



AKRON RUBBERDUCKS GAME NOTES

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Akron RubberDucks (0-0, 0-0)
Cleveland Guardians Double-A
LHP Doug Nikhazy (0-0, 0.00 ERA)

vs Altoona Curve (0-0, 0-0)
Pittsburgh Pirates Double-A
RHP Bubba Chandler (0-0, 0.00 ERA)

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Game 1, 1st Half Game 1, Home Game 1, Night Game 1, Divisional Game 1
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September 17: Curve 4, RubberDucks 3 (10): Joe Naranjo doubled home two with two outs in the eighth to tie the game, but Altoona scored on a passed ball in the 10th to give Altoona the season ending victory.

DiCenzo to guide Ducks: Greg DiCenzo takes over as the 19th manager in Akron franchise history and first new manager since Rouglas Odor took over in 2019. DiCenzo spent 2023 as the Bench Coach in Columbus, but previously was the manager for two seasons in Lake County. He joined the Guardians organization after guiding Holy Cross for 12 years in which the team won 20 or more games 10 times in that span.

Odor to the Guardians: Rouglas Odor has finally reached MLB after spending over 35 years as a player, coach or manager in the Minor Leagues. Odor is now the third base coach and infield coach for the Cleveland Guardians. Odor leaves Akron as the longest tenured manager (four years) and winningest manager (278). Over his four seasons in Akron, 30 players went on to make their MLB debuts.

Goldy in the bullpen: Brad Goldberg also makes his way to the Cleveland coaching staff. After spending 2023 as the pitching coach for the RubberDucks, Goldberg is now the bullpen coach for the Cleveland Guardians. Under Goldberg, the RubberDucks pitching staff finished with the second-best ERA in the Eastern League.

Familiar faces: The RubberDucks 2024 Opening Day roster features 16 players that spent time in Akron at some point in 2023. Doug Nikhazy, who takes the ball on Opening Day, returns to Akron after leading the team in strikeouts with 128 last season. Bradley Hanner, who lead the team in wins last season with eight, returns to lead a talented bullpen. On the offensive side, Aaron Bracho is back with the RubberDucks after tying for the team lead in home runs with 18. Petey Halpin was the leader or tied for the lead in five different offensive categories.

Historic Coaching Staff: The RubberDucks coaching staff features two firsts. Assistant Hitting Coach Amanda Kamekona and Assistant Athletic Trainer Karina Gonzalez become the first two female coaches in RubberDucks history. Kamekona is the first woman on-the-field coach in Guardians history when she was hired last season. Prior to coming to Akron both worked at the Arizona Complex in 2023.

UPCOMING PROBABLE PITCHERS (ALL TIMES EASTERN) – SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Saturday, April 6	6:05 p.m.	RHP Tommy Mace	vs	Altoona RHP Sean Sullivan
Sunday, April 7	1:05 p.m.	RHP Ethan Hankins	vs	Altoona LHP Anthony Solometo
Tuesday, April 9	6:35 p.m.	TBA	at	Richmond TBA

RubberDucks take on the Curve: Akron and Altoona face off for the first of four meetings in 2024 and first of two at Canal Park. Last season, the Curve took the season series 10-8. Top prospects in this series include:

Guardians (MLB.com): #1 OF Chase DeLauter, #15 IF Kahlil Watson, #16 OF Petey Halpin, #26 RHP Andrew Walters, #30 IF Dayan Frias

Pirates (MLB.com): #4 LHP Anthony Solometo, #5 RHP Bubba Chandler, #6 RHP Thomas Harrington, #7 Braxton Ashcraft, #9 IF Tsung-Che Cheng, #20 OF Jase Bowen, #27 OF Tres Gonzalez

Duck fly to Arizona for the fall: Four 2023 Akron RubberDucks were chosen to represent the Cleveland Guardians organization in the Arizona Fall League. Outfielder Chase DeLauter and Pitchers Ross Carver, Bradley Hanner and Erik Sabrowski will play for the Peoria Javelinas during the fall season. DeLauter came to Akron for the last week of the regular season and hit in all six games with the Ducks batting .364 with three runs scored and four RBI. Carver struck out 81 batters over 71.2 innings in Akron. Hanner led the Ducks in wins and saves with eight each. Sabrowski was 4-0 with a 2.49 ERA and 28 strikeouts over 21.2 innings for the RubberDucks. 2024 RubberDucks Christian Cairo also appeared in the Fall League.

Spring Breakout Ducks: Chase DeLauter, Doug Nikhazy, Andrew Walters, Petey Halpin all were members of the Guardians Spring Break out team that defeated the Reds 6-2. Marco LaNave and Jim Clark made the trip out to Arizona and were on the call for the game on the Cleveland Guardians radio network. Walters was named to the All-Spring Breakout second team for his scoreless inning with three strikeouts.

Fast rising: Andrew Walters will pitch professionally for the first time in the Guardians organization with Akron this season. After being drafted out of the University of Miami (FL) in 2023, Walters has not pitched outside of Spring Training or the Spring Breakout game since being drafted.

Former RubberDucks make MLB debuts: After 11 recent RubberDucks made MLB debuts in 2023. Cade Smith (2022-23) made his MLB debut in 2024 for the Guardians striking out five over two scoreless innings against the A's.

RUBBERDUCKS STARTING PITCHER

#29 Doug Nikhazy...LHP, 6-0, 210, Age 24 (8/11/99), Resides: Windermere, FL

Acquired: Selected by Cleveland out of the University of Mississippi in the second round of the July 2021 MLB Draft

Twitter: @DougNikhazy

Instagram: @dougNikhazy Throws: Fastball, Curveball, Slider, Changeup

Started for the Guardians in the Spring Breakout game tossing three innings allowing two runs (one earned) while striking out six.

2023

- Led team in strikeouts with 128.
- Best month was July where he went 1-1 in four starts with a 1.89 ERA and 21 K over 19 innings pitched.
- Entered the 2023 season as Cleveland's No. 30 prospect by MLB Pipeline.

2022

- Ranked as Cleveland's No. 28 prospect by MLB Pipeline.
- Came within a strike of a seven-inning no-hitter in Game 1 of a July 9 doubleheader in Fort Wayne, but he got a no-decision in a 3-2, eight-inning loss.
- Through his final High-A start, his 118 strikeouts ranked ninth in the Midwest League, and his 21 starts ranked tied for sixth.
- Promoted to Akron Aug. 29 and made three Double-A starts.
- Pitched 4.2 scoreless innings at Harrisburg on Sept. 9, allowing just one hit with nine strikeouts, as part of a combined 5-0, one-hit shutout.

College:

- Posted a 12-2 record with a 2.45 ERA in 16 games/15 starts at Ole Miss in 2021 (92.0IP, 62H, 25ER, 31BB, 142SO).
- Earned First Team All-American honors from ABCA/Rawlings, Baseball America, Collegiate Baseball, NCBWA and D1Baseball.
- Set an Ole Miss record for single-season wins (12) and finished second in program history for single-season strikeouts (142, fifth in NCAA), behind Lance Lynn's 146 in 2007.
- In 2021, he was a finalist for the C Spire Ferriss Trophy (awarded to the top collegiate baseball player in the state of Mississippi) and a semifinalist for the Golden Spikes Award.
- Was the second Ole Miss pitcher drafted in 2021, as RHP Gunnar Hoglund was drafted in the first round (No. 19 overall) by Toronto, which traded Hoglund to Oakland in the Matt Chapman deal in March 2022.
- Concluded his three-year college career with a 24-6 mark and a 2.81 ERA in 40 games/33 starts (204.2IP, 149H, 64ER, 73BB, 259SO).
- Recorded a one-hit shutout vs. Mississippi State and set an Ole Miss single-game record with 16 SO vs. Florida State at the Oxford Regional.
- Was a member of the Team USA Baseball Collegiate National Team in 2019
- Set an Ole Miss freshman record with 86 SO (previously 81 by Jeff Calhoun in 1977 and Drew Pomeranz in 2008) in 89.2 innings, earning Freshman All-American honors in 2019.
- Major in political science.

Amateur:

- Lettered all four years, playing right field and pitching, at West Orange High in Windermere, FL, under head coach Jessie Marlo.
- Was a two-time district champion in 2016 and 2017 that included a trip to the state final four in 2017.
- Was a member of the USA Baseball team in 2015.
- Was the student body president at West Orange High, a national debater, and a coordinator of West Orange dance marathon that raised \$80,000 for a children's miracle network.

Doug Nikhazy - Pitching - Career - Regular Season

Season	League	Team	W	L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	SVO	IP	H	R	ER	HR	HB	BB	IBB	SO	WHIP	AVG	AB	WP	BK	GDP	TBF	NP-S
022	A+	LC	4	4	3.19	21	21	0	0	0	0	93.0	59	37	33	8	6	68	0	118	1.37	.182	324	8	0	9	402	1693 - 993
2022	AA	AKR	0	2	11.57	3	3	0	0	0	0	9.1	14	12	12	1	0	11	0	10	2.68	.359	39	0	0	0	51	218 - 121
2022	Minors	2 Teams	4	6	3.96	24	24	0	0	0	0	102.1	73	49	45	9	6	79	0	128	1.49	.201	363	8	0	9	453	1911 - 1114
2023	AA	AKR	4	8	4.94	26	22	0	0	0	0	102.0	92	65	56	13	4	73	0	128	1.62	.235	391	7	1	5	474	1961 - 1167
Career	AA	AKR	4	10	5.50	29	25	0	0	0	0	111.1	106	77	68	14	4	84	0	138	1.71	.247	430	7	1	5	525	2179 - 1288
Career	A+	LC	4	4	3.19	21	21	0	0	0	0	93.0	59	37	33	8	6	68	0	118	1.37	.182	324	8	0	9	402	1693 - 993
Career	Minors	2 Teams	8	14	4.45	50	46	0	0	0	0	204.1	165	114	101	22	10	152	0	256	1.55	.219	754	15	1	14	927	3872 - 2281

Higs	IP	H	R	ER	HR	HB	BB	IBB	SO	WP	BK	TBF	NP
2023	6.0 (6/10@POR)	8 (6/22vBNG)	5 (multiple)	5 (6/22vBNG)	1 (multiple)	0	7 (4/19vHBG)	0	11 (6/16@NH)	1 (4/27@BNG)	0	25 (5/24vBOW)	100 (9/1vBOW)
Career	6.2 (multiple)	8 (6/22/23)	7 (9/3/22)	7 (9/3/22)	2 (5/14vGL)	2 (6/18/22)	7 (4/19/23)	0	11 (multiple)	1 (multiple)	0	26 (8/11/22)	100 (9/1/23)

2024 RUBBERDUCKS FIELD STAFF

#26 Manager Greg DiCenzo enters his fourth season with the Guardians organization. The 2024 season will be DiCenzo's first as RubberDucks manager, and third as a manager in the Guardians organization. He becomes the 19th manager in Akron franchise history (since 1989).

Prior to becoming Triple-A Columbus' bench coach in 2023, DiCenzo spent the 2021 and 2022 seasons as the manager in High-A Lake County. He guided the Captains to a 141-108 record in his two seasons including a Midwest League finals appearance in 2022.

A native of Duxbury, MA, DiCenzo was the head baseball coach at Holy Cross for 12 seasons prior to joining the Cleveland organization. The Crusaders went 137-109 in Patriot League play during his tenure, including a 2017 Patriot League Championship, and posted 20-win seasons in 10 of those 12 years.

#38 Hitting Coach Jordan Becker enters his fifth season with the Guardians and first with the RubberDucks. In 2023, Becker served as the hitting coach for Lake County.

Becker joined the Cleveland organization in 2019 after a collegiate coaching career that saw stops at Riverside Community College and New Mexico State University.

#50 Assistant Hitting Coach Amanda Kamekona enters her second year with the Guardians organization and first season with Akron. Kamekona spent 2023 as the hitting development coach on the Arizona Complex Academy staff.

Kamekona is the first female on-the-field coach in RubberDucks history. She played professional softball on the PFX Tour from 2010-2011 and the NPF tour from 2011-2019 where she was a three-time National Champion. Kamekona started her coaching career as an assistant softball coach at Limestone College before becoming the head softball coach at Brevard College. She also has head coaching stops at Bishop Amat High School and CA Bombers Fastpitch.

#49 Pitching Coach Cody Buckel enters his sixth season in the Guardians organization and first season with the RubberDucks. Prior to coming to Akron, Buckel was the pitching strategist for the Columbus Clippers for the 2022 and 2023 seasons.

After starting his coaching career as a pitching coach in the Seattle Mariners organization, Buckel has spent time in the both the dugout and front office for Cleveland serving as the pitching resource coordinator and assistant director of pitching development before joining the Clippers field staff.

#32 Assistant Pitching Coach Michael Poole enters his second season in the Guardians organization and first season with the RubberDucks. Prior to joining the RubberDucks, Poole was the pitching development coach on the Arizona Complex Academy staff.

A native of Akron, Poole played at Cuyahoga Community College and Lake Erie College before starting his coaching career at Inspiration Academy (FL) in 2019. Poole was an assistant coach at LSU-Eunice for the Bengals D2 JUCO World Series Championship season in 2021.

#28 Bench Coach Kyle Lindquist enters his fifth season in the Guardians organization and first season in Akron. Prior to coming to Akron, Lindquist spent 2023 as the bench coach for Lake County.

A native of Columbus, Lindquist played at Marietta College (Ohio) and was a three-time All-OAC selection, 2012 All-American and member of the back-to-back National Championship teams in 2011 and 2012. After starting his coaching career at Marietta, Lindquist spent five seasons as an assistant coach at Denison University and one season at Davidson before joining the Cleveland organization.

#45 Bullpen Coach Seth Caddell enters his first season as a coach in the Guardians organization after spending the last three seasons as a catcher in the Cleveland organization. Signed out of East Carolina, Caddell last played for the RubberDucks in 2023.

Athletic Trainer Derrik Diaz enters his fifth season in the Guardians organization and first season with the RubberDucks. Prior to coming to Akron, Diaz served as the head athletic trainer for the Dominican Republic Complex in 2023.

Assistant Athletic Trainer Karina Gonzalez enters her second season in the Guardians organization and first season in Akron. Prior to joining the RubberDucks, Gonzalez served as an athletic trainer at the Arizona Complex.

Strength and Conditioning Coach Mo Cuevas enters his ninth season with the Guardians organization and second season in Akron. Prior to joining the RubberDucks, Cuevas served as the rehab strength and conditioning coach in 2022.

Tech Assistant Henry Haracz enters his first season in Akron after spending last season in Lake County.

We Are the RubberDucks

On October 29, 2013, team owner **Ken Babby** stood before a capacity audience at the Akron Civic Theater and announced that the team would be known henceforth as the **Akron RubberDucks**. In addition to being symbolic of the fun, family-friendly brand of entertainment offered by minor league baseball, the name also honors Akron's long history as the "**Rubber Capital of the World.**" Brandiose Marketing of San Diego, California designed the team logo, colors, and various marks and insignias. Please note that for print coverage, *RubberDucks* is spelled as one word with a capital "D." In broadcast coverage, referring to the team as "*the 'Ducks*" is an acceptable variation of the team's nickname.

#7 AARON BRACHO	IF, L/R	El Tigre, VZ
Twitter: @aaronbracho3	IG: @aaronbracho3	2017 FA
Last Series	Streak	
H-Stand	'24 Long Hit	
'24/Career High: 0/5 H, 0/2 R, 0/2 2B, 0/1 3B, 0/2 HR, 0/5 RBI, 0/1 SB	'24 Long OBS	
4-yr MiLB Totals thru '23: 292 g, .217, 41 hr, 153 rbi, 9 sb, .711 ops		
2023 Highlights:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Career highs in games (104), hits (90), doubles (14), homers (18) and RBI (59)... hit .245 with 3 stolen bases and .781 OPS. • Career switch hitter until early in season...batted only left-handed from April 12 on. • Eastern League Player of the Week for Week 17 (12-24, 2D, T, HR, 7RBI) vs Erie. • 2022: With High-A Lake County, posted then career highs in games (80), hits (48), doubles (13), and RBI (45), while hitting .184 with 8 HR, .605 OPS. • 2021: Ranked Cleveland's No. 15 prospect (MLB.com)...Played 70 games for High-A Lake County (.174, 9 doubles, 7 HR, 27 RBI, .568 OPS). • 2020: Ranked Cleveland's No. 9 prospect (MLB.com)...Was Cleveland's youngest player (19) participating in the Alternate Training Site at Lake County. • 2019: Played 30 games in pro debut with AZL affiliate (.296, 6 HR, 29 RBI, .593 SLG, 1.009 OPS)...Missed a month with an oblique injury...played 8 games with short-season Mahoning Valley (6-for-27, 2 HR, 4 RBI, .825 OPS). • 2018: Fractured his right arm in May that postponed his professional debut. • 2017: Ranked among top 30 international prospects (MLB.com)...Reportedly received the largest signing bonus in Cleveland's international class (\$1.5 million). 		

#2 CHRISTIAN CAIRO	IF, R/R	Clearwater, FL
Twitter: @chriatiancairo2	IG: @chriatiancairo2	2019 (4th round)
Last Series	Streak	
H-Stand	'24 Long Hit	
'24/Career High: 0/3 H, 0/3 R, 0/2 2B, 0/2 3B, 0/1 HR, 0/3 RBI, 0/3 SB	'24 Long OBS	
4-yr MiLB Totals thru '23: 249 g, .213, 11 hr, 67 rbi, 46 sb, .669 ops		
2023 Highlights:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Played 12 games for the Peoria Javelinas of the Arizona Fall League batting .289 with one home run and nine RBI. • Played in 61 games for High-A Lake County batting .239 with three home runs, three triples (career-high), 13 RBI and 10 stolen bases. • 2022: With High-A Lake County, batted .198 with two homers, eight doubles (career-high), 19 RBI and 10 stolen bases • 2021: Split the season between Single-A Lynchburg and High-A Lake County. Played 58 games for Lynchburg batting .210 with three home runs, 17 RBI and 15 stolen bases (fourth most in Cleveland's system)...Played 21 games with Lake County batting .268/.388/.465 with three home runs and seven RBI. • 2019: Played 46 games for ACL affiliate batting .178 with nine RBI, 25 walks and seven steals • Son of Miguel Cairo, who played 17 seasons for eight different teams finishing with the Reds from 2010-12. • Drafted by Cleveland in the fourth round (130 overall) of the 2019 MLB Draft out of Calvary Christian High School in Florida...Had been committed to LSU...Was ranked as the 83rd best player in the nation and 12th best in Florida according to Perfect Game...Named 2019 Preseason All-American and First Team All-Florida Region by Perfect Game. 		

#22 CHASE DELAUTER OF, L/L	James Madison
Twitter: @chase_delauter1	IG: @chasedelauter
Last Series	Streak
H-Stand	'24 Long Hit
'24/Career High: 0/4 H, 0/3 R, 0/3 2B, 0/0 3B, 0/1 HR, 0/4 RBI, 0/1 SB	'24 Long OBS
1-yr MiLB Totals thru '23: 57 g, .355, 5 hr, 39 rbi, 6 sb, .945 ops	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Entered the season ranked as the Guardians #1 prospect and #31 prospect in baseball (MLB.com). • Appeared in 13 Spring Training games for Cleveland batting .520 with four home runs, 10 RBI, five walks and a 1.640 OPS. • Starting right fielder for the Guardians Spring Breakout game going 0-3 with a walk, run scored and stolen base in the Guardians 6-2 win over the Reds. 	
2023 Highlights:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Played 23 games for Peoria Javelinas in the Arizona Fall League batting .299 with five home runs, 27 RBI and five stolen bases...Named to the Fall Stars game. • Spent the last week of the season with Akron going 8-for-22 with three runs scored, four RBI, and five walks. Finished the season on an 11-game hitting streak between Lake County and Akron (16-40, 8 r, d, hr, 9 bi, 8 bb, 5 k). • In 42 games with Lake County slashed .366/.403/.549 with 60 hits, 18 doubles, 4 HR, 31 RBI and 3SB...Had a 13 game hitting streak from July 1-Aug. 1 and a 12 game hitting streak from Aug. 4-Aug. 22...Hit safely in 36 of his first 42 games including 11 of his last 12...Ended High-A season on a 5 game hitting streak...15 multi-hit games (six games of three or more hits) • Entered the season on the injured list and played in nine rehab games with ACL Cleveland before being activated off the injured list in Lake County. 	
2022 Highlights:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drafted in the first round (16th overall) in 2022 draft out of James Madison. • College: Attended James Madison...Played 66 games in 3 seasons slashing .402/.520/.715 with 15 HR, 27D, 4T, 70BI, 62BB, 24SB...Also pitched 10 games going 1-3 with a 5.64 ERA and 19K in 22.1IP...Led Cape Cod League in 2021 with 9HR. • High School: Attended Hedgesville (WV)...Four year letter winner...Named West Virginia and EPAC Player of the Year in 2018...Earned First Team All-State Honors in 2017...Earned First Team EPAC in 2017...Was in the National Honor Society. 	

#13 DAYAN FRIAS	IF, S/R	Cartagena, Colombia
Twitter: @dayanfrías	IG: @dayanfrías	2018 (FA)
Last Series	Streak	
H-Stand	'24 Long Hit	
'24/Career High: 0/4 H, 0/3 R, 0/2 2B, 0/1 3B, 0/1 HR, 0/4 RBI, 0/3 SB	'24 Long OBS	
4-yr MiLB Totals thru '23: 302 g, .255, 21 hr, 134 rbi, 29 sb, .746 ops		
2023 Highlights:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Entered the season ranked as the Guardians #19/#30 prospect (Keith Law/MLB.com). • Spent season with High-A Lake County batting .260/.356/.426 with a career-high 11 home runs and 49 RBI...Earned Midwest League Player of the Week honors after recording 10 hits, one home run and seven RBI during the Week of 7/18-23 • Played in all four games for Team Colombia in the World Baseball Classic going 3-for-13 with two RBI. • 2022: Played a career-high 120 games for Single-A Lynchburg batting .239/.344/.330 with six home runs and 46 RBI. Recorded a career-high 106 hits. • 2021: Played 42 games with ACL affiliate batting .322/.420/.520 with four home runs and 28 RBI...Named ACL Post-Season All-Star. • 2019: Played 40 games for DSL affiliate batting .216 with 15 RBI, 37 walks and 10 steals. • 2018: Signed by Cleveland during the 2018-19 International Signing Period on 7/2/18) in the same class as former RubberDucks Angel Martinez and Gabriel Rodriguez. 		

#16 PETEY HALPIN	OF, L/R	Mira Costa (CA) HS
Twitter: @peteyhalpin	IG: @peteyhalpin	2020 (3rd round)
Last Series	Streak	
H-Stand	'24 Long Hit	
'24/Career High: 0/4 H, 0/4 R, 0/2 2B, 0/1 3B, 0/1 HR, 0/3 RBI, 0/2 SB	'24 Long OBS	
3-yr MiLB Totals thru '23: 272 g, .261, 16 hr, 92 rbi, 39 sb, .723 ops		
2023 Highlights:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Entered the season ranked as Cleveland's No. 16 prospect (MLB.com). • Played in 14 Guardians Spring Training games (3-for-19 with a triple). • Started in center for the Guardians Spring Breakout team going 1-for-3 with a run scored, RBI, stolen base and sac-fly in Cleveland's 6-2 win. 		
2022 Highlights:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Played in 113 games for Akron batting .243/.312/.372 with nine home runs and 38 RBI...Lead the team in games played (113), hits (110), doubles (23), and tied for the team lead in runs scored (55) and triples (4). • Entered the season ranked as Cleveland's No. 17 prospect (MLB.com). • Played in six Guardians Spring Training games (2-for-10, double, 2 R, 3 RBI, 3 BB). • 2022: Played 105 games with High-A Lake County...hit .262, 6 HR, 36 RBI, .346 OBP, .385 SLG, 68 runs (T-6th in MWL) ...Led team with 4 triples, tied team leads with 100 hits and 21 doubles...One of the youngest regulars in the Midwest League (turned 20 in May)...Reached base in 30 straight games June 24-Aug. 10, second-longest in the league...Played 60 straight errorless games April 14-July 4 • 2021: Made pro debut with 54 games for Single-A Lynchburg...Hit .294 with 1 HR, 18 RBI, 34 runs, 14 doubles, six triples (T-4th in Low-A East), .363 OBP, .425 SLG. • 2020: Signed with Cleveland...had been committed to Texas for college. • High School: Attended Mira Costa High School (Manhattan Beach, CA)...Played in the inaugural Prospect Development Pipeline League in 2019, leading the showcase with eight runs and six steals in nine games...Competed in the inaugural High School MLB All-Star Game in Cleveland in 2019...Native of San Mateo, CA. 		

#9 KODY HUFF	C, R/R	Stanford
Twitter: @kodyhuff2	IG: @kodyhuff2	2023 (Trade)
Last Series	Streak	
H-Stand	'24 Long Hit	
'24/Career High: 0/5 H, 0/3 R, 0/2 2B, 0/1 3B, 0/1 HR, 0/5 RBI, 0/1 SB	'24 Long OBS	
2-yr MiLB Totals thru '23: 95 g, .254, 5 hr, 41 rbi, 3 sb, .716 ops		
2023 Highlights:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acquired by Cleveland on 11/17/23 from Colorado in exchange for RHP Cal Quantrill. • Played in 86 games for High-A Fresno batting .262 with five home runs, 14 doubles, 36 RBI...Committed just four errors and caught 29 runners stealing (third most among California League catchers) in 82 games (76 starts)...Went 5-for-6 with a run scored and two RBI on 4/7/23 against San Jose...Named 2023 California League Defensive Catcher of the Year by Baseball America. • 2022: Made professional debut playing nine games for Rockies ACL affiliate going 4-for-25 with five RBI...Selected by the Rockies in the seventh round (206 overall) out of Stanford after batting .284 with 18 home runs and 88 RBI in three seasons for the Cardinal. • College: Member of the 2022 PAC-12 championship team...All PAC-12 First Team in 2022 after batting .315 with 21 doubles, 13 home runs and 51 RBI in 65 games (started 64 at catcher)...Two-time CoSIDA Academic All-District (2021-22)...Two-time PAC-12 Academic Honor Roll (2021-22)...Went 3-for-4 with a grand slam, double and five RBI in Stanford's Super Regional clinching win over UConn (6/13/22)...Hit .333 with nine runs scored, two homers and 10 RBI in the 2022 postseason...Hit a pair of grand slams vs UC Irvine on 6/5/21. • High School: Drafted in 32nd round out of high school in 2019 by the Tampa Bay Rays (did not sign)...Attended Horizon High School in Scottsdale, Arizona...Member of the 2019 5A State Champions and 2019 Arizona Central/Arizona Republic Team of the Year...2019 Arizona Central/Arizona Republic Player of the Year • Family: Father, Tim Huff, pitched in the Toronto Blue Jays organization for two seasons. Uncle, Ken Huff, played two seasons in the Minnesota Twins and Arizona Diamondbacks organizations. Uncle, Kevin Huff, played college baseball at the University of Arizona. Aunt, Laura Huff, played college volleyball and softball at Grand Canyon. 		

#4 JOE LAMPE OF, L/R Arizona State
Twitter: @joelampe5 **IG:** @joelampe5 **2022 (3rd round)**
Last Series Streak
H-Stand '24 Long Hit
'24/Career High: 0/4 H, 0/3 R, 0/2 2B, 0/1 3B, 0/2 HR, 0/5 RBI, 0/2 SB
2-yr MiLB Totals thru '23: 114 g, .231, 5 hr, 51 rbi, 21 sb, .658 ops
2023 Highlights:

- Played in 111 games for High-A Lake County batting .235 with five home runs, 17 doubles, 50 RBI and 21 stolen bases...Went 4-for-4 with two home runs and five RBI against West Michigan on 5/23/23.
- **2022:** Made professional debut playing three games for Single-A Lynchburg going 1-for-10 with a RBI...Selected by the Guardians in the third round (92 overall) out of Arizona State after batting .321 with 15 home runs and 68 RBI in two seasons for the Sun Devils.
- **College:** Earned Perfect Game Third-Team All-American honors for the 2022 season after batting .340 with 37 extra-base hits and 41 RBI...Earned Pac-12 All-Defensive Team honors in 2021 after not committing an error in PAC-12 games all season in center field...Sun Devils best hitter with a runner on third and less than two outs in 2021 with 13 RBI and a .684 average in 19 chances...Started college career at San Rosa College batting .424 with eight triples, seven doubles, a home run, 25 RBI and 17 steals.
- **High School:** Played 65 games for Casa Grande High School in California batting .342 with 44 RBI and 57 RBI...Recorded more walks than strikeouts each year.

#12 JOE NARANJO 1B, L/L Sen. Ruben S. Ayala (CA) HS
Twitter: @joenaranjo **IG:** @joe.naranjo **2019 (3rd round)**
Last Series Streak
H-Stand '24 Long Hit
'24/Career High: 0/5 H, 0/4 R, 0/2 2B, 0/1 3B, 0/2 HR, 0/6 RBI, 0/1 SB
4-yr MiLB Totals thru '23: 365 g, .232, 28 hr, 193 rbi, 14 sb, .685 ops
2023 Highlights:

- Played in 89 games for Akron batting .201 with three home runs, 13 doubles and 29 RBI.
- On injured list from 7/17-8/15 with a fractured right metacarpal.
- Played in seven Guardians Spring Training games (2-for-11, double, RBI, BB, SB).
- **2022:** Earned the MiLB Rawlings Gold Glove Award® for first base...114 games, 750 total chances, 689 putouts, 54 assists, 7 errors, .991 fielding pct...Led High-A Midwest League in walks (82, T-2nd in Guardians organization), 4th in runs (72), T-6th in total bases (176), T-8th in HR (18, T-6th in organization)...Played his second full season with Lake County, also posting career highs in games (119), hits (100, T-1st on the club), doubles (16), triples (3), RBI (59), OBP (.364, 8th in organization), and OPS (.778, 9th in organization).
- **2021:** Played 109 games for Lake County (.235, 6 HR, 50 RBI, 13 doubles, .648 OPS)...Began the year as the youngest position player in the league (turned 20 in May).
- **2019:** Made pro debut with AZL affiliate (.266, 1 HR, 21 RBI, 5 doubles, .678 OPS).
- **High School:** Played at Senator Ruben S. Ayala High School in Chino Hills, CA.
- Played for USA National Team (12U and 15U)...was on the 12U National Team that won the 12U Baseball World Cup in 2013 (Naranjo homered and caught the final out of the Gold Medal Game against Chinese Taipei).

#33 ALEXFRI PLANEZ OF, R/R Caracas, VZ
Twitter: **IG:** **2017 FA**
Last Series Streak
H-Stand '24 Long Hit
'24/Career High: 0/4 H, 0/4 R, 0/2 2B, 0/2 3B, 0/2 HR, 0/5 RBI, 0/1 SB
5-yr MiLB Totals thru '23: 266 g, .265, 45 hr, 160 rbi, 23 sb, .771 ops
2023 Highlights:

- Played 23 games for Leones Del Caracas in winter ball going 3-for-31 with one home run, one double and three RBI.
- Opened season on injured list with ankle injury...Activated on June 2...Played seven games for Akron batting .261 with two doubles and one RBI...Placed on injured list on July 1 with a season ending foot fracture.
- **2022:** Played in 89 games with Lake County (High-A) batting .251 with 19 HR, 63 RBI and .766 OPS...5th in Midwest League in HR (19; 5th most in organization as well), slugging percentage (.477), T6th in extra base hits (40).
- **2021:** Played in a career-high 103 games with Low-A Lynchburg (.264, 16 HR, 53 RBI, .755 OPS)...Finished T5th in Low-A East in HR (16), 7th in slugging percentage (.462), T6th in hits (103), 2nd in total bases (180) and T5th in extra base hits (40)...16 homers and 180 total bases each ranked fifth in the system.
- **2019:** Played in six games with AZL Cleveland Blue (.333, 1 HR, 3 RBI).
- **2018:** Made pro debut with DSL Cleveland. Appeared in 61 games batting .279 with 9 HR and 40 RBI.

#8 MICAEL RAMIREZ C, R/R Miranda, VZ
Twitter: **IG:** @alejand_5 **2017 FA**
Last Series Streak
H-Stand '24 Long Hit
'24/Career High: 0/4 H, 0/4 R, 0/3 2B, 0/1 3B, 0/1 HR, 0/6 RBI, 0/1 SB
6-yr MiLB Totals thru '23: 253 g, .255, 7 hr, 94 rbi, 7 sb, .681 ops
2023 Highlights:

- Promoted to Akron on July 3...Played 34 games for the RubberDucks batting .184 with four doubles and three RBI...Finished the season on a five game hitting streak (6-16, 2r, bi, 3bb, 3k).
- Appeared in 36 games with High-A Lake County batting .242 with three homers and 18 RBI while stealing two bases.
- **2022:** Played in 73 games with High-A Lake County batting .210 with three homers and 22 RBI
- **2021:** Split the season between AZL Cleveland and Single-A Lynchburg. Played in 17 games for AZL Cleveland batting .429 with no homers and 13 RBI...Appeared in 30 games for Lynchburg batting .225 with three doubles and 9 RBI.
- **2019:** Appeared in 16 games for Cleveland Red of the AZL. Hit .313 with three doubles and six RBI.
- **2018:** Appeared in 24 games for AZL Cleveland 2 batting .338 with a home run, 9 RBI and a stolen base.
- **2017:** Signed as an amateur free agent on May 29...Made his professional debut for DSL appearing in 23 games batting .304 with eight doubles and 14 RBI.

#11 MILAN TOLENTINO IF, L/R Santa Margarita Catholic (CA) HS
Twitter: @milantolentino **IG:** @milantolentino **2020 (4th round)**
Last Series Streak
H-Stand '24 Long Hit
'24/Career High: 0/4 H, 0/4 R, 0/3 2B, 0/1 3B, 0/1 HR, 0/5 RBI, 0/2 SB
3-yr MiLB Totals thru '23: 260 g, .258, 16 hr, 125 rbi, 46 sb, .726 ops
2023 highlights:

- Played 18 games for Aguilas De Mexicali in winter ball batting .357 with four doubles and one RBI.
- Promoted from Lake County to Akron on Aug. 4...Played 32 games for the RubberDucks batting .207 with four doubles, 15 runs scored and six RBI.
- Played in 67 games with the Captains (High-A) batting .260 with five home runs, 16 doubles, 25 RBI and 12 walks...Earned Midwest League Player of the Month honors for July batting .376/.398/.570 leading the league in runs (20), hits (35), total bases (53) and sac-fly (4).
- Entered the season ranked as the No. 25 Guardians prospect by MLB Pipeline.
- **2022:** Opened the season with Single-A Lynchburg batting .333 with one home run, 12 doubles and 26 RBI...Transferred to High-A Lake County batting .221 with three home runs, 28 RBI and 21 stolen bases in 66 games...Ranked second in the PD system in steals (29), doubles (30), fourth in OBP (.381) and walks (76).
- **2021:** Made professional debut for ACL Cleveland (32 games, .301, six HR, 31 RBI)...Finished the season with Single-A Lynchburg batting .206 with one home run, nine RBI.
- **2020:** Drafted by Cleveland in the fourth round (124th selection)...had been committed to UCLA.
- **High School:** Ranked 45th overall player in the country and sixth in CA...Attended Santa Margarita Catholic High School (CA)...Started at short in all nine games of the 2019 WBSC U-18 Baseball World Cup for Team USA finishing the tournament with eight hits, five runs scored and four RBI.
- **Personal:** Son of Jose Tolentino, who is an Angels broadcaster and was on the 1983 CWS champion Texas Longhorns before playing 15-year professional career including one year in the big leagues (1991 Houston)...Jose managed Team Mexico in the 2008 Beijing Olympics and was the first base coach and bench coach for Team Mexico in the 2006 and 2009 World Baseball Classic...Brother Patric played nine games for the Akron Aers in 2012.

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#1 YORDYS VALDÉZ IF, S/R Hollywood, FL
Twitter: IG: 2019 (2nd round)

Last Streak
 Series '24 Long Hit
 H-Stand '24 Long OBS
 '24/Career High: 0/3 H, 0/3 R, 0/2 2B, 0/1 3B, 0/1 HR, 0/3 RBI, 0/5 SB
 4-yr MiLB Totals thru '23: 249 g, .213, 11 hr, 67 rbi, 46 sb, .669 ops

2023 Highlights:

- Played in 79 games for High-A Lake County batting .236 with three home runs, 15 doubles (career-high), 30 RBI and 16 stolen bases.
- **2022:** Started the season with Single-A Lynchburg playing 101 games batting .243 with three home runs, 56 RBI and 13 stolen bases...Finished the season playing 11 games for High-A Lake County batting .243 with two RBI.
- **2021:** Played 93 games for Lynchburg batting .212 with 12 doubles, 22 RBI and 16 stolen bases.
- **2019:** Played 43 games for ACL affiliate batting .179 with two home runs, 11 RBI and 15 stolen bases.
- Drafted by Cleveland in the second round (63 overall) out of McArthur High School in Hollywood, FL...Played for former Major Leaguer Oddibe McDowell at McArthur High School...Born in La Habana, Cuba...Father, Oscar, played outfield for the Cuban National Team...Given the [nickname](#) "Mr. Hands" by a high school teammate because of his defensive ability.

#6 KAHLIL WATSON IF, L/R Wake Forest, NC
Twitter: @KahlilWatson1 IG: @_kahlilwatson_ 2023 (Trade)

Last Streak
 Series '24 Long Hit
 H-Stand '24 Long OBS
 '24/Career High: 0/3 H, 0/3 R, 0/2 2B, 0/2 3B, 0/1 HR, 0/3 RBI, 0/3 SB
 4-yr MiLB Totals thru '23: 249 g, .213, 11 hr, 67 rbi, 46 sb, .669 ops

2023 Highlights:

- Acquired by Cleveland on August 1, 2023 from the Miami Marlins for Josh Bell...Played in 23 games for Lake County (High-A) after the trade...Hit .233 with five home runs, 16 RBI and 11 stolen bases for the Captains.
- Entered the season ranked as the Marlins #3 prospect according to Baseball America...Started the season for the Marlins with High-A Beloit batting .206 with seven home runs, 22 RBI and 14 stolen bases...Placed on injured list on July 15...Went 2-for-6 with two RBI in two rehab games with Marlins FCL affiliate.
- **2022:** Started the season with Marlins FCL affiliate batting .273 with one home run and three RBI in five games...Played 83 games for Single-A Jupiter batting .231 with nine home runs, 44 RBI and 16 stolen bases.
- **2021:** Played nine games for Marlins FCL affiliate batting .394 with five RBI and four stolen bases.
- Drafted by the Marlins in the first round (16 overall) in the 2021 MLB Draft out of Wake Forest High School...Had been committed to NC State...Ranked fifth best high school player in the nation and best player in North Carolina according to Perfect Game.

#24 TREY BENTON Twitter: @TreyBenton12 IG: @treybenton

RHP: FB,SL,SW,CB vs. 1st Batter (EL): 0-0 (.000) Inherited Runners-Scored: 0-0 (0%)
3-yr MiLB Totals thru '23: 99/0 g/gs, 4-9, 3.69 ERA, 13/19 sv, 107.1 ip, 141 k, .227, 1.64 whip
2023: Appeared in 42 games for Akron going 1-4 with a 3.83 ERA, 65 K, 30 BB, 1.70 WHIP, .267 avg in 47.0 innings pitched.
2022: Split the season between Single-A Lynchburg (13 G, 1-2, 4/6 saves, 1.13 ERA, 16 IP, 6 BB, 27 K, 0.69 WHIP, .094 avg) and High-A Lake County (26 G, 2-1, 8/11 saves, 2.63 ERA, 27.1 IP, 20 BB, 25 K, 1.61 WHIP, .231 avg).
2021: Appeared in 18 games for Lynchburg going 0-2 with a 7.41 ERA, 1/1 saves, 29BB, 24 K over 17 innings pitched.
2019: Had reconstructive surgery on right elbow (Tommy John surgery) during junior collegiate season, before being drafted by Cleveland in the 15th round out of East Carolina...Rehabbed with the Guardians organization.
Amateur: Pitched 49 games (26 starts) at East Carolina (2017-19)...Was 11-9 with a 3.72 ERA and 170 strikeouts over 164.2 innings pitched...Teammate with Gavin Williams at East Carolina (2018-19) and in summer of 2018 for the Bourne Braves in the Cape Cod League...Also a college teammate with Seth Caddell...Attended West Columbus (NC) High School.

Recent EL Outings (0 scoreless of 0 overall)
 0 straight scoreless outings (0.0 innings)

Date	Opp	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K	HR	IR-Sc

#31 RODNEY BOONE Twitter: @RodBooneSr IG:

LHP: FB, SL, CV, CH vs. 1st Batter (EL): 0-0 (.000) Inherited Runners-Scored: 0-0 (0%)
2-yr MiLB Totals thru '23: 41/40 g/gs, 14-8, 4.12 ERA, 194.1 ip, 227 k, .244, 1.25 whip
2023: Pitched in 18 games (17 starts) going 6-4 with a 4.95 ERA, 90 K, 32 BB, .264 avg, 1.43 WHIP over 80.0 innings pitched for High-A Lake County
2022: Split the season between Single-A Lynchburg (3-0 with 1.85 ERA, 63 K, 8 BB, .214 avg, 0.92 WHIP over 48.2 inning pitched in 10 starts) and High-A Lake County (5-4 with a 4.80 ERA, one CG, 74 K, 21 BB over 65.2 innings pitched in 13 starts).
2021: Drafted in 8th round out of UC Santa Barbara.
College: 2021 Co-Big West Pitcher of the Year after going 11-4 with a 2.31 ERA and a all-time single season record with 128 K over 97.1 inning s pitched...Struck out 11 over 7.1 innings against Oklahoma State in his 2021 postseason start...Big West Freshman Pitcher of the Year in 2019 after going 8-0 with a 2.78 ERA and 80 K over 81.0 innings pitched...Attended Tustin High School and Villa Park High School in Arizona.

Recent EL Outings (0 scoreless of 0 overall)
 0 straight scoreless outings (0.0 innings)

Date	Opp	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K	HR	IR-Sc

#17 ROSS CARVER Twitter: @RossCarver11 IG: @rosscarver26

RHP: FB,CB,SL,CH vs. 1st Batter (relief) 0-3 (.000), 2k Inherited Runners-Scored: 0-0 (-%)
2-yr MiLB Totals thru '23: 53/41 g/gs, 5-17, 5.49 ERA, 1 sv, 214.2 ip, 249 k, .243, 1.35 WHIP
 Appeared in six games (five starts) in the Arizona Fall League going 2-0 with a 4.50 ERA and 21 strikeouts over 18 innings pitched.
2023: Pitched in 19 games (15 starts) for Akron going 1-5 with a 6.15 ERA, 81 K, 34 BB, 1.42 WHIP, .248 avg over 71.2 innings pitched...Struck out 12 against Erie in a start on Aug. 19.
2022: Recorded 128 strikeouts in 117.1 ip, tied for the sixth most strikeouts in Arizona system...Pitched at least five innings in 12 of 15 starts for the High-A Hillsboro Hops...Named Northwest League Pitcher of the Week for his five no-hit innings for Hillsboro at Eugene on May 6...Made his Double-A debu July 31 for the Amarillo Sod Poodles vs. Corpus Christi and allowed eight runs (three home runs) in 3.1 IP...Earned wins for Amarillo on Aug. 18 at Midland (6IP, 6H, 1ER, 2BB, 2K) and Sept. 11 vs Arkansas (6IP, 3H, JR, 1BB, 5K).
2021: Began the summer with the Eau Claire of the Northwoods League (5 games) before signing with the Diamondbacks. After being drafted appeared with Single-A Visalia.
College: Pitched first two seasons for Crowder (MO College)...Earned first-team All-Region honors as a sophomore when he was 8-2 in 12 starts (64.1IP, 113K). Drafted by the Texas Rangers in the 23rd round of the 2019 draft but did not sign...Pitched in 2020 and 2021 for Dallas Baptist University combined 17 relief outings (19 IP, 2-1, 4.74 ERA, 10BB, 20K, .217 avg).
High School: Graduated from Benton High School (AR). Named the No. 17 overall prospect in 2017 class in the state of Arkansas by Perfect Game.

Recent EL Outings (0 scoreless of 0 overall)
 0 straight scoreless outings (0.0 innings)

Date	Opp	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K	HR	IR-Sc

#34 BRADLEY HANNER Twitter: @Bradleyhanner3 IG: @bhanner99

RHP: FB, SL, CH, CT vs. 1st Batter (EL): 0-0 (.000) Inherited Runners-Scored: 0-0 (0%)
4-yr MiLB Totals thru '23: 117/2 g/gs, 19-14, 4.51 ERA, 13/17 sv, 191.2 ip, 214 k, .223, 1.37 whip
 Appeared in 10 games in the Arizona Fall League allowing just two runs and recording two saves while striking out 16 over 11.1 innings.
2023: Pitching in 41 games for Akron winning a team-best 8 games with a 2.78 ERA, 8 saves (second most), 70 K, 34 BB, .207 avg, 1.27 WHIP...Acquired by Cleveland during the Triple-A Phase of the Rule 5 Draft on 12/7/22...Appeared in 3 games during MLB Spring Training, tossing 3.1 IP with a 5.40 ERA and 4 K.
2022: Pitched for Cedar Rapids (High-A)...Went 7-4 with a 4.60 ERA, 2/2 saves, 27 BB, 65 K, .216 avg, 1.24 WHIP in 39 games (1 start)...Won the Harmon Killebrew Award for outstanding minor league community service (Cedar Rapids club awardee) after being nominated by Cedar Rapids' general manager. Hanner participated in the Twins' organization wide Week of Service, going to a local Meals on Wheels location to assemble boxes for meals. Alongside his host family, he also brought breakfast to the elderly. The Kernels' front office also recognized he spent extra time talking to fans and signing autographs.
2021: Pitched 26 games (1 start), 41.2 IP, 2-1, 7.13 ERA, 2/4 saves, 34 BB, 49 K, .278 avg, 1.90 WHIP for Single-A Fort Myers.
2019: Drafted by Minnesota in the 21st round...11 games (26.2 IP) in GCL (rookie), 2-3, 1 save, 4.39 ERA, 27 BB, 30 K.
Amateur: Pitched two seasons for Patrick & Henry Community College...Went 9-6 with a 3.53 ERA, 73 BB, 176 K in 27 games (24 starts) over 140.1 IP...Attended Orange County (VA) High School.

Recent EL Outings (0 scoreless of 0 overall)
 0 straight scoreless outings (0.0 innings)

Date	Opp	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K	HR	IR-Sc

#36 JORDAN JONES Twitter: @JJ1s_9 IG: @jj1s_9

RHP: FB, CT, CH, CB, SL vs. 1st Batter 0-0 (.000) Inherited Runners-Scored: 0-0 (0%)
4-yr MiLB Totals thru '23: 102/24 g/gs, 13-15, 3.74 ERA, 5/11 sv, 243.0 ip, 242 k, .232, 1.35 whip
2023: Pitched in 37 games for Akron going 2-3 with a 2.00 ERA, one save, 63 K, 42 BB, 1.19 WHIP, .159 avg over 63.0 innings pitched.
2022: Pitched 28 games (one start) for 47 IP, 3-2, 4/6 saves, 5.55 ERA, 25 BB, 46 K, .250 avg, 1.47 WHIP) for High-A Lake County...Transferred to Akron Aug. 13 and appeared in 3 games going 2-0 with a 4.26 ERA, 4 BB, 6 K, .182 avg, 1.26 WHIP before transferred back to Lake County to finish the season...Saved Lake County's Game 3 win at Great Lakes to clinch MWL East Division Series and Game 1 win at South Bend in MWL Championship Series...5 scoreless IP in 3 postseason games, although Lake County lost to South Bend 2-1 in championship round.
2021: Made 20 starts for Single-A Lynchburg (89.1 IP, 3-10, 4.63 ERA, 43 BB, 82 K, .272 avg, 1.52 WHIP)...Finished eighth in the Low-A East in innings pitched (89.1).
2019: Drafted by Cleveland in the 16th round from the University of Washington...Made professional debut with AZL (rookie) affiliate, working 14 games (three starts) for 37.1 IP, 3-0, 2.17 ERA, 0/2 saves, 9 BB, 45 K, .227 avg, 1.04 WHIP.
College: Pitched three seasons at Washington (2017-19)...52 games (43 starts) for 268.1 IP, 15-18, 4.39 ERA, 75 BB, 209 K...Finished his junior year (2019) ranked among UW's all-time career leaders in: strikeouts (6th - 209, innings (7th - 268.1) and starts (T6th - 43)...is the seventh player in UW history with 200 IP/200 K...As a sophomore in 2018, tied Tim Lincecum (2004) for the UW single-season record of 18 starts on the mound.
High School: Graduated Kentwood (WA) High School in 2016...Was All-USA Today Washington Player of the Year as a senior in 2016...Lettered all four years and was 28-2 as a pitcher, including 19-0 over his final two seasons and 11-0, 1.12 ERA, 101 strikeouts in 68.2 IP as a senior...Helped Kentwood reach the state championship game...Played in 2015 Area Code Games with the Kansas City Royals.
Personal: Older brother (by four years) Taylor was drafted by the Houston Astros in 2016 (19th round) out of Gonzaga and is playing first base and third base for Triple-A Salt Lake Bees (Angels) in 2023...Taylor appeared in 43 major league games for Houston from 2020-2022.

Recent EL Outings (0 scoreless of 0 overall)
 0 straight scoreless outings (0.0 innings)

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#15 JACK LEFTWICH Twitter: @Jacklefty21 IG: @Jacklefty21

RHP: FB, SL, CH, CT vs. First Batter (relief): 0-0 (.000) Inherited Runners-Scored: 0-0 (0%)

2-yr MiLB Totals thru '23: 47/29 g/gs, 14-9, 3.75, 0/0 sv, 187.1 ip, 210 k, .215, 1.05 whip

Appeared in seven games for the Guardians during Spring Training recording a save and not allowing a run over 5.2 innings while striking out five.

2023: Pitched in 23 games (14 starts) for Akron going 6-7 with a 5.19 ERA, 70 K, 25 BB, 1.23 WHIP, .243 avg over 78 innings pitched...Earned Eastern League Pitcher of the Week honors after tossing six hitless innings against Hartford on June 3.

2022: Led Guardians minor league system in WHIP (0.91), was second in opposing average (.194), fourth in ERA (2.72) and sixth in strikeouts (140)...was one of six pitchers in MiLB with a strikeout percentage over 30% (33%) and a walk rate below 6%

(5.7%)...Made eight relief appearances to the start the year before his first start on May 31...Was a Full-time starter from June 11 until end of the season...Was unbeaten in his final 10 starts (July-Sept.) 49 IP, 4-0, 3.12 ERA, 14 BB, 56 K.

College: Attended University of Florida...ranked No. 86 on Baseball America's Preseason Top 150 players list in 2021...As a fourth-year junior in 2021, he ranked seventh in the SEC in opposing batting average (.208), tied ninth in ERA (3.36), and T-10 in saves (team-high five)...He went 7-4 with a 3.36 ERA in 24 games/6 starts (69.2 UP, 54H, 26ER), 22BB, 78SO)...Posted a career record of 20-14 with seven saves and a 4.25 ERA in 65 games (35 starts), 235.1 IP, 247K, 9.4K/9 IP, .233 opposing average, one career shutout...three-time SEC Academic Honor Roll, 2019-2021

Amateur: Attended TNXL Academy, a baseball academy in Ocoee, FL for his junior and senior years...As a senior, had a 0.63 ERA (45.1 IP) with just 17 hits allowed while striking out 76 batters. Ranked No. 45 in class of 2017 by Perfect Game and the No. 13 right-handed pitcher, ranked No. 7 overall in Florida and the No. 1 right-handed pitcher in Florida. Selected by the Detroit Tigers in the 39th round of the 2017 MLB Draft. Played at Winter Park HS through his 2015 sophomore season (8 games, 1.31 ERA, 32.0 IP, 31 K, 8 BB)

Recent EL Outings (0 scoreless of 0 overall) 0 straight scoreless outings (0.0 innings)

Date	Opp	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K	HR	IR-Sc

#30 DAVIS SHARPE Twitter: @Dsharpe3 IG: @Davissharpe

RHP: FB, CT, SL vs. First Batter: 0-0 (.000) Inherited Runners-Scored: 0-0 (0%)

2-yr MiLB Totals thru '23: 79/0 g/gs, 15-8, 3.07, 7/17 sv, 132.0 ip, 151 k, .241, 1.12 whip

2023: Pitched in 41 games for Akron going 7-5 with a 4.30 ERA, three saves, 64 K, 16 BB, 1.37 WHIP, .276 avg over 60.2 innings pitched...Pitched in four 2023 Major League Spring Training games in relief (1-0, 3 IP, 2 H, 1 R, 3 BB, 2 K).

2022: Pitched 15 games for Single-A Lynchburg (25.1 IP, 3-2, 1/1 save, 1.42 ERA, 5 BB, 39 K, 0.95 WHIP, .207 avg)...Promoted to High-A June 7...Pitched 23 games for Lake County (46 IP, 5-1, 3/5 saves, 2.35 ERA, 7 BB, 48 K, 0.89 WHIP, .209 avg).

2021: Drafted in the 13th round by Cleveland out of Clemson.

Amateur: Attended Clemson as a two-way player...Two-time ACC Academic Honor Roll member...In three seasons appeared in 29 games (24 starts) on the mound going 12-6 with a 3.89 ERA, .232 avg, 54 BB, 152 K...At the plate he appeared in 74 games (66 starts) with .256/.424/.369, 12 doubles, 10 HR, 40 RBI, 44 runs, 35 BB...Eighth in Clemson history in career strikeouts per nine innings pitched (9.87)...John Olerud Two-Way Player-of-the-Year award finalist as a freshman...Drafted in the 34th round by Pittsburgh out of high school...attended Mill Creek (GA) High School.

Recent EL Outings (0 scoreless of 0 overall) 0 straight scoreless outings (0.0 innings)

Date	Opp	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K	HR	IR-Sc

#37 TYLER THORNTON Twitter: @tylthorntn IG: @tylerthornton

RHP: FB, SL, CT vs. 1st Batter (EL): 0-0 (.000) Inherited Runners-Scored: 0-0 (0%)

2-yr MiLB Totals thru '23: 70/0 g/gs, 9-2, 3.06 ERA, 12/14 sv, 85.1 ip, 137 k, .134, 1.07 whip

2023: Pitched in 11 games for Akron allowing just four runs over 16.1 innings pitched while striking out 18...Promoted to Akron on Aug. 8...Pitched in 29 games with Lake County going 5-1 with a 2.88 ERA, 10 saves and 61 strikeouts.

2022: Went 4-1 with a 3.63 ERA in 30 games for Lynchburg (34.2 IP, 21BB, 58SO).

2021: Drafted in 17th round out of Arizona State.

College: Tossed 76.1 innings in 2021 with Arizona State going 2-4 with a save, 5.54 ERA and 78 strikeouts...Transferred to Arizona State going 2-0 with a 3.48 ERA and 25 strikeouts (11th in Pac-12) over 24.0 innings pitched (tied for 6th in Pac-12)...Started college career at Saint Mary's earning Freshman of the Year (WCC), National Freshman of the Year (Collegiate Baseball) and National Freshman Pitcher of the Year (NCWBA) honors after going 10-2 with a 2.71 ERA in 13 starts...Tyler and teammate Carlos Lomeli collected the most wins in a single season by any Gael pitcher since 1991 with each winning 10 games...Attended Santa Fe Christian High School (CA).

Recent EL Outings (0 scoreless of 0 overall) 0 straight scoreless outings (0.0 innings)

Date	Opp	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K	HR	IR-Sc

#41 LENNY TORRES JR Twitter: @LennyTorresJr02 IG: @lenny2jr

RHP: FB, SL, CH vs. 1st Batter (EL): 0-0 (.000) Inherited Runners-Scored: 0-0 (0%)

4-yr MiLB Totals thru '23: 75/28 g/gs, 8-13, 5.57 ERA, 8/11 sv, 156.2 ip, 185 k, .254, 1.72 whip

2023: Pitched in 34 games for High-A Lake County going 5-2 with a 5.03 ERA, eight saves, 53 K, 34 BB, .247 avg, 1.81 WHIP over 39.1 innings pitched.

2022: Appeared in 14 games for Lake County going 1-3 with a 6.00 ERA, 36 K, 28 BB, .260 avg and 1.88 WHIP over 33.0 innings pitched.

2021: Pitched in 20 games (19 starts) for Single-A Lynchburg going 2-7 with a 6.29 ERA and 73 K over 68.2 innings pitched.

2018: Made professional debut for ACL affiliate pitching in six games (five starts) allowing three runs over 15.1 innings pitched while striking out 22.

High School: Drafted by Cleveland in the CB-A round of the 2018 MLB Draft...Had been committed to St. John's...#33 ranked overall player in the class, #12 ranked pitcher and #1 ranked pitcher and player in state of NY according to Perfect Game.

Recent EL Outings (0 scoreless of 0 overall) 0 straight scoreless outings (0.0 innings)

Date	Opp	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K	HR	IR-Sc

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RHP: FB, SL, SPL vs. 1st Batter (EL): 0-0 (.000) Inherited Runners-Scored: 0-0 (0%)

Pitched for the Guardians in the Spring Breakout game striking out three while walking one in a scoreless inning...Named second team All-Spring Breakout Team.

2023: Drafted in CB-B round (62 overall) by the Guardians out of Miami (FL).

College: Pitched three seasons for the Hurricanes going 4-1 with a 1.41 ERA, 26 saves, 170 K, 22 BB over 102 innings in 71 games (1 start)...2021 All-ACC Academic...Started college career at Eastern Florida State College (2.00 ERA and 26 K over 18 IP) before moving to Miami after 2020 season...Attended Bayside High School in Palm Bay, FL...Father, Kyle, played basketball at Florida Tech, mother, Angela, played softball at Florida Tech and uncle, Matt Walters, was a starter on the 2001 Miami football national championship team.

Recent EL Outings (0 scoreless of 0 overall) 0 straight scoreless outings (0.0 innings)

Date	Opp	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K	HR	IR-Sc

RUBBERDUCKS 2024 TRANSACTIONS**O PLAYERS USED****O PITCHERS USED**

2024 Opening Day Roster (* returning RubberDuck, *Injured List*, Cleveland Guardians 40-man roster)

P (15): RH Trey Benton*, LH Rodney Boone, RH Ross Carver*, RH Aaron Davenport, RH Ethan Hankins, RH Bradley Hanner*, RH Jordan Jones*, RH Jack Leftwich*, RH Tommy Mace*, LH Doug Nikhazy*, RH Davis Sharpe*, RH Tyler Thornton*, RH Lenny Torres Jr., RH Andrew Walters, LH Ryan Webb

C 2): Kody Huff, Micael Ramirez*

IF (7): Aaron Bracho*, Christian Cairo, Dayan Frias, Joe Naranjo*, Milan Tolentino*, Yordys Valdez, Kahlil Watson

OF (4): Chase DeLauter*, Petey Halpin*, Joe Lampe, Alexfri Planez*

#	DATE	PLAYER	POS.	FROM	TO	#	DATE	PLAYER	POS.	FROM	TO
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RUBBERDUCKS 2024 FIRST HALF DAY-BY-DAY

Record: Sunday (0-0), Monday (0-0), Tuesday (0-0), Wednesday (0-0), Thursday (0-0), Friday (0-0), Saturday (0-0) Doubleheaders: 0-0-0 Home Sellouts: 0

Series: First Half: 0-0-0 Home, 0-0-0 Road, 0-0-0 Overall Second Half: 0-0-0 Home, 0-0-0 Road, 0-0-0 Overall Home Dates Lost: 0

#	Date	Opp.	Score	W/L	Record	Place	GB/A	Winner	Loser	Save	Time	Att.	Opening / Total (Avg)
1	4/5	ALT											
2	4/6	ALT											
3	4/7	ALT											

Akron Baseball: A Winning Tradition

This is the 33rd season of Double-A baseball in Northeast Ohio, and the 25th in downtown Akron. The franchise began as the **Canton-Akron Indians** in 1989, and then moved to **Canal Park** in Akron as the **Aeros** in 1997, later becoming the **RubberDucks** before the 2014 season. The club has made the Eastern League playoffs 18 times overall, and 12 of the last 19 seasons. The team has captured **six league titles**—2003, 2005, 2009, 2012, 2016 and 2021. Notable alumni of the franchise include Victor Martinez, CC Sabathia, Grady Sizemore, Charles Nagy, Cliff Lee, Jhonny Peralta, Jaret Wright, Francisco Lindor, José Ramírez, and Shane Bieber.