MLB Pipeline as #13 Rays prospect heading into the season
- Ranked by FanGraphs as the No. 131 overall prospect in the minors
- Spent most of the 2019 season with the AZL Rangers, 3 games with Spokane
- Hit .345 with 17 2B, 11 HR and 49 RBI in 53 games between the two levels
- Led the AZL with 48 RBI, 66 hits, 32 XBH and 124 total bases
- Top 5 in average, 2B, HR, OBP and slugging percentage
- Named to the Rangers Organizational All-Star Team by MLB.com and to the Rookie-level All-Star Team by Baseball America
- In 2018, led the Dominican Summer League with 32 extra-base hits
- Signed by the Rangers on Dec 13, 2017 out of the Dominican Republic.

#13 Diego Infante

OF

Last Game: 1-3, HR, RBI, BB, run
Current Streak: 4
Longest Hit Streak: 4
Last HR: May 11 at Columbia
This Series: 1-3, HR, RBI, BB, run
vs. COL: 1-3, HR, RBI, BB, run
Last Series: 3-13, 3B, RBI, BB, 2 SB, run

2021 Season Highs

H: 1 (Multiple)
R: 1 (Multiple)
HR: 1 (May 11 at Columbia)
RBI: 1 (Multiple)
2B:
K: 1 (Multiple)
BB: 1 (Multiple)

- Has reached base in 7 of last 15 plate appearances
- Enjoyed breakout year with rookie-level Princeton in 2019
- Set career-highs in batting average (.288), home runs (12) and RBI (52)
- Had totaled just one home run in first 2 seasons of pro baseball in the GCL and DSL
- Signed by Ryas as international free agent in July of 2016

#10 Luis Leon

C

Last Game: DNP
Current Streak:
Longest Hit Streak: 1
Last HR: August 28, 2019 vs. Pulaski
This Series:
vs. COL:
Last Series: 1-15, BB

2021 Season Highs

H: 1 (May 8 vs. Myrtle Beach)
R:
HR:
RBI:
2B:
K: 3 (May 6 vs. Myrtle Beach)
BB: 1 (May 6 vs. Myrtle Beach)

- 2021 season is 5th in the Tampa Bay organization
- Split 2019 season between Princeton and Hudson Valley
- Hit .341 with 30 RBI in 43 games with Princeton
- Threw out 32% of baserunners attempting to steal a base against him in 2019
- In addition to catching, has also played second base, third base and shortstop in professional career
- Signed by Rays as international free agent in July of 2015

RIVERDOGS POSITION PLAYERS (CONTINUED)

#32 Johan Lopez

INF

Last Game: DNP Current Streak: 1 Longest Hit Streak: 2 Last HR: May 6, 2021 vs Myrtle Beach This Series: vs. COL: Last Series: 3-13, HR, 3 RBI, 2 BB, run	<u>2021 Season Highs</u> H: 1 (Multiple) R: 1 (Multiple) HR: 1 (May 5 vs. Myrtle Beach) RBI: 1 (Multiple) 2B: K: 2 (May 7 vs. Myrtle Beach) BB: 1 (May 6 vs. Myrtle Beach)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Has an RBI in 3 of 4 games played this year Has played parts of 3 seasons in the Dominican Summer League with numbers improving each year At outset of 2019 campaign hit .357 with 28 RBI in 30 games Walked 16 times while striking out just 12 times Transitioned to the Gulf Coast League for final 34 games of season...hit .279 with a home run and 12 RBI 	

#16 Curtis Mead

INF

Last Game: 1-4 Current Streak: 1 Longest Hit Streak: 1 Last HR: August 24, 2019 at GCL Yankees This Series: 1-4 vs. COL: 1-4 Last Series: 2-14, 3B, 3 BB, 3 runs	<u>2021 Season Highs</u> H: 2 (May 6 vs Myrtle Beach) R: 2 (May 6 vs Myrtle Beach) HR: RBI: 2B: K: 2 (May 8 vs. Myrtle Beach) BB: 2 (May 4 vs Myrtle Beach)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Acquired by the Rays from Philadelphia in exchange for LHP Christopher Sanchez Hit .285 with GCL Phillies East in 2019 Chipped in 12 doubles, 4 home runs and 19 stolen bases Has played 4 seasons in the Australian Baseball League Hit .373 in 20 games for Adelaide Bite in 2017 as a 16-year old In total, has hit .302 in Australia with 12 home runs Originally signed as a shortstop, has moved to primarily third base Native of Adelaide, Australia 	

#26 Alexander Ovalles

SS

Last Game: 0-3, BB Current Streak: Longest Hit Streak: 1 Last HR: August 30, 2019 vs. Everett This Series: 0-3, BB vs. COL: 0-3, BB Last Series: 1-13, BB	<u>2021 Season Highs</u> H: 1 (May 7 vs. Myrtle Beach) R: HR: RBI: 2B: K: 3 (May 7 vs. Myrtle Beach) BB: 1 (Multiple)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Has opened the year 1-16 at the plate Acquired by the Rays along with Heriberto Hernandez in Nate Lowe trade (Dec. 10) Split 2019 season between AZL and short-season Spokane with Rangers Batted .187 in 24 games with Spokane Hit .377 with 8 doubles and 7 triples in 25 games with the AZL Rangers Walked 16 times while striking out just 14 in 2018 with the DSL Rangers Previously traded from Cubs to Rangers as PTBNL in the Cole Hamels deal in 2018 Originally signed by Chicago as an international free agent in 2017 	

#2 Abiezel Ramirez

INF

Last Game: 1-3, BB Current Streak: 1 Longest Hit Streak: 1 Last HR: August 20, 2019 vs. Elizabethton This Series: 1-3, BB vs. COL: 1-3, BB Last Series: 4-12, 2B, RBI, 3 BB, run	<u>2021 Season Highs</u> H: 2 (Multiple) R: 1 (Multiple) HR: RBI: 1 (May 6 vs. Myrtle Beach) 2B: 1 (May 4 vs. Myrtle Beach) K: 3 (May 8 vs. Myrtle Beach) BB: 3 (May 6 vs. Myrtle Beach)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Has posted a .474 on-base percentage in 5 games played Spent time with both short-season Princeton and GCL Rays in 2019 Batted .289 in 37 games with Princeton and .256 in 10 games in the GCL Made a large leap in second DSL season in 2017, increasing his average from .217 to .291 and his RBI total from 14 to 50 Walked 37 times in 2017 against just 33 strikeouts while stealing 27 bases Signed by Rays as international free agent in July of 2016 	

#7 Nick Schnell

OF

Last Game: 1-4, SB, BB Current Streak: 2 Longest Hit Streak: 2 Last HR: May 9, 2021 vs Myrtle Beach This Series: 1-4, SB, BB vs. COL: 1-4, SB, BB Last Series: 3-19, 2B, 2 HR, 6 RBI, 3 BB, 3 runs	<u>2021 Season Highs</u> H: 1 (Multiple) R: 2 (May 4 vs. Myrtle Beach) HR: 1 (Multiple) RBI: 2 (Multiple) 2B: 1 (May 4 vs. Myrtle Beach) K: 3 (May 6 vs. Myrtle Beach) BB: 1 (Multiple)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Leads team with 3 stolen bases First round draft choice of the Rays in 2018 Rated by MLB Pipeline as Rays #30 prospect In 2019, hit .265 with 5 HR and 31 RBI in 55 games across 3 levels Named to the Appalachian League postseason All-Star Team Tied for 8th among Rays minor leaguers with 6 3B Hit a home run in his first professional plate appearance in the GCL Hit .535 with 15 HR and 37 RBI in 31 games as a senior at Roncalli (Ind.) High Named Indiana Gatorade Player of the Year in 2018 Committed to the University of Louisville before signing with the Rays 	

#6 Alike Williams

INF

Last Game: 0-4 Current Streak: Longest Hit Streak: 3 Last HR: February 21, 2020 vs. Boston College (College) This Series: 0-4 vs. COL: 0-4 Last Series: 5-21, 2 2B, BB, 2 runs	<u>2021 Season Highs</u> H: 2 (May 7 vs. Myrtle Beach) R: 1 (Multiple) HR: RBI: 2B: 1 (Multiple) K: 2 (Multiple) BB: 1 (May 8 vs. Myrtle Beach)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Making pro debut after being selected in Comp. Balance Round A of 2020 draft Ranked by MLB Pipeline as the #25 Rays prospect this season Hit .300 with 5 HR and 81 RBI in 129 career games at Arizona State More walks (55) than strikeouts (49) Batted in cleanup spot right behind first overall draft pick Spencer Torkelson Ranked as the best defensive infielder among college players and No. 31 overall player in the 2020 Amateur Draft by Baseball America Started 13 of 14 games at shortstop for the 2019 Collegiate National Team Led Team USA with 19 RBI and ranked 2nd with a .545 SLG Previously selected by the Yankees in the 32nd round of the 2017 Amateur Draft 	

RIVERDOGS POSITION PLAYERS (CONTINUED)

#5 Brett Wisely

INF

Last Game: 1-4, RBI

Current Streak: 2

Longest Hit Streak: 2

Last HR: May 4 vs Myrtle Beach

This Series: 1-4, RBI

vs. COL: 1-4, RBI

Last Series: 4-16, 2 HR, 2 RBI, BB, 4 runs

2021 Season Highs

H: 2 (May 4 vs. Myrtle Beach)

R: 2 (May 4 vs. Myrtle Beach)

HR: 2 (May 4 vs. Myrtle Beach)

RBI: 2 (May 4 vs. Myrtle Beach)

2B:

K: 3 (May 9 vs. Myrtle Beach)

BB: 1 (May 7 vs. Myrtle Beach)

- Hit two solo home runs on opening night against Myrtle Beach
- First pro game with multiple HR, but once hit 3 in a game in college
- Played in 47 games with rookie-level Princeton in 2019
- hit .275 with 5 home runs and 25 RBI
- Selected in the 15th round of the 2019 draft out of Gulf Coast Community College
- Brother, Alec, was drafted in the 34th round of the same draft by Cleveland
- Alec pitched for the AZL Indians in 2019 after college career at South Florida

RIVERDOGS BULLPEN

2021 Relievers: W-L: 4-1 3.58 ERA 37.2 IP 28 H 6 BB 60 K 1 HR 18 R 15 ER

#30 RHP Trevor Brigden - 6'3, 210 lbs

Age: 25

- Struck out six of the seven batters he faced in last appearance May 7
- Made 10 appearances, 9 out of the bullpen, for Princeton in 2019 following the draft (3-1, 2.45 ERA)
- Recorded 23 strikeouts and issued only one walk in 18.1 inning
- First ever player to be drafted from Okanagan College (Kelowna, British Columbia), a member of the Canadian Baseball Conference
- Began his collegiate career with two seasons at Lackawanna Junior College in Scranton, Pennsylvania
- Transferred to Okanagan and served as the closer in first year and top starter the second
- College coach, Jared Johnson, tweeted video of Brigden throwing which led to scouts from handful of MLB teams to call
- Named the 2020 City of Kelowna Male Athlete of the Year

Recent Appearances

Date	Opp.	Dec.	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K
May 4	MB	ND	1.0	4	3	3	0	2
May 7	MB	ND	2.0	1	0	0	0	6

#28 RHP Angel Felipe - 6'5, 190 lbs

Age: 23

- Beginning his sixth season pitching in the Tampa Bay farm system
- Fastball clocked in as high as 98 mph on Wednesday
- Spent 2015-16 seasons in the Dominican Summer League, 2017-18 in the Gulf Coast League and 2019 in Princeton
- Owns a career 6-12 record with a 6.33 ERA
- In 101.0 career innings has struck out 100 batters, walked 91 and tossed 49 wild pitches
- Signed as an international free agent in June of 2015

Recent Appearances

Date	Opp.	Dec.	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K
May 5	MB	ND	1.0	0	0	0	0	2
May 8	MB	ND	2.1	2	0	0	0	4

#23 RHP Hector Figueroa - 6'0, 170 lbs

Age: 26

- Enjoyed a dominant 2019 campaign split between short-season Hudson Valley and Low-A Bowling Green
- Collected 5 saves and posted 2.10 ERA in 14 relief appearances with Renegades
- Allowed just one earned run in six relief appearances with Hot Rods
- Began career with four years in Cleveland farm system
- Selected by the Rays in Triple-A portion of the 2018 Rule 5 Draft

Recent Appearances

Date	Opp.	Dec.	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K
May 6	MB	ND	1.1	2	2	2	0	1
May 9	MB	ND	1.0	1	0	0	0	1

#33 RHP Andrew Gross - 6'4, 195 lbs

Age: 24

- Went 1-4 with a 3.41 ERA in 20 relief appearances for Hudson Valley in 2019, notching 31 strikeouts in 29.0 innings
- Selected in the 39th round of the 2019 draft out of Texas-Arlington
- Averaged one strikeout per inning in final year of college ball
- Transferred from Yavapai Community College in Arizona where he helped lead team to national championship
- Father, Eliot, was a U.S. Naval pilot who flew EA6B Prowlers in the Gulf War

Recent Appearances

Date	Opp.	Dec.	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K
May 6	MB	ND	2.1	3	3	3	1	2
May 9	MB	ND	3.0	0	0	0	0	3

RIVERDOGS BULLPEN (CONTINUED)

#24 LHP Jose Lopez - 6'1, 200 lbs

Age: 22

- Has allowed 6 runs in 7.1 innings over first 2 appearances; 10 strikeouts combined
- Spent the 2019 season in Princeton, going 4-3 with a 2.54 ERA and struck out 55 in 49.2 innings of work
- Allowed just 21 hits in 38.0 innings of work in 2017 Dominican Summer League
- Signed by the Rays as an international free agent in October of 2016

Recent Appearances

Date	Opp.	Dec.	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K
May 5	MB	W	4.0	2	2	2	0	5
May 11	@COL	L	3.1	5	4	4	1	5

#4 LHP Steffon Moore - 6'3, 185 lbs

Age: 23

- Has pitched at four different Rays affiliates in two seasons of professional baseball
- Split 2019 between short-season Hudson Valley and Low-A Bowling Green, striking out 41 batters in 31.2 innings with Renegades
- Shared time in 2018 with GCL Rays and rookie-level Princeton
- Selected in the 26th round of the 2018 draft out of West Alabama
- In 45.0 innings at DII West Alabama, struck out 76 batters in 45.0 innings, issuing 51 walks
- Transferred to West Alabama from Itawamba Junior College in Mississippi
- Was a two-sport standout at West Point High School where he caught 52 passes for 1,014 yards and 10 touchdowns as a wide receiver

Recent Appearances

Date	Opp.	Dec.	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K
May 6	MB	W	1.1	0	0	0	2	3

#27 LHP Graeme Stinson - 6'5, 255 lbs

Age: 23

- Pitched 0.2 innings in only professional appearance with GCL Rays in 2019
- Appeared in only 5 games during final season at Duke
- Was the starter and winning pitcher in combined no-hitter against Penn State on March 1, 2019
- Was dominant as a sophomore in 2018, posting a 5-1 record and 1.89 ERA with 98 strikeouts in 62.0 innings
- Played for the Orleans Firebirds of the Cape Cod League as a high school prospect
- Pitched in the 2015 Under Armour Pre-Season Tournament at Wrigley Field
- Eagle scout who was member of national honor society, AP Scholar and honor roll student

Recent Appearances

Date	Opp.	Dec.	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K
May 8	MB	ND	2.2	0	3	0	1	3

#9 RHP Brayden Theriot - 6'2, 210 lbs

Age: 24

- Has collected 7 strikeouts over first 3.2 innings pitched this season
- Made 13 relief appearances for Rookie-level Princeton in 2019
- Went 5-1 with a 2.45 ERA and 30 strikeouts in 25.2 innings
- Signed by the Rays as an undrafted free agent following 2019 draft
- Pitched out of the bullpen in all 81 career appearances at Texas State
- State qualifier as part of the swim team at Elkins High School

Recent Appearances

Date	Opp.	Dec.	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K
May 4	MB	W	2.0	1	0	0	0	3
May 8	MB	ND	1.0	0	0	0	0	2
May 11	@COL	ND	0.2	2	0	0	0	2

RIVERDOGS BULLPEN (CONTINUED)

#34 RHP Colby White - 6'0, 210 lbs

Age: 22

- Has struck out 10 of the 13 hitters he has faced this season
- Fastball has touched 100 mph
- Worked in 15 games out of the bullpen for short-season Hudson Valley in 2019, striking out 29 hitters in 19.1 innings
- Selected in the 6th round of the 2019 draft out of Mississippi State University where he fanned 48 batters in 26.0 innings
- Limited opponents to a .172 batting average over 27 relief appearances in 2019 college season with Mississippi State
- Earned nickname "Night Night Colby White" at MSU while serving as set-up man in bullpen
- Started collegiate career at Pearl River Community College where he led team with 8 saves as a sophomore
- Stood 5'10 and weighed just 140 pounds coming out of high school (Pearl River was lone offer)

Recent Appearances

Date	Opp.	Dec.	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K
May 4	MB	ND	2.0	0	0	0	1	5
May 9	MB	W	2.0	0	0	0	0	5

#15 RHP Stephen Yancey - 6'1, 290 lbs

Age: 25

- Missed the entire 2019 season with an injury
- Began professional career by pitching in 16 games combined between rookie-level Princeton and short-season Hudson Valley in 2018.
- Selected by the Rays in the 20th round of the 2018 draft
- Played four years at NAIA Texas Wesleyan

Recent Appearances

Date	Opp.	Dec.	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K
May 7	MB	ND	2.0	1	1	1	0	2

RIVERDOGS HIGHS AND LOWS

Team Notes

Biggest Deficit in Win:	
Biggest Lead in Loss:	3 (5/7 vs. MB)
Largest Margin of Victory:	6 (5/5 vs. MB)
Largest Margin of Defeat:	5 (5/8 vs. MB)
Most Errors, Game:	3 (5/8 vs. MB)
Most Errors, Inning:	2 (5/8 vs. MB)

Team Batting

Most Runs, Game:	8 (5/5 vs. MB)
Most Runs, Inning:	5 (5/4 vs. MB, 5/5 vs. MB)
Most Runs, First Inning:	3 (5/7 vs. MB)
Most Hits, Game:	11 (5/7 vs. MB)
Most Hits, Inning:	5, 4th inning (5/5 vs. MB)
Fewest Hits, Game:	4 (5/8 vs. MB)
Most Home Runs, Game:	2 (Multiple)
Most Home Runs, Inning:	1 (Multiple)
Most Doubles, Game:	2 (5/4 vs. MB)
Most Triples, Game:	1 (5/6 vs. MB)
Most Extra Base Hits, Game:	3 (5/4 vs. MB, 5/5 vs. MB)
Most Stolen Bases, Game:	2 (Multiple)
Most Walks, Game:	7 (5/6 vs. MB)
Most Strikeouts, Game:	13 (Multiple)
Most Left on Base, Game:	11 (5/7 vs. MB)
Most Left on Base, Nine Inning Game:	11 (5/7 vs. MB)

Individual Batting

Most Hits, Game:	3, Logan Driscoll (5/7 vs. MB)
Most Runs, Game:	2, multiple players
Most RBI, Game:	3, Heriberto Hernandez (5/7 vs. MB)
Most Doubles, Game:	1, multiple players
Most Triples, Game:	1, multiple players
Most Home Runs, Game:	2, Brett Wisely (5/4 vs. MB)
Most Walks, Game:	3, Abiezel Ramirez (5/6 vs. MB)
Most Intentional Walks, Game:	
Most Stolen Bases, Game:	1, multiple players
Longest Hitting Streak:	4, Logan Driscoll (Current)

4-Hit Games:

2-Home Run Game: Brett Wisely (5/4 vs. MB)

Inside-the-Park Home Runs:

Back-to-Back Home Runs:

Grand Slam Home Runs:

Hitting for the Cycle:

Team Pitching

Most Runs Allowed, Game:	6 (5/7 vs. MB)
Most Runs Allowed, Inning:	4 (5/7 vs. MB)
Most Hits Allowed, Game:	10 (5/11 at COL)
Most Home Runs Allowed, Game:	2 (5/7 vs. MB)
Most Home Runs Allowed, Inning:	1 (Multiple)
Most Walks Allowed, Game:	4 (5/8 vs. MB)
Most Strikeouts, Game:	17 (5/9 vs. MB)
Most Strikeouts, 9-Inning Game:	17 (5/9 vs. MB)
Fewest Hits Allowed, Game:	4 (Multiple)
Fewest Walks Allowed, Game:	0 (Multiple)

Individual Pitching

Most Consecutive Scoreless Innings:	8.0, Cole Wilcox (Current)
Most Innings Pitched, Game:	4.0, multiple players
Most Hits Allowed, Game:	6, Taj Bradley (5/7 vs. MB)
Most Runs Allowed, Game:	5, Taj Bradley (5/7 vs. MB)
Most Home Runs Allowed, Game:	1, multiple players
Most Walks Allowed, Game:	3, Seth Johnson (5/8 vs. MB)
Most Strikeouts, Game:	8, John Doxakis (5/9 vs. MB)
Longest Relief Outing:	4.0 innings, Jose Lopez (5/5 vs. MB)

Most Hits, Game, Opposing Player:	2, multiple players
Most Strikeouts, Game, Opposing Pitcher:	7, Manuel Espinoza (5/9 vs. MB)
Grand Slam Home Runs, Opposing Player:	

*RiverDogs club record; # ties RiverDogs club record

TRACKING THE RIVERDOGS 2021

RECORDS

2021 RECORD:	4-3
ALL-TIME RECORD:	2,744-2,840
AT HOME:	4-2
ON ROAD:	0-1
EXTRA INNINGS:	0-0
DOUBLE HEADERS:	0-0-0
vs. RH Starter	3-2
vs. LH Starter	1-1

STREAKS

LONGEST WINNING STREAK:	3
LONGEST LOSING STREAK:	2
CURRENT STREAK	Lost 1

LONGEST WINNING STREAK (Since 2008): 10, 2013

LONGEST LOSING STREAK (Since 2008): 8, 2014

RECORD WHEN

SCORING FIRST RUN:	4-2
ALLOWING FIRST RUN:	0-1

LEADING AFTER 5:	3-0
TRAILING AFTER 5:	0-2
TIED AFTER 5:	1-1

LEADING AFTER 6:	3-1
TRAILING AFTER 6:	0-2
TIED AFTER 6:	1-0

LEADING AFTER 7:	3-1
TRAILING AFTER 7:	0-2
TIED AFTER 7:	1-0

LEADING AFTER 8:	4-0
TRAILING AFTER 8:	0-3
TIED AFTER 8:	0-0

OUTHITTING OPPONENTS:	3-1
OUTHIT BY OPPONENTS:	1-2
HITS EVEN:	0-0

ONE-RUN GAMES:	1-1
TWO-RUN GAMES:	0-1
THREE-RUN GAMES:	2-0

GAMES FOLLOWING A WIN:	2-2
GAMES FOLLOWING A LOSS:	1-1

BY MONTH	HOME	ROAD	TOTAL
MAY	4-2	0-1	4-3
JUNE	0-0	0-0	0-0
JULY	0-0	0-0	0-0
AUGUST	0-0	0-0	0-0
SEPTEMBER	0-0	0-0	0-0

BY DAY	HOME	ROAD	TOTAL
SUNDAY	1-0	0-0	1-0
TUESDAY	1-0	0-1	1-1
WEDNESDAY	1-0	0-0	1-0
THURSDAY	1-0	0-0	1-0
FRIDAY	0-1	0-0	0-1
SATURDAY	0-1	0-0	0-1

BY START TIME	HOME	ROAD	TOTAL
Morning (Before 12PM)	0-0	0-0	0-0
DAY (12PM-5PM)	1-0	0-0	1-0
NIGHT (After 5PM)	3-2	0-1	3-3

VS. Northern Division	HOME	ROAD	TOTAL
Delmarva	0-0	0-0	0-0
Fredericksburg	0-0	0-0	0-0
Lynchburg	0-0	0-0	0-0
Salem	0-0	0-0	0-0

VS. Central Division	HOME	ROAD	TOTAL
Carolina	0-0	0-0	0-0
Down East	0-0	0-0	0-0
Fayetteville	0-0	0-0	0-0
Kannapolis	0-0	0-0	0-0

VS. Southern Division	HOME	ROAD	TOTAL
Augusta	0-0	0-0	0-0
Columbia	0-0	0-1	0-1
Myrtle Beach	4-2	0-0	4-2

MISCELLANEOUS

Longest Game (Innings): 9.0 (Multiple)
 Longest Game (Time): 3:40 (5/6 vs. MB)
 Runs For: 31
 Runs Against: 25

GRAND TOTALS

TOTAL ATTENDANCE: 17,268 (6 openings)
 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE: 2,878

GAMES PLAYED 5,584 games
 ALL-TIME WINS 2,744
 ALL-TIME WIN% .491

RIVERDOGS MISCELLANEOUS

RiverDogs Roster Origination

Players from NCAA Division I Programs (11):

Ben Brecht (Santa Barbara)
John Doxakis (Texas A&M)
Logan Driscoll (George Mason)
Jonathan Embry (Liberty)
Andrew Gross (Texas-Arlington)
Seth Johnson (Campbell)
Graeme Stinson (Duke)
Brayden Theriot (Texas State)
Colby White (Mississippi State)
Cole Wilcox (Georgia)
Alika Williams (Arizona State)

Players from NCAA Division II programs (2):

Hill Alexander (Lubbock Christian)
Steffon Moore (West Alabama)

Players signed out of junior college (1):

Brett Wisely (Gulf Coast Community College)

Players drafted/signed out of high school (3):

Taj Bradley (Redan High School/ Stone Mountain, Georgia)
Curtis Mead (Australia)
Nick Schnell (Roncalli High School/Indianapolis)

Players signed as international free agents (9):

Angel Felipe (Dominican Republic)
Hector Figueroa (Dominican Republic)
Jose Lopez (Dominican Republic)
Alexander Ovalles (Dominican Republic)
Abiezel Ramirez (Dominican Republic)
Heriberto Hernandez (Dominican Republic)
Luis Leon (Venezuela)
Johan Lopez (Venezuela)
Diego Infante (Venezuela)

River Bandits Highest Drafted Players

Nick Schnell, #1, 2018
Alika Williams, Competitive Balance A, 2020
John Doxakis, #2, 2019
Logan Driscoll, Competitive Balance B, 2019 (San Diego)
Cole Wilcox, #3, 2020 (San Diego)

MLB Pipeline Top Prospects (Entering Season)

Cole Wilcox, #9
Heriberto Hernandez, #13
Seth Johnson, #15
Taj Bradley, #21
Alika Williams, #25
John Doxakis, #29
Nick Schnell, #30

Returning Players from Previous Years (0)

Largest Attendance Single-Game

Rank	Attendance	Date
1.	8,426	April 5, 2007 (Opening Day)
2.	8,366	April 9, 2009 (Opening Day)
3.	8,257	April 11, 2019 (Opening Day)
4.	8,046	July 3, 2006
5.	7,931	July 3, 2007
6.	7,792	July 4, 2014
7.	7,667	July 3, 2013
8.	7,587	April 8, 2010 (Opening Day)
9.	7,536	July 4, 2010
10.	7,378	July 3, 2008

Catcher Throwing Stats

Catcher	CS	SBA	Pct.	Innings Caught	ER	ERA
Driscoll	0	0	.000	27.0	8	2.67
Embry	0	1	.000	8.0	4	4.00
Leon	1	6	.167	27.0	9	3.00

Starts by Position

	C	1B	2B	3B	SS	LF	CF	RF	DH	Total
Alexander							1	1	1	3
Driscoll	3								1	4
Embry	1	2								3
Hernandez						5		1		6
Infante								4		4
Leon	2								1	3
Lopez			1	2	1					4
Mead		1		4						5
Ovalles		3				1		1		5
Ramirez			2	1	1				1	5
Schnell							6			6
Williams			1		5					6
Wisely			3						2	5

RIVERDOGS FIELD STAFF

Manager: Blake Butera

Butera is in his first season as the manager of the RiverDogs after two seasons at the helm in Hudson Valley with the Rays former short-season affiliate. He led the Renegades to a postseason berth in both seasons, including a league-most 45 wins in 2018 and a share of the league's best record in 2019. Butera coached with the Leones del Escogido in the Dominican Winter League following the cancellation of the 2020 minor league season. At the time he received the managerial job in Hudson Valley, Butera was the youngest manager (25) in all of Minor League Baseball. The native of Metairie, Louisiana was drafted by the Rays in the 35th round of the 2015 Amateur Draft out of Boston College and appeared in 80 minor league games over two seasons. At Boston College, he was voted team captain his senior year and finished his career as the Eagles' all-time leader in walks (112) and at-bats (774). His father, Barry, reached Triple-A with the Red Sox and his brother, Barry, spent two seasons in the Astros minor league system after being selected out of Boston College in the 2009 Amateur Draft.

Pitching Coach: R.C. Lichtenstein

Lichtenstein begins his first year as the pitching coach for the RiverDogs and his 17th year in the Rays organization. Lichtenstein has served as pitching coach at several stops in the Rays farm system including Southwest Michigan (2005-06), Vero Beach (2007-08), Bowling Green (2009-11) and Double-A Montgomery (2012-19). Throughout his career in baseball, the 52-year old has also coached in the Milwaukee Brewers organization and managed two independent squads.

Hitting Coach: Wuarnner Rincones

Rincones enters his first season with the RiverDogs after spending the 2019 season in the same role with the Princeton Rays. In total, he has spent six years as Princeton's hitting coach and four seasons with the GCL Rays. In his playing days, Rincones, spent two years (1994-95) in the farm system of the Chicago White Sox, compiling a .278 batting average over 129 career games.

Coach: Sean Smedley

Smedley enters his first season on the RiverDogs staff after serving as an assistant for the Short-Season Hudson Valley Renegades in 2017 and 2018. He received his first opportunity post-playing career with the Rays as the video coordinator of the Princeton Rays in 2016 before transitioning to the coaching staff in 2017. He was slated to be the manager at Princeton before the 2020 season was canceled. As a player, Smedley was signed by Tampa Bay as an undrafted free agent in 2013 out of Texas A&M International. He played parts of three seasons in the Rays minor league system, reaching Low-A Bowling Green in 2014-15.

Athletic Trainer: Tsutomo Kamiya

Kimaya enters his first season as the athletic trainer for the RiverDogs after holding the same role for two seasons with the short-season Hudson Valley Renegades. Kamiya was slated to rejoin Hudson Valley in 2020 before the season was canceled.

Strength Coach: James McCallie

McCallie enters his first season as the strength and conditioning coach for Charleston and his eighth with the Rays organization. He spent 2017-19 in the same role with the Low-A Bowling Green Hot Rods. McCallie has also served as strength and conditioning coach for the GCL Rays and Port Charlotte. He graduated from the University of Alabama at Birmingham with a B.S. in Exercise Science. He holds his CSCS and RSCC through the National Strength and Conditioning Association as well as his USAW Level 1 through USA Weightlifting.

RIVERDOGS DAY-BY-DAY RESULTS

DATE	OPP.	SCORE	RiverDogs R-H-E-LOB	Opponent R-H-E-LOB	WINNING PITCHER	LOSING PITCHER	SAVE	REC.	STD.	GA/B	ATT.	TIME
4-May	MB	6-3	6-6-1-4	3-7-1-7	Theriot	Espinoza	White	1-0	1st	--	3,006	2:42
5-May	MB	8-2	8-9-0-6	2-4-1-3	Lopez	Laskey		2-0	1st	--	1,753	2:43
6-May	MB	6-5	6-7-1-10	5-6-1-6	Moore	Thoresen	Figueroa	3-0	1st	--	3,111	3:40
7-May	MB	4-6	4-11-0-11	6-9-0-5	Albertos	Bradley	Reid	3-1	1st	--	3,097	3:12
8-May	MB	1-5	1-4-3-7	5-6-0-7	Kobos	Johnson		3-2	T-1st	--	3,234	3:09
9-May	MB	3-0	3-7-0-4	0-4-2-3	White	Nunez	Figueroa	4-2	1st	--	3,007	2:18
10-May	@COL	3-4	3-7-1-7	4-10-1-7	Paulino	Lopez	Pennington	4-3	T-1st	--	3,135	2:38

RIVERDOGS 2021 TRANSACTIONS

Opening Day Roster: **Catchers:** Logan Driscoll, Jonathan Embry, Luis Leon, Luis Trevino **Infielders** Johan Lopez, Curtis Mead, Alexander Ovalles, Abiezel Ramirez, Alik Williams, Brett Wisely **Outfielders:** Hill Alexander, Heriberto Hernandez, Diego Infante, Nick Schnell **Pitchers:** Taj Bradley, Ben Brecht, Trevor Brigden, Michael Costanzo, John Doxakis, Angel Felipe, Hector Figueroa, Andrew Gross, Seth Johnson, Jose Lopez, Steffon Moore, Graeme Stinson, Brayden Theriot, Colby White, Cole Wilcox, Stephen Yancey

May 11: LHP Michael Costanzo and C Luis Trevino transferred to Bowling Green (High-A).