

# CLEARWATER THRESHERS

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Clearwater Threshers (20-34, 55-64) AT Lakeland Flying Tigers (60-59, 28-25)

**Tuesday, August 30, 2022**

**Game #120 | Road Game #60 | 6:30 PM | Joker Marchant Stadium, Lakeland, FL  
RHP Estibenzon Jimenez (2-2, 2.29 ERA) vs. TBD**

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**LAST TIME OUT:** The Clearwater Threshers managed only two hits in a 6-1 loss to the Tampa Tarpons in the six-game series finale on Sunday afternoon at BayCare Ballpark. With the win, Tampa secured the series victory as the visitors grabbed four in the six-game set. Left-hander Jordan Fowler made his fifth start of the season on the mound for Clearwater, allowing two runs, both unearned, on four hits with four strikeouts in four innings of work. The Tarpons (31-21, 58-60) opened the scoring in fourth on an RBI single by Madison Santos, and an RBI sac-fly from Christopher Familia to make it 2-0. Despite grabbing a run in the bottom of the fifth on an RBI-sac fly by Wilfredo Flores to trim the deficit to 2-1, the Threshers (20-34, 55-64) were held hitless by Tampa right-hander Zach Messinger until the sixth. Jordan Viars collected his first single-A hit to begin the bottom of the sixth and break up the no-hitter. Messinger finished with three walks and five strikeouts in 5.1 innings of work and was credited with his professional win. Leading 2-1 in the seventh, the Tarpons exploded for four runs on an RBI single by Brett Barrera and then a bases-clearing, three-run double by Familia to make it 6-1. All four runs were charged to right-handed reliever Alex McKenney. The Threshers only other hit in the contest was a double by third baseman Matt Alifano in the seventh inning, his first career double. Following an off-day Monday, Clearwater will travel to Lakeland to battle the Flying Tigers in the final road series of the season. First pitch in game one of the six-game series is set for Tuesday night at 6:30 p.m. Coverage on the **Threshers Broadcasting Network** begins at 6:20 p.m.

**FOR STARTERS:** Right-hander **Estibenzon Jimenez** is scheduled to make his single-A debut for the Threshers on Tuesday night...Holds a 2-2 record with 2.29 ERA in 12 games, 3 starts with FCL Phillies in 2022...Struck out 37 hitters in 35 innings pitched, holds WHIP of 1.10, allowed only 9 earned runs..Pitched in Dominican Summer League in 2021, was an impressive 6-0 with 1.59 ERA in 16 games, perfect 2/2 in saves, allowed only 8 earned runs in 45.1 innings pitched....Overall in professional career: 8-2 record with impressive 1.90 ERA in 28 games...signed minor league free agent deal with Phillies in November 2019..from San Felipe, Venezuela



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**SHARK BITES:** vs. Lakeland in 2022: 1-5, this marks the second and final meeting between the Threshers and Flying Tigers in 2022, Clearwater lost 5 of 6 to Lakeland at BayCare Ballpark on June 28-July 3... **KNOW THE FOE:** The Flying Tigers have surged in the second half, holding a 28-25 record and are 5 games out of the final playoff spot in the FSL West. Lakeland is 60-59 overall under manager Andrew Graham, a Sydney, Australia native ... **SERIES STRUGGLES:** After losing 4/6 to Tampa last week, the Threshers have only won back-to-back series once this season, when they took series from Dunedin and Daytona during the first two weeks of May... **CRAWFORDVILLE:** Prior to Justin Crawford's single-A debut on Thursday night, the 17th overall pick of the Phillies in 2022 was seeing the ball well at the Florida Complex League level. Crawford finished with 11 hits in 11 games, notched 5 RBI and stole 8 eight bases, he was hitting .300 overall... **NOT SO FUN FACT:** Clearwater has had six losing streaks of three games or more in the second half, *the Threshers are also 7-20 at home in the second half of the season*... **DEBUT PARADE:** Outfielder Dakota Kotowski made his single-A debut for the Threshers on Friday night, he walked twice and scored a run. Kotowski signed a free agent deal with the Phillies on 7/25/22 and was hitting .441 with 7 RBI in 12 games with the FCL Phillies... RHP Josh Bortka was also added to the Threshers roster on Friday. Bortka was a 16th round selection of the Phillies in this year's MLB Draft from Central Missouri. Bortka pitched in two games with the FCL squad, allowing only two hits with one strikeout in two innings... OF Jordan Viars secured the first hit of his single-A career in the sixth inning of Sunday's loss... **ON DECK:** Following this six-game set with the Flying Tigers, the Threshers will head home to battle the Bradenton Marauders in the in final homestand and series of the 2022 season, Sept 6-11

### ***Inside the Numbers:***

Current Streak: L2

Last 10: 5-5

VS. Lakeland: 1-5

At Home: 26-34

On Road: 29-30

In August: 11-13 (7-17 July)

On Tuesday's: 7-10

Team hitting at home: .223

Team hitting on road: .225

Night games: 46-42

Day games: 9-22

Team hitting in August: .224

Team ERA in August: 4.85

Team hitting vs. LHP: .217

Team hitting vs. RHP: .226

Following a win: 29-25

Following a loss: 25-37

Starters ERA: 4.34

Bullpen ERA: 3.44



### ***Diving Deeper - #22 RHP Estibenzon Jimenez***

**JIMÉNEZ, ESTIBENZON JOSÉ...** RHP... B-T: R-R... HT: 6-1; WT: 185... BORN: January 25, 2002, San Felipe, VZ... RESIDES: Yumare, VZ... HOW OBTAINED: Signed by Phillies as an amateur free agent, 11/27/19... SIGNED BY: Rafael Álvarez and William Mota... 2021: Began professional career with Dominican Summer League Phillies White (R)... Among all Phillies minor league pitchers (min. 45.0 IP), posted the lowest WHIP (0.82) and 2<sup>nd</sup>-lowest ERA (1.59)... His 6 wins ranked T-6<sup>th</sup> in the DSL... In 13 relief appearances, posted a 0.76 ERA (3 ER, 35.1 IP) and 0.71 WHIP... Held LHH to a .093 AVG (5-54) and .336 OPS... 2020: Did not pitch.



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### CLEARWATER THRESHERS LATEST TRANSACTIONS

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- 2-Aug OF Chad Castillo activated and assigned to Clearwater Threshers (retroactive to 8/1)
- 2-Aug OF Cade Fergus activated and assigned to Clearwater Threshers (retroactive to 8/1)
- 2-Aug C Ryan Letich activated and assigned to Clearwater Threshers (retroactive to 8/1)
- 2-Aug C Caleb Ricketts activated and assigned to Clearwater Threshers (retroactive to 8/1)
- 2-Aug OF Troy Schreffler activated and assigned to Clearwater Threshers (retroactive to 8/1)
- 2-Aug C Arturo De Freitas assigned to Jersey Shore from Clearwater Threshers (retroactive to 8/1)
- 2-Aug OF Marcus Lee Sang assigned to Jersey Shore from Clearwater Threshers (retroactive to 8/1)
- 2-Aug RHP Rodolfo Sanchez assigned to Jersey Shore from Clearwater Threshers (retroactive to 8/1)
- 2-Aug INF Nicolas Torres assigned to Jersey Shore from Clearwater Threshers (retroactive to 8/1)
- 2-Aug INF Albert Jerez released from organization (retroactive to 7/31)
- 2-Aug INF McCarthy Tatum on MiLB Rehab assigned to Clearwater Threshers
- 5-Aug INF Matt Alifano activated and assigned to Clearwater Threshers
- 5-Aug INF Alexeis Azuaje reinstated from 7-Day Injured List, activated by Clearwater Threshers
- 5-Aug C Andrick Nava assigned to Jersey Shore from Clearwater Threshers
- 5-Aug INF Kendall Simmons assigned to Jersey Shore from Clearwater Threshers



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- 12-Aug RHP Daniel Harper assigned to Clearwater Threshers from Florida Complex League
- 12-Aug RHP Cam Wynne reinstated from 7-Day Injured List, activated by Clearwater Threshers
- 12-Aug RHP Jean Cabrera placed on Development List (retroactive to 8/11)
- 12-Aug RHP Eiberson Castellano placed on Development List (retroactive to 8/11)
- 12-Aug LHP Gabriel Cotto placed on Development List (retroactive to 8/11)
- 12-Aug RHP Buddy Hayward transferred to 60-Day Injured List (retroactive to 8/11)
- 12-Aug LHP Keylan Killgore on MiLB Rehab assigned to Clearwater Threshers
- 12-Aug C Anthony Quirion on MiLB Rehab assigned to Clearwater Threshers
- 12-Aug LHP Josh Hendrickson on MiLB Rehab assigned to Clearwater Threshers
- 16-Aug RHP Jack Dallas assigned to Clearwater Threshers from Florida Complex League (retroactive to 8/15)
- 16-Aug RHP Victor Vargas on MiLB Rehab assigned to Clearwater Threshers (retroactive to 8/15)
- 16-Aug LHP Samuel Aldegheri reinstated from 60-Day Injured List, assigned to Florida Complex League (retroactive to 8/15)
- 17-Aug C Nick Matera on MiLB Rehab assigned to Clearwater Threshers
- 23-Aug LHP Jordan Fowler placed on Development List (retroactive to 8/21)
- 23-Aug INF Alexeis Azuaje placed on 7-Day Injured List (retroactive to 8/22)
- 24-Aug RHP Orion Kerkering assigned to Clearwater Threshers from Florida Complex League
- 24-Aug RHP Alex McFarlane assigned to Clearwater Threshers from Florida Complex League



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- 24-Aug RHP Alex Rao assigned to Clearwater Threshers from Florida Complex League
- 24-Aug RHP Alex Garbrick placed on Development List
- 24-Aug RHP Cam Wynne placed on Development List
- 25-Aug OF Justin Crawford assigned to Clearwater Threshers from Florida Complex League
- 25-Aug INF Otto Kemp assigned to Clearwater Threshers from Florida Complex League
- 25-Aug RHP Nicoló Pina assigned to Clearwater Threshers from Florida Complex League
- 25-Aug OF Jordan Viars assigned to Clearwater Threshers from Florida Complex League
- 25-Aug LHP Andrew Walling assigned to Clearwater Threshers from Florida Complex League
- 25-Aug RHP Victor Lopez placed on Development List
- 25-Aug LHP Gabriel Yanez placed on Development List
- 25-Aug RHP Sam Jacobsak assigned to Jersey Shore from Clearwater Threshers
- 25-Aug INF Hao Yu Lee assigned to Jersey Shore from Clearwater Threshers
- 25-Aug OF Leandro Pineda assigned to Jersey Shore from Clearwater Threshers
- 26-Aug RHP Josh Bortka assigned to Clearwater Threshers from Florida Complex League
- 26-Aug OF Dakota Kotowski assigned to Clearwater Threshers from Florida Complex League
- 26-Aug C Ryan Leitch placed on 7-Day Injured List



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- 27-Aug** OF Emaarion Boyd assigned to Clearwater Threshers from Florida Complex League
- 27-Aug** LHP Matt Osterberg assigned to Reading from Clearwater Threshers
- 28-Aug** LHP Jordan Fowler reinstated from Development List
- 28-Aug** LHP Jordi Martinez assigned to Jersey Shore from Clearwater Threshers
- 30-Aug** RHP Estibenzon Jimenez assigned to Clearwater Threshers from Florida Complex League
- 30-Aug** LHP Matt Osterberg assigned to Clearwater Threshers from Reading
- 30-Aug** OF Emaarion Boyd placed on Development List
- 30-Aug** LHP Tristan Garnett assigned to Jersey Shore from Clearwater Threshers



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