



# 2022 Fort Wayne TinCaps Game Notes



## Fort Wayne TinCaps (19-30) @ Great Lakes Loons (27-22)

Saturday, June 4 (7:05 p.m. ET) | Dow Diamond | Midland, Mich. | Game 5 of 6 in Series | Road Game 26 of 66 | Game 50 of 132

**LHP Jackson Wolf vs. RHP Emmet Sheehan**

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## News & Notes

### Padres Prospects

#### MLB.com

OF Robert Hassell III (No. 2)  
LHP Robert Gasser (No. 8)  
OF Joshua Mears (No. 9)  
C Brandon Valenzuela (No. 18)  
RHP Efraín Contreras (No. 20)  
OF Agustín Ruiz (No. 24)

#### Baseball America

OF Robert Hassell III (No. 2)  
LHP Robert Gasser (No. 8)  
LHP Noel Vela (No. 21)  
OF Joshua Mears (No. 24)  
C Brandon Valenzuela (No. 25)  
RHP Efraín Contreras (No. 26)  
OF Corey Rosier (No. 27)

#### Fangraphs

OF Robert Hassell III (No. 3)  
C Brandon Valenzuela (No. 12)  
LHP Robert Gasser (No. 14)  
RHP Ryan Bergert (No. 16)  
OF Corey Rosier (No. 17)  
OF Joshua Mears (No. 18)  
RHP Efraín Contreras (No. 19)  
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#### MadFriars.com

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### Top 30 Dodgers Prospects

#### MLB.com

C Diego Cartaya (No. 1)  
INF Eddy's Leonard (No. 8)  
INF Jorbit Vivas (No. 9)  
RHP Nick Nastrini (No. 13)  
OF Jose Ramos (No. 14)  
INF Alex De Jesus (No. 20)  
RHP Hyun-il Choi (No. 28) - IL

**LAST NIGHT:** Fort Wayne downed Great Lakes, 7-5. The TinCaps took a first inning lead on a **Matthew Acosta** double and extended it in the third to 5-0 thanks in part to a **Brandon Valenzuela** three-run homer. **Lucas Dunn** also homered in the game. This marked the team's first multi-homer game since April 23 at Lansing.

**TRIPLE PLAY:** The TinCaps won Friday, despite running into a triple play in the top of the 9<sup>th</sup> when 3 runners were tagged out on a **Matthew Acosta** single with runners at first and second... Coincidentally, the last time the 'Caps had hit into a triple play was also against the Loons. That happened at Parkview Field on May 29, 2011. Great Lakes center fielder **Joc Pederson** (a fantasy football player who's since become an MLB All-Star and 2-time World Series winner) caught a line drive and threw to second base to double-off another future major leaguer, **Rymer Liriano**. Yet another budding big leaguer, **Rico Noel**, tried to tag from third, but was thrown out at the plate... Also of note, the Loons' left fielder that game was **Preston Mattingly** (son of Don), who last fall was hired by the Phillies to be their Director of Player Development, after previously working for the Padres... Meanwhile, the only triple play Fort Wayne has turned, incredibly, occurred in the franchise's first ever game on April 10, 1993, at Waterloo.

**JACKSON WOLF:** Ranks 3<sup>rd</sup> in the MWL in K/9 (12.1) and 5<sup>th</sup> in K% (32%). Wolf is also 4<sup>th</sup> in swinging strike percentage (15%) and 10<sup>th</sup> in opponent's batting average (.197).

**JACK STRONACH:** Has 9 hits in his last 8 games including 4 doubles. Since May 20, his batting average has increased by 64 points. He's also walked 4 times and bumped up his on-base percentage by 80 points.

**K KINGS:** TinCaps pitchers lead the 12-team Midwest League in K/9 (11.3) and total strikeouts (513).

**CONTACT:** Offensively, the TinCaps have struck out the fewest times in the Midwest League (8.6 per game). Meanwhile, Fort Wayne ranks 3<sup>rd</sup> in walks drawn (4.2 per game)... Infielder **Ripken Reyes** has swung and missed at the lowest percentage of pitches in the MWL (5%) and has struck out in only 13% of his plate appearances (3<sup>rd</sup> lowest rate).

**CAUGHT 'EM:** TinCaps catchers lead the MWL in caught stealing %. Fort Wayne's backstops have thrown out 25 of 73 attempted base stealers (35%)... Individually, **Brandon Valenzuela** leads the league in caught stealings, 17 of 48, while **Anthony Vilar** has nabbed 7 of 18, and **Adam Kerner** has caught one as well.

**CLOSER CONNECTIONS:** Cole Percival saved Thursday's game for the Loons. His dad, Troy, pitched in the big leagues from 1995-2009. He was a 4-time All-Star with the Angels, and is their all-time leader in saves. Meanwhile, on Thursday, the Padres added infielder **Wyatt Hoffman** to the TinCaps' roster. His dad, Trevor, is in the Hall of Fame as a Padre. He pitched in the majors from 1993-2010, was named an All-Star 7 times, and ranks 2<sup>nd</sup> all-time in saves (601).

**ROAD TO OMAHA:** The NCAA Baseball Tournament underway. There are 6 active TinCaps who played in the NCAA Tournament: starting pitchers **Ryan Bergert** and **Jackson Wolf** (West Virginia, 2019); reliever **Luke Boyd** (Baylor, 2017-19); catcher **Anthony Vilar** (Miami, 2019, '21); infielder **Jack Stronach** (UCLA, 2017-19); and utility man **Lucas Dunn** (Louisville, 2018-19).

### San Diego Padres Affiliates

Triple-A: **El Paso Chihuahuas**  
(El Paso, TX)

Double-A: **San Antonio Missions**  
(San Antonio, TX)

High-A: **Fort Wayne TinCaps**  
(Fort Wayne, IN)

Single-A: **Lake Elsinore Storm**  
(Lake Elsinore, CA)

Rookie: **ACL Padres**  
(Peoria, Arizona)

Rookie: **DSL Padres**  
(San Cristobal, Dominican Republic)

### Los Angeles Dodgers Affiliates

Triple-A: **Oklahoma City Dodgers**  
(Oklahoma City, OK)

Double-A: **Tulsa Drillers**  
(Tulsa, OK)

High-A: **Great Lakes Loons**  
(Midland, MI)

Single-A: **Rancho Cucamonga Quakes**  
(Rancho Cucamonga, CA)

Rookie: **ACL Dodgers**  
(Phoenix, AZ)

Rookie: **DSL Dodgers**  
(Bautista & Shoemaker)

### TinCaps vs. Great Lakes

(2-2, 2-2 in Midland)

May 31 @ GL: W, 9-1

June 1 @ GL: L, 3-1

June 2 @ GL: L, 5-2

June 3 @ GL: W, 7-5

June 4 @ GL:

June 5 @ GL:

June 21 vs. GL:

June 22 vs. GL:

June 23 vs. GL:

June 24 vs. GL:

June 25 vs. GL:

June 26 vs. GL:

Aug. 23 @ GL:

Aug. 24 @ GL:

Aug. 25 @ GL:

Aug. 26 @ GL:

Aug. 27 @ GL:

Aug. 28 @ GL:

## Upcoming Schedule & Probable Starters

Sunday, June 5 @ Great Lakes (1:05 p.m.)

Monday, June 6

Tuesday, June 7 vs. Lake County (7:05 p.m.)

Wednesday, June 8 vs. Lake County (7:05 p.m.)

Thursday, June 9 vs. Lake County (7:05 p.m.)

LHP Noel Vela vs. RHP Kyle Hurt

OFF

RHP Efraín Contreras

LHP Robert Gasser

RHP Ryan Bergert

## Coaching Staff

### 5 Brian Esposito      Manager      Age: 43

- From: Staten Island, NY
- Played three seasons at the University of Connecticut and one summer for the Orleans Cardinals of the Cape Cod Baseball League in 1999
- Selected in the 5th round, 152nd overall, by the Red Sox in 2000
- Esposito played 13 years of professional baseball across 8 organizations
- He appeared in three major league games, once with the Cardinals in 2007 and twice with the Astros in 2010
- Espo's managerial career began in 2014 as the final manager of the now-defunct Jamestown Jammers. He most recently managed the Indianapolis Indians (Pirates, AAA) from 2018 to 2021.

### 21 Randolph Gassaway      Hitting Coach      Age: 27

- From: Atlanta, GA
- Selected in the 16th round, 489th overall, by the Baltimore Orioles in 2013.
- Played seven seasons between rookie ball and AA for the Orioles and Pirates organizations.
- Serves as a hitting instructor at D-Bat Atlanta in the off-season.

### 45 Jimmy Jones      Pitching Coach      Age: 58

- From: Highland Village, TX
- Selected third overall by the San Diego Padres in the 1982 MLB draft out of Thomas Jefferson High School
- Jones pitched eight years in the majors between the Padres, Yankees, Astros and Expos. His career record is 43-39 with a 4.46 ERA in 153 appearances.
- This is Jones' second straight season as the pitching coach for the TinCaps.

### 24 Jhonaldo Pozo      Bench Coach      Age: 33

- From: San Pedro De Macoris, Dominican Republic
- Played catcher, first base and third base in five seasons in the Padres organization from 2007 to 2011
- Advanced to Triple-A in 2011 and made one appearance in Tucson.
- Played six games as a member of the TinCaps in 2011, racking up four hits and five walks to along with two RBI.

Athletic Trainer: **David Bryan**

Video: **Nick Borbor**

Strength Coach: **Jim Buckley**

Sports Science: **Greg Bender**

Clubhouse Manager: **Sam Lewis**

### Notable Padres Player Development / Baseball Operations Staff

Pres. of Baseball Ops/GM: **A.J. Preller**

Dir. of Player Development: **Ryley Westman**

Asst. Dir. of Player Development: **Mike Daly**

Dir. of Pitching Development: **Robert Marcello**

Infield Coordinator: **Ryan Barba**

Catching Coordinator: **Brian Whatley**

Hitting Coordinators: **Oscar Bernard & Mike McCoy**

Field Coordinator: **Mark Conner**

#### About the TinCaps

- **PRESIDENT:** Mike Nutter
- **FOUNDED:** 1993 as the Fort Wayne Wizards
- **AFFILIATION:** Minnesota Twins (1993-98), San Diego Padres (1999-present)
- **NAME:** Became the TinCaps in 2009 while moving into Parkview Field from the old Memorial Stadium... TinCaps is a reference to Johnny Appleseed aka John Chapman, who's laid to rest in Fort Wayne and was known for wearing a tin cap on his head
- **MWL TITLE:** 2009
- **MLB ALUMNI:** 205 TinCaps players have gone on to become major leaguers including 2021 NL All-Stars Fernando Tatis Jr. (2017) and Trea Turner (2014), along with two-time Cy Young winner Corey Kluber (2008) ...Other past greats include LaTroy Hawkins (1993), Torii Hunter (1994), and Jake Peavy (2000).
- **BALLPARK:** Parkview Field (2009-present), Memorial Stadium (1993-2008)

#### About Parkview Field

- **BACKGROUND:** In 2007, the Fort Wayne City Council approved the Harrison Square Project to build a new ballpark downtown as well as other amenities.
- **DEBUT:** Opening day for Parkview field took place on April 16, 2009. The TinCaps played in front of a sold-out crowd and beat the Dayton Dragons 7-0. Fort Wayne 3B James Darnell hit the first ever home run, a two-run blast.
- **CAPACITY:** 8,100
- **RECORD CROWD:** 9,266 (July 4, 2019)
- **DIMENSIONS:** 336 feet to the leftfield foul pole, 377 feet to left-center field, 400 feet to straight-away centerfield, 383 feet to right-center field, and 318 feet to the rightfield foul pole.
- **WALLS:** Range from 10 feet tall, from center to right-center field, up to 15 feet tall in the outfield corners as well as a small section of left-center field.
- **MORE THAN BASEBALL:** Parkview Field has hosted hundreds of special events, including concerts such as Florida Georgia Line, Zac Brown Band, and Nelly.

## TODAY'S STARTER

### 32 LHP Jackson Wolf

6'7" | 205 lbs | 22 years old | 4<sup>th</sup> Round, 2021 (West Virginia)

Year	Age	AgeDif	Tm	Lg	Lev	Aff	W	L	W-L%	ERA	RA9	G	GS	GF	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	HR	BB	IBB	SO	HBP	BK	WP	BF	WHIP	H9	HR9	BB9	SO9	SO/W	
2018	19	-1.7	West Virginia	B12	NCAA		1	1	.500	4.07	5.55	17	2			0	0	24.1	19	15	11	2	15		24	4	0	1	107	1.397	7.0	0.7	5.5	8.9	1.60	
2019	20	-0.6	West Virginia	B12	NCAA		2	4	.333	5.17	5.68	15	13			0	0	69.2	79	44	40	14	31		50	5	1	7	315	1.579	10.2	1.8	4.0	6.5	1.61	
2019	20	0.1	Cotuit	CCBL	Smr		0	1	.000	3.04	3.71	7	6	1	0	0	0	26.2	18	11	9	3	11	0	27	2	0	1	105	1.088	6.1	1.0	3.7	9.1	2.45	
2020	21	0.3	West Virginia	B12	NCAA		3	1	.750	1.05	1.40	4	4			0	0	25.2	15	4	3	0	5		27	2	0	1	96	0.779	5.3	0.0	1.8	9.5	5.40	
2021	22	0.7	West Virginia	B12	NCAA		6	5	.545	3.03	3.94	14	14			0	0	89.0	66	39	30	4	37		104	7	0	5	376	1.157	6.7	0.4	3.7	10.5	2.81	
2021	22		2 Teams	2 Lgs	A-Rk	SDP	0	0		3.00	4.20	7	7	0	0	0	0	15.0	13	7	5	1	7	0	24	1	3	0	65	1.333	7.8	0.6	4.2	14.4	3.43	
2021	22	0.1	Lake Elsinore	LAW	A	SDP	0	0		3.75	3.75	5	5	0	0	0	0	12.0	12	5	5	1	6	0	19	1	3	0	52	1.500	9.0	0.8	4.5	14.3	3.17	
2021	22	1.1	Padres	ACL	Rk	SDP	0	0		0.00	6.00	2	2	0	0	0	0	3.0	1	2	0	0	1	0	5	0	0	0	13	0.667	3.0	0.0	3.0	15.0	5.00	
Minors (1 season)					Minors		0	0		3.00	4.20	7	7	0	0	0	0	15.0	13	7	5	1	7	0	24	1	3	0	65	1.333	7.8	0.6	4.2	14.4	3.43	
College (4 seasons)					College		12	11		.522	3.62	4.40	50	33			0	0	208.2	179	102	84	20	88		205	18	1	14	894	1.280	7.7	0.9	3.8	8.8	2.33
Other (1 season)					Other		0	1		.000	3.04	3.71	7	6	1	0	0	0	26.2	18	11	9	3	11	0	27	2	0	1	105	1.088	6.1	1.0	3.7	9.1	2.45
All Levels (4 Seasons)							12	12		.500	3.52	4.31	64	46	1	0	0	0	250.1	210	120	98	24	106	0	256	21	4	15	1064	1.262	7.5	0.9	3.8	9.2	2.42
A (1 season)					Minors		0	0		3.75	3.75	5	5	0	0	0	0	12.0	12	5	5	1	6	0	19	1	3	0	52	1.500	9.0	0.8	4.5	14.3	3.17	
Rk (1 season)					Minors		0	0		0.00	6.00	2	2	0	0	0	0	3.0	1	2	0	0	1	0	5	0	0	0	13	0.667	3.0	0.0	3.0	15.0	5.00	

### 2022 Fort Wayne TinCaps Appearances (\* = Relief)

Date	Opp.	IP	H	ER	BB	K	NP-S	Catcher
April 10	@DAY	1.1	2	2	3	3	46-25	Brandon Valenzuela
April 16	SB	4.0	1	0	0	6	48-39	Brandon Valenzuela
April 23	@LAN	4.0	7	5	1	5	68-47	Brandon Valenzuela
April 28	DAY*	5.0	2	0	2	7	76-51	Brandon Valenzuela
May 4	@WIS	5.1	1	0	3	6	85-50	Brandon Valenzuela
May 11	@SB	6.0	6	5	0	5	90-64	Anthony Vilar
May 18	WM	5.0	6	2	4	7	92-56	Brandon Valenzuela
May 24	QC	5.2	4	3	3	8	96-61	Brandon Valenzuela
May 29	QC	6.2	2	1	1	11	91-65	Anthony Vilar

#### Season Bests

**IP:** 6.2 (May 29 vs. QC)  
**H:** 1 (2x; May 4 @ WIS)  
**K:** 11 (May 29 vs. QC)  
**BB:** 0 (2x; last May 4 @ WI)  
**ER:** 0 (3x; last May 4 @ WIS)  
**Pitches:** 96 (May 24 vs. QC)

- **THROWS:** Fastball, Slider, Changeup
- **FROM:** Gahanna, OH (suburb of Columbus)... 1 major leaguer has come from Gahanna, 2017 Seattle Mariners first round draft pick Evan White (2020 Gold Glove first baseman)
- **HIGH SCHOOL:** Lincoln High School (Gahanna, OH)... Also played basketball, but as a post player, was behind two future pros in Nick Ward (Michigan State) and Matthew Moyer (Syracuse, Vanderbilt, George Washington)... Alumni include Evan White and 2 active NFL players: current Denver Broncos linebacker Jonathon Cooper (Ohio State) and Washington Commanders long snapper Camaron Cheeseman (Michigan)
- **COLLEGE:** West Virginia University... Threw 100+ pitches in 7 of last 8 starts, including 3 120+ pitch games... The key performance of collegiate career came May 26, 2021, in the Big 12 Tournament as he led 8<sup>th</sup>-seeded WVU to an upset of top-seeded Texas, 5-1, thanks to a 138-pitch complete game... Was teammates with fellow TinCaps starting pitcher **Ryan Bergert**
- **DRAFTED:** 2021, 4<sup>th</sup> round... became just the 3<sup>rd</sup> West Virginia pitcher in the last 10 years to be selected in the first 5 rounds. The other 2 are Dodgers No. 23 prospect Michael Grove (2<sup>nd</sup> RD, 2018) and Blue Jays phenom Alek Manoah (1<sup>st</sup> RD, 2019)... Signed for \$300,000 in mid-July
- **FAVORITE MLB PLAYER:** Randy Johnson, a southpaw who just out measures him at 6-10, 225 lbs during his playing days. (Johnson used his size and lefty strength to win 5 Cy Young Awards as well as World Series MVP in the Diamondbacks 2001 win over the Yankees.)
- **BEYOND BASEBALL:** Enjoys golfing and fishing. Also makes music and would pursue a career in Music Production if he wasn't playing baseball professionally.
- **FAMILY:** Parents are Christie and Joe, who played baseball at Columbus State... Younger brother Evan is a sophomore pitcher at Kent State
- **WALK-OUT SONG:** "Play For Keeps" by Key Glock
- **SOCIAL MEDIA:** Instagram @Jackson.wolf... Twitter @jackson123w

## Hitters (Alphabetical)

### 13 Matthew Acosta 5-11, 205 OF Age: 24

- **FROM:** Chino Hills, CA (about 35 miles east of LA)... Famously home to the Ball brothers (Lonzo, LiAngelo, and Lamelo). Also home to former player, manager, and coach Ron Roenicke – a member of the 1984 NL pennant-winning Padres.
- **HIGH SCHOOL:** Ayala HS (Chino Hills)
- **COLLEGE:** USC (2017-19)... All-PAC 12 Defensive Team in 2019... Alma mater of 5 current MLB players such as former Padres Brad Boxberger and Ian Kennedy. Other alums include Randy Johnson, Tom Seaver, and Mark McGwire.
- **DRAFTED:** 2019, 12<sup>th</sup> round
- **2022:** Transferred from Single-A Lake Elsinore on May 16
- **MISCELLANEOUS:** After baseball, aspires to be a pilot... Favorite MLB player of the past: Johan Santana; current: Mookie Betts... Heroes: Parents... Beyond baseball, enjoys golf and watching movies
- **FAMILY:** Parents are Lisett and Carlos... 3 brothers: Nathaniel, Jordan, and Sebastian
- **INSTAGRAM:** @mgacostayk6... **TWITTER:** @MatthewAcostaMA
- **WALK-UP SONG:** "IMY2" by Drake ft. Kid Cudi

### 2 Jarryd Dale 6-1, 195 INF/OF Age: 21

- 2021: Low-A Lake Elsinore:** 102 G, .269/.330/.381 (.711 OPS), 23 2B, 2 3B, 6 HR, 60 RBI, 32 BB, 109 K
- **FROM:** Melbourne, Australia (capital, Most populous city: 5 million-plus)
  - **SIGNED:** 2017, International free agent
  - **ABL:** From 2016-2021, played for the Melbourne Aces of the Australian Baseball League, including a championship in February 2020... Logged 150 GP and 521 PA... .580 OPS with 7 HR and 39 RBIs
  - **VERSATILE:** With Low-A Lake Elsinore in 2021, played at least 1 game at every position on the field except for pitcher and catcher. Before 2021, played majority of MiLB and ABL games at 2B, with time at 3B and SS
  - **AUSSIE:** 1<sup>st</sup> Australian on TinCaps since 2013 when the club had both OF Corey Adamson and RHP John Hussey. FW's 2014 manager Michael Collins (now an Astros coach) is Australian, too... Notable Australians in MLB include White Sox closer Liam Hendriks
  - **BASEBALL DAD:** Father (Phil) was the 1<sup>st</sup> Australian to earn a 4-year baseball scholarship (Georgia Southern)... Pitched 4 seasons in Reds system, reaching Double-A... Post-playing, has been a scout for Braves and a coach with the Australian National Team
  - **INSTAGRAM:** @jarryd\_dale

### 12 Robert Hassell III 6-2, 195 OF Age: 20

- 2021 Notes: Low-A Lake Elsinore:** 92 G, .323 (.415 OBP), .897 OPS, 31 2B, 3 3B, 7 HR, 65 RBI, 57 BB, 74 K, 31-37 SB  
**High-A Fort Wayne:** 18 G, .205/.287/.410 (.697 OPS), 2 2B, 3B, 4 HR, 11 RBI, 9 BB, 25 K
- **FROM:** Franklin, TN (just south of Nashville)
  - **HIGH SCHOOL:** Independence HS (Thompson's Station, TN) – Eagles... hoping to become 1<sup>st</sup> MLB player in school history... 2-time recipient of the Tennessee Gatorade Player of the Year Award... In 2019 as a junior, hit .423 with 14 HR, 36 RBIs, and 22 SB, and had a 1.07 ERA with 113 strikeouts in 59 innings on the mound, reaching 93mph with his fastball... Senior season cut short by pandemic
  - **DRAFTED:** 2020, 1<sup>st</sup> Round (8<sup>th</sup> overall)... Every top draft pick of the Padres from 2011-2020 has appeared with TinCaps
  - **EARLY STARDOM:** Competed in the Little League World Series in both 2013 and 14... However, in 2014, South Nashville was shut out by LLWS star Mo'Ne Davis, who became the first girl to throw a shutout in the tournament's history
  - **2021:** With Low-A Lake Elsinore, was 3<sup>rd</sup> in Low-A West in AVG (.323), 2<sup>nd</sup> in OBP (.415), 1<sup>st</sup> in 2B (31), 2<sup>nd</sup> in BB (57) and 3<sup>rd</sup> in SB (31)... Promoted to High-A Fort Wayne on Aug. 28
  - **NICKNAME:** Bobby Barrels... given by a Padres instructor at 2020 alternate site
  - **INSTAGRAM:** @roberthassell3... **TWITTER:** @robert\_hassell3

### 7 Olivier Basabe 5-11, 195 INF Age: 24

- 2021 Notes: High-A Fort Wayne:** 5 G, 3-11, R, 2B, 2 BB, 3 K  
**AA San Antonio:** 71 G, .195 (.560 OPS), 6 2B, 3B, 4 HR, 17 RBI, 21 BB, 48 K
- **FROM:** Maracaibo, Venezuela (2<sup>nd</sup> largest city in the country, 2.6MM population. Nicknamed "The Beloved Land of the Sun")
  - **COLLEGE:** Faulkner University (Faulkner, AL)... extended a 7-year streak of Eagles being selected in the MLB Draft... Began at Indian Hills Community College (Iowa), which has produced 8 major leaguers and 16 major professional athletes, including former TinCaps hitting coach Jonathan Mathews
  - **DRAFTED:** 2017, 8<sup>th</sup> Round
  - **RETURNER:** 3<sup>rd</sup> stint in Fort Wayne... Though only played 22 games over the first 2 stretches... In 2018, with then Low-A Fort Wayne for final 3 weeks of season... In 2021, played 5 games with High-A TinCaps before move up to Double-A San Antonio
  - **INSTAGRAM:** @basabe\_6

### 1 Lucas Dunn 6-0 205 UTL Age: 23

- 2022 Single-A Lake Elsinore:** 42 G, .293/.422/.507 (.929 OPS), 13 2B, 5 3B, 3 HR, 36 RBI, 30 BB, 49 K
- **FROM:** Panama City, FL (2 hours West of Tallahassee)
  - **HIGH SCHOOL:** Arnold HS (Panama City, FL)
  - **COLLEGE:** University of Louisville (sports administration major)... 4-year career, batted .290 with an .809 OPS and 71 RBI in 155 GP and 452 AB... 1 of 7 Cardinals drafted in 2021, including first overall pick Henry Davis (PIT)
  - **DRAFTED:** 2021, 8<sup>th</sup> Round, (250<sup>th</sup> overall)
  - **2022:** Transferred from Single-A Lake Elsinore on May 31
  - **NATIONAL TEAM EXPERIENCE:** In 2019, played for the USA Collegiate National Team that traveled to Japan and Taiwan (squad included Spencer Torkelson, who's now on the Tigers)
  - **MORE INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE:** Dual citizen of US and Germany. Speaks German fluently and played for German junior national teams, traveling to countries like the Dominican Republic, Spain, Sweden, and the Czech Republic... MLB players from Germany include Twins outfielder Max Kepler
  - **FAMILY:** Parents are Panja & Gary
  - **INSTAGRAM:** @lucasdunn8... **TWITTER:** @lucasdunn8

### 12 Wyatt Hoffman 5-9, 170 INF Age: 23

- 2022: Double-A San Antonio:** 2 G, 1-5, BB, 2 K (May 1 & 4)
- **FROM:** Del Mar, CA (near San Diego)
  - **HIGH SCHOOL:** Cathedral Catholic (San Diego)
  - **COLLEGE:** University of the Pacific (Tigers)... Started 88 games across 4 seasons, primarily at second base... Notable alum: former Padre Chase Headley (who played in Fort Wayne in 2005)
  - **SUMMER BALL:** In 2021, played for the Yarmouth-Dennis Red Sox of the Cape Cod Baseball League. Hit .270 with a .357 SLG and .688 OPS in 35 games.
  - **SIGNED:** Sept. 21, 2021 as a non-drafted free agent
  - **2022:** Assigned to Double-A San Antonio on April 30... Transferred to Arizona Complex on May 8, and to Fort Wayne on June 2
  - **FAMILY:** Parents are Tracy and Trevor, the former Padres closer and Hall of Famer... Trevor pitched for SD from 1993-2008, racking up 552 saves and 6 All-Star Game selections... Began career with Marlins in 1993, and finished with Brewers from 2009-10 (All-Star in '09 as well)... 601 career saves are 2<sup>nd</sup> all-time to Mariano Rivera (652)... In Midwest League with Cedar Rapids in 1991... Brothers: Brody and Quinn (who played at Harvard)
  - **INSTAGRAM:** @\_\_wyatthoffman... **TWITTER:** @wyatt\_hoffman

## Hitters (Alphabetical - continued)

**4 Adam Kerner** 5-10, 180 C **Age: 23**

**2021: High-A Fort Wayne:** 52 G, .173/.283/.269 (.552 OPS), 10 2B, 1 3B, 1 HR, 19 RBI, 21 BB, 58 K

- **FROM:** Agoura Hills, CA (near LA)
- **HIGH SCHOOL:** Oaks Christian School (Westlake Village, CA)... alumni include Colts WR Michael Pittman Jr. and former Notre Dame quarterback Jimmy Clausen
- **COLLEGE:** University of San Diego... For 3-year career, hit .305 in 114 GP and 371 AB... As a junior in 2020, hit safely in 12 of 15 games
- **SIGNED:** 2020, Non-drafted free agent
- **2021:** High-A Fort Wayne... in August, slashed .236/.263/.382 (.645 OPS)... But placed on IL on Aug. 30 and didn't appear again
- **HDMH:** In the 2017 pre-draft process, Kerner talked about his affinity for then Toronto Blue Jays pitcher Marcus Stroman because "he's small but he gets the job done."
- **INSTAGRAM:** @ajkerner

**8 Ripken Reyes** 5-10, 185 INF **Age: 25**

**Acq.:** 30<sup>th</sup> RD, 2019 (U of San Diego)

**2021: High-A Fort Wayne:** 19 G, .280/.463/.280 (.743 OPS), 2 RBI, 6 BB, 17 K, 11 HBP... **Low-A Lake Elsinore:** 9 G, .364/.548/.591 (1.139 OPS), 3 2B, 3B, 6 RBI, 8 BB, 5 K... **AZL Padres:** 5 G, 1-12, 1 BB, 4 K

- **FROM:** Stockton, CA
- **HIGH SCHOOL:** St. Mary's HS (Stockton)... several alumni have reached the big leagues, including Ed Sprague Jr.
- **COLLEGE:** 3 seasons at Cal (2016-18)... Majored in English... Grad year at University of San Diego (2019)... Master's in Leadership Studies... Led the West Coast Conference in batting average (.366) to go along with a .962 OPS
- **TEAM USA:** Played for USA Baseball's U18 in summer 2016
- **DRAFTED:** 2019, 30<sup>th</sup> Round
- **FAMILY:** Parents are Heidi and Paul... Older brother (Casey), younger brother (Rolen), who was a high school sophomore this year
- **FUN FACT:** Yes, named after Cal Ripken Jr. and wears No. 8 because of him
- **IMPRESSIVE:** Currently in a PhD program, taking online classes

**3 Angel Solarte** 5-10, 155 OF **Age: 21**

**2021 Notes: Low-A Lake Elsinore:** 67 G, .306 (.351 OBP), .758 OPS, 17 2B, 2 HR, 37 RBI, 13 BB, 57 K, 11-14 SB, .383 BABIP

**High-A Fort Wayne:** 8 G, .321/.387/.393 (.780 OPS), 2 2B, 3 BB, 9 K

- **FROM:** Caja Seca, Venezuela (located in state of Zulia on western edge of Venezuela; Zulia also includes the city of Maracaibo)... Only 2 big leaguers from hometown are former infielder **Luis Valbuena** and former Tigers pitcher **Jose Ortega**.
- **SIGNED:** 2017, International free agent... was 16... \$300,000 bonus... That Padres international class also included **Brandon Valenzuela**.
- **2018:** Spent the majority of the season in the AZL (39 G) before spending the final five games of the season with Tri-City, then the Padres' Short Season-A affiliate.
- **2019:** Played in 53 games in the AZL, hitting .248 (.681 OPS) with 9 2B, 4 HR, and 41 RBI.
- **2021:** Low-A Lake Elsinore... promoted to High-A Fort Wayne on Sept. 4
- **2022:** On Opening Day roster... May 26, placed on IL (sprained ankle)... Reinstated on June 3
- **INSTAGRAM:** @team\_solarte

**26 Kelvin Melean** 6-0 195 INF **Age: 23**

**2021 Notes: High-A Fort Wayne:** 42 G, .272/.345/.399 (.744 OPS), 10 2B, 2 3B, 2 HR, 23 RBI, 12 BB, 30 K... **Double-A San Antonio:** 44 G, .170 (.462 OPS), 3 2B, 1 HR, 10 RBI... **Triple-A El Paso:** 1 G

- **FROM:** Guatire, Venezuela (City of 200K on the northern shore)
- **SIGNED:** 2015, International free agent (was 16 years old)
- **2019:** Northwest League All-Star with Short-Season Tri-City Dust Devils
- **2022:** Assigned to Triple-A El Paso on April 30... Transferred from El Paso to Fort Wayne on May 31
- **RETURNER:** 4<sup>th</sup> consecutive season with time in Fort Wayne. From 2018-21, played 107 games between Low-A Fort Wayne ('18 and '19) and High-A Fort Wayne ('21) racking up 91 hits
- **NATIONAL TEAM:** Played for Venezuela in the U-23 Baseball World Cup last September-October in Mexico... Venezuela won gold
- **WINTER BALL:** In off-season, returned to Venezuela to play for La Guaira... Hit .300 with 3 XBH, 7 R and 10 RBI in 15 games
- **FAMILY:** Is expecting a baby boy this year.
- **INSTAGRAM:** @kelvin\_melean

**39 Agustín Ruiz** 6-2, 215 OF **Age: 22**

- **FROM:** Villahermosa, Mexico
- **SIGNED:** 2016, International free agent... was 16 years old
- **2017:** Arizona League (18 games)
- **2018:** Arizona League (53 games)... Transferred to Short-Season Tri-City Dust Devils on Aug. 29 (2 games)... Transferred to Low-A Fort Wayne on Aug. 31 (played in final 4 games of season)
- **2019:** Low-A Fort Wayne (120 games)
- **2021:** High-A Fort Wayne (72 games)... Transferred to Double-A San Antonio on Aug. 10 (35 games)
- **NATIONAL TEAM:** Played for Mexico in the U-23 Baseball World Cup, hosted by Mexico... Silver medal
- **2022:** Began with Double-A San Antonio (23 games)... Transferred to Fort Wayne on May 27
- **TRADITION:** When he hits a home run, as he crosses home plate, he flashes an upside-down peace sign as in the letter "A" as an ode to his girlfriend, whose name is Andrea
- **INSTAGRAM:** @gutierrez... **TWITTER:** @gutierrez2

**10 Jack Stronach** 6-3, 195 INF **Age: 24**

**2021 Notes: Low-A Lake Elsinore:** 65 G, .224/.322/.353 (.675 OPS), 15 2B, 5 HR, 25 RBI, 28 BB, 65 K

- **FROM:** La Mesa, CA (20 minutes east of San Diego)
- **HIGH SCHOOL:** Helix Charter HS (La Mesa)... Alumni include Bill Walton and Reggie Bush
- **COLLEGE:** UCLA... primarily a third baseman and left fielder... Had also considered Valparaiso and Columbia before UCLA offer
- **DRAFTED:** 2019, 21<sup>st</sup> Round
- **2019:** Short-Season Tri-City
- **2021:** Low-A Lake Elsinore
- **BLOODLINES:** Uncle (Damon Berryhill) played 10 years in the majors, primarily as a catcher for the Cubs and Braves. On way up, played in Midwest League for the Quad Cities Cubs in 1984 (alongside current Washington Nationals manager Dave Martinez).
- **MULTI-SPORT ATHLETE:** Besides baseball, competed in tennis as a kid. At 12 years old, was a top-10 ranked player in California... Also played water polo in high school... Now plays Rocket League
- **FUN FACT:** Girlfriend (Karina Rodriguez), who also went to UCLA, plays for the Washington Spirit of the NWSL
- **INSTAGRAM:** @jack\_stronach

## Hitters (Alphabetical - continued)

**16 Brandon Valenzuela** 6-0, 225 C Age: 21

**2021 Notes:** Low-A Lake Elsinore: 82 G, .307 (.389 OBP), .833 OPS, 21 2B, 6 HR, 62 RBI, 44 BB, 80 K, 3-5 SB, 24 CS

**High-A Fort Wayne:** 15 G, .245/.415/.327 (.742 OPS), 2B, HR, 7 RBI, 15 BB, 20 K

- **FROM:** Hermosillo, Mexico (Capital of northwestern state of Sonora; population of over 800,000)
- **SIGNED:** 2018, International free agent
- **2018:** In 54 games with the DSL Padres, Valenzuela hit .253 (.379 OBP) with 1 HR and 27 RBIs, and walked 39 times.
- **2019:** Spent entirety of '19 season in Arizona with the AZL Padres, slashing .248/.399/.290. Of his 36 hits, just 5 were for extra-bases. However, Valenzuela walked (34) more than he struck out (32).
- **2021:** Low-A Lake Elsinore... promoted to High-A Fort Wayne on Aug. 28
- **NATIONAL TEAM:** Played for Mexico in the U-23 Baseball World Cup, hosted by Mexico... Silver medal
- **INSTAGRAM:** @valenzuelabrandon16

**14 Anthony Vilar** 5-10, 190 C Age: 23

**2021 Notes:** ACL Padres: 8 G, .217/.345/.391 (.736 OPS), 2 2B, 3B, RBI, 5 BB, 4 K

- **FROM:** Miami, FL
- **HIGH SCHOOL:** Westminster Christian School (Miami)... Alumni include former Twins 2<sup>nd</sup> round pick Dan Perkins (1993) played for the Fort Wayne Wizards in 1994 before making the show in 1999.
- **COLLEGE:** University of Miami... All-ACC 2<sup>nd</sup> Team in 2021 after junior season... Despite being a catcher now, played all of his collegiate games at 2B or SS... Started all 131 games he played in at Miami, 104 at 2B and 27 at SS... However, published catching workout videos on YouTube prior to the 2021 MLB Draft
- **DRAFTED:** 2021, 15<sup>th</sup> Round... Previously selected in the 37<sup>th</sup> round out of high school in 2018 by the Chicago Cubs but elected to go to Miami instead.
- **FAMILY:** Anthony's father Henry played at Miami in 1990-1991 and is a certified MLB agent
- **INSTAGRAM:** @anthonyvilar

### THE LAST TIME...

**Series Sweep (Home):** May 20-23, 2019 vs. South Bend

**Series Sweep (Road):** June 11-13, 2019 @ Bowling Green

**Individual No-Hitter:** August 19, 2009 vs. Dayton (Simon Castro – 7 inn. game)

**Team No-Hitter:** May 9, 2013 – 1-0 W vs. Great Lakes (Max Fried, Matthew Shepherd, Leonel Campos & Roman Madrid)

**Got No-Hit:** Aug. 12, 2021 – 3-0 L vs. South Bend (Alexander Vizcaíno, Joe Nahas, Burl Carraway)

**Complete Game:** May 17, 2019 vs. Lansing – 9-0 W (Joey Cantillo, 6.0 IP – rain)

**Complete Game Shutout:** May 17, 2019 vs. Lansing – 9-0 W (Joey Cantillo, 6.0 IP – rain)

**9-Inning Complete Game:** August 29, 2012 vs. West Michigan (1-0 L) – James Needy

**Combined Shutout:** May 13 @ South Bend (**Noel Vela, Brandon Komar, Ryan Och & Felix Minjarez**)

**Consecutive Shutouts:** July 3-4, 2018 vs. Great Lakes

**Got Shut Out:** May 22, 2022 vs. West Michigan (3 H, 2 BB, 0-for-5 RISP, Team LOB: 6)

**Pitcher Threw an Immaculate Inning:** May 4, 2021 vs. WM (Ethan Elliott, Opening Day)

**Extra Inning Win:** Sept. 8, 2021 vs. Lansing (Kelvin Alarcon single)

**Grand Slam:** April 17 vs. South Bend (**Justin Lopez**, 8<sup>th</sup> inning, W, 4-3)

**Allowed Grand Slam:** May 11, 2022 (@ SB, Owen Caissie)

**Back-to-Back Home Runs:** April 10 @ DAY (**Robert Hassell III & Joshua Mears**)

**2-HR Game:** April 24 @ Lansing doubleheader (**Joshua Mears & Robert Hassell III**)

**3-HR Game:** Sept. 1, 2021 @ Great Lakes (**Robert Hassell III**; 1<sup>st</sup> since Jonathan Galvez in 2010)

**HR in Consecutive Games:** April 19-20, 2022 (**Joshua Mears @ LAN**)

**Walk-Off Win:** September 8, 2021 vs. Lansing (2-1 W; Kelvin Alarcon walk-off two-run single)

**Consecutive Walk-Off Wins:** May 2-3, 2018 vs. Beloit

**Hit for the Cycle:** Aug. 27, 2018 @ South Bend (Gabriel Arias: 5-6, 5 RBI)

**6-Hit Game:** May 18, 2015 @ Lake County (Ruddy Giron: 6-6)

**5-Hit Game:** May 1, 2019 vs. Kane County (Xavier Edwards: 5-5, 2B, RBI)

**Pitcher Batted:** July 15, 2019 @ Clinton (Carlos Belen)

**Position Player Pitched:** Aug. 18, 2021 @ West Michigan (Kelvin Alarcon – 1.0 IP, 0 H, 0 ER, 0 K, 0 BB)

**Inside-the-Park HR:** April 19, 2022 @ Lansing (**Brandon Valenzuela**)

**Turned a Triple Play:** April 10, 1993 @ Waterloo

**Hit into a Triple Play:** June 3, 2022 @ Great Lakes

**Pinch-Hit HR:** May 21, 2015 @ Lake County (Duanel Jones – 2-R HR in 9<sup>th</sup>)

**MLB Rehab:** April 28, 2022 vs. Dayton (LHP **Blake Snell**)



## Relievers (Alphabetical)

**24 Edwain Bencomo** 6-2, 205 RHP Age: 23

**2021: High-A Fort Wayne:** 31 app., 2 GS, 65.2 IP, 3.97 ERA, 78 K, 18 BB

- **THROWS:** Fastball (4-Seam), Changeup, Slider
- **FROM:** Rio Chico, Venezuela
- **SIGNED:** 2016, International free agent
- **2016:** Dominican Summer League
- **2017:** Dominican Summer League and Arizona League
- **2018:** Arizona League
- **2019:** Arizona League... assigned to Low-A Fort Wayne on July 1... back to AZ on July 3... returned to Fort on July 12... transferred to High-A Lake Elsinore on Aug. 31
- **2021:** High-A Fort Wayne
- **NATIONAL TEAM:** Played for Venezuela in the U-23 Baseball World Cup last September-October in Mexico... Venezuela won gold
- **Instagram:** @edwain\_bencomo

**22 Danny Denz** 5-9, 205 LHP Age: 24

**2021: High-A Fort Wayne:** 13 app., 12 GS, 49.2 IP, 3.26 ERA, 47 K, 24 BB, .220 BAA

**ACL Padres:** 1 app., 0.2 IP, 2 H, 4 ER, 2 K, 3 BB

- **THROWS:** Fastball, Curveball, Slider, Changeup
- **FROM:** Carpentersville, IL (30 min NW of Chicago)
- **HIGH SCHOOL:** Dundee-Crown HS (Carpentersville)
- **COLLEGE:** University of Memphis (Memphis, TN)... Started 23 games for the Tigers over his 4 years in college, including 3 starts during the COVID-19 shortened 2020 season... In 2020, Denz was phenomenal for Memphis over his 3 starts. He totaled 18.0 IP, posted a 2-0 record, led the team with 26 K's, and was top-15 nationally in Hits/9 (3.5)... There have been 15 players all-time to make MLB from the University of Memphis, most recently 2B Dan Uggla.
- **SIGNED:** 2020, Non-drafted free agent
- **2021:** On August 2, Denz was named High-A Central's Pitcher of the Week for the week of July 27-August 1. Across two starts in Lansing, Denz fired 9.2 shutout innings, allowing just 2 hits, striking out 10, and walking just 2 Lugnuts hitters. Denz was the first TinCap to earn Player/Pitcher of the Week honors in 2021.
- **INSTAGRAM:** @fearthegogs30

**28 Brandon Komar** 6-0, 200 RHP Age: 23

**2021: High-A Fort Wayne:** 12 app., GS, 30.0 IP, 3.60 ERA, 22 H, 12 ER, 32 K, 13 BB, .196 BAA

**AA San Antonio:** 19 app., 4 GS, 50.1 IP, 5.01 ERA, 49 H, 28 ER, 53 K, 27 BB

- **THROWS:** Fastball, Changeup, Curveball, Slider
- **FROM:** Elkhorn, WI (about 40 miles southwest of Milwaukee; population just over 10,000)
- **HIGH SCHOOL:** Elkhorn Area HS (about 880 students; colors: Purple & Gold; nickname: Elks; also the alma mater of FOX55 Fort Wayne sports director Justin Prince, whose dad taught Brandon here)
- **COLLEGE:** Madison College in Madison, WI (about 60 miles northwest of Elkhorn); colors: Blue & White; nickname: WolfPack
- **DRAFTED:** By the Padres in the 13th round in 2019... was with the Lakeshore Chinooks of the Northwoods League (summer collegiate), who he had pitched for in 2018... while on the team bus, a teammate saw his name come up on the MLB.com Draft Tracker and told him the news
- **FAMILY:** Parents are Karen & Tim... Older sister: Shannon
- **INSTAGRAM:** @thebrandonkomar

**33 Seth Mayberry** 6-3, 195 RHP Age: 21

**2021: AZL Padres:** 3 app., 3.2 IP, 0 ER, 1 H, 5 K, 0 BB

**Low-A Lake Elsinore:** 9 app., 12.0 IP, 7.50 ERA, 10 ER, 15 H, 14 K, 6 BB

- **FROM:** Dinwiddie, VA (45 minutes south of Richmond)
- **HIGH SCHOOL:** Dinwiddie HS (3 previous major leaguers, though none since '93)
- **DRAFTED:** 2018, 39<sup>th</sup> Round
- **LEAP OF FAITH:** Despite being injured for the majority of his senior year, the Padres selected Mayberry late in 2018 and he decided to sign for a \$125,000 bonus rather than go to Longwood University (VA)
- **2019:** Coming off injuries, Mayberry had a strong campaign in rookie ball with a 2.10 ERA in 25.2 IP out of the pen. He was third in ERA amongst pitchers with at least 25 IP to Andrew Dean and Moises Lugo. Mayberry earned a call-up to short-season Tri-City in August and allowed two earned runs in 2.2 IP.
- **INSTAGRAM:** @seth.mayberry

**11 Luke Boyd** 6-2, 180 RHP Age: 24

**2021: ACL Padres:** 2 app., 2.1 IP, H, 0 ER, 5 K, 2 BB

**Baylor (NCAA):** 24 app., 1.27 ERA, 28.1 IP, 43 K, 11 BB, .152 BAA

- **FROM:** Ojai, CA (about 80 miles northeast of Los Angeles)
- **HIGH SCHOOL:** Nordhoff HS (Ojai)
- **COLLEGE:** Baylor University (Waco, TX)... was a consensus All-American and 1<sup>st</sup> Team All-Big 12 as a senior in 2021... Most notable active Baylor alum in MLB is Max Muncy of the Dodgers... Across parts of 5 seasons with Baylor (extra year of eligibility in 2021 due to COVID-19), appeared in 73 games with 3 GS, and logged a 3.40 ERA in 95.1 IP, 117 career K's, 50 BB... Boyd's 70 career relief appearances are the 7<sup>th</sup> most in Baylor history.
- **DRAFTED:** 2021, 17<sup>th</sup> Round
- **INSTAGRAM:** @lukeboyd\_

**16 Sam Keating** 6-3, 190 RHP Age: 23

**2021: High-A Fort Wayne:** 44 app., 53.1 IP, 8.10 ERA, 42 K, 29 BB

- **THROWS:** Fastball (4-Seam & 2-Seam), Changeup, Slider
- **FROM:** Fort Myers, FL
- **HIGH SCHOOL:** Canterbury School (Fort Myers)
- **DRAFTED:** 2017, 4<sup>th</sup> Round
- **2017:** Arizona League as starting pitcher
- **2018:** Short-Season Tri-City as starting pitcher
- **2019:** Joined Low-A TinCaps on May 11 in starting rotation... Assigned to Tri-City on Aug. 5, in bullpen
- **2021:** High-A Fort Wayne bullpen
- **INSTAGRAM:** @samkeating\_23

**27 Dwayne Matos** 6-1, 154 RHP Age: 21

**2022: Double-A San Antonio:** 5 app., 4 GS, 12.00 ERA, 15.0 IP, 22 H, 8 K, 13 BB

- **FROM:** Cabral, Dominican Republic...No major leaguers have made it from Cabral
- **SIGNED:** 2019, International free agent
- **2022:** Began season with Double-A San Antonio... On May 11, placed on Injured List... On May 25, activated from IL and transferred to Fort Wayne
- **STARTING STUFF:** After only starting 7 of his 18 appearances in 2019, he has started 19 of 25 appearances since.

**25 Gabe Morales** 6-3, 175 LHP Age: 23

**2022: Double-A San Antonio:** 8 app., 5 GS, 5.32 ERA, 22.0 IP, 19 H, 23 K, 21 BB

- **FROM:** Maracaibo, Venezuela (2<sup>nd</sup>-largest city in Venezuela with a population of 2.6 million in 2010). Notable players from Maracaibo include former Rockies OF **Carlos Gonzalez**, Yankees INF **Rougned Odor**, and Hall-of-Famer **Luis Aparicio**.
- **SIGNED:** 2016, International free agent
- **2019:** AZL Post-Season All-Star
- **2022:** Began season with Double-A San Antonio... On May 24, transferred to Fort Wayne
- **FAMILIAR:** Morales spent six appearances with Fort Wayne last year, pitching for the TinCaps from August 21 until the end of the season.
- **BACKEND?:** Last season was the first time in Morales' career that he has been primarily a reliever. He started the majority of his outings over the previous three years and had returned to the rotation with San Antonio this year.

## Relievers (Alphabetical) - continued

### 38 Ramón Pérez      6-1, 225   RHP   Age: 22

- **THROWS:** Fastball (4-seam), Curveball, Changeup
- **FROM:** Baracoa, Cuba
- **SIGNED:** At the age of 17 by Trevor Schumm & Chris Kemp for \$400,000
- **2022:** Began season with Double-A San Antonio Missions... transferred to Triple-A El Paso Chihuahuas on April 8... transferred back to San Antonio on April 9... returned to El Paso on 30... assigned to Fort Wayne on May 10
- **EARLY PRO EXPERIENCE:** At the age of 15, in 2014-15, pitched in Serie Nacional in Cuba (Cuba's top professional league) for Indios de Guantánamo
- **INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION:** Pitched for the U15 Cuban National Team in the 2014 U15 World Cup in Mexico & won a gold medal... Was teammates on that squad with Padre **Adrian Morejon** (a 2017 TinCap)
- **PERSONAL:** Father of a 2-year-old son
- **INSTAGRAM:** @rr\_\_\_\_ef.14
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### 30 Nick Thwaites      6-2, 195   RHP   Age: 22

**2021: Low-A Lake Elsinore:** 22 app., 18 GS, 2-10, 87.0 IP, 7.03 ERA, 87 K, 35 BB

- **FROM:** Osgood, OH (about 1 hour southeast of Fort Wayne)
- **HIGH SCHOOL:** Fort Recovery HS (Fort Recovery, OH)
- **COLLEGE COMMITMENT:** Kent State
- **DRAFTED:** 2018, 15<sup>th</sup> Round
- **LOCAL TIES:** As a kid growing up in the region, participated in the TinCaps Reading Program. Those who meet their reading goals are rewarded with a ticket package to a game.
- **ON FAMILY COMING:** "I've gotten texts from a bunch of people. I'm so excited my family can make it out to a bunch of different games. This'll be my grandma's first opportunity to see me in pro ball, so I can't wait for that."
- **ON FOCUS OF EARLY SEASON:** "The big thing we're focusing on are winning 0-0 counts and winning 1-1 counts. To do that, you really gotta be in touch with your mental game."

### 25 Wen-Hua Sung      6-1, 235   RHP   Age: 25

**2022: AAA El Paso:** 4 app., 1.50 ERA, 6.0 IP, 1 ER, 6 K, 5 BB

**2021: High-A Fort Wayne:** 23 app., 1-1, 2.52 ERA, 25.0 IP, 46 K, 15 BB

- **THROWS:** Fastball (4-Seam), Changeup, Slider
- **FROM:** Taitung, Taiwan (along the SE coast, opposite from Taipei). Would be 3<sup>rd</sup> MLB'er ever from Taitung, joining RHP Wei-Chieh Huang and Cleveland Indians INF Yu Chang.
- **SIGNED:** 2016, International Free Agent
- **TRAIL BLAZER:** Sung became the Padres' first-ever amateur free agent signing from Asia in 2016.
- **LLWS:** Sung was a hero in the 2009 Little League World Series, pitching Taiwan into the Finals against Chula Vista Park View (CA) and hitting a

## Season Highs & Lows

#### MISCELLANEOUS

**Longest Winning Streak:** 4 (4/16-4/21)  
**Longest Losing Streak:** 5 (2x; last 5/6-5/11)  
**Largest Margin of Victory:** 11 (4/10 @ DAY (1))  
**Largest Margin of Defeat:** 9 (3x; last 5/18 vs WM)  
**Longest Game, Time:** 3:21 (4/8 @ DAY)  
**Longest Game, Innings:** 9  
**Shortest Game (9 innings), Time:** 1:59 (2x; last 4/21 @ LAN)  
**Shortest Game, Innings:** 6½ (3x; last 5/26 vs QC)  
**Largest Crowd at Home:** 8,045 (5/20 vs. WM)  
**Largest Crowd on Road:** 8,428 (4/10 @ DAY)  
**Largest Comeback Win:** 3 (2x; last 4/17 vs. SB, thru 8)  
**Largest Blown Lead in Loss:** 5 (5/10 @ SB)  
**Most Errors, Team:** 4 (5/22 vs. WM)  
**Most Errors by Opponent:** 4 (4/20 @ LAN)  
**Most Left on Base:** 13 (2x; last 6/2 @ GL)  
**Warmest 1<sup>st</sup> Pitch Temp:** 89° (5/12 @ SB)  
**Coollest 1<sup>st</sup> Pitch Temp:** 41° (4/17 vs. SB)

#### RECORD, BY OPPONENT

**Dayton:** 2-7  
**Great Lakes:** 2-2  
**Lansing:** 5-1  
**Quad Cities:** 2-4  
**South Bend:** 5-7  
**West Michigan:** 2-4  
**Wisconsin:** 1-5

#### RECORD, SCORING FIRST

**Scored First:** 15-7  
**Didn't:** 4-23

#### BATTING

##### TEAM

**Most Runs, Game:** 13 (3x; last 4/24 @ LAN)  
**Most Runs, Inning:** 8 (2<sup>nd</sup>, 5/20 vs. WM)  
**Most Hits, Game:** 14 (4/24 @ LAN)  
**Fewest Hits, Game:** 2 (2x; last 5/1 vs. DAY)  
**Most Doubles, Game:** 6 (4/19 @ LAN)  
**Most Triples, Game:** 2 (4/14 vs. SB)  
**Most XBH, Game:** 8 (4/19 @ LAN)  
**Most Home Runs, Game:** 4 (2x; last 4/23 @ LAN)  
**Most Walks, Game:** 11 (4/16 vs. SB)  
**Most Strikeouts, Game:** 13 (4/8 @ DAY)  
**Most SB, Game:** 7 (4/16 vs. SB)

##### INDIVIDUAL SINGLE-GAME

**Most Hits:** 4 (Hassell, 4/30 vs. DAY; Basabe, 5/28 vs. QC)  
**Most XBH:** 3 (Mears 4/19 @ LAN)  
**Most HR:** 2 (4x; last Mears, Hassell 4/23 @ LAN)  
**Most Total Bases:** 10 (Mears 4/10 @ DAY (1))  
**Most R:** 4 (Rosier, 4/24 @ LAN)  
**Most RBI:** 4 (5x; last Hassell, 4/30 vs. DAY)  
**Most BB:** 4 (Solarte, 4/26 vs. DAY)  
**Most K:** 4 (3x; last Stronach, 5/11 @ SB)  
**Most SB:** 3 (Hassell, 4/16 vs. SB)  
**Longest Hitting Streak:** 9 (Lopez; 4/12-24)  
**Longest On-Base Streak:** 20 (Hassell; 4/8-30)

#### PITCHING

##### TEAM

**Most Runs Allowed, Game:** 11 (4x; 5/28 vs. QC)  
**Most Runs Allowed, Inning:** 6 (5<sup>th</sup>, 5/3 vs. WIS)  
**Fewest Hits Allowed, Game:** 2 (2x; last 5/8 @ WIS)  
**Most Hits Allowed, Game:** 21 (5/13 @ SB)  
**Most XBH Allowed, Game:** 7 (5/13 @ SB)  
**Most HR Allowed, Game:** 4 (4/23 @ LAN)  
**Most SB Allowed:** 3 (4/8 @ DAY)  
**Most Ks, Game:** 19 (5/26 vs. QC)  
**Fewest Ks, Game:** 5 (5/13 @ SB)  
**Most BB, Game:** 9 (5/5 @ WIS)  
**Fewest BB, Game:** 1 (4x; last 5/15 @ SB)

##### INDIVIDUAL SINGLE-GAME

**Longest Start:** 6.2 (J. Wolf, 5/29 vs. QC)  
**Shortest Start:** 1.0 (Contreras, 5/6 @ WIS)  
**Longest Relief Outing:** 5.0 (Wolf, 4/28 vs DAY)  
**Fewest H Allowed (Starter):** 0 (Contreras, 5/6 @ WIS, 1 IP)  
**Most H Allowed (Starter):** 9 (Gasser, 5/15 @ SB)  
**Most Ks, Starter:** 11 (J. Wolf, 5/29 vs. QC)  
**Most Ks, Reliever:** 7 (3x; last Komar, 5/24 vs. QC)  
**Most BB, Starter:** 5 (Denz, 5/7 @ WIS)  
**Most BB, Reliever:** 5 (Och 5/8 @ WIS)  
**Most ER, Starter:** 7 (Gasser, 5/28 vs. QC)  
**Most ER, Reliever:** 5 (Boyd, 4/30 vs. DAY)



## TinCaps Day-By-Day

Date	Opponent	Score (Record)	GB	Time	Notes
April 8	@ DAY	L, 6-5 (0-1)	1	3:21	Reyes opens season scoring with HR; 4-run 9 <sup>th</sup> inning comeback comes up just short
April 10 (1)	@ DAY	W, 13-2 (1-1)		2:40	TinCaps hit four home runs (Hassell, Mears, Dale, Mears); Back-to-back HRs in the first inning
April 10 (2)	@ DAY	L, 5-1 (1-2)	1.5	2:25	Dale opens the scoring with double and scores on wild pitch; Mears earns fourth XBH of doubleheader
April 12	SB	W, 5-3 (2-2)	1	2:31	Three unearned Cubs runs in the top of the first inning; Hassell hits 2-run homer in 6 <sup>th</sup> to take the lead
April 14 (1)	SB	L, 7-2 (2-3)		2:26	Thwails makes Parkview Field debut; Cubs win despite 0-9 with RISP
April 14 (2)	SB	W, 6-2 (3-3)	1	2:13	Robert Gasser strikeouts out nine batters in 4 innings; Game ends at 11:21 PM EST
April 15	SB	L, 4-2 (3-4)	2	1:59	First game of the pitch clock rules in effect; Bergert retires the first 11 batters he sees
April 16	SB	W, 6-0 (4-4)	2	2:17	Stronach hits his first homerun as a TinCap; Wolf, Bencomo, Och combine for first shutout of the year
April 17	SB	W, 4-3 (5-4)	1	2:36	Lopez hits a grand slam in the bottom of the eighth inning to overcome a 3-0 deficit
April 19	@ LAN	W, 10-3 (6-4)	1	2:28	Valenzuela hits inside-the-park home run and has 5 RBI; Mears with 3 XBH including a home run
April 20	@ LAN	W, 9-7 (7-4)	1	2:36	Mears homers twice for the second time this year; Gasser pitches five shutout innings
April 21	@ LAN	L, 2-0 (7-5)	2	1:59	TinCaps go 0-for-11 with runners in scoring position; Basabe records multiple hits
April 23 (1)	@ LAN	W, 13-9 (8-5)		2:22	Mears homers twice, one of which travels 504 feet; Basabe homers and has another multi-hit game
April 23 (2)	@ LAN	W, 6-2 (9-5)	1	1:52	Rosier leadoff homer, Vela works out of first inning jam, Hassell homers twice including one to RF
April 24	@ LAN	W, 13-5 (10-5)	1	2:41	Seven run second inning; Hassell and Solarte drive in two runs, Valenzuela and Lopez drive in three
April 26	DAY	L, 4-0 (10-6)	2	2:38	Dragons pitching limit offense to just two hits, Hassell III in the third and Reyes in the ninth
April 27	DAY	L, 2-0 (10-7)	3	2:11	Bergert Ks seven batters, Dale records multiples hits; Alex McGarry solo homer in fourth for Dayton
April 28	DAY	W, 4-0 (11-7)	2	2:12	Blake Snell pitches four scoreless innings in rehab start; Jackson Wolf follows with 5 IP, 0 R, and 7 Ks
April 29	DAY	L, 1-0 (11-8)	3	2:24	Komar strikes out seven in relief; Dragons' pitcher Connor Phillips fans 10 in third shutout of series
April 30	DAY	L, 11-5 (11-9)	4	2:43	Hassell homers to porch as part of a four hit game; Dragons score 4 in 3 <sup>rd</sup> to take the lead and 5 in 7 <sup>th</sup> to blow it open
May 1	DAY	L, 8-0 (11-10)	5	2:33	Dayton starter Andrew Abbott strikes out 10 in six scoreless innings; Rosier and Basabe collect only hits
May 3	@ WIS	L, 9-0 (11-11)	5.5	2:04	6-run 5 <sup>th</sup> for Wisconsin; Dale and Valenzuela have 2-hit games, Mears gets first hit in over a week
May 4	@ WIS	L, 4-0 (11-12)	7	2:11	Wolf dominates, becoming first TinCap starter to pitch into the 6 <sup>th</sup> this season; Four 2-out runs for WIS
May 5	@ WIS	W, 4-3 (12-12)	6.5	2:58	Vela Ks 10 batters in 5 innings; Rosier breaks scoreless streak with homer; Vilar & Reyes grab RBIs
May 6	@ WIS	L, 3-2 (12-13)	7	2:23	Two wild pitches in the 9 <sup>th</sup> to walk it off for Wisconsin; Rosier has go-ahead RBI single top 9; 3 hits for Kerner
May 7	@ WIS	L, 6-3 (12-14)	6.5	2:41	Mears breaks two week homer drought; Reyes triples in 2-3 day; TinCaps bring tying run to plate in 9 <sup>th</sup>
May 8	@ WIS	L, 4-3 (12-15)	7.5	2:34	Gasser pitches six scoreless innings; Stronach and Solarte come up with RBI 2Bs; Alex Hall walkoff single
May 10	@ SB	L, 9-7 (12-16)	8.5	2:51	TinCaps jump out to 7-2 lead; Hassell goes 3-for-5; Caisie clubs Grand Slam, Mervis walkoff HR
May 11	@ SB	L, 6-5 (12-17)	8.5	2:32	TinCaps tie the game 3 runs in the top of 7 <sup>th</sup> before surrendering it half an inning later
May 12	@ SB	W, 5-0 (13-17)	7.5	2:34	Vela deals six scoreless innings with 8 Ks; Rosier homers for FW's lone XBH, also scores twice
May 13	@ SB	L, 11-2 (13-18)	8.5	2:31	Hassell hit a 2-R HR 2 batters into the game, but SB responded with 21 hits
May 14	@ SB	L, 11-7 (13-19)	8.5	2:19	Stormed back from an 8-0 deficit to pull within 1, only to see SB add insurance late
May 15	@ SB	L, 5-1 (13-20)	9.5	2:17	Rosier triples and Valenzuela doubles in multi-hit game; Schlichtholz makes TinCaps season debut
May 17	WM	W, 5-4 (14-20)	8.5	2:29	Acosta homers, doubles and picks up 3 hits in High-A debut; Reyes and Dale with multi-hit games too
May 18	WM	L, 9-0 (14-21)	9.0	2:39	Acosta picks up two of three total hits for TinCaps; Montero dominates in 5 inning start for Whitecaps
May 19	WM	L, 4-2 (14-22)	10.0	2:29	Colts At Bat with Nyheim Hines; Dale racks up two hits and two runs, Komar goes 4.1 IP scoreless
May 20	WM	W, 10-5 (15-22)	10.5	2:46	TinCaps score 8 runs in the second inning in front of sellout crowd of 8,045 – most fans since 2019
May 21	WM	L, 1-0 (15-23)	11.0	2:29	Gasser strikes out six and allows two hits in six innings; Jack Holton's fourth homer in five games
May 22	WM	L, 8-0 (15-24)	11.5	2:35	Ty Madden pitches six scoreless for WM, Jake Holton hits fifth home run of the series to blow it open
May 24	QC	L, 3-1 (15-25)	12.5	2:10	Wolf and Komar combine for 15 strikeouts, Komar has 7 in just 3.1 IP; Valenzuela collects two hits
May 25-26	QC	L, 6-2 (15-26)		2:35	Game suspended by rain in bottom of 3 <sup>rd</sup> ; Season-high 19 Ks for pitchers; Adam Kerner 2-R HR
May 26 (2)	QC	W, 6-2 (16-26)	12.5	2:03	Stronach RBI double; Reyes 2-run single; Basabe RBI single; 5 runs unearned on 2 QC Es + PB
May 28 (1)	QC	L, 11-3 (16-27)		2:07	Friday night PPD by rain; Hassell 2-for-4 with RBI double; QC hit 4 HR
May 28 (2)	QC	L, 6-2 (16-28)	14.5	2:09	1-0 lead through 2 innings didn't hold; Olivier Basabe went 4-for-4 with an RBI single
May 29	QC	W, 6-1 (17-28)	13.5	2:22	TinCaps jump ahead 4-0 in two innings; Valenzuela hits second home run of the series
May 31	@ GL	W, 9-1 (18-28)	13.5	2:28	TinCaps score 6 runs in the 2 <sup>nd</sup> inning; Lucas Dunn has a hit and two RBIs in High-A debut
June 1	@ GL	L, 3-1 (18-29)	14.0	2:15	Dunn doubles, TinCaps take 1-0 lead in third; Fort Wayne no-hit over the final five innings
June 2	@ GL	L, 5-2 (18-30)	14.5	2:33	Reyes and Acosta doubles help FW to 1 <sup>st</sup> inning lead; Stronach picks up a pair of doubles as well
June 3	@ GL	W, 7-5 (19-30)	14.5	2:22	Valenzuela three-run homer in the 5 <sup>th</sup> , Dunn's first High-A homer, outrageous 9 <sup>th</sup> inning triple play
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## TRANSACTIONS

- April 15: RHP **Mason Fox** transferred to Double-A San Antonio
- April 25: RHP **Alek Jacob** transferred to Double-A San Antonio
- April 28: LHP **Blake Snell** sent on rehab assignment to High-A Fort Wayne
- April 30: RHP **Wen-Hua Sung** transferred from Triple-A El Paso to Fort Wayne
- May 2: RHP **Efrain Contreras** reinstated from Double-A San Antonio's Injured List and transferred
- May 9: RHP **Jason Reynolds** added to Voluntary Retirement List
- May 10: LHP **Ramón Pérez** transferred from Double-A San Antonio to Fort Wayne
- May 13: RHP **Adam Smith** placed on 7-Day Injured List
- May 14: LHP **Fred Schlichtholz** transferred from Arizona Complex League Padres
- May 16: OF **Joshua Mears** placed on Development List
- May 16: OF **Matthew Acosta** transferred from Single-A Lake Elsinore
- May 24: RHP **Felix Minjarez** placed on Development List
- May 24: LHP **Fred Schlichtholz** placed on Development List
- May 24: LHP **Gabe Morales** transferred from Double-A San Antonio to Fort Wayne
- May 25: RHP **Dwayne Matos** reinstated from Double-A San Antonio's Injured List and transferred
- May 26: OF **Angel Solarte** placed on 7-Day Injured List
- May 26: LHP **Ryan Och** placed on 7-Day Injured List
- May 27: RHP **Wen-Hua Sung** placed on Covid List
- May 27: OF **Agustín Ruiz** transferred from Double-A San Antonio
- May 30: UTL **Reinaldo Ibarra** transferred to Triple-A El Paso
- May 31: INF **Justin Lopez** transferred to Arizona Complex League
- May 31: INF **Kelvin Melean** transferred from Triple-A El Paso
- May 31: UTL **Lucas Dunn** transferred from Single-A Lake Elsinore
- June 2: INF **Wyatt Hoffman** transferred from Arizona Complex League
- June 2: OF **Robert Hassell** placed on Covid List
- June 3: OF **Angel Solarte** reinstated from Injured List