



GAME NOTES

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DUNEDIN BLUE JAYS (TOR)

LHP Connor O'Halloran (3-1, 2.63)

VS

JUPITER HAMMERHEAD (MIA)

LHP Julio Mendez (0-0, ---)



LAST TIME OUT

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E	LOB
JAYS	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	4	10	2	8
MUSSELS	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	3	11	0	9

WP: Espino (1-0) LP: Hamilton (3-4)

SV: Sanchez (1)

- Dunedin took the series finale on the road at Fort Myers, 4-3.
- The Jays took the lead thanks to back-to-back homers in the first, as Arjun Nimmala belted a 2-run homer and Manuel Beltre blasted a solo shot.
- After three scoreless innings from starter Gage Stanifer and long reliever Juanmi Vasquez (in his Single-A debut), the Mussels tied the game with three runs in the bottom of the seventh.
- In the ninth, the Jays played small ball to take the lead. Bryce Arnold singled, and then advanced from first to third on Daniel Perez's sac bunt. Tucker Toman delivered the go-ahead RBI with a sac fly.

THE WEEK IN REVIEW

- Dunedin dropped four of six games on the road to Fort Myers.
- Three of the Jays' four losses came in walk-off fashion, including Tuesday night's 8-7 defeat, when the Mussels scored five runs in the bottom of the ninth to overcome a four-run deficit.
- The Blue Jays tallied four or more runs in five of the six contests.
- Dunedin's bullpen struggled, surrendering 19 earned runs in 26.1 innings (6.49 ERA).

WE MEET AGAIN...

This week, the Blue Jays look to exact revenge after they were swept by the Hammerheads in a six game series in Jupiter, April 23-28. The sweep marked the first time ever Dunedin was swept in a six game series. Jupiter's pitchers posted an outstanding 0.82 ERA (5 ER in 55 IP), while Dunedin hitters hit to a paltry .434 OPS.

STAYING UP LATE

Dunedin continued its trend of scoring late runs on Sunday by scoring the game-winning run in the top of the ninth. The Blue Jays have scored in the seventh inning or later in 10 of their last 11 games. 12 of the Blue Jays' 28 runs last week came in the final three innings.

ROCKY RELIEF

The Blue Jays bullpen has struggled across the last eight games. In 38.1 innings, Dunedin relievers have allowed 32 earned runs (7.45 ERA). In the prior five games, the 'pen pitched to a 2.11 ERA (5 ER in 21.1 IP).

LIKE FATHER, LIKE SON

Today's starting pitcher, LHP Connor O'Halloran, is the son of former Major League catcher Greg O'Halloran, who had a brief stint with the Florida Marlins in 1994. Both O'Hallorans made their professional debuts with the Dunedin Blue Jays: Connor last season, and Greg in 1990.

NOT LIKING LEFTIES

The Blue Jays have not fared well against left handed pitching as a team, hitting .184 against southpaws - the third-worst mark in the FSL.

STRONG FIRST IMPRESSION

Blue Jays outfielder Jean Joseph is off to a strong start in Single-A, having reached in all 13 games he's played with Dunedin. The on-base streak is Dunedin's longest active streak and one of five active on base streaks 13 games or longer in the league.

GETTING OUR STEPS IN

The Jays are third in the FSL in walks drawn with 153 (behind Tampa and Lakeland). However, Dunedin's pitching staff has walked the most batters in the league at 167.

MR. FIRST INNING

All three of Arjun Nimmala's home runs this season have come in the first inning. Interestingly, the longballs are Nimmala's only first inning hits this season (3-18).

YOUNG GUN

Dunedin shortstop Arjun Nimmala is the second-youngest player in the Florida State league to open the season, at 18.5 years old (behind Daytona's Alfredo Duno at 18.2). Maykel Minoso joins Nimmala as the second 18 year old on the Blue Jays' roster.

FLY-OVERVIEW

RECORD BREAKDOWN

Overall ... 14-19
 First Half.... 14-19
 Home games.... 7-8
 Night games.... 11-15
 In May ... 4-7
 vs FSL-E....0-6

VS JUPITER

2024 vs JUP.....0-6
 In Dunedin....0-0
 In Jupiter....0-6

SERIES

May 146:30
 May 156:30
 May 16.....6:30
 May 176:30
 May 186:30
 May 1912:05

Up Next: at Bradenton (5/21-26)

TOP PROSPECTS

3. Arjun Nimmala - INF
4. Brandon Barriera - LHP
12. Landen Maroudis - RHP
18. Juaron Watts-Brown - RHP
20. Tucker Toman - INF
- 24 - Fernando Perez - RHP
25. Yhoangel Aponte - OF
27. Manuel Beltre - INF

Rankings per MLB Pipeline

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BLUE JAYS STARTING PITCHER



#43 - CONNOR O'HALLORAN

HT: 6-2 **WT:** 190
BATS: R **THROWS:** L
AGE: 21 **B-DAY:** 9/01/02
BORN: Mississauga, ONT
DRAFTED: TOR, '23; 5th
COLLEGE: Michigan

ASSIGNED TO DUN: 8/18/23
 from FCL Blue Jays
RANKINGS: -
REPERTOIRE: FB, CV, SL, CH

SZN	TEAM	W/L	ERA	G	GS	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K	HR	HB	BK	WP	WHIP	AVG
2023	DUN (A)	3-1	6.30	6	1	0	10.0	8	8	7	8	9	1	1	0	1	1.60	.205
2024	DUN (A)	3-1	2.63	5	5	0	27.1	17	11	8	32	10	3	1	0	1	0.99	.175
	Career	6-2	3.62	11	6	0	37.1	25	19	15	41	18	4	2	0	2	1.15	.184

ABOUT CONNOR

- Selected by the Blue Jays in the fifth round of the 2023 draft out of Michigan... Played three seasons with the Wolverines.
- Native of Mississauga, Ontario - one of three native Canadians on the Dunedin roster. Played on the Canadian 18U national team for three seasons, from 2018-2020.
- Dad, Greg O'Halloran, was drafted by the Blue Jays in 1988. Made professional debut with Dunedin in the 1990 MiLB season. Eventually debuted and played 12 games as a catcher with the Marlins in 1994.
- Also played hockey and volleyball growing up, but chose baseball.
- Throws from a low, three-quarter slot... fastball sits in the low-to-mid 90s, with a slider in the low 80s, along with a mid-80s change.

2024 SEASON

- Ranks top-10 in FSL in ERA, BAA, and WHIP.
- Struck out nine for second straight start on 5/7 at FTM - allowed just one earned run...
- Fired a career-high 6.2 shutout innings on 4/30 vs Tampa; struck out nine in the longest outing by a D-Jay so far this season...
- Opponents have hit just .123 against Slider...
- Earned second straight victory on 4/16 vs Clearwater - allowed 2 ER in second inning before finishing outing with three scoreless frames.
- Made first start of season at Tampa on 4/9 - allowed first inning run and finished outing with four straight scoreless frames.

2023 SEASON

- Jumped FCL to make pro debut with Dunedin in August...
- Made six appearances with Blue Jays; five coming out of the bullpen. Posted 6.30 ERA in 10 innings... opponents hit just .205.
- Lone start came on 9/5 vs Jupiter - pitched two innings, allowed 2 ER while walking 3.
- Allowed 5 ER in final two appearances across three innings.

COLLEGE

- Played three seasons at Michigan, pitching to a 4.98 ERA in 202.1 career innings as a Wolverine.
- Was named the Big 10 pitcher of the year for 2023, firing a 4.11 ERA across 103 innings of work. Struck out 110 batters while walking just 26. Pitched 7 or more innings six times, including a complete game vs Michigan State on 4/22. Struck out 10+ on three occasions.
- Made 18 starts in 2022, turning in a 5.44 ERA in 92.2 innings of work.
- Pitched just 6.2 innings in freshman season (2021). Allowed 9 ER.
- Earned scholarship offer after Michigan coaching staff saw him pitch in a game for Team Ontario against Team Michigan in 2018... Pitching coach Chris Fetter was originally there to scout Team Michigan.

2024 GAME BY GAME

DATE	OPP	DEC	ERA	GS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K	HR	NP-S	RES.
4/9	at TAM	W	1.80	1	5.0	2	2	1	3	7	0	79-51	6-2 W
4/16	vs CLR	W	2.70	1	5.0	5	2	2	1	2	1	86-57	10-5 W
4/23	at JUP	L	4.20	1	5.0	4	4	4	3	5	0	93-54	4-3 L
4/30	vs TAM	W	2.91	1	6.2	3	0	0	0	9	0	90-64	2-0 W
5/7	at FTM		2.63	1	5.2	3	3	1	3	9	2	90-60	8-7 L
5/14	vs JUP												

O'HALLORAN SINGLE GAME HIGHS

SEASON		CAREER
4/30 vs TAM - 6.2	IP	6.2 - 4/30/24 vs TAM
4/16 vs CLR - 5	H	4 - 9/10/23 vs JUP
4/23 at JUP - 4	R	4 - 9/10/23 vs JUP
4/23 at JUP 4	ER	4 - 4/23/24 at JUP
3x, last - 5/7 at FTM - 3	BB	3 - 3x, last - 5/7/24 at FTM
2x, last - 5/7 at FTM - 9	K	9 - 2x, last - 5/7/24 at FTM

NEXT GAME STARTER - RHP JUARON WATTS-BROWN

BLUE JAYS BATTERS

45	YHOANGEL APONTE	OF	R/R	5-10, 190	20 (2/12/04)	CARACAS, VEZ
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ACQUIRED 2021 - IFA **ARRIVED IN DUNEDIN** 8/29/23 from FCL Blue Jays **PROSPECT RANKINGS** MLB No. 25

2024 NOTES
 - Went 4-5 with two doubles, a triple and 3 RBIs on 4/12 at Tampa; first four-hit game of the year by a Blue Jay.

CAREER NOTES
 - Signed by the Blue Jays as an international free agent in January 2021 out of Caracas, Venezuela.
 - Played a career-high 50 games in 2023, including six with Dunedin. Hit .231 with .806 OPS in 44 games with FCL Blue Jays last season... hit .350 (7-20) with a homer in six-game stint with D-Jays

BY THE NUMBERS
 Series:
 Last Series: 5 GP, 4-21, 2 RBI, 3 BB, 8 K
 vs JUP: 1-18, 2 BB, 6K
 Trend: 42% Hard Hit percentage - 1st on DUN, 14th in FSL

47	VICTOR ARIAS	OF	L/L	5-11, 150	20 (8/24/03)	MARACAY, VEZ
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ACQUIRED 2019 - IFA **ARRIVED IN DUNEDIN** Opening Day Roster **PROSPECT RANKINGS** NR

2024 NOTES
 - Missed 4/14 though 4/18 with shoulder soreness
 - Claimed first Dunedin extra base hit of the season with RBI 2B vs LAK on 4/6... Recorded 3 RBI game

CAREER NOTES
 - Signed by Toronto as an international free agent in August 2019 - did not make pro debut until 2021 due to COVID-19 pandemic.
 - Played 41 of 47 games in 2023 with FCL Blue Jays - hit .222 with and .788 OPS.
 - Earned end of season stints with Dunedin (3 games, 3-11) and AA-New Hampshire (3 games, 1-11) to finish 2023.
 - Made stateside debut with FCL Blue Jays in 2022 - hit .315 in 19 games.

BY THE NUMBERS
 Series:
 Last Series: 5 GP, 4-23, BB, RBI, 7K
 vs JUP: 8-22, 2 RBI, 9 K
 Trend: Last 10 - .190 BA, .577 OPS

4	BRYCE ARNOLD	INF	R/R	5-10, 175	22 (7/24/01)	HAMILTON, ONT
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ACQUIRED UDFA - July 2023 **ARRIVED IN DUNEDIN** Opening Day Roster **PROSPECT RANKINGS** NR

2024 NOTES
 - Reached base in seven straight games to open the season.
 - One of three Canadians on D-Jays Opening Day roster...

CAREER NOTES
 - Signed by Blue Jays as an undrafted free agent in July 2023 after a three-year collegiate career at Campbell, where he hit .310 with a .989 OPS in 133 career games. Earned All-Big South and NCBWA Third Team All-America honors in final Collegiate season.
 - Made pro debut with DUN last season - posted .741 OPS with 22 walks to 19 Ks... Played final two weeks of the season with AA-NH - went 5-33 in 10 games.

BY THE NUMBERS
 Series:
 Last Series: 5 GP, 5-20, BB, 4 RBIs, 5 K
 vs JUP: 2-14, 3 BB, 3K
 Trend:

36	RICARDO BALOGH	INF	S/R	6-3, 175	21 (7/9/02)	SANTO DOMINGO, DR
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ACQUIRED 2024 - MiLB FA **ARRIVED IN DUNEDIN** Opening Day Roster **PROSPECT RANKINGS** NR

2024 NOTES
 - Collected three hits on 4/19 vs Clearwater, including two doubles.
 - Picked up first hit with Blue Jays' organization on 4/9 at Tampa with a single.

CAREER NOTES
 - Signed by Toronto as a Minor League free agent on March 30 (six days prior to Opening Day). Was originally signed by the Astros as an international free agent in July 2018.
 - Made full season debut last season with A-Fayetteville; played 89 games and hit .241 with a .673 OPS and 6 HRs.
 - Hit a career-high .277 in 52 games with FCL Astros in 2022.

BY THE NUMBERS
 Series:
 Last Series: 0 GP
 vs JUP: 1-8, 2 BB, 2K
 Trend: 7 BB, 11 Ks...

1	MANUEL BELTRE	INF	R/R	5-10, 165	19 (6/9/04)	INVIVIENDA, DR
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ACQUIRED 2021, IFA **ARRIVED IN DUNEDIN** 8/30/22 from FCL Blue Jays **PROSPECT RANKINGS** MLB No. 27

2024 NOTES
 - Recorded first 3-hit game of season on 4/21 vs CLR
 - Belted 2-run, walk-off homer on 4/7 vs LAK
 - Member of Toronto's Spring Breakout Roster - went 0-1 with a strikeout in game vs Yankees.
 - One of seven top-30 Blue Jays' prospects according to MLB Pipeline on Dunedin's Opening Day roster.

CAREER NOTES
 - Goes by "Manny"... Fluent in English
 - Signed by the Blue Jays as an international free agent in January 2021 for \$2.35 Million... Was ranked MLB Pipeline's No. 23 International prospect in the '21 class.
 - Spent all of 2023 season with Dunedin, marking full season debut. Played 98 games, slashing .231/.335/.440 with six homers. Was 2.2 years younger than the average Florida State League player.

BY THE NUMBERS
 Series:
 Last Series: 5 GP, 4-18, HR, 5 RBI, 3 BB, 5 K
 vs JUP: 3-18, 2K, BB
 Trend:

12	EDWARD DURAN	C	R/R	5-11, 170	19 (5/29/04)	CARACAS, VEZ
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ACQUIRED 2022, Trade (from MIA) **ARRIVED IN DUNEDIN** 7/21/23 from FCL Blue Jays **PROSPECT RANKINGS** NR

2024 NOTES
 - Owns Dunedin's longest on base streak of the season - 13 games from April 9 through May 2nd.
 - Was a member of Toronto's Spring Breakout roster - did not see action in match-up against Yankees prospects.

CAREER NOTES
 - Acquired by Blue Jays from the Marlins as the 'player to be named later' in the deal that sent former D-Jay Jordan Groshans to Miami and relievers Zach Pop and Anthony Bass to Toronto.
 - Finished 2023 with A-Dunedin - hit .299 with .788 OPS in 24 games. Opened first season in Blue Jays organization with FCL Blue Jays; batted .340 in 17 games.

BY THE NUMBERS
 Series:
 Last Series: 4 GP, 6-14, 3 BB, 0K
 vs JUP: 2-15, RBI, 5K
 Trend: 0.94 BB/K ratio - 6th in FSL vs LHP - .455 BA (6-11)

36	CRISTIAN FELIZ	INF	L/L	6-4, 190	21 (9/7/02)	SANTO DOMINGO, DR
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ACQUIRED 2019, IFA **ARRIVED IN DUNEDIN** Opening Day Roster **PROSPECT RANKINGS** NR

2024 NOTES
 - Ripped two homers on 5/4 vs Tampa - first two-homer game of the season by a Blue Jay.
 - Belted first home run of the season on 4/16 vs CLR; exit velo measured 112 MPH.

CAREER NOTES
 - Signed by Toronto in as an international free agent in July 2019 - did not see first on-field action until 2021 due to COVID-19 pandemic.
 - Played 2022 and 2023 with FCL Blue Jays- batted .196 but belted 6 homers in 37 games in '23.
 - Played exclusively first base last season after splitting time between outfield and first in the prior two seasons.

BY THE NUMBERS
 Series:
 Last Series: 6 GP, 4-22, 2 HR, 3 RBIs, 4 BB, 6 K
 vs JUP: 4 GP, 2-13, 2BB, 6 K
 Trend: Last 10 - .873 OPS, .222 BA