**EASTERN LEAGUE CHAMPIONS** 2010, 2017

**DIVISION CHAMPIONS** 2004, 2010, 2017, 2018

**PLAYOFF APPEARANCES** 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2010, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018 PLAYERS TO MLB



April 17, 2024 -- Game #10, Away Game #5 Bowie Baysox (5-5) vs. Altoona Curve (4-5) RHP Seth Johnson vs. RHP Chris Gau 11:05 a.m. | Prince George's Stadium | Bowie, MD

Radio -- WRTA 98.5 FM & Flv Altoona Curve Radio Network | TV -- MiLB.TV. Ballv Live



TODAY'S GAME: The Curve continue a six-game series with the Bowie Baysox, their first road 6-game set of the year.

LAST TIME OUT: Altoona dropped a 10-4 decision to Bowie on Tuesday night. Tsung-Che Cheng picked up 3 hits including a game-tying home in the 7th, but the Curve bullpen permitted 6 runs across the 7th and 8th.

BUBBA'S BURGERS: Righty Bubba Chandler turned in a dominant outing in the first of the doubleheader on Saturday, April 13 against Harrisburg. After walking the first two batters of the game on 9 pitches, Chandler retired 12 straight hitters and picked up 6 strikeouts on a tidy 53 pitches.

GENERATION Z: Infielder Tsung-Che Cheng had a strech of ten straight plate appearances in which he reached base safely from Saturday April 6 to Wednesday, April 10. In his ten plate appearances he drew 7 walks, reached on an error and had a pair of hits. Cheng drew at least one walk in each of his first four games this season, twice he's walked three times in a game. <u>Cheng's 10 walks lead the Eastern League</u> entering play on Wednesday, April 17 and he's reached base safely in all 7 games played. Cheng picked up 3 hits including a homer on April 16 against Bowie

SHACK ATTACK: Curve INF Aaron Shackelford recorded his fourth career two-homer game on Tuesday, April 9 to lead the Curve to comeback win over Harrisburg. Trailing 7-2, Shackelford hit a towering 3-run homer to right in the fifth inning and hit a game-tying bomb in the seventh; one that traveled an estimated 430 feet. Shackelford had a pair of two-homer games suiting up for the Curve in 2022 and last hit two homers on May 25, 2023 with Triple-A Indianapolis at Columbus. Shackelford drove in five, the second time in his Curve career he's driven in five runs in a game. Entering play on Tuesday, April 14, his 9 RBI's rank 2nd in the Eastern League.

It was the 128th time in franchise history that a Curve batter has hit two homers in a game, the 2023 Curve had eight instances of two homer games, last by Tsung-Che Cheng on September 3, 2023 at Erie. Altoona has never had a three-homer game in franchise history.

ROUND NUMBER ALERT: Altoona picked up the 1700th win in franchise history on Friday, April 5 with their Opening Day win over the Akron

THE MAJOR LEAGUE CURVE: Altoona's group features several staff and players with previous major league experience. On the coaching staff Manager **Robby Hammock** played 182 games in the major leagues with the Arizona Diamondbacks, highlighted by catching Randy Johnson's Perfect Game. Pitching Coach **Fernando Nieve** made 99 major league appearances with the Astros and NY Mets in his playing career, Catching and Game Planning Coordinator **Taylor Davis** played 22 games with the Cubs and Pirates before joining the coaching ranks this off-season and Bench Coach **Gary Green** played 106 games in the majors with the Padres, Rangers and Reds. Among the players, RHP **Isaac Mattson** made five appearances for Baltimore in 2021 and INF **Seth Beer** played 43 games with Arizona across the 2021 and 2022 seasons.

NEW FACES: Several Curve players will make their organizational debut with Altoona to start the season. On the pitching staff, RHP Chris Gau and RHP Isaac Mattson both joined the Pirates as minor league free agents this past off-season. Among the position players, INF Seth

Beer was selected in the minor league phase of the Rule V draft from Arizona, while INF Kervin Pichardo was acquired just before the season from San Diego in exchange for LHP Jackson Wolf who'd been designated for assignment.

PROSPECT PARTY: The Curve roster features six players that are ranked in the Pirates Top-30 prospects by MLB.com, including four in the Top-10 and two players ranked among the top-100 prospects in all of Minor League Baseball. MLB Pipeline ranked Pittsburgh's minor league system as the ninth best among all organizations entering 2024. The Pirates have the only minor league system with four pitchers ranked in the Top 100 Prospects by MLB Pipeline, with all four having worn an Altoona Curve uniform (Paul Skenes, Jared Jones, Anthony Solometo, Bubba Chandler). Headlining the returning group of position players for the Curve are No. 8 Pirates prospect INF Tsung-Che Cheng and No. 21 Pirates prospect OF Jase Bowen. On the pitching side, three are ranked in the Pirates Top-10 by MLB.com include No. 4 LHP Anthony Solometo, No. 5 RHP Bubba Chandler, and No. 7 RHP Braxton Ashcraft.

HANGING BY THE BAY: Roberto Mercado leads the Baysox after two seasons managing the Orioles High-A affiliate in Aberdeen. Mercado led the Ironbirds to a playoff appearance in 2022 and took home the organization's Cal Ripken Sr. Award given to the minor league instructor with the most dramatic impact during the season. The typically loaded Baysox are a bit light in the prospect department this year, but OF Dylan Beavers, C/DH Samuel Basallo and C Silas Ardoin highlight the position player group.

THE FIRST TO PUT THEIR SOX ON: Seth Johnson takes the ball on this fine Wednesday morning. Johnson was drafted 40th overall in 2019 out of Campbell by the Tampa Bay Rays and was scooped up the Orioles in a 3-team deal that sent OF Tray Mancini to Houston while he was recovering from Tommy John surgery in 2022. Johnson has made 2 starts with the Baysox in his minor league career. Johnson is ranked as the No. 10 prospect in the Orioles system according to MLB Pipeline.



# BROADCAST **INFORMATION** MLB.TV

Jon Mozes and Preston Shoemaker will call the action of the 2024 season on the Fly Altoona Curve Radio Network, flown by Contour Airlines on the flagship of the Curve, Talk Radio 98.5 FM/1240 AM WRTA in Altoona. Pregame coverage begins 15 min. before all games. The Curve can also be heard on the following affiliate stations for selected games:
- WCRO 1230 AM in Johnstown

- Online streaming at AltoonaCurve.com, WRTA.com, Bally Live and the MiLB First Pitch App

## **TODAY IN CURVE HISTORY**

2009 - The Curve lose 3-1 to Erie to drop record to 0-8, the longest losing streak to start any season in team history

2013 - Jameson Taillon spins seven scoreless, two-hit frames and struck out six for second win of the season

2015 - Tyler Glasnow makes his first start at PNG Field and picks up his first AA win in 2-1 victory over Akron. The Pirates top prospect pitched six one-run frames and struck out seven hitters.

## **UPCOMING GAMES AND PROBABLE PITCHERS**

Thur. April 18 @ Bowie 6:35 p.m. RHP Bubba Chandler vs. RHP Alex Pham Fri. April 19 RHP Sean Sullivan vs. RHP Kvle Brnovich @ Bowie 7:05 p.m. Sat. April 20 @ Bowie 6:05 p.m. RHP Braxton Ashcraft vs. RHP Trace Bright LHP Anthony Solometo vs. RHP Brandon Young Sun. April 21 @ Bowie 1:05 p.m.

MEDI DI	NIDION	SIANDINGS
W-L	GB	RESULT
6-4		6-0 W vs ERI
5-4	0.5	6-0 L @ AKR
5-5	1.0	10-4 W vs ALT
4-5	1.5	10-4 L @ BOW
4-5	1.5	3-2 W vs RIC
4-6	2.0	3-2 L @ HBG
IEAST DIV	/ISION	STANDINGS
W-L	GB	RESULT
	W-L 6-4 5-4 5-5 4-5 4-5 4-6	6-4 5-4 0.5 <b>5-5 1.0 4-5 1.5</b> 4-5 2.0 <b>IEAST DIVISION</b>

#### Hartford 6-2 5-1 W @ SOM New Hamp. 7-3 10-2 W @ POR Portland 4-4 2.0 10-2 L vs NH Binghamton 4-5 2.5 3-2 W vs REA

#### Somerset 4-6 3.0 5-1 L vs HFD 3-7 Reading 4.0 3-2 L @ BNG

## **2024 CURVE AT A GLANCE**

	Overall Record 4-5	5
	Home3-2	
	Road 1-3	3
	First Half4-5	5
f	Second Half0-0	)
1	Place (Southwestern Div)4th	1
	Games Ahead/Behind1.5	
	StreakL3	3
	Last 52-3	3
	Last 10 4-5	5
	All-Time Record1,703-1,656	ó
	<b>'24 Home Attendance</b> 16,919	7
n	Home Openings4	4
	Average Attendance 4,230	)
	<b>2024 vs. Bowie</b> 0-1	
	at Altoona0-0	
	at Bowie0-1	
	All-time vs. Bowie188-207	
	at Altoona94-98	
	at Bowie94-109	7

## **2024 CURVE LEAGUE RANKINGS**

.....T-8th (37)

1	Average	9th (.209)
	RISP	8th (.215)
	Home Runs	12th (3)
	Average RISP Home Runs Stolen Bases	T-7th (12)
	ERAStarter ERAReliever ERA	
	ERA	11th (5.92)
	Starter ERA	10th (6.06)
	Reliever ERA	11th (5.82)

Strikeouts/9 IP......12th (8.05) **Walks/9 IP**......6th (3.91)

### Home Runs Allowed......T-4th (10) ON THE ROAD TRIP

011	HE KOAD HILL
Record	0-1
Average	
Runs/Runs Per G	
Home Runs	1
RISP	250 (2-8)
Errors	250 (2-8)
EDA	11 2E (10 ED /0 0 ID)

11.25 (10 ER/8.0 IP)
0-0
8.31 (4 ER/4.1 IP)
0-1
14.73 (6 ER/3.2 IP)
14.73 (6 ER/3.2 IP) 0/0

# **TODAY'S STARTING PITCHER**

STARTING PITCHER RUN SUPPORT										
Pitcher	GS	Team Runs	R/Start	Quality Starts						
Chandler	2	9	4.5	0						
Sullivan	2	5	2.5	0						
Solometo	2	2	1.0	0						
Ashcraft	1	8	8.0	0						
Chen	2	13	6.5	ń						

ALTOONA CURVE STARTER BREAKDOWN											
PLAYER	LAST START DEC	IP	Н	R	ER	HR	BB	S0	RESULT	STARTS	TEAM RECORD
Bubba Chandler	Sat. 4/13 G1 vs HBG	4.0	0	0	0	0	2	6	W 5-3 (7)	2	2-0
Sean Sullivan	Sat. 4/13 G2 vs HBG L	4.0	4	3	3	1	2	5	L 7-3 (7)	2	0-2
Anthony Solometo	Sun. 4/14 vs HBG L	3.0	6	3	3	0	1	1	L 10-2	2	0-2
Braxton Ashcraft	Tues. 4/9 vs HBG	3.0	6	4	4	2	0	3	W 8-7 (10)	1	1-0
Po-Yu Chen	Tues. 4/16 @ BOW	4.1	7	4	4	1	1	2	L 10-4	2	1-1

SEASON TOTALS	w	L	G	CG	IP	Н	R	ER	HR	ВВ	SO	ERA
	Λ	3	9	Λ	32.2	39	23	22	5	14	26	6.06

# **PITCHER NOTES**

ALTOONA CURV	E BULLPEN BREAI	KDOWN													
PLAYER	LAST OUTING	DEC	IP	Н	R	ER	HR	BB	S0	PIT/S	SV/SV0		INH/STR.	1ST BATTE	R RET.
Brad Case	Tues. 4/16 @ BOW		2.0	4	3	3	1	0	1	30/22	0/0 0/0 0/0		2/0 (0%)	1/4 (25%) 1/2 (50%)	
Nick Dombkowski	Sat. 4/13 G1 vs HBG	W	2.0	1	1	1	0	3	0	46/24	0/0		0/0	1/2 (50%)	
Grant Ford	Tues. 4/16 @ BOW	L	1.2	2	3	3	1	1	2	28/17	0/0		2/2 (100%)	2/3 (66%)	
Chris Gau	Sat. 4/13 G2 vs HBG		2.1	0	0	0	0	0	4	30/21	0/0 2/2 0/0		1/1 (100%)	1/1 (100%)	
Cameron Junker	Sat. 4/13 G1 vs HBG		0.2	Ü	Ú	Ú	0	0	1	8/6	2/2		2/2 (100%)	3/4 (75%)	
Valentin Linarez	Sun. 4/14 vs HBG		2.0	3	4	4	1	2	1	36/22	0/0		3/1 (33%)	2/3 (66%)	
Isaac Mattson Justin Meis	Sat. 4/13 G1 vs HBG Tues. 4/9 vs HBG		0.1 0.2	4	2	2	U	2	I	24/11 32/20	0/0		2/2 (100%) 0/0	2/3 (66%) 1/2 (50%)	
Tyler Samaniego	Sat. 4/13 G2 vs HBG		0.2	4	ى د		ľ	1	0	24/12	0/0 0/0 0/0		0/0 0/0	0/2 (0%)	
Eddy Yean	Sun. 4/14 vs HBG		1.0	ň	0	n	n	i	n	11/7	0/0		2/3 (66%)	2/3 (100%)	
SEASON TOTALS	w	L		G	SV	/S0	IP	н		R	ER	HR	ВВ	SO	ERA
	4	2		9	2/	2	43.1	43		31	28	5	19	42	5.82
<b>ALTOONA CURV</b>	E OPENERS AND E	BULLPE	N DAY S	STARTE	RS										
PLAYER	LAST START	DEC	IP	H	R	ER	HR	BB	S0	PIT/S	OPENIN	GS	RECORD		
TOTALS		-	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0/0	0		0-0		

2024 STREAKS/PITCHING SUPERLATIVES

7+ STRIKEOUTS GAMES

15+ INNING SCORELESS STREAKS

EASTERN LEAGUE PITCHER OF THE WEEK

**PICKOFFS** Situation Watson @ 1st Base Player Bubba Chandler Date 4/5 @ AKR

**MAJOR LEAGUE REHAB ASSIGNMENTS** 

# PITCHER NOTES

#46 Brad Case	Height: 6-7 • Weight: 23	35 • RHP	17th Round, 2018 (Rollins College)					
LONG OUTING (PEN): 3.0 IP - 4/9 vs HBG	MOST K:	3 K - 4/9 vs HBG	PITCHES:	SINK (88-91), CT, SL, CH				
<b>LAST HR ALLOWED:</b> 4/16 @ BOW ( IP)	MOST BB:	1 BB - 4/9 vs HBG	INHERITED/STRANDED:	2/0 (0%)				
SCORELESS STRK/LONG: / 4.0 (4/6 - 4/13)	CURVE RECORD:	1-3	FIRST BATTER RETIRED %	i: 1/4 (25%)				
- 2024: Tossed 3.0 scoreless innings of relief on 4	4/9 vs HBG (2 H, 1 BB, 3 K)							

2023: Spent time at each of the Pirates five minor league affiliates throughout the season... Returned to the Altoona roster on 5/11... Made 14 appearances with four starts for the Curve, finishing 1-2 with a 5.06 ERA in 26.2 IP, 32 H, 20 R (15 ER), 15 BB, 25 K... Shaved his head on 5/31 in solidarity with cancer survivors at Altoona's Game of Hope... Started 4 bullpen days: 0-1, 5.40 ERA, 11.2 IP, 16 H, 11 R (7 ER), 5 BB, 12 K... Transferred to Indy on 7/6, where he made three appearances, allowing seven runs in 4.0 IP... Transferred to the

RECENT APPEARANCES DATE W/L/S IP H R/ER K/BB 4/9 VS HBG 3.0 3/1 2 0/0 4/14 VS HBG 1.0 2 1/0 0/0 4/16 @ BOW 2.0

FCL on 7/28, where he began to throw sidearm... Made two appearances in the FCL, allowing three runs on two hits in 1.2 IP... Transferred to Greensboro on 8/29 where he finished the season with four appearances at High-A... Was honored by the Pirates as a member of the Community Commitment Program awarded to Pirates Minor Leaguers who participate most often in community engagements with their minor league affiliates...

2022: Split the season between Triple-A Indianapolis and Double-A Altoona... Struck out 58 batters in relief, most by a Curve reliever... Went 1-3 with a 3.92 ERA in 30 games for the Curve, totaled 58 strikeouts in 62.0 IP... Tossed 2.0+ IP in 16-of-30 outings with Altoona...

- CURVE CUTS: Bradley Spencer Case... Attened Iona Preparatory School (N.Y.)... Played baseball, football and hockey in high school... Took 4 years of chinese in school, grew up a NY Yankees fan... Attended the same high school as former Pirates third baseman Colin Moran and Phoenix Suns point guard Ty Jerome... Signed with the Pirates for \$100,000... Tabbed by Baseball America as the pitcher with the "Best Control" in the Pirates system before the 2020 season... Host of the MiLB Take Podcast, part of the More Than Baseball Podcast Network, an organization dedicated to aiding minor league players and telling their stories... Told Andrew Destin of the Pittsburgh Post Gazette that Pirates Director of Player Development John Baker asked him to transition into a sidearm pitcher in July of 2023... Spent the 2023 offseason working out at Tread Athletics to develop a new sidearm delivery seeking to emulate Arizona Diamondback's reliever Ryan Thompson... For more on Case, see Page 34 of the Curve Media Guide

#13 Jaycob Deese	1	Height: 6-1 • Weight: 1	17th Round, 2022 (Houst	on)	
LONG OUTING (PEN):	3.0 IP - 4/11 @ Winston-Salem	MOST K:		PITCHeS: FE	B, SL, CH
LAST HR ALLOWED:		MOST BB:		INHERITED/STRANDED:	
SCORELESS STRK/LONG	: /	CURVE RECORD:	0-0	FIRST BATTER RETIRED %:	
- <b>2024:</b> Assigned to 0	Greensboro to begin the sea:	son Transferred to ALT o	on 4/17	RECENT APPEARANCES	

2024: Assigned to Greensboro to begin the season... Transferred to ALT on 4/17...

2023: Spent the entire season with High-A Greensboro and went 3-3 with a 5.29 ERA in 32 games, 3 starts... Also picked up 1 save... Struck out 65 batters in 68.0 innings... 2022: Made his pro debut with the FCL Pirates, tossing 4.0 innings and allowing 1 unearned run in 3 appearances...

W/L/S IP H R/ER K/BB 4/5 VS GVL 12 1/1 1/1 3/2 2/1 1.0 4/9@WS 4/14 @ WS 1.1

CAREER NOTES: Jaycob Matthew Deese... Was recognized by Baseball America as having the "Best Fastball" in the American Athletic Conference in 2022... Went 5-3 with one save, a 5.19 ERA (85.0ip/49er) and 62 strikeouts in

17 outings in 2022.. Ranked second on Houston's pitching staff in 2021 in both ERA (4.46) and strikeouts (52).. Played for Galveston (TX) College prior to transferring to Houston, where he posted a team-best 46 strikeouts in 2020... Majored in Psycology at Houston... His older sister, Taylor, also attended the University of Houston (12-16)...

# **PITCHER NOTES**

#### Height: 6-1 • Weight: 175 • RHP 5th Round, 2019 (Nevada) #6 Grant Ford LONG OUTING (PEN): 2.1 IP - 4/9 vs HBG MOST K: PITCHES: FB (92-94), SL, SPLIT 3 K - 4/9 vs HBG 4/16 @ BOW (-- IP) INHERITED/STRANDED: 2/2 (100%) LAST HR ALLOWED: MOST BB: 1 BB SCORELESS STRK/LONG: -- / 2.1 (4/9 - 4/16) **CURVE RECORD: FIRST BATTER RETIRED %:** 2-1 2/3 (66%)

- 2024: Tossed 2.1 scoreless innings of relief on 4/9 vs HBG (1 H, 3 K)...

- 2023: Assigned to Greensboro to start the year and went 4-0 with a 3.94 ERA in 20 appearances (32.0 IP, 17 H, 19 BB, 42 K)... Had a 0.82 ERA in 7 June appearances (2 ER / 7.1 IP)... Promoted to Altoona on 6/29... Struck out at least one batter in each of his 6 July outings: 6.2 IP, 7 H, 3 R (2 ER), 2 BB, 8 K... Earned the win on 9/15 @ AKR w/ 1.1 scoreless innings of relief... Went 2-1 with a 4.37 ERA in 19 games with Altoona, in 22.2 IP, allowed 20 H, 16 BB, 19 K and 5 HBP...

| RECENT APPEARANCES | DATE | W/L/S | IP | H | R/ER | K/BB | 4/5 @ AKR | -- 0.2 | 2 | 1/1 | 0/1 | 4/9 VS HBG | -- 2.1 | 1 | 0/0 | 3/0 | 4/16 @ BOW | L | 1.2 | 2 | 3/3 | 2/1 |

- **2022:** Was named to Greensboro's Opening Day roster for the second straight season and made five appearances fo the Grasshoppers until he was placed on the injured list on April 30... Returned to the mound at the end of July and made two appearances for the FCL Pirates and one appearance for Low-A Bradenton... After his lone appearance for Bradenton, missed the rest of the season...

- CAREER NOTES: Grant Allan Ford... Drafted by the Pittsburgh Pirates in the fifth round (154th overall) in the 2019 First-Year Player Draft out of the University of Nevada... Became the first player drafted by the Pirates out of the University of Nevada since Justin artin in 1999 (16th round)... Signed with the Pirates for a bonus of \$422,500... Was Nevada's highest draft selection since 2013 when Arizona selected Bradon Shipley 15th overall... Collegiate teammate Ryan Anderson was selected in the 12th round of the 2019 draft by the New York Yankees, he spent the 2022 season with Low-A Tampa where he made 35 appearances and recorded a 4.26 ERA... Attended Pioneer HS in San Jose, CA where he tossed a no-hitter on his Senior Day... Played baseball and basketball in high school... Lists his sports hero as Nolan Ryan... Allowed more than 2 ER just one time in his Junior season at Nevada where he served as the Wolf Pack's closer in 2019... Says Barry Bonds and Alfonso Soriano were some of his favorite players growing up... Did not begin pitching until his junior year of High School... Credits Pitching Coach Fernando Nieve as having a large influence on his career... Loves to hike through the mountains in Nevada with his dog... For more on Ford, see Page 40 of the Curve Media Guide

#22 Unris Gau	Hei	ignt: 6-2 • weignt: 20	13 • KHP		MILB FA, 2024
LONG OUTING (PEN): 2.	1 IP - 4/13 vs HBG	MOST K:	4 K - 4/13 vs HBG	PITCHES:	FB (91-94), CT, CB, CH
LAST HR ALLOWED:	(2.1 IP)	MOST BB:	<del></del>	INHERITED/STRANDED:	1/1 (100%)
SCORELESS STRK/LONG: 2.	1 / 2/1 (4/12 - Present)	CURVE RECORD:	0-1	FIRST BATTER RETIRED 9	<b>6:</b> 1/1 (100%)
- 2024: Named to Altoor	na's Opening Day roster, trar	nsferred to Indy on 4/7	and made one appearan	nce, allowing 1 run RECE	NT APPEARANCES

(1 H, 2 BB, 1 K) in 1.0 IP... Returned to ALT on 4/10... Struck out 4 in 2.1 scoreless innings of relief on 4/13 vs HBG...

- 2023: Split the season between Double-A Montgomery and Triple-A Durham, going 5-2 with a 2.48 ERA in 40 games, 3 starts... Began the season at Double-A Montgomery, was promoted to Triple-A on 5/27 and made 4 appearances and 3 starts for Durham, recording a 5.14 ERA (4 ER / 7.0 IP) and returned to Montgomery on 6/13 ... Struck out 59 batters in 47.1 IP out of the bullpen for Montgomery...

DATE WL/S IP H R/ER K/BB
4/9@TOL -- 1.0 1 1/1 1/2
4/13 G2 VS HBG -- 2.1 0 0/0 4/0

- **2022:** Split the season between Double-A Montgomery and Triple-A Durham in the Rays system... Went 5-3 with a 3.34 ERA in 38 games, 1 start... Recorded a 2.93 ERA in 30 games at Double-A, picked up 53 strikeouts in 46.0 IP...

- **CURVE CUTS:** Christopher Patrick Gau... His father Kenneth played baseball at Utica College... Attended University Christian High School in Jackson-ville, FL, where he was 7-3 with 84 strikeouts and a 1.44 ERA in 53.1 innings as a senior... Also hit .449 with 15 doubles, four home run, 26 RBI... Drafted by the Tampa Bay Rays in the 14th round of the 2018 First-Year Player Draft out of Jacksonville University... Signed on June 9, 2018... Signed as a Minor League Free Agent by the Pittsburgh Pirates on January 11, 2024...

## #32 Cameron Junker Height: 6-5 • Weight: 200 • RHP 10th Round, 2019 (Notre Dame)

 LONG OUTING (PEN):
 1.0 IP - 3x
 MOST K:
 2 K - 4/5 @ AKR
 PITCHES:
 FB (91-94), SL, CH

 LAST HR ALLOWED:
 -- (3.2 IP)
 MOST BB:
 1 BB
 INHERITED/STRANDED:
 2/2 (100%)

 SCORELESS STRK/LONG:
 3.2 / 3.2 (4/5 - Present)
 CURVE RECORD:
 3-1
 FIRST BATTER RETIRED %:
 3/4 (75%)

• 2024: Earned ALT's first save opp of the season and secured a 9-8 win over HBG on 4/10...

- 2023: Was Named Altoona's "Co-Fireman of the Year" after he went 4-5 with a 3.25 ERA with 2 saves... Promoted to Triple-A Indianapolis on 9/24 and tossed 2.0 scoreless innings with 5 K's in his lone outing with them... Shaved his head on 5/31 in solidarity with cancer survivors at Altoona's Game of Hope... Had a 14.2 IP scoreless streak broken on 6/1 vs. BIN... Struck out the side in order on 10 pitches, 9 strikes on 6/3 vs. Binghamton... Pitched 25.1 innings until allowing his 1st HR on 6/9 @ RIC, went 2.0 IP as an opener in front of Meis... Surrendered a solo homer to former HS teammate Riley Mahan (RIC) on June 15, didn't allow his next HR until 8/31 @ Erie (21.1 IP)... Made 8 apps with the Salt River Rafters of the Arizona Fall League, where he allowed 8 runs in 7.2 IP...

RECENT APPEARANCES									
DATE	N/L/S	IP	Н	R/ER	K/BB				
4/7 @ AKR		1.0	0	0/0	1/1				
4/10 VS HBG	S	1.0	1	0/0	1/1				
4/13 G1 VS HB	G S	0.2	0	0/0	1/0				

**2022:** Finished the season 2nd among PIT MiLB with 12 saves... Also finished 6th among PIT MiLB Relievers with 69 strikeouts... Began the season at Greensboro going 6-3 with a 3.64 ERA in 42 appearances, 1 start, 37 H, 24 BB, 62 K... Earned 12 saves which was T-1st in the SAL at the time of his promotion to Altoona on 9/6... Turned in a solid month of July, allowing 2R in one appearance and going unscored upon in the other 7 (2.25 ERA)... Tossed a scoreless inning in his team debut on 9/7 at Erie... Struck out the side in his final outing of the season on 9/18 vs REA...

- 2021: Split the season between Bradenton and Greensboro going 2-0 with a 3.71 ERA in 17 appearances... In 34.0 IP, allowed just 19 H, 21 BB and struck out 54... Pitched 3.0 hitless innings in Bradenton's combined 9-inning no-hitter on 5/15 @ Dunedin with Jose Maldonado, Brennan Malone and Wandi Monout...

CURVE CUTS: Cameron Joel Junker... Signed with the Pirates for a bonus of \$125,000... Attended Archbishop Moeller HS in Cincinnati, OH where he played Football, Basketball and Baseball... Notable Arch. Moeller graduates include: OF Ken Griffey Jr., INF Barry Larkin, INF David Bell, INF Adam Hyzdu, LHP Zach Logue (OAK), and LHP Phil Diehl (NYM)... Was a freshman when Diehl was a senior and worked out with Diehl when he returned during winter break from college... Born in Fort Thomas, Kentucky... Father, Joel, played basketball at Adrian College... His younger brother, Braedon, plays college football at The University of Chicago (D3) where he was named First Team All-MWC in 2021 during his junior season... Despite his attendance at Notre Dame, roots for the University of Cincinnati Football Team... Is an avid golfer and never misses a chance to play on team off-days... For more on Junker, see Page 46 of the Curve Media Guide

## #37 Valentin Linarez Height: 6-4 • Weight: 274 • RHP Int'l Free Agent, 2018 (Dominican Republic)

LONG OUTING (PEN): PITCHES: FB (95-98), SL, SPLIT 2.0 IP - 3x, 4/14 vs HBG MOST K: 5 K - 4/7 @ AKR LAST HR ALLOWED: 4/14 vs HBG (-- IP) MOST BB: 2 BB - 4/14 vs HBG INHERITED/STRANDED: 3/1 (33%) SCORELESS STRK/LONG: -- / 1.0 **CURVE RECORD: FIRST BATTER RETIRED %:** 2/3 (66%)

- 2024: K'd 5 in 2.0 IP and took the loss on 4/7 @ AKR... Tossed 2.0 IP in each of his first 3 outings with ALT...

- 2023: Assigned to Greensboro to begin the season... Went 1-6 with a 4.70 ERA in 35 games, 9 starts... Struck out 74 batters in 67.0 IP... Began the season in the Greensboro rotation: 0-4, 7.11 ERA, allowed 23 R in 25.1 IP, moved to the bullpen in late-May: 1-2, 3.24 ERA, struck out 50 in 41.2 IP... In his final 13 outings with the Grasshoppers, went 0-1 with a 3.63 ERA in 17.1 IP, allowed just 8 hits, 7 walks and struck out 27... Made his Double-A debut on 9/13 @ AKR and left with the bases loaded (0. Garcia induced inningending double play)... Allowed five runs in his two appearances with Altoona...

RECENT APPEARANCES									
DATE	W/L/S	IP	Н	R/ER	K/BB				
4/7 @ AKR	L	2.0	1	1/1	5/0				
4/10 VS HBG		2.0	4	2/1	1/0				
4/14 VS HBG		2.0	3	4/4	1/2				

- 2022: Split the season in the rotation for Bradenton and went 3-8 with a 4.13 ERA in 20 games, 17 starts... Promoted to Greensboro for his final two starts of the year, allowed just 2 runs in 7.2 IP with the 'Hoppers...

- CURVE CUTS: Valentin Guillermo Linarez... Born in San Cristobal, D.R. and now resides in Palenque... Earned an FCL Pitcher of the Week Award 7/12-18/2021 with the FCL Pirates... Pitches with a high spin rate on all offerings, creating significant movement on his fastball and slider... Saw an average velocity increase of nearly four mph on his fastball from 2022 to 2023... For more on Linarez, see Page 53 of the Curve Media Guide

# **PITCHER NOTES**

#### #24 Isaac Mattson Height: 6-2 · Weight: 205 · RHP MiLB FA (2023)

LONG OUTING (PEN): MOST K: 2.0 IP - 4/5 @ AKR 2 K - 4/5 @ AKR PITCHES: FB (94-96), SL, CB, CH LAST HR ALLOWED: -- (3.1 IP) MOST BB: INHERITED/STRANDED: 2/2 (100%) 1 BB SCORELESS STRK/LONG: -- / 3.0 (4/5 - Present) **CURVE RECORD:** 2-0 **FIRST BATTER RETIRED %** 2/2 (100%)

- 2024: Picked up the win on 4/5 with 2.0 scoreless innings, stranded the tying run at 2nd in the 10th to secure a 4-3 win... Earned the win HBG with a scoreless 10th inning...

- 2023: Opened the season with the Southern Maryland Blue Crabs of the Atlantic League and made 18 appeareances before signing on with the Min-

nesota Twins on June 22... Struck out 24 batters in 19.0 innings and recirded a 3.32 ERA (7 ER / 19.0 IP)... Assigned to Double-A Wichita when signed with the Twins and spent the rest of the season with the Wind Surge going 3-1 with a 3.62 ERA in 21 games, one start... Was unscored upon in five-ofsix outings to finish the season, allowing just one run....

RECENT APPEARANCES W/L/S IP R/ER K/BB DATE н 4/5 @ AKR 0/0 2/1 4/9 VS HBG W 1.0 0 0/0 1/0 4/13 G1 VS HBG 0.1 2 2/2 1/2

2022: Špent the entire season with Triple-A Norfolk, allowing 13 runs in 17.2 innings pitched in 19 appearances... Was released by the Orioles on July

8, 2022... Made 12 apps with the Washington Wild Things of the Frontier League to finish the season, recording a 2.51 ERA (4 ER / 14.1 IP)...

2021: Made his Major League debut with the Baltimore Orioles on May 7 against Boston, tossing 0.2 of an inning... Totaled four appearances with the Orioles, allowing three runs in 4.1 innings <u>pitched with three strikeouts</u>... Made 18 appearances with Triple-A Norfolk and struck out 24 batters in 17.1 innings.

CURVE CUTS: Isaac Mattson... Comes from a large extended family, has 7 siblings and 15 nieces and nephews... Erie, PA native was teammates with former Erie SeaWolves RHP Yaya Chentouf at Pitt... Threw 94.0 innings with 104 strikeouts in his three-year career at Pitt... Drafted in the 19th round of the 2017 draft by the LA Angels out of Pitt... Traded by the Angels to the Baltimore Orioles with RHP Kyle Bradish, RHP Kyle Brnovich and RHP Zach Peek in exchange for RHP Dylan Bundy on December 4, 2019... Released by the Orioles on July 18, 2022... Signed with the Southern Maryland Blue Crabs of the Atlantic League on April 26, 2023... Signed by the Minnesota Twins on June 22, 2023... Elected free agency after the season and signed with the Pirates on December 11, 2023... Entering 2024 has worked as a reliever in 128 of his 140 career apperances as a professional, started 11 games with Single-A Burlington (LA Angels) in 2018 and started a bullpen day in 2023 for Wichita... Entering the 2024 season has a career record of 6-4 with a 3.08 ERA in 45 games at the Double-A level... Has struck out 103 batters in 76.0 career innings at Double-A... For more on Mattson, see Page 54 of the Curve Media Guide

#### #53 Justin Meis Height: 6-2 · Weight: 180 · RHP 10th Round, 2021 (Eastern Michigan)

MOST K: FB (95-97), SL, CH LONG OUTING (PEN): 3.0 IP - 4/5 @ AKR PITCHES: 3 K - 4/5 @ AKR INHERITED/STRANDED: LAST HR ALLOWED: 4/9 vs HBG (D. Garcia Solo HR) MOST BB: 1 BB 0/0 (0%) SCORELESS STRK/LONG: -- / 3.0 (4/5 - 4/9) **CURVE RECORD:** 2-0 **FIRST BATTER RETIRED %:** 1/2 (50%) 2024

2023: Assigned to Altoona to begin the season and made 6 turns in the Altoona rotation (0-2, 6.86 ERA)... Worked behind an opener for 3 turns... Placed on Development List on May 27, activated on June 9 when Sean Sullivan went on IL... As a starter (10): 0-2, 4.84 ERA (19 ER / 35.1 IP) with 32 K's, as a Reliever (19): 4-1, 4.34 ERA (23 ER / 47.2 IP) with 45 K's... Recorded a 1.88 ERA in 5 July outings: (3 ER / 14.1 IP) with 7 H, 7 BB, 18 K... Picked up his 1st career save with 3.0 IP of 1-run relief on 7/27 at Harrisburg... Alowed 1 R or fewer 14-of-16 outings

RECENT APPEARANCES DATE W/L/S IP н R/ER K/BB 3/0 2/1 4/5 @ AKR 3 0 0/0 4/9 VS HBG 0.2 4 3/3

(4 starts) July 3 through the end of the season: 2-0, 2.20 ERA (10 ER / 41.0 IP), 21 H, 23 BB, 45 K, . 153 BAA.. · 2022: Finished the season fourth among Pirates minor leaguers with 116 strikeouts... Began the season alternating starts and piggy-back

appearances for Low-A Bradenton... Ranked second amongst South-Atlantic League pitchers in batting average against (.153), third in WHIP (0.90) and 10th in ERA (3.07) from the beginning of August through the end of the season... Fired 7.0 perfect innings in his second-to-last start of the season against Winston-Salem to earn SAL Pitcher of the Week honors...

CURVE CUTS: Justin Daniel Meis... Last name is pronounced "mice"... Signed for \$127,500... Is a 2018 graduate of Bethal Park High School located outside the city of Pittsburgh, where he was a four-time letterwinner and one-year captain on the baseball team... Was coached by Chris Tekulve at Bethel Park, son of Pirates Hall of Famer Kent Tekulve... Recorded five wins, a 1.40 ERA and 58 strikeouts in 45.0 innings during his senior year at Bethel Park... Struck out a Bethel Park record 16 batters in one game on 5/22/18 against North Allegheny High School... Also a two-time letterwinner in basketball... Became the sixth player selected by the Pirates out of Eastern Michigan University; the first since Matt Skirving in the 30th round of the 2010 First-Year Player Draft... Father, Jeff, played High School Basketball at Baldwin High School, Mom, Leigh, played Volleyball and Softball on WPIAL Championship Teams... Younger brother, Ryan Meis, is a rising Senior Men's Basketball Player at Division-II Seton Hill University (11.0 PPG in 84G/69 Starts)... Helped Pirates minor leaguer Nick Dombkowski develop his stider, and in return learned how to throw his changeup from Dombkowski (Rob Biertempfel, The Athletic) - the two have been throwing partners for their entire professional career... Meis learned how to throw his slider playing Little League at Bethal Park in Pittsburgh... For more on Meis, see Page 52 of the Curve Media Guide

#### #39 Eddy Yean Height: 6-1 · Weight: 180 · RHP Trade, 2020 (WSH - Josh Bell)

LONG OUTING (PEN): FB (95-98), SINK, SL, SPLIT 2.2 IP - 4/10 vs HBG MOST K: PITCHES: LAST HR ALLOWED: -- (4.2 IP) MOST BB: 1 BB INHERITED/STRANDED: 3/2 (66%) 2/3 (66%) SCORELESS STRK/LONG: 1.0 / 1.0 (4/14 - Present) **CURVE RECORD:** 1-2 **FIRST BATTER RETIRED %** 

 2024: Made his AA debut on 4/6 at Akron, tossing 1.1 IP, allowing 1R on 2 H...
 2023: Spent the entire season at High-A Greensboro and went 2-3 with a 5.01 ERA in 40 games, 1 start... Finished the season T-3rd in the SAL in appearances (40)... Picked up 44 strikeouts in 50.1 IP... Also earned four saves... Hit his stride in the second half of the season going 1-0 with a 3.20 ERA (7 ER / 19.2 IP) from July 18 through the rest of the season, picked up 19 strikeouts in 19.2 IP with just 6 BB... Tossed at least 2.0 IP in 10 games...

RECENT APPEARANCES									
DATE	W/L/S	IP	Н	R/ER	K/BB				
4/6 @ AKR		1.1	2	1/1	0/0				
4/10 VS HBG	W	2.2	2	1/1	1/0				
4/14 VS HBG		1.0	0	0/0	0/1				

2022: Spent the entire season at High-A Greensboro, his first as a full-time reliever... Went 3-4 with a 6.75 ERA in 42

games, struck out 60 batters in 53.1 IP... Finished the season T-3rd in the SAL in appearances (42)...

CURVE CUTS: Eddy Yean... Acquired by the Pirates from Washington with RHP Wil Crowe on December 24, 2020 in exchange for INF Josh Bell... Was rated by Baseball America as the No. 8 Prospect in Washington's system at the time of the trade... Was born and raised in Sabana Grande de Boya in the Dominican Republic, same hometown as Reds SS Elly de la Cruz and Rays OF Jose Siri... Sabana Grande de Boya is approximately 90 minutes north of Santo Domingo by car...

#### Height: 5-7 · Weight: 150 · B/T: R/R #48 Francisco Acuna Int'l Free Agent, 2016 (Colombia)

HIT STREAK: 2 / 2 (4/7 - Present) ON-BASE STREAK: 2 / 2 (4/7 - Present) LAST HR: --

SERIES: 1-2, BB 2024 vs. BOW: MULTI-HIT GAMES: - (--) MULTI-RBI GAMES: - (--)

2024: Made his Double-A debut on 4/7 @ AKR and reached base safely in all 3 PA's (1B, 2 BB)... Scored the game-winning run as a pinch-runner in the 10th inning on 4/9

vs HBG... Placed on Development List on 4/17...

2023: Split the season between Bradenton, Greensboro and Indianapolis, totaling 55 games... Made his season debut in early-June with Low-A Bradenton after completing his 80-game suspension for violating the Minor League Drug Prevention and Treatment Program... Was promoted to High-A Greensboro on July 5 and picked up three hits in his first game back with the 'Hoppers... Batted .321 with 8 2B, 1 HR and 8 RBI in 14 games in the month of July... Made two appearances with Triple-A Indiananpolis in early-August going 2-for-7 with a 2B... Returned to Greensboro and picked up a hit in four straight games... Picked up a hit in 10-of-12 games to finish the season with GBO.. 2022: Spent the entire season with Greensboro and picked up a fit in 100 straight garles... Ficked up a fit in 100 fit 2 garles to limit the Season with Greensboro... Turned in the best season of his young career with career-highs in hits (54) and home runs (6)... Began the eason in part-time role, appearing in just 6 April games and two games in early-May before hitting the 7-Day IL... Was activated from the IL on May 17... Received more regular playing time beginning on June 3 and picked up a hit in 9-of-10 games with 2 2B, and 3 RBI... Finished the month of June with a .286 average, 3 2B and 5 RBI in 15 games during the calendar month... Raised his season OBP total from .322 to .354 in the month of July be reaching base safely in 40% of his plate appearances during the month... Also went 4-for-5 stealing bases... Picked up at least one hit 14-of-18 games in the month of August including 5 multi-hit games, batted .306/.377/.548 with 6 2B, 3 HR and 10 RBI... Drove in a career-high 4 runs on August 16 at Rome... Was placed on the restricted list on August 26 after testing positive for gw501516, a performance-enhancing substance in violation of the Minor League Drug Prevention and Treatment Program... The 80-game suspension carried into June of 2023... After the season played 49 games in the Colombian Winter League where he hit .234/.377/.398 with 7 2B, 1 3B, 4 HR, 15 RBI and 4-5 SB... Also made 9 appearances with his native Colombia in the Caribbian Series and was named an All-Star after he batted .353/.450/.441 with 3 2B and 4 RBI...

- CURVE CUTS: Francisco Fernando Acuna... Signed with the Pirates for a bonus of \$70,000... Played winter ball in Colombia at age 16 before making his professional debut with the DSL Pirates in 2017... Played in the fall instructional league in 2017 and came stateside for the 2018 campaign where he backed up Ji-Hwan Bae at shortstop for the GCL Pirates... For more on Acuna, see Page 24 of the Curve Media Guide

#### #28 Seth Beer Height: 6-0 · Weight: 225 · B/T: L/R MiLB Rule V, 2023 (Arizona)

**ON-BASE STREAK:** 0 / 5 (4/6 - 4/16) HIT STREAK: 0 / 4 (4/9 - 4/16) LAST HR: --

SERIES: 0-4, 2 K 2024 vs. BOW: 0-4, 2 K **MULTI-HIT GAMES: 2 MULTI-RBI GAMES: 1** 

2024:

2023: Split the season between Triple-A Reno and Double-A Amarillo in the Diamondbacks system... Began the season with Reno and batted .200/.266/.314 in 19 games with 2 2B, 2 HR and 12 RBI... Transferred to Double-A Amarillo on April 30 and batted .290/.387/.482 with 20 2B, 13 HR, 54 RBI in 83 games... Hit a career-high 3 home runs on 9/1 against Midland...

2022: Was a member of Arizona's Opening Day roster... Hit a walk off home run on Opening Day on 4/7 vs. San Diego, which was also "National Beer Day"...Became just the second rookie in MLB history to hit a walkoff homer on Opening Day along with Colorado's Clint Barmes vs. San Diego in 2005...

CURVE CUTS: Seth Michael Beer... Is a 2015 graduate from Lambert (GA) High School, where he led the Longhorns to a 36-2 record and a national title as a sophomore after hitting .589 with 10 home runs... Graduated high school a semester early and enrolled at Clemson University in January of 2016, where he spent three seasons with the Tigers (2016-18)... Set national records in the 50m and 100m backstroke in the 11-12 age group before walking away from his Olympic swimming dream to focus on baseball at 13... According to The Athletic, Beer's 100m backstroke record (1:01:35) set in 2009 was less than 4 seconds off the qualifying time for Team USA's Olympic trials 3 years later in 2012... Beer's record was broken by Ryan Murphy, who went on to win 3 gold medals and break a world record in the same event at the 2016 Olympic Games in Brazil... Was offered numerous scholarships to play baseball and swim... Chose to go to Clemson University, which had recently cut swimming from their athletic portfolio, so that he could devote all of his attention toward baseball... Became the first freshman to win the Dick Howser Trophy, which is awarded annually to the best college baseball player, after hitting .369 with 18 home runs and 70 RBI in 2016... Pirates 2023 No. 1 draft selection Paul Skenes won the Dick Howser Trophy in 2023... Beer was also named the National Freshman of the Year by Baseball America and a Golden Spikes Award finalist in 2016... Became the third Clemson Tiger to win the Dick Howser Trophy, joining former Pittsburgh Pirates No. 1 overall draft pick and Altoona Curve alum Kris Benson (1996) and former San Diego Padres first round draft pick Khalil Greene (2002)... Lists his favorite food as Spaghetti and meatballs... Enjoys Fly Fishing in the river in his free time... For more on Beer, see Page 27 of the Curve Media Guide

#### Height: 6-0 · Weight: 205 · B/T: R/R 11st Round, 2019 (Toledo Central Cath. HS (OH)) #38 Jase Bowen

HIT STREAK: 2 / 3 (4/9 - 4/13) ON-BASE STREAK: 6 / 6 (4/9 - Present) I AST HR. ...

SERIES: 1-4, RBI 2024 vs. BOW: 1-4, RBI MULTI-HIT GAMES: - (--) **MULTI-RBI GAMES:** - (--)

- 2024:

- 2024: - 2023: Finished the season as one of two PIT MiLB players w/ 20+ HR and 20+ SB (Matt Gorski)... Led PIT MiLB w/ 23 HR and 95 RBI, also ranked T-4th in H (119), T-3rd in 3B (6), and IT-7th in SB (26)... Reached base safely in 7-of-8 games with Altoona and picked up five extra base hits... Set career-highs in runs scored (86), triples (6), home runs (23), RBI (95), stolen bases (26), OBP (.327), and SLG (.467)... Assigned to Greensboro to start the season and batted .257/.333/.469 with 15 2B, 4 3B, 23 HR, 88 RBI and 24-29 SB... Led all PIT minor leaguers in HR and RBI at the time of his call-up to ALT on 9/6... Also led all High-A players in total bases (204) and RBI (88), also ranked 2nd in HR (23)... Went 1-for-4 with 2 K's in his team debut on 9/8 vs Harrisburg... Played in 24 games with the Salt River Rafters of the Arizona Fall League, where he hit .295/.362/.516 with 5 2B, 2 3B, 4 HR, 17 RBI, and 5 SB... Was the only Pirates prospect named to the Arizona Fall League All-Star Game, where he went 1-for-2 with a double... Was named to the South Atlantic League post-season All-Star team... + 2022: Split the season between Low-A Bradenton and High-A Greensboro... Was honored by the Pirates as a member of the Community Commitment Program awarded to Pirates Minor Leaguers who participate most often in community engagements with their minor league affiliates... Set career-highs in games played (125), hits (12), 2B (21), 3B (3), HR (17), RBI (74), SB (25) and BB (43)....

CURVE CUTS: Jase Callaway Bowen... Signed with the Pirates for a bonus of \$395,000... Was committed to play Baseball and Football at Michigan State University... Was the first player drafted out of Toledo Central Catholic HS (Toledo, OH) since Clayton Stidham in 1982 (36th round, New York Yankees)... Toledo Central Catholic is just a 7 minute drive from Fifth Third Park, home of the Toledo Mud Hens (Detroit Tigers, AAA)... Hosted a video series on his YouTube channel (@jaşe-Bowen32) during 2023 Spring Training documenting his life Infire Park, nome of the foledo Mud Hens (betroit Tigers, AAA)... Hosted a video series on his YouTube Channet (@jase-Bowen32) during 2023 spring Training documenting his life behind the scenes... Was rated by 247Sports.com as a three-star wide receiver, also appeared at running back, kick/punt returner and punter on the gridiron... Had 24 receivens for 322 yards and two touchdowns as a senior while also rushing for 506 yards and 10 touchdowns... Played for the Kansas City Royals in the East Coast Pro Showcase during the summer of 2018 in Alabama... Roots for the Pittsburgh Steelers... Started collecting baseball cards growing up in Northwood, Ohio, and has owned approximately 100,000 cards in his life... His favorite is a Topps triple threads Dustin Pedroia jersey card autograph... Jase's favorite player growing up was Dustin Pedroia (he has approximately 25-30 different variations of Pedroia's cards and around 100 alt together)... Jase also has his own baseball card, which was done by Topps in 2023... The first time signing his cards he actually kept a few and gave them to his parents, brother, fiancee, and kept some for himself... Bowen has been going after his own cards since they have hit eBay... His goal is to get one of every color to show his own kids some day... Is an avid Fantasy Football Player and loves to play Trivia games... For more on Bowen, see Page 28 of the Curve Media Guide

## #5 Tsung-Che Cheng

## Height: 5-7 · Weight: 173 · B/T: L/R

Int'l Free Agent, 2019 (Taiwan)

**ON-BASE STREAK:** 7 / 7 (4/5 - Present) LAST HR: 4/16 @ BOW (2R HR off RHP Kyle Vrbitsky HIT STREAK: 2 / 2 (2x, 4/16 - Present) **SERIES:** 3-3, HR, 2 RBI, BB 2024 vs. BOW: 3-3, HR, 2 RBI, BB **MULTI-HIT GAMES: 1 MULTI-RBI GAMES: 1** 

2024: Entered the season ranked by MLB Pipelline as the No. 9 Pirates prospect...Played in 14 Spring Training games with the Pirates before being optioned to the Altoona roster on 3/12... Hit .250 with 5 H, 2 HR, 3 RBI, and 4 runs scored... Named to the Pirates Spring Breakout roster, where he went 0-for-2 with a walk and a run scored... Drew 3 BB and stole 2 bases in a 8-7 win over HBG on 4/9... Reached in 10 straight PA's from 4/6 - 4/10 (7 BB, 1 reach on error, 2 H)... Went 3-for-3 with a game-tying 2R HR in the 7th inning of ALT's 10-4 loss at BOW on 4/16...

2023: Entered the season ranked by MLB Pipeline as the No. 28 prospect in the Pirates minor league system... Suited up for Chinese Taipei in the World Baseball Classic and drove in three runs... Finished the season 4th among PIT MiLB in runs scored (80), also ranked T-4th in 2B (23), 1st in 3B (10), T-7th in SB (26), and 9th in Batting Average (min. 250 PA) with a .278 mark... His 10 3B were T-3rd most among all minor league players... Assigned to Greensboro to begin the season, batted .308/.406/.575 with 12 2B, 9 3B, 9 HR, 31 RBI with 35 BB and 13-22 SB... SAL Ranks at the time of his promotion (6/23): 3rd in BA (.308), 4th in OBP (.406), 2nd in SLG% (.575), 1st in OPS (.981), 4th in H (66), 1st in 3B (9), T-2nd in XBH (30)... Picked up his first hit with ALT in his 4th game on 6/28 @ HBG... Changed his #10 on 7/4... Stole a franchise record 4 bases on 7/5 vs. Erie, setting a new career-high... 8G Hit (7/1 - 7/14): .355/.394/.419, with 1 3B, RBI, 6-6 SB, 3 multi-hit games... Hit safely in 18-of-21 July games (.309)... As of August 3, is the only MiLB player with 15 2B, 10 3B, and 10 HR this season... Recorded the longest hit streak by an Eastern League player with a 17-game streak (7/22 - 8/9 - .393 BA, .989 OPS)... Hit in 18-of-26 games in August: .280/.725 OPS with 6 2B, 1 HR, 13 RBI, 7 BB and 5-7 SB... Recorded his first career multi-homer game on 9/3 @ Erie.. Was named a Post-Season All-Star in the South Atlantic League with Greensboro...

2022: Spent the season at Bradenton, batted .270/.376/.418 with 25 2B, 7 3B, 6 HR, 52 RBI and 33-39 SB... Was named the Pirates organization's Baserunner-of-the-Year... CURVE CUTS: Tsung-Che Cheng (pronounced sung-chay cheng)... Signed by the Pirates on November 1, 2019 for a bonus of \$380,000... Has accumulated a vast amount of international experience including with the Caimanes and Colombia in the 21-22 Winter Leagues... Hails from Pingtung County in Taiwan, attended Pu-Men High School... Competed in the 2019 U-18 Baseball World Cup shortly after signing with the Pirates... Goes by the nickname "Z" in the clubhouse... Would become the third Taiwanese player to suit up for the Pirates, joining LHP Wei-Chung Wang and INF Yu Chang... Lists his favorite player at age 10 as Chien-Ming Wang... Lists his favorite food as Ramen.. For more on Cheng, see Page 37 of the Curve Media Guide

#### #36 Brenden Dixon Height: 5-11 · Weight: 205 · B/T: R/R 20th Round, 2021 (Weatherford JC)

HIT STREAK: 1 / 1 (4/14 - Present) ON-BASE STREAK: 3 / 3 (4/7 - Present) LAST HR: --

MULTI-RBI GAMES: - (--) **SERIES:** 2-5, 2 BB 2024 vs. BOW: MULTI-HIT GAMES: 1

2024:

2023: Split the season between Greensboro and Indianapolis... Combined to hit .222/.344/.444 with 10 2B, 2 3B, 12 HR, 38 RBI and 1-4 SB... Knocked 11 homers in 65 games with the Grasshoppers... Spent a week on the active roster at Indianapolis in early-August and went 3-for-10 with 1 HR, 4 RBI, 1 BB and 5 K in 4G...

2022: Spent the season at Bradenton, batted .208/.337/.346 with 12 2B, 2 3B, 8 HR, 36 RBI and 6-7 SB in 89G...

CURVE CUTS: Brenden Reese Dixon... Hit .335 with 12 doubles, 10 home runs, 39 RBI and seven stolen bases in 2021 at Weatherford College... Played in 14 games for the

University of Texas during the abbreviated 2020 season... Hit .353 and recorded 48 RBI while being named a second-team all-state selection in 2019 for Argyle (TX) High School... Helped Argyle to back-to-back state and national championships in 2018 and 2019... Was also a four-year letterman in football where he was named second team All-State as a senior and earned All-District honors in each of his four seasons... Was also named Argyle's Defensive Back of the Year...

#### #12 Matt Fraizer Height: 6-3 · Weight: 220 · B/T: L/R 3rd Round, 2019 (Arizona)

**HIT STREAK:** 0 / 4 (4/9 - 4/14) **ON-BASE STREAK:** 0 / 7 (4/5 - 4/16) LAST HR: --

SERIES: 0-5, 2 K **2024 vs. BOW:** 0-5, 2 K **MULTI-HIT GAMES: 1 MULTI-RBI GAMES:** - (--)

2024: Picked up 2 hits including the go-ahead RBI 1B in a 4-3 win in 10 innings @ AKR on 4/5 (Opening Day)...

2023: Assigned to Altoona to begin the season... Batted .252/.326/.357 with 16 2B, 3 3B, 8 HR, 50 RBI and 21-24 SB in a team-high 121 games... Finished the season 6th in the Eastern League in Hits (110) and runs scored (67)... Was one of 17 Pirates minor leaguers to steal 20 bases (21)... Also ranked 6th among PIT MiLB in hits and runs scored... Knocked the second of back-to-back home runs with INF Domingo Leyba on 4/11 at Erie, part of a 3-for-4 day at the plate... Homered again on 4/12 at Erie, 3rd time in pro career with HR in consecutive games... 7G Hit Streak (4/8 - 4/16): .357/.419/.679 with 3 2B, 2 HR, 3 RBI, 3 BB... Doubled a career-high 3 times on 5/13 vs. Akron... Matched his career-high with 5 RBI on 6/1 vs. BIN... 11G On-base (6/30 - 7/21): .366/.469/.463 with 2B, 1 HR, 4 RBI, 7 BB, 5-5 SB... Matched his career-high with 5 RBI on 6/1 vs. BIN... 11B On-base (6/30 - 7/21): .366/.469/.463 with 2B, 1 HR, 4 RBI, 7 BB, 5-5 SB... Matched his career-high with 5 RBI on 6/1 vs. BIN... 11B On-base (6/30 - 7/21): .366/.469/.463 with 2B, 1 HR, 4 RBI, 7 BB, 5-5 SB... Matched his career-high with 5 RBI on 6/1 vs. BIN... 11B On-base (6/30 - 7/21): .366/.469/.463 with 2B, 1 HR, 4 RBI, 7 BB, 5-5 SB... Matched his career-high with 5 RBI on 6/1 vs. BIN... 11B on-base (6/30 - 7/21): .366/.469/.463 with 2B, 1 HR, 4 RBI, 7 BB, 5-5 SB... Matched his career-high with 5 RBI on 6/1 vs. BIN... 11B on-base (6/20 - 4/ 8/23... 18G On-Base (8/12 - 9/6): .342/.377/.507 with 2 2B, 2 3B, 2 HR and 10 RBI... Had hits in 17 straight games during his on-base streak, matching Tsung-Che Cheng for the longest by an Eastern League hitter this season... Batted in all 9 positions in the Altoona batting order...

- 2022: Spent the entire season with Altoona and batted .219/.284/.333 with 18 2B, 7 3B, 6 HR, 44 RBI and 18-19 SB... Finished the season 1st in 3B (7), 2nd in G (116), 4th in SB (18) on the Curve... His 7 3B were 3rd in the Eastern League and 2nd among PIT MiLB (Swaggerty - 8)...

2021: Earned the Honus Wagner Player-of-the-Year Award, given to the top minor league player in the Pirates Organization... Was one of two players in MiLB with 25+ 2B, 5+ 3B, 20+ HR and 15+ SB... Totaled 37 multi-hit games between Greensboro and Altoona... Began the season with High-A Greensboro and batted .314/.401/.578 with 14 2B, 3 3B, 20 HR and 50 RBI in 75 games... After the season was named the High-A East's Most Valuable Player... Recorded 10 multi-hit games in his first 25 G with Altoona...

- CAREER NOTES: Matthew Teran Fraizer (Matt)... Born in Fresnoc, CA... Drafted by the Pirates in the 3rd Round (95th overall) out of Arzona, signed for \$525,000... Father, Terange was drafted in the 24th round of the 1993 draft by the Orleand Athletica after a callegiste playing accessed Freeze Carte and New Maries.

Terance, was drafted in the 24th round of the 1992 draft by the Oakland Athletics after a collegiate playing career at Fresno State and New Mexico... Has one brother, Jacob, and three sisters, Alyssa, Madeline and Shanti... Jacob played two seasons of baseball at Cal Poly Pomona... Adjusted his swing after the 2019 season to improve his power, telling Mike Persak of the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette: "My contact point was really deep. Generally trying to hit the ball inside my body, which I always thought was correct. Looked at the data, and they said, 'For you to get the most out of your swing, the contact point, have it more out front.'" -- Adjustment led to more consistent game power.. Played the trumpet for several years as a kid... His favorite food is sushi... Favorite player at 10 years old was Jimmy Rollins... For more on Fraizer, see Page 37 of the

#### #3 Jackson Glenn Height: 6-0 · Weight: 205 · B/T: R/R 5th Round, 2021 (Dallas Baptist)

HIT STREAK: 0 / 2 (4/5 - 4/7) **ON-BASE STREAK:** 1 / 6 (4/5 - 4/14) LAST HR: --

MULTI-RBI GAMES: - (--) SERIES: 0-4, BB 2024 vs. BOW: 0-4, BB **MULTI-HIT GAMES: 2** 

2023: Finished the season 9th among PIT MiLB w/ 101 hits, also ranked 7th in RBI (60) and 3rd in batting average (.284)(minimum 300 PA)... Set career-highs in games played (92), at-bats (356), runs scored (51), hits (101), doubles (19), triples (3), home runs (12), RBI (60), and stolen bases (7)... Assigned to Greensboro to start the year, batted .299/.380/.474 with 6 2B, 6 HR, 30 RBI and 3-4 SB in 38 games... Had a career-high 6 RBI as part of a 3-homer game on 4/30 vs. Rome... Assigned to Altoona on 7/4...

Knocked his first HR on 7/22 vs. Reading with a leadoff shot, finished the game a 3B shy of the cycle... Smacked a 3-run homer on 7/24 @ HBG to lead a 5-3 win... Matched his career-high with 4 hits (HR, 3 1B) vs. Richmond on 8/6... 10G Hit (8/15 - 8/26): .349/.404/.581/.985 OPS, 3 2B, 2 3B, 1 HR, 4 RBI, 4 RBI, 7 K, 2-3 SB...

2022: Spent the entire season with High-A Greensboro... Played in 86 games for the 'Hoppers and batted .216/.297/.328 with 16 2B, 2 3B, 4 HR, 31 RBI and 11 SB... Started the season off strong with hits in each of his first six games, batted .283/.353/.413 with 3 2B, 1 HR and 4 RBI in 13 April games... Struggled through a difficult month of May where he struck out 22 times in 48 at-bats, hit 125... Homered in back-to-back games on June 11 and 12... Remained in a part-time role throughout the season, batted just

169 in August... Picked up 3 2B in 7 games in September..

2021: Made his pro debut with the FCL Pirates and Bradenton... Picked up hits 19-of-20 games to start his tenure with Bradenton... Started all 3 games of the Low-A Southeast Championship Series against Tampa and went 4-for-14 with 2 2B, 1 HR and 3 RBI... Swatted a 3-run home run in Game 3 as part of a 5-run 7th to clinch the Championship, Bradenton won 11-3..

- CURVE CUTS: Jackson Cade Glenn... Welcomed his daughter, Reeves, at the end of Spring Training in 2024... Became the first Pirates player seleced out of Dallas Baptist since Vic Black in 2009... Signed with the Pirates for a bonus of \$12,500, his under slot signing allowed the Pirates to sign several other players over their allotted slot amount in the 2021 draft... Attended Ovilla Christian School and was a fourtime all state honoree... Also played basketball in high school and was twice named a First Team All-District selection... Attended Grayson Junior College (TX) for two seasons before joining Dallas Baptist for his final years of collegiate eligibility... Was one of five players from Dallas Baptist drafted in 2021, second after Dominic Hamel (NYM, 3rd Round)... Helped DBU advance out of the Fort Worth Regional with wins over Oregon State and TCU, before falling falling to Virginia in 3 games in the Columbia Super Regional... Enjoys playing Disc Golf on off-days... For more on Glenn, see Page 43 of the Curve Media

#### #17 Tres Gonzalez Height: 5-11 • Weight: 185 • B/T: L/L 5th Round, 2022 (Georgia Tech)

HIT STREAK: 4 / 4 (4/13 - Present) ON-BASE STREAK: 6 / 6 (4/9 - Present) LAST HR: --

SERIES: 1-4, 2 K 2024 vs. BOW: 1-4, 2 K **MULTI-HIT GAMES:** 1 **MULTI-RBI GAMES:** - (--)

2024: Named to the Pirates Spring Breakout roster, where he went 0-for-2 as the starting left fielder against the Orioles... Picked up an RBI groundout in his Double-A debut on 4/5 @ AKŘ...

2023: Split the season between Low-A Bradenton and High-A Greensboro... Finished the season second among Pirates Minor Leaguers in batting average with a .289 average (minimum of 300 plate apperances)... Also ranked third in the South Atlantic League in batting average (.287), second in on-base percentage (.400) and tied for seventh in OPS (.802) along with teammate Jase Bowen... Picked up a hit in each of his first 13 games with Greensboro, finishing with a season-long 14-game hit streak... Hit his stride in the month of July putting a .321/.418/.512 batting line with 7 2B, 3 HR, 12 RBI and 4-5 SB in 20 games during the calendar month... Picked up a hit in 12 straight games from July 30 to August 15... Reached base safely in 13-of-28 plate appearances in 5 games in September...

- CURVE CUTS: Eduardo Alberto "Tres" Gonzalez... Older sister, Gabriela, played tennis at Georgia Tech... Father, Eddie, once captained the tennis team at ACC rival North Carolina State... Ranked the No. 3 outfielder in Georgia and a top-50 outfielder in the nation by Perfect Game... 2019 Perfect Game First-Team Preseason All-Region for the southeast... Four-year letterwinner at Mount Vernon Presbyterian, named captain in final two seasons... Also lettered for three seasons in tennis... Was also a 5-Star recruit for Tennis, but opted to focus on baseball in college... His favorite player at 10 years old was David Ortiz... For more on Gonzalez, see Page 44 of the Curve Media Guide

#### Height: 6-0 · Weight: 214 · B/T: R/R Trade, 2021 (PHL - Braeden Ogle) #27 Abrahan Gutierrez

HIT STREAK: 7 / 7 (4/5 - Present) **ON-BASE STREAK:** 7 / 7 (4/5 - Present) LAST HR: -

SERIES: 1-4, RBI, K 2024 vs. BOW: 1-4, RBI, K **MULTI-HIT GAMES:** 1 **MULTI-RBI GAMES:** - (--)

- 2024: Was a non-roster invite to Pittsburgh Pirates Spring Training... Named to the Pirates Spring Breakout roster, where he went 0-for-1 as the starting catcher... Has reached base safely in all 7 games played this year: .333/.379/.370, 1 2B, 4 RBI, 1 BB
- 2023: Hit a combined .240 (46-for-192) with 10 2B, five HR, and 27 RBI in 53 games between High-A Greensboro and Double-A Altoona... Assigned to Greensboro to begin

the season, batted .260/.360/.403 with 5 2B, 2 HR, 14 RBI, 10 BB and 14 K in 20 G... Spent 30 total days on IL (7 in April, 23 in May)... Reached base safely in 5 straight games since return from IL before promotion: .421/.476/.737/1.123 with 3 2B, 1 HR, 8 RBI, 2 BB, 3 K... Promoted to ALT on 6/6... Went 0-for-3 with 1 BB in his Double-A debut on 6/6 @ RIC, picked up his 1st hit with a 2B on 6/7 @ RIC... Smashed a game-tying 2R HR in the 9th on 6/11 @ RIC... Homeon in a second-straight game on 6/13 @ SOM... Reached base safely in 15-of-first-17 games with Altoona... Walked a career-high 4 times on 7/4 vs. Erie... Placed on 7-Day IL on 7/28 and missed the rest of the season with

right shoulder injury...
- **2022:** Spent the entire season with High-A Greensboro... Set career-highs in games played (108), runs (51), hits (97), doubles (22), home runs (12), runs batted in (56), and stolen bases (4)...

- CAREER NOTES: Abrahan Alberto Gutierrez... Was first signed by the Atlanta Braves on July 2, 2016, had his contract voided by MLB after his first season as a professional as a result of the Atlanta Braves' circumvention of the International Bonus Pool. The scandal also allowed the Pirates to sign INF Ji-Hwan Bae... Signed with the Phillies in December of 2017 and spent two seasons in their complex league before joining Single-A Lakewood for 83 games during the 2019 season... At the 2021 trade deadline was reported to be involved in a trade to the Pirates for LHP Tyler Anderson, but the deal fell through due to issues with the other prospect's physical. Anderson was later dealt to Seattle and the Pirates acquired Gutierrez in a separate deal for LHP Braedon Ogle ... Ogle and Gurierrez were teammates together in Altoona for a brief time in 2023 and worked together several times... For more on Gutierrez, see Page 45 of the Curve Media Guide

#### #41 Wyatt Hendrie Height: 5-10 · Weight: 200 · B/T: R/R 7th Round, 2021 (San Diego State)

HIT STREAK: -- / --ON-BASE STREAK: -- / --LAST HR: -

SERIES: -2024 vs. AKR: -MULTI-HIT GAMES: - (--) MULTI-RBI GAMES: - (--)

**2024:** Opened the season on the Development List, activated on 4/16...

2023: Hit a combined .209/.315/.341 with 11 2B, 2 3B, 7 HR, 32 RBI and 8-10 SB in 79 G with Bradenton (17G) and Greensboro (62G)... Began the season in Bradenton and was promoted to Greensboro on 5/8... Picked up 13 multi-hit games with the Grasshoppers... Homered in consecutive games on 8/17+8/18... After the season played 36G for the Sydney Blue Sox of the Austrailian Winter League where he hit 182 with 6 extra base hits... 2022: Spent the entire season with Low-A Bradenton... Batted .248/.346/.360 with 9 2B, 3 3B, 4 HR, 26 RBI in 81G...

**CURVE CUTS:** Wyatt James Hendrie... Graduated from Paraclete HS in California in 2017 and spent the 2019 season at Antelope Valley College (JUCO) where he was picked in the 10th round of the 2019 Draft by the Chicago Cubs, but opted to attended San Diego State... Chose the Aztecs over the likes of Arizona, Nevada, Cal Poly, Loyola Marymount, Purdue, Stanford and UT Arlington... Was named a First-Team All-Mountain West Selection in 2021, was named one of 16 finalists for the Buster Posey National Collegiate Catcher of the Year Award... Started 38 games behind the plate for the Aztecs in 2021 and was named Mountain West Player of the Week three times... Lists his favorite foods as Thai food and Cinnamon rolls... His favorite player when he was 10 years old was Jason Varitek... Is currently learning to play the guitar in his free time...

#### #34 Joe Perez Height: 6-1 · Weight: 198 · B/T: R/R MiLB Free Agent (2023)

ON-BASE STREAK: -- /--LAST HR: --HIT STREAK: -- /--2024 vs. BOW: **MULTI-HIT GAMES:** - (--) SERIES: MULTI-RBI GAMES: - (--)

- 2024: Began the season with Triple-A Indianapolis and went 2-for-20 with 10 K's... Transferred to ALT on 4/16...
- 2023: Assigned to Triple-A Sugar Land... Played in 87 games, hitting .255/.328/.399 with 12 2B, 2 3B, 10 HR, and 47 RBI... Designated for Assignment by Houston on 8/1 following the acquisition of Justin Verlander and was later released on 8/4... Signed by the Pirates on 8/11 and assigned to Altoona... Went 1-for-3 in his team debut on 8/12 vs. Erie... Changed from #27 to #53 on 8/15... Matched his career-high with 4 hits on 8/15 at BOW, also hit his first HR as a Pirates minor leaguer... Homered in back-to-back games on 8/19 and 8/20 at BOW... Did so again on 8/25 and 8/26 vs AKR... Had a hit in 19-of-25 games with Altoona, reached in all 25... Promoted to IND on 9/13... 2022: Made his Major League Debut with Houston on April 8 when Yuli Gurriel was placed on Paternity List, playing in one game as a pinch hitter, going 0-for-1 with a strikeout... Played 64 games with Double-A Corpus Christi, hitting .265/.335/.397 with 16 2B, 6 HR, and 28 RBI... Played final 8 games of the season with Triple-A Sugar

CURVE CUTS: Joseph Perez... Drafted by the Houston Astros in the 2nd round (No. 53) of the 2017 MLB Draft out of Archbishop McCarthy High School in Southwest Ranches, Florida... Pittsburgh selected RHP Steven Jennings 42nd overall and OF Cal Mitchell 50th overall in 2017... Curve INF Jacob Gonzalez was selected 58th overall in 2017 by San Francisco... Notable alums from Archbishop McCarthy HS include Phillies OF Nick Castellanos (2010) and former Tigers catcher Alex Avila (2005)... Perfect Game ranked him as the No. 56 overall player and No. 2 3B in the country out of high school in 2017... Signed with Houston, forgoing his commitment to play at the University of Miami... Underwent Tommy John Surgery performed by Dr. James Andrews the day following the draft... Underwent shoulder surgery in 2018 and was limited to 50 games in 2019... Played in parts of five seasons as an Astros Minor Leaguer... Lists his father as his biggest influence on his baseball career, his uncle Rolando Pino is also a significant influence. Pino is the Co-Director of International Scouting for the Boston Red Sox and previously worked as a Scout for the Pirates... Was coached by former Marlins and White Sox RHP Alex Fernandez (1997 WS Champion) while growing up in Florida... Both of his parents are of Cuban descent, Mom immigrated to the United States as a young girl and his father was born in Spain and moved to the United States as a kid...

#### #49 Kervin Pichardo Height: 6-0 · Weight: 180 · B/T: R/R Trade, 2024 (SD - Wolf)

HIT STREAK: 1 / 1 **ON-BASE STREAK:** 1 / 3 (4/9 - 4/13) LAST HR: --

**SERIES:** 1-4, R, K 2024 vs. BOW: 1-4, R, K **MULTI-HIT GAMES:** - (--) **MULTI-RBI GAMES: 1** 

2024: Made his organizational debut on 4/5 @ AKR, went 0-for-3 with a walk... Knocked home the game-winning run with a 10th inning 1B on 4/9 vs HBG... 2023: Turned in his best season as a professional with High-A Fort Wayne and Double-A San Antonio, batting .257/.370/.402 with 8 2B, 10 HR, 43 RBI and 8-9 SB... Began the season in a part-time role with High-A Fort Wayne... Assigned to Double-A on June 8, knocked a 3R HR off Frisco's Jack Leiter on 6/30 as part of a 3-for-4 game with 6 RBI (career-high) and a 2B... Returned to High-A Fort Wayne on July 14 and received more regular playing time after the promotion of top Padres prospect Jackson Merrill... From July 21 through the rest of the regular season, batted .362/.456/.581 (1.037 OPS) with 5 2B, 6 HR, 21 RBI and 6 SB... Reached base in 9 straight games to finish the regular season... Knocked 2 HR in the penultimate game of the regular season at Dayton. 2022: Split the season between Single-A Lake Elsinore (51G) and Triple-A El Paso (29G), batting .193/.297/.351 with 13 2B, 1 3B, 7 HR, 29 RBI and 5-8 SB... CURVE CUTS: Kervin Francisco Pichardo... Last name pronounced pich-are-doe... Was born in the Bronx, NY and attended Monroe HS, who's alumni list includes Hall of Famer Hank Greenberg '29 (2x AL MVP)... Also played for the Long Island Tigers travel ball program... Moved to the Dominican Republic and trained at the Mejia y Neno Baseball Academy... Signed with Philadelphia on June 24, 2019 and made his professional debut with the DSL Phillies... Spent the 2021 season stateside in the FCL, Clearwater and at Jersey Shore... Was traded by the Phillies to the Padres on March 30, 2022 in exchange for RHP James Norwood... Was known for having one of the strongest infield arms in the Padres minor league system...

#15 Connor Scott Height: 6-3 • Weight: 200 • B/T: L/L Trade, 2021 (Miami - Jacob Stallings)

HIT STREAK: 0 / 1 ON-BASE STREAK: 0 / 1 LAST HR: -

SERIES: 2024 vs. BOW: MULTI-HIT GAMES: - (--) MULTI-RBI GAMES: - (--)

- 2024:

- 2023: Spent the entire season with Altoona, batted .196/.263/.315 with 14 2B, 4 3B, 3 HR, 37 RBI and 10-14 SB in 74G... Rocked a 3-run 3B in the 8th inning on 5/23 vs. HFD to lead ALT to a 6-3 comeback win... Drove in a career-high 6 runs on 5/28 vs. HFD with a 3-run 3B and a 3R HR to lead ALT to an 8-2 win... 5G On-Base Streak (5/23 - 5/30): .421/.476/1.053/1.529 with 3 3B, 3 3B, 1 HR, 10 RBI, 2 BB... Sent ALT to a walk-off win with a sac fly on 5/31 vs. BIN... Matched his career-high with 3 BB on 6/13 @ SOM... Placed on 7/25 and hit a 2-run homer in his 2nd at-bat at HBG... Earned his 2nd walk-off RBI of the season with a bases loaded walk on 8/1 to secure a 1-0 win over RIC... Played his 1st career game at 1B on 9/10 vs Harrisburg...

2022: Spent the entire season with Altoona, set the team's franchise record for Home Runs in a season (142) on 9/17 vs. Reading with his second career multi-home run game... Finished the season as the team leader in 2B (25)... Was 1 of 7 Curve players to steal at least 10 bases... Began the season with hits in each of his first 9 games, reached base safely in 15 straight games to start season... Recorded 10 multi-hit games in April/May, just 2 in June (.183 BA)... Swatted his second HR of the season on 7/3 against HBG ending a string of 178 AB's without a home run... Hit a walk-off sacrifice fly to lead the Curve to a 1-0 win over RIC on 7/16... Changed his number from 38 to 7 on 8/2... Picked up a career-high 4 hits (2 1B, 2B, HR) on 8/10 at Binghamton... Picked up 2 hits and 2 RBI including a game-saving home run robbery in the 9th inning of

ALT's 10-8 win in 10 innings over BOW on 8/27...

- CAREER NOTES: Connor Bryant Scott... Attended Plant (Fla.) High School... While in High School was coached by 2023 Curve Manager Callix Crabbe during summer wood bat league play at IMG Academy... Noteable baseball alumni from Plant High School include: Pete Alonso (Mets), Mychal Givens (Reds), Kyle Tucker (Houston) Jake Woodford (Cardinals) and Wade Boggs... Was ranked the No. 15 overall prospect (No. 5 Fla.) and the No. 2 outfield prospect (No. 1 Fla.) nationally by Perfect Game in 2018... Played in the 2017 Perfect Game All-American Game... Was also regarded as a left-handed pitcher prospect... Only played in 20 games during his senior season due to a hamstring injury... Hit .526 with five home runs and pitched to a 3-0 record with a 2.13 ERA in 23 innings... Was initially committed to University of Florida before signing with the Miami Marlins... Signed for a \$4,038,200 signing bonus... Traded by the Miami Marlins to the Pittsburgh Pirates on November 29, 2021 along with RHP Zach Thompson and RHP Kyle Nicolas for C Jacob Stallings... Was road roommates with RHP Kyle Nicolas with Beloit in 2021 and the two roomed together at home and on the road while playing for Altoona in 2022 and 2023... For more on Scott, see Page 61 of the Curve Media Guide

#44 Aaron Shackelford Height: 5-9 • Weight: 215 • B/T: L/R 14th Round, 2019 (The Masters Univ. (CA))

 HIT STREAK: 1 / 3 (4/7 - 4/13)
 ON-BASE STREAK: 1 / 3 (4/7 - 4/13)
 LAST HR: 4/9 vs HBG (2R HR off RHP Jack Sinclair)

 SERIES: 1-4, BB
 4/9 vs BOW: 1-4, BB
 MULTI-HIT GAMES: 2
 MULTI-RBI GAMES: 2

- **2024:** Homered twice on 4/9 vs HBG (4th career 2 HR game) to lead an 8-7 win over HBG, drove in 5 runs... Played his 9th career game in RF on 4/10 vs HBG and went 2-3 with 2 2B, 1 HBP, 1 IBB and 3 RBI...

- **2023:** Spent the entire season with Triple-A Indianapolis... Batted .223/.344/.406 with 17 2B, 3 3B, 14 HR, 52 RBI and stole 8 bases for the Indians in 113 appearances... Turned in a brilliant month of May swatting seven homers and driving in 17 runs with a .278/.416/.653/1.069 batting line in 22 G... Swatted all 14 of his home runs from April through July, was held without a homer in his final 17 games of the season... Slugged .464 in the first 61 games of the season, .337 in his final 52 games...

- 2022: Spent the majority of the season with Altoona and finished the season with Triple-A Indianapolis... Finished the season 1st among PIT MiLB with 26 HR, 2nd-most in a single-season in franchise history, his 79 RBI ranked 2nd among PIT MiLB... Ranked 3rd in HR (26), 5th in RBI (79), 4th in SLG% (.499), T-6th in XBH (50)... Began the season with a career-best 10-game hit streak: .314/.359/.629 with 2 2B, 3 HR and 11 RBI... Smacked a go-ahead 3R HR on 5/25 at HBG, the homer marked the 10th straight game with a HR for the Curve, matching a franchise record... Made his first start of the season at 2B on 6/4 vs Bowie... Recorded his first career multi-HR game with 2 HR on 6/17 vs Erie, totaling 5 RBI... Picked up his second multi-homer game of the season on 7/15 vs RIC as part of a 3-for-3 day, also hit the second of back-to-back homers with Blake Sabol... 11G On-Base (7/8 G2 - 7/24): .375/.479/.750 with 6 2B, 3 HR, 5 RBI and 2-2 SB... Was a triple shy of the cycle on 8/7 vs. AKR (3-3, 2B, HR, 2 RBI, BB)... Homered in four straight games on 8/7-8/11, first Curve batter to homer in 4 straight since Mason Martin in 2021... Is the 10th player in franchise history to hit 20 homers in a season... Made his first career start in RF, 2nd career appearance, on 8/14 at BIN... Was promoted to Triple-A Indianapolis on 9/20 and went 1-for-16 in 4G... CAREER NOTES: Aaron Winston Shackelford... Has two daughters Millie (3 in July) and Bliss (6 months) with his wife, Brooke... Earned Greensboro's Manny Sanguillen

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Teammateof-the-Year Award in 2021, given to the player who best exemplifies Sanguillen's passion for the game and building friendships among teammates... Attended
Murrieta Valley HS in Murietta, California... Was a three-year varsity starter between second and third base... Hit .400 with two home runs and 15 RBI in his senior season,
earning All-Southwestern League honors... Played four years for The Masters University Mustangs, a private non-denominational Christian University in California... Same
college as Jerry Owens. former White Sox outfielder, and Connor Menez, former Giants pitcher... Signed with the Pirates for \$10,000... For more on Shackelford, see Page 62

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# **BATTERS BREAKDOWN**

	MULT	I-HIT	GAMES	;			MULTI	-RBI G	AMES				HOME R	UN BRI	EAKDO	WN
PLAYER	TOT	2H	3H	4H	5+	TOT	2BI	3BI	4BI	5+BI	, TOT	2R	3R	GS	PH	LAST
Francisco Acuna																
Seth Beer	2	2				1	1									
Jase Bowen																
Tsung-Che Cheng	1		1			1	1				1	1				4/16 @ BOW
Brenden Dixon	1	1														
Matt Fraizer	1	1														
Jackson Glenn	2	2														
Tres Gonzalez	1	1														
Abrahan Gutierrez	2	2				1	1									
Kervin Pichardo						1	1									
Connor Scott																
Aaron Shackelford	3	3				2		1		1	2	1	1			4/9 vs HBG
Dylan Shockley																
Totals	13	12	1	-	-	6	4	1	-	1	3	2	1	-	-	4/16 @ BOW

PINCH HITTE	RS	
PLAYER	STATISTICS	LAST PINCH-HIT APP.
Matt Fraizer	0-1	4/13 G2 vs HBG
2024 Totals:	0-1	4/13 G2 vs HBG

<b>SHUTOUTS BY OP</b>	PONENTS - 1		
Date	Score	Hits	Pitcher(s)
4/7 @ AKR	1-0	3	Hankins, Sharpe, Boone, Hanner, Torres

Score Hits Pitcher(s)

INNING	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10+	TOTALS
CURVE	6	2	2	1	12	5	4	2	1	2	37
OPPONENT	5	8	9	5	7	2	11	6	1	0	54
EJECTIONS	(U)										

<b>HOME-ROAD STAT</b>	S		
Home (3-2)			
Average:	.252	Home Runs:	2
Runs Per Game:	5.4	Stolen Bases:	11
Doubles:	8	Walks:	23
Triples:	1	Strikeouts:	42
Road (1-3)			
Average:	.156	Home Runs:	1
Runs Per Game:	2.5	Stolen Bases:	1
Doubles:	3	Walks:	16
Triples:	0	Strikeouts:	38

2024 STREAKS	OFFENSIVE SUPERLATIVES

MULTI-HOMER GAMES (1)
Aaron Shackelford (2) - 4/9 vs HBG 10+ GAME HITTING STREAKS (0)

5+ HIT GAMES

SHUTOUTS BY CURVE - 0

Date

15+ GAME ON-BASE STREAKS (0) **EASTERN LEAGUE PLAYER OF THE WEEK AWARDS** 

**BACK-TO-BACK HOME RUNS (0) FIRST-INNING LEAD-OFF HOME RUNS (0)** 

**WALK-OFF WINNERS (1)** Kervin Pichardo 1B, 10th Inning, 4/9 vs HBG

4+ RBI GAMES (1) Aaron Shackelford (5) - 4/9 vs HBG

**GRAND SLAMS (0)** 

WINS TRAILING/TIED AFTER 8 INNINGS (2) 4/5 @ AKR - Trailed 3-2 after 8, Won 4-3 (10) 4/9 vs HBG - Tied 7-7 after 8, won 8-7 (10)

# RECORD BREAKDOWNS/HIGHS & LOWS

	RECURD BREAKDOWNS
2024 SEASON HIGHS/LOWS	
TEAM MISCELLANEOUS	
	3*, 4/13 G2 vs HBG - 4/16 @ BOW
	2 runs, 5-3, 4/13 G1 vs HBG
	8 runs, 10-2, 4/14 vs HBG
	N/A
	1-0, 4/7 @ AKR
	5 runs, 4/9 vs HBG
	3:20, 4/9 vs HBG
	2:51, 4/10 vs HBG
	2:14, 4/7 @ AKR
	2:18, 4/13 G1 vs HBG
	2:13, 4/13 G2 vs HBG
	5,213, 4/9 vs HBG
	2,598, 4/10 vs HBG
MUST ERRORS DV ODDONENT	3, 2x, last 4/16 @ BOW3, 4/10 vs HBG
MOST CONSECUTIVE CAMES WITHOUT AN	3, 4/ 10 VS HBG
	l ERROR
	5, 4/5 @ AKR
TEAM BATTING	5, 4/5 @ AKR
	4/10 vs ABG
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	11, 2x, last 4/14 vs HBG 3, 7x, last 4th inning, 4/16 @ BOW
	2, 4/9 vs HBG
	1, 3x, last 7th inning, 4/16 @ BOW
	E RUN1, 3x, tast 7th milling, 4/16 @ BOW
	4, 4/10 w BOW
MOST TOIDLES CAME	1, 4/14 vs HBG
	4/14 vs HBG
	4, 4/10 vs ABG
	13, 476 @ ARK
	6, 3x, last 4/13 G2 vs HBG
TEAM PITCHING	
•	14, 4/14 vs HBG
	4, 3x, last 7th inning, 4/16 @ BOW
· ·	3, 2x, last 4/16 @ BOW
MOST CONSECUTIVE GAMES ALLOWING A	HOME RUN3*, 2x, last 4/13 G2 vs HBG - 4/16 @ BOW
	12, 4/9 vs HBG (10 Innings)
MOST EXTRA-BASE HITS ALLOWED	6, 2x, last 4/16 @ BOW
INDIVIDUAL BATTING	, , , , , , ,
	2, 3x, last Tres Gonzalez, 4/14 vs HBG
MOST DOUBLES	
	1, Tres Gonzalez, 4/14 vs HBG
MOST HOME RUNS	2, Aaron Shackelford, 4/9 vs HBG
	5, Aaron Shackelford, 4/9 vs HBG
	2, 2x, last Matt Fraizer, 4/13 G1 vs HBG
MOST BASES ON BALLS	
MOST TIMES REACHING BASE SAFELY	4, 4x, last Tsung-Che Cheng, 4/16 @ BOW
LONGEST HITTING STREAK	7*, Abrahan Gutierrez, 4/5 @ AKR - 4/16 @ BOW
LONGEST ON-BASE STREAK7*, 2x	, last Abrahan Gutierrez* & Tsung-Che Cheng*, 4/5 @ AKR - 4/16 @ BOW
	2*, 5x, last Tsung-Che Cheng*, 4/14 vs HBG - 4/16 @ BOW
INDIVIDUAL PITCHING	
MOST INNINGS PITCHED, STARTER	4.1, Po-Yu Chen, 4/16 @ BOW
	3.0, 2x, last Brad Case, 4/9 vs HBG
MOST HITS ALLOWED, STARTER	
MOST HITS ALLOWED, RELIEVER	4, 3x, last Brad Case, 4/16 @ BOW
MOST STRIKEOUTS, STARTER	6, Bubba Chandler, 4/13 G1 vs HBG
MOST STRIKEOUTS, RELIEVER	5, Valentin Linarez, 4/7 @ AKR
MOST BASES ON BALLS, RELIEVER	3, Nick Dombkowski, 4/13 G1 vs HBG
	R4, 2x, last Valentin Linarez, 4/14 vs HBG
MOST CONSECUTIVE SCORELESS IP	5.1*, Bubba Chandler* 4/5 @ AKR - 4/13 G1 vs HBG
* - Active Streak, Bold - Franchise Record	

RECORD BREAKDOWN			
Overall Record vs. Southwest Division vs. Northeast Division vs. NL Affiliates vs. AL Affiliates First Half Second Half	TOTAL	HOME	ROAD
	4-5	3-2	1-3
	4-5	3-2	1-3
	0-0	0-0	0-0
	3-2	3-2	0-0
	1-3	0-0	1-3
	4-5	3-2	1-3
	0-0	0-0	0-0
Day Games	1-3	1-2	0-1
Night Games	3-2	2-0	1-2
Day Game After Night	1-1	1-0	0-1
Curve Score 1st	2-1	2-1	0-0
Opponent Scores 1st	3-4	1-1	1-3
Come From Behind Wins	3	2	1
vs. RH Starters	2-5	2-2	0-3
vs. LH Starters	2-0	1-0	1-0
Curve Starter 5.0 + IP	0-0	0-0	0-0
Curve Starter 6.0 + IP	0-0	0-0	0-0
Curve Starter 7.0 + IP	0-0	0-0	0-0
When Hitting a HR	1-1	1-0	0-1
When Not Hitting a HR	3-4	2-2	1-2
Outhit Opponent	1-0	1-0	0-0
Equal # of Hits	0-1	0-0	0-1
Outhit by Opponent	3-4	2-2	1-2
Curve 10+ Hits	1-1	1-1	0-0
Commit 0 Errors	1-1	1-0	0-1
Commit 1 Error	2-0	1-0	1-0
Commit 2+ Errors	1-4	1-2	0-2
Leading After 7th Trailing After 7th Tied After 7th Leading After 8th Trailing After 8th Tied After 8th Extra-Inning Games Double-headers Series Record	1-0	1-0	0-0
	1-4	0-1	1-3
	1-0	1-0	0-0
	1-0	1-0	0-0
	1-4	0-1	1-3
	1-0	1-0	0-0
	2-0	1-0	1-0
	1-1	1-1	0-0
One-Run Games	3-1	2-0	1-1
Two-Run Games	1-0	1-0	0-0
3+Run Games	0-4	0-2	0-2
Shutout Record	0-1	0-0	0-1
April Record	4-5	3-2	1-3
May Record	0-0	0-0	0-0
June Record	0-0	0-0	0-0
July Record	0-0	0-0	0-0
August Record	0-0	0-0	0-0
September Record	0-0	0-0	0-0
Monday Record	0-0	0-0	0-0
Tuesday Record	1-1	1-0	0-1
Wednesday Record	1-0	1-0	0-0
Thursday Record	0-0	0-0	0-0
Friday Record	1-0	0-0	1-0
Saturday Record	1-2	1-1	0-1
Sunday Record	0-2	0-1	0-1
1st Game of Series	2-1	1-0	1-1
Last Game of Series	0-2	0-1	0-1
Getaway Day	0-1	0-0	0-1
Red Alternate Hat	2-2	2-1	0-1
Black Keystone Hat	0-2	0-1	0-1
Gray Road Hat	1-1	0-0	1-1
Batting Practice Hat	0-0	0-0	0-0
Peces Dorados Hat/Uniform	1-0	1-0	0-0
Red Uniform	0-1	0-0	0-1
White Uniform	2-2	2-2	0-0
Gray Uniform	1-2	0-0	1-2
Other Specialty Uniform	0-0	0-0	0-0
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VS. EASTERN LEAGUE OPPONENTS									
OPPONENT	TOTAL	HOME	ROAD						
vs. Akron	1-2	0-0	1-2						
vs. Binghamton	0-0	0-0	0-0						
vs. Bowie	0-1	0-0	0-1						
vs. Erie	0-0	0-0	0-0						
vs. Harrisburg	3-2	3-2	0-0						
vs. Hartford	0-0	0-0	0-0						
vs. New Hampshire	0-0	0-0	0-0						
vs. Portland	0-0	0-0	0-0						
vs. Reading	0-0	0-0	0-0						
vs. Richmond	0-0	0-0	0-0						
vs. Somerset	0-0	0-0	0-0						
TOTALS	4-5	3-2	1-3						

# **MISCELLANEOUS STATS**

2024 STARTS BY POSITION									
Player	С	1B	2B	3B	SS	LF	CF	RF	DH
Acuna			2						
Beer		2							5
Bowen		1					5	2	1
Cheng					7				
Dixon				3					
Fraizer						2	3	3	
Glenn			4	3					1
Gonzalez						4	1	3	
Gutierrez	6	1							
Pichardo			3	3	2				
Scott						3			
Shackelford		5						1	2
Shockley	3								

2024 STARTS BY BATTING ORDER									
Player	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th
Acuna								2	
Beer				2		3	2		
Bowen			2	2	4	1			
Cheng	1	5			1				
Dixon					1		1	1	
Fraizer	6		1						1
Glenn		3	5						
Gonzalez	2	1				1	1	3	
Gutierrez				1	1	2	3		
Pichardo						1	2	2	3
Scott								1	2
Shackelford			1	4	2	1			
Shockley									3

OUTFIELD ASSISTS				
Player	Total	Last Assist		
Jase Bowen	3	4/14 vs HBG		

CATCHER'S BOX					1/13	(8%)	
Player	Caught	Att.	Percent	Last CS	CI	PB	Pickoffs
Gutierrez	1	7	14%	4/13	1		
Shockley	0	6	0%				

PITCH CLOCK VI	OLATIONS	4
Player	Date	Reason
Ross Carver (AKR)	4/6	Not ready to pitch to Gutierrez
Holden Powell (HBG)	4/9	Not ready to pitch to Glenn
Francisco Acuna (ALT)	4/13 G1	Not ready to hit vs Reyes
Holden Powell (HBG)	4/13 G1	Not ready to pitch to Fraizer

LANEOUS STATS	
THE LAST TIME	
Altoona scored 10 or more runs (game)	
Altoona scored 10 or more runs (inning)	
Opponent scored 10 or more runs (game)	
Opponent scored 10 or more runs (inning)	
Opponent scored 15 or more runs (game)	15, 6/24/23 vs Bowie
Altoona collected 15+ hits in a game	17 7/7/22 vs Eric
Altoona collected 20+ hits in a game	
Opponent collected 15+ hits in a game	
Opponent collected 20+ hits in a game	20, 9/3/18 at Bowie
Altoona hits an inside-the-park HR	Carter Rins 4/23/22 vs. New Hampshire
Altoona hits a walk-off HR Malcom N	
Altoona hits a pinch-hit HR	
Altoona hits a grand slam	
Altoona hits back-to-back HRs	
Altoona hits leadoff HR to start game	
Altoona pitcher hits a HR	
Altoona hits Multi-HR	Aaron Shackelford (2), 4/9/24 vs Harrisburg
Opponent hits an inside-the-park HR Dan	ial Cabrara / Eric Da La Basa 0/10/21 va Eria
Opponent hits a walk-off HRGreg	
Opponent hits a pinch-hit HR	
Opponent hits a grand slam	
Opponent hits back-to-back HRs Jar Opponent hits leadoff HR to start game	mes Wood/Brady House, 9/9/23 vs Harrisburg
Opponent hits Multi-HR	
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Altoona batter hits for the cycle	
Altoona batter records 5+ hits in a game	
Attoona batter has 5. Itol in a game	
Opponent batter hits for the cycle	
Opponent batter records 5+ hits in a game	
Opponent batter has 5+ RBI in a game	5, Juan Brito, 8/27/23 vs Akron
Altoona threw a no-hitter (9 IP) (one pitcher)	N/A
Altoona threw a no-hitter (9 IP) (combined)	
E. Hollingsworth/J. Townsend/J. Ra Altoona threw a no-hitter (7 IP) (combined)	
Opponent threw a no-hitter (9 IP)	
Opponent threw a no hitter (9 IP) (combined) 	
Opponent threw a no-hitter (7 IP)	
Opponent threw a no-hitter (7 IP) (combined)	
	Kimball/Z. Zinicola, 6/10/10 vs. Harrisburg (2)
Altoona threw a complete-game shutout (9 IP)	Domingo Robles 8/26/19 vs Akron
Altoona threw a complete-game shutout (7 IP)	
Altoona threw back-to-back shutouts (team)	
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Opponent threw a complete-game shutout (9 IP) Opponent threw a complete-game shutout (7 IP)	Luan Hillman 8/4/21 @ Akron (2)
Opponent threw back-to-back shutouts (team)	9/1-9/2/19 at Harrisburg
Altoona wins in last at bat Kervin Pichardo	
Opponent wins in last at bat Luis Santa	ina scores on wild Pilch, Toth Inning, 4/2/23 at Erie
Altoona swept doubleheader	6/21/23 vs. Bowie
Opponent swept doubleheader	8/6/22 vs Akron
Altoona pitcher strikes out:	
10	Kyle Nicolas, 5/2/23 @ Richmond
11	
12+	12, Tyler Glasnow, 7/27/15 at Akron
Opponent pitcher strikes out:	
10	Griff McGarry, 7/21/23 vs Reading
11	Cade Cavalli, 6/25/21 vs Harrisburg
12+	
	e d'Arnaud/Matt Haque (6-3), 5/27/10 at Akron
Altoona turns a triple play	

# MISCELLANEOUS TEAM INFORMATION

## **TRANSACTIONS**

Pirates set 28-man roster; C Wyatt Hendrie placed on

April 7 April 10 April 17 RHP Chris Gau transferred from Altoona to Indianapolis

RHP Chris Gau transferred from Indianapolis to Altoona LHP Tyler Samaniego placed on 7-Day IL (Back) INF/OF Joe Perez transferred from Indianapolis to Altoona C Dylan Shockley placed on Development List C Wyatt Hendrie activated from Development List INF Andres Alvarez begins MiLB Rehab with Bradenton

## UNIVERSITY ORTHOPEDICS INJURY REPORT

Player	Injury	Placed (Retro)	Reinstated
Thomas Harrington	Shoulder	April 4	
Andres Alvarez	Thumb	April 4	
Mike Jarvis	Shoulder	April 4	
Tyler Samaniego	Back	April 16	

## 2024 MLB DEBUTS BY CURVE ALUMNI (1)

RHP Jared Jones (PIT) March 30

## PIRATES ORGANIZATIONAL REPORT

MLB/PITTSBURGH Record/Place: 11-7/T-1st NL Central Yesterday: 3-1 L @ New York (NL)

Today: @ New York (NL) at 1:10 p.m. - LHP Bailey Falter

Notes: Jared Jones turned another dominant start for the Pirates last night, striking out seven and allowing just one hit over 5.0 scoreless innings, but the Pirates fell to the Mets 3-1 on the road. Jones threw 59 pitches, with 50 for strikes. Luis Ortiz took the loss, allowing three runs on two hits in 1.2 innings of relief. The Pirates had five hits from five different players in the loss.

## AAA/INDIANAPOLIS

Record/Place: 7-9/T-7th International Lg. West Yesterday: 10-6 W vs. St. Paul

Today: vs St. Paul at 12:05 p.m. - LHP Cam Alldred

Notes: Nick Gonzales went 4-for-5 with a home run shy of the cycle last night as Indianapolis defeated St. Paul 10-6. Billy McKinney and Ji-Hwan Bae each had two hits in the win, while Canaan Smith-Njigba had three with two RBI. Eric Lauer allowed four runs with two earned on seven hits in 3.2 innings on the start, with Brady Feigl earning the win in relief, tossing 2.1 innings and allowing two runs.

## **HIGH-A/GREENSBORO**

Record/Place: 6-4/T-3rd South Atlantic North Yesterday: 5-4 L vs Hickory (10)

Today: vs Hickory at 11:00 a.m. - LHP Hunter Barco

Notes: Hudson Head hit his third home run of the season for Greensboro last night, but the Grasshoppers fell in 10 innings to Hickory 5-4. Alessandro Ercolani allowed two runs on four hits in 4.0 innings on the start, while Drake Fellows struck out six batters in 3.0 innings of relief, allowing one run on two hits. Brandon Bidois allowed the unearned run in the 10th inning to take the loss.

## LOW-A/BRADENTON

Record/Place: 1-9/6th Florida State West

Yesterday: 5-2 L vs Daytona

Today: vs Daytona at 11:00 a.m. - RHP Hung-Leng Chang

Notes: Bradenton lost its seventh game in a row last night to Daytona by a final of 5-2. Carlos Jimenez tossed two scoreless innings in the start for the Marauders, but Luigi Hernandez took the loss, allowing two runs in 2.1 innings of relief. Bradenton had four hits from four different players in the loss. PJ Hilson earned an outfield assist for the Marauders

## **ALTOONA CURVE COACHING STAFF**

Robby Hammock Manager (1st Season) Career Record: 278-266

Former D'Backs Catcher Robby Hammock helms the Curve for his second season in the Pirates minor league system. Hammock has previously managed for four seasons in the minor leagues, including one season at Greensboro in 2023. Hammock spent 2017-21 on the D'Backs major league staff as their Quality Control/Catching Coach.

## Fernando Nieve **Pitching Coach** 1st season/6th overall

Nieve spent the last two seasons as the Pitching Coach at High-A Greensboro and joins the Curve for this sixth season as an instructor in the Pirates minor league system. Nieve made 99 appearances in the major leagues with the Mets and Astros across four major league seasons. He pitched for 17 seasons as a professional before beginning his coaching career in 2019 with the Pirates in the GCL.

### **Brady Conlan** Hitting Coach 1st season/3rd overall

Conlan joins the Curve after two seasons working on the coaching staff at Triple-A Indianapolis where he served as the team's Integrated Baseball Performance Coach. Conlan played collegiatelly at Cal-State Dominguez Hills and was a 24th round pick the White Sox in 2016 and played three seasons of professional baseball before beginning his coaching career with the Dodgers in 2020.

## Justin Orton Integrated Baseball Perf. Coach 1st season/5th overall

Orton begins his fifth season as an instructor in the Pirates minor league system after spending the last two seasons at High-A Greensboro.

Taylor Davis Catching/Game Planning Coach 1st season/1st overall

Davis is in his first season as a coach after an 11-year playing career (CHC/PIT)

### Gary Green Bench Coach 3rd season/19th overall

Green returns for a third season in Altoona and begins his 19th season as a minor league instructor with the Pirates. A Pittsburgh native, Green's father, Fred, won a World Series with the Pirates in 1960.

Green spent 11 seasons managing in the Tigers minor league system (99-10). 14 E. (.957 - 12тн), 11 DP (1sт)

## **ERRORS BY POSITION (OUTFIELD ASSISTS)**

Pichardo (3)

	-
Left Field	
Player (G)	E (A)
Fraizer (2)	0 (0)
Gonzalez (4)	0 (0)
Scott (3)	0 (0)

		Shortstop	
		Player (G)	Е
		Cheng (7)	4
Third Base		Pichardo (2)	0
Player (G)	<u>E</u>		
Dixon (3)	0		
Glenn (3)	0		

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Center Field	
Player (G)	E (A)
Bowen (5)	0 (2)
Fraizer (3)	0 (0)
Gonzalez (1)	ດ (ດ)

Second Base	
Player (G)	Е
Acuna (2)	0
Glenn (4)	0
Pichardo (3)	0

Catcher	
Player (G)	E (PB)
Gutierrez (6)	2 (0)
Shockley (5)	0 (0)

1-1, (1707	,		(131,
	Right	Field	
Player	(G)		E (A)
Rowen	(2)		1 (1)

Player (G)	E (A
Bowen (2)	1 (1
Fraizer (3)	0 (0
Gonzalez (3)	0 (0
Shackelford (1)	0 (0

First Base	
Player (G)	
Beer (2)	
Bowen (1)	- 1
Gutierrez (1)	
Shackelford (5)	- 2

**2024 GAME-BY-GAME** 

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME/RESULT	REC	PLACE G (+/-)		LOSER	SAVE TII	ME GT TEMP ATT.
4/5	@ Akron	W 4-3 (10)	1-0	T-1st (+1.0)	Isaac Mattson (1-0)	Trev Benton (0-1)	2:5	39. Snow 4.019
4/6	@ Akron	L 5-2 L 1-0	1-1	T-2nd (-1.0)	Tommy Mace (1-0)	Sean Sullivan (0-1)	Andrew Walers (1) 2:3 1) Lenny Torres Jr. (1) 2:1	33 48, P.C. 1,860
4/7 4/9	@ Akron Harrisburg	W 8-7 (10)	1-2 2-2	T-4th (-1.0) T-3rd (-1.0)	Rodney Boone (1-0) Isaac Mattson (2-0)	Samuel Reyes (0-1)	3:2	
4/10	Harrisburg	W 9-8	3-2	T-2nd (-1.0)	Eddy Yean (1-0)	Garvin Alston (0-1)	Cameron Junker (1) 2:5	51 71, Over./Rain 2,598
4/11 4/12	Harrisburg	PPD		PPD (Rain), Do	oubleheader on 4/13 oubleheader TBD			
4/12	Harrisburg Harrisburg G1	PPD 5-3 W (7)	4-2	1st (+0.5)	Nick Dombkowski (1-0)	Andrew Alvarez (0-1	) Cameron Junker (2) 2:1	8 57, P.C
4/13	Harrisburg G2	7-3 L (7)	4-3	T-2nd (-0.5)	Tyler Schoff (1-0)	Sean Sullivan (0-2)	2:1	3 60, P.C. 5,012
4/14 4/16	Harrisburg @ Bowie	10-2 L 10-4 L	4-4 4-5	3rd (-1.0) 4th (-1.5)	Ty Tice (1-0) Kyle Virbitsky (2-0)	Anthony Solometo (0-1) Grant Ford (0-1)	2:4 2:2	
4/17	@ Bowie	11:05 AM	4-3	401 (-1.5)	Nyte virbitsky (2-0)	Grant Ford (0-1)	2.2	.5 /2, Clear 1,2/5
4/18	@ Bowie	6:35 PM						
4/19 4/20	@ Bowie @ Bowie	7:05 PM 6:35 PM						
4/21	@ Bowie	1:05 PM						
4/23	Akron	6:00 PM						
4/24 4/25	Akron Akron	11:00 AM 6:00 PM						
4/26	Akron	6:00 PM						
4/27 4/28	Akron	4:00 PM 1:00 PM						
4/20	Akron @ Harrisburg	6:30 PM						
			Curve in Apr	il: 0-0, Team BA: .	000 (T-1st), Team ERA 0.0	00 (T-1st)		
5/1 5/2	@ Harrisburg @ Harrisburg	12:00 PM 6:30 PM						
5/3	@ Harrisburg	7:00 PM						
5/3 5/4	@ Harrisburg	6:00 PM						
5/5 5/7	@ Harrisburg Somerset	1:00 PM 11:00 AM						
5/8	Somerset	6:00 PM						
5/9	Somerset	12:05 PM						
5/10 5/11	Somerset Somerset	6:00 PM 4:00 PM						
5/12	Somerset	1:00 PM						
5/14 5/15	@ Akron	11:05 AM						
5/16	@ Akron @ Akron	6:35 PM 6:35 PM						
5/17	@ Akron	7:05 PM						
5/18 5/19	@ Akron @ Akron	7:05 PM 1:05 PM						
5/21	@ Erie	6:05 PM						
5/22	@ Erie	11:05 AM						
5/23 5/24	@ Erie @ Erie	6:05 PM 6:05 PM						
5/25	@ Erie	6:05 PM						
5/26 5/28	@ Erie Portland	6:05 PM 6:00 PM						
5/29	Portland	6:00 PM						
5/30	Portland	6:00 PM						
5/31	Portland	6:00 PM	Curve in May	r: 0-0. Team BA: .0	00 (T-1st). Team ERA 0.0	0 (T-1st)		
6/1	Portland	6:00 PM				- 1		
6/2 6/4	Portland @ Richmond	1:00 PM 6:35 PM						
6/5	@ Richmond	6:35 PM						
6/6	@ Richmond	6:35 PM						
6/7 6/8	@ Richmond @ Richmond	6:35 PM 6:05 PM						
6/8 6/9	@ Richmond	1:35 PM						
6/11 6/12	Erie Erie	6:00 PM 6:00 PM						
6/13	Erie	6:00 PM						
6/14	Erie	6:00 PM						
6/15 6/16	Erie Erie	6:00 PM 6:00 PM						
6/18	@ Bowie	6:35 PM						
6/19	@ Bowie	6:35 PM						
6/20 6/21	@ Bowie @ Bowie	6:35 PM 7:05 PM						
6/22	@ Bowie	6:35 PM						
6/23	@ Bowie	1:05 PM	End of the Fi	rst Half: Ω-Ω. Team	n BA: .000 (T-1st), Team E	RA 0.00 (T-1st)		
6/25	Akron	6:00 PM	End of the Fl	U U, ICAII	1000 (1 130), ICAIII L	0100 (1 130)		
6/26 6/27	Akron	6:00 PM						
6/28	Akron Akron	6:00 PM 6:00 PM						
6/29	Akron	6:00 PM						
6/30	Akron	6:00 PM	Curve in lun	e· N-N. Team RA· (	000 (T-1st), Team ERA 0.0	10 (T-1st)		
7/1	@ Harrisburg	7:00 PM	Jul VC III JUII	C. O O, ICAIII DA	ooo (1 130), Icaill LNA U.C	- (1 13t)		
7/2	@ Harrisburg	7:00 PM						
1/3 7/4	@ Harrisburg Harrisburg	7:00 PM 6:00 PM						
7/3 7/4 7/5 7/6	Harrisburg	6:00 PM						
7/6 7/9	Harrisburg Bowie	6:00 PM 6:00 PM						
7/9	Bowie Bowie	6:00 PM 6:00 PM						
7/11	Bowie	6:00 PM						
7/12 7/13	Bowie Bowie	6:00 PM 6:00 PM						
7/14	Bowie	1:00 PM						
7/19	@ Somerset	7:05 PM	In-Season Al	l-Star Break July	15-18			
7/20	@ Somerset	7:05 PM						
7/21 7/23	@ Somerset @ Erie	5:05 PM 6:05 PM						
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7/25	@ Erie	6:05 PM							
7/26	@ Erie	6:35 PM							
7/27 7/28	@ Erie	6:05 PM							
7/28	@ Erie	1:35 PM							
7/30	Richmond	6:00 PM							
7/30 7/31	Richmond	12:05 PM							
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8/4	Richmond	1:00 PM							
8/3 8/4 8/6	@ Portland	6:00 PM							
8/7	@ Portland	6:00 PM							
8/8	@ Portland	12:05 PM							
8/7 8/8 8/9 8/10	@ Portland	6:00 PM							
8/10	@ Portland	6:00 PM							
8/11	@ Portland	1:00 PM							
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9/7	@ Hartford	6:10 PM							
9/8	@ Hartford	1:10 PM							
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9/14	Richmond	6:00 PM							
9/15	Richmond	1:00 PM							
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# **LOS PECES DORADOS**



NEW to Altoona in 2024 is the creation of a new Copa de la Diversión brand, Los Peces Dorados! "Copa de la Diversión<sup>TM</sup>" or "Fun Cup<sup>TM</sup>" is a season-long event series specifically designed to embrace the culture and values that resonate most with Minor League Baseball<sup>TM</sup> teams' local U.S. Hispanic communities. When deciding on an Altoona Curve Copa de la Diversión identity, "Peces Dorados" made the biggest splash. Translating to "Gold Fish," this rebranded identity pays homage to a fan-favorite mascot in Curve, PA, Al Tuna. Los Peces Dorados will suit up for five home dates in 2024 with our players wearing specialty uniforms as we acknowledge the rich history of Hispanic culture in baseball! Those five Friday dates include April 12, May 10, June 14, July 5, and August





