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Dear Renegades Fans & Partners,

On behalf of our incredible staff here at the Renegades, we'd like to welcome you back to Heritage Financial Park for our 30th anniversary season! 2024 marks our fourth season as a proud New York Yankees affiliate, and if the last three years have been any indication, we can't wait to welcome the future stars of tomorrow and watch their journey originate right here at your home away from home.

If you're sitting in your seats while reading this, you're probably looking out onto the field and into the heart of the facility and noticing how transformative the ballpark looks. We have a beautiful new field and a brand-new, state of the art, multi-purpose facility that hosts the Yankees players and coaches, and serves as the most premium hospitality destination in the Hudson Valley. Additionally, we have increased our seating options with additional seating sections that are closer to the Renegades dugout, added more premium group areas due to popular demand, and have added more public restrooms along the 3rd base line. These changes aren't possible without a loyal fanbase who continues to support the team year after year, so THANK YOU!

In addition to all of the amazing ballpark upgrades, we have a jam-packed promotional schedule this season where we are raising the stakes of fun! Every Tuesday and Saturday, 1,000 fans will receive a giveaway item, we will light up the night sky with the best fireworks show in town every Friday night (and select additional nights throughout the year), and we will continue to be community pioneers by giving back to the local, regional, national, and international baseball community. We've also invested in the gameday fan experience by adding live music EVERY NIGHT and enhancing our Sunday Family Fundays with more activities for the kids than ever before!

Our mission statement is to create magical experiences that become lifelong memories for our entire community. Everyday we strive to be better at living by this mission statement and we need your help in holding us accountable to providing the best experience in town. Simply put, our staff is obsessed with providing the best possible fan experience. Everything we do, touch, or even think, is always with a "fans first" mentality. Every single staff member is here to serve you and we encourage you to ask us questions, provide feedback, but most importantly HAVE FUN! On behalf of our full-time staff, part-time staff, interns, Diamond Baseball Holdings, the Yankees, and our partners in Dutchess County government, we thank you for your incredible support! It has been an amazing 30 years of serving the Hudson Valley community, and we look forward to the next 30!

Best baseball wishes,

Zach Betkowski  
General Manager  
Hudson Valley Renegades





# Ballpark Map





# HERITAGE

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Dear Renegades Fans,

On behalf of the Heritage Financial Credit Union team, I want to welcome everyone back to Heritage Financial Park! We had a successful and fruitful year working together during the first year of our partnership with the Hudson Valley Renegades. From the start, we established a strong and positive relationship which laid the foundation for a successful partnership. We collaborated on various projects, events, and initiatives that showcased our shared values and commitment to the community.

As a Credit Union which has served communities in and around the Hudson Valley for 84 years, providing community support is in our DNA and is aligned in how we conduct our business. Additionally, we are thrilled to announce the opening of our new Heritage Financial Credit Union Branch in Wappingers Falls, which is conveniently located less than a half a mile away from Heritage Financial Park. This full-service new branch will provide our members with easy access to financial services and support, further enhancing our commitment to serving the community.

The opening of our new branch in such close proximity to the park is a testament to our dedication to being a part of the community. We understand the importance of convenience and accessibility for our members, and this new branch will allow us to better serve your financial needs.

Throughout last year, we actively engaged with the Renegades and fans through various initiatives, events, and promotions. With this season being our second year at Heritage Financial Park, we look forward to continuing support for a number of Renegades community programs such as the Youth Field Betterment Program, Community Star Award, Outstanding Student Athlete Program, and the Renegades Education program to name just a few.

Aside from these impactful programs, you will see Credit Union team members attending Renegades home games again this season to support and sponsor additional programs, as well as fun and entertaining events. As we reflect on our first year of partnership with the Hudson Valley Renegades and the opening of our new Wappingers Falls branch, we are excited about the future. We look forward to continuing our collaboration with the Renegades, supporting the team, and providing exceptional financial services to the community. Together, we will strive to make a positive impact and create lasting memories for fans and members alike.

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April 16, 2024

Dear Renegades Fans,

Welcome back to Heritage Financial Park for the Hudson Valley Renegades' 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary season at this great Dutchess County park. Just like you, I'm filled with pride and excitement to see Dutchess County's home team take the field for what I'm sure will be another fun and successful campaign.

It seems like only yesterday the Renegades won their inaugural home game, 3-2 in extra innings against the Pittsfield Mets, on June 18, 1994 – the first of hundreds of victories to follow in front of thousands of cheering Dutchess County residents and families. Since that first victory, this County park has been the home to future major-league all-stars, World Series champions, and even a few big-league managers. Along the way, the Renegades have also captured three leagues titles, bringing championship baseball to Dutchess County.

With the support of the Dutchess County Legislature, Dutchess County Government has invested in this park over the years, improving the fan experience and, in turn, attracting spectators from not only the Hudson Valley, but the northeast region and beyond. Our county has seen a return on these investments, as increased sales tax revenue on souvenirs and concessions at stadium, additional bookings at local hotels, and more diners at our unique eateries.

Whether you're a long-time Renegades season ticket holder or attending your first game at our park, you are part of a 30-year tradition of wholesome, family-friendly entertainment which has drawn several million fans to our community. Just as last year's New York Yankees boasted several former Renegades, you'll likely find many of the players you watch this season at Yankee Stadium in the coming years.

Dutchess County and I wish Renegades manager Nick Ortiz, his players, and coaches every success this season on the field this season. I'm confident Renegades fans like me will be vocal in their support for our very own boys of summer during all 66 games here at Heritage Financial Park. We also know General Manager Zach Betkowski and his staff will again work hard to ensure an amazing experience for fans, from Opening Night until the final out in September, and we wish them good luck with the season ahead.

With so many talented people on the field and in the front office, I know the 2024 Renegades season will continue the legacy of making memories for fans that has endured since 1994, with countless more memories yet to be made this year.

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# SCHLITTIN' FIRE:

## *CAM SCHLITTLER ESTABLISHES HIMSELF AS RENEGADES ACE*

WRITTEN BY JORDY FEE-PLATT

Growing up in Walpole, Massachusetts, Cam Schlittler was raised in the heart of Boston sports country. Walpole is located 4.5 miles from Gillette Stadium, home of the New England Patriots.

Schlittler witnessed the golden era of Patriots football taking place right in his backyard as a kid, as he watched thousands flock to nearby Foxborough on Sundays to watch Tom Brady. As the Patriots won six Super Bowls, the Red Sox also did their fair share of winning, winning four titles from 2004 to 2018.

"It was an easy childhood," Schlittler said. "Experiencing that so close to home was awesome. Everyone was happy and was in a good mood. It was a great opportunity to grow up there."

In 2022, the lifelong Boston sports fan joined the enemy. The right-handed pitcher was drafted in the seventh round by the Yankees out of Northeastern University. Despite his affiliations as a fan, Schlittler had no doubt the organization was the best fit.

"There's nowhere I'd rather be than the Yankees organization," Schlittler said. "The Yankees were always the frontrunner for me. I obviously grew up a Red Sox fan, but with what I want to do, the tools that the Yankees have are definitely what I want to be a part of. When I got the call from them, it was definitely the best news of my life."

Schlittler stayed close to home at Northeastern for college, making the 45-minute drive north to Boston. He experienced a lot in three seasons, grappling with the COVID-19 pandemic during his freshman season in 2020. Looking back, the 23-year-old is grateful his family was nearby during his collegiate years.



“My dad is always my biggest supporter,” Schlittler said. “He’d always show up at home on Sunday games, Friday, Saturday. He was definitely a diehard fan, and it was really good to be close to my family even though I couldn’t see them as much. It was really good to be around everyone that supported me.”

During the height of the pandemic, Schlittler worked on getting stronger in the weight room, a factor he felt contributed to his success during his sophomore season. He also leaned on the team’s veteran leadership for guidance.

“Looking up to the older guys was definitely a big thing for me,” Schlittler said. “You obviously got to perform and earn their respect, but at the same time, they’re there to help you. I think the older kids paved the path for me. They were a big reason why I was able to be successful.”

While at Northeastern, Schlittler also had the support of his freshman-year roommate and future Renegades teammate Sebastian Keane. The two had grown up playing against one another in Massachusetts high school games and developed a strong bond in college. When Keane and Schlittler were both drafted by the Yankees in 2022, it came as a pleasant surprise.

“We obviously weren’t expecting to go to the same team but I’m really happy it turned out that way,” Schlittler said. “It definitely makes it easier that I knew someone going into it, especially being roommates with him here and last year in Tampa. It’s always good to be with him and support each other in a healthy, competitive way.”

After a large workload in the spring with Northeastern, Schlittler spent the rest of 2022 preparing for pro ball at the Yankees

training facility in Tampa. Instead of going straight to an affiliate, Schlittler got the extra time to learn how to translate his pitching to the next level.

“I’m very grateful for what I learned there during that period,” Schlittler said. “I was able to go home this offseason with a large understanding of what I need to do to be successful.”

In 2023 Schlittler made 13 starts and 14 appearances across three levels, joining Hudson Valley for the team’s postseason run to the South Atlantic League Championship Series.

After a promising debut season, the Yankees prospect has reached another level this season with the Renegades. Through 13 starts Schlittler has a 2.97 ERA, which ranks third in the South Atlantic League. Opponents are hitting just .183 against him, the second-best opposing average in the SAL, and he is striking out more than 11.5 batters per nine innings. Schlittler sees his success in 2024 as a culmination of hard work.

“A big thing for me was putting on weight,” Schlittler said. “That’s a big contributing factor to velocity and stamina, which I think have been big areas of improvement for me. I’m at the point now where I’ve already thrown more innings than last year, and I feel a lot better than I did at this point last year.”

Schlittler will look to continue his success the rest of the season as the ace of the Renegades staff, with Hudson Valley looking to earn a playoff spot for the second consecutive season.





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# VINYARD VINES

## ***MASON VINYARD RETURNS TO RENEGADES TO BOLSTER BULLPEN***

**WRITTEN BY JORDY FEE-PLATT**

Mason Vinyard grew up in Paducah, Kentucky, a town with a population of 26,834 located just across the Ohio River from Southern Illinois. Now in his second season in Hudson Valley, Vinyard is living in an area vastly different from the one he knows back home.

Yet Vinyard is provided with a daily reminder of his roots this season. Renegades starter Jackson Fristoe was neighbors with Vinyard as young kids in Paducah. Over a decade later, they're teammates in professional baseball.

"It's a pretty cool experience," Vinyard said. "A lot of people don't get that opportunity. It's a pretty rare one. Just to have that kind of connection from when we were little kids in the neighborhood playing whiffle ball to the bigger stage of playing professional baseball, it's pretty special."

It was a long journey to professional baseball for the Hudson Valley relief pitcher. Vinyard began his



collegiate career in 2019 at Wabash Valley College, a junior college in Illinois. After striking out 54 batters in 41.2 innings that season, the right-hander received a Division-1 opportunity with Western Kentucky, just two hours from home.

"Truth be told, that was my only D-1 offer out of junior college," Vinyard said. "I just rolled with it. It was a good situation for me to come in and have an impact right away. I really enjoyed my three years there."

After a difficult first season in 2020 that was cut short due to COVID-19, Vinyard worked tirelessly to improve during the downtime. The summer of 2020 was a turning point for Vinyard.

"A couple of buddies and I really went to work," Vinyard said. It just completely changed my career that summer to a point where I was able to become a really good Division-1 arm."

Vinyard had tremendous success with the Hilltoppers in 2021 and 2022. As a redshirt sophomore in 2021, Vinyard had a 2.32 ERA in 31 innings while striking out 39 batters. His ERA was the best on the team that season. The following year, he dramatically increased his strikeout numbers, punching out 53 batters in 31.2 innings while recording eight saves. Vinyard struck out over 15 batters per nine innings.

Following the spring season, Vinyard went undrafted before being signed by the Yankees in August of 2022 as an undrafted free agent. As a fifth-year senior, Vinyard was disappointed to go undrafted, but knew that his moment might not come in the most traditional way.

"Obviously everyone wants that opportunity and experience, but I understood if it did happen, it wouldn't necessarily be the most glamorous," Vinyard said. "I was just super thankful that they gave me that opportunity. I've wanted this since I was a little kid. My family has been there super supportive. I can't thank them enough because they helped me through those ups and downs."

Vinyard debuted in the Yankees organization in 2023 and performed at a high level throughout the season. In 38 appearances split between Single-A Tampa and Hudson Valley, Vinyard recorded a 3.12 ERA with 74 strikeouts in 60.2 innings. Opponents hit just .194

against him. After joining Hudson Valley mid-season, he allowed just 12 ER in 36.1 innings with an ERA of 2.97.

Across many levels of baseball, Vinyard has demonstrated an ability to strike out batters at a high rate. The 25-year-old credits those numbers to the simplicity of his approach.

"Your chances of getting a good outcome go up significantly if you can get to two strikes quickly," Vinyard said. "My goal is to beat you to two strikes in three pitches or less and put you away from there. Once I get you to two strikes, my mindset is punching the guy out. I don't want to give up a groundball. I want to beat you in the box. There are no accidents and no hesitancy behind any pitch I'm throwing."

After a strong season last year, the beginning of 2024 wasn't easy for Vinyard. He spent the beginning of the campaign on the injured list. After one rehab appearance with the FCL Yankees, Vinyard rejoined the Renegades in early May. He was thrilled to return.

"I was so excited to get back to Hudson Valley, and see the fans and the atmosphere," Vinyard said. "Obviously, huge credit to my fiancée and my family for helping me through that process. There were a couple of times this offseason, in December and January, where I was thinking 'Man, I really could go for some of my favorite spots in Hudson Valley.'"

Since returning, Vinyard has been one of the most dependable relievers for the Renegades. He has 39 punch outs in 27.2 innings, and opponents are hitting just .206 against him. While he's still in High-A, Vinyard is sure to take full advantage of the area he's grown fond of.

"We don't get a ton of time, but I love eating with guys in the area," Vinyard said. "When we're out, we love Hudson Taco, and there's a good hike in Mount Beacon. I honestly really enjoy the scenery. I like being outside in the mountains. It's a special place up here."

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# **J-ROD DELIVERS**

## ***VERSATILITY AND A STRONG BAT HAVE PUT RODRIGUEZ ON THE PROSPECT MAP***

**WRITTEN BY JORDY FEE-PLATT**

Jesús Rodríguez signed with the Yankees when he was just 16 years old. Growing up in Venezuela, Rodríguez had watched the team with admiration, and being a part of the organization at an early age was a dream come true.

“It was an honor,” Rodríguez said. “It’s such a great experience. It’s such a great team, and you just have to feel really happy when teams appear, and it’s the Yankees that want to sign you.”

Since signing in 2018, Rodríguez has performed at a high level everywhere he’s played. After being named a MiLB.com Organization All-Star in 2023, the Renegades utility man is putting together another outstanding season this year. He’s been one of the most consistent hitters in the South Atlantic League all season long, ranking in the top ten in nearly every statistical category.



In Venezuela, baseball is the most popular sport in the country, producing top talents like future Hall of Famer Miguel Cabrera and Braves star Ronald Acuña, Jr. The Yankees prospect grew up playing baseball with his father, honing his skills piece by piece.

“My dad and I trained in the street every day after practice with the team,” Rodríguez said. “We would correct my errors from the prior practices. Those have got to be my best memories from back home.”

As his baseball career continued, Rodríguez spent a lot of time on his own, playing at academies and participating in showcases to attract professional attention. In 2018, after watching Rodríguez play at a showcase in Venezuela, the Yankees were impressed, and signed him that July.

Venezuela has become a hotbed for catchers like Rodríguez over the past 20 years. Players like Robinson Chirinos played in MLB and gave back to local youth ballplayers, paving the road for former Renegades Omar Narváez, Carlos Narváez, Antonio Gómez and Rodríguez to blaze their own trails.

Rodríguez began his Yankees journey in the Dominican Summer League with the DSL Yankees in 2021. In the baseball sense, the competition was a big step up for him.

“It was hard,” Rodríguez said. “The work that you put in in the offseason helps produce results, but it wasn’t that easy. You got to make adjustments every day. It was a really good experience to learn about the organization, and the team you’re going to see in professional baseball.”

Spending time in the Dominican Republic was something Rodríguez remembers fondly.

“It was a cool experience,” Rodríguez said. “I had spent time there looking to get signed, but being in Boca Chica, where the Yankees complex is located, was really cool. The beaches there are beautiful. It’s really nice.”

The following season, Rodríguez began playing in the United States for the first time with the FCL Yankees. This meant a new level of independence for Rodríguez, still only a teenager at the time. Being away from family for a sustained period was a difficult experience at first.

“You’ve got to cook for yourself,” Rodríguez said. “You’ve got to get a place for yourself. Those are big differences from the D.R, that new experience of being here by yourself. You think about family every day. You miss them every day. But now with social media and with phones, it’s much easier to communicate with them.”

It is also a little easier now that players no longer have to find their own housing, with MLB clubs providing local housing to their minor league players beginning in 2022.

Rodríguez hit .348 and had a 1.010 OPS with the FCL Yankees in 2022, leading qualified Yankees minor leaguers in both categories. He was named a Florida Complex League Postseason All-Star after season's end while helping to lead the team to the FCL Championship under the guidance of 2023 Renegades manager Sergio Santos.

In 2023, splitting time with Single-A Tampa and Hudson Valley, Rodríguez didn't miss a beat. He hit .310 with a .399 on-base percentage, driving in 62 runs and scoring 66 times. Rodríguez ranked second among Yankees minor leaguers in batting average, and fourth in hits.

"You just have to have the confidence in your abilities," Rodríguez said. "If you have the confidence to say 'I can do it', even when things aren't going your way, I think that's what is going to lead you to have good results."

As the Renegades utility player continues his success this year, playing all over the diamond at catcher, third base and left field, Rodríguez is thankful to those who are helping contribute to his achievements.

"My parents are always supporting me back home," Rodríguez said. "The coaches here, they're always trying to help you with adjustments. I just feel honored to be with the Yankees. I really enjoy it."

"They are pretty loud over there. Even there's only 1,000 people in the stadium, you are going to hear them. So that's the difference."





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## **IN THE AYRES TONIGHT:** ***RENEGADES WORKHORSE HAS CARRIED BULLPEN LOAD***

Cole Ayers has been one of the most dependable relievers in the South Atlantic League this season for the Renegades. For much of 2024, Ayers has led the SAL in appearances. With 45 games on the mound last season, the right-hander has developed a reputation for being a workhorse. Ayers wouldn't have it any other way.

**WRITTEN BY JORDY FEE-PLATT**

"I love it. There's nothing better," Ayers said. "If I'm feeling good, I want the ball. I want to pitch every single day if they'd let me. There's nothing better than playing, so I'd rather just get in there."

The Hudson Valley reliever comes from a very athletic family. His dad Mike had a six-year minor league career in the Pittsburgh Pirates organization, reaching Triple-A in 2000 and 2001. Ayers' uncle Nick played football professionally, earning an opportunity with the Cincinnati Bengals in 2004, and is now a high school football coach in the Cincinnati area.

Growing up in Ohio, Ayers began to develop an athletic career of his own. He began his collegiate career at Kentucky in 2019, quickly discovering the tremendous talent on display in the SEC. It was a great reminder of what MLB-caliber players look like.

"Dudes come into this ready to dominate and get to the next step, and I didn't really know what professional



baseball was about,” Ayers said. “But I knew that’s where I wanted to be. Seeing that up close and personal, playing with guys like [Cardinals 1st round pick] Zach Thompson, who is in the big leagues now, was fantastic.”

Ayers continued to surround himself with talent that summer when he played for the Chatham Anglers in the Cape Cod League alongside future big leaguers like Spencer Torkelson.

“The Cape Cod League was one of the best summers of my life,” Ayers said.

After his freshman year at Kentucky, Ayers made the decision to transfer to the State College of Florida, a junior college in Sarasota. Spending his final two seasons of college ball there, Ayers had lots of success as a starter. He struck out 117 batters in 87.2 innings in 2020 and 2021. By transferring to junior college, Ayers hoped to get more attention.

“The biggest motivation was to get drafted,” Ayers said. “Being at Kentucky and being a reliever there, at that time it seemed like relievers didn’t get drafted very much. I wanted to get to Florida and be in the area where there’s a lot of spring training teams, a lot of scouts, and get some eyes on me.”

His decision paid off, as Ayers was invited to pitch in the MLB Draft League for the Mahoning Valley Scrappers following the 2021 spring season. The Scrappers were managed that summer by 15-year big-league outfielder Coco Crisp, a World Series champion in 2007 who stole over 300 bases in his career. Advice from Crisp and his peers has really stuck with Ayers.

“Talking to guys like that and being in that clubhouse environment really set me up for the minor league lifestyle,” Ayers said. “I had those dudes that were big leaguers around me as well, showing me what I could really be. Playing in front of 30 scouts every night, it was a huge eye-opener.”

After a strong summer with the Scrappers, where Ayers had a 3.52 ERA and 38 punch outs in 30.2 innings, he got the draft news he was looking for. The Yankees selected Ayers in the 16th round of the 2021 MLB Draft.

The exciting news was shared in a particularly special way for Ayers, a fitting experience for the son of a professional ballplayer.

“The amateur pitching coordinator Scott Lovekamp actually was my father’s pitching coach in the Pirates organization,” Ayers said. “He called my dad and said, ‘Your boy want to be a Yankee?’ So it was an unreal experience.”

After a brief pro debut in 2022, Ayers has been pitching a ton over the last two seasons. This extended workload requires a lot of preparation. Since joining the Yankees organization, Ayers has been focused on working more data into his pitching routines. Ayers now has access to a new wealth of information about the opposition and has worked to make the most out of it.

“Sometimes you can get too locked in on it,” Ayers said. “But I feel like I’ve found a really good middle ground between data and what my eyes are telling me in the game. So I’m learning how to read hitters in person as well as reading what they’re not as good at. Knowing their percentages going into the game and having that in your back pocket is important.”

As the Renegades continue to turn to him the rest of the season, Ayers will look to carry his vast array of experience to the next level, with his family closely watching a process quite familiar to them.

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# Community Corner:

**Gades** pitch in for a good cause

By: **Jordy Fee-Platt**

Serving the Hudson Valley community is an essential part of the Hudson Valley Renegades mission, and the organization would not be here celebrating 30 years without your support. Each year, the award-winning Renegades Community Program presented by Westchester Medical Center Health Network (WMCHHealth), gives back multitudes to our entire community. In 2024, the Renegades are rolling out another season filled with giving back to the Hudson Valley.

## *Youth Field Betterment Program*

The first is the Youth Field Betterment Program, presented by Heritage Financial Credit Union. Each year, front office and Heritage Financial Credit Union representatives come together to renovate a local Little League field. This year's recipient of a renovated field is Lee Town Recreation Park of the East Fishkill Babe Ruth League.

The field was chosen for its ability to provide access to baseball and a place to develop valuable life skills for children throughout the Hudson Valley. The focus of East Fishkill Babe Ruth is on more than just baseball as they seek coaches and volunteers who can set positive examples and act as role models throughout the season and beyond for the children playing.



East Fishkill has also opened its enrollment to children from neighboring communities with baseball programs that have seen their enrollment numbers decline to the point of limiting their ability to continue their programs so that all children have a place to play.

The Youth Field Betterment refurbishment of Lee Town Recreation Park will allow East Fishkill Babe Ruth to continue to provide an enjoyable experience to every child who wants to learn and play the game of baseball from the levels of T-Ball through 13U in both recreational teams and local travel teams.

### ***HOPE Week***

2024 also marks the return of HOPE Week presented by WMCHHealth, a Yankees community service initiative. Each Yankees minor league affiliate carries out its own HOPE Week, which stands for Helping Others Persevere and Excel. This is the 11th season in which all Yankees affiliates have hosted HOPE Week, continuing a valued tradition. The Renegades HOPE Week will be taking place June 25-30.

On every day of that week, Renegades players, coaches and front office staff will go out in the community and donate time to making the Hudson Valley a better place. In the past few years, the Renegades have executed events at the Castle Point VA hospital, the Fishkill Food Pantry, and the Maria Fareri Children's Hospital at MidHudson Regional Hospital.

The organization that the Renegades are honoring are also brought out to that night's game at Heritage Financial Park to both bring a rewarding experience to those doing good in our community, but also to raise awareness for the causes they are fighting for.

### ***Disability, Dream and Do (D3) Camp***

Hudson Valley will also be offering the Disability, Dream and Do (D3) Day Camp once again. Since 2017, the Renegades have held a clinic at the ballpark to benefit children with disabilities. The D3 sports camps were created by Dave Clark and Doug Cornfield. Clark was the only pitcher in professional sports history to pitch on crutches, while Cornfield is a former NCAA medal-winning runner at Georgia, whose child was born without arms. Through donations and sponsorships, these camps are free to campers.

D3 camps bring professional players together with children with special needs, who compete in drills and competitive sports. In 2016, Dave Stevens became involved with D3. Stevens was born without legs, playing minor league baseball and college football. With his help, D3 camps expanded across the United States, allowing kids with disabilities to learn to pursue their dreams. This year's edition of the D3 camp at Heritage Financial Park will take place on Saturday, August 3.

These community programs are just a small sampling of the myriad programs that the Renegades offer on top of monetary, in-kind, and time donations made by the club and its staff. For the Gades, creating magical experiences that become life-long memories for the entire community is not something that begins and ends at Heritage Financial Park.



# Sensory Suite

The Hudson Valley Renegades, the High-A affiliate of the New York Yankees, are pleased to partner with Curemark again this season on a Sensory Safe Suite at Heritage Financial Park. Suite No. 8 has been redesigned as a fun, accommodating and functional space to create a better game experience for families with children on the autism spectrum and with special needs.

The Curemark Sensory Safe Suite has features that provide a feeling of comfort and relaxation at Renegades games while maintaining all of the engaging and standard aspects of a game. This will result in an atmosphere that allows guests in the suite to decompress and absorb the game with family and friends away from the louder, more frantic environments that exist throughout the ballpark.

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## NICK ORTIZ | *MANAGER*

Ortiz begins his first season as the manager of the Renegades in 2024, returning for a second stint with the Yankees organization after spending the past four seasons as the Quality Assurance Coach for the San Francisco Giants. Before serving on Gabe Kapler's staff in San Francisco, Ortiz served a dual role for four seasons in the Yankees system, serving as an Amateur Scout covering Puerto Rico and a Minor League coach. He was an assistant coach for Rookie-level Pulaski in 2016, and managed GCL Yankees West in 2017 and 2019 and Pulaski in 2018. His Pulaski roster featured six future Major Leaguers on it, including former Renegades Oswald Peraza, Everson Pereira, Ezequiel Duran and Luis Medina.

In addition to his Major and Minor League coaching experience, Ortiz has coached and managed in the prestigious Puerto Rican Winter League for the Gigantes de Carolina and the Cangrejeros de Santurce, a league in which he played in for 16 seasons (1991-93, 1996-2007 and 2012) and was a six-time All-Star.

He began his coaching career after a 15-year playing career in Minor League Baseball, playing all four infield positions in the Boston, Montreal, Cleveland, Los Angeles-NL, Kansas City, Chicago-NL, and Yankees organizations. Ortiz also played for the Puerto Rican National Team in 2010 at the Central American and Caribbean Games. He was drafted in the 34th round of the 1990 First-Year Player Draft by the Red Sox out of Cidra High School in Cidra, Puerto Rico.



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ABD - ABERDEEN IRONBIRDS ASH - ASHEVILLE TOURISTS BG - BOWLING GREEN HOT RODS  
 BRK - BROOKLYN CYCLONES GBO - GREENSBORO GRASSHOPPERS HIC - HICKORY CRAWDADS JS - JERSEY SHORE BLUECLAWS  
 ROM - ROME EMPERORS WIL - WILMINGTON BLUE ROCKS

## APRIL

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2	3	4	5 @BG 7:35pm
					6 @BG 7:35pm	7
	8 @BG 2:05pm	9 @ROM 6:00pm	10 @ROM 11:00am	11 @ROM 7:00pm	12 @ROM 7:00pm	13 @ROM 5:00pm
14 @ROM 1:00pm	15	16 ABD 6:35pm	17 ABD 6:35pm	18 ABD 6:35pm	19 ABD 7:05pm	20 ABD 5:05pm
21 ABD 2:35pm	22	23 BG 6:35pm	24 BG 11:00am	25 BG 6:35pm	26 BG 7:05pm	27 BG 5:05pm
28 BG 2:05pm	29	30 @WIL 6:35pm				

## MAY

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 @WIL 6:35pm	2 @WIL 6:35pm	3 @WIL 6:35pm	4 @WIL 6:05pm
	5 @WIL 1:05pm	6	7 @ABD 7:05pm	8 @ABD 7:05pm	9 @ABD 7:05pm	10 @ABD 7:05pm
11 @ABD 2:05pm	12	13	14 JS 6:05pm	15 JS 11:05am	16 JS 6:05pm	17 JS 7:05pm
18 JS 2:05pm	19	20 @BRK 6:00pm	21 @BRK 11:00am	22 @BRK 7:00pm	23 @BRK 7:00pm	24 @BRK 6:00pm
25 @BRK 2:00pm	26 ABD 1:35pm	27	28 ABD 6:35pm	29 ABD 5:35pm	30 ABD 7:05pm	31

## JUNE

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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2 ABD 2:05pm	3	4 @WIL 6:35pm	5 @WIL 6:35pm	6 @WIL 6:35pm	7 @WIL 6:35pm	8 @WIL 6:00pm
9 @WIL 1:05pm	10	11 BRK 6:35pm	12 BRK 6:35pm	13 BRK 6:35pm	14 BRK 7:05pm	15 BRK 5:05pm
16 BRK 2:35pm	17	18 @GBO 6:30pm	19 @GBO 12:00pm	20 @GBO 6:30pm	21 @GBO 6:30pm	22 @GBO 6:30pm
23 @GBO 2:00pm	24	25 WIL 6:35pm	26 WIL 6:35pm	27 WIL 6:35pm	28 WIL 7:05pm	29 WIL 7:05pm
30 WIL 2:05pm						

## JULY

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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28 @WIL 1:05pm	29	30 JS 6:35pm	31 JS 12:05pm			

## AUGUST

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## SEPTEMBER

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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Opening Day
- APRIL 17**  
Swedish Furniture Night
- APRIL 18**  
Hoops & Sneakerheads
- **APRIL 19**  
Teacher Appreciation
- **APRIL 20**  
Renegades in the 1990s
- APRIL 21**  
Return of the Cider Donuts
- APRIL 23**  
Dead Meme Night
- APRIL 24** •Heritage Financial Credit Union  
Education Day
- APRIL 25**  
Pickleball
- **APRIL 26**  
Salute to Boy Bands
- **APRIL 27** •Our Lady of Lourdes High School  
Renegades in the 2000s
- APRIL 28**  
Half-Marathon
- MAY 14**  
Dinosaur Night
- MAY 15** •Heritage Financial Credit Union  
Education Day
- MAY 16**  
Art in the Park
- **MAY 17**  
Baseball (Rosie's Version)
- **MAY 18**  
Renegades in the 2010s
- MAY 19**  
Jewish Heritage Day
- MAY 27**  
Memorial Day - T-shirt Giveaway
- MAY 29**  
Asian Heritage Night
- MAY 30**  
Faith & Family
- **MAY 31** •Leprechaun Lines  
Irish Heritage Night
- **JUNE 1**  
Renegades in the 2020s
- JUNE 2**  
Copa de la Diversión: National Puerto Rican Day
- JUNE 11**  
Pride Night
- JUNE 12**  
Champions Night
- **JUNE 13**  
Bachelor(ette) Party
- **JUNE 14**  
Cider Donuts
- **JUNE 15** •Hannaford  
'94 Night
- JUNE 16**  
Father's Day: Bucket Ruckus Appearance
- JUNE 25** •WMCHHealth  
HOPE Week: Strikeout Cancer Night
- JUNE 26** •WMCHHealth  
HOPE Week
- JUNE 27** •WMCHHealth  
HOPE Week
- **JUNE 28** •WMCHHealth & Mirabito Energy Products  
HOPE Week: Make-A-Wish Night
- **JUNE 29** •WRWD  
Kids' Opening Day
- JUNE 30**  
Autism Awareness Day
- **JULY 4**  
Independence Day
- **JULY 5**  
Mega Fireworks Show
- **JULY 6**  
Wade Davis Jersey Retirement
- **JULY 19**  
Beach Party
- **JULY 20** •Hannaford  
Rascal & Rosie's Wedding
- JULY 21**  
Copa de la Diversión: Festival Colombiano
- **JULY 30**  
Cider Donuts - Mascot Singer
- JULY 31**  
Camp Day



# 2024 PROMO SCHEDULE

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**AUGUST 1**

*Intern Survivor*

■ **AUGUST 2**

*Newburgh Gorhams Night: Negro League Appreciation*

■ **AUGUST 3** • TWC Landscaping & Pools

*Ejection Night: A Celebration of Zolz*

**AUGUST 4**

*Star Wars Day*

**AUGUST 13** • MHA of Dutchess County

*Mental Health Awareness Night*

**AUGUST 14**

*Marvel's Defenders of the Diamond*

**AUGUST 15** • Hannaford

*Amazing Tyler Appearance*

■ **AUGUST 16**

*Princess Night*

■ **AUGUST 17** • SMART Local 38

*Magic Night*

■ **AUGUST 18**

*Copa de la Diversión: Roberto Clemente Day*

**AUGUST 20** • Dutchess Tourism

*Bhutan Night*

**AUGUST 21**

*Soccer Night*

**AUGUST 22**

*Skip Work Day*

■ **AUGUST 23**

*Italian Heritage Night*

■ **AUGUST 24** • K104.7

*Alumni Day*

**AUGUST 25**

*Veteran's Appreciation Day*

**SEPTEMBER 3**

*Murder Mystery*

**SEPTEMBER 4**

*Football Night*

**SEPTEMBER 5**

*First Responder's Night*

■ **SEPTEMBER 6**

*Copa de la Diversión: Hispanic Heritage Month Kickoff*

■ **SEPTEMBER 7**

*Fan Appreciation*

**SEPTEMBER 8**

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JUNE 1

*2024 Renegades Baseball Card Team Set*

JUNE 15 • Hannaford

*1994 Replica Throwback Jersey*

JUNE 29 • WRWD

*Spencer Jones Bobblehead*

JULY 6

*Wade Davis Poster*

JULY 20 • Hannaford

*1999 NY-Penn League Replica Championship Ring*

AUGUST 3 • TWC Landscaping & Pools

*Replica Stadium*

AUGUST 17 • SMART Local 38

*Tin Lunch Box*

AUGUST 24 • K104.7

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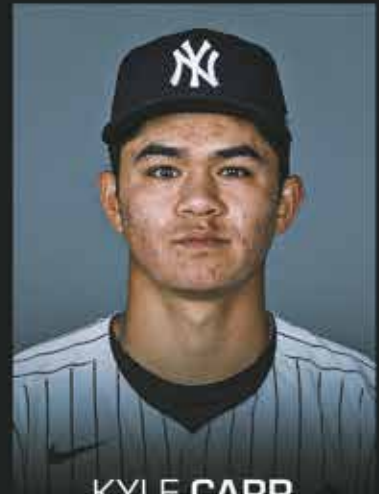
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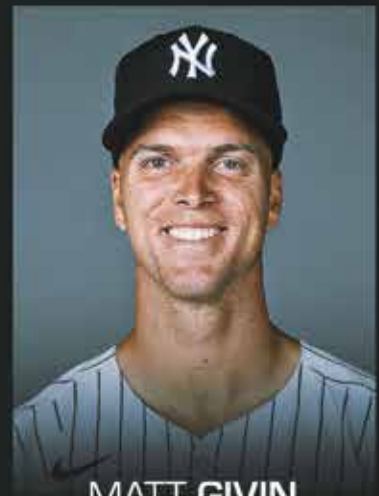
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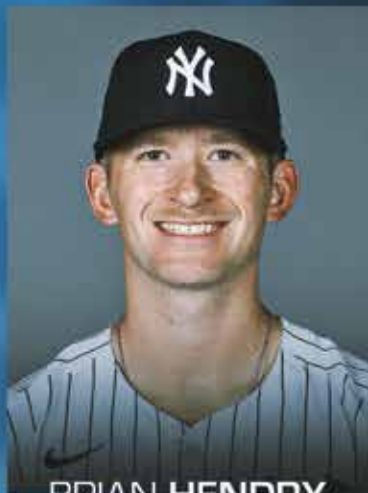
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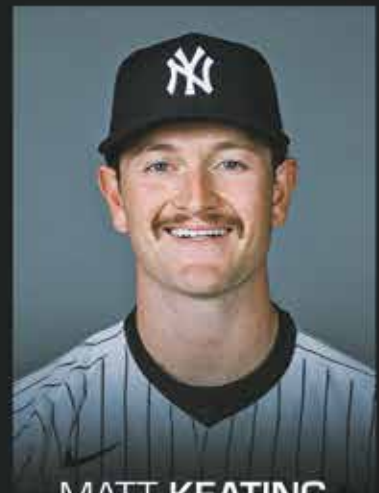
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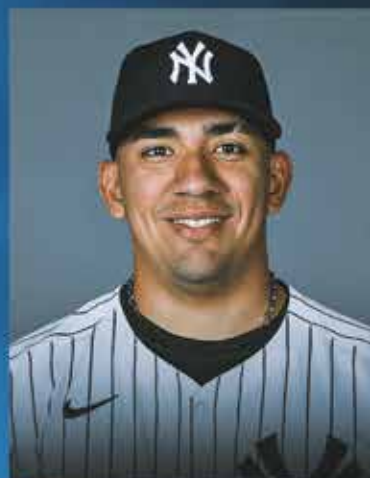
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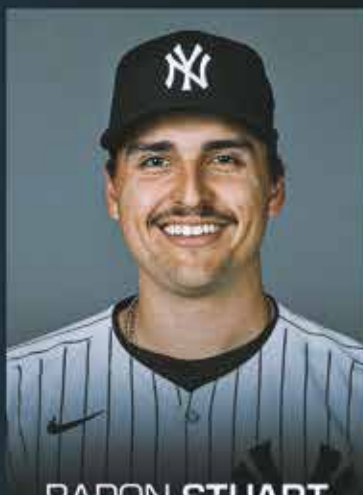
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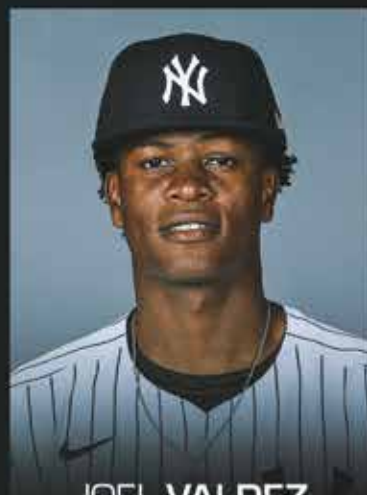
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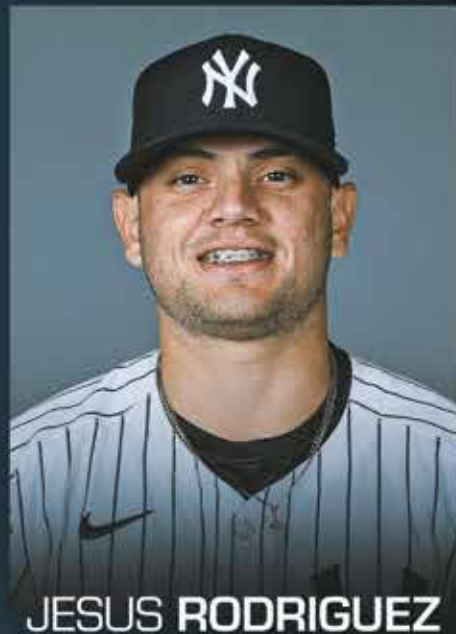
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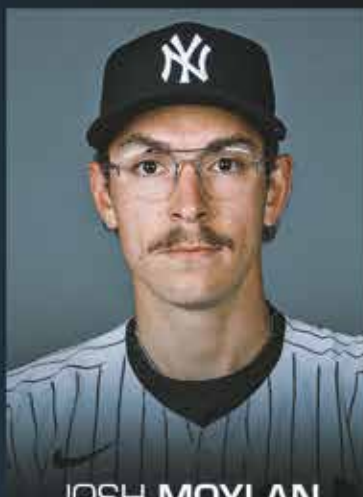
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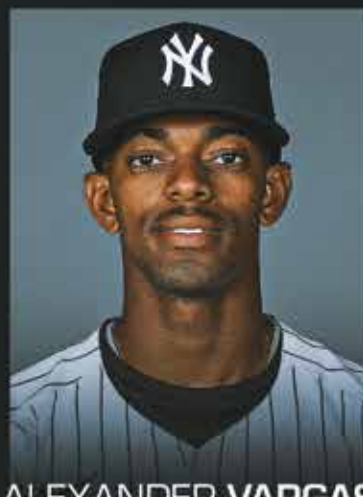
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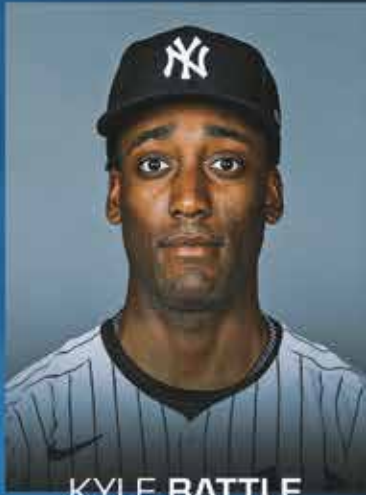


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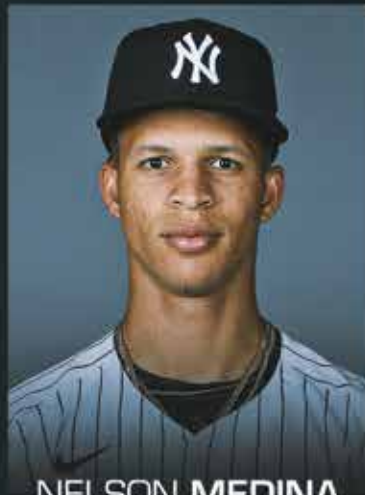
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# Code of Conduct



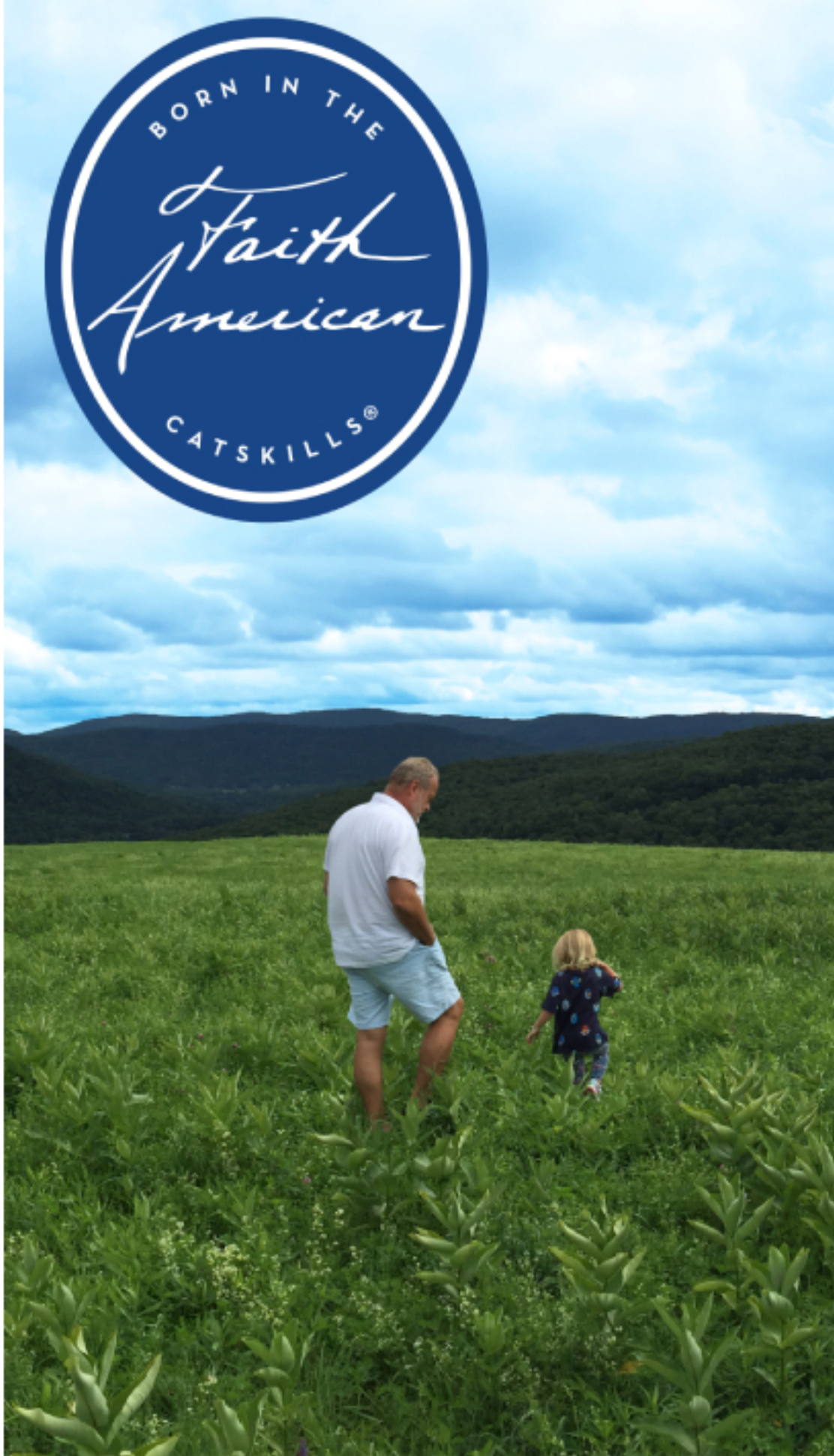
In order to provide a welcoming experience for all, the Hudson Valley Renegades have implemented a Fan Code of Conduct. Out of respect for fellow guests, players, coaches, and ballpark staff, all guests are prohibited from...

- *Trespassing on the playing field at any time*
- *Interfering with baseballs that are in play*
- *Throwing or tossing objects*
- *Using foul, obscene or derogatory language (see below) or gestures*
- *Misusing or overconsuming alcohol, Including underage consumption*
- *Behaving in a manner that is disruptive, unruly, or abusive*
- *Accessing areas of the ballpark without a proper ticket, pass, or credential*
- *Misusing tickets, passes, or credentials in any way*
- *Bringing prohibited items into the ballpark*

Derogatory language is defined as offensive language concerning a person's race, ethnicity, gender, religion, disability, age, sexual orientation, or national origin. Anyone using such language is subject to automatic ejection from the ballpark.

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