



**SOUTH BEND CUBS (38-21)**  
**at**  
**FORT WAYNE TINCAPS (25-38)**



**June 16, 2026 / 7:05 PM ET**  
**Parkview Field / Fort Wayne, Indiana**

**RHP Kevin Valdez vs. RHP Matthew Watson**  
**South Bend: First-Half West Division Champions**  
**Radio: 96.1 FM / 960 AM WSBT**

**Series Schedule**

**Cubs Starting Pitchers**

**Opposing Starting Pitchers**

6/17 Game 2 at Fort Wayne 7:05 PM ET	RHP Mason McGwire	RHP Maikel Miralles
6/18 Game 3 at Fort Wayne 7:05 PM ET	RHP Jostin Florentino	RHP Carson Montgomery
6/19 Game 4 at Fort Wayne 7:05 PM ET	RHP Koen Moreno	LHP Kash Mayfield
6/20 Game 5 at Fort Wayne 6:35 PM ET	RHP Nazier Mulé	RHP Abraham Parra
6/21 Game 6 at Fort Wayne 2:05 PM ET	TBA	LHP Jamie Hitt
6/23 Game 1 vs Quad Cities 7:05 PM ET	TBA	TBA

**ABOUT LAST SERIES** - For the second time this season, South Bend took four of six games away from the Peoria Chiefs, and after the series was tied at two wins apiece heading into Saturday, the Cubs clinched the West Division's first-half, punching their ticket to the Midwest League postseason. On both Saturday and Sunday, the Cubs chased the Peoria starting pitcher out of the game in the 1st inning, hitting three home runs in the 1st on Saturday off of Jacob Odle, and scoring twice against Blake Aita on Sunday.

**FIRST-HALF CHAMPS** - For the first time since 2016, the South Bend Cubs secured a playoff spot by clinching the first-half in the Midwest League West Division. June 13 against the Peoria Chiefs was clinch night, with the Cubs toppling the Chiefs by a final score of 6-4. South Bend scored five runs in the 1st inning to start the game, and received home runs by Josiah Hartshorn, Jose Escobar, and Justin Stransky. The Escobar and Stransky round-trippers went back-to-back. In 2016, South Bend won the East Division title.

**WORK STILL TO DO** - Tuesday through Thursday's games will all count for the first-half totals this week in Fort Wayne. With 38 wins, the Cubs can get to their most first-half wins since 2017 tonight, when they won 39 games, but did not clinch a playoff spot. South Bend last won 40 or more first-half games in 2016, winning 41.

**KEEP IT IN THE PARK** - South Bend gave up nine home runs in the series to Peoria, who leads the Midwest League in homers with 100. Up until Thursday, South Bend had given up the fewest home runs in the Midwest League and all of High-A, but now have surrendered 48 on the campaign. Even with this, the Cubs still are tied for the fewest homers surrendered in the Midwest League, and tied for second in High-A.

**NO SOUP FOR YOU**- Catcher Justin Stransky continues to help out the pitching staff in a big way, leading the Midwest League with 20 baserunners caught stealing this year. In comparison, Milwaukee's William Contreras leads all of MLB in that category with 15.

**THE HARTSHORN FILE** - Chicago Cubs #7 prospect Josiah Hartshorn will not turn 20-years-old until February. He has reached base in all 18 games he has played in the Midwest League, and also is working on a 12-game hit streak. Hartshorn is 10/21 in the series against Peoria with four home runs and 11 RBI, earning Midwest League Player of the Week honors.

**THE KANE TRAIN** - No. 6 Chicago Cubs prospect Kane Kepley leads all of affiliated baseball (MLB and MiLB) in runs scored (69). Kepley, who broke the South Bend Cubs records (since 2015) for walks, stolen bases, and runs scored before the end of May, became the first Midwest League player since Byron Buxton (2013) to score at least 55 runs by the end of May. South Bend's everyday lead-off hitter also is second in all of High-A in on-base percentage with runners in scoring position at .560. Ty Southisene leads that category at .566.

## TONIGHT'S CUBS STARTING PITCHER – Kevin Valdez

CUBS SEASON.....	CAREER HIGHS
5.0, vs Peoria 6/10....	Innings..7.0, vs Hickory 6/12/25
8, at Dayton 4/21....	Hits .....8, vs Cedar Rapids 8/20/25
5, at Dayton 4/21.....	Runs .....7, at Kannapolis 6/5/25
3, vs Fort Wayne 5/2....	Walks ....5, vs Quad Cities 7/31/25
8, vs Peoria 6/10.....	K's .....Same

**Last Time Valdez...**

**Won A Game:** 6/10/26 South Bend vs Peoria  
**Lost A Game:** 8/27/25 South Bend at Peoria  
**Allowed A Home Run:** 6/3/26 South Bend at Quad Cities



**HT/WT:** 6'4" / 185.... **AGE:** 24 ... **THROWS:** Right... **BORN:** Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic

**LAST TIME OUT:** Valdez has turned the corner on the mound over his last four appearances. Has four wins in his last five outings, including last time out in relief against Peoria, going 5.0 innings of one-run baseball with three hits allowed. For the first time this season, Valdez did not walk a batter in an outing, also matched a career-best with eight strikeouts. First time Valdez had not walked a man in a game since June 28, 2025 with Myrtle Beach against Columbia.

Since walking season-high three versus Fort Wayne on May 2, has walked two or less six straight outings.

**ROTATION/BULLPEN SPLITS:** As a starter this season, Valdez has a 5.81 ERA over seven starts in 26.1 innings. All five homers he has given up this season have come in a starter role. As a reliever, Valdez has a 1.20 ERA in four games covering 15.0 innings.

**BACK IN BUSINESS:** Valdez missed all of the 2024 season due to injury, returned to Myrtle Beach in 2025 first pitching out of the bullpen, before getting back into the rotation. Made Midwest League debut on July 24, 2025, working 5.0 innings at Dayton. Gave up four runs, all unearned as the Cubs made three errors in the first three innings of the outing. Allowed four hits, walked two, struck out four. Took no-decision.

**CAREER NOTES:** Signed as an International Free Agent with the Chicago Cubs on November 12, 2021... Pitched eight games in 2022 in the Dominican Summer League, before being moved state side to the Arizona Complex League to finish that season... Started 2023 in ACL, went to Myrtle Beach posting 3.46 ERA in 12 Carolina League games that year.... Earned call-up to South Bend on July 18... Made seven starts for the Cubs in 2025, walked two or more in each outing.

### **Fourth career appearance vs. Fort Wayne (First game at Parkview Field)**

**8/7/25 vs FW:** L, 3.1 IP, 5 R, 6 H, 2 HR (Jack Costello/Kai Roberts), 3 BB, 6 K's

**5/2/26 vs FW:** ND, 3.2 IP, 4 R, 6 H, HR (Jack Costello), 3 BB, 2 K's

**5/27/26 vs FW:** ND, 4.1 IP, 1 R, 5 H, HB, 2 BB, 2 K's

### **Pitch Arsenal**

4-Seam Fastball, Sinker, Curveball, Slider, Changeup



# SOUTH BEND CUBS BULLPEN

<p><b>28 Ethan Bell (R)</b>  Last Win: 4/21/26 at Dayton  Last Loss: 9/4/25 vs Columbia  Last HR: 4/24/26 at Dayton</p> <p><b>Arsenal:</b> 4SFB, Slider, Curveball</p>	<p><b>BIO:</b> 2025 free agent signing of the Chicago Cubs out of Saint Louis University. Made pro debut with Myrtle Beach Pelicans on 4/25/25, pitching a scoreless inning... Posted 1-4 record with 3.90 ERA in 26 games last season with MB. Walked 33 in 32.1 IP with 49 K. Struck out 49 batters in 36.2 IP in final season with Billikens</p>	<p><b>Last 3 Outings</b>  5/31 vs FW: 0.2 IP, 2 4, 1 H, 4 BB, 0 K  6/5 at QC (ND): 1.1 IP, 4 R, 2 ER, 1 H, 2 BB, 1 K  6/14 vs PEO (ND): 1.0 IP, 0 R, 1 H, 1 BB, 3 K's</p> <p><b>*Scoreless Streak:</b> 1.1</p>
<p><b>19 Kenten Egbert (R)</b>  Last Win: 9/7/25 vs Wisconsin  Last Loss: 8/15/25 at Beloit  Last HR: 8/15/25 vs Fort Wayne</p> <p><b>Arsenal:</b> 4SFB, Slider, Curve, Change</p>	<p><b>BIO:</b> Signed by the Cubs to a minor league contract in July 2023... Was working behind a cash register when he got his call from the Cubs... Pitched four seasons at Miami (Ohio), finishing First Team All-MAC as a senior in 2023... Spent all of 2025 with SB, 4.26 ERA in 26 G, 17 GS... Started game in hometown Dayton on July 26, earning victory with 6 IP, 1 R allowed, 1 K. Tossed 8.2 innings of 1-run ball vs Wisconsin in 2025 season finale, had chance at complete game shutout. Became just the 6th SB Cubs pitcher ever to throw 8 innings or more in a single game.</p>	<p><b>Last 3 Outings (Bullpen)</b>  5/31 vs FW (SV): 0.1 IP, 0 R, 0 H, 0 BB, 0 K  6/4 at QC (ND): 1.0 IP, 0 R, 0 H, 0 BB, 0 K  6/14 vs PEO (ND): 1.0 IP, 0 R, 1 H, 1 BB, 0 K</p> <p><b>*Scoreless Streak:</b> 4.2</p>
<p><b>45 Ben Johnson (R)</b>  Last Win: 4/24/26 vs Chattanooga  Last Loss: 6/4/26 at Quad Cities  Last HR: 6/11/26 vs Peoria</p> <p><b>Arsenal:</b></p>	<p><b>BIO:</b> Signed by the Cubs on July 26, 2024.. Did not make pro debut until 2026 after dealing with injuries last season.. Made pro debut with Low-A Myrtle Beach at Charleston on April 3.. Appeared in four games with Pelicans, then was promoted to Double-A Knoxville pitching in two games with Smokies and earning one victory.. Pitched four seasons of college baseball at Georgia Southern, best season came as a freshman in 2021 in 21 outings, worked 3.46 ERA.. Played 2022 summer in Cape Cod Baseball League with Cotuit, pitching nine games (three starts), striking out 18 batters in 21.1 IP.</p>	<p><b>Last 3 Outings</b>  5/27 vs FW (ND): 0.2 IP, 4 R, 2 ER, 0 H, 3 BB, 0 K  5/31 vs FW (ND): 1.1 IP, 0 R, 1 H, 0 BB, 0 K  6/11 vs PEO (ND): 2.0 IP, 4 R, 5 H, 1 BB, 2 K's</p> <p><b>*Scoreless Streak:</b> 0.0</p>
<p><b>6 Koen Moreno (R)</b>  Last Win: 5/24/26 at West Michigan  Last Loss: 4/30/26 vs Fort Wayne  Last HR: 5/12/26 at Wisconsin</p> <p><b>Arsenal:</b> 4SFB, 2SFB, Slider, Change</p>	<p><b>BIO:</b> Born in Cary, NC... Drafted by the Cubs in Round 5 of the shortened 2020 draft out of Panther Creek HS... Did not pitch in the org in 2021 due to injuries before struggling in 2022 (9.96 ERA on 40 BB in 28.0 IP)... Spent all of 2023 in Myrtle Beach and was much better, going 7-2 with a 2.90 ERA... Debuted with South Bend in 2024, posting a 6.17 ERA in 23.1 IP before Tommy John shut down his season in early June... Returned to South Bend last August before pitching well in the Arizona Fall League</p>	<p><b>Last 3 Outings (Relief)</b>  8/28/25 at PEO (ND): 3.0 IP, 2 R, 3 H, 2 BB, 3 K  5/19 at WM (ND): 3.0 IP, 4 R, 7 H, 1 BB, 3 K  6/6 at QC (SV): 4.0 IP, 2 R, 6 H, 0 BB, 6 K</p> <p><b>*Scoreless Streak:</b> 1.1</p>
<p><b>50 Grayson Moore (R)</b>  Last Win: 5/24/26 at West Michigan  Last Loss: 5/29/26 vs Fort Wayne  Last HR: 4/18/24 at Beloit</p> <p><b>Arsenal:</b> 4SFB, Split, Slider, Curveball</p>	<p><b>BIO:</b> Drafted by the Cubs in Round 14 of 2023 out of Vanderbilt... National runner-up with the Commodores in 2021... Made 11 appearances in South Bend in 2024, and 26 with SB in 2025, posting 4.40 ERA.. Converted all 5 of his save chances last season.. 40 K in 30.2 IP. Game up a run in final outing of 2025, which ended an 18.0 consecutive scoreless streak.. Did not have a pro win in three full seasons (2023-25) coming into this year, had three by May 24... Gave up first home run since April of 2024 (second of career) on May 29 vs Fort Wayne..</p>	<p><b>Last 3 Outings</b>  5/29 vs FW (L): 2.1 IP, 4 R, 4 ER, 5 H, 0 BB, 5 K's  6/3 at QC (SV): 1.0 IP, 0 R, 0 H, 0 BB, 2 K  6/11 vs PEO (ND): 1.1 IP, 0 R, 1 H, 1 BB, 1 K</p> <p><b>*Scoreless Streak:</b> 2.1</p>
<p><b>30 Kenyi Perez (R)</b>  Last Win: 5/27/26 vs Fort Wayne  Last Loss: 7/21/24 at Columbia (A)  Last HR: 4/16/25 at West Michigan</p> <p><b>Arsenal:</b> 4SFB, Sinker, Slider</p>	<p><b>BIO:</b> Signed by the Cubs as an international free agent in 2020...Sixth pro season, 5th in the United States...36 games with Low-A Myrtle Beach 2024, 9.47 ERA... 36 games with SB in 2025, 5.67 ERA. Wipeout stuff, walked 46 in 39.2 IP last yr, struck out 55. Struck out side on 15 pitches 8/1/25 vs QC.. Has not allowed a run since May 14, in that time has 20 K's over 8.1 IP.</p>	<p><b>Last 3 Outings</b>  6/2 at QC (SV): 2.0 IP, 0 R, 0 H, 1 BB, 6 K  6/5 at QC (SV): 2.0 IP, 0 R, 0 H, 1 BB, 5 K  6/12 vs PEO (ND): 1.0 IP, 0 R, 0 H, 1 BB, 3 K's</p> <p><b>*Scoreless Streak:</b> 7.1</p>
<p><b>40 Jackson Brockett (L)</b>  Last Win: 6/9/26 vs Peoria  Last Loss: 4/29/26 vs Fort Wayne  Last HR: 4/29/26 vs Fort Wayne</p>	<p><b>BIO:</b> Signed by the Cubs as a free agent on February 19, 2026 out of the University of Nebraska.. Born in Omaha, before moving to play high school baseball at Buford High School in Georgia.. Resides near Atlanta... Named to 2025 Big Ten All-Tournament Team.. Pitched four seasons at Nebraska, working in 57 career games. Final season with Huskers in 2025 featured 16 APP's and 15 starts, a 3.66 ERA in 64.0 IP, 23 BB and 45 K.. Posted seven starts with at least four strikeouts.</p>	<p><b>Last 3 Outings</b>  6/2 at QC (W): 4.0 IP, 0 R, 2 H, 1 BB, 2 K  6/9 vs PEO (W): 1.2 IP, 0 R, 1 H, 0 BB, 3 K's  6/11 vs PEO (SV): 4.0 IP, 2 R, 3 H, 0 BB, 5 K's</p> <p><b>*Scoreless Streak:</b> 0.1</p>



# SOUTH BEND CUBS BULLPEN

<p><b>44 Mason McGwire (R)</b>  Last Win: 4/14/26 vs Kannapolis  Last Loss: 5/24/26 at Kannapolis  Last HR: 5/24/26 at Kannapolis</p> <p><b>Arsenal:</b> 4SFB, Slider, Curve, Splitter</p>	<p><b>BIO:</b> Selected by the Cubs in the 8th round of the 2022 MLB Draft out of Capistrano Valley High School in California.. Third pro season, missed all of 2025 due to injury.. Pitched all of 2024 with Low-A Myrtle Beach, working 15 games with a 5.71 ERA.. Returned to Pelicans this season and posted 2.40 ERA in 10 games, started five.. Struck out 45 batters in 30 IP, walked 10.. Youngest son of former MLB slugger Mark McGwire.. Mark has been a Spring Training instructor with the Chicago Cubs since Mason was drafted...</p>	<p><b>Last 3 Outings</b>  5/30 vs FW (SV): 3.0 IP, 0 R, 1 H, 0 BB, 6 K's</p> <p><b>*Scoreless Streak:</b> 3.0</p>
<p><b>32 Eli Jerzembeck (R)</b>  Last Win: 5/1/26 vs Columbia  Last Loss: 5/13/26 at Wisconsin  Last HR: 4/10/26 at Columbia</p> <p><b>Arsenal:</b> 4SFB, Sinker, Cutter  Curveball, Slider, Changeup</p>	<p><b>BIO:</b> Selected by the Chicago Cubs in the 11th round of the 2025 MLB Draft out of the University of South Carolina... Born in Charlotte, North Carolina.. Pitched just one season at South Carolina due to injury, missed all of 2024 and 2025 after appearing in 16 games with Gamecocks in 2023... Had a 2.84 ERA with 36 strikeouts in 31.2 innings pitched in 2023... At time of going to college, ranked the No. 63 overall and No. 16 right-handed pitcher nationally by Perfect Game in the class of 2022... Father Mike pitched for 1998 New York Yankees... Brother, Satchel, played college baseball at North Carolina...</p>	<p><b>Last 3 Outings (Bullpen)</b>  5/24 at WM (SV): 2.0 IP, 0R, 0 H, 1 BB, 3 K  5/30 vs FW (ND): 2.0 IP, 0 R, 0 H, 2 BB, 2 K  6/3 at QC (ND): 1.1 IP, 0 R, 2 H, 1 BB, 1 K</p> <p><b>*Scoreless Streak:</b> 5.1</p>
<p><b>38 Brayden Spears (R)</b>  Last Win: 4/27/26 vs Fort Wayne  Last Loss: 9/2/25 vs Columbia  Last HR: 4/27/26 vs Fort Wayne</p> <p><b>Arsenal:</b> 4SFB, Sinker, Cutter, Sweeper,  Changeup</p>	<p><b>BIO:</b> Signed by the Cubs in 2025 after pitching 3 seasons with the Pioneer League's Boise Hawks.. Made Cubs org debut with Myrtle Beach, tossing 60.1 INN in 36 games. Posted 3.13 ERA.. Saved 5 games out of 10 opportunities, struck out 55. Played at Boise State University and Cal State Fullerton. Best season in Indy Ball came in 2024 w/ Boise, making 10 starts with a 3.74 ERA. struck out 56 in 53.0 IP</p>	<p><b>Last 3 Outings</b>  5/29 vs FW (ND): 3.0 IP, 4 R, 2 ER, 5 H, 0 BB, 3 K  6/5 at QC (ND): 2.2 IP, 5 R, 7 H, 2 BB, 2 K  6/12 vs PEO (ND): 3.1 IP, 1 R, 0 H, 3 BB, 6 K's</p> <p><b>*Scoreless Streak:</b> 0.0</p>
<p><b>25 Adam Stone (R)</b>  Last Win: 5/22/26 at West Michigan  Last Loss: 7/19/23 at Clearwater  Last HR: 8/19/23 at Daytona</p> <p><b>Arsenal:</b> 4SFB, Slider, Sweeper,  Changeup</p>	<p><b>BIO:</b> Selected by the Chicago Cubs in the 2025 Rule 5 Draft, originally signed as a free agent with the New York Yankees in 2022.. Has not pitched in an official game since 2023 due to injury.. Only pro season came in 2023 with Tampa in Florida State League... worked 20 games with 7.20 ERA.. Played 2022 season in college at Harvard.. Also pitched 7 games in Arizona Fall League in 2025 with Mesa Solar Sox</p>	<p><b>Last 3 Outings</b>  5/22 at WM (W): 1.2 IP, 0 R, 0 H, 4 BB, 0 K  5/28 vs FW (ND): 3.0 IP, 1 R, 1 H, 0 BB, 3 K  6/12 vs PEO (ND): 1.2 IP, 0 R, 2 H, 1 BB, 2 K's</p> <p><b>*Scoreless Streak:</b> 4.2</p>
<p><b>39 Nate Williams (R)</b>  Last Win: 4/23/26 at Dayton  Last Loss: N/A  Last HR: 4/23/26 at Dayton</p> <p><b>Arsenal:</b> 4SFB, Slider, Splitter</p>	<p><b>BIO:</b> Selected by the Cubs in the 13th round of the 2025 Draft out of Mississippi State... Did not pitch professionally in 2025 after being drafted...Lone season with Miss State came in 2025, working 19 games with 4.23 ERA. Struck out 51 batters in 27.2 IP... Pitched two seasons at Florence-Darlington Tech in 2021 and 2022... Made pro debut at Peoria 4/7</p>	<p><b>Last 3 Outings</b>  5/20 at WM (ND): 2.1 IP, 0 R, 2 H, 0 BB, 4 K  6/5 at QC (ND): 1.0 IP, 0 R, 1 H, 0 BB, 0 K  6/14 vs PEO (ND): 1.0 IP, 0 R, 1 H, 0 BB, 2 K's</p> <p><b>*Scoreless Streak:</b> 5.1</p>
<p><b>33 JP Wheat (R)</b>  Last Win: 6/6/26 at Quad Cities  Last Loss: 5/2/26 vs Fort Wayne  Last HR: 4/19/25 at Augusta</p> <p><b>Arsenal:</b> 4SFB, Slider, Changeup</p>	<p><b>BIO:</b> Selected by the Cubs in the 16th-round of 2022 MLB Draft out of Next Level Academy HS.. Did not pitch professionally in 2022 or 2023, made pro debut in 2024 in ACL, then made 10 starts with Myrtle Beach, posting 7.91 ERA... Limited to just 33 IP last season due to injury, last pitched on 5/18/25 with Pelicans. Had best career outing on 5/10/25 vs Delmarva, throwing 6 hitless and shutout innings.</p>	<p><b>Last 3 Outings</b>  6/3 at QC (ND): 1.2 IP, 2 R, 0 H, 4 BB, 1 K  6/6 at QC (W): 1.0 IP, 0 R, 2 H, 0 BB, 0 K  6/11 vs PEO (ND): 0.2 IP, 4 R, 3 H, 1 BB, 0 K</p> <p><b>*Scoreless Streak:</b> 0.0</p>



# SOUTH BEND CUBS CATCHERS/INFIELDERS

<p><b>17 Jose Escobar</b>          *All INF and OF spots but 1B          *Bats: Left / Throws: Right          *NDFA 2022          *No College          *26: MB (40g) .299, 2 HR, 23 RBI  <b>Last Game:</b> 1/3, 1 R, 2 RBI, 2 BB  <b>This Series:</b>  <b>(Last) PEO Series:</b> 7/14, HR, 3 R, 7 RBI, 4 BB</p>	<p><b>Career Notes:</b> Signed as free agent with Chicago Cubs on February 20, 2022... Spent all of 2022 in Dominican Summer League, made state side debut with ACL Cubs in 2023, first opportunity with Myrtle Beach came to end 2024.. Played all of 2025 with Low-A Myrtle Beach, hitting .264 in 105 games, struck out 96 times in 401 at-bats.. Started 2026 with Pelicans, batting .299 in 40 games, struck out just 21 times in 147 at-bats.. Has two three-hit games this season, knocked in career-high four RBI at Columbia on April 8.. Went 3/3 and missed cycle by a triple in first-half clinching game vs Peoria.</p>	<p><b>2026</b>  <b>Hit Streak:</b> 6 / <b>Long Hit Streak:</b> 6  <b>On-Base Streak:</b> 6 / <b>Long On-BaseStk:</b> 6  <b>Last HR:</b> 6/13 vs Peoria (Two-Run)          *First South Bend Cubs homer</p> <p><b>Cubs Season – Career Game Highs</b>  <b>Hits:</b> 3, vs PEO 6/13– 4, at Charleston 4/4/25  <b>RBI:</b> 3, vs PEO 6/13– 4, at Columbia 4/8/25</p>
<p><b>9 Drew Bowser</b>          *Can play all INF spots          *Bats: Right / Throws: Right          *2023 20th Round Pick (Cubs)          *Stanford          *25: SB (89g) .204, 2 HR, 30 RBI  <b>Last Game:</b> 1/4, 1 BB  <b>This Series:</b>  <b>(Last) PEO Series:</b> 4/10, HR, 3 RBI, 2 BB</p>	<p><b>Career Notes:</b> Selected by Cubs in 20<sup>th</sup> round of 2023 draft out of Stanford... First Stanford selection by Cubs since Nico Hoerner in 2018... Made the College World Series all 3 years at Stanford... 2022 w/ Cardinal - .293, 18 HR (career high), 50 RBI... Drove in 48 RBI in final season in Palo Alto... In 2023, hit the Super Regional Game 3 pop-up that dropped to send Stanford to Omaha...7 HR in 2024 with ACL Cubs and Myrtle Beach in first full season... Had 4 hits in final 4 games combined to end last season with SB...Had one of two Cubs hits vs rehabbing Nick Lodolo on 4/26 at Dayton.. First South Bend Cubs player (since 2015) to ever hit a grand slam in back-to-back games.          *Walked off Lake County with a 10<sup>th</sup>-inning single 6/20/25</p>	<p><b>2026</b>  <b>Hit Streak:</b> 5 / <b>Long Hit Streak:</b> 5  <b>On-Base Streak:</b> 6 / <b>Long On-BaseStk:</b> 11  <b>Last HR:</b> 6/11 vs Peoria (Three-Run)          *Has homered in 3 of last 5 home games          *Had back-to-back games with a grand slam 5/29 and 5/30          *Had grand slam erased last July in Dayton due to game being cancelled after 4 innings due to rain. Got grand slam back on 5/29/26.</p> <p><b>Cubs Season – Career Game Highs</b>  <b>Hits:</b> 2, vs PEO 6/11 – 3, at ACL-SD 6/7/24  <b>RBI:</b> 4, vs FW 5/30 – 5, at Beloit 8/13/25</p>
<p><b>7 Ty Southisene</b>          *Shortstop, Second Base          *Bats: Right / Throws: Right          *2024 4th Round Pick (Cubs)          * Basic High School - Henderson, Nevada          *26: MB (22g) .267, 0 HR, 8 RBI  <b>Last Game:</b> 1/3, 1 R, 1 BB (SAT)  <b>This Series:</b>  <b>(Last) PEO Series:</b> 5/17, 4 R, 4 BB</p>	<p><b>Career Notes:</b> Drafted by Cubs in 4th round of 2024 MLB Draft out of High School in Henderson, Nevada.. Las Vegas native... Ranked as Cubs #25 prospect... Played 91 games in first pro season last year, with 90 of them coming with Low-A Myrtle Beach... Hit .244 last year with 36 RBI, had 62 BB to 58 K.. Swiped 41 bases out of 48 attempts.. Went back to Pelicans to begin 2026, playing 22 games before promotion to South Bend on May 3.. Matched career-best with three hits in South Bend debut on 5/3 vs Fort Wayne.. Had three multi-hit efforts in first five MWL games... Struck out three times 5/14 at Wisconsin, first time in career.</p>	<p><b>2026</b>  <b>Hit Streak:</b> 7 / <b>Long Hit Streak:</b> 7  <b>On-Base Streak:</b> 8 / <b>Long On-BaseStk:</b> 10  <b>Last HR:</b> No pro HR's</p> <p><b>Cubs Season – Career Game Highs</b>  <b>Hits:</b> 4, at Wisconsin 5/16 – Same  <b>RBI:</b> 4, at Wisconsin 5/16 – Same</p>
<p><b>24 Matt Halbach</b>          *First Base, Third Base          *Bats: Right / Throws: Right          *2024 10th Round Pick (Cubs)          *UC San Diego          *25: MB (103g) .244, 9 HR, 67 RBI  <b>Last Game:</b> 2/5, 2 R  <b>This Series:</b>  <b>(Last) PEO Series:</b> 6/23, 4 R, 1 RBI, 1 BB</p>	<p><b>Career Notes:</b> Drafted by Cubs in 10<sup>th</sup> round of 2024 MLB Draft out of UC San Diego... Did not play after being drafted in 2024, made pro debut with Myrtle Beach Pelicans on 4/4/25, clubbing first pro HR on Opening Day last season... Had back to back 3 hit games to start last year.. Hit .317 in April of 2025 and .121 in May, ended season with a .307 August... Finished 2024 at UC San Diego with a .408 batting average, 29 hits, 18 RBI and 23 runs scored. Played 2023 in Cape Cod Baseball League with Orleans Firebirds, hitting .364 in 32 games.. Had one of two Cubs hits vs rehabbing Nick Lodolo on 4/26 at Dayton.. Had career-day 5/14 at Wisconsin, went 5/5 with a HR, 5 runs, 6 RBI, and 2 BB</p>	<p><b>2026</b>  <b>Hit Streak:</b> 2 / <b>Long Hit Streak:</b> 6  <b>On-Base Streak:</b> 3 / <b>Long On-BaseStk:</b> 15  <b>Last HR:</b> 5/121 at West Michigan (Solo)</p> <p>*15-game on-base streak ended 5/9</p> <p><b>Cubs Season – Career Game Highs</b>  <b>Hits:</b> 5, at WIS 5/14 – Same  <b>RBI:</b> 6, at WIS, 5/14 – Same</p>
<p><b>21 Cole Mathis</b>          *First Base, Third Base          *Bats: Right / Throws: Right          *2024 2nd Round Pick (Cubs)          *College of Charleston          *25: MB (29g) .215, 3 HR, 14 RBI  <b>Last Game:</b> 1/2, 1 R (Weds)  <b>This Series:</b>  <b>(Last) PEO Series:</b> 2/6, HR, 1 RBI</p>	<p><b>Career Notes:</b> Drafted by Cubs in 2nd round of 2024 MLB Draft out of Charleston... Did not make pro debut until 2025 due to Tommy John Surgery after being drafted, was a two-way player in college... Crushed three home runs in 29 with Low-A Myrtle Beach in 2025, and then hit seven in 14 games with the Pelicans before promotion to South Bend... Hit .335 with 14 homers and 57 RBI in 52 games in final college season in 2024.. Played 2023 summer with Cape League's Cotuit Keteleers, hitting .318 in 38 games with 11 homers and 42 RBI.. His father Sammie Mathis was a Minor League pitcher with Cleveland in 1995 and 1996.</p>	<p><b>2026</b>  <b>Hit Streak:</b> 7 / <b>Long Hit Streak:</b> 7  <b>On-Base Streak:</b> 8 / <b>Long On-BaseStk:</b> 10  <b>Last HR:</b> 6/9 vs Peoria (solo)</p> <p>*Has already homered in consecutive games twice this season. (Three straight from 4/12-4/15)          *6-game hit streak and 10-game on-base streak ended 5/9</p> <p><b>Cubs Season – Career Game Highs</b>  <b>Hits:</b> 3, at WIS 5/12 – 4, 4/15/26 vs KPS  <b>RBI:</b> 3, at DAY 4/21 – 5, 4/17/25 at Augusta</p>



<p><b>5 Christian Olivo</b>          *All OF spots, 3B, SS, 2B          *Bats: Right / Throws: Right          *2021 17th Round Pick (Cubs)          *No College          *25: MB (92g) .240, 3 HR, 38 RBI  <b>Last Game:</b> 1/5, 1 R  <b>This Series:</b>  <b>(Last) PEO Series:</b> 1/18, 2 R, 1 BB</p>	<p><b>Career Notes:</b> Drafted as a shortstop in 17<sup>th</sup> round of 2021 MLB Draft out of Leadership Christian Academy in Puerto Rico, same academy as former South Bend Cubs catcher Miguel Pabon... Played in 92 games last season with Myrtle Beach, stealing 28 bases with a .240 AVG, three home runs, 38 RBI... Played with South Bend briefly in 2024, appearing in 13 games, going 4/47 at the plate... Scored career-best five runs in 16-10 victory over Dayton on April 21... Hit two home runs in Dayton road series (3 HR in 92 games last season)... Played 21 straight games from April 9-May 2... Had career best four hit, 2 HR, and 6 RBI game on May 8 vs Lansing - First player in South Bend Cubs history with 2 HR, 6 RBI and 3 runs scored in single game</p>	<p><b>2026</b>  <b>Hit Streak:</b> 1 / <b>Long Hit Streak:</b> 5  <b>On-Base Streak:</b> 1 / <b>Long On-BaseStk:</b> 7  <b>Last HR:</b> 6/6 at Quad Cities (2-Run)          *Hit 3 HR in 92 games with Myrtle Beach ('25)          *7-game on-base streak ended 5/9  <b>Cubs Season – Career Game Highs</b>  <b>Hits:</b> 4, 5/8 vs Lansing — Same  <b>RBI:</b> 6, 5/8 vs Lansing – Same</p>
<p><b>22 Dilan Granadillo</b>          *Catcher          *Bats: Left / Throws: Right          *NDFA 2019          *No College          *25: MB (47g) .190, 1 HR, 12 RBI  <b>Last Game:</b> 0/3, 1 BB (Sunday)  <b>This Series:</b>  <b>(Last) PEO Series:</b> 0/3, 1 BB</p>	<p><b>Career Notes:</b> Signed as free agent with Chicago Cubs on November 26, 2019... Played with the South Bend Cubs in 2023, spending nearly all of the season on the Development List.. Also appeared in 9 games with SB in 2024, going 3/23 at the plate. Three hits included pinch hit home run at Quad Cities on 6/1/24... Played in career high 47 G with Myrtle Beach last season, with career-best 12 RBI.. Picked up first caught-stealing of season on 4/22 at Dayton (Yerlin Confidon)</p>	<p><b>2026</b>  <b>Hit Streak:</b> 0 / <b>Long Hit Streak:</b> 1  <b>On-Base Streak:</b> 1 / <b>Long On-BaseStk:</b> 5  <b>Last HR:</b> 8/20/25 vs Charleston (2-run)  <b>Cubs Season – Career Game Highs</b>  <b>Hits:</b> 1, vs LAN 5/8 - 3, at Charleston 8/2/25  <b>RBI:</b> 1, vs FW 5/27 –3, vs Charleston 8/20/25</p>
<p><b>15 Alex Madera</b>          *Shortstop, Second Base, Third Base          *Bats: Left / Throws: Right          *NDFA 2026          *University of North Carolina          *26: KNX (24g) .206, 0 HR, 7 RBI  <b>Last Game:</b> 2/5, 1 R  <b>This Series:</b>  <b>(Last) PEO Series:</b> 4/17, 2 R, 2 BB</p>	<p><b>Career Notes:</b> Signed as free agent with Chicago Cubs on February 21, 2026... Played four seasons of Division III baseball at Arcadia University in Pennsylvania, before ending collegiate career with two seasons at North Carolina in the ACC... Hit .464 as a junior at Arcadia, and .458 as a senior.. First season at UNC in 2024 posted .303 average with 34 RBI in 63 games.. Final season of 2025 hit .332 with .432 OBP.. Made pro debut with Double-A Knoxville Smokies on April 7, 2026, played 19 games with Knoxville.. Assigned to South Bend on May 5.. Had a hit in all 13 games of first stint with South Bend... Promoted back to Knoxville on May 26, returned to South Bend on June 2</p>	<p><b>2026</b>  <b>Hit Streak:</b> 1 / <b>Long Hit Streak:</b> 13  <b>On-Base Streak:</b> 3 / <b>Long On-BaseStk:</b> 17  <b>Last HR:</b> 4/30/25 with UNC vs Queens University  <b>Cubs Season – Career Game Highs</b>  <b>Hits:</b> 3, at Wisconsin 5/16 – Same  <b>RBI:</b> 3, at Wisconsin 5/14 – Same</p>
<p><b>11 Justin Stransky</b>          *Catcher          *Bats: Right / Throws: Right          *2025 11<sup>th</sup> round pick (Cubs)          *Fresno State          *25: MB (13g) .163, 0 HR, 5 RBI  <b>Last Game:</b> 1/3, HR, 1 RBI, 1 BB (SAT)  <b>This Series:</b>  <b>(Last) PEO Series:</b> 4/11, HR, 2 R, 4 BB</p>	<p><b>Career Notes:</b> 2025 11th-round pick of the Chicago Cubs out of Fresno State... Made pro debut with Myrtle Beach Pelicans on August 5 last season, hit .163 with Pelicans in 13 games with no home runs, 5 RBI, 6 BB, and 12 strikeouts... Had two multi-hit games.. Played two seasons at Fresno State, hitting .300 or better in both years.. Hit .304 in 2024, followed by a .316 performance in 2025 with 12 HR and 45 RBI.. Had career-game in season debut at Peoria, crushing first pro homer with career-high five RBI on April 8.. Has a pair of five RBI games this season, in season debut at Peoria 4/8, and 5/14 at Wisconsin. Homered in each.. *13-game on-base streak ended June 12</p>	<p><b>2026</b>  <b>Hit Streak:</b> 1 / <b>Long Hit Streak:</b> 5  <b>On-Base Streak:</b> 1 / <b>Long On-BaseStk:</b> 13  <b>Last HR:</b> 6/13 vs Peoria (Solo)          *Two of three homers vs Peoria          Coming into season, previous last HR was 5/10/25 vs San Jose State - Stretch where he hit a combined 5 HR over 3 games for Fresno State  <b>Cubs Season – Career Game Highs</b>  <b>Hits:</b> 2, vs Peoria 6/9 – Same  <b>RBI:</b> 5, at Wisconsin 5/14 - Same</p>
<p><b>20 Miguel Useche</b>          *Catcher          *Bats: Right / Throws: Right          *NDFA 2025          *New Orleans          *25: SB (7g) .091, 0 HR, 2 RBI  <b>Last Game:</b> 1/4, HR, 3 RBI  <b>This Series:</b>  <b>(Last) PEO Series:</b> 4/18, 3 R, 1 BB, 4 RBI</p>	<p><b>Career Notes:</b> Signed as a free agent with the Chicago Cubs out of Independent Ball on June 19 2025.. Assigned to South Bend Cubs last season where he went 2/22 at the plate in seven games played.. Started this season with Double-A Knoxville, where he launched his first pro home run on April 15 at Pensacola.. Last season in indy ball with Tri-City, hit .333 in 14 games with no homers and seven RBI.. Played final season of college ball at New Orleans in 2024, batting .349 with five homers and 45 RBI... Had career-day 5/16 at Wisconsin with four hits, five runs, two RBI, and two walks</p>	<p><b>2026</b>  <b>Hit Streak:</b> 3 / <b>Long Hit Streak:</b> 8  <b>On-Base Streak:</b> 3 / <b>Long On-BaseStk:</b> 12  <b>Last HR:</b> 6/14 vs Peoria (3-Run)          * First two hits this season were HR's (one with Knoxville, one with South Bend)  <b>Cubs Season – Career Game Highs</b>  <b>Hits:</b> 4, at Wisconsin 5/16 - Same  <b>RBI:</b> 3, vs Peoria 6/14 – Same</p>



# SOUTH BEND CUBS OUTFIELDERS

<p><b>4 Leonel Espinoza</b>  <b>*7-Day Injured List</b>  *Can play all OF spots  *Bats: Right / Throws: Right  *NFA 2020  *No College  *25: MB (93g) .270, 6 HR, 54 RBI</p> <p><b>Last Game:</b> 1/4, 1 RBI (June 9)  <b>This Series:</b>  <b>(Last) PEO Series:</b> 1/4, 1 RBI</p>	<p><b>Career Notes:</b> Signed as free agent with Chicago Cubs on October 15, 2020... Played in Dominican Summer League in all of 2021, and to start 2022. Moved State Side in ACL in 2023, hitting .339 with ACL Cubs in 33 games... Debuted with Myrtle Beach to end 2023, spent most of 2024 with Pelicans, hitting .260 in 59 games with 5 home runs and 20 RBI.. 2025 with Myrtle Beach hit .308 in May, posted .406 OBP that month as well, was 4-for-first-11 in August before call-up to South Bend, had multi-hit efforts in final two games in Carolina League...Hit .244 in 23 games with South Bend last season with 5 RBI... Smacked South Bend's first triple of season on April 15 vs Beloit.</p>	<p><b>2026</b>  <b>Hit Streak:</b> 1 / <b>Long Hit Streak:</b> 5  <b>On-Base Streak:</b> 1 / <b>Long On-BaseStk:</b> 5  <b>Last HR:</b> 5/15 at Wisconsin (Three-Run)</p> <p>*8-game hit streak w/ MB 6/29-7/9/25</p> <p><b>Cubs Season – Career Game Highs</b>  <b>Hits:</b> 3, 5/27 vs FW – Same  <b>RBI:</b> 3, 5/27 vs FW – 5, at Columbia 6/24/25</p>
<p><b>35 Josiah Hartshorn</b>  *All OF spots, First Base  *Bats: Switch / Throws: Left  *2025 6<sup>th</sup> round pick (Cubs)  *No College  *26: MB (39g) .273, 5 HR, 25 RBI, 34 BB, 27 K</p> <p><b>Last Game:</b> 3/4, HR, 2 RBI, 1 BB  <b>This Series:</b>  <b>(Last) PEO Series:</b> 10/21, 4 HR, 11 RBI, 2 BB, 7 R</p>	<p><b>Career Notes:</b> 6th round pick by the Chicago Cubs out of Orange Lutheran High School in Orange, California in 2025.. Notable fellow alumni include Yankees RHP Gerrit Cole, Brewers outfielder Garrett Mitchell, former MLB pitcher Brandon Maurer, and NASCAR driver Dean Thompson... Ranked as the Chicago Cubs #8 overall prospect by MLB Pipeline.. Signed for 6th-round record \$2 million after originally signing to play college baseball with Texas A&amp;M.. Co-Champion of 2024 All-Star High School Home Run Derby at Globe Life Field.. Mashed first pro home run in second pro game at Charleston on April 3 with Myrtle Beach.. Reached base safely in 21 straight games to start this season (first 21 career pro games)</p>	<p><b>2026</b>  <b>Hit Streak:</b> 12 / <b>Long Hit Streak:</b> 12  <b>On-Base Streak:</b> 18 / <b>Long On-BaseStk:</b> 18  <b>Last HR:</b> 6/13 vs Peoria (Two-Run)  *Eight home runs in first 18 MWL games</p> <p><b>Cubs Season – Career Game Highs</b>  <b>Hits:</b> 3, vs Peoria 6/14 – Same  <b>RBI:</b> 5, vs Fort Wayne 5/27 – Same</p>
<p><b>2 Kane Kepley</b>  *Can play all OF spots  *Bats: Left / Throws: Left  *2025 2nd Round Pick (Cubs)  *North Carolina  *25: MB (28g) .299, 2 HR, 15 RBI</p> <p><b>Last Game:</b> 1/3, 2 R, 1 RBI, 1 BB  <b>This Series:</b>  <b>(Last) PEO Series:</b> 5/18, HR, 4 RBI, 7 BB</p>	<p><b>Career Notes:</b> 2nd round pick by Chicago Cubs out of North Carolina in 2025... Ranked as Cubs #6 prospect... Selected as second team all ACC member in lone season with Tar Heels... Swiped 45 bases last season as a junior, by himself, Kepley had more steals than 59 D1 programs. Played two seasons at Liberty, was named to ASUN all freshman team...After being drafted, assigned to Low-A Myrtle Beach, made pro debut on August 5. Played 28 games, walked 25 times to just 15 K. Had 3 triples, 2 HR, 16 steals.. Struck out three times in a game for first time in career on 4/9 at Peoria...Walked 12 times in six games during Beloit series in April.. Went 14/26 at plate with 11 RBI, 14 runs and 7 BB in May road series at Wisconsin .. Scored career-high five runs at Wisconsin 5/14</p>	<p><b>2026</b>  <b>Hit Streak:</b> 1 / <b>Long Hit Streak:</b> 8  <b>On-Base Streak:</b> 13 / <b>Long On-BaseStk:</b> 25  <b>Last HR:</b> 6/9 vs Peoria (Three-run)  *All three HR's have come in Tuesday series openers</p> <p>*25-game on-base streak snapped 5/30</p> <p><b>Cubs Season – Career Game Highs</b>  <b>Hits:</b> 4, at Wisconsin 5/16 - Same  <b>RBI:</b> 5, at Wisconsin 5/16 - Same</p>
<p><b>15 Kade Snell</b>  <b>*7-Day Injured List</b>  *Can play all OF spots  *Bats: Left / Throws: Left  *2025 5th Round Pick (Cubs)  *Alabama  *25: SB (27g) .167, 0 HR, 7 RBI</p> <p><b>Last Game:</b> 1/2 (May 26)  <b>This Series:</b>  <b>(Last) PEO Series:</b> DNP</p> <p>*Made pro debut w/ SB 8/5/25  *First career hit 8/5, double vs FW  *First career RBI 8/15 at Beloit  *First career HR 4/23/26 at Dayton</p>	<p><b>Career Notes:</b> 5<sup>th</sup> round pick by Chicago Cubs out of Alabama in 2025... Ranked as Cubs #27 prospect.. Helped to 41-18 record in 2025 and appearance in Louisville Super Regional, losing to Miami (FL) 5-3 on May 30, and Southern Mississippi 6-5 on May 31, Snell had a hit in both games.... 101 career games with Crimson Tide,, hit .347, 16 HR, 82 RBI.. Originally committed and played for Auburn Tigers in 2021, did not see game action... Transferred to Wallace Community College in hometown of Dothan, Alabama for 2022 and 2023... First was a two-way player at Alabama, pitching in 10 games in 2024... Was hitter-only in 2025... Named first-team all SEC outfielder, and Second-Team Rawlings All-American</p> <p>Scored career-high four runs 5/14 at Wisconsin</p> <p>*Spent 2023 summer in Cape Cod League with Falmouth Commodores, hit .342 in 21 games, one home run, 15 RBI, 11 BB, 20 K  *Crushed first pro home run at Dayton on April 23</p>	<p><b>2026</b>  <b>Hit Streak:</b> 1 / <b>Long Hit Streak:</b> 8  <b>On-Base Streak:</b> 1 / <b>Long On-BaseStk:</b> 13  <b>Last HR:</b> 5/3 vs FW (Two-Run)  *first Four Winds Field HR</p> <p>*11-game on-base streak ended last night</p> <p><b>*Stole 11 bases with South Bend in 27 games last season,, did not steal one base in two years played at Alabama</b></p> <p><b>Cubs Season – Career Game Highs</b>  <b>Hits:</b> 2, 5/6 vs Lansing – Same  <b>RBI:</b> 4, 4/15 vs Beloit – Same</p>

# SOUTH BEND PROFESSIONAL BASEBALL HISTORY



<p><b>2026 Attendance Highs</b>                  1. 7,050 5/27 vs Fort Wayne                  2. 6,736 6/12 vs Peoria                  3. 6,100 5/6 vs Lansing</p> <p><b>All-Time Attendance Highs</b>                  1. 8,169 7/25/24 vs PEO                  2. 8,143 7/3/15 vs BG                  3. 8,051 6/16/17 vs LC</p> <p><b>Season Attendance</b>                  1. 354,070 '17 Cubs                  2. 350,083 '16 Cubs                  3. 347,678 '15 Cubs                  4. 343,783 '18 Cubs                  5. 314,591 '23 Cubs</p>	<p><b>1988-1993</b> – South Bend White Sox / White Sox Affiliate                  *1989 and 1993 Midwest League Champions</p> <p><b>1994-1996</b> – South Bend Silver Hawks / White Sox Affiliate</p> <p><b>1997-2014</b> – South Bend Silver Hawks / Diamondbacks Affiliate                  *2005 Midwest League Champions                  *2001, 2008, 2013 Midwest League Runner-Up                  *2005 Midwest League Prospect of the Year/MVP: OF Carlos Gonzalez                  *2014 Midwest League Prospect of the Year: SS Andrew Velazquez</p> <p><b>2015-Present</b> – South Bend Cubs / Cubs Affiliate                  *2019 and 2022 Midwest League Champions                  *2026 Midwest League First-Half West Division Champions                  *Voted best ballpark in 2017, 2022, and 2023.</p>
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## South Bend Cubs in the Majors (Debut Team)

OF Ian Happ (Cubs '17) / SB 2015  
 P Pedro Aruajo (Orioles '17) / SB 2015-16  
 P Dillon Maples (Cubs '17) / SB 2015-16  
 P James Norwood (Cubs '18) / SB 2015-16  
 P Duane Underwood (Cubs '18) / SB 2016  
 INF David Bote (Cubs '18) / SB 2015  
 SS Gleyber Torres (Yankees '18) / SB 2015  
 P Adbert Alzolay (Cubs '19) / SB 2016  
 OF Eloy Jimenez (White Sox '19) / SB 2016  
 P Dylan Cease (White Sox '19) SB 2017  
 INF Nico Hoerner (Cubs '19) / SB 2018  
 IF Isaac Paredes (Tigers '20) / SB 2016-17  
 IF Vimal Machin (A's '20) / SB 2015-17  
 P Tyson Miller (Cubs '20) / SB 2017  
 P Brailyn Marquez (Cubs '20) / SB 2018-19  
 IF Jason Vosler (Giants '21) / SB 2015  
 C Erick Castillo (Cubs '21) / SB 2016  
 P Justin Steele (Cubs '21) SB 2016  
 IF Zack Short (Tigers '21) / SB 2017  
 P Michael Rucker (Cubs '21) / SB 2017  
 P Scott Effross (Cubs '21) / SB 2016  
 P Tommy Nance (Cubs '21) / SB 2016  
 P Jhon Romero (Nationals '21) / SB 2017  
 P Manuel Rodriguez (Cubs '21) / SB 2017-18  
 P Cory Abbott (Cubs '21) / SB 2018  
 C Teddy Payne (Cubs '21) / SB 2017-18  
 P Matt Swarmer (Cubs '22) / SB 2017  
 P Brendon Little (Cubs '22) / SB 2018-19  
 P Brandon Hughes (Cubs '22) / SB 2018-19  
 P Javier Assad (Cubs '22) / SB 2018  
 P Erich Uelmen (Cubs '22) / SB 2018  
 OF Nelson Velazquez (Cubs '22) / SB 2018-21  
 INF Jared Young (Cubs '22) / SB 2018  
 INF Christopher Morel (Cubs '22) / SB 2019  
 P Ethan Roberts (Cubs '22) / SB 2019  
 C Miguel Amaya (Cubs '23) / SB 2018  
 OF Alexander Canario (Cubs '23) / SB 2021-22  
 IF Andruw Monasterio (Brewers '23) / SB 2016-17  
 C Jhonny Pereda (Marlins '24) / SB 2017  
 P Bryan King (Astros '24) / SB 2021  
 P Bailey Horn (Red Sox '24) / SB 2021-22

P Nicholas Padilla (Cubs '22) / SB 2021-22  
 P Anderson Espinoza (Cubs '22) SB 2021  
 P Nicholas Padilla (Cubs '22) / SB 2021-22  
 P Jordan Wicks (Cubs '23) / SB 2021-22  
 P Jeremiah Estrada (Cubs '23) / SB 2022  
 OF Pete Crow-Armstrong (Cubs '23) / SB 2022  
 INF Matt Mervis (Cubs '23) / SB 2022  
 P Daniel Palencia (Cubs '23) / SB 2022  
 P Luke Little (Cubs '23) / SB 2022-23  
 P Porter Hodge (Cubs '24) / SB 2022  
 INF Levi Jordan (Reds '24) / SB 2019  
 OF Kevin Alcantara (Cubs '24) / SB 2023  
 P Hunter Bigge (Rays '24) / SB 2021-24  
 P DJ Herz (Nationals '24) / SB 2021-22  
 INF Matt Shaw (Cubs '25) / SB 2023  
 INF Cam Smith (Astros '25) / SB 2024  
 P Cade Horton (Cubs '25) / SB 2023  
 C Moises Ballesteros (Cubs '25) / SB 2023  
 P Eduarniel Nunez (Padres '25) / SB 2021-23  
 P Cam Sanders (Pirates '25) / SB 2019  
 OF Owen Caissie (Cubs '25) / SB 2022  
 P Riley Martin (Cubs '26) / SB 2022  
 OF Yohendrick Pinango (Blue Jays '26) / SB 2021-23  
 INF Pedro Ramirez (Cubs '26) / SB 2024



## Miscellaneous

**NO-HITTERS** – In total franchise history, South Bend has thrown 10 no-hitters. In South Bend Cubs history, there have been four.

\*June 6, 2018: South Bend beat Fort Wayne 7-0 as Rollie Lacy and Ben Hecht combined for no-hitter.

\*May 6, 2019: South Bend defeated Cedar Rapids 2-0 as Derek Casey and Peyton Remy combined for their no-hitter. Former Cubs catcher Victor Caratini caught half the game while on a rehab assignment.

\*August 12, 2021: At Fort Wayne, Alexander Vizcaino, Joe Nahas, and Burl Carraway combined to no-hit the TinCaps in a 3-0 shutout.

\*July 6, 2023: The most recent South Bend no-no, against the Peoria Chiefs, a 4-0 final, Michael Arias, Jarod Wright, Eduarniel Nunez, and Frankie Scalzo Jr. combined for the gem.

\*Last South Bend Silver Hawks no-hitter: July 10, 2014 Blayne Weller (9 inning solo no-hitter) at Dayton, 12 strikeouts.

\*South Bend has never thrown a perfect game in franchise history.

\*Last time South Bend was no-hit – April 19, 2026 vs Beloit (Beloit won game 10-0).

\*Previous prior opponent no-hitter: September 4, 2022 vs Lansing (Lansing won game 2-1).

**CUBS REHAB ASSIGNMENTS** – Dexter Fowler 2016, Jason Heyward 2017, Yu Darvish 2018 (2x), Drew Smyly 2018-2022-2024, Mike Montgomery 2019, Victor Caratini 2019, Ben Zobrist 2019, Derek Holland 2019, Nico Hoerner 2021, Rowan Wick 2021, Wade Miley 2022 (2x), Caleb Kilian 2024-2025, Yency Almonte 2025, Eli Morgan 2025, Jack Neely 2025.

**BUDDY BAILEY** – 2019 South Bend Cubs manager Buddy Bailey passed away this past fall on September 22, 2025. Bailey, whose 2419 career victories places him in third place on the all-time Minor League Manager wins list, spent his lone season with South Bend by winning the 2019 Midwest League Championship. The Cubs went an undefeated 7-0 in the 2019 playoffs, and Bailey also collected his 2100<sup>th</sup> professional victory while managing at Four Winds Field on June 6, 2019.

**TERRY FRANCONA** – The Cincinnati Reds manager was the skipper of the 1992 South Bend White Sox (73-64).

**CUBS DEN TEAM STORE** – In the summer of 2012, the Sons of Israel Synagogue was transformed into the South Bend Cubs Team Store (beyond the left field wall). The synagogue had not housed a congregation since 1991.

**THREE-PEAT** – South Bend became the first Midwest League franchise with three consecutive Midwest League Prospects of the Year (2014 Andrew Velazquez, 2015 Gleyber Torres, 2016 Eloy Jimenez).

**SEASON #38** – 2026 marks the 38th season of South Bend being part of the Midwest League. It's also been 11 years since the Chicago Cubs made South Bend their MWL affiliate.

\*South Bend All Time Record: 2499-2547 (Entering This Season)

\*South Bend Cubs Record (2015-Present): 656-677 (Entering This Season)

**\*South Bend won its 2500th game as a franchise on April 8 at Peoria, by a final of 13-1.**

**\*7 of 9 Cubs in the lineup had multi-hit games, every Cub reached base.**

**\*South Bend pitching did not walk a batter in the game, struck out 12.**

**THE NEW FOUR WINDS FIELD** – With stadium construction being the story of the last two off-seasons at Four Winds Field, a 48-million-dollar has been completed leading into the 2026 season. A new natural playing field was installed for the 2025 seasons. In addition, last season's renovations featured brand new stadium seats across the ballpark, the Kids Fun Zone being moved to the right field corner, and the brand new splash pad complete past the left-center field wall. 'Phase Two' of the construction project has finished up with the installation of the new second deck, featuring new suites and party deck areas. As well as the South Bend Cubs Event Building in the left field corner, which will be headlined by the newly constructed 11/11 Club presented by Bacardi. It will feature an indoor climate controlled environment and outdoor second level balcony seating to accommodate 100 to 250 guests.

**EXTRA INNINGS** – South Bend was 2-8 in games going to extra innings last season. They have yet to play an extra innings game this season.

**2026 COACHING STAFF** - Daniel Wasinger begins his first season as South Bend Cubs manager after serving as the team's bench coach in 2025. The former Arizona Diamondbacks farmhand catcher was originally drafted by the Chicago Cubs out of high school, before getting selected by the DBacks out of college. He is joined by first year pitching coaches Henry Haack and JC Bonilla. As well as third year hitting coach, and former Boston Red Sox infielder Nate Spears, and hitting coach Chris Pieters, a 2017 South Bend Cub. Development Coach Max Anastasio also jumps into his first season in South Bend.