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AUGUST, 18

AUGUST 19

Pitcher Jean Cabrera

UPCOMING EVENTS:

BACK TO SCHOOL CELEBRATION **VETERANS & MILITARY APPRECIATION NIGHT** AND THRESHERS CAMO HAT GIVEAWAY BY KELLI'S CATERING FIREWORKS BY COPPERTAIL BREWING CO. BEACH DOGS. ALEC BOHM BOBBLEHEAD GIVEAWAY BY COPPERTAIL BREWING CO. THE SCOUT SPECTACULAR, FIREWORKS BY WAWA SEPTEMBER 1 FIREWORKS SEPTEMBER 2 LARGEST & LAST FIREWORKS



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SCHEDULE & PROMOTIONS

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
AUG	iUST	1 LAK 6:30p	2 LAK 6:30p	3 LAK 6:30p	4 LAK 6:30p	5 LAK 6:30p
6 LAK 12:00p	7	8 TAM	⁹ TAM	10 TAM	TAM	TAM
¹³ TAM	14	15 DUN 6:30p	16 DUN 6:30p	17 DUN 6:30p	18 DUN 6:30p	19 DUN 6:30p
20 DUN 12:00p	21	LAK	LAK	LAK	²⁵ LAK	LAK
LAK	28	29 FTM 6:30p	30 FTM 6:30p	31 FTM 6:30p		
DATE	PRON	NOTION				
Aug. 3	Back	to Schoo	l Celebra	ation		
Aug. 4 Veterans & Military Appreciation Night and Threshers Camo Hat Giveaway by Kelli's Catering						
Aug. 5 Fireworks by Coppertail Brewing Co.						
Aug. 18 Beach Dogs, Alec Bohm Bobblehead Giveaway by Coppertail Brewing Co.						
Aug. 19 Fireworks by Wawa, The Scout Spectacular						

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
SE	PTE	MB	ER		1 FTM 6:30p	2 FTM 6:30p
3 FTM 12:00p	4	⁵ PMB	⁶ PMB	⁷ PMB	⁸ PMB	9 PMB
¹⁰ PMB	11	12 Division Playoff	13	14 Division Playoff	15 Division Playoff*	16
17 Champ Playoff*	18	19 Champ Playoff*	20 Champ Playoff*			
* Denotes "If Necessary"						
DATE PROMOTION						
Sept. 1	Firew	orks				

Sept. 1	Fireworks
Sept. 2	Largest & Last Fireworks

	West Division Clearwater Threshers Bradenton Marauders Dunedin Blue Jays Fort Myers Mighty Mussels Lakeland Flying Tigers Tampa Tarpons	DBT JUP PMB STL	East Division Daytona Tortugas Jupiter Hammerheads Palm Beach Cardinals St. Lucie Mets
Home Game		A	way Game





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DOMINGO DIVERTIDO



9/15- Game 3 home (if necessary)

CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES (if Division Series Winner) 9/17- Game 1 @ East Champ 9/19- Game 2 home 9/20- Game 3 home (if necessary)



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We extend a warm welcome to BayCare Ballpark, where we celebrate the 20th anniversary of the Threshers and 39 years of Phillies minor league baseball in Clearwater. We are thrilled to be part of this vibrant community and remain committed to making a positive impact on our neighbors.

As we gear up for another season of thrilling games and unforgettable moments, we want to take a moment to thank you for your unwavering support. Your passion and dedication are what makes this place truly special, and we can't wait to see you cheering on our players and enjoying the promotions.

We invite you to explore the variety of nightly and season-long promotions that are available on ThreshersBaseball.com and in this program. These exciting events are updated regularly throughout the year, so be sure to check back often.

Whether you are a resident or visitor of our wonderful city, we hope your experience at BayCare Ballpark is unforgettable. Thank you for choosing to spend your time with us, and we look forward to cheering on the Threshers with you!

Jason Adams

Jason Adams Clearwater Threshers General Manager



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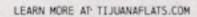
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ATM

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

BAGS & BACKPACKS

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

BATS

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

BERM SEATING

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

CHILD TICKETS

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

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

FIRST AID

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

FOOD AND DRINK POLICY

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

FOUL BALLS

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

GATES OPEN

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

HANDICAPPED SEATING

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

KIDS ZONE

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

LOST AND FOUND

Located at Customer Service behind Section 106. SENIOR TICKETS

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Seniors 55+ may purchase discounted tickets.

SMOKING

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

TEAM STORE

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

TIKI PAVILION

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

WEAPONS

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

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Assistant Manager, Merchandise:	
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Assistant Manager, Business Operations:	
Assistant Manager, Security Operations:	
Corporate Sales Associate:	
Coordinator, Concessions:	
Coordinator, Graphic Design:	
Coordinator, Warehouse:	
Coordinator, Security Operations:	
Coordinator, Ballpark Operations:	
Operations Assistant:	
Operations:	
Community:	
Executive Suites Chef:	
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Suites Cook:	
Office Manager:	
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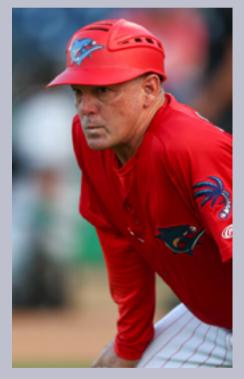


MARTY MALLOY

Born: Gainesville, FL... Resides: Trenton, FL... Former infielder. Spent two years as minor league infield coordinator (2020-21) before returning to manage Clearwater (A) in the second half of the 2021 season. Previously served as a minor league manager for three years with Clearwater (2019) and Lakewood (A, 2017-18). Was the 2022 winner of the John Vukovich Award. Prior to joining the Phillies, spent four years (2013-16) with the Houston Astros, including three years as the manager for their Gulf Coast

League (R) team, one year as the GCL hitting coach and one year as the Florida Instructional League coordinator. Also coached at the amateur level as head coach (two years) and volunteer assistant (six years) for Trenton High School and six years as an infield instructor at Gatorball Baseball Academy in Gainesville, Fla. Played 12 years (1992-2003), including his first eight in the Atlanta Braves minor league system.







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THRESHERS FIELD STAFF



MATT HOCKENBERRY PITCHING COACH

Born: Dillsburg, PA., Resides: Philadelphia, PA., Former pitcher, Is in his sixth season as a coach at the professional level, his first with Clearwater (A) after one with Reading (AA) and three with Lakewood/Jersev Shore (A), Began his coaching career in 2019 with the Gulf Coast League Phillies West (R). Was selected by the Phillies in the ninth round of the June 2014 draft out of Temple University (PA) and went 12-5 with 28 saves and a 3.38 ERA in 131 professional games, all in relief. Pitched as high as the double-A level in his four-year playing career.



CHRIS HEINTZ HITTING COACH

Born: Svosset, NY... Resides: Tampa. FL., Former catcher, Joined the Phillies player development staff before the 2018 season as a Gulf Coast League (R) coach before being promoted to Clearwater (A) for the 2020 season. Named assistant hitting coordinator in March 2021 and spent two years in that position before returning to Clearwater as hitting coach prior to the 2023 season. Assistant coach for the University of South Florida 2010-14. Appeared in 34 major league games for the Twins over three seasons (2005-07) after being selected by the Chicago White Sox in the 19th round of the June 1996 draft. In 2013, was inducted into the USF Hall of Fame. Graduated from Countryside High School in Clearwater, Fla.



MYCAL JONES POSITION COACH

Born: Jacksonville El Resides: Kissimmee, FL., Former infielder/ outfielder, Joined Clearwater (A) in 2023 after spending one season (2022) as bench/position coach for Reading (AA) and two years (2020-21) as a coach in the Gulf Coast/Florida Complex League (R). Worked in the Houston Astros system as a coach for Corpus Christi (AA) in 2018. Was a fourth-round selection of the Atlanta Braves in the June '09 draft, plaving seven minor league seasons in their organization. Began coaching youth baseball in 2013 at Big Diamond Athletics (2013-15) and the Florida Athletic Development Center (2016-17). Earned his Associate of Arts degree in communication, public relations, from Miami-Dade College (FL) in 2009.



SAMANTHA MYERS

ATHLETIC TRAINER

Born: Walnut Creek, CA... Resides: Pittsburg, CA... Joined Clearwater (A) as athletic trainer for 2023 after spending the 2022 season on the major league staff as medical operations liaison. Originally joined the Phillies as an athletic trainer in 2020 assigned to the academy in the Dominican Republic. Is a 2018 graduate of

Sacramento State University (CA) with a degree in kinesiology and athletic training and attained her master's degree in applied exercise science and human movement science from Concordia University.



and registered strength and conditioning coach (RCSS), among other certifications.

JOSEPH MIRANDA

STRENGTH & CONDITIONING Born: Cincinnati, OH... Resides: Maryville, TN... In his first season with Clearwater (A). Graduated from Maryville College (TN) with a bachelor's degree in physical education in 2011. Earned his master's degree in exercise science from George Washington University (DC). Is a certified strength and conditioning specialist (CSCS)

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SAMUEL ALDEGHERI #19 I HP B/T: L/L

HT: 6'1" | WT: 185 BORN: September 19, 2001 HOMETOWN: Verona, Italy 2022 CLUB: FCL

JEAN CABRERA #16

EMAARION BOYD

#23

B/T: R/R

HT: 6'1" | WT: 177

BORN: August 22, 2003 HOMETOWN: Batesville, MS

2022 CLUBS: FCL, Clearwater

OF

RHP B/T: R/R HT: 6-1 | WT: 160 BORN: October 20, 2001 HOMETOWN: Maracav, VZ 2022 CLUB: Clearwater

MATT ALIFANO #44

INF B/T: R/R HT: 6'2" | WT: 196 BORN: December 31, 2000 HOMETOWN: Center Moriches, NY 2022 CLUB: Clearwater

EIBERSON CASTELLANO #46

RHP B/T: R/R HT: 6'3" | WT: 195 BORN: May 9, 2001 HOMETOWN: Maracaibo, Venezuela 2022 CLUB: Clearwater

WILLIAM BERGOLLA #12

INF B/T: L/R HT: 5'11" | WT: 165 BORN: October 20, 2004 **HOMETOWN: Valencia, Venezuela** 2022 CLUB: DSL

CHAD CASTILLO #24

INF B/T: L/R HT: 6-4 | WT: 225 BORN: April 19, 2000 HOMETOWN: Santa Ana, CA 2022 CLUB: Clearwater

JOSH BORTKA #43

RHP B/T: R/R HT: 6'5"| WT: 225 BORN: July 12, 1999 HOMETOWN: Kansas City, MO 2022 CLUBS: FCL, Clearwater



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DANIEL HARPER

RHP B/T: R/R HT: 6'4" | WT: 225 BORN: June 1, 1999 HOMETOWN: Merriam, KS 2022 CLUB: Clearwater

JONH HENRIQUEZ #6

RHP B/T: R/R HT: 6-0 | WT: 187 BORN: October 30, 1999 HOMETOWN: San Francisco de Macorís, DR 2022 CLUB: DSL

JORDAN DISSIN

#7 C B/T: R/R HT: 6'3" | WT: 185 BORN: May 29, 2002 HOMETOWN: Mission Viejo, CA 2022 CLUB: FCL

ESTIBENZON JIMÉNEZ #31

RHP B/T: R/R HT: 6-1 | WT: 172 BORN: January 25, 2002 HOMETOWN: San Felipe, VZ 2022 CLUBS: FCL, Clearwater

BRAEDEN FAUSNAUGHT #35

LHP B/T: L/L HT: 6-3 | WT: 235 BORN: July 29, 1999 HOMETOWN: Ephrata, PA 2022 CLUB: FCL

NATHAN KARAFFA #22

RHP B/T: R/R HT: 6'1" | WT: 200 BORN: January 4, 2001 HOMETOWN: Toronto, OH 2022 CLUB: None

CADE FERGUS #17

OF B/T: R/R HT: 6-3 | WT: 195 BORN: August 22, 2000 HOMETOWN: Plantation, FL 2022 CLUB: Clearwater

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COLE MOORE #28

INF B/T: L/R HT: 6-2 | WT: 215 BORN: June 14, 1999 HOMETOWN: Georgetown, TX 2022 CLUB: FCL

OTTO KEMP #9 INF B/T: R/R HT: 6'0" | WT: 185 BORN: September 9, 1999 HOMETOWN: Capistrano Beach, CA 2022 CLUBS: FCL, Clearwater

SETH NIGHTINGALE #29

B/T: R/R HT: 6'5" | WT: 224 BORN: September 10, 1999 HOMETOWN: Finksburg, MD 2022 CLUB: None

RYAN LEITCH #52

C B/T: R/R HT: 6-1 | WT: 195 BORN: August 26, 2001 HOMETOWN: Whitby, Ontario, CAN 2022 CLUB: Clearwater

WEN-HUI PAN #38

RHP B/T: R/R HT: 6-3 | WT: 220 BORN: September 19, 2002 HOMETOWN: Taoyuen, TW 2022 CLUB: None

ALEX MCFARLANE #47 RHP

B/T: R/R HT: 6'4" | WT: 215 BORN: June 9, 2001 HOMETOWN: St. Thomas, VI 2022 CLUB: Clearwater

JONATHAN PETIT #40

RHP B/T: R/R HT: 6-1 | WT: 185 BORN: April 19, 2001 HOMETOWN: Naguanagua, VZ 2022 CLUB: FCL

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OSWALD MEDINA #45

RHP B/T: R/R HT: 5'10" | WT: 147 BORN: December 2, 2001 HOMETOWN: Puerto Cabello, Venezuela 2022 CLUBS: FCL, Clearwater



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EDUAR SEGOVIA

#8 RHP B/T: R/R HT: 6-1 | WT: 210 BORN: January 10, 2001 HOMETOWN: Cabimas, VZ 2022 CLUB: None

FELIX REYES #50 INF/OF B/T: R/R HT: 6-4 | WT: 215 BORN: March 26, 2001 HOMETOWN: Baní, DR 2022 CLUBS: FCL, Clearwater

JORDAN VIARS #33

OF B/T: L/L HT: 6'4" | WT: 215 BORN: July 18, 2003 HOMETOWN: Prosper, TX 2022 CLUBS: FCL, Clearwater

BRYAN RINCON #5 INF B/T: S/R HT: 5'11" | WT: 185 BORN: February & 2004

BORN: February 8, 2004 HOMETOWN: Pittsburgh, PA 2022 CLUB: FCL

RICARDO ROSARIO #37 OF B/T: R/R HT: 6-0 | WT: 170 BORN: February 8, 2003

HT: 6-0 | WT: 170 BORN: February 8, 2003 HOMETOWN: Maracay, VZ 2022 CLUBS: DSL, FCL

TROY SCHREFFLER

#4 OF B/T: R/R HT: 6'1" | WT: 190 BORN: October 27, 2000 HOMETOWN: Harrisburg, PA 2022 CLUB: Clearwater DANNY WILKINSON #48

LHP B/T: L/L HT: 6-1 | WT: 190 BORN: October 19, 2000 HOMETOWN: Scotch Plains, NJ 2022 CLUB: None

ANDREW WALLING #11 LHP B/T: L/L HT: 6'3" | WT: 220 BORN: October 29, 1999 HOMETOWN: Vancouver, WA 2022 CLUBS: FCL. Clearwater

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July 4 - Clearwater Celebrates America: Classic car show, farmers market, fireworks accompanied by The Florida Orchestra, silent disco, and more.

July 7 - Sad Summer Festival 2023: Taking Back Sunday, The Maine, PVRIS, Mom Jeans, Stand Atlantic with special guests L.S. Dunes, Hot Mulligan and Cliffdiver.

July 15 - Fox News star, political satirist, humorist, and author Greg Gutfeld.

July 21 - The Big Big Love Tour 2023 featuring Michael Franti.

July 24 - Ruth Eckerd Hall On The Road presents Goo Goo Dolls, with special guest O.A.R.

July 29 - GRAMMY[®] winner and Rock & Roll Hall of Fame member John Fogerty joined by his sons Shane and Tyler, and their band Hearty Har.



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2023 THRESHERS STATISTICS

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23 Boyd, E	OF	.285	60	214	53	61	0	19	27	36	41
24 Castillo, C	INF	.190	42	147	16	28	5	19	12	43	3
13 Crawford, J	OF	.341	54	220	40	75	1	39	15	42	35
7 Dissin, J	С	.267	42	146	28	39	2	24	26	59	0
17 Fergus, C	OF	.234	61	184	52	59	8	36	26	80	7
9 Kemp, O	INF	.240	70	233	51	56	5	34	47	75	16
39 Avila, K	С	.214	4	14	2	3	0	1	1	4	0
52 Leitch, R	С	.215	24	79	14	17	3	14	11	31	0
28 Moore, C	INF	.235	31	102	17	24	3	12	17	38	1
50 Reyes, F	INF/OF	.287	39	143	16	41	6	40	10	13	3
5 Rincon, B	INF	.212	65	222	36	47	7	37	43	56	16
37 Rosario, R	OF	.250	46	176	32	44	5	25	21	40	20
4 Schreffler, T	OF	.250	12	40	14	8	0	6	12	15	9
33 Viars, J	OF	.209	55	196	26	41	5	18	15	57	4
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The Philadelphia Phillies' Clearwater Single-A minor league affiliate was known as the Clearwater Phillies at Jack Russell Memorial Stadium from 1985-2003. The Threshers debuted at Bright House Networks Field (now BayCare Ballpark) in 2004. The Beach Dogs premier came in 2018, having previously been the 2004 runner-up to the club's new Threshers moniker.



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Scoring Basics...

Different fans have different methods of keeping a scorecard, and many use their own notations. But here's a simple method....

If the hitter grounds out to shortstop, for example, write in "6-3," which shows the shortstop threw him out at first base. If the hitter flies out to left field, write a "7."

Symbols for Play			
Single	Sor —	Passed Ball	P8
Double	D or =	Stolen Base	\$8
Triple	T or ≡	Double Play	DP
Homerun	HR or 📰	Error	E
Sacrifice	SH or SAC	Sacrifice Fly	SF
Walk	88	Intentional Walk	168
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Bak	BK	Line Drive	L
Fielder's Choice	FC	Bunt	8
Hit by Pitch	HP	Unassisted	U
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If the batter gets a hit, write in the hit according to which base he reached. Each corner of the box represents a base, with the lower-right corner being first.

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

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

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

Example Scorecard...

1st Inning -

- Singled, advanced on next batter's walk; took 3rd on fielder's choice; scored on
- 2 Walked; later forced out, shortstop to
- 2nd base. 3 Reached on fielder's choice; advanced to 3rd on next batter's double:scored on

#5 batter's single.

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- 4 Doubled; scored on #5 batter's single.
- Singled; advanced to 2nd on next batter's single; stole 3rd base; thrown out on grounder, shortstop to catcher.
- 6 Singled; stole 2nd base.
- 7 Reached 1st base on fielder's choice.
- 8 Popped out to 2nd base.

2nd Inning -

- 9 Leads-off with double.
- 1 Fied out to centerfield.
- 2 Popped out to shortstop.
- 3 Struckout swinging.

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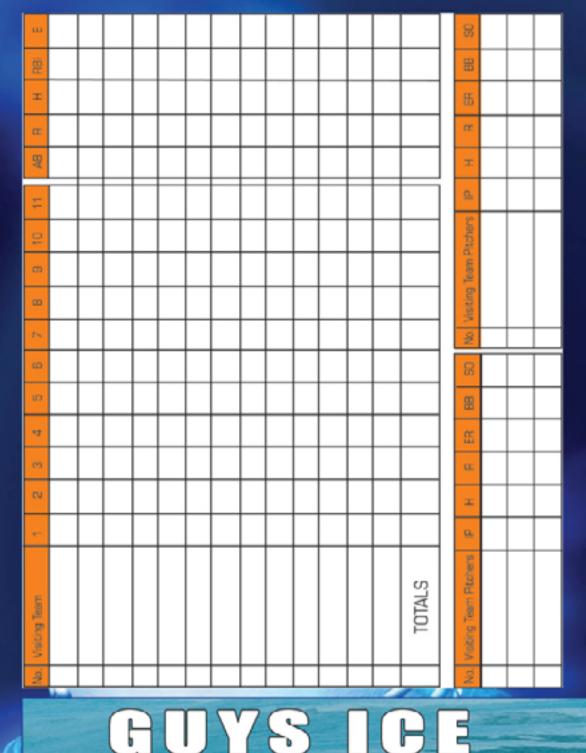
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Player Spotlight: Jean Cabrera

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When you hear the word "academy" what do you picture? In the United States, many would probably say some kind of elite preparatory school with a focus on rigorous academics. While that may be the case for some schools, there are academies across the world that focus primarily on developing elite athletes. While better known in European countries for big soccer teams like Real Madrid and Manchester City, there are baseball academies across the Americas that develop elite baseball players, many of whom have gone on to play in the major leagues. Venezuela, where baseball academies that have produced big leaguers such as Miguel Cabrera. With many former Venezuelan big leaguers inclined to give back to their communities, newer academies continue to grow in Venezuela, providing more opportunities to develop and discover future stars. Jean Cabrera was given a chance at one of the newer baseball academies, and dreams of being the one to help launch it into the spotlight as he begins his professional career.





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Jean Cabrera is from Maracay, Venezuela, home of former all-stars such as Miguel Cabrera. Jose Altuve and Jesus Aguilar. He was introduced to baseball early on by his cousin and began to play organized baseball when he was just four years old. "I'm very grateful for him because he was one of my biggest supporters aside from my parents," said Cabrera of his connection with his cousin. "He's one of the reasons I got into the academy and ended up getting a chance with the Phillies." Though Jean's cousin ended his own baseball career in 2017. Jean himself was recognized as a budding star at an early age, getting a chance to play for elite baseball academies before he was 13. There were some established academies in his area, but he chose the newer David Concepción Academy in Cagua, that was open just a little more than a year when he enrolled.

The academy Jean attended was named for legendary Reds shortstop and Venezuelan Dave Concepción, who played all his nineteen years in the majors for Cincinnati and was an everyday starter on the famous "Big Red Machine," finishing his career with two silver sluggers, five gold gloves and nine all-star selections. The academy boasts many coaches with extensive professional experience around the United States and Mexico. For Cabrera, it was not just the talented coaching staff that attracted him to the newer academy, it was their belief in him as a player and a person. "They gave me a chance to pitch. I only ever wanted to be a pitcher," said Cabrera of his start at the academy. "When I got there, I was only throwing 79-80 and they committed to work with me. They gave me a home and because of my time there I improved my mechanics, really every aspect of my pitching and helped me realize my dream." With just eight pitchers having signed contracts with Major League Organizations at the time Cabrera enrolled, he let the DCA's belief in him drive his pro beginnings, increasing his fastball velocity by over ten miles per hour with the training he received.





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Jean's primary focus has always been on learning, improving and honing his craft. Professional baseball was always the goal, but navigating the landscape of the major and minor leagues was a challenge that he did not foresee. "Before I signed in the states I didn't think about the different leagues," said Cabrera of his prior knowledge of the minors. "I just wanted to sign with a big-league team." While major league baseball is easily available across the globe the same is not always true about minor league baseball. With Jean focused consistently on getting his game to an elite level, the minor league journey was new to him when he signed with Phillies in July of 2019. Cabrera didn't begin his minor league career until 2021, due in part to the COVID-19 pandemic, when he was assigned to the Dominican Summer League Phillies White Squad. "I didn't really know the breakdown of levels in the minors until I got to the DSL and was able

to learn about it from some of the other guys." It was there that Cabrera began his pro career and began to learn the ins and outs of professional baseball in unfamiliar terrain.

Watching Cabrera play in the DSL, you wouldn't know that he was new to the organization or even to professional baseball. He allowed just nine earned runs in 13 starts, pitching over 50 innings in his first professional season with 61 strikeouts and only 10 walks. His talent was recognized in his home country of Venezuela, earning a spot in the prestigious Venezuelan Winter League with los Tiburones de la Guaira. Though the team finished in last place in the 2021-22 season, Cabrera was able to train with and learn from some seasoned veterans including five-year MLB veteran José Martinez, and seven-year vet Junior Guerra, two other pitchers on La Guaira's staff. Jean was a sponge with his A CHAMPAGNE WELCOME. A DAY SPENT PLAYING IN THE GULF'S CLEAR. BLUE WATER. AND A SUNSET LIKE NONE YOU'VE EVER SEEN BEFORE... WHAT WILL YOU REMEMBER?



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teammates and the experienced coaching staff, soaking up any and all advice as he used the winter season to continue improving his game. "Some of the advice that these vets would always tell the new guys that you need to keep rising in your career and will always have to fight to maintain your position if/when you get to the bigs." That proved especially true during the 2023 season, as Cabrera moved between the bullpen and starting rotation in his second season with the Threshers.

Wherever and whenever Cabrera has pitched in 2023, he has been an instrumental part of the Threshers success. As a starter, he has been an innings-eater for the Threshers and won some huge games, as well as setting some personal and team milestones. On May 18th, Cabrera struck out a career-best nine batters, the most by any Threshers pitcher in the first half of the season. He has pitched multiple innings at a time out of the bullpen, recording a fourinning save and routinely shutting down opposing bats late in the game. His success was instrumental in helping the Threshers clinch the First-Half Championship in the West Division. But like the rest of the squad, Cabrera has higher aspirations than just being the First-Half Winners. "I just want to keep winning and playing hard," said Cabrera of his goals for the second half. "As great as this season has been, it wouldn't feel the same if we don't end up as champions this year." Cabrera's passion for the game and his talent on the mound have been very evident in his two-year career in Clearwater, and there is no telling how far that can take him. He aims to be the first pitcher from the David Concepción Academy to reach the major leagues, and that may only be the beginning of what Jean Cabrera can accomplish.



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Player Spotlight: Emaarion Boyd

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How Emaarion Boyd's "Just Showing What I Can Do" Attitude Turned him into a Breakout Star

By Josh Sperber



Becoming a professional athlete is hard work. It seems like an obvious thing to say but the process of training and working hard to get to the professional level is difficult in every sense of the word. Some are born into it, some train their entire lives to get there and many more go through similar levels of training without ever reaching that goal. The mental aspect of turning pro often goes overlooked, and it seems that no two players have the same approach. The desire and the pressure can prove too much for some, but others use that to fuel them. There are even some who can seemingly shrug off the intensity of the grind that it takes to turn and stay a pro, one of whom has been a star for the Threshers this season: Emaarion Boyd. The league-leader in stolen bases has an easygoing mindset that has helped him throughout his athletic career, and possibly even more in his first full season as a professional baseball player in the Philadelphia Phillies organization.





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From a young age, Emaarion was always playing sports. As a child, he began playing football and basketball early on, and switched to baseball when he was around six. His family were all athletes as well, primarily in softball, basketball and track. Boyd was a natural athlete and loved playing sports as soon as he got started. "Everybody wanted me on their team because I was fast and athletic" said Boyd of his experiences playing sports as a kid. His speed and athleticism helped him excel in whatever sport he played, and he loved to play them all. With evident skills in multiple sports early on, Emaarion's biggest motivation wasn't always to go pro, it was just to get playing time and showcase his advanced abilities as much as he could.

In basketball he was able to play all five positions well, but it was clear from early on that it was baseball where Boyd shined the brightest. "They never started me in football so I asked my sister if I could play baseball and they looked at me crazy but signed me up," said Boyd of his beginnings in baseball. "My first year I went to all-stars, and it just took off from there." He began as an infielder in baseball, and advanced quickly, making the high school varsity baseball team at South Panola High School in his hometown of Batesville, Mississippi when he was in eighth grade. His advanced speed made him an ideal outfielder, and his coach switched him to outfield to maximize his potential.

Boyd's high school coach was not the only one who noticed his athletic potential. Emaarion was being recruited by colleges since he was in middle school. He was playing for the elite travel team,



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East Baseball Club, went to multiple showcases and schools took notice at a young age. "I did have a lot of [college] offers in eighth grade but I didn't know too much about it," said Boyd of his early recruitment. The attention he attracted as a baseball player led to him stopping playing other sports competitively by his sophomore year of high school, allowing him to focus more on his budding baseball career.

With the college recruitment process beginning early it was not long before professional baseball scouts started to take notice as well. His skills at South Panola and the EBC earned him invitations to All-American Showcases throughout his high school career. But for Emaarion, it just meant more chances to play the game he loves. "It was just people telling me I have a chance," Boyd said of his aspirations to go pro. "When I was young, it was a dream, but I was just letting everything happen." Some people in any field can let success go to their heads, Emaarion Boyd is not one of them. His hard work backs up his talent and athleticism as he continues to earn a chance to play baseball at a high level. He had a lot of success in high school, finishing his five years on varsity with a career batting average well above .300, and the attention from professional scouts continued to increase.

By his senior year, Boyd had led his South Panola High School team to great success, making the state playoffs in his final season. Unfortunately, a wrist injury forced him to exit his final high school game early, and his Tigers bowed out of the postseason. As unfortunate as ending a stellar career on a loss can be, Boyd, his family and coaches were all very confident in his chances to turn pro and be selected in the upcoming 2022 MLB draft. To celebrate, his high school manager threw a party for him to watch the first day of the MLB draft, hoping Boyd would be selected. After he wasn't selected on day one, they threw a smaller party on the second day, where he again remained unchosen in the

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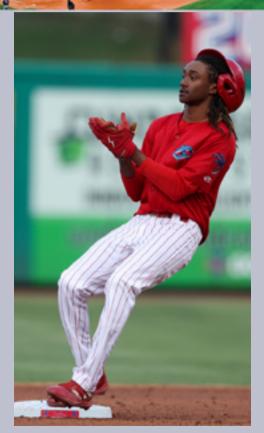
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draft. "After the third day, we really didn't do anything, just laying around the house and stuff and I just ended up getting a call." It seemed a good metaphor for the early stages of his career; no big draft day celebration, just quiet contemplation with his family and relief that he was able to realize his dream of becoming a professional athlete.

About five days after he was drafted, Boyd reported to Clearwater to begin training with the Phillies. Less than a month after the draft. he debuted for the FCL Phillies, hitting a single and working a walk in two at-bats in his professional debut. Boyd's athleticism translated exceptionally well to the Complex League, reaching base in eight of his first nine games of rookie ball with seven stolen bases. He was quickly promoted to the Threshers, playing just two games but finishing the season 3-7 with one run scored and one stolen base. It was a small sample size, common for high school players in their first season fresh off the draft, but it was clear that the Phillies had a tremendous young talent on their hands.

Emaarion is not one to think too far ahead when it comes to his career, with his main goals centering around winning and just continuing to play baseball and get better as much as he can. But with a great team around him in Clearwater, the sky is the limit. "Everybody is strong, connected, lovable and just together." The Threshers team unity is something that Boyd says is unparalleled to what he has experienced in the past, and it shows on the field. As for Boyd himself, he has shined in his first full season as a pro, leading the Florida State League in stolen bases for almost the entire 2023 season and ranks among the leaders in runs scored and on-base percentage as well. He has shined on defense, having among the fewest errors on a Threshers team



that has paced the league in fielding percentage this season. With speed being an obvious asset, Boyd's defense is strong as well, and he hopes to win multiple gold gloves in the major leagues. The potential, the skills and the athleticism are certainly there, but Emaarion Boyd will just keep "showing what [he] can do" as he works towards achieving his goals and building a long career in professional baseball.

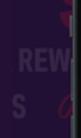


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2023 Threshers Playoff Preview

A Fantastic First Half

How the Clearwater Threshers Dominated the Florida State League En Route to a Playoff Spot By Josh Sperber



Emaarion Boyd, Cade Fergus, Justin Crawford lead the Threshers in 2023 Playoffs.

It is not uncommon for coaches and players to talk about a special team before their season starts. It is uncommon for a team to be consistently levels above the rest in their respective league and even division. Both of these situations can be applied to the 2023 Clearwater Threshers, the first team in the minor leagues to clinch a playoff spot this season. The Threshers finished the first half with a 44-21 record, nine games clear of the rest of the West Division and seven games ahead of the Palm Beach Cardinals, who clinched the East Division First Half Championship. In addition, the Threshers finished the first half with the best winning percentage in all of baseball, major leagues included, winning over 2/3 of the 65 games played in the first half of the season. Through injuries and call ups, the Threshers continued to cement their status as one of the best teams in the minor leagues. They kept their record among the best through the first month of the final half of 2023, and at the top of the Florida State League West with their playoff spot secured for the first time since 2018. Improving on a last-place finish in 2022, the Clearwater Threshers have been a force to be reckoned with in the 2023 season.





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Pitcher Samuel Aldegheri

The Threshers began their first series on the road in Bradenton, losing Opening Day against the Marauders 3-2 after surrendering the first three runs of the game. Their bounce back on day two of the season was nothing short of historic. "There's so many games in the season, it's really easy to see a first game loss but the guys did a great job of sticking to the process and playing their best ball, and I think that's a big reason that game two turned out the way it did," said Andrew Walling of the Threshers pitching performance. He threw a scoreless inning in a 3-0 victory for the Threshers, in which the team struck out 17 batters and pitched the fifth no-hitter in Threshers history. The Threshers won game three of the series the next day to clinch the season-opening threegame set against a Marauders team that finished second in the West standings at the end of the first half of 2023.

The Threshers won two of their first three games at home and ended up splitting

their inaugural home series against the Fort Myers Mighty Mussels three games apiece. Their first full six-game road trip was in Tampa against the Tarpons, and that's where things really started to click. Clearwater took three of the first four games in Tampa, but game number five of the series ended in heartbreaking fashion. After scoring three runs in the top of the ninth on two home runs, the Threshers recorded one out in the bottom of the ninth on a sacrifice fly and lost on a Tarpons' wallscraping walk-off home run that cleared the short porch in right field by a matter of inches. That seemed to light a fire under the Threshers, who responded by scoring a then-season-high seven runs in the second inning of Sunday's game on April 23rd. The Threshers won that game 12-3, one of their largest margins of victory of the season and clinched the series four games to two.

With their first six-game series victory in hand, the Threshers returned to Clearwater

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The magic continued against the Lakeland Flying Tigers the following week, capping back-to-back homestands with twelve wins in

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twelve games to give them the longest winning streak of the FSL season - a mark that still stands through the month of July. The Threshers ended that series with four-straight walk-off victories, coming back from deficits in the ninth repeatedly to secure the sweep of the homestand. The Phillies took notice of the team's success in the first month of the season, naming Rincones Jr. and Orion Kerkering the Minor League Player and Pitcher of the Month for the organization in April. Rincones Jr. belted four home runs and ten RBIs with a .930 OPS in April and Kerkering finished the month with an average of over one strikeout per inning and not allowing an earned run.

In the minor leagues, team success usually leads to player promotions, and that became a reality for the Threshers after the 13-game win streak. Caleb Ricketts, the team's starting catcher, and Kerkering were called up to High-A Jersey Shore after a strong first month with the Threshers, with Kerkering leading the Florida State League in saves at the time of his exit and Ricketts leading the league in batting average and placing third in RBIs upon the time of their call-ups. Their well-earned promotions didn't slow down the Threshers, who won a season-high 18 of 25 games played in the month of May and finished the opening two months of the season with a double-digit lead atop the West Division.

Clearwater kept cruising at the start of June, losing just one series before clinching the first half and heading into their final six-game road trip needing four wins over then-second-place Fort Myers to guarantee their first postseason berth since 2018. Clearwater responded by winning three of the first four games in Fort

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Myers to get on the cusp of clinching by the weekend. They lost on Friday night and surrendered an early 2-0 lead in another potential clincher on Saturday. With their backs against the wall, the Threshers scored six of the game's final seven runs after the sixth inning, securing their first playoff spot in five years in a decisive 8-4 win. Clearwater's success at home was a massive part of their advantage over the rest of the Florida state league, winning 26 of their first 30 games at home in the first half of the season.

Throughout the season, the Threshers have maintained one of the best records in the entirety of baseball, not just the minor leagues. The Threshers were among the first six teams in the minors and the majors to reach 50 wins and the first to do so below the AAA level. That milestone is especially impressive since the AAA and MLB seasons opened two weeks before the Threshers season opener on April 8th. In the second half, despite losing multiple key players to Jersey Shore promotions, the Threshers have remained within one game of the best second half record and have maintained the best overall record in the Florida State League since early May. They have had success against both divisions, highlighted by a series victory of five games to one over the East First Half Champion Palm Beach Cardinals in their lone matchup in July. No matter how much success this team has had, it is clear that the Threshers have only one goal in mind. "As great as this season has been, it wouldn't feel the same if we don't end up as champions this year," said Threshers pitcher Jean Cabrera. With no signs of slowing down, the Threshers are primed for

a playoff run, and hope to bring the Florida State League title back to Clearwater for the first time since 2007.



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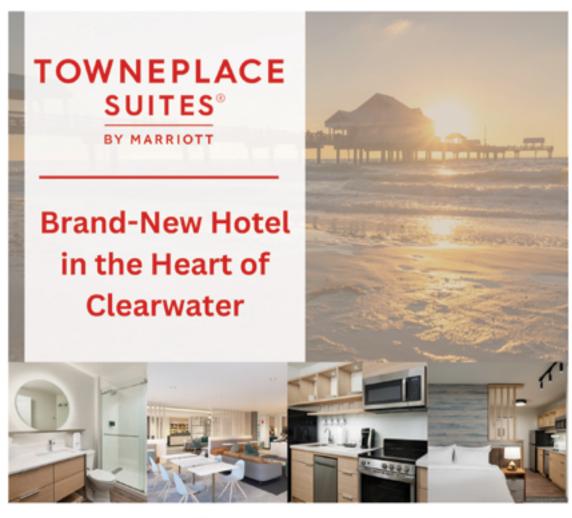
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