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## MEDIAGUIDE



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# 2004 ALTOONA CURVE DIRECTORY

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### TEAM PERSONNEL

Manager.....	Tony Beasley
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Coach.....	John Wehner
Trainer.....	Jason Palmer
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Official Scorers.....	Ted Beam, Dick Wagner, Skip Dry

### TEAM INFORMATION

Major League Affiliation.....	Pittsburgh Pirates (since 1999)
Year Established.....	1999
Team Colors.....	Cardinal and Hunter Green
Stadium Capacity.....	Blair County Ballpark
Ballpark Capacity.....	7,210
Ballpark Dimensions.....	LF-325, LCF-365, CF-405, RCF-375, RF-325

## **CHUCK GREENBERG**

## **PRESIDENT & MANAGING PARTNER**



The 2004 season will mark Greenberg's third year as the President and Managing Partner of the Altoona Curve. Under his leadership the past two seasons, the Curve has established increased attendance totals both seasons and signed a new four-year major league affiliation agreement with the Pittsburgh Pirates through the 2006 season.

Chuck and his group of investors formed Curve Baseball LP and agreed to purchase the Altoona Curve from Robert F. Lozinak and Tate DeWeese on Oct. 17, 2001. He became the President and Managing Partner of the club when the final sale was approved in March 2002.

The 42-year old Pittsburgh native is a practicing corporate and sports attorney and a Partner in the Pennsylvania-based law firm Pepper Hamilton, LLP, where he's worked since 1998. He also heads the firm's sports practice and is a member of its Executive Committee. Chuck is also the president and CEO of PlayMaker Sports Advisors LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Pepper Hamilton that offers a range of services to the sports industry.

Among his work in the sports industry, he was instrumental in helping put together the deal that landed NHL Hall of Famer Mario Lemieux ownership of the bankrupt Pittsburgh Penguins in 1999. In 2001, he represented the purchasers of the Florida Panthers NHL franchise in their acquisition.

Active in the community, Chuck serves on the Board of Directors of the Mario Lemieux Foundation and the Mellon/Mario Lemieux Celebrity Golf Invitational and has been heavily involved in a variety of youth athletic programs.

Chuck graduated from Upper St. Clair High School in 1978 and four years later received his B.A. from Tufts University in Massachusetts. In 1985, he graduated from the University of Michigan Law School. He and his wife Jennifer have been married for 19 years and have three boys; Jeff (17), Jack (15) and Benny (13).

## **TODD PARNELL**

## **GENERAL MANAGER**



The 2004 season will mark Parnell's third year as the General Manager of the Altoona Curve. Under his leadership the past two seasons, the Curve has continued to increase attendance totals each season, successfully extended its affiliation agreement with the Pittsburgh Pirates through the 2006 season and has helped to create some of the most innovative promotions in minor league baseball, including last July's "Awful Night", which garnered national attention.

Prior to joining the Curve, the North Carolina native was the Vice President and GM of the Single-A Kannapolis (NC) Intimidators (formerly the Piedmont Boll Weevils) in the South Atlantic League from 1997 to the 2001 season.

During his tenure in Kannapolis, the club set attendance records (either overall or on average) in each of his first four seasons and made the playoffs in 1998 and 2000. For his efforts, Parnell was named the 1999 South Atlantic League General Manager of the Year.

In November 2000, owners Larry Hedrick, Bruton Smith and Dale Earnhardt changed the team name from the Piedmont Boll Weevils to the Kannapolis Intimidators and switched their major league affiliation from the Philadelphia Phillies to the Chicago White Sox. In the club's first season with its new image, the Intimidators again set franchise records in both single-season and per-game attendance, while becoming one of minor leagues baseball's top merchandise sellers. For example, with the help of Dale Earnhardt Jr., the team hosted a live, two-hour "For the Race Fans Only" QVC network broadcast during a home game on May 25. Following the season he was named SAL GM of the Year for the second time in his career.

"Parney" began his minor league baseball career during the 1990 season when he joined the Eastern League's Reading Phillies as the club's Director of Sales and Marketing. He was later promoted to Assistant General Manager, a position he held through the 1996 season. During his tenure with the R-Phils he was instrumental in turning the club into one of the most successful minor league baseball franchises in the country and was part of a Reading staff that took home the prestigious Freitas Award in 1994.

The 37-year-old graduated from Messiah College in 1988 with a degree in physical education and a minor in business. He and wife Kelly are the parents of two daughters; Lindsay (1/29/95) and Samantha(11/11/97).



# BLAIR COUNTY BALLPARK



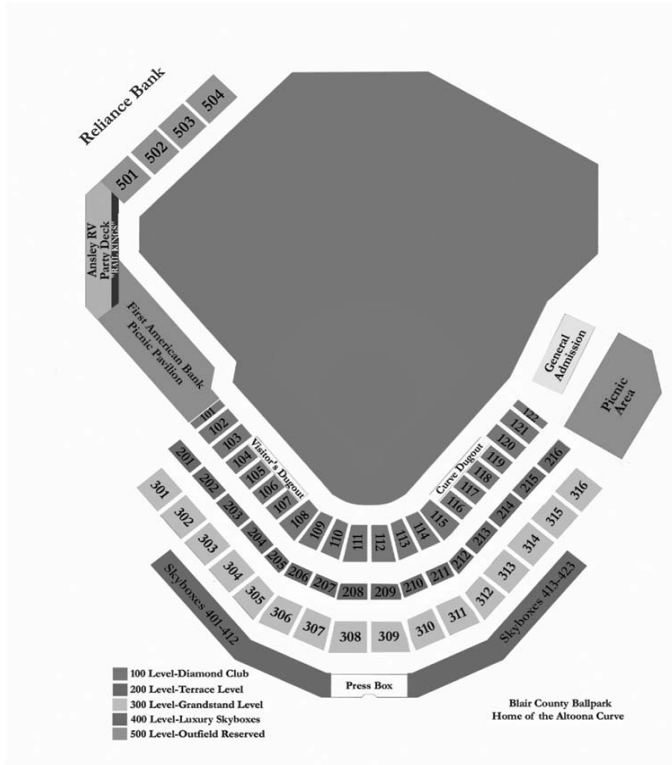
## FACTS AND FIGURES

Groundbreaking .....	March 7, 1998
Opened.....	April 15, 1999
Architects .....	L.D. Astorino Companies, Pittsburgh, PA
Construction .....	Ralph J. Albarano and Sons, Duncansville, PA
Cubic Feet of Concrete .....	270,000
Number of Bricks .....	69,000
Width of Lower Concourse Area .....	80 feet
Home Clubhouse (Sq. Feet) .....	2,200
Visiting Clubhouse (Sq. Feet) .....	1,400
Indoor Batting Cage (Sq. Feet) .....	5,000
Dugouts .....	9' x 60'
Skybox Level Height (from field level) .....	70 feet
Highest Point of Ballpark (from field level) .....	80 feet
Height of Light Poles (from field level) .....	125 feet
Seating Capacity .....	7,210
Luxury Skyboxes .....	21
Ansley RV Party Deck.....	Left-field
First American Bank Picnic Pavilion.....	Left-field
Outfield Reserved Bleachers.....	Left-field

## BALLPARK DIMENSIONS

LF .....	325'	Fence Height (LF Corner).....	16'
LCF .....	365'	LF Fence Height (in front of OF Bleachers)....	6'
CF .....	405'	OF Fence Height.....	8'
RCF .....	375'	CF Fence Height.....	16'
RF .....	325'		

# TICKET INFORMATION



## 2004 SINGLE-GAME TICKET PRICES

First American Bank Picnic Pavilion*	\$21.00
Rail Kings (On Ansley RV Party Deck).....	\$12.00
Diamond Club (100 Level) .....	\$9.50
Terrace (200 Level) .....	\$7.00
Grandstand (300 Level) .....	\$6.00
Outfield Reserved (500 Level) .....	\$6.00
General Admission** .....	\$4.00
<i>Seniors (65 &amp; over) and children (12 &amp; under) receive a \$1.00 discount on Terrace &amp; Grandstand Level seating</i>	

\*April and May only/ subject to availability/ includes 2-hour picnic buffet

\*\*Includes the 1B bleachers. When all ballpark seats are sold out, G.A./ Standing Room tickets become available for all non-numbered seating sections

## HOW TO ORDER CURVE TICKETS

<b>IN PERSON:</b>	Visit the Curve Ticket Office at Blair County Ballpark during the hours listed below
<b>BY PHONE:</b>	Call the Curve Ticket Office at (814) 943-5400 or toll-free at (877) 99-CURVE
<b>ON-LINE:</b>	Click the "Buy Tickets Now" icon on the front page of <a href="http://www.altoonacurve.com">www.altoonacurve.com</a> to purchase and print Curve tickets on-line.
<b>TICKET OFFICE HOURS:</b>	Monday-Friday 9-5* Saturday 10-2* Sunday 12-2*

\*On game days, the Curve Ticket Office is open from 9 a.m. through the end of the game





# CURVE ATTENDANCE

## YEARLY ATTENDANCE TOTALS

YEAR	OPENINGS	TOTAL ATTENDANCE	AVG. ATTENDANCE
2003	65	365,376	5,621
2002	69	363,871	5,273
2001	68	348,316	5,122
2000***	66	333,968	5,060
1999	69	323,932	4,695
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>337</b>	<b>1,735,463</b>	<b>5,150</b>

\*\*\*Figures do not include the 7,346 fans the Curve drew for its May 15, 2000 exhibition vs. Pittsburgh or the 12,680 fans who attended the Curve's two Eastern League playoff games in September 2003

## 2003 E.L. ATTENDANCE (by Average)

	Total	Openings	Average
Reading	465,717	68	6,849
Akron	445,603	67	6,651
Portland	405,021	65	6,231
Trenton	427,567	70	6,108
<b>ALTOONA</b>	<b>365,376</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>5,621</b>
Bowie	324,813	66	4,921
New Britain	268,532	62	4,331
Harrisburg	257,989	68	3,794
Erie	197,656	62	3,188
Binghamton	211,533	67	3,157
Norwich	158,622	59	2,689
New Haven	140,922	62	2,273

## 2003 CURVE ATTENDANCE COMPARED TO LARGER MARKETS

	League	Total	Average
<b>ALTOONA</b>	<b>Eastern (AA)</b>	<b>365,376</b>	<b>5,621</b>
Edmonton	Pacific Coast (AAA)	333,792	5,472
Jacksonville	Southern (AA)	359,979	5,454
Las Vegas	Pacific Coast (AAA)	326,243	4,531
Omaha	Pacific Coast (AAA)	304,421	4,412
Charlotte	International (AAA)	268,873	4,408
San Antonio	Texas (AA)	305,235	4,361
El Paso	Texas (AA)	224,821	3,212
Ottawa	International (AAA)	176,012	2,514
Orlando	Southern (AA)	150,051	2,382
San Jose	California (A)	154,927	2,312

## ATTENDANCE BREAKDOWN

### 2003 MONTHLY ATTENDANCE

	Total	Openings	Avg.
April	43,292	9	4,810
May	64,274	12	5,356
June	65,257	12	5,438
July	93,874	16	5,867
Aug/Sept	98,679	16	6,167
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>365,376</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>5,621</b>

### 2003 DAILY ATTENDANCE

	Total	Openings	Avg.
Monday	50,437	11	4,585
Tuesday	45,135	9	5,015
Wednesday	50,452	10	5,045
Thursday	31,251	5	6,250
Friday	59,481	10	5,948
Saturday	62,579	10	6,258
Sunday	66,041	10	6,604
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>365,376</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>5,621</b>

### ALL-TIME MONTHLY ATTENDANCE

	Total	Openings	Avg.
April	223,192	55	4,058
May	349,961	73	4,794
June	318,493	63	5,055
July	375,364	65	5,775
Aug/Sept	468,453	81	5,783
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,735,463</b>	<b>337</b>	<b>5,150</b>

### ALL-TIME DAILY ATTENDANCE

	Total	Openings	Avg.
Monday	234,735	51	4,603
Tuesday	216,723	47	4,611
Wednesday	207,841	45	4,619
Thursday	173,251	35	4,950
Friday	292,327	51	5,732
Saturday	339,752	55	6,177
Sunday	270,834	53	5,110
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,735,463</b>	<b>337</b>	<b>5,150</b>

**NOTE:** From 1999-02, the Curve averaged 4,763 fans in 43 Sunday night openings. Sparked by a move to later start times in 2003, Curve attendance soared to 6,604 fans per game on Sundays, including an average of 7,918 in five 6:05 p.m. starts.



## **TOP 15 REGULAR SEASON CROWDS AT BLAIR COUNTY BALLPARK**

Rank	Total	Date/Opponent	Result
1	9,255	8/10/03 vs. Harrisburg (DH)	L, 4-2/W, 4-3
2	9,137	7/4/03 vs. Erie	W, 11-5
3	8,452	8/10/02 vs. Harrisburg	W, 7-6
4	8,331	8/31/03 vs. Erie	L, 11-3
5	8,306	7/11/03 vs. Akron	W, 9-2
6	8,139	7/4/02 vs. Reading	L, 4-0
7	8,070	9/3/01 vs. Portland	W, 3-2
8	7,916	6/22/03 vs. Harrisburg	W, 6-1
9	7,839	7/12/03 vs. Akron	W, 5-1
10	7,764	7/13/03 vs. Akron	L, 8-4
11	7,710	6/29/02 vs. Portland	L, 4-2
12	7,583	8/31/02 vs. Bowie	L, 1-0
13	7,568	7/3/01 vs. Bowie	W, 5-2
14	7,518	9/2/02 vs. Bowie	W, 2-1
15	7,517	7/8/00 vs. Bowie	W, 2-1

## **TOP SERIES ATTENDANCE**

### **TOP 3-DATE SERIES**

Total	Dates	Opponent
22,016	August 9-11, 2002	Harrisburg
20,178	August 18-20, 2000	Harrisburg
19,841	August 19-21, 2002	Reading
19,455	July 19-21, 2002	Bowie
19,014	June 6-8, 2001	Reading

### **TOP 4-DATE SERIES**

Total	Dates	Opponent
28,754	July 11-14, 2003	Akron
27,627	June 19-22, 2003	Harrisburg
26,791	Aug. 29-Sept. 1, 2003	Erie
26,338	Aug. 30-Sept. 2, 2002	Bowie
25,108	September 1-4, 2000	Akron

### **TOP 6-DATE HOMESTANDS**

Total	Dates	Opponents
37,926	August 8-14, 2003	BOW/HAR
37,787	July 19-24, 2002	BOW/HAR
36,662	August 15-20, 2000	HAR/AKR
32,744	August 6-11, 1999	ERIE/NBR
30,947	May 14-19, 2002	NHV/BNG

### **TOP 7-DATE HOMESTANDS**

Total	Dates	Opponents
42,713	Aug. 25-Sept. 1, 2003	REA/ERIE
40,676	June 16-22, 2003	TRE/HAR
40,675	July 7-14, 2003	NOR/AKR
40,306	August 5-11, 2002	ERIE/HAR
39,400	Aug. 29-Sept. 4, 2000	BOW/AKR

## **BLAIR COUNTY BALLPARK SEATING BREAKDOWN**

Diamond Club (100 Level)	1,634
Terrace Level (200 Level)	1,204
Grandstand Level (300 Level)	2,646
Outfield Reserved (500 Level)	744
First American Bank Picnic Pavilion	250
"Rail Kings" (on Ansley RV Party Deck)	40
Skybox Seating	292
Bleacher Seating	400
<b>Total Seating Capacity</b>	<b>7,210</b>

**NOTE:** From 1999-02 total seating capacity at Blair County Ballpark was listed at 6,176. Prior to the 2003 season an additional 1,034 seats were created with the construction of the new left-field reserved bleacher section, the First American Picnic Pavilion and the Ansley RV Party Deck.



# GENERAL INFORMATION

## DIRECTIONS TO BLAIR COUNTY BALLPARK

ON INTERSTATE 99:	Take the Frankstown Road Exit #32. Ballpark is located at the exit.
FROM PITTSBURGH:	Take I-76/I-376 East to U.S. 22 East. Drive on 22 East for approximately 80 miles. Merge onto I-99/US-220 North six miles from Altoona. Stay on I-99 North and take the Frankstown Road Exit #32. Ballpark is located at the exit.
FROM PA TURNPIKE:	Take Bedford exit. Go North on I-99 approximately 40 miles. Take the Frankstown Road Exit #32. Ballpark is located at the exit.
FROM I-80 (Traveling East):	Take the Philipsburg/Woodland Exit to U.S. 322 East. After about 25 miles, take U.S. 220 South. 220 South merges with I-99 South. Drive on I-99 South for approximately 20 miles. Take the Frankstown Road Exit #32. Turn right at the exit, the ballpark will be to your right.
FROM I-80 (Traveling West):	Take the Altoona/Milesburg exit and bear onto U.S. 220 South. After approximately 30 miles merge onto I-99 South. Drive on I-99 South for 20 miles. Take the Frankstown Road Exit #32. Turn right at the exit, the ballpark will be to your right.

## 2004 BATTING PRACTICE TIMES

	<u>10:35 AM</u>	<u>12 NOON</u>	<u>3:05 PM</u>	<u>5:05 PM</u>
<b>Curve BP</b>	up to 8:45	up to 10:10	up to 1:15	up to 3:15
<b>Visitors BP</b>	8:45-9:30	10:10-10:55	1:15-2:00	3:15-4:00
<b>Infield</b>	9:30-9:50	10:55-11:15	2:00-2:20	4:00-4:20
<b>Grounds Crew</b>	9:50-10:30	11:15-11:55	2:20-3:00	4:20-5:00
	<u>6:05 PM</u>	<u>6:35 PM</u>	<u>7:05 PM</u>	
<b>Curve BP</b>	up to 4:15	up to 4:45	up to 5:15	
<b>Visitors BP</b>	4:15-5:00	4:45-5:30	5:15-6:00	
<b>Infield</b>	5:00-5:20	5:30-5:50	6:00-6:20	
<b>Grounds Crew</b>	5:20-6:00	5:50-6:30	6:20-7:00	

## 2004 CURVE RADIO NETWORK

Once again in 2004, Altoona Curve baseball will be heard throughout Central Pennsylvania on the Curve Radio Network. WFBG-AM 1290 in Altoona will return for its sixth consecutive season as the flagship home of one of minor league baseball's largest networks. All 142 regular season games, as well as any post-season action, can be heard live on the network.

**Rob Egan** and **Jason Dambach** return to the Curve broadcast booth for the 2004 season. The duo will share play-by-play duties for the fifth consecutive season.

Egan is entering his sixth season as the lead play-by-play voice of the Curve, having been with the club since the inaugural 1999 season. Overall, the 35-year old enters his 10th season as a minor league broadcaster. The Michigan native, and graduate of Central Michigan University, has also called action for the Charleston (SC) RiverDogs (1997-98), Johnstown Steal (1996) and Salinas Peppers (1995). Egan also serves as the club's Director of Broadcasting and sells corporate sponsorship packages during the off-season.

The 28-year old Dambach returns for his fifth season as a play-by-play announcer and his sixth with the Curve. The Punxsutawney, PA native, and graduate of Clarion (PA) University, did pre- and post-game work during the 1999 season, while also serving as a network producer/engineer at WFBG. He moved into the booth prior to the 2000 season. Dambach also serves as the Curve's Director of Media Relations.

### 2004 RADIO NETWORK AFFILIATES

<b>WFBG-AM 1290</b>	<b>Altoona*</b>
<b>WMAJ-AM 1450</b>	<b>State College</b>
<b>WLYE-AM 850</b>	<b>Johnstown</b>
<b>WHUN-AM 1150</b>	<b>Huntingdon</b>
<b>WTRN-AM 1340</b>	<b>Tyrone</b>
<b>WDBA-FM 107.3</b>	<b>DuBois</b>
<b>WWGE-AM 1400</b>	<b>Ebensburg</b>
<b>WZSK-AM 1040</b>	<b>Everett</b>

\*Flagship Station



# 2003 SEASON IN REVIEW



2003 Altoona Curve Most Valuable Player  
Sean Burnett



# 2003 DAY-BY-DAY RESULTS

DATE	OPP.	SCORE	W/L	REC.	WINNER	LOSER	SAVE	ATT.	
4/3	@RDG	7-8	L	0-1	B. Pautz (1-0)	N. McDade (0-1)	E. Weaver (1)		6,801
4/4	@RDG	0-5	L	0-2	S. Lee (1-0)	S. Burnett (0-1)			3,313
4/5	@RDG	11-2	W	1-2	J. Grabow (1-0)	R. Carter (0-1)			5,010
4/6	@RDG	7-2	W	2-2	B. Borner (1-0)	B. Pautz (1-1)	N. McDade (1)		6,289
4/7	@ERIE	POSTPONED (SNOW); RESCHEDULED AS PART OF 7/21 DOUBLEHEADER							
4/8	@ERIE	POSTPONED (SNOW); RESCHEDULED AS PART OF 4/21 DOUBLEHEADER							
4/9	@ERIE	6-9	L	2-3	B. Schmack (1-0)	B. Guy (0-1)			1,054
4/10	RDG	4-1	W	3-3	S. Burnett (1-1)	T. Buchholz (0-1)	M. Johnston (1)		5,539
4/11	RDG	POSTPONED (RAIN); RESCHEDULED AS PART OF 4/13 DOUBLEHEADER							
4/12	RDG	6-5	W	4-3	B. Guy (1-1)	E. Weaver (0-1)			5,163
4/13(#1)	RDG	6-0	W	5-3	L. Jacobsen (1-0)	R. Carter (0-2)			DH
4/13(#2)	RDG	4-1	W	6-3	M. Johnston (1-0)	M. Wilson (0-1)			4,532
4/14	OFF								
4/15	@HAR	1-4	L	6-4	C. Vargas (1-0)	B. Shaffar (0-1)	A. Ferrari (3)		1,532
4/16	@HAR	5-6	L	6-5	C. Schroder (2-0)	B. Guy (1-2)			1,608
4/17	@HAR	4-6	L	6-6	D. Seale (1-0)	N. McDade (0-2)	A. Ferrari (4)		1,212
4/18	BOW	4-0	W	7-6	L. Jacobsen (2-0)	J. Rosario (0-2)			4,164
4/19	BOW	5-6(10)	L	7-7	A. Rakers (2-0)	T. Ozias (0-1)	E. Rodriguez (1)		4,217
4/20	BOW	3-4	L	7-8	R. Ormond (1-1)	R. Palma (0-1)			3,564
4/21(#1)	@ERIE	9-7	W	8-8	S. Burnett (2-1)	P. Ahearn (0-1)	T. Ozias (1)		DH
4/21(#2)	@ERIE	9-5	W	9-8	J. Bennett (1-0)	T. Kalita (0-1)			2,514
4/22	@ERIE	POSTPONED (RAIN); RESCHEDULED AS PART OF 4/23 DOUBLEHEADER							
4/23(#1)	@ERIE	5-4	W	10-8	J. Grabow (2-0)	P. Larrison (1-2)	T. Ozias (2)		DH
4/23(#2)	@ERIE	2-3	L	10-9	J. Johnson (2-1)	L. Jacobsen (2-1)	B. Schmack (4)		1,267
4/25	AKR	1-4	L	10-10	K. Denney (3-0)	M. Connolly (0-1)	J. Rakers (1)		4,303
4/26	AKR	3-4(15)	L	10-11	A. Pinales (1-1)	B. Borner (1-1)			5,694
4/27	AKR	0-4	L	10-12	J. Guthrie (3-0)	S. Burnett (2-2)			6,116
4/28	OFF								
4/29	@BOW	3-2(10)	W	11-12	B. Borner (2-1)	J. Wilson (1-1)	T. Ozias (3)		1,706
4/30	@BOW	4-2	W	12-12	L. Jacobsen (3-1)	J. Rosario (0-3)	T. Ozias (4)		1,544
5/1	@BOW	7-2	W	13-12	M. Connolly (1-1)	M. Paradis (2-10)			1,945
5/2	@RDG	5-4(11)	W	14-12	M. Johnston (2-0)	F. Brooks (1-2)	T. Ozias (5)		7,639
5/3	@RDG	7-8(10)	L	14-13	Y. Hernandez (1-0)	R. Palma (0-2)			7,103
5/4	@RDG	2-4	L	14-14	B. Smith (1-1)	J. Grabow (2-1)	D. Giese (1)		8,123
5/5	OFF								
5/6	@AKR	11-1	W	15-14	L. Jacobsen (4-1)	K. Denney (4-1)			4,751
5/7	@AKR	10-2	W	16-14	M. Connolly (2-1)	F. Cabrera (2-1)			8,979
5/8	@AKR	3-1	W	17-14	B. Shaffar (1-1)	J. Guthrie (4-1)	T. Ozias (6)		4,926
5/9	ERIE	2-3(10)	L	17-15	M. Johnson (2-0)	B. Borner (2-2)	B. Schmack (8)		4,866
5/10	ERIE	2-3(11)	L	17-16	H. Rivera (5-0)	N. McDade (0-3)	B. Schmack (9)		7,151
5/11	ERIE	0-1	L	17-17	J. Farnsworth (3-3)	L. Jacobsen (4-2)			4,761
5/12	RDG	POSTPONED (RAIN); RESCHEDULED AS PART OF 8/25 DOUBLEHEADER							
5/13	RDG	2-6	L	17-18	T. Buchholz (4-1)	M. Connolly (2-2)			3,805
5/14	RDG	6-9	L	17-19	S. Lee (4-1)	B. Shaffar (1-2)	F. Brooks (2)		6,929
5/15	@BNG	7-1	W	18-19	S. Burnett (3-2)	J. Joseph (2-3)			1,867
5/16	@BNG	5-4	W	19-19	J. Bennett (2-0)	N. Mattioni (0-2)	T. Ozias (7)		4,671
5/17	@BNG	1-4	L	19-20	J. Cole (2-0)	L. Jacobsen (4-3)	L. Lavigne (3)		2,274
5/18	@BNG	7-1	W	20-20	M. Connolly (3-2)	P. Seibel (2-5)			2,741
5/19	@NHV	2-4	L	20-21	D. Markwell (2-2)	B. Shaffar (1-3)	K. Frederick (3)		883
5/20	@NHV	6-1	W	21-21	S. Burnett (4-2)	C. Reimers (2-2)			1,073
5/21	@NHV	4-1	W	22-21	J. Grabow (3-1)	P. Walker (0-1)	M. Johnston (2)		754
5/22	@NHV	11-2	W	23-21	B. Borner (3-2)	C. Baker (3-1)	N. McDade (3)		4,345
5/23	BNG	0-1	L	23-22	P. Seibel (3-5)	M. Connolly (3-3)	T. Lavigne (4)		4,993
5/24	BNG	4-3(11)	W	24-22	T. Ozias (1-1)	S. Bennett (0-2)			5,202
5/25	BNG	5-4	W	25-22	N. McDade (1-3)	P. Bevis (1-4)	M. Johnston (3)		7,476
5/26	BNG	3-1	W	26-22	S. Burnett (5-2)	N. Musser (0-3)	T. Ozias (8)		4,114
5/27	AKR	1-3	L	26-23	F. Cabrera (4-2)	L. Jacobsen (4-4)	R. Betancourt (8)		3,455
5/28	AKR	0-6	L	26-24	K. Evans (3-0)	M. Connolly (3-4)			4,108
5/29	AKR	5-4(13)	W	27-24	T. Ozias (2-1)	S. Douglas (0-1)			7,414
5/30	@TRE	6-10	L	27-25	J. Ortiz (4-4)	J. Bennett (2-1)			7,217
5/31	@TRE	3-4	L	27-26	D. Shepard (3-0)	N. McDade (1-4)			6,952
6/1	@TRE	7-8(10)	L	27-27	A. Roller (3-3)	M. Johnston (2-1)			7,188
6/2	POR	3-7	L	27-28	J. Stevens (7-1)	M. Connolly (3-5)			3,836
6/3	POR	POSTPONED (RAIN); RESCHEDULED AS PART OF 6/4 DOUBLEHEADER							
6/4(#1)	POR	1-2	L	27-29	J. Herndon (3-3)	N. McDade (1-5)			4,424
6/4(#2)	POR	POSTPONED (RAIN); RESCHEDULED AS PART OF 6/27 DOUBLEHEADER @ PORTLAND							
6/5	OFF								
6/6	HAR	3-1	W	28-29	J. Grabow (4-1)	S. Song (5-2)	T. Ozias (9)		4,506

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DATE	OPP.	SCORE	W/L	REC.	WINNER	LOSER	SAVE	ATT.
6/7	HAR	6-1	W	29-29	S. Burnett (6-2)	G. Mata (3-4)		5,489
6/8	HAR	2-1(15)	W	30-29	C. Chrysler (1-0)	L. Torres (0-3)		6,326
6/9	@NBR	3-8	L	30-30	B. Schoening (5-3)	M. Connolly (3-6)		3,186
6/10	@NBR	7-4	W	31-30	M. Johnston (3-1)	J. Pridie (2-6)		6,194
6/11	@NBR	3-1	W	32-30	J. VanBenschoten (1-0)	H. Bonilla (3-2)	J. Bennett (1)	4,162
6/12	@HAR	POSTPONED (RAIN); RESCHEDULED AS PART OF 6/14 DOUBLEHEADER						
6/13	@HAR	2-3	L	32-31	P. Collins (1-2)	S. Burnett (6-3)		3,842
6/14(#1)	@HAR	4-1	W	33-21	L. Jacobsen (5-4)	R. Chiavacci (1-4)	T. Ozias (10)	DH
6/14(#2)	@HAR	5-4	W	34-31	J. Bennett (3-1)	C. Schroder (4-1)	T. Ozias (11)	5,595
6/15	@HAR	13-9	W	35-31	M. Johnston (4-1)	P. Collins (1-3)		4,701
6/16	TRE	5-0	W	36-31	T. Fordham (1-0)	E. Schmitt (0-2)	N. McDade (4)	4,488
6/17	TRE	3-1(7)	W	37-31	J. Grabow (5-1)	C. Parker (1-2)		3,567
6/18	TRE	3-0	W	38-31	S. Burnett (7-3)	E. Lantigua (1-3)		4,994
6/19	HAR	8-7(13)	W	39-31	R. Palma (1-2)	R. Corcoran (0-1)		6,036
6/20	HAR	6-2	W	40-31	M. Connolly (4-6)	L. Lockwood (3-7)		6,247
6/21	HAR	2-4(12)	L	40-32	P. Collins (2-3)	J. Bennett (3-2)	C. Bentz (5)	7,428
6/22	HAR	6-1	W	41-32	R. Palma (2-2)	B. Stein (0-3)		7,916
6/23	OFF							
6/24	@RDG	5-1	W	42-32	S. Burnett (8-3)	L. Dawson (0-1)		8,166
6/25	@RDG	1-2	L	42-33	Y. Hernandez (4-0)	N. McDade (1-6)		6,074
6/26	@RDG	5-4(12)	W	43-33	J. Grabow (6-1)	B. Guy (1-7)	T. Ozias (12)	8,968
6/27(#1)	@POR	2-3	L	43-34	M. Nicolas (3-1)	T. Ozias (2-2)		DH
6/27(#2)	@POR	7-0	W	44-34	J. Bennett (4-2)	B. Rudrude (0-1)		6,975
6/28	@POR	10-6	W	45-34	J. VanBenschoten (2-0)	J. Johnson (2-3)		6,975
6/29	@POR	12-6	W	46-34	S. Burnett (9-3)	T. Kester (4-5)		6,975
6/30	@NOR	0-6	L	46-35	N. Lowry (6-4)	L. Jacobsen (5-5)		3,590
7/1	@NOR	5-0	W	47-35	M. Johnston (5-1)	K. Correia (6-5)		1,413
7/2	@NOR	5-3	W	48-35	T. Fordham (2-0)	T. Wade (0-1)	M. Gonzalez (1)	2,442
7/3	@NOR	6-3	W	49-35	J. VanBenschoten (3-0)	M. Walk (2-8)	J. Grabow (1)	3,606
7/4	ERIE	11-5	W	50-35	S. Burnett (10-3)	P. Larrison (1-9)		9,137
7/5	ERIE	0-1	L	50-36	K. Baugh (2-5)	L. Jacobsen (5-6)	B. Schmack (20)	6,881
7/6	ERIE	POSTPONED (RAIN); RESCHEDULED AS PART OF 8/29 DOUBLEHEADER						
7/7	NOR	1-2	L	50-37	G. Bruso (3-0)	J. Bennett (4-3)	R. Spiehs (4)	3,472
7/8	NOR	5-1	W	51-37	J. VanBenschoten (4-0)	M. Walk (2-9)		4,232
7/9	NOR	5-3	W	52-37	R. Palma (3-2)	B. Bonser (4-9)	T. Ozias (13)	4,217
7/10	NOR	CANCELLED (RAIN); GAME NOT RESCHEDULED						
7/11	AKR	9-2	W	53-37	L. Jacobsen (6-6)	K. Evans (7-2)		8,306
7/12	AKR	5-1	W	54-37	T. Fordham (3-0)	O. Alvarez (0-1)		7,839
7/13	AKR	4-8	L	54-38	F. Cabrera (8-3)	S. Camp (0-1)		7,764
7/14	AKR	5-2	W	55-38	S. Burnett (11-3)	E. Cruceta (7-7)	T. Ozias (14)	4,845
7/15	OFF							
7/16	EASTERN LEAGUE ALL-STAR GAME (NEW BRITAIN, CT)							
7/17	@ERIE	3-2	W	56-38	L. Jacobsen (7-6)	K. Baugh (2-7)	T. Ozias (15)	3,573
7/18	@ERIE	6-13	L	56-39	R. Henkel (7-2)	T. Fordham (3-1)		4,342
7/19(#1)	@ERIE	9-5	W	57-39	J. VanBenschoten (5-0)	P. Larrison (1-11)		DH
7/19(#2)	@ERIE	9-2	W	58-39	R. Palma (4-2)	A. Van Hekken (2-4)		4,290
7/20	@ERIE	6-7(10)	L	58-40	H. Rivera (11-2)	M. Johnston (5-2)		4,380
7/21	NHV	3-4	L	58-41	D. McGowan (4-0)	J. Bennett (4-4)	A. Peterson (3)	4,730
7/22	NHV	1-6	L	58-42	D. Bush (4-1)	L. Jacobsen (7-7)	D. Jackson (1)	6,665
7/23	NHV	9-8	W	59-42	M. Johnston (6-2)	J. Dejong (3-3)	T. Ozias (16)	4,153
7/24	NHV	0-1	L	59-43	C. Reimers (8-3)	J. VanBenschoten (5-1)	A. Peterson (4)	5,857
7/25	@BOW	3-5	L	59-44	J. Parrish (3-2)	S. Camp (0-2)		4,979
7/26	@BOW	2-5	L	59-45	R. Ormond (6-2)	S. Burnett (11-4)	E. Rodriguez (7)	10,097
7/27	@BOW	0-2	L	59-46	D. Crouthers (1-1)	L. Jacobsen (7-8)	T. Corcoran (2)	7,171
7/28	NBR	2-0	W	60-46	T. Fordham (4-1)	J. Durbin (3-3)	T. Ozias (17)	4,517
7/29	NBR	4-7	L	60-47	J. Abbott (4-2)	J. VanBenschoten (5-2)	B. Kemp (8)	5,704
7/30	NBR	2-3	L	60-48	B. Schoening (11-4)	M. Connolly (4-7)	B. Kemp (9)	5,555
7/31	@AKR	2-13	L	60-49	R. Larson (2-6)	S. Burnett (11-5)		6,810
8/1	@AKR	4-3	W	61-49	L. Jacobsen (8-8)	K. Evans (8-3)	M. Johnston (4)	9,092
8/2	@AKR	2-6	L	61-50	D. Van Dusen (9-6)	T. Fordham (4-2)		6,915
8/3	@AKR	2-4	L	61-51	F. Cruceta (10-8)	J. VanBenschoten (5-3)		7,102
8/4	OFF							
8/5	@HAR	9-3	W	62-51	M. Connolly (5-7)	D. Maust (3-4)		4,502
8/6	@HAR	8-4	W	63-51	I. Oquendo (1-0)	J. Karp (3-8)	T. Ozias (18)	4,292
8/7	@HAR	7-4	W	64-51	T. Fordham (5-2)	C. Crumpton (4-6)	M. Johnston (5)	4,998
8/8	HAR	4-7	L	64-52	L. Lockwood (5-11)	R. Palma (4-3)	C. Schroder (3)	7,376
8/9	HAR	POSTPONED (RAIN); RESCHEDULED AS PART OF 8/10 DOUBLEHEADER						
8/10(#1)	HAR	2-4	L	64-53	S. Hill (1-0)	J. VanBenschoten (5-4)	C. Bentz (10)	



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DATE	OPP.	SCORE	W/L	REC.	WINNER	LOSER	SAVE	ATT.	
8/10(#2)	HAR	4-3	W	65-53	M. Connolly (6-7)	D. Maust (3-5)		M. Johnston (6)	9,255
8/11	BOW	8-4	W	66-53	I. Oquendo (2-0)	D. Crouthers (2-2)			4,127
8/12	BOW	6-3	W	67-53	S. Burnett (12-5)	J. Wilson (4-6)			5,986
8/13	BOW	3-9	L	67-54	D. Borkowski (5-6)	L. Jacobsen (8-9)			4,777
8/14	BOW	4-2	W	68-54	R. Palma (5-3)	M. Paradis (5-9)		T. Ozias (19)	6,405
8/15	@AKR	1-10	L	68-55	K. Rayborn (3-0)	J. VanBenschoten (5-5)			8,832
8/16	@AKR	2-3	L	68-56	P. Rigdon (2-0)	M. Connolly (6-8)		F. Cabrera (2)	6,083
8/17	@AKR	3-1	W	69-56	I. Oquendo (3-0)	K. Evans (9-5)		M. Johnston (7)	6,690
8/18	BOW	1-0	W	70-56	S. Burnett (13-5)	D. Borkowski (5-7)		T. Ozias (20)	5,491
8/19	BOW	4-3	W	71-56	L. Jacobsen (9-9)	M. Paradis (5-10)		T. Ozias (21)	6,395
8/20	BOW	8-1	W	72-56	J. VanBenschoten (6-5)	B. Forystek (9-8)			6,154
8/21	@BOW	2-3	L	72-57	S. Spencer (2-0)	R. Palma (5-4)			6,168
8/22	@BOW	9-6	W	73-57	C. Chrysler (2-0)	R. Pina (0-1)			8,129
8/23	@BOW	3-4	L	73-58	D. Borkowski (6-7)	S. Burnett (13-6)		E. Rodriguez (13)	9,153
8/24	@BOW	4-12	L	73-59	T. Corcoran (3-1)	L. Jacobsen (9-10)			4,059
8/25(#1)	RDG	7-1	W	74-59	J. VanBenschoten (7-5)	T. Buchholz (9-11)			DH
8/25(#2)	RDG	6-1	W	75-59	R. Palma (6-4)	B. Pautz (3-5)			5,455
8/26	RDG	6-0	W	76-59	M. Connolly (7-8)	L. Dawson (1-9)			5,326
8/27	RDG	4-0	W	77-59	I. Oquendo (4-0)	B. Guy (3-8)			5,141
8/28	OFF								
8/29(#1)	ERIE	1-3	L	77-60	K. Baugh (7-9)	L. Jacobsen (9-11)			DH
8/29(#2)	ERIE	12-3	W	78-60	S. Burnett (14-6)	P. Larrison (4-12)			5,583
8/30	ERIE	4-5	L	78-61	A. Van Hekken (5-6)	R. Palma (6-5)			7,515
8/31	ERIE	3-11	L	78-62	R. Henkel (9-3)	J. VanBenschoten (7-6)			8,331
9/1	ERIE	2-4(12)	L	78-63	M. Johnson (8-3)	C. Chrysler (2-1)			5,362
9/2	OFF								
9/3(G1)	@AKR	2-8	L	0-1	P. Rigdon (1-0)	L. Jacobsen (0-1)			6,773
9/4(G2)	@AKR	4-3	W	1-1	M. Johnston (1-0)	K. Tadano (0-1)		T. Ozias (1)	8,026
9/5(G3)	AKR	6-11	L	1-2	J. Vargas (1-0)	J. VanBenschoten (0-1)			7,097
9/6(G4)	AKR	0-8	L	1-3	K. Evans (1-0)	I. Oquendo (0-1)			5,583

Indicates Home Series

**BOLD** indicates playoff game

## 2003ALTOONACURVERECORDBREAKDOWN

2003 Record.....	78-63	Vs. Northern Division.....	24-17
Home Record.....	38-31	Home.....	10-9
Road Record.....	40-32	Road.....	14-8
Day Games.....	14-15	Vs. Southern Division.....	54-46
Night Games.....	64-48	Home.....	28-22
When Curve Scores First.....	53-25	Road.....	26-24
When Opponent Scores First.....	25-37	Vs. Akron.....	9-11
Vs. Right-Handed Starters.....	59-46	Home.....	4-6
Vs. Left-Handed Starters.....	20-16	Road.....	5-5
Last At-Bat Wins.....	11	Vs. Binghamton.....	6-2
Last At-Bat Losses.....	18	Home.....	3-1
Walk-Off Victories.....	5	Road.....	3-1
Extra-Inning Games.....	7-10	Vs. Bowie.....	11-9
Doubleheaders.....	5-0-4	Home.....	7-3
Series.....	21-17-2	Road.....	4-6
Day Game After Night Game.....	12-13	Vs. Erie.....	8-12
Rubber Games.....	2-2	Home.....	2-8
One-Run Games.....	18-27	Road.....	6-4
Two-Run Games.....	12-11	Vs. Harrisburg.....	13-7
5+ Run Games.....	26-11	Home.....	7-3
Shutout Victories.....	10	Road.....	6-4
Shutout Losses.....	9	Vs. New Britain.....	3-3
April Record.....	12-12	Home.....	1-2
May Record.....	15-14	Road.....	2-1
June Record.....	19-9	Vs. New Haven.....	4-4
July Record.....	14-14	Home.....	1-3
August Record.....	18-13	Road.....	3-1
September Record.....	0-1	Vs. Portland.....	3-3
		Home.....	0-2
		Road.....	3-1
		Vs. Reading.....	13-7
		Home.....	8-2
		Road.....	5-5
		Vs. Trenton.....	3-3
		Home.....	3-0
		Road.....	0-3

# 2003 PLAYER MOVEMENT



## 2003 OPENING DAY ROSTER (24 + 2 DL) - APRIL 3, 2003

<b>P</b>	Jeff Bennett, Brady Borner, Sean Burnett, Mike Connolly, John Grabow, Brad Guy, Landon Jacobsen, Mike Johnston, Neal McDade, Todd Ozias, Rick Palma, Ben Shaffar
<b>C</b>	Chris Heintz, J.R. House (DL), Ronny Paulino
<b>INF</b>	Joe Caruso, Jose Castillo, Ray Navarrete, Kevin Nicholson, Chan Perry, Brett Roneberg, Shaun Skrehot (DL)
<b>OF</b>	B.J. Barns, Josh Bonifay, Chris Duffy, Shawn Garrett

### APRIL

2	INF Shaun Skrehot	Placed on Disabled List (middle finger)
	LHP Clint Chrysler	Placed on roster of Williamsport (SS-A)
	C Chris Snusz	Placed on roster of Williamsport (SS-A)
	C J.R. House	Placed on the Disabled List (elbow)
21	LHP Clint Chrysler	Added to Curve roster from Williamsport (SS-A)
	RHP Ben Shaffar	Placed on roster of Williamsport (SS-A)
22	C Ronny Paulino	Placed on roster of Williamsport (SS-A)
	C Chris Snusz	Added to Curve roster from Williamsport (SS-A)
25	RHP Ben Shaffar	Added to Curve roster from Williamsport (SS-A)
	LHP Clint Chrysler	Placed on roster of Williamsport (SS-A)

### MAY

3	INF Shaun Skrehot	Activated from Disabled List
	OF B.J. Barns	Placed on roster of Williamsport (SS-A)
	RHP Brad Guy	Placed on roster of Williamsport (SS-A)
6	C Ronny Paulino	Added to Curve roster from Williamsport (SS-A)
	C Chris Snusz	Placed on roster of Williamsport (SS-A)
19	RHP Brad Guy	Traded to Philadelphia Phillies organization for future considerations
23	RHP John VanBenschoten	Added to Curve roster from Lynchburg (A)
	LHP Rick Palma	Placed on Disabled List retroactive to 5/20 (left elbow soreness)
30	LHP Brady Borner	Sent to Lynchburg (A)
	LHP Clint Chrysler	Added to Curve roster from Williamsport (SS-A)

### JUNE

2	RHP Ben Shaffar	Placed on Disabled List (right knee soreness)
	LHP Tom Fordham	Added to Curve roster from Nashville (AAA)
6	C Ronny Paulino	Placed on roster of Williamsport (SS-A)
	C Chris Snusz	Added to Curve roster from Williamsport (SS-A)
8	INF Joe Caruso	Placed on roster of Williamsport (SS-A)
	OF B.J. Barns	Added to Curve roster from Williamsport (SS-A)
11	INF Jose Castillo	Placed on Disabled List (right ankle sprain) retroactive to 6/10
	INF Joe Caruso	Added to Curve roster from Williamsport (SS-A)
12	C Chris Snusz	Placed on roster of Williamsport (SS-A)
	C Ronny Paulino	Added to Curve roster from Williamsport (SS-A)
15	LHP Clint Chrysler	Placed on roster of Williamsport (SS-A)
	LHP Rick Palma	Activated from Disabled List
16	OF B.J. Barns	Traded to the Tampa Bay Devil Rays
17	INF Jose Castillo	Activated from Disabled List
24	LHP Mike Gonzalez	Added to Curve roster from Lynchburg (A)
	LHP Rick Palma	Placed on Disabled List retroactive to 6/23
30	LHP Mike Connolly	Placed on Disabled List (strained left oblique)
	LHP Rick Palma	Activated from Disabled List

### JULY

5	RHP Neal McDade	Placed on Disabled List (right shoulder soreness)
	LHP Clint Chrysler	Added to Curve roster from Bradenton (R)
8	LHP Mike Gonzalez	Promoted to Nashville (AAA)
	RHP Shawn Camp	Added to Curve roster from Nashville (AAA)
13	RHP John VanBenschoten	Placed on Temporary Inactive List
	LHP Mike Connolly	Activated from Disabled List
18	C J.R. House	Transferred to Bradenton (R) for a rehabilitation assignment
19	LHP John Grabow	Promoted to Nashville (AAA)
	RHP John VanBenschoten	Activated from Temporarily Inactive List
21	RHP Ben Shaffar	Transferred to Bradenton (R) for a rehabilitation assignment
22	INF Joe Caruso	Placed on Disabled List (elbow) retroactive to 7/20
	LHP Frank Brooks	Acquired in trade from Philadelphia and added to Curve roster
23	LHP Frank Brooks	Promoted to Nashville (AAA)
	RHP Anastacio Martinez	Acquired in trade from Boston and added to Curve roster
24	OF Shawn Garrett	Placed on Temporary Inactive List (birth of child)
	C Chris Snusz	Added to Curve roster
28	C Ronny Paulino	Sent to Lynchburg (A)
	C/1B Chris Shelton	Added to Curve roster from Lynchburg
	OF Shawn Garrett	Returned to Curve's active roster
	C Chris Snusz	De-activated
29	RHP Jeff Bennett	Promoted to Nashville (AAA)
30	IF Joe Caruso	Activated from Disabled List
31	LHP Clint Chrysler	Sent to Lynchburg (A)
	RHP Ian Oquendo	Added to Curve roster from Lynchburg
	RHP Anastacio Martinez	Traded to the Boston Red Sox organization



# 2003 PLAYER MOVEMENT

## AUGUST

1	RHP Neal McDade	Activated from Disabled List
8	LHP Tom Fordham	Promoted to Nashville (AAA)
	C J.R. House	Activated from Disabled List after completing a rehab assignment with Bradenton (R)
10	RHP Ben Shaffar	Activated from Disabled List after completing a rehab assignment with Bradenton (R)
18	1B/DH Chan Perry	Promoted to Nashville (AAA)
	OF Ray Sadler	Acquired in trade from Boston and added to Curve roster
20	RHP Ben Shaffar	Promoted to Nashville (AAA)
21	LHP Clint Chrysler	Added to Curve roster from Lynchburg (A)

## SEPTEMBER

1	LHP Sean Burnett	Placed on Disabled List (left elbow discomfort), retroactive to 8/30
	LHP Tom Fordham	Added to Curve roster from Nashville (AAA)

## HOW THE 2003 CURVE WERE ACQUIRED

### DRAFTED BY PIRATES (18)

	YR	ROUND		YR	ROUND
B.J. Barns.....	1999.....	6th	Brad Guy.....	1997.....	27th
Jeff Bennett.....	1998.....	19th	J.R. House.....	1999.....	5th
Josh Bonifay.....	1999.....	24th	Landon Jacobsen.....	1999.....	50th
Brady Borner.....	2001.....	31st	Mike Johnston.....	1998.....	20th
Sean Burnett.....	2000.....	1st	Neal McDade.....	1995.....	29th
Mike Connolly.....	2000.....	19th	Ian Oquendo.....	2000.....	26th
Chris Duffy.....	2001.....	8th	Chris Shelton.....	2001.....	33rd
Mike Gonzalez.....	1997.....	30th	Shaun Skrehot.....	1998.....	38th
John Grabow.....	1997.....	3rd	John VanBenschoten.....	2001.....	1st

### ACQUIRED IN TRADE BY PIRATES (7)

	FROM	DATE	FOR
Frank Brooks.....	Philadelphia.....	7/20/03.....	Mike Williams
Shawn Camp.....	San Diego.....	7/10/01.....	Emil Brown
Shawn Garrett.....	San Diego.....	7/10/01.....	Emil Brown
Anastacio Martinez.....	Boston.....	7/22/03.....	Mike Gonzalez & Scott Sauerbeck
Rick Palma.....	Chicago (NL).....	8/2/02.....	Chad Hermansen & Aron Weston
Ray Sadler.....	Chicago (NL).....	8/16/03.....	Randall Simon
Ben Shaffar.....	Cincinnati.....	12/20/01.....	Jose Silva

### SIGNED AS FREE AGENT BY PIRATES (11)

	FREE AGENT TYPE	DATE
Joe Caruso.....	Minor League.....	7/16/02
Jose Castillo.....	Non-Drafted.....	7/2/97
Tom Fordham.....	Minor League.....	2/25/03
Chris Heintz.....	Minor League.....	12/2/02
Ray Navarrete.....	Non-Drafted.....	6/23/00
Kevin Nicholson.....	Minor League.....	12/1/02
Todd Ozias.....	Minor League.....	11/20/02
Ronny Paulino.....	Non-Drafted.....	12/29/97
Chan Perry.....	Minor League.....	11/21/02
Brett Roneberg.....	Minor League.....	11/22/02
Chris Snusz.....	Minor League.....	12/3/02

### SELECTED BY PIRATES IN MINOR LEAGUE RULE 5 DRAFT (1)

	FROM	DATE
Clint Chrysler.....	Seattle.....	12/13/99

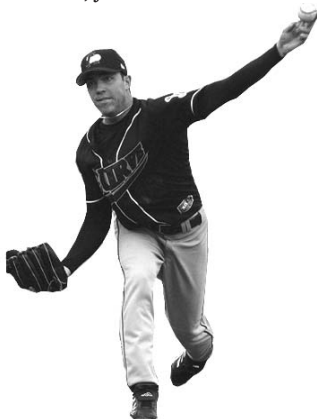


# 2003 INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS



PLAYER	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB	CS	SLG	OBP
Barns, B.J.	.184	22	38	3	7	0	0	0	2	4	11	0	2	.184	.262
Bonifay, Josh	.285	114	386	51	110	30	0	11	56	39	106	1	4	.448	.348
Caruso, Joe	.196	83	224	28	44	6	0	2	29	28	43	3	1	.250	.300
Castillo, Jose	.287	126	498	68	143	24	6	5	66	40	81	19	10	.390	.339
Duffy, Chris	.273	137	494	84	135	23	6	1	42	44	78	34	12	.350	.355
Garrett, Shawn	.288	124	468	68	135	29	6	13	67	36	96	20	7	.459	.340
Heintz, Chris	.258	78	271	28	70	12	4	2	26	19	24	0	0	.354	.313
House, J.R.	.333	20	63	12	21	6	0	2	11	5	11	0	0	.524	.382
Navarrete, Ray	.256	92	285	32	73	20	1	5	35	15	40	1	5	.386	.297
Nicholson, Kevin	.294	114	405	63	119	31	5	7	45	41	44	8	8	.447	.358
Paulino, Ronny	.226	46	159	19	36	6	1	6	19	12	35	0	2	.390	.283
Perry, Chan	.285	109	386	46	110	24	1	7	63	28	38	4	2	.407	.329
Roneberg, Brett	.281	125	442	60	124	29	4	10	61	40	56	12	6	.432	.338
Sadler, Ray	.264	14	53	8	14	5	0	1	7	3	16	0	0	.415	.310
Shelton, Chris	.279	35	122	17	34	10	1	0	14	8	23	0	1	.377	.331
Skrehot, Shaun	.276	89	304	41	84	15	3	1	33	27	48	12	7	.355	.344
Snusz, Chris	.053	6	19	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	6	0	0	.053	.053

PITCHER	W-L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	HR	HB	BB	SO
Bennett, Jeff	4-4	2.72	33	2	0	0	1	59.2	45	22	18	2	1	23	62
Bonifay, Josh	0-0	9.00	1	0	0	0	0	1.0	2	1	1	0	0	0	0
Borner, Brady	3-2	3.96	17	0	0	0	0	25.0	24	11	11	4	0	10	19
Brooks, Frank	0-0	7.71	1	0	0	0	0	2.1	3	2	2	1	0	0	4
Burnett, Sean	14-6	3.21	27	27	2	1	0	159.2	158	60	57	2	7	29	86
Camp, Shawn	0-2	4.34	18	0	0	0	0	29.0	26	14	14	2	4	11	35
Caruso, Joe	0-0	0.00	1	0	0	0	0	2.0	1	0	0	0	0	2	1
Chrysler, Clint	2-1	10.46	16	1	0	0	0	26.2	43	33	31	4	0	18	14
Connolly, Mike	7-8	3.39	25	23	0	0	0	127.1	123	55	48	10	9	38	90
Fordham, Tom	5-2	3.17	13	12	0	0	0	71.0	71	27	25	5	3	18	59
Gonzalez, Mike	0-0	1.23	5	0	0	0	1	7.1	4	1	1	1	0	2	10
Grabow, John	6-1	3.36	24	9	0	0	1	83.0	87	34	31	9	1	19	73
Guy, Brad	1-2	5.79	8	1	0	0	0	14.0	16	9	9	0	1	2	9
Jacobsen, Landon	9-11	2.93	27	27	1	0	0	162.2	156	60	53	11	10	40	80
Johnston, Mike	6-2	2.12	46	0	0	0	7	72.1	49	17	17	4	5	27	65
Martinez, Anastacio	0-0	2.25	3	0	0	0	0	4.0	6	1	1	1	0	1	1
McDade, Neal	1-6	2.72	38	0	0	0	4	72.2	75	32	22	5	2	18	48
Oquendo, Ian	4-0	1.96	6	6	0	0	0	36.2	36	13	8	2	1	10	23
Ozias, Todd	2-2	1.62	51	0	0	0	21	61.0	47	14	11	2	0	17	52
Palma, Rick	6-5	3.67	35	5	0	0	0	68.2	70	35	28	3	0	24	61
Shaffar, Ben	1-3	4.48	13	11	0	0	0	64.1	68	38	32	3	3	20	50
VanBenschoten, John	7-6	3.69	17	17	1	0	0	90.1	95	46	37	5	6	34	78



Sean Burnett paced the Curve pitching staff with a 14-6 record and 3.21 ERA in 27 starts



Shawn Garrett led Curve hitters in home runs (13) and RBI (67)



# 2003 CURVE NOTEBOOK

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**PLAYOFF BOUND:** The Curve became the last of the 12 Eastern League franchises to reach post-season play after going 78-63 and earning a wild card berth as the second-place team in the E.L. Southern Division. Despite finishing a distant 10 games behind division champion Akron, the Curve barely had to sweat down the stretch, finishing 6 1/2 games ahead of third-place Bowie. Unfortunately, the Curve was bounced from the playoffs in the Divisional round, falling three-games-to-one to the eventual league champion Akron Aeros.

**ANOTHER YEAR, ANOTHER RECORD:** Despite having six of its home contests rained out over the course of the season, the Curve set a fourth consecutive attendance record by drawing 365,785 fans to Blair County Ballpark. Among the record-setting total included the franchise's first two 9,000+ crowds on August 10 vs. Harrisburg (9,255) and July 4 vs. Erie (9,137). In 65 home dates, the Curve's average attendance was 5,621, meaning that the club's per night figure had risen by nearly 1,000 fans since the inaugural 1999 season.

**SUPER SOUTHPAW:** Despite pitching the entire season as a 20-year old, Curve left-hander **Sean Burnett** was named the Eastern League's Pitcher of the Year after going 14-6 with a solid 3.21 ERA in 27 starts. The Pirates' first round selection in the 2000 June draft became the first-ever Altoona hurler to win the league's Pitcher of the Year Award and became the first Curve pitcher since **Wilson Guzman** and **Sam McConnell** in 2000 to earn a spot on the Eastern League's post-season All-Star Team. He also became the first pitcher in Altoona Curve history to be named the club's Most Valuable Player.

**AMONG THE LEADERS:** Curve players to finish among the Eastern League's statistical leaders: LHP **Sean Burnett** led the league in wins (14) and ranked 5th in ERA (3.21) and innings pitched (159.2)... LHP **Mike Connolly** tied for 8th in the league in ERA (3.39)... OF **Chris Duffy** finished 5th in the E.L. with 34 stolen bases... RHP **Landon Jacobsen** ranked 2nd in ERA (2.93) and 4th in innings pitched (162.2)... RHP **Todd Ozias** ranked 2nd in the league with 21 saves

**YOUTH SERVED:** One year after opening the season with just two Double-A rookies, the Curve began the 2003 campaign with 10 players without previous Double-A experience. That total did not include RHP **Jeff Bennett**, who made one start for Altoona at the end of the 2001 season and OF **B.J. Barns** who spent the final month of 2001 with the Curve. Despite the relative youth of the club, all of the newcomers had been teammates with the Lynchburg Hillcats when they cruised to the Class-A Carolina League championship in 2002.

**RE-WRITING THE RECORD BOOK:** Several Curve players etched their names in the Curve single-season record book following the 2003 season: LHP **Sean Burnett** established new club records for wins by a left-handed pitcher (14) and fewest home runs allowed (2), while joining teammate **Landon Jacobsen** in equaling a team mark for most starts in a season (27)... **Jacobsen** logged 162.2 innings in his 27 starts to set a new single-season team record, while his 11 losses were the most by any right-hander in club history... Closer **Todd Ozias**' 21 saves moved him one past **Chris Spurling** on the Curve's single-season saves list... Despite a down year for Curve hitters, OF **Shawn Garrett**'s 13 home runs were the most by a switch-hitter in club history, while OF **Chris Duffy** established a new club mark in stolen bases with 34.

**TO "THE SHOW":** Six more players with Curve ties made their major league debuts during the 2003 season, including three who spent part of the campaign in Altoona. LHP's **Mike Gonzalez** and **John Grabow** as well as C **J.R. House** all debuted with the Pirates late in the season after playing for the Curve earlier in the year. Of the three, Gonzalez made the biggest contribution, pitching in 16 games in relief after making his big league debut August 11 vs. St. Louis. Curve alums **Chris Spurling** (Tigers) and **D.J. Carrasco** (Royals), both of whom were selected in the Rule 5 Major League draft the previous off-season, spent the entire season with their respective clubs, while 1B **Carlos Rivera** played in 78 games for the Pirates, batting .221 with 3 HR and 10 RBI.

**STELLAR STAFF:** Despite having one of the youngest staffs in the Eastern League, Curve pitchers posted a club-record 3.32 ERA. Helping to shape the mark were three Double-A rookies who finished among the league's final leaders in that category--**Landon Jacobsen** (2nd/2.93), **Sean Burnett** (5th/3.21) and **Mike Connolly** (7-8th/3.39). Another factor in the Curve's outstanding staff ERA was a league-low 363 walks in over 1,200 innings.

**CLOSING THE DEAL:** After entering the season without a clear-cut closer, it didn't take Curve manager **Dale Sveum** long to settle on his late-inning go-to guy. **Todd Ozias**, who earlier in his professional career was a top closer in the San Francisco Giants' organization, registered a new franchise-record with 21 saves. The right-hander surpassed the previous club record of 20 saves set by **Chris Spurling** during the 2002 campaign.

**POWER OUTAGE:** Blair County Ballpark has never had the reputation as a launching pad, and that reputation remained firmly in tact throughout the 2003 season. As a team, the Curve belted just 20 home runs in 69 games at BCB, by far the fewest home longballs in club history. Curve hitters did fare a little better on the road, but the club's total of just 73 home runs in 141 games was an all-time low.

**NO PLACE LIKE HOME?:** Home cooking wasn't tasting so great for the Curve during an early-season stretch that saw the club drop a franchise-record 11 consecutive home games from April 19-May 23. The streak began when closer **Todd Ozias** suffered a rare blown save in a 6-5, 10-inning loss to Bowie on April 19, but came to an end in dramatic fashion when **Ray Navarrete** belted a walkoff solo home run in the bottom of the 11th inning to lift Altoona past Binghamton 4-3 on May 24. Remarkably, despite the prolonged home slump, the club actually finished the season seven games above the .500 mark at Blair County Ballpark (38-31).

**FIVE ALIVE:** Curve infielder **Jose Castillo** became just the fourth player in franchise history to record five hits in one game when he went 5-for-6 in Altoona's 10-2 win at Akron on May 7. He joins **Humberto Cota** (8/13/00 @ Bowie), **Adrian Brown** (5/8/01 vs. Bowie) and **Tony Alvarez** (5/3/02 vs. Bowie) as the only other Curve batters with five hits in one game.

**VANBENSCHOTEN ARRIVES:** After starting the season with a bang in nine starts at Class-A Lynchburg (6-0, 2.22), Pirates' top prospect **John Van Benschoten** joined the Curve's starting rotation after being promoted to Altoona on May 22nd. The 23-year old wasn't fazed by the tougher Double-A hitters, winning his first five decisions with the Curve. A 1-0 loss to New Haven on July 24 was his first of the season in 11 decisions and his first in 27 starts dating back to July 6, 2002 when he was pitching for Low Class-A Hickory.

**HITTING THEIR STRIDE:** June proved to be the month that vaulted the Curve from a middle-of-the-pack team in the Eastern League's Southern Division to one of the league's best during the second half of the season. After being swept by Portland in a rain-shortened two-game series at BCB June 2-4 which left the Curve with a 27-29 record, Altoona won 19 of its next 24 games to move into sole possession of second place in the Southern Division for the remainder of the season. Included in that stretch was a new franchise-record eight-game winning streak from June 14-20, and the Curve set a club-record with 19 wins during the month.

**DOMINANT EFFORT:** In a season of outstanding performances by Curve starter **Sean Burnett**, perhaps none was as impressive as his effort June 18 against the Trenton Thunder at Blair County Ballpark. The 20-year old, who went on to earn Eastern League Pitcher of the Year honors, needed just 89 pitches to toss a complete game two-hit shutout in a 3-0 win. The two-hit shutout was the lowest-hit nine-inning complete game in Curve franchise history.

**HEY NOW, YOU'RE AN ALL-STAR:** With the cancellation of the Double-A All-Star Game following the 2002 season, the Eastern League version returned after a 12-year hiatus and was contested at New Britain Stadium in New Britain, CT. The Curve sent a record five players to compete in the game--LHP's **Sean Burnett** and **Mike Johnston**, 2B/SS **Jose Castillo**, 1B/DH **Chan Perry** and OF **Shawn Garrett**. Castillo and Garrett each singled and scored a run, Perry scored a run and Johnston struck out two in a relief appearance as their Southern Division squad fell to the Northern Division, 6-5 before a capacity crowd. Burnett did not appear in the game after throwing over 90 pitches in a start just two days earlier.

**MR. ALTOONA?:** Though **Adam Hyzdu** is recognized as perhaps the Curve's best player, through the 2003 season, no player took the field in a Curve uniform more than **Shaun Skrehot**. On July 25 @ Bowie, the 27-year old infielder played in his 323rd game with the Curve, surpassing **Rico Washington** on the club's all-time games played list. Just a week later on August 2 at Akron, Skrehot also moved past Washington on the Curve's all-time hits list. At the completion of the season, the Houston native had played in 343 games, posting 320 hits and a record 55 stolen bases over his four seasons with the Curve.

**SEALING THE DEAL:** What doubt was left in the Curve's attempt to seal up the second and final playoff spot in the Eastern League's Southern Division race was erased after Altoona went 7-4 in 11 late-season meetings over a 14-day stretch with the third-place Bowie Baysox. The Curve essentially eliminated Bowie from the playoff race after sweeping the Baysox in a three-game series at Blair County Ballpark August 18-20. The series liftdifter was perhaps the most thrilling game of the season, as Curve closer **Todd Ozias** stuck out the side with the bases loaded in the bottom of the ninth inning to seal the 1-0 victory.

**MAKING IT OFFICIAL:** After failing in its first two tries, August 23 and 24 at Bowie, the Curve officially locked up the franchise's first-ever Eastern League playoff appearance with a 7-1 win over Reading in the first game of a doubleheader August 25 at Blair County Ballpark. **John VanBenschoten** allowed just one run on five hits over seven innings to notch his first career complete game victory. The Curve went on to sweep the four-game series from the R-Phils by a combined score of 23-2.

**DRAMATIC WIN:** Though the Curve's season came to a disappointing end in the E.L. playoffs, 3B **Kevin Nicholson** provided one of the more exciting moments in club history in Game 2 of the first round series against Akron at Canal Park. The switch-hitter belted his second home run of the game--a go-ahead solo shot in the top of the ninth inning--to lift Altoona to a 4-3 win and even the series at one game apiece. Unfortunately, Akron easily defeated the Curve in Games 3 and 4 at Blair County Ballpark to claim the series victory and a spot in the E.L. Championship Series.



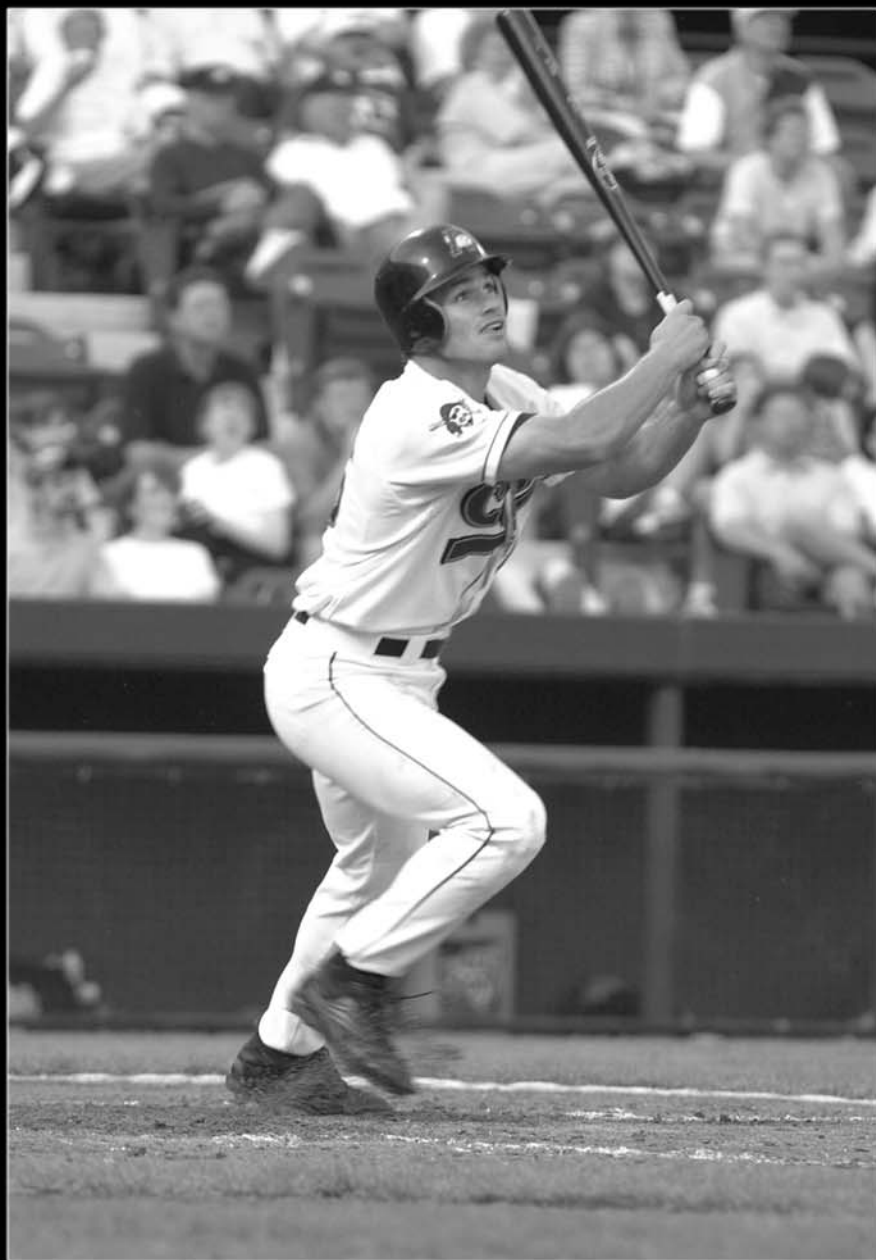
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# CURVE FRANCHISE HISTORY

## **ALTOONA CURVE: A BRIEF HISTORY**

### *Success of Franchise Began Early and Continues Strong*

Like many other decisions in baseball, the latest round of major league expansion had a domino effect on the minor leagues. In 1995, Arizona and Tampa Bay were awarded major league franchises to play their inaugural season in 1998. To keep pace, baseball's rookie level added two teams in 1996. The following year, Class 'A' and Class 'AAA' each increased by two teams.

That left only Class 'AA' in need of expansion to match the number of teams in the big leagues. In 1997, the National Association of Professional Baseball Leagues, as it was then called, decided the Eastern League would receive the two new franchises to start play in 1999. Erie was an easy first choice of the NAPBL's expansion committee. After all, the SeaWolves had established short-season attendance records in the new Uht Park as part of the New York-Penn League.

The awarding of the second franchise wasn't easy. For months, it seemed Springfield, Massachusetts would land the team. However, an inability to finalize land and stadium finance deals left the NAPBL looking for another option. Enter Altoona. City native **Bob Lozinak**, Bedford developer **Tate DeWeese**, and a group of Pennsylvania lawmakers put together an eleventh-hour stadium financing package and site plan. The proposal was presented to the expansion committee at an October 5, 1997 meeting in Las Vegas. It received unanimous approval and Double-A baseball was on its way to Central Pennsylvania.

Ballpark groundbreaking ceremonies took place in March 1998 and the franchise was officially awarded the following month. In June of that year, the Altoona entry selected "Curve" as its nickname. The combination railroad/baseball moniker beat out several choices like "Lake Monsters", "Ridge Runners", and believe it or not, "Fish"!



**Blair County Ballpark Groundbreaking Ceremonies,  
March 7, 1998**

The next step for the Curve was affiliating with a major league team. Erie seemed to have an inside track on becoming the Pirates' new Double-A affiliate, as the SeaWolves had served as Pittsburgh's short-season club from 1995-98. However, after a series of meetings with potential major league parent clubs, the Curve landed the coveted affiliation with the Pirates. The September 1998 announcement took the franchise to another level as the U.S. 22 pairing seemed an ideal fit. Central Pennsylvania baseball fans, with their strong Pirates' roots, could now cheer for the Buccos' top prospects on their way to Pittsburgh.



**Blair County Ballpark under construction**

The long-awaited first game in Curve history took place on April 9, 1999 in Reading, PA. The game against the Phillies' affiliate was suspended by rain and completed the next day as part of a double-header. For the record, the Curve lost its first contest, 6-2, but recorded its first win hours later with a 6-4 decision in game two of the twinbill.



## FRANCHISE TIMELINE

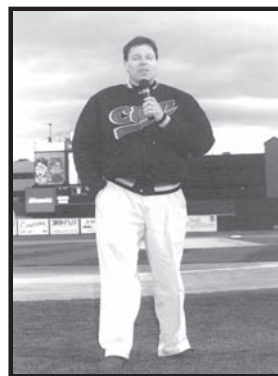
- June 1997** Altoona native Bob Lozinak joins a group led by Bedford County businessmen Tate DeWeese and Mark Thomas that is pushing for a minor league baseball franchise in Blair County.
- Oct. 4, 1997** With just hours to spare, the state of Pennsylvania allocates nearly \$11 million in state funds towards the building of a new ballpark that would play host to the proposed new minor league baseball team.
- Oct. 5, 1997** The expansion committee of the National Association of Professional Baseball Leagues unanimously grants Altoona's bid for a new minor league franchise over the bid submitted by the city of Springfield, MA.
- Mar. 7, 1998** Groundbreaking ceremonies take place in Lakemont, the future site of Blair County Ballpark.
- Apr. 27, 1998** Altoona is officially granted an expansion franchise by the Eastern League.
- July 2, 1998** "Curve" is selected as the new franchise's nickname.
- Sept. 15, 1998** The Curve announces a four-year player development contract with the Pirates.
- Apr. 10, 1999** After a rainout the day before, the first game in Curve franchise history is played as part of a doubleheader in Reading--the Curve loses 6-2 in game one, but bounces back for a 6-4 win in game two of the twinbill.
- Apr. 15, 1999** The Curve's home opener is played before 6,171 fans at Blair County Ballpark with Altoona defeating Bowie 6-1.
- Sept. 1, 1999** 7,262 fans pack BCB for the final game of the 1999 season--a 4-2 loss to Reading. The franchise draws 323,932 fans in its inaugural season.
- May 15, 2000** The Curve defeats its parent club, the Pittsburgh Pirates, 8-5 in front of a then-Blair County Ballpark record crowd of 7,346.
- Sept. 3, 2001** The Curve passes the 1 million mark in total attendance by drawing the club's first 8,000+ crowd (8,060).
- Oct. 17, 2001** Curve majority owner Bob Lozinak announces that the franchise will be sold to a new group headed by Pittsburgh sports attorney Chuck Greenberg, pending approval. Later, Greenberg would welcome Pittsburgh sports stars Jerome Bettis and Mario Lemieux into the new ownership group.
- Apr. 3, 2002** Less than 48 hours before the start of the 2002 season, the ownership transfer officially takes place. Kannapolis Intimidators General Manager Todd Parnell is officially named the club's new GM.
- Aug. 5, 2002** The Curve and Pirates announce a four-year agreement extending their affiliation through the 2006 season.
- Aug. 8, 2002** The Curve is featured in a full-page article in the sports section of *USA Today*. The article entitled "Curve Shape a Region's Heart" documents the game-day happenings at BCB.
- Jan. 2003** Construction begins on a nearly \$1 million dollar privately financed addition to BCB. The project yielded a left-field Picnic Pavilion, Party Deck and outfield bleacher seating section in time for the '03 season.

Finally, the Curve christened Blair County Ballpark on April 15 with a triumph over the Bowie Baysox. A huge crowd of 6,171 attended the history-making contest despite cold, rainy weather.

After three remarkable seasons, the Lozinak family sold the franchise to a group headed by Pittsburgh attorney **Chuck**

**Greenberg** on April 2, 2002. Among the limited partners in Greenberg's collective: Pittsburgh Penguins' owner, star center and NHL Hall of Famer **Mario Lemieux**; Pittsburgh Steelers' all-pro running back **Jerome Bettis**;

Altoona-based businessmen **Steve Sheetz** and **Don Devorris** and DeWeese.



**Greenberg addresses the crowd prior to the 2002 Home Opener**

Despite the ownership change, the Curve franchise enjoyed its most successful season to that point, drawing a record 363,871 fans to Blair County Ballpark. On August 5, 2002 the Curve announced a new four-year affiliation agreement with the Pirates, securing one of major league baseball's strongest affiliations through the 2006 season.

Between the 2002 and 2003 seasons, Blair County Ballpark underwent its first major capital expansion project, as a new third-base Picnic Area, left-field Party Deck and outfield reserved seating section were constructed. The additions of the First American Bank Picnic Pavilion, Ansley RV Party Deck and Outfield Reserved seating section brought the seating capacity of the ballpark to just over 7,200 and created enough room to hold nearly 10,000 fans on any given night.

During the 2003 season, the Curve, led by third-year manager **Dale Sveum** took the franchise to new heights on the field, posting a 78-63 regular season record and securing the club's first-ever Eastern League postseason berth, losing to the eventual Eastern League champion Akron Aeros three-games-to-one in the first round of the playoffs. The playoff run helped fuel yet another franchise attendance record as 365,376 fans came through the gates at Blair County Ballpark.



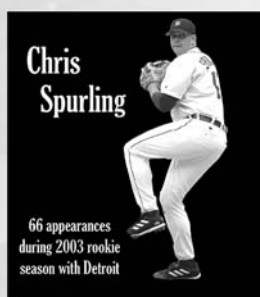
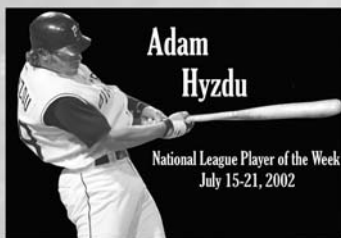
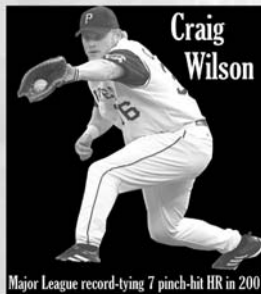
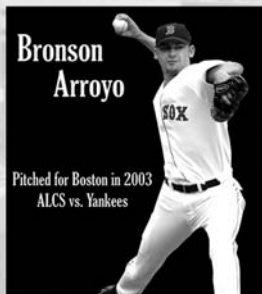
# CURVE ALL-TIME ROSTER

**BOLD** indicates major league experience    +++Major League experience before playing for Curve    \*\*\*Pirates' player on injury rehab assignment

<b>-A-</b>		<b>-G-</b>		<b>PAVLOVICH, TONY (RHP)</b>	
AH YAT, PAUL (LHP)	1999	GALVEZ, RANDY (RHP)	2001	PAZ, RICHARD (INF)	2001
ALVARADO, CARLOS (RHP)	2000-01	GARCIA, AL (RHP)	1999	PENA, ALEX (RHP)	1999
ALVAREZ, TONY (OF)	2001-02	GARCIA, MIKE (RHP)+++	2001	PERRY, CHAN (INF)+++	2003
ANDERSON, JIMMY (LHP)+++	2000	GARRETT, SHAWN (OF)	2002-03	PETERSEN, CHRIS (INF)+++	2001
ARROYO, BRONSON (RHP)	1999	GIARD, KEN (RHP)	1999	PHILLIPS, JASON (RHP)+++	2001
ASCHE, MIKE (OF)	1999	GONZALEZ, MIKE (LHP)	1999, 01-03	PICKFORD, KEVIN (LHP)	2000
AYERS, MIKE (LHP)	1999-01	GRABOW, JOHN (LHP)	2000-03	POINTER, COREY (OF)	2000
<b>-B-</b>		GRAVELLE, NICK (LHP)	2002	<b>-R-</b>	
BARNES, B.J. (OF)	2001, 03	GREEN, SCARBOROUGH (OF)+++	2001	REDMAN, TKE (OF)	1999
BARON, JIM (RHP)	1999	GUY, BRAD (RHP)	2000-03	REID, JUSTIN (RHP)	2001-02
BASS, JAYSON (OF)	2000-01	GUZMAN, WILSON (LHP)	2000	RIOS, ARMANDO (OF)***	2002
BEIMEL, JOE (LHP)	2000	<b>-H-</b>		RIVERA, CARLOS (1B)	2001-02
BELTRAN, ALONSO (RHP)	1999	HAAD, YAMID (C)	1999-01	ROBERTSON, MIKE (1B)	1999
BENNETT, JEFF (RHP)	2001, 03	HAVERBUSCH, KEVIN (INF)	1999-02	RODRIGUEZ, FRANK (RHP)	2001
BENSON, KRIS (RHP)***	2002	HEINTZ, CHRIS (C)	2003	RODRIGUEZ, VICTOR (INF)	2002
BIESER, STEVE (C)+++	1999	HERNANDEZ, ALEX (OF)	1999-00	RONEBERG, BRETT (OF)	2003
BONIFAY, JOSH (OF)	2003	HOUSE, J.R. (C)	2001-03	ROSARIO, MEL (C)	1999
BORNER, BRADY (LHP)	2003	HYZDU, ADAM (OF)	1999-00	ROSENGREN, JOHN (LHP)	2000
BROOKS, FRANK (LHP)	2003	<b>-I-</b>		RUNION, TONY (RHP)	1999
BROWN, ADRIAN (OF)***	2000-01	IGLESIAS, LUIS (INF)	1999	<b>-S-</b>	
BROWN, ALVIN (RHP)	1999	<b>-J-</b>		SADLER, RAY (OF)	2003
BROWN, JASON (C)	2002	JACOBSEN, LONDON (RHP)	2003	SAK, JIM (RHP)	2000
BRUCE, MO (INF)	2001	JOHNSTON, MIKE (LHP)	2003	SANDERS, TRACY (INF)	2000
BRYANT, MATT (OF)	1999	JORGENSEN, TIM (INF)	1999	SCHMIDT, JASON (RHP)***	2001
BURGOS, ENRIQUE (RHP)+++	1999	<b>-K-</b>		SECRIST, REED (C)	1999, 01
BURNETT, SEAN (LHP)	2003	KING, BRAD (C)	2002	SEFCIK, KEVIN (INF)+++	2002
BURNSIDE, ADRIAN (LHP)	2001-02	<b>-L-</b>		SHAFFAR, BEN (RHP)	2002-03
BURTON, DARREN (OF)	2000-01	LANGSTON, JAY (INF)	2001	SHELTON, CHRIS (C)	2003
<b>-C-</b>		LANKFORD, DERRICK (OF)	2000-01	SILVA, JOSE (RHP)***	2001
CAMP, SHAWN (RHP)	2001, 03	LEMONIS, CHRIS (INF)	2002	SKREHOT, SHAUN (INF)	2000-03
CARRASCO, D.J. (RHP)	2000-01	LOISELLE, RICH (RHP)***	2000	SMITH, BRIAN (RHP)	2000-01
CARUSO, JOE (INF)	2002-03	LONG, GARRETT (OF)	1999-00	SNUSZ, CHRIS (C)	2003
CASTILLO, JOSE (INF)	2003	LONG, JOEY (RHP)	1999	SPARKS, STEPHEN L. (RHP)	2000-01
CHANEY, MIKE (LHP)	2001	LOONEY, BRIAN (LHP)+++	2002	SPURLING, CHRIS (RHP)	2001-02
CHRISTIANSEN, JASON (LHP)***	1999	LOPEZ, JOSE (RHP)	2001-02	STONER, MIKE (INF)	2001
CHRYSLER, CLINT (LHP)	2001-03	LORENZANA, LUIS (INF)	1999-00	SWEET, JONATHAN (C)	1999
CLONTZ, BRAD (RHP)***	2000	<b>-M-</b>		<b>-V-</b>	
CONNOLLY, MIKE (LHP)	2003	MACKOWIAK, ROB (INF)	1999-00	VANBENSCHOTEN, JOHN (RHP)	2003
CORDOVA, FRANCISCO (RHP)***	1999, 01	MANN, DEREK (INF)	2001	VOGELSONG, RYAN (RHP)***	2002
COTA, HUMBERTO (C)	2000	MANZUETA, ROBERTO (RHP)	2000-01	<b>-W-</b>	
CRUZ, IVAN (1B)***	1999	MARTIN, JEFF (RHP)	2000	WARD, TURNER (OF)***	1999
<b>-D-</b>		MARTIN, JUSTIN (INF)	2001	WASHINGTON, RICO (INF)	2000-02
DANIELS, DAVID (RHP)	1999	MARTINEZ, ANASTAGIO (RHP)	2003	WEHNER, JOHN (INF)+++	1999, 01
DAVIS, J.J. (OF)	2001-02	MARTINEZ, JAVIER (RHP)***	1999	WEICHARD, PAUL (OF)	2002
DAVIS, KANE (RHP)	1999	MATTHEWS, DEL (LHP)	1999	WILKINS, MARC (RHP)***	1999
DEHAAN, KORY (OF)	1999	MATTONSON, ROB (RHP)	2000	WILLIAMS, DAVID (LHP)	2001
DeROSSO, TONY (INF)	2002	McCONNELL, SAM (LHP)	1999-00	WILLIAMS, KEITH (OF)+++	2000
DESCHENES, MARC (RHP)	2002	McDADE, NEAL (RHP)	2001-03	WILSON, CRAIG (C)	1999
DIORIO, MIKE (RHP)	2001	MEADOWS, RANDY (INF)	2002	WILSON, JACK (INF)	2000
DONALDSON, BO (RHP)	2001	MEIER, DAN (OF)	2001-02	WIMBERLY, LARRY (LHP)	2000-02
DONNELLY, BRENDAN (RHP)	1999	MONAHAN, SHANE (OF)+++	2001	WIMMER, CHRIS (2B)	1999
DOUGHERTY, JIM (RHP)+++	2002	MONTGOMERY, MATT (RHP)	2002	WRIGHT, RON (1B)	1999
DOUGHERTY, TONY (RHP)	1999	MULHOLLAND, TERRY (LHP)***	2001	<b>COACHING STAFF</b>	
DOUMIT, RYAN (C)	2001	<b>-N-</b>		ANDREWS, JEFF (PITCHING)	2003
DUFFE, MATT (RHP)	1999-00	NAVARRETE, RAY (INF)	2003	BROWN, MARTY (MANAGER)	1999-00
DUFFY, CHRIS (OF)	2003	NICHOLSON, KEVIN (INF)+++	2003	LITTLE, SCOTT (BENCH)	2001
DUNBAR, MATT (LHP)+++	1999	<b>-O-</b>		LIVESEY, JEFF (HITTING)	1999-00
DUNN, TODD (OF)+++	1999	O'CONNOR, BRIAN (LHP)	1999-00, 02	LOVEKAMP, SCOTT (PITCHING)	1999, 01
<b>-E-</b>		OQUENDO, IAN (RHP)	2003	LOVIGLIO, JAY (BENCH)	2002
EVANS, LEE (C)	2000-01	OSTEEN, GAVIN (LHP)	2000	MILACKI, BOB (PITCHING)	2002
<b>-F-</b>		OZIAS, TODD (RHP)	2003	SVEUM, DALE (MANAGER)	2001-03
FIGUEROA, LUIS (INF)	1999-00	<b>-P-</b>		TANNER, BRUCE (PITCHING)	2000
FORDHAM, TOM (LHP)+++	2003	PACHOT, JOHN (C)	2002	WEHNER, JOHN (BENCH)	2003
FRANCE, AARON (RHP)	1999-01	PADUA, GERALDO (RHP)	2000-01		
FURNISS, EDDY (1B)	2000	PALMA, RICK (LHP)	2002-03		
		PATTERSON, JARROD (INF)	2000		
		PATZKE, JEFF (INF)	1999		
		PAULINO, RONNY (C)	2003		

## FROM ALTOONA TO "THE SHOW"

In Five Seasons, 30 Curve Players Reach the Majors



## CURVE PLAYERS TO REACH MAJORS

PLAYER	YEARS W/ CURVE	ML DEBUT
YAMID HAAD, C	1999-01	w/PIRATES, 7/5/99 @ CHC
KORY DEHAAN, OF	1999	w/SAN DIEGO, 4/25/00 @ PIT
BRIAN O'CONNOR, LHP	1999-00, 02	w/PIRATES, 4/25/00 vs. MIL
BRONSON ARROYO, RHP	1999	w/PIRATES, 6/12/00 vs. ATL
KANE DAVIS, RHP	1999	w/CLEVELAND, 6/28/00 vs. KC
TIKE REDMAN, OF	1999	w/PIRATES, 6/30/00 @ PHI
STEVE SPARKS, RHP	2000-01	w/PIRATES, 7/19/00 @ MIL
ALEX HERNANDEZ, RHP	1999-00	w/PIRATES, 9/1/00 @ SD
ADAM HYZDU, OF	1999-00	w/PIRATES, 9/8/00 vs. CIN
BRIAN SMITH, RHP	2000-01	w/PIRATES, 9/11/00 vs. STL
JOE BEIMEL, LHP	2000	w/PIRATES, 4/8/01 @ HOU
JACK WILSON, SS	2000	w/PIRATES, 4/3/01 @ CIN
CRAIG WILSON, C/1B	1999	w/PIRATES, 4/22/01 vs. CHC
ROB MACKOWIAK, UTIL	1999-00	w/PIRATES, 5/19/01 vs. MIL
DAVE WILLIAMS, LHP	2001	w/PIRATES, 6/6/01 @ FLA
JARROD PATTERSON, 3B	2000	w/DETROIT, 6/16/01 @ ARZ
LUIS FIGUEROA, INF	1999-00	w/PIRATES, 6/27/01 vs. MIL
HUMBERTO COTA, C	2000	w/PIRATES, 9/9/01 vs. CIN
BRENDAN DONNELLY, P	1999	w/ANAHEIM, 4/9/02 vs. SEA
RON WRIGHT, 1B/DH	1999	w/SEATTLE, 4/14/02 vs. TEX
KEVIN PICKFORD, LHP	2000	w/SAN DIEGO, 5/16/02 vs. NY
MATT DUFF, RHP	1999-00	w/ST. LOUIS, 7/30/02 @ FLA
TONY ALVAREZ, OF	2001-02	w/PIRATES, 9/4/02 @ ATL
J.J. DAVIS, OF	2001-02	w/PIRATES, 9/4/02 @ ATL
CHRIS SPURLING, RHP	2001-02	w/DETROIT, 4/2/03 vs. MIN
D.J. CARRASCO, RHP	2000-01	w/KC, 4/2/03 vs. CHW
CARLOS RIVERA, 1B	2001-02	w/PIRATES, 6/22/03 vs. CLE
MIKE GONZALEZ, LHP	1999, 01-03	w/PIRATES, 8/11/03 vs. STL
JOHN GRABOW, LHP	2000-03	w/PIRATES, 9/14/03 vs. PHI
J.R. HOUSE, C	2001-03	w/PIRATES, 9/27/03 @ CHC

*Only players making ML debut after playing for Curve are included*

## CURVE ALUMNI WITH THE 2003 PIRATES



Joe Beimel



Humberto Cota



J.J. Davis



Mike Gonzalez



John Grabow



J.R. House



Adam Hyzdu



Rob Mackowiak



Tike Redman



Carlos Rivera



Craig Wilson



Jack Wilson



# CURVE FRANCHISE RECORDS

## SINGLE-SEASON TEAM GENERAL RECORDS

Most Wins.....	78	2003
Most Losses.....	79	2001
Highest Winning %.....	.553	2003
Lowest Winning %.....	.444	2001
Most Home Wins.....	42	2002
Most Home Losses.....	36	1999
Most Road Wins.....	40	2003
Most Road Losses.....	45	2001
Most Extra-Inning Games.....	17	2003
Most Extra-Inning Wins.....	8	2000
Most Extra-Inning Losses.....	10	2003
Most Wins, Month.....	19	June 2003
Most Losses, Month.....	18	August 1999
Most Wins vs. One Club, Season.....	13 (five times)	last vs. Reading & Harrisburg, 2003
Most Losses vs. One Club, Season.....	14 (three times)	last vs. Akron & Reading, 2002
Most Players Used.....	60	2001
Fewest Players Used.....	37	2003
Most Pitchers Used.....	36	2001
Fewest Pitchers Used.....	22 (twice)	2002, 03
Most Shutout Wins.....	10	2003
Most Shutout Losses.....	11	2001
Most Consecutive Wins.....	8	(6/14-6/20) 2003
Most Consecutive Losses.....	11	(4/15-4/26) 2000
Most Consecutive Wins to Begin a Season.....	4	(4/7-4/10) 2000
Most Consecutive Losses to Begin a Season.....	3	(4/6-4/8) 2001

## SINGLE-SEASON TEAM BATTING RECORDS

Highest Batting Average.....	.270	2003
Lowest Batting Average.....	.258	2000,01
Most Runs Scored.....	695	1999
Fewest Runs Scored.....	557	2001
Most Games, 10 or More Runs Scored.....	15	2002
Most Games, 10 or More Runs Allowed.....	15	2000
Most Hits.....	1278	2003
Fewest Hits.....	1218	1999
Most Doubles.....	274	2003
Fewest Doubles.....	230	2000
Most Triples.....	43	1999
Fewest Triples.....	31	2000
Most Home Runs.....	138	1999
Fewest Home Runs.....	73	2003
Most Home Runs, Home.....	54	1999
Most Home Runs, Road.....	84	1999
Fewest Home Runs, Home.....	20	2003
Fewest Home Runs, Road.....	53	2003
Most Grand Slams.....	6	1999
Most Players 10 or More HR.....	5	1999
Most Players 20 or More HR.....	2	1999,02
Most Extra-Base Hits.....	430	1999
Fewest Extra-Base Hits.....	374	2000
Most Stolen Bases.....	120	2001
Fewest Stolen Bases.....	75	2000
Most Times Caught Stealing.....	78	1999,01
Fewest Times Caught Stealing.....	48	2000
Most Strikeouts.....	1027	2001
Fewest Strikeouts.....	811	2003
Most Base on Balls.....	527	2000
Fewest Base on Balls.....	376	2001



# CURVE FRANCHISE RECORDS



## SINGLE-SEASON TEAM PITCHING RECORDS

Lowest ERA.....	3.32.....	2003
Highest ERA.....	4.19.....	2002
Most Complete Games.....	16.....	2000
Fewest Complete Games.....	4.....	1999,01,03
Most Shutouts.....	10.....	2003
Fewest Shutouts.....	5.....	1999
Fewest Runs Allowed.....	525.....	2003
Most Runs Allowed.....	696.....	2000
Fewest Hits Allowed.....	1205.....	2003
Most Hits Allowed.....	1257.....	2001
Fewest Base on Balls Allowed.....	363.....	2003
Most Base on Balls Allowed.....	570.....	1999
Fewest Home Runs Allowed.....	67.....	2000
Most Home Runs Allowed.....	116.....	2002
Most Strikeouts.....	935.....	1999
Fewest Strikeouts.....	856.....	2000
Most Saves.....	35.....	2003
Fewest Saves.....	32.....	2001
Fewest Hit by Pitch.....	50.....	1999
Most Hit by Pitch.....	62.....	2002
Fewest Wild Pitches.....	50.....	2001
Most Wild Pitches.....	91.....	1999
Fewest Starting Pitchers Used.....	10.....	2002
Most Starting Pitchers Used.....	21.....	2001
Most Consecutive Shutout Innings.....	28.1.....	(7/19-7/22) 2001
Most 10-Game Winners.....	2.....	2000

## SINGLE-SEASON TEAM FIELDING RECORDS

Highest %.....	.976.....	2003
Lowest %.....	.965.....	1999
Most Errors.....	194.....	1999
Fewest Errors.....	128.....	2003
Most Passed Balls.....	33.....	2000
Fewest Passed Balls.....	4.....	2002

## SINGLE-SEASON INDIVIDUAL BATTING RECORDS

\*\*\*Note: Records for averages and percentages are based on a minimum of 300 plate appearances

Highest Average.....	.318.....	Tony Alvarez, 2002
RH.....	.318.....	Tony Alvarez, 2002
LH.....	.302.....	Rico Washington, 2001
Switch-Hitter.....	.290.....	Shawn Garrett, 2002
Lowest Average.....	.223.....	Rico Washington, 2002
RH.....	.238.....	Richard Paz, 2001
LH.....	.223.....	Rico Washington, 2002
Switch-Hitter.....	.248.....	Lee Evans, 2001
Most Home Runs.....	31.....	Adam Hyzdu, 2000
RH.....	31.....	Adam Hyzdu, 2000
LH.....	22.....	Carlos Rivera, 2002
Switch-Hitter.....	13.....	Shawn Garrett, 2003
Home.....	16.....	Adam Hyzdu, 2000
Road.....	15.....	Adam Hyzdu, 2000
Most Plate Appearances without a HR, Season.....	179.....	Justin Martin, 2001
Most Grand Slams.....	3.....	Rob Mackowiak, 2000
Most Games Played.....	142.....	Adam Hyzdu, 2000
Most At-Bats.....	532.....	Tike Redman, 1999
Most Plate Appearances.....	626.....	Adam Hyzdu, 2000
Longest Hitting Streak.....	21.....	Kevin Sefcik (7/3-7/25) 2002
Longest On-Base Streak.....	27.....	J.J. Davis (7/23-8/18) 2002
Longest Run Scored Streak.....	16.....	Adam Hyzdu (7/22-8/7) 1999
Most Consecutive Games with a HR.....	5.....	Adam Hyzdu (8/3-8/7) 1999



# CURVE FRANCHISE RECORDS

## SINGLE-SEASON INDIVIDUAL BATTING RECORDS (cont.)

Most Runs Scored.....	96.....	Adam Hyzdu, 2000
Most Hits.....	161.....	Tony Alvarez, 2002
RH.....	161.....	Tony Alvarez, 2002
LH.....	156.....	Rob Mackowiak, 2000
Switch-Hitter.....	142.....	Shawn Garrett, 2002
Pitcher.....	6.....	Bronson Arroyo, 1999
Most RBI.....	106.....	Adam Hyzdu, 2000
RH.....	106.....	Adam Hyzdu, 2000
LH.....	87.....	Rob Mackowiak, 2000
Switch-Hitter.....	73.....	Shawn Garrett, 2002
Pitcher.....	5.....	Brian O'Connor, 2000
Most Extra-Base Hits.....	72.....	Adam Hyzdu, 2000
Most Singles.....	108.....	Jose Castillo, 2003
		Kevin Sefcik, 2002
		Tony Alvarez, 2002
		Tike Redman, 1999
Most Doubles.....	39.....	Adam Hyzdu, 2000
Most Triples.....	12.....	Tike Redman, 1999
Most Base on Balls.....	94.....	Adam Hyzdu, 2000
Most Stolen Bases.....	34.....	Chris Duffy, 2002
Most Times Caught Stealing.....	18.....	Tony Alvarez, 2002
Most Stolen Bases Without Being Caught.....	10.....	Scarborough Green, 2001
Most Sacrifice Hits.....	16.....	Luis Figueroa, 1999
Most Sacrifice Flies.....	10.....	Tike Redman, 1999
Most Intentional Walks.....	7.....	Shawn Garrett, 2003
		Adam Hyzdu, 2000
Most Strikeouts.....	116.....	Lee Evans, 2001
Fewest Strikeouts (min. 300 Plate Appearances).....	24.....	Chris Heintz, 2003
Most Hit by Pitch.....	20.....	Chris Duffy, 2003
Highest On-Base%.....	.405.....	Adam Hyzdu, 2000
Highest Slugging %.....	.612.....	Adam Hyzdu, 1999
Most Total Bases.....	285.....	Adam Hyzdu, 2000

## SINGLE-SEASON INDIVIDUAL PITCHING RECORDS

\*\*\*Note: Records for ERA and percentages are based on a minimum of 75 Innings Pitched

Lowest ERA, LHP.....	1.61.....	Sam McConnell, 2000
Lowest ERA, RHP.....	2.54.....	Justin Reid, 2001
Most Wins, LHP.....	14.....	Sean Burnett, 2003
Most Wins, RHP.....	15.....	Bronson Arroyo, 1999
Most Consecutive Wins.....	8.....	Sam McConnell, 2000
		Brian O'Connor, 2000
Most Losses, LHP.....	13.....	John Grabow, 2002
Most Losses, RHP.....	11.....	Landon Jacobsen, 2003
Most Consecutive Losses.....	7.....	Sam McConnell, 1999
Most Consecutive Scoreless IP.....	20.1.....	Chris Spurling (5/11-6/16) 2002
Most Consecutive IP without an ER.....	28.0.....	Ken Giard (5/12-7/19) 1999
Most Games Started.....	27.....	Sean Burnett, 2003
		Landon Jacobsen, 2003
		John Grabow, 2002
		Brian O'Connor, 1999
Most Appearances.....	55.....	David Daniels, 1999
Most Innings Pitched.....	162.2.....	Landon Jacobsen, 2003
Most Strikeouts.....	122.....	Adrian Burnside, 2002
Highest Strikeout-to-Walk Ratio.....	+80.....	Justin Reid, 2002
Lowest Strikeout-to-Walk Ratio.....	-8.....	Jim Sak, 2000
Fewest Earned Runs Allowed (min. 75 IP).....	19.....	Sam McConnell, 2000
Most Earned Runs Allowed.....	89.....	John Grabow, 2002
Most Base on Balls.....	92.....	Brian O'Connor, 1999
Fewest Base on Balls (min. 75 IP).....	14.....	Justin Reid, 2001
Most Saves.....	21.....	Todd Ozias, 2003



# CURVE FRANCHISE RECORDS



## SINGLE-SEASON INDIVIDUAL PITCHING RECORDS (cont.)

Highest Won-Loss% (min. 10 decisions).....	818.....	Sam McConnell, 2000
Lowest Won-Loss% (min. 10 decisions).....	381.....	John Grabow, 2002
Most Complete Games.....	4.....	Brian O'Connor, 2000
Most Shutouts.....	2.....	Steve Sparks, 2000
Most Hit Batsmen.....	15.....	Adrian Burnside, 2002
Most Wild Pitches.....	21.....	Brian O'Connor, 1999
Most HR Allowed.....	21.....	Justin Reid, 2002
Fewest HR Allowed (min. 75 IP).....	2.....	Sean Burnett, 2003
Most Batters Faced.....	698.....	Brian O'Connor, 1999

## SINGLE-SEASON INDIVIDUAL FIELDING RECORDS

\*\*\*Note: Records for Fielding % is based on a minimum of 75 games played  
Fielding % for pitchers is based on most Total Chances without an error

Most Errors.....	33.....	Kevin Haverbusch, 1999
Highest %, Pitcher.....	1.000 (36 TC).....	Brian O'Connor, 2000
Highest %, Catcher.....	.991.....	Chris Heintz, 2003
		J.R. House, 2001
Most Passed Balls.....	15.....	Humberto Cota, 2000
Highest %, 1B.....	.993.....	Carlos Rivera, 2002
Highest %, 2B.....	.979.....	Kevin Sefcik, 2002
Highest %, 3B.....	.944.....	Rico Washington, 2002
Highest %, SS.....	.972.....	Shaun Skrehot, 2003
Highest %, OF.....	1.000.....	Darren Burton, 2000
Most Assists, OF.....	12.....	Tike Redman, 1999

## SINGLE-GAME TEAM GENERAL RECORDS

Longest Home Game, Time.....	4 hours, 32 min. ....	7/2/01 vs. Bowie
Longest Home Game, Innings.....	15.....	6/8/03 vs. Harrisburg
		4/26/03 vs. Akron
		7/2/01 vs. Bowie
Longest 9-Inning Home Game, Time.....	3 hours, 44 min. ....	7/30/99 vs. Akron
Longest 7-Inning Home Game, Time.....	2 hours, 22 min. ....	5/29/00 vs. Binghamton
Longest Road Game, Time.....	6 hours, 17 min. ....	7/13/00 @ Norwich
Longest Road Game, Innings.....	19.....	7/13/00 @ Norwich
Longest 9-Inning Road Game, Time.....	3 hours, 41 min. ....	7/3/00 @ Harrisburg
Longest 7-Inning Road Game, Time.....	2 hours, 43 min. ....	6/14/03 @ Harrisburg
Shortest 9-Inning Home Game, Time.....	1 hour, 54 min. ....	7/20/01 vs. New Haven
Shortest 7-Inning Home Game, Time.....	1 hour, 38 min. ....	4/13/03 vs. Reading
Shortest 9-Inning Road Game, Time.....	1 hour, 54 min. ....	8/15/99 @ New Haven
Shortest 7-Inning Road Game, Time.....	1 hour, 38 min. ....	4/21/02 @ Bowie
Most Lopsided Victory.....	12 (14-2).....	7/28/02 @ Erie
Most Lopsided Shutout Victory.....	9-0.....	last on 6/13/02 vs. Erie
Most Lopsided Loss.....	14 (16-2).....	4/20/02 vs. Bowie
Most Lopsided Shutout Loss.....	11-0.....	last on 4/8/02 vs. Reading

## SINGLE-GAME TEAM BATTING RECORDS

Most Runs.....	16.....	5/5/00 @ Reading
Most Runs, Inning.....	9.....	8/29/03 Gm. 2 vs. Erie (1st Inning)
Most Hits.....	21.....	5/1/01 vs. Harrisburg
Most Hits, Inning.....	9.....	8/29/03 Gm. 2 vs. Erie (1st Inning)
Most Home Runs, Game.....	4.....	last on 7/28/02 @ Erie
Most Doubles, Game.....	6.....	last on 5/17/03 @ Binghamton
Most Triples, Game.....	3.....	last on 4/5/03 @ Reading
Most Strikeouts, 9-Inning Game.....	13.....	last on 8/24/01 @ Akron
Most Strikeouts, All Games.....	18.....	7/13/00 @ Norwich
Most LOB, 9-Inning Game.....	14.....	5/15/03 @ Binghamton
Most LOB, All Games.....	23.....	7/13/00 @ Norwich



# CURVE FRANCHISE RECORDS

## SINGLE-GAME TEAM PITCHING RECORDS

Most Runs Allowed.....	16.....	4/20/00 vs. Bowie
Most Hits Allowed.....	20.....	three times, last on 7/18/03 vs. Erie
Most Home Runs Allowed.....	4.....	7/1/02 @ Harrisburg
Most Home Runs Allowed, Inning.....	3.....	4/23/01 @ Harrisburg (8th inning)

## SINGLE-GAME TEAM FIELDING RECORDS

Most Errors, Game.....	6.....	twice, last on 5/29/00 vs. Binghamton
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## SINGLE-GAME INDIVIDUAL BATTING RECORDS

Most At-Bats.....	10.....	Keith Williams, 7/13/00 @ Norwich
Most Hitless At-Bats.....	8.....	Garrett Long, 7/13/00 @ Norwich
Most Runs Scored.....	4.....	last by Ray Sadler, 8/29/03 (Gm. 2) vs. Erie
Most Hits.....	5.....	Jose Castillo, 5/7/03 @ Akron Tony Alvarez, 5/3/02 vs. Bowie Adrian Brown, 5/8/01 vs. Bowie Humberto Cota, 8/13/00 @ Bowie
Most Extra-Base Hits.....	4.....	last by J.R. House, 6/13/01 @ Bowie
Most Doubles.....	3.....	last by Ray Navarrete, 4/5/03 @ Reading
Most Triples.....	2.....	last by Jose Castillo, 4/5/03 @ Reading
Most Home Runs.....	2.....	last by Ronny Paulino, 7/19/03 (Gm. 2) @ Erie
Most Total Bases.....	14.....	Craig Wilson, 9/4/99 @ Erie
Most RBI.....	7.....	Adam Hyzdu, 5/5/00 @ Bowie Adam Hyzdu, 6/25/99 @ New Britain
Most Stolen Bases.....	3.....	last by Shawn Garrett, 6/28/03 @ Portland
Most Strikeouts.....	4.....	last by J.J. Davis, 8/25/01 @ Akron
Most Bases on Balls.....	4.....	last by Adam Hyzdu, 8/23/00 @ Erie

## SINGLE-GAME INDIVIDUAL PITCHING RECORDS

Most Hits Allowed, Starter.....	13.....	Landon Jacobsen, 6/30/03 @ Norwich (6.0 IP)
Most Hits Allowed, Reliever.....	10.....	Mike Chaney, 8/26/01 @ Akron (3.0 IP)
Most Hitless Innings to Begin Game.....	7.1.....	Paul Ah Yat, 4/25/99 @ Bowie
Most Strikeouts, RHP.....	10.....	last by Ben Shaffar, 6/14/02 @ Bowie
Most Strikeouts, LHP.....	11.....	last by Adrian Burnside, 4/17/02 vs. Erie
Most Bases on Balls.....	8.....	Adrian Burnside, 8/7/02 vs. Erie
Most Wild Pitches.....	4.....	Brian O'Connor, 5/31/99 @ Norwich
Most Earned Runs Allowed, Game.....	13.....	Rob Mattson, 8/8/00 @ Reading
Most Earned Runs Allowed, Inning.....	7.....	Rob Mattson, 8/8/00 @ Reading
Most Innings Pitched, Starter.....	9.....	last by Sean Burnett, 6/18/03 vs. Trenton

## CAREER INDIVIDUAL BATTING RECORDS

Most Games Played.....	343.....	Shaun Skrehot (2000-03)
Most Hits.....	320.....	Shaun Skrehot (2000-03)
Most Runs Scored.....	160.....	Adam Hyzdu (1999-00)
Most Doubles.....	65.....	Adam Hyzdu (1999-00)
Most Triples.....	14.....	Shawn Garrett (2002-03)
Most Home Runs.....	55.....	Adam Hyzdu (1999-00)
Most RBI.....	184.....	Adam Hyzdu (1999-00)
Most Extra-Base Hits.....	124.....	Adam Hyzdu (1999-00)
Most Stolen Bases.....	55.....	Shaun Skrehot (2000-03)
Most Strikeouts.....	203.....	Shaun Skrehot (2000-03)

## CAREER INDIVIDUAL PITCHING RECORDS

Most Appearances.....	118.....	Clint Chrysler (2001-03)
Most Games Started.....	70.....	John Grabow (2000-03)
Most Wins.....	24.....	John Grabow (2000-03)
Most Losses.....	26.....	John Grabow (2000-03)
Most Strikeouts.....	321.....	John Grabow (2000-03)
Most Bases on Balls.....	203.....	Brian O'Connor (1999-00, 2002)
Most Saves.....	21.....	Todd Ozias (2003) Chris Spurling (2001-02)
Most Complete Games.....	6.....	Brian O'Connor (1999-00, 2002)
Most Shutouts.....	2.....	Steve Sparks (2000-01)

# CURVE SINGLE-SEASON TOP FIVE LISTS



## BATTING

### AVERAGE\*

Tony Alvarez	.318 (2002)
Adam Hyzdu	.316 (1999)
Kevin Sefcik	.308 (2002)
Carlos Rivera	.302 (2002)
Rico Washington	.302 (2001)

\*Based on a min. 300 plate appearances

### SLUGGING %\*

Adam Hyzdu	.612 (1999)
Adam Hyzdu	.554 (2000)
J.J. Davis	.526 (2002)
Craig Wilson	.508 (1999)
Carlos Rivera	.500 (2002)

\*Based on a min. 300 plate appearances

### HOME RUNS

Adam Hyzdu	31 (2000)
Adam Hyzdu	24 (1999)
Carlos Rivera	22 (2002)
J.J. Davis	20 (2002)
Craig Wilson	20 (1999)

### GAMES

Adam Hyzdu	142 (2000)
Chris Duffy	137 (2003)
Tike Redman	136 (1999)
Rico Washington	135 (2000)
Rob Mackowiak	134 (2000)

### RBI

Adam Hyzdu	106 (2000)
Rob Mackowiak	87 (2000)
Carlos Rivera	84 (2002)
Adam Hyzdu	78 (1999)
Shawn Garrett	73 (2002)

### RUNS

Adam Hyzdu	96 (2000)
Chris Duffy	84 (1999)
Tike Redman	84 (1999)
Rob Mackowiak	82 (2000)
Tony Alvarez	79 (2002)

### HITS

Tony Alvarez	161 (2002)
Rob Mackowiak	156 (2000)
Carlos Rivera	149 (2002)
Adam Hyzdu	149 (2000)
Kevin Sefcik	144 (2002)

### DOUBLES

Adam Hyzdu	39 (2000)
Tony Alvarez	37 (2002)
Rob Mackowiak	33 (2000)
Kevin Sefcik	32 (2002)
Kevin Nicholson	31 (2003)

### EXTRA-BASE HITS

Adam Hyzdu	72 (2000)
Tony Alvarez	53 (2002)
Carlos Rivera	52 (2002)
Adam Hyzdu	52 (1999)
Rob Mackowiak	50 (2000)

### TRIPLES

Tike Redman	12 (1999)
Shawn Garrett	8 (2002)
Lee Evans	8 (2001)
Rico Washington	7 (2000)
4 Players tied with	6

### STRIKEOUTS

Lee Evans	116 (2001)
Alex Hernandez	110 (1999)
Josh Bonifay	106 (2003)
Craig Wilson	104 (1999)
J.R. House	103 (2001)

### STOLEN BASES

Chris Duffy	34 (2003)
Tony Alvarez	29 (2002)
Tike Redman	29 (1999)
Shaun Skrehot	24 (2001)
Shawn Garrett	20 (2003)

## PITCHING

### ERA\*

Sam McConnell	1.61 (2000)
Justin Reid	2.54 (2001)
Landon Jacobsen	2.93 (2003)
Wilson Guzman	3.02 (2000)
Paul Ah Yat	3.02 (1999)

\*Based on a min. 75 innings pitched

### WINNING %\*

Sam McConnell	.818 (2000)
Bronson Arroyo	.789 (1999)
Brian O'Connor	.750 (2000)
Neal McDade	.727 (2002)
Wilson Guzman	.714 (2000)

\*Based on a min. 10 decisions

### APPEARANCES

David Daniels	55 (1999)
Brad Guy	54 (2000)
4 Players tied with	51

### BASES ON BALLS

Brian O'Connor	92 (1999)
Adrian Burnside	67 (2002)
John Grabow	65 (2000)
Brian O'Connor	61 (2000)
Bronson Arroyo	58 (1999)

### INNINGS PITCHED

Landon Jacobsen	162.2 (2003)
Sean Burnett	159.2 (2003)
Justin Reid	153.2 (2002)
Brian O'Connor	153.1 (1999)
John Grabow	146.1 (2002)

### SAVES

Todd Ozias	21 (2003)
Chris Spurling	20 (2002)
Tony Pavlovich	12 (2001)
Brian Smith	12 (2000)
Matt Duff	12 (2000)

### WINS

Bronson Arroyo	15 (1999)
Sean Burnett	14 (2003)
Brian O'Connor	12 (2000)
Justin Reid	11 (2002)
Wilson Guzman	10 (2000)

### COMPLETE GAMES

Brian O'Connor	4 (2000)
Wilson Guzman	3 (2000)
Sam McConnell	3 (2000)
Steve Sparks	3 (2000)
2 Players tied with	2

### LOSSES

John Grabow	13 (2002)
Landon Jacobsen	11 (2003)
Brian O'Connor	11 (1999)
Adrian Burnside	9 (2002)
Jim Baron	9 (1999)

### HOME RUNS ALLOWED

Justin Reid	21 (2002)
Adrian Burnside	18 (2002)
Bronson Arroyo	15 (1999)
Jim Baron	13 (1999)
2 Players tied with	11

### STRIKEOUTS

Adrian Burnside	122 (2002)
John Grabow	109 (2000)
Justin Reid	108 (2002)
Brian O'Connor	106 (1999)
Bronson Arroyo	100 (1999)

### SHUTOUTS

Steve Sparks	2 (2000)
9 Players Tied with	1

## CURVE OPENING DAY LINEUPS

### 1999

April 9 at Reading

T. Redman	CF
C. Wimmer	2B
A. Hernandez	RF
R. Wright	1B
K. Haverbusch	3B
M. Rosario	C
G. Long	LF
L. Figueroa	SS
P. Ah Yat	P

### 2000

April 7 vs. Harrisburg

R. Mackowiak	RF
R. Washington	2B
A. Hyzdu	LF
A. Hernandez	CF
K. Haverbusch	3B
E. Furniss	1B
H. Cota	C
L. Figueroa	SS
B. O'Connor	P

### 2001

April 6 at Erie

J. Bass	LF
R. Paz	2B
J.R. House	C
D. Burton	CF
R. Washington	3B
J.J. Davis	RF
D. Meier	DH
L. Evans	1B
S. Skrehot	SS
J. Grabow	P

### 2002

April 4 vs. Harrisburg

S. Skrehot	SS
T. Alvarez	CF
R. Washington	3B
S. Garrett	LF
J.R. House	C
C. Rivera	1B
J.J. Davis	RF
V. Rodriguez	2B
J. Reid	P

### 2003

April 3 at Reading

C. Duffy	CF
J. Castillo	SS
B. Roneberg	1B
J. Bonifay	LF
S. Garrett	RF
K. Nicholson	2B
C. Heintz	C
J. Caruso	3B
B. Shaffar	P



# CURVE CAREER TOP FIVE LISTS

## BATTING

### HITS

Shaun Skrehot	320 (2000-03)
Rico Washington	298 (2000-02)
Shawn Garrett	277 (2002-03)
Adam Hyzdu	258 (1999-00)
Tony Alvarez	258 (2001-02)

### GAMES

Shaun Skrehot	343 (2000-03)
Rico Washington	322 (2000-02)
Shawn Garrett	255 (2002-03)
Carlos Rivera	239 (2001-02)
2 Players tied at	233

### HOME RUNS

Adam Hyzdu	55 (1999-00)
Carlos Rivera	32 (2001-02)
Kevin Haverbusch	26 (1999-02)
Shawn Garrett	24 (2002-03)
J.J. Davis	24 (2001-02)

### RUNS

Adam Hyzdu	160 (1999-00)
Rico Washington	158 (2000-02)
Shaun Skrehot	156 (2000-03)
Shawn Garrett	139 (2002-03)
Tony Alvarez	113 (2001-02)

### RBI

Adam Hyzdu	184 (1999-00)
Shawn Garrett	140 (2002-03)
Carlos Rivera	134 (2001-02)
Kevin Haverbusch	117 (1999-02)
Rob Mackowiak	114 (1999-00)

### STOLEN BASES

Shaun Skrehot	55 (2000-03)
Tony Alvarez	46 (2001-02)
Shawn Garrett	39 (2002-03)
Chris Duffy	34 (2003)
Tike Redman	29 (1999)

### DOUBLES

Adam Hyzdu	65 (1999-00)
Shaun Skrehot	64 (2000-03)
Carlos Rivera	58 (2001-02)
Shawn Garrett	53 (2002-03)
Tony Alvarez	53 (2001-02)

### TRIPLES

Shawn Garrett	14 (2002-03)
Shaun Skrehot	13 (2000-03)
Tike Redman	12 (1999)
Rico Washington	10 (2000-02)
2 Players tied at	9

### STRIKEOUTS

Shaun Skrehot	203 (2000-03)
Rico Washington	189 (2000-02)
Shawn Garrett	184 (2002-03)
J.J. Davis	180 (2001-02)
Adam Hyzdu	164 (1999-00)

### EXTRA-BASE HITS

Adam Hyzdu	124 (1999-00)
Carlos Rivera	92 (2001-02)
Shawn Garrett	91 (2002-03)
Shaun Skrehot	86 (2000-03)
Rico Washington	80 (2000-02)

## PITCHING

### WINS

John Grabow	24 (2000-03)
Brian O'Connor	24 (99-00, 02)
Justin Reid	16 (2001-02)
Bronson Arroyo	15 (1999)
Mike Gonzalez	15 (99, 01-03)

### GAMES

Clint Chryslor	118 (2001-03)
Brad Guy	116 (2000-03)
Neal McDade	106 (2001-03)
Matt Duff	91 (1999-00)
John Grabow	86 (2000-03)

### LOSSES

John Grabow	26 (2000-03)
Brian O'Connor	24 (99-00, 02)
Neal McDade	14 (2001-03)
Brad Guy	14 (2000-03)
Justin Reid	13 (2001-02)

### GAMES STARTED

John Grabow	70 (2000-03)
Brian O'Connor	63 (99-00, 02)
Justin Reid	41 (2001-02)
Mike Gonzalez	35 (99, 01-03)
Ben Shaffar	31 (2002-03)

### STRIKEOUTS

John Grabow	321 (2000-03)
Brian O'Connor	235 (99-00, 02)
Mike Gonzalez	189 (99, 01-03)
Justin Reid	178 (2001-02)
2 Players tied at	154

### COMPLETE GAMES

Brian O'Connor	6 (99-00, 02)
Steve Sparks	4 (2000-01)
Sam McConnell	4 (1999-00)
Wilson Guzman	3 (2000)
4 Players tied at	2

### BASES ON BALLS

Brian O'Connor	203 (99-00, 02)
John Grabow	170 (2000-03)
Mike Gonzalez	104 (99, 01-03)
Aaron France	85 (1999-01)
Adrian Burnside	81 (2001-02)

### HOME RUNS ALLOWED

John Grabow	30 (2000-03)
Justin Reid	26 (2001-02)
Adrian Burnside	21 (2001-02)
Brian O'Connor	20 (99-00, 02)
Neal McDade	19 (2001-03)

### SAVES

Todd Ozias	21 (2003)
Chris Spurling	21 (2001-02)
Matt Duff	18 (1999-00)
3 Players tied at	12

### SHUTOUTS

Steve Sparks	2 (2000-01)
9 Players tied at	1

## PIRATES' ON INJURY REHAB ASSIGNMENT WITH ALTOONA

### PLAYER

Mark Wilkins (RHP)  
 Francisco Cordova (RHP)  
 Jason Christiansen (LHP)  
 Turner Ward (OF)  
 Javier Martinez (RHP)  
 Ivan Cruz (1B)  
 Rich Loiselle (RHP)  
 Adrian Brown (OF)  
 Brad Clontz (RHP)  
 Jason Schmidt (RHP)  
 Francisco Cordova (RHP)  
 Adrian Brown (OF)  
 Terry Mulholland (LHP)  
 Jose Silva (RHP)  
 Kris Benson (RHP)  
 Armando Rios (OF)  
 Ryan Vogelsong (RHP)

### YEAR

1999 (4/16-4/24)  
 1999 (5/3-5/8)  
 1999 (5/22-5/25)  
 1999 (6/23-6/24)  
 1999 (6/28-7/26)  
 1999 (7/22-7/25)  
 2000 (4/26-5/21)  
 2000 (7/2-7/3)  
 2000 (8/25-9/4)  
 2001 (4/13-4/30)  
 2001 (4/28)  
 2001 (5/7-5/13)  
 2001 (7/27-7/28)  
 2001 (8/31-9/2)  
 2002 (5/7)  
 2002 (6/9)  
 2002 (7/23-8/2)

### INJURY

Right Shoulder  
 Shoulder Inflammation  
 Strained Neck  
 Right Knee  
 Torn Arm Ligament  
 Strained Right Elbow  
 Right Elbow Surgery  
 Strained Left Hamstring  
 Right Elbow  
 Right Shoulder & Elbow  
 Right Elbow  
 Right Shoulder  
 Broken Index Finger  
 Broken Right Leg  
 Right Elbow  
 Left Knee Contusion  
 Right Elbow

# CURVE YEAR-BY-YEAR HISTORY



## 1999 SEASON

**RECORD:** 63-77 (.479), 8TH IN E.L., LAST IN E.L. SOUTH  
**ATTENDANCE:** 323,932, 6TH IN E.L.  
**TEAM MVP:** ADAM HYZDU  
**ALL-STARs:** KEVIN HAVERBUSCH (DOUBLE-A GAME)  
 YAMID HAAD (M.L. FUTURES GAME)

### TEAM LEADERS:

<u>BATTING</u>		<u>PITCHING</u>	
<b>AVG</b>	ADAM HYZDU (.316)	<b>WINS</b>	BRONSON ARROYO (15)
<b>HITS</b>	TIKE REDMAN (143)	<b>LOSSES</b>	BRIAN O'CONNOR (11)
<b>RUNS</b>	TIKE REDMAN (84)	<b>ERA</b>	PAUL AH YAT (3.02)
<b>2B</b>	ALEX HERNANDEZ (26)	<b>SAVES</b>	MATT DUFF (12)
	KEVIN HAVERBUSCH (26)	<b>GAMES</b>	DAVID DANIELS (55)
<b>3B</b>	TIKE REDMAN (12)	<b>IP</b>	BRIAN O'CONNOR (153.1)
<b>HR</b>	ADAM HYZDU (24)	<b>SO</b>	BRIAN O'CONNOR (106)
<b>RBI</b>	ADAM HYZDU (78)	<b>BB</b>	BRIAN O'CONNOR (92)
<b>SB</b>	TIKE REDMAN (29)		

## 2000 SEASON

**RECORD:** 74-68 (.521), 7TH IN E.L., 4TH IN E.L. SOUTH  
**ATTENDANCE:** 333,968, 6TH IN E.L.  
**TEAM MVP:** ADAM HYZDU  
**ALL-STARs:** SAM MCCONNELL (DOUBLE-A GAME)  
 ADAM HYZDU (E.L. POST-SEASON ALL-STAR)  
 SAM MCCONNELL (E.L. POST-SEASON ALL-STAR)  
 WILSON GUZMAN (E.L. POST-SEASON ALL-STAR)

### TEAM LEADERS:

<u>BATTING</u>		<u>PITCHING</u>	
<b>AVG</b>	ROB MACKOWIAK (.297)	<b>WINS</b>	BRIAN O'CONNOR (12)
<b>HITS</b>	ROB MACKOWIAK (156)	<b>LOSSES</b>	JOHN GRABOW (7)
<b>RUNS</b>	ADAM HYZDU (96)		STEVE SPARKS (7)
<b>2B</b>	ADAM HYZDU (39)	<b>ERA</b>	SAM MCCONNELL (1.61)
<b>3B</b>	RICO WASHINGTON (7)	<b>SAVES</b>	BRIAN SMITH (12)
<b>HR</b>	ADAM HYZDU (31)	<b>GAMES</b>	MATT DUFF (47)
<b>RBI</b>	ADAM HYZDU (106)	<b>IP</b>	JOHN GRABOW (145.1)
<b>SB</b>	ROB MACKOWIAK (18)	<b>SO</b>	JOHN GRABOW (109)
		<b>BB</b>	JOHN GRABOW (65)

## 2001 SEASON

**RECORD:** 63-79, 10TH IN E.L., 5TH IN E.L. SOUTH  
**ATTENDANCE:** 348,316, 6TH IN E.L.  
**TEAM MVP:** SHAUN SKREHOT  
**ALL-STARs:** J.R. HOUSE (DOUBLE-A GAME)  
 J.R. HOUSE (M.L. FUTURES GAME)

### TEAM LEADERS:

<u>BATTING</u>		<u>PITCHING</u>	
<b>AVG</b>	RICO WASHINGTON (.302)	<b>WINS</b>	6 TIED WITH 5
<b>HITS</b>	SHAUN SKREHOT (125)	<b>LOSSES</b>	CARLOS ALVARADO (7)
<b>RUNS</b>	SHAUN SKREHOT (61)		CHRIS SPURLING (7)
<b>2B</b>	SHAUN SKREHOT (30)	<b>ERA</b>	JUSTIN REID (2.54)
	CARLOS RIVERA (30)	<b>SAVES</b>	TONY PAVLOVICH (12)
<b>3B</b>	LEE EVANS (8)	<b>GAMES</b>	CLINT CHRYSLER (51)
<b>HR</b>	DAN MEIER (13)	<b>IP</b>	CHRIS SPURLING (121.2)
<b>RBI</b>	J.R. HOUSE (56)	<b>SO</b>	CARLOS ALVARADO (73)
<b>SB</b>	SHAUN SKREHOT (24)	<b>BB</b>	JOHN GRABOW (39)

## 2002 SEASON

**RECORD:** 72-69, 7TH IN E.L., 4TH IN E.L. SOUTH  
**ATTENDANCE:** 363,871, 5TH IN E.L.  
**TEAM MVP:** CARLOS RIVERA  
**ALL-STARs:** SHAWN GARRETT (DOUBLE-A GAME)  
 CHRIS SPURLING (DOUBLE-A GAME)  
 TONY ALVAREZ (M.L. FUTURES GAME)  
 CARLOS RIVERA (E.L. POST-SEASON ALL-STAR)  
 TONY ALVAREZ (E.L. POST-SEASON ALL-STAR)

### TEAM LEADERS:

<u>BATTING</u>		<u>PITCHING</u>	
<b>AVG</b>	TONY ALVAREZ (.318)	<b>WINS</b>	JUSTIN REID (11)
<b>HITS</b>	TONY ALVAREZ (161)	<b>LOSSES:</b>	JOHN GRABOW (13)
<b>RUNS</b>	TONY ALVAREZ (79)	<b>ERA</b>	BEN SHAFFAR (3.15)
<b>2B</b>	TONY ALVAREZ (37)	<b>SAVES</b>	CHRIS SPURLING (20)
<b>3B</b>	SHAWN GARRETT (8)	<b>GAMES</b>	CLINT CHRYSLER (51)
<b>HR</b>	CARLOS RIVERA (22)		CHRIS SPURLING (51)
<b>RBI</b>	CARLOS RIVERA (84)	<b>IP</b>	JUSTIN REID (153.2)
<b>SB</b>	TONY ALVAREZ (29)	<b>SO</b>	ADRIAN BURNSIDE (122)
		<b>BB</b>	ADRIAN BURNSIDE (67)

## 2003 SEASON

**RECORD:** 78-63, 3RD IN E.L., 2ND IN E.L. SOUTH  
**ATTENDANCE:** 365,785, 5TH IN E.L.  
**TEAM MVP:** SEAN BURNETT  
**ALL-STARs:** JOHN VAN BENSCHOTEN (M.L. FUTURES GAME)  
 JOSE CASTILLO (M.L. FUTURES GAME)  
 SHAWN GARRETT (E.L. ALL-STAR GAME)  
 SEAN BURNETT (E.L. ALL-STAR GAME)  
 JOSE CASTILLO (E.L. ALL-STAR GAME)  
 MIKE JOHNSTON (E.L. ALL-STAR GAME)  
 CHAN PERRY (E.L. ALL-STAR GAME)  
 SEAN BURNETT (E.L. POST-SEASON ALL-STAR)

### TEAM LEADERS:

<u>BATTING</u>		<u>PITCHING</u>	
<b>AVG</b>	KEVIN NICHOLSON (.294)	<b>WINS</b>	SEAN BURNETT (14)
<b>HITS</b>	CHRIS DUFFY (137)	<b>LOSSES:</b>	LONDON JACOBSEN (11)
<b>RUNS</b>	CHRIS DUFFY (84)	<b>ERA</b>	LONDON JACOBSEN (2.93)
<b>2B</b>	KEVIN NICHOLSON (31)	<b>SAVES</b>	TODD OZIAS (21)
<b>3B</b>	3 PLAYERS TIED WITH 6	<b>GAMES</b>	TODD OZIAS (51)
<b>HR</b>	SHAWN GARRETT (13)	<b>IP</b>	LONDON JACOBSEN (162.2)
<b>RBI</b>	SHAWN GARRETT (67)	<b>SO</b>	MIKE CONNOLLY (90)
<b>SB</b>	CHRIS DUFFY (34)	<b>BB</b>	LONDON JACOBSEN (40)

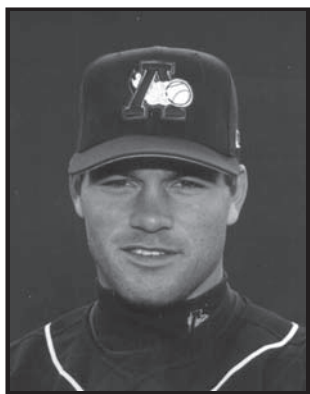
## EASTERN LEAGUE

### WINNING PERCENTAGES SINCE 1999

*Affiliates since 1999 in parenthesis*

1. Akron (Indians) .556 (393-314)
2. Norwich (Yankees/Giants) .530 (375-332)
3. Reading (Phillies) .526 (373-336)
4. Trenton (Red Sox/Yankees) .508 (359-348)
5. Harrisburg (Expos) .502 (357-354)
6. Altoona (Pirates) .501 (354-352)
7. Portland (Marlins/Red Sox) .492 (348-359)
8. New Haven (Mariners/Cardinals/Blue Jays) .491 (347-360)
9. Binghamton (Mets) .489 (345-360)
10. New Britain (Twins) .478 (337-368)
11. Erie (Angels/Tigers) .475 (336-372)
12. Bowie (Orioles) .451 (318-387)





#16

ADAM HYZDU

It didn't take long for the city of Altoona to show the critics who said the area was too small to support a professional baseball team that it has as knowledgeable and caring fans as anywhere minor league baseball is played. It didn't take Adam Hyzdu long to discover that fact either.

When the minor league veteran signed as a minor league free agent with the Pirates shortly after being released by the Boston Red Sox organization early in the 1999 season, Curve fans were just getting used to their new team and its beautiful new ballpark. Few probably even knew the names of the players they were cheering for. But soon, everyone knew about Hyzdu.

He was the club's Most Valuable Player during the inaugural 1999 season, batting .316 with 24 HR and 78 RBI in just 91 games, before earning a late-season promotion to Triple-A. Most people thought they had seen the last of Hyzdu in a Curve uniform.

However, after a less than intent look from the Pirates in major league spring training, and much to the surprise of the fans of Altoona, Hyzdu returned to the Curve for the 2000 season. Although perhaps initially upset about returning to the Double-A level for the fifth time in his career, Hyzdu tore up Eastern League pitching and in return won the hearts of Curve fans. In 142 games for the 2000 Curve, Hyzdu batted .290 with team records for home runs (31) and RBI (106) and earned the Eastern League's Most Valuable Player Award. By the middle of the season, the entire city of Altoona was campaigning for Hyzdu's promotion to the major leagues.

And just when it appeared as though Adam Hyzdu's 11th season as a professional baseball player would end without a major league at-bat, he had the week of his life. On September 4th, following a season-ending loss to Akron, his number 16 was retired by the Curve--an honor not normally bestowed upon a minor league baseball player. Then, just four days later, Hyzdu received the call he had been waiting for--he was heading to the major leagues! He singled in his first major league at-bat on September 8th and 12 days later hit his first major league home run against the Philadelphia Phillies at Veteran's Stadium.

After returning to the minor leagues to open 2001, he was recalled by the Pirates in May and spent the majority of the season with the major league club. On July 4th that season, in his hometown of Cincinnati, Hyzdu belted two homers against the Reds, bringing his baseball playing career full circle from the days when he was belting home runs at Moeller High School.

Through 2003 Hyzdu had spent parts of four seasons in the big leagues, but it's unlikely he'll be adored anywhere more than he was here in Central Pennsylvania.

#### **CURVE SINGLE-SEASON RECORDS HELD BY ADAM HYZDU**

**HOME RUNS** (31, 2000); **RBI** (106, 2000); **EXTRA-BASE HITS** (72, 2000); **SLUGGING %** (.612, 2000); **GAMES PLAYED** (142, 2000); **BASES ON BALLS** (94, 2000); **RUNS SCORED** (96, 2000); **DOUBLES** (39, 2000); **ON-BASE %** (.405, 2000); **TOTAL BASES** (285, 2000)



# THE EASTERN LEAGUE



2003 Eastern League Player of the Year  
Alexis Rios



# EASTERN LEAGUE INFORMATION

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<b>Official Name.....</b>	The Eastern League of Professional Baseball Clubs, Inc.
<b>Mailing Address.....</b>	P.O. Box 9711, Portland, ME 04104
<b>Street Address.....</b>	511 Congress Street, Portland, ME 04101
<b>Phone.....</b>	(207) 761-2700
<b>Fax.....</b>	(207) 761-7064
<b>E-Mail.....</b>	elpb@easternleague.com
<b>Website.....</b>	www.easternleague.com
<b>President.....</b>	Joseph R. McEacharn (2nd year)
<b>Vice President.....</b>	Rick Brenner
<b>Assistant to the President.....</b>	Bill Rosario
<b>Years League Active.....</b>	1923-present
<b>Divisional Alignment.....</b>	Southern Division-- Akron, <b>Altoona</b> , Bowie, Erie, Harrisburg, Reading Northern Division-- Binghamton, New Britain, New Hampshire, Norwich, Portland, Trenton
<b>Schedule.....</b>	142 games; Teams play 20 games each (100 total) against divisional opponents and a total of 42 games against inter-divisional opponents
<b>Opening Date.....</b>	April 8
<b>Closing Date.....</b>	September 6
<b>Playoffs Begin.....</b>	September 8
<b>All-Star Break.....</b>	July 13-14
<b>All-Star Game.....</b>	Eastern League All-Star Game, July 14, Prince George's Stadium, Bowie, MD
<b>Roster Limit.....</b>	Teams may carry 24 players from opening day through May 6; Teams may carry 23 players from May 7 until August 9; Teams may carry 24 players from August 10 through the end of the season
<b>Playoff Format.....</b>	Top two teams in each division, based on winning percentage, qualify Divisional Playoffs-- The top two teams in each division will play a best-of-5 with a 2-2-1 format. The Division champion will start at home. League Championship Series-- The winners of the two divisional series will meet in a best-of-5 series with a 2-3 format. The Northern Division Champion will host the first two games in odd numbered years, while the Southern Division Champion will host the first two games in even numbered years.
<b>Tiebreakers.....</b>	Ties for first place are broken on the basis of head-to-head season series. Ties for second place are broken by a one-game playoff to be hosted by the team with a better head-to-head record.
<b>League Statistician.....</b>	The Sports Network 2200 Byberry Road, Hatboro, PA 19040, (215) 441-8444
<b>Statistical Minimums.....</b>	Batting Title-- Minimum of 383 total plate appearances ERA Title-- Minimum of 114 innings pitched

# EASTERN LEAGUE INFORMATION



## 2004 EASTERN LEAGUE UMPIRES

UMPIRE	HOMETOWN	EXPERIENCE	2003 ASSIGNMENT	#
Scott Barry	Quincy, MI	5th year	Eastern League	5
Christopher Conroy	Williamstown, MA	5th year	Carolina League	35
John Coons	Streator, IL	4th year	Florida State League	15
Brandon Cooper	Louisville, KY	6th year	Eastern League	24
Rob Healey	Cranston, RI	6th year	Eastern League	14
Joseph Judkowitz	Coral Springs, FL	5th year	Eastern League	13
Jason Klein	Orange, CT	5th year	Carolina League	28
Benjamin Lundquist	Jamestown, NY	6th year	Eastern League	8
Keith McConkey	St. Catherines, ON	5th year	Eastern League	4
Joshua Miller	Coconut Creek, FL	5th year	Texas League	26
Brent Persinger	Lexington, KY	6th year	Eastern League	9
Daniel Reyburn	DeWitt, MI	5th year	Florida State League	17
Brent Rice	Jackson, MI	5th year	Eastern League	6
Jeffrey Spisak	Indianapolis, IN	5th year	Southern League	11
Arthur Stewart	Frankfort, IL	6th year	Eastern League	16
David Uyl	Caledonia, MI	5th year	California League	7
Andrew Vincent	Simsburt, CT	6th year	Eastern League	3

## 2004 EASTERN LEAGUE MILEAGE CHART

	AKR	ALT	BNG	BOW	ERI	HAR	NBR	NHM	NOR	POR	REA	TRE
<b>Akron</b>		187	350	336	121	310	538	709	555	706	350	414
<b>Altoona</b>	187		201	167	175	138	374	520	389	552	170	239
<b>Binghamton</b>	350	201		266	254	181	216	338	240	360	143	165
<b>Bowie</b>	336	167	266		337	109	323	460	334	508	123	149
<b>Erie</b>	121	175	254	337		298	497	579	485	586	310	374
<b>Harrisburg</b>	310	138	181	109	298		271	430	301	480	65	132
<b>New Britain</b>	538	374	216	323	497	271		150	50	210	224	167
<b>New Hampshire</b>	709	520	338	460	579	430	150		133	94	370	304
<b>Norwich</b>	555	389	240	334	485	301	50	133		192	245	186
<b>Portland</b>	706	552	360	508	586	480	210	94	192		420	360
<b>Reading</b>	350	170	143	123	310	65	224	370	245	420		73
<b>Trenton</b>	414	239	165	149	374	132	167	304	186	360	73	



# 2003 EASTERN LEAGUE REVIEW

## 2003 EASTERN LEAGUE STANDINGS

NORTHERN	W	L	PCT	GB	SOUTHERN	W	L	PCT	GB
x-New Haven	79	63	.556	--	x-Akron	88	53	.624	--
y-New Britain	73	68	.518	5.5	<b>y-Altoona</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>.553</b>	<b>10.0</b>
Portland	72	70	.507	7.0	Erie	72	70	.507	16.5
Trenton	70	71	.496	8.5	Bowie	69	72	.489	19.0
Binghamton	63	78	.447	15.5	Reading	62	79	.440	26.0
Norwich	62	79	.440	16.5	Harrisburg	60	82	.423	28.5

x-Division Champion

y-Wild-Card

### NORTHERN DIVISION PLAYOFFS

New Haven def. New Britain, 3-2

### SOUTHERN DIVISION PLAYOFFS

**Akron def. Altoona, 3-1**

### EASTERN LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES

Akron def. New Haven, 3-0

## 2003 EASTERN LEAGUE STATISTICAL LEADERS

### BATTING AVERAGE (Min. 383 Plate App.)

Alexis Rios	NHV	.352
Mike Jacobs	BNG	.329
Kevin Youkilis	PRT	.327
Mike Fontenot	BOW	.325
Brandon Watson	HAR	.319
Luis Gonzalez	AKR	.318
Jeff Deardorff	NBR	.316
Terry Tiffie	NBR	.315
Shawn Fagan	NHV	.314
Rodney Nye	BNG	.312

### EARNED RUN AVERAGE (Min. 114 IP)

Dave Gassner	NHV	2.79
<b>Landon Jacobsen</b>	<b>ALT</b>	<b>2.93</b>
Cam Reimers	NHV	3.08
Francisco Cruceta	AKR	3.09
<b>Sean Burnett</b>	<b>ALT</b>	<b>3.21</b>
Dave Borkowski	BOW	3.30
Henry Bonilla	NBR	3.36
<b>Mike Connolly</b>	<b>ALT</b>	<b>3.39</b>
Brian Forystek	BOW	3.39
David Mattox	BNG	3.49

### HOME RUNS

Jeff Inglin	REA	24
Mitch Jones	TRE	23
Jeremy Owens	PRT	21
Mike Cervenak	NOR	20
Guillermo Quiroz	NHV	20

### WINS

<b>Sean Burnett</b>	<b>ALT</b>	<b>14</b>
Francisco Cruceta	AKR	13
Homero Rivera	ERI	13
Brent Schoening	NBR	12
Seung Lee	REA	11

### RUNS BATTED IN

Jeff Inglin	REA	103
Terry Tiffie	NBR	93
Mike Cervenak	NOR	91
Mitch Jones	TRE	91
Aaron Rifkin	TRE	90

### SAVES

Brian Schmack	ERI	29
<b>Todd Ozias</b>	<b>ALT</b>	<b>21</b>
Rafael Betancourt	AKR	16
Chad Bentz	HAR	16
Anastacio Martinez	PRT	14

### STOLEN BASES

Anderson Machado	REA	49
Kevin Thompson	TRE	47
Jason Bartlett	NBR	41
Nook Logan	ERI	37
<b>Chris Duffy</b>	<b>ALT</b>	<b>34</b>

### STRIKEOUTS

Francisco Cruceta	AKR	134
Tim Kester	PRT	128
Fernando Cabrera	AKR	115
Taylor Buchholz	REA	114
Seung Lee	REA	109

# 2003 EASTERN LEAGUE REVIEW



## 2003 EASTERN LEAGUE STATISTICAL LEADERS (CONT.)

<u>HITS</u>			<u>GAMES</u>		
Alexis Rios	NHV	181	Eddy Rodriguez	BOW	56
Brandon Watson	HAR	180	Kevin Hodge	NBR	56
Terry Tiffce	NBR	167	Homero Rivera	ERI	54
<u>DOUBLES</u>			<u>COMPLETE GAMES</u>		
Rodney Nye	BNG	41	Francisco Cruceta	AKR	6
Kevin West	NBR	41	Tim Kester	POR	3
Mike Jacobs	BNG	36	Several Players Tied at		2
<u>TRIPLES</u>			<u>SHUTOUTS</u>		
Grady Sizemore	AKR	11	Five Players Tied at		2
Alexis Rios	NHV	11			
Several Players Tied at		8			
<u>ON-BASE PERCENTAGE</u>			<u>INNINGS PITCHED</u>		
Kevin Youkilis	POR	.487	Tim Kester	POR	164.1
Brian Myrow	TRE	.447	Cam Reimers	NHV	163.2
Noah Hall	HAR	.434	Francisco Cruceta	AKR	163.1
<u>SLUGGING PERCENTAGE</u>			<u>LOSSES</u>		
Mike Jacobs	BNG	.548	Mitch Walk	NOR	13
Brian Myrow	TRE	.525	Preston Larrison	ERI	12
Alexis Rios	NHV	.521	Several Players Tied at		11
<u>EXTRA-BASE HITS</u>			<u>WALKS</u>		
Brian Myrow	TRE	57	Mike Paradis	BOW	81
Rodney Nye	BNG	56	Javier Ortiz	TRE	71
Kevin West	NBR	56	Boof Bonser	NOR	67
<u>RUNS SCORED</u>			<u>HOME RUNS ALLOWED</u>		
Brian Myrow	TRE	99	Seung Lee	REA	21
Grady Sizemore	AKR	96	Diego Markwell	NHV	20
Jason Bartlett	NBR	96	2 Players Tied at		18

### 2003 EASTERN LEAGUE ALL-STAR TEAM

<b>1B</b>	Craig Brazell, Binghamton	<b>DH</b>	Alejandro Freire, Norwich
<b>2B</b>	Mike Fontenot, Bowie	<b>C</b>	Guillermo Quiroz, New Haven
<b>3B</b>	Terry Tiffce, New Britain	<b>UTIL</b>	Kevin Youkilis, Portland
<b>SS</b>	Jason Bartlett, New Britain	<b>RHP</b>	Kyle Denney, Akron
<b>OF</b>	Jeff Inglin, Reading	<b>LHP</b>	Sean Burnett, Altoona
<b>OF</b>	Alexis Rios, New Haven	<b>RP</b>	Brian Schmack, Erie
<b>OF</b>	Grady Sizemore, Akron		

### 2003 EASTERN LEAGUE AWARD WINNERS

<b>PLAYER OF THE YEAR:</b>	Alexis Rios, New Haven
<b>PITCHER OF THE YEAR:</b>	Sean Burnett, Altoona
<b>ROOKIE OF THE YEAR:</b>	Grady Sizemore, Akron
<b>MANAGER OF THE YEAR:</b>	Marty Pevey, New Haven
<b>E.L. "STAR OF STARS" AWARD:</b>	Terry Tiffce, New Britain



# 2004 CURVE OPPONENTS

## AKRON AEROS



300 South Main Street  
Akron, OH 44308  
Phone: (330) 253-5151  
Fax: (330) 253-3300  
www.akronaeros.com

### TEAM INFORMATION/PERSONNEL

First Year..... 1997  
Ballpark..... Canal Park (cap. 9,097)  
Field Dimensions..... LF-331, CF-400, RF-337  
Affiliation..... Cleveland Indians (since 1997)  
League Titles..... 1 (2003)  
Last Playoff Appearance..... 2003 (E.L. Champions)  
2003 Record..... 88-53, Southern Div. Champions  
2003 Attendance..... 445,603 (2nd in E.L.)

Chief Executive Officer..... Mike Agganis  
Executive VP/General Manager..... Jeff Auman  
Media Contact..... James Carpenter  
Broadcaster..... Jim Clark

Manager..... Brad Komminsk  
Pitching Coach..... Steve Lyons  
Coach..... Sean McNally  
Trainer..... Todd Tomczyk

Curve Hotel in Akron..... Radisson Akron City Centre  
20 West Mill Street  
Akron, OH 44308  
PH: (330) 384-1500  
FX: (330) 434-5525

## BINGHAMTON METS



211 Henry Street  
Binghamton, NY 13901  
Phone: (607) 723-6387  
Fax: (607) 723-7779  
www.bmets.com

### TEAM INFORMATION/PERSONNEL

First Year..... 1992  
Ballpark..... NYSEG Stadium (cap. 6,012)  
Field Dimensions..... LF-330, CF-400, RF-330  
Affiliation..... New York Mets (since 1992)  
League Titles..... 2 ('92, '94)  
Last Playoff Appearance..... 2000 (lost in Div. Playoffs)  
2003 Record..... 63-78, 5th in E.L. North  
2003 Attendance..... 211,533 (10th in E.L.)

President..... Michael Urda  
General Manager..... Bill Terlecky  
Media Contact..... Matt Park  
Broadcaster..... Matt Park

Manager..... Ken Oberkfell  
Pitching Coach..... Jerry Reuss  
Hitting Coach..... Howard Johnson  
Trainer..... Mike Lopriore

Curve Hotel in Binghamton..... Holiday Inn Arena  
8 Hawley Street  
Binghamton, NY 13901  
PH: (607) 722-1212  
FX: (607) 722-6063

### ALTOONA/AKRON 2004 SERIES

#### at Altoona

#### at Akron

May 14 (Fri.)..... 6:35	May 21 (Fri.)..... 7:05
May 15 (Sat.)..... 5:05	May 22 (Sat.)..... 7:05
May 16 (Sun.)..... 3:05	May 23 (Sun.)..... 2:05
June 21 (Mon.)..... 7:05	June 4 (Fri.)..... 7:05
June 22 (Tue.)..... 7:05	June 5 (Sat.)..... 7:05
June 23 (Wed.)..... 7:05	June 6 (Sun.)..... 2:05
June 24 (Thu.)..... 12:00	August 2 (Mon.)..... 7:05
July 27 (Tue.)..... 7:05	August 3 (Tue.)..... 7:05
July 28 (Wed.)..... 7:05	August 4 (Wed.)..... 7:05
July 29 (Thu.)..... 7:05	August 5 (Thu.)..... 7:05

### ALTOONA/BINGHAMTON 2004 SERIES

#### at Altoona

#### at Binghamton

May 3 (Mon.)..... 6:35	April 23 (Fri.)..... 7:00
May 4 (Tues.)... 10:35 am	April 24 (Sat.)..... 1:30
May 5 (Wed.)... 10:35 am	April 25 (Sun.)..... 1:30

### CURVE vs. AKRON SERIES INFO\*

All-Time vs. Akron..... 45-57  
at Altoona..... 25-27  
at Akron..... 20-30  
2003 vs. Akron..... 9-11  
at Altoona..... 4-6  
at Akron..... 5-5  
Best Record vs. Akron..... 12-10 (1999)  
Worst Record vs. Akron..... 6-14 (2002)  
Largest Margin of Victory..... 10 twice (last 7/29/02, 11-1)  
Largest Margin of Defeat... 11 (7/31/03, 13-2)

\*Does not include 2003 E.L. Div. Playoff Series

### CURVE vs. BINGHAMTON SERIES INFO

All-Time vs. Binghamton..... 19-17  
at Altoona..... 10-7  
at Binghamton..... 9-10  
2003 vs. Binghamton..... 6-2  
at Altoona..... 3-1  
at Binghamton..... 3-1  
Best Record vs. Binghamton..... 6-2 (2003)  
Worst Record vs. Binghamton..... 2-5 (2000)  
Largest Margin of Victory..... 7 (6/3/99, 11-4)  
Largest Margin of Defeat... 11 (5/29/00, 11-0)



# 2004 CURVE OPPONENTS



## BOWIE BAYSOX



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Bowie, MD 20716  
Phone: (301) 805-6000  
Fax: (301) 464-4911  
www.baysox.com

### TEAM INFORMATION/PERSONNEL

**First Year**..... 1993  
**Ballpark**..... Prince George's Stadium (cap. 10,000)  
**Field Dimensions**..... LF-309, CF-405, RF-309  
**Affiliation**..... Baltimore Orioles (since 1993)  
**League Titles**..... None  
**Last Playoff Appearance**..... 1997 (lost in Div. Playoffs)  
**2003 Record**..... 69-72, 4th in E.L. South  
**2003 Attendance**..... 324,813 (6th in E.L.)

**Ownership**..... Comcast Spectacor  
**General Manager**..... Mike Munter  
**Media Contact**..... Andy Frankel  
**Broadcaster**..... None

**Manager**..... Dave Trembley  
**Pitching Coach**..... Larry McCall  
**Coach**..... Butch Davis  
**Trainer**..... Mark Shires

**Curve Hotel in Bowie**..... Best Western, Annapolis  
2520 Riva Road  
Annapolis, MD 21401  
PH: (410) 224-0215  
FX: (410) 266-5539

## ERIE SEAWOLVES



110 East 10th Street  
Erie, PA 16501  
Phone: (814) 456-1300  
Fax: (814) 456-7520  
www.seawolves.com

### TEAM INFORMATION/PERSONNEL

**First Year**..... 1999  
**Ballpark**..... Jerry Uht Park (cap. 6,000)  
**Field Dimensions**..... LF-312, CF-400, RF-328  
**Affiliation**..... Detroit Tigers (since 2001)  
**League Titles**..... None  
**Last Playoff Appearance**..... 2001 (lost in Div. Playoffs)  
**2003 Record**..... 72-70, 3rd in E.L. South  
**2003 Attendance**..... 197,656 (9th in E.L.)

**Ownership**..... Mandalay Baseball Properties  
**General Manager**..... John Frey  
**Media Contact**..... Mike Antonellis  
**Broadcaster**..... Mike Antonellis

**Manager**..... Rick Sweet  
**Pitching Coach**..... Mike Caldwell  
**Hitting Coach**..... Pete Incaviglia  
**Trainer**..... Rob Sonnenberg

**Curve Hotel in Erie**..... Avalon Hotel  
16 West 10th Street  
Erie, PA 16501  
PH: (814) 459-2220  
FX: (814) 459-2322

### ALTOONA/BOWIE 2004 SERIES

#### at Altoona

#### at Bowie

April 19 (Mon.)..... 6:35	May 6 (Thu.)..... 7:05
April 20 (Tue.)..... 6:35	May 7 (Fri.)..... 7:05
April 21 (Wed.)... 10:35 am	May 8 (Sat.)..... 7:05
July 30 (Fri.)..... 7:05	May 9 (Sun.)..... 1:05
July 31 (Sat.)..... 7:05	June 1 (Tue.)..... 7:05
August 1 (Sun.)..... 6:05	June 2 (Wed.)..... 7:05
August 19 (Thu.)... 7:05	June 3 (Thu.)..... 7:05
August 20 (Fri.)..... 7:05	July 23 (Fri.)..... 7:05
August 21 (Sat.)..... 7:05	July 24 (Sat.)..... 7:05
August 22 (Sun.)... 6:05	July 25 (Sun.)..... 6:05

### ALTOONA/ERIE 2004 SERIES

#### at Altoona

#### at Erie

April 29 (Thu.)..... 6:35	May 10 (Mon.)..... 6:35
April 30 (Fri.)..... 6:35	May 11 (Tue.)... 11:05 am
May 1 (Sat.)..... 5:05	May 12 (Wed.)... 11:05 am
May 2 (Sun.)..... 3:05	June 25 (Fri.)..... 7:05
June 18 (Fri.)..... 7:05	June 26 (Sat.)..... 7:05
June 19 (Sat.)..... 7:05	June 27 (Sun.)..... 1:05
June 20 (Sun.)..... 6:05	August 23 (Mon.)... 7:05
July 19 (Mon.)..... 7:05	August 24 (Tue.)... 7:05
July 20 (Tue.)..... 7:05	August 25 (Wed.)... 7:05
July 21 (Wed.)..... 7:05	August 26 (Thu.)... 12:05

### CURVE vs. BOWIE SERIES INFO

**All-Time vs. Bowie**..... 54-45  
    at Altoona..... 30-19  
    at Bowie..... 24-26  
**2003 vs. Bowie**..... 11-9  
    at Altoona..... 7-3  
    at Bowie..... 4-6  
**Best Record vs. Bowie**..... 13-7 (2002)  
**Worst Record vs. Bowie**..... 9-10 (1999)  
**Largest Margin of Victory**..... 11 (4/20/02, 13-2)  
**Largest Margin of Defeat**..... 14 (4/20/00, 16-2)

### CURVE vs. ERIE SERIES INFO

**All-Time vs. Erie**..... 51-52  
    at Altoona..... 23-30  
    at Erie..... 28-22  
**2003 vs. Erie**..... 8-12  
    at Altoona..... 2-8  
    at Erie..... 6-4  
**Best Record vs. Erie**..... 13-7 (2000, 2002)  
**Worst Record vs. Erie**..... 9-14 (1999)  
**Largest Margin of Victory**..... 12 (7/28/02, 14-2)  
**Largest Margin of Defeat**..... 10 (8/5/00, 11-1)



# 2004 CURVE OPPONENTS

## HARRISBURG SENATORS



Commerce Bank Park, City Island  
Harrisburg, PA 17101  
Phone: (717) 231-4444  
Fax: (717) 231-4445  
www.senatorsbaseball.com

### TEAM INFORMATION/PERSONNEL

First Year..... 1987  
Ballpark..... Commerce Bank Park (cap. 6,302)  
Field Dimensions..... LF-335, CF-400, RF-335  
Affiliation..... Montreal Expos (since 1991)  
League Titles..... 6 ('87, '93, '96, '97, '98, '99)  
Last Playoff Appearance..... 2002 (lost in ELCS)  
2003 Record..... 60-82, Last in E.L. South  
2003 Attendance..... 257,989 (8th in E.L.)

Ownership..... City of Harrisburg  
General Manager..... Todd Vander Woude  
Media Contact..... Mark Mattern  
Broadcasters..... Brad Sparesus and Mark Mattern

Manager..... Dave Machemer  
Pitching Coach..... Mark Grater  
Coach..... Rob Ducey  
Trainer..... Rich Ramirez

Curve Hotel in Harrisburg..... Hilton Hotel and Towers  
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## NEW BRITAIN ROCK CATS



230 John Karbonic Way  
New Britain, CT 06051  
Phone: (860) 224-8383  
Fax: (860) 225-6267  
www.rockcats.com

### TEAM INFORMATION/PERSONNEL

First Year..... 1983  
Ballpark..... New Britain Stadium (cap. 6,146)  
Field Dimensions..... LF-330, CF-400, RF-330  
Affiliation..... Minnesota Twins (since 1995)  
League Titles..... 2 ('83, '01)  
Last Playoff Appearance..... 2003 (lost in Div. Playoffs)  
2003 Record..... 73-68, 2nd in E.L. North  
2003 Attendance..... 268,532 (7th in E.L.)

Chairman of Board..... Coleman B. Levy  
President/General Manager... William F. Dowling  
Media Contact..... Bob Dowling  
Broadcaster..... Jeff Dooley

Manager..... Stan Cliburn  
Pitching Coach..... Stu Cliburn  
Hitting Coach..... Jeff Carter  
Trainer..... Tony Leo

Curve Hotel in New Britain..... Super 8 of Crowell  
1 Industrial Park Road  
Cromwell, CT 06416  
PH: (860) 632-8888  
FX: (860) 632-8889

### ALTOONA/HARRISBURG 2004 SERIES

at Altoona	at Harrisburg
June 7 (Mon.)..... 7:05	April 15 (Thu.)..... 6:35
June 8 (Tue.)..... 7:05	April 16 (Fri.)..... 6:05
June 9 (Wed.)..... 7:05	April 17 (Sat.)..... 6:05
July 1 (Thu.)..... 7:05	April 18 (Sun.)..... 1:05
July 2 (Fri.)..... 7:05	June 15 (Tue.)..... 6:35
July 3 (Sat.)..... 7:05	June 16 (Wed.)..... 6:35
July 4 (Sun.)..... 6:05	June 17 (Thu.)..... 6:35
August 6 (Fri.)..... 7:05	August 16 (Mon.)... 6:35
August 7 (Sat.)..... 7:05	August 17 (Tue.)... 6:35
August 8 (Sun.)..... 6:05	August 18 (Wed.)... 6:35

### ALTOONA/NEW BRITAIN 2004 SERIES

at Altoona	at New Britain
May 28 (Fri.)..... 6:35	September 3 (Fri.)... 7:05
May 29 (Sat.)..... 6:05	September 4 (Sat.)... 7:05
May 30 (Sun.)..... 6:05	September 5 (Sun.)... 1:35
May 31 (Mon.)..... 6:05	September 6 (Mon.)... 1:35

### CURVE vs. HARRISBURG SERIES INFO

All-Time vs. Harrisburg..... 58-39  
at Altoona..... 34-13  
at Harrisburg..... 24-26  
2003 vs. Harrisburg..... 13-7  
at Altoona..... 7-3  
at Harrisburg..... 6-4  
Best Record vs. Harrisburg..... 13-7 (2003)  
Worst Record vs. Harrisburg..... 11-9 (2001)  
Largest Margin of Victory..... 10 (5/1/01, 12-2)  
Largest Margin of Defeat..... 12 (5/13/99, 13-1)

### CURVE vs. NEW BRITAIN SERIES INFO

All-Time vs. New Britain..... 19-15  
at Altoona..... 9-6  
at New Britain..... 10-9  
2003 vs. New Britain..... 3-3  
at Altoona..... 1-2  
at New Britain..... 2-1  
Best Record vs. New Britain..... 5-2 (1999, 2002)  
Worst Record vs. New Britain..... 2-5 (2001)  
Largest Margin of Victory..... 10 (5/21/00, 11-1)  
Largest Margin of Defeat.... 6 (5/15/01, 8-2)

# 2004 CURVE OPPONENTS



## NEW HAMPSHIRE FISHER CATS



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Manchester, NH 03101  
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Fax: (603) 641-2055  
www.nhfishercats.com

### TEAM INFORMATION/PERSONNEL

**First Year**..... 2004  
**Ballpark**..... Gill Stadium (cap. 4,100)  
**Field Dimensions**..... LF-312, CF-400, RF-312  
**Affiliation**..... Toronto Blue Jays (1st year)  
**League Titles**..... None  
**Last Playoff Appearance**..... None  
**2003 Record (New Haven)**..... 79-63, Northern Div. Champs  
**2003 Attendance (New Haven)**..... 140,922 (Last in E.L.)

**Owner**..... Drew Weber  
**President/General Manager**..... Shawn Smith  
**Media Contact**..... Tim Wood  
**Broadcasters**..... Mike Murphy and Bob Lipman

**Manager**..... Mike Basso  
**Pitching Coach**..... Rick Adair  
**Coach**..... Jim Bowie  
**Trainer**..... Jeff Stay

**Curve Hotel in Manchester**..... Comfort Inn  
298 Queen City Avenue  
Manchester, NH 03102  
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### ALTOONA/NEW HAMPSHIRE 2004 SERIES

#### at Altoona

#### at Manchester

July 6 (Tue.)..... 7:05	August 10 (Tue.)..... 7:05
July 7 (Wed.)..... 7:05	August 11 (Wed.)..... 7:05
July 8 (Thu.)..... 12:00	August 12 (Thu.)..... 7:05

### RAVENS ARE NEVERMORE

After 10 seasons playing in historic Yale Field near the campus of Yale University, the New Haven Ravens were sold to Lowell Spinners' owner Drew Weber and moved to Manchester, New Hampshire for the 2004 season.



Flailing attendance and an aging facility forced the team to be sold, but the Ravens, a Toronto Blue Jays affiliate, went out with a bang in their final Eastern League season, reaching the league's Championship Series before falling to Akron, three-games-to-none.

Four major league organizations sent their players through New Haven (Colorado 1994-98, Seattle 1999-00, St. Louis 2001-02, Toronto 2003) with the Mariners' affiliate claiming the Ravens' lone Eastern League championship in 2000.

## NORWICH NAVIGATORS



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Norwich, CT 06360  
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### TEAM INFORMATION/PERSONNEL

**First Year**..... 1995  
**Ballpark**..... Dodd Stadium (cap. 6,270)  
**Field Dimensions**..... LF-309, CF-400, RF-309  
**Affiliation**..... San Francisco Giants (since 2003)  
**League Titles**..... 2 ('83, '01)  
**Last Playoff Appearance**..... 2002 (E.L. Champions)  
**2003 Record**..... 62-79, Last in E.L. North  
**2003 Attendance**..... 158,622 (11th in E.L.)

**Chairman/CEO**..... Barry Gordon  
**General Manager**..... Keith Hallal  
**Media Contact**..... Shawn Holliday  
**Broadcaster**..... Shawn Holliday

**Manager**..... Shane Turner  
**Pitching Coach**..... Bob Stanley  
**Hitting Coach**..... Roger LaFrancois  
**Trainer**..... Patrick Serbus

**Curve Hotel in Norwich**..... Days Inn of Niantic  
265 Flanders Road  
Niantic, CT 06357  
PH: (860) 739-6921  
FX: (860) 739-9491

### ALTOONA/NORWICH 2004 SERIES

#### at Altoona

#### at Norwich

April 12 (Mon.)..... 6:35	April 26 (Mon.)..... 6:35
April 13 (Tue.)..... 6:35	April 27 (Tue.)..... 6:35
April 14 (Wed.)..... 12:00	April 28 (Wed.)..... 12:35

### CURVE vs. NORWICH SERIES INFO

**All-Time vs. Norwich**..... 19-16  
    **at Altoona**..... 10-6  
    **at Norwich**..... 9-10  
**2003 vs. Norwich**..... 5-2  
    **at Altoona**..... 2-1  
    **at Norwich**..... 3-1  
**Best Record vs. Norwich**.... 5-2 (1999, 00, 03)  
**Worst Record vs. Norwich**..... 1-6 (2001)  
**Largest Margin of Victory**.... 7 (6/18/99, 9-2)  
**Largest Margin of Defeat**.... 9 (6/23/01, 12-3)



# 2004 CURVE OPPONENTS

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### TEAM INFORMATION/PERSONNEL

First Year..... 1994  
Ballpark..... Hadlock Field (cap. 6,975)  
Field Dimensions..... LF-315, CF-400, RF-335  
Affiliation..... Boston Red Sox (since 2003)  
League Titles..... None  
Last Playoff Appearance..... 1997 (lost in ELCS)  
2003 Record..... 72-70, 3rd in E.L. North  
2003 Attendance..... 405,021 (4th in E.L.)

Principal Owner/Chairman..... Daniel Burke  
President/General Manager..... Charlie Eshbach  
Media Contact..... Chris Cameron  
Broadcaster..... Todd Jamison

Manager..... Ron Johnson  
Pitching Coach..... Bob Kipper  
Hitting Coach..... Russ Morman  
Trainer..... Lee Slagle

Curve Hotel in Portland..... Doubletree Hotel  
1230 Congress Street  
Portland, ME 04102  
PH: (207) 774-5611  
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### TEAM INFORMATION/PERSONNEL

First Year..... 1952  
Ballpark..... First Energy Stadium (cap. 9,000)  
Field Dimensions..... LF-330, CF-400, RF-330  
Affiliation..... Philadelphia Phillies (since 1967)  
League Titles..... 5 ('57, '68, '73, '95, '01)  
Last Playoff Appearance..... 2001 (co-E.L. champs)  
2003 Record..... 62-79, 5th in E.L. South  
2003 Attendance..... 465,717 (1st in E.L.)

Principal Owner/President..... Craig Stein  
General Manager..... Chuck Domino  
Media Contact..... Rob Hackash  
Broadcaster..... Steve Degler

Manager..... Greg Legg  
Pitching Coach..... Rod Nichols  
Coach..... John Morris  
Trainer..... Joel Kennedy

Curve Hotel in Reading..... Wellesley Inn  
910 Woodland Avenue  
Wyomissing, PA 19610  
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FX: (610) 374-2554

### ALTOONA/PORTLAND 2004 SERIES

#### at Altoona

April 8 (Thu.)..... 6:35  
April 9 (Fri.)..... 6:35  
April 10 (Sat.)..... 5:05  
April 11 (Sun.)..... 3:05

#### at Portland

July 9 (Fri.)..... 7:00  
July 10 (Sat.)..... 6:00  
July 11 (Sun.)..... 1:00  
July 12 (Mon.)..... 12:00

### ALTOONA/READING 2004 SERIES

#### at Altoona

May 25 (Tue.)..... 6:35  
May 26 (Wed.)..... 6:35  
May 27 (Thu.)..... 10:35 am  
July 15 (Thu.)..... 7:05  
July 16 (Fri.)..... 7:05  
July 17 (Sat.)..... 7:05  
July 18 (Sun.)..... 6:05  
August 27 (Fri.)..... 7:05  
August 28 (Sat.)..... 7:05  
August 29 (Sun.)..... 6:05

#### at Reading

June 10 (Thu.)..... 7:05  
June 11 (Fri.)..... 7:05  
June 12 (Sat.)..... 7:05  
June 13 (Sun.)..... 1:05  
June 28 (Mon.)..... 7:05  
June 29 (Tue.)..... 7:05  
June 30 (Wed.)..... 7:05  
August 13 (Fri.)..... 7:05  
August 14 (Sat.)..... 7:05  
August 15 (Sun.)..... 1:05

### CURVE vs. PORTLAND SERIES INFO

All-Time vs. Portland..... 16-18  
at Altoona..... 9-10  
at Portland..... 7-8  
2003 vs. Portland..... 3-3  
at Altoona..... 0-2  
at Portland..... 3-1  
Best Record vs. Portland..... 6-1 (2000)  
Worst Record vs. Portland.... 2-5 (1999, 2001)  
Largest Margin of Victory... 10 twice (last 8/3/00, 12-2)  
Largest Margin of Defeat.... 6 (5/26/01, 10-4)

### CURVE vs. READING SERIES INFO

All-Time vs. Reading..... 41-55  
at Altoona..... 21-25  
at Reading..... 20-30  
2003 vs. Reading..... 13-7  
at Altoona..... 8-2  
at Reading..... 5-5  
Best Record vs. Reading..... 13-7 (2003)  
Worst Record vs. Reading..... 6-14 (2002)  
Largest Margin of Victory..... 11 (8/10/00, 13-2)  
Largest Margin of Defeat.... 13 (7/6/00, 14-1)

## TRENTON THUNDER



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Trenton, NJ 08611  
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### TEAM INFORMATION/PERSONNEL

**First Year.....** 1994  
**Ballpark.....** Mercer County Waterfront Park (cap. 6,606)  
**Field Dimensions.....** LF-330, CF-407, RF-330  
**Affiliation.....** New York Yankees (since 2003)  
**League Titles.....** None  
**Last Playoff Appearance..** 1999 (lost in Div. Playoffs)  
**2003 Record.....** 70-71, 4th in E.L. North  
**2003 Attendance.....** 427,567 (3rd in E.L.)

**Ownership.....** Garden State Baseball, LLP  
**General Manager.....** Rick Brenner  
**Media Contact.....** Dan Loney  
**Broadcaster.....** Dan Loney

**Manager.....** Stump Merrill  
**Pitching Coach.....** Gary Lavelle  
**Hitting Coach.....** Steve Braun  
**Trainer.....** Greg Spratt

**Curve Hotel in Trenton.....** McIntosh Inn  
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### ALTOONA/TRENTON 2004 SERIES

#### at Altoona

#### at Trenton

August 30 (Mon.)... 6:35	May 17 (Mon.)..... 7:05
August 31 (Tue.)... 6:35	May 18 (Tue.)..... 7:05
September 1 (Wed.)..... 6:35	May 19 (Wed.)..... 7:05
September 2 (Thu.)..... 6:35	May 20 (Thu.)..... 7:05

### CURVE vs. TRENTON SERIES INFO

All-Time vs. Trenton.....	14-20
at Altoona.....	9-10
at Trenton.....	5-10
2003 vs. Trenton.....	3-3
at Altoona.....	3-0
at Trenton.....	0-3
Best Record vs. Trenton.....	3-3 (2003)
Worst Record vs. Trenton.....	2-5 (2000)
Largest Margin of Victory... 9 twice (last 5/25/02, 9-0)	
Largest Margin of Defeat... 9 twice (last 5/27/02, 13-4)	

### ALL-TIME EASTERN LEAGUE CITIES

#### Listing with Major League affiliations

<b>Akron.....</b> 1997- Cleveland, 1997-	<b>New Britain.....</b> 1983-94, 97- Boston, 1983-94 Minnesota, 1997-
<b>Albany.....</b> 1938-59 Cincinnati, 1938-39 Pittsburgh, 1940-50 Boston (AL), 1952-54, 56-57 Kansas City, 1958-59	<b>New Haven.....</b> 1994-03 Colorado, 1994-98 Seattle, 1999-00 St. Louis, 2001-02 Toronto, 2003
<b>Albany-Colonie....</b> 1983-94 Oakland, 1983-84 New York (AL), 1985-94	<b>Norwich.....</b> 1995- New York (AL), 1995-02 San Francisco, 2003-
<b>Allentown.....</b> 1935-36, 54-60 Brooklyn, 1936 St. Louis (NL), 1954-56 Boston, 1958-60	<b>Pawtucket... 1966-67, 70-72</b> Cleveland, 1966-67 Boston (AL), 1970-72
<b>Altoona.....</b> 1999- Pittsburgh, 1999-	<b>Pittsfield.... 1965-75, 85-88</b> Boston (AL), 1965-69 Washington, 1970-71 Texas, 1972-75 Chicago (NL), 1985-88
<b>Berkshire.....</b> 1976 Milwaukee, 1976	<b>Portland.....</b> 1994- Florida, 1994-02 Boston, 2003-
<b>Binghamton.. 1932-63, 67-68, 92-</b> New York (AL), 1932-61, 67-68 Kansas City, 1962-63 New York (NL), 1992-	<b>Quebec.....</b> 1971-77 Montreal, 1971-77
<b>Bowie.....</b> 1993- Baltimore, 1993-	<b>Reading..... 1933-34, 52-</b> Boston (AL), 1933-34, 64 Cleveland, 1952-61, 65 Philadelphia (NL), 1968-
<b>Bristol.....</b> 1973-82 Boston (AL), 1973-82	<b>Schenectady..... 1951-57</b> Philadelphia (NL), 1951-57
<b>Buffalo.....</b> 1979-84 Pittsburgh, 1979-82 Cleveland, 1983-84	<b>Scranton.... 1936-37, 39-53</b> Pittsburgh, 1936 Boston (NL), 1937 Boston (AL), 1939-51 St. Louis (AL), 1952 Washington, 1953
<b>Canton-Akron.... 1989-96</b> Cleveland, 1989-96	<b>Sherbrooke.... 1972-73</b> Pittsburgh, 1972-73
<b>Charleston..... 1962-64</b> Cleveland, 1962-64	<b>Springfield... 1939-43, 57-65</b> Washington, 1939 New York (NL), 1943, 57 San Francisco, 1958-65
<b>Elmira..... 1932-55, 62-72</b> St. Louis (NL), 1932-34 Boston (AL), 1936 Brooklyn, 1937-40, 50-55 Detroit, 1941-42 Philadelphia (AL), 1943-44 St. Louis (AL), 1945-49 Baltimore, 1962-68 Kansas City/San Diego, 1969-70 Kansas City, 1971 Cleveland, 1972	<b>Syracuse.....</b> 1956 Detroit, 1956
<b>Erie.....</b> 1999- Anaheim, 1999-00 Detroit, 2001-	<b>Thetford Mines.... 1974-75</b> Pittsburgh, 1974 Milwaukee, 1975
<b>Glens Falls.... 1980-88</b> Chicago (AL), 1980-85 Detroit, 1986-88	<b>Trenton..... 1937-38, 94-</b> Washington, 1937-38 Detroit, 1994 Boston, 1995-02 New York (AL), 2003-
<b>Hagerstown.... 1989-92</b> Baltimore, 1989-92	<b>Trois Rivières.... 1971-77</b> Cincinnati, 1971-77
<b>Hardware City... 1995-96</b> Minnesota, 1995-96	<b>Utica.....</b> 1943-50 Philadelphia (NL), 1943-50
<b>Harrisburg... 1932-35, 87-</b> Boston (NL), 1932-35 Pittsburgh, 1987-90 Montreal, 1991-	<b>Vermont..... 1984-87</b> Cincinnati, 1984-87 Seattle, 1988
<b>Hartford..... 1938-52</b> Boston (NL), 1938-52	<b>Waterbury.... 1966-71, 73-83</b> San Francisco, 1966-67, 77-78 Cleveland, 1968-69, 1985-86 Pittsburgh, 1970-71 Los Angeles, 1973-76
<b>Hazleton..... 1929-32, 34-38</b> Boston (AL), 1932, 37-38 Philadelphia (NL), 1934-36	<b>West Haven.... 1972-82</b> New York (AL), 1972-79 Oakland, 1980-82
<b>Holyoke..... 1977-82</b> Milwaukee, 1977-80 California, 1981-82	<b>Wilkes-Barre.... 1923-51, 53-55</b> Cleveland, 1939-51 Detroit, 1954 New York (NL), 1955
<b>Jersey City.... 1977-78</b> Cleveland, 1977 Oakland, 1978	<b>Williamsport.... 1932-42, 44-56, 64-67, 87-90</b> Cleveland, 1932, 87-88 Philadelphia, 1933-42, 53, 58-62 Washington, 1944-45 Detroit, 1946-52 Pittsburgh, 1954-56 New York (NL), 1964-67, 91 Seattle, 1989-90
<b>Johnstown.... 1955-56, 61</b> New York (NL), 1955-56 Boston (AL), 1961	<b>York... 1933, 58-59, 62-69</b> Brooklyn, 1933 St. Louis (NL), 1958-59 Boston, 1962 Washington, 1963-67 Pittsburgh, 1968-69
<b>Lancaster..... 1958-61</b> Detroit, 1958 Chicago (NL), 1959-60 St. Louis, 1961	
<b>London..... 1989-93</b> Detroit, 1989-93	
<b>Lynn.....</b> 1980-83 Seattle, 1980-82 Pittsburgh, 1983	
<b>Manchester.... 1969-71, 04-</b> New York (AL), 1969-71 Toronto, 2004-	
<b>Nashua.....</b> 1983-86 California, 1983 Pittsburgh, 1984-86	



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### PIRATES' GENERAL MANAGERS SINCE 1947

H. Roy Hamey.....	1947-51	Syd Thrift.....	11/7/85 TO 10/4/88
Branch Rickey.....	1951-56	Larry Doughty.....	11/7/88 TO 1/6/92
Joe L. Brown.....	1956-76, 1985	Ted Simmons.....	2/5/92 TO 6/19/93
Joe O'Toole/Harding Peterson.....	1976-79	Cam Bonifay.....	6/19/93 TO 6/11/01
Harding Peterson.....	1979-85	Dave Littlefield....	7/13/01 TO PRESENT



## 2004 PITTSBURGH PIRATES' 40-MAN ROSTER

Roster Accurate as of March 24

PITCHERS	B/T	HT	WT	DOB	2003 CLUB(S)
Beimel, Joe	L/L	6-3	220	4/19/77	PITTSBURGH
Benson, Kris	R/R	6-4	195	11/7/74	PITTSBURGH
Boehringer, Brian	S/R	6-2	190	1/8/80	PITTSBURGH
Boyd, Jason	R/R	6-3	180	2/23/73	Buffalo (AAA)/PITTSBURGH
Bradley, Bobby	R/R	6-1	185	12/15/80	Lynchburg (A)/Bradenton (R)#
Burnett, Sean	L/L	6-1	180	9/17/82	Altoona (AA)
Corey, Mark	R/R	6-3	220	11/16/74	Nashville (AAA)/PITTSBURGH
Fogg, Josh	R/R	6-0	200	12/13/76	PITTSBURGH/Nashville (AAA)#
Gonzalez, Mike	R/L	6-2	215	5/23/78	Lynchburg (A)#/Altoona (AA)#/Nashville (AAA)/Pawtucket (AAA)/PITTSBURGH
Grabow, John	L/L	6-2	208	11/4/78	Altoona (AA)/Nashville (AAA)/PITTSBURGH
Johnston, Mike	L/L	6-3	200	3/30/79	Altoona (AA)
Meadows, Brian	R/R	6-3	235	11/21/75	Nashville (AAA)/PITTSBURGH
Perez, Oliver	L/L	6-3	190	8/15/81	SAN DIEGO/Portland (AAA)/PITTSBURGH
Snell, Ian	R/R	5-11	165	10/30/81	Lynchburg (A)/Altoona (AA)
Stewart, Cory	L/L	6-4	180	11/14/79	Mobile (AA)
Torres, Salomon	R/R	5-11	210	3/11/72	PITTSBURGH/Nashville (AAA)#
Van Benschoten, John	R/R	6-4	215	4/14/80	Lynchburg (A)/Altoona (AA)
Vogel song, Ryan	R/R	6-3	215	7/22/77	Nashville (AAA)/PITTSBURGH
Wells, Kip	R/R	6-3	205	4/21/77	PITTSBURGH
Williams, Dave	L/L	6-2	220	3/12/79	Nashville (AAA)
CATCHERS	B/T	HT	WT	DOB	2003 CLUB(S)
Cota, Humberto	R/R	6-0	210	2/7/79	Nashville (AAA)/PITTSBURGH
Doumit, Ryan	S/R	6-0	199	4/3/81	Lynchburg (A)
House, J.R.	R/R	5-10	200	11/11/79	Bradenton (R)#/Altoona (AA)/PITTSBURGH
Kendall, Jason	R/R	6-0	195	6/26/74	PITTSBURGH
INFIELDERS	B/T	HT	WT	DOB	2003 CLUB(S)
Castillo, Jose	R/R	6-1	200	3/19/81	Altoona (AA)
Hill, Bobby	S/R	5-10	185	4/3/78	CHICAGO (NL)/Iowa (AAA)/Nashville (AAA)/PITTSBURGH
Nunez, Abraham	S/R	5-11	185	3/16/76	PITTSBURGH
Rivera, Carlos	L/L	6-1	235	6/10/78	Nashville (AAA)/PITTSBURGH
Sanchez, Freddy	R/R	5-11	185	12/21/77	Pawtucket (AAA)/BOSTON/Nashville (AAA)
Simon, Randall	L/L	6-0	240	5/26/75	PITTSBURGH/Nashville (AAA)#/CHICAGO (NL)
Stynes, Chris	R/R	5-10	205	1/19/73	COLORADO
Wilson, Craig	R/R	6-2	220	11/30/76	PITTSBURGH
Wilson, Jack	R/R	6-0	195	12/29/77	PITTSBURGH
OUTFIELDERS	B/T	HT	WT	DOB	2003 CLUB(S)
Alvarez, Tony	R/R	6-0	210	5/10/79	Nashville (AAA)
Bay, Jason	R/R	6-2	200	9/20/78	Portland (AAA)/SAN DIEGO/PITTSBURGH
Davis, JJ.	R/R	6-5	240	10/25/78	Nashville (AAA)/PITTSBURGH
Mackowiak, Rob	L/R	5-10	190	6/20/76	PITTSBURGH/Nashville (AAA)
Mondesi, Raul	R/R	5-11	230	3/2/71	NEW YORK (AL)/ARIZONA
Redman, Tike	L/L	5-11	170	3/10/77	Nashville (AAA)/PITTSBURGH

### COACHING STAFF

Lloyd McClendon	Manager
Gerald Perry	Hitting Coach
Spin Williams	Pitching Coach
Rusty Kuntz	First Base Coach
John Russell	Third Base Coach
Bruce Tanner	Bullpen Coach
Pete Mackanin	Bench Coach

# Indicates injury rehab assignment

*Italics* indicates player with no major league experience



# PITTSBURGH PIRATES ORGANIZATION

## 2003 MINOR LEAGUE ORGANIZATIONAL LEADERS

### BATTING AVERAGE (Min. 311 TPA)

Nyjer Morgan	WPT	.343
Chris Shelton	LYN/ALT	.336
Chaz Lytle	HCK	.335
Jeff Keppinger	LYN	.325
John Barnes	NVL	.323
Jorge Cortes	HCK/LYN	.308
Rajai Davis	HCK	.305
Nate McLouth	LYN	.300
Tony Alvarez	NVL	.298
Tike Redman	NVL	.294

### ERA (Min. 92 IP)

Brady Borner	ALT/LYN	2.25
Bryan Bullington	HCK/LYN	2.52
Landon Jacobsen	ALT	2.93
Nelson Figueroa	NVL	2.97
Ian Oquendo	LYN/ALT	3.00
John Wasdin	NVL	3.04
Jonathan Albaladejo	HCK	3.11
Zach Duke	HCK	3.11
John Van Benschoten	LYN/ALT	3.17
Sean Burnett	ALT	3.21

### HOME RUNS

Brad Eldred	HCK	28
J.J. Davis	NVL	26
Chris Shelton	LYN/ALT	21
Walter Young	LYN	20
Chris Bass	HCK	16

### WINS

Ian Oquendo	LYN/ALT	14
Sean Burnett	ALT	14
Bryan Bullington	HCK/LYN	13
Alex Hart	HCK/LYN	13
John Van Benschoten	LYN/ALT	13

### RUNS BATTED IN

Walter Young	LYN	87
Chris Shelton	LYN/ALT	83
Jorge Cortes	HCK/LYN	81
Brad Eldred	HCK	80
Chris Bass	HCK	79

### SAVES

Mark Corey	NVL	30
Melqui Torres	LYN	25
Todd Ozias	ALT	21
Henry Owens	HCK/LYN	14
Carlos De Los Santos	HCK	13

### STOLEN BASES

Tike Redman	NVL	42
Nate McLouth	LYN	40
Rajai Davis	HCK	40
Chris Duffy	ALT	34
Aaron Holbert	NVL	29

### STRIKEOUTS

Ryan Vogelsong	NVL	146
Ian Oquendo	ALT/LYN	145
John Van Benschoten	ALT/LYN	127
Nelson Figueroa	NVL	121
John Wasdin	NVL	116

## 2003 MINOR LEAGUE WINNING PERCENTAGES BY ORGANIZATION

After producing the second-winningest minor league system in 2002, the Pirates finished the 2003 campaign with the highest winning percentage among all organizations. For the second consecutive year, all six of the club's affiliates had a winning record and each qualified for the playoffs, marking the first time since 1995 that each affiliate of a major league organization made the post-season. Pittsburgh also recorded the second-most wins in the minors behind Cleveland.

1 PITTSBURGH	.581	11 NY METS	.503	21 BALTIMORE	.486
2 CLEVELAND	.576	MINNESOTA	.503	22 DETROIT	.481
3 TEXAS	.547	13 FLORIDA	.502	23 CINCINNATI	.480
4 OAKLAND	.532	14 NY YANKEES	.501	24 SAN DIEGO	.476
5 TORONTO	.531	15 HOUSTON	.500	25 CHICAGO CUBS	.474
6 KANSAS CITY	.527	16 ATLANTA	.497	26 MILWAUKEE	.468
SEATTLE	.527	TAMPA BAY	.497	27 PHILADELPHIA	.462
8 ARIZONA	.513	18 BOSTON	.496	28 SAN FRANCISCO	.454
9 ANAHEIM	.510	19 CHI. WHITE SOX	.492	29 ST. LOUIS	.451
10 COLORADO	.508	20 LOS ANGELES	.490	30 MONTREAL	.437



## RECENT TOP TEN DRAFT SELECTIONS

(BOLD indicates player has appeared for Curve)

<u>2003</u>			<u>1998</u>		
1 Paul Maholm	LHP	Mississippi State	1 Clint Johnston	LHP	Vanderbilt U.
2 Thomas Gorzelanny	LHP	Triton (IL) C.C.	2 Jeremy Cotten	3B	Fuquay-Varina (NC) HS
3 Steve Lerud	C	Galena (NV) H.S.	3 Jeremy Harts	OF	Columbia (GA) HS
4 Kyle Pearson	RHP	Mosely (FL) H.S.	4 <b>Eddy Furniss</b>	<b>1B</b>	<b>LSU</b>
5 Craig Stansberry	2B	Rice U.	5 Raynier Cardona	C	Puerto Rico
6 Carl Smith	1B	U. of Florida	6 Brice Pelfrey	SS	Tate (FL) HS
7 Russell Johnson	RHP	Benjamin Russell (AL) H.S.	7 James White	RHP	Chico (CA) HS
8 Sergio Silva	RHP	U. of the Pacific	8 Charles Crowder	LHP	Georgia Tech U.
9 Kent Wulf	OF	Quartz Hill (CA) H.S.	9 Giovanni Gonzalez	RHP	NW Christian (FL) Acad.
10 John Peabody	OF	Rancho Bernardo (CA) H.S.	10 David Diaz	C	Hialeah (FL) HS

<u>2002</u>			<u>1997</u>		
1 Bryan Bullington	RHP	Ball State U.	1 <b>J.J. Davis</b>	<b>OF</b>	<b>Baldwin Park (CA) HS</b>
2 Blair Johnson	RHP	Washburn Rural (KS) H.S.	2 Jose Nicolas	OF	Westminster Christian (FL)
3 Taber Lee	SS	San Diego State	3 <b>John Grabow</b>	<b>LHP</b>	<b>San Gabriel (CA) HS</b>
4 Wardell Starling	RHP	Elkins (TX) H.S.	4 Mo Washington	OF	Chapparral (NV) HS
5 Alex Hart	RHP	U. of Florida	5 Chris Combs	RHP	North Carolina State
6 Brad Eldred	1B	Florida International U.	6 Andy Bausher	LHP	Kutztown (PA) U.
7 Matthew Capps	RHP	Robert S. Alexander (GA) H.S.	7 <b>Kory DeHaan</b>	<b>OF</b>	<b>Morningside (IA) College</b>
8 Robert Kingsbury	CF	Fordham U.	8 Paul Stabile	LHP	Brookdale (NJ) CC
9 Joseph Hicks	CF	Forest Brook (TX) H.S.	9 Michael Parkerson	LHP	Columbus (GA) HS
10 David Davidson	LHP	Dennis Morris (ONT) H.S.	10 <b>Rico Washington</b>	<b>IF</b>	<b>Jones County (GA) HS</b>

<u>2001</u>			<u>1996</u>		
1 <b>John VanBenschoten</b>	<b>RHP</b>	<b>Kent State</b>	1 Kris Benson	RHP	Clemson U.
3 Jeremy Guthrie	RHP	Stanford U.	2 Andy Prater	RHP	McClure North (MO) HS
4 Jeffrey Keppinger	SS	U. of Georgia	3 <b>Luis Lorenzana</b>	<b>IF</b>	<b>Montgomery (CA) HS</b>
5 Travis Chapman	1B	Indian River (FL) CC	4 <b>Lee Evans</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>Tuscaloosa (AL) HS</b>
6 Andrew Friedberg	LHP	Arizona State	5 <b>Tike Redman</b>	<b>OF</b>	<b>Tucaloosa (AL) HS</b>
7 Michael McCuiston	C	Yucaipa (CA) HS	6 Yustin Jordan	INF	Monticello (AR) HS
8 <b>Chris Duffy</b>	<b>OF</b>	<b>Arizona State</b>	7 Andy Hohenstein	RHP	Norte Vista (CA) HS
9 Charles Fellows	1B	Berkmar (GA) HS	8 Robert Vogt	LHP	Armwood (FL) HS
10 Aaron Bulkley	OF	Dana West (NY) HS	9 Jess Siciliano	RHP	Rockland County (NJ) CC
11 Stephen Drew	SS	Lowndess County (GA) HS	10 <b>Carlos Rivera</b>	<b>1B</b>	<b>Academia Adventista, PR</b>

<u>2000</u>		
1 <b>Sean Burnett</b>	<b>LHP</b>	<b>Wellington (FL) HS</b>
2 David Beigh	RHP	Harrison (IN) HS
3 Chris Young	RHP	Princeton U.
4 Patrick Boyd	OF	Clemson U.
5 Jason Sharber	RHP	Oakland (IN) HS
6 Josh Shortslef	LHP	Hannibal Cental (NY) HS
7 Cole Burzynski	RHP	Navasota (TX) HS
8 Kurt Shafer	RHP	Land O'Lakes (FL) HS
9 Chris Bass	SS	Madison (IN) HS
10 Brandon Chaves	SS	U. of Hawaii-Hilo

<u>1999</u>		
1 Bobby Bradley	RHP	Wellington (FL) HS
2 <b>Ryan Doumit</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>Moses Lake (WA) HS</b>
3 Aron Weston	OF	Solon (OH) HS
4 <b>Justin Reid</b>	<b>RHP</b>	<b>U. of Cal-Davis</b>
5 <b>J.R. House</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>Seabreeze (FL) HS</b>
6 <b>B.J. Barns</b>	<b>OF</b>	<b>Duquesne U.</b>
7 Matthew Schneider	OF	U. of North Florida
8 Jonathan Searles	RHP	Huntingdon (NY) HS
9 Shane Wright	RHP	Texas Tech U.
10 Jeremy Sickles	C	Cal State-Northridge

### PIRATE FIRST ROUND PICKS SINCE 1985

1985	<b>Barry Bonds, OF (6th overall)</b>
1986	<b>Jeff King, 3B (1)</b>
1987	Mark Merchant, OF (2)
1988	Austin Manahan, SS (13)
1989	Willie Greene, SS (18)
1990	Kurt Miller, RHP (5)
1991	Jon Farrell, C/OF (24)
1992	<b>Jason Kendall, C (23)</b>
1993	Charles Peterson, OF (22)
1994	Mark Farris, SS (11)
1995	<b>Chad Hermansen, SS (10)</b>
1996	<b>Kris Benson, RHP (1)</b>
1997	<b>J.J. Davis, OF (6)</b>
1998	Clint Johnston, LHP (15)
1999	Bobby Bradley, RHP (8)
2000	Sean Burnett, LHP (19)
2001	John VanBenschoten, RHP (8)
2002	Bryan Bullington (1)
2003	Paul Maholm (8)

(BOLD indicates played for Pirates in major leagues)



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### 2003 SOUNDS INFO

#### PCL STANDINGS

Eastern Division	W	L	PCT	GB
NASHVILLE*	81	62	.566	--
New Orleans	71	73	.493	10.5
Oklahoma	70	72	.493	10.5
Memphis	64	79	.448	17.0

*\*Clinched Playoff Berth*

#### 2003 PLAYOFFS

Def. Albuquerque 3-1 in First Round,

Lost to Sacramento 3-0 in Finals

#### 2003 TEAM LEADERS

(\*\*\*Minimum 300 TPA or 75 IP)

**AVG:** John Barnes (.323)\*\*\*

**HR:** J.J. Davis (26)

**RBI:** John Barnes (69)

**RUNS:** Dave Doster (68)

**HITS:** John Barnes (130)

**2B:** John Barnes/  
Dave Doster (32)

**3B:** Tike Redman/  
Aaron Holbert (7)

**SB:** Tike Redman (42)

**GAMES:** J.J. Davis/  
Dave Doster (122)

**W:** Nelson Figueroa/  
Ryan Vogelsong (12)

**L:** Ryan Vogelsong (8)

**SV:** Mark Corey (30)

**ERA:** Nelson Figueroa (2.97)\*\*\*

**IP:** Sam McConnell (134.1)

**SO:** Ryan Vogelsong (146)

**GMS:** Jim Mann (51)

**CG:** Nelson Figueroa/  
John Wasdin (3)

**Owner/President:** Al Gordon  
**General Manager:** Glenn Yaeger  
**Media Contact:** Doug Scopel

**Manager:** Trent Jewett  
**Hitting Coach:** Jeff Livesey  
**Pitching Coach:** Darold Knowles  
**Trainer:** Jose Ministral

**Affiliate Since:** 1998  
**Last Playoff Appearance:** 2003  
**Last PCL Title:** None

#### 2003 Nashville Sounds Notebook

❑ The Sounds earned their first Pacific Coast League playoff berth since moving to the league in 1998 and the franchise's first post-season appearance since the 1994 season.

❑ After defeating Albuquerque (Marlins) three-games-to-one in the first round of the playoffs, the Sounds were swept in three games by Sacramento (A's) in the Best-of-5 Championship Series.

❑ Nashville's 81-62 mark was second-best in the PCL and 10.5 games better than its closest competitor in the Eastern Division. However, the Sounds fell 10.5 games shy of Sacramento's league-best 92-52 record.

❑ The Sounds finished 8th in the 16-team Pacific Coast League in attendance, drawing 387,345 fans to Greer Stadium.

❑ Among the PCL leaders: OF **J.J. Davis** led the league in slugging (.554), tied for 3rd in HR (26) and ranked 4th in extra-base hits (59)... OF **Tike Redman** ranked 2nd in stolen bases (42)... RHP **Nelson Figueroa** ranked 3rd in ERA (2.97), tied for 3rd in wins (12) and ranked 5th in strikeouts (121)... RHP **Ryan Vogelsong** ranked 2nd in strikeouts (146) and tied for 3rd in wins (12)... RHP **Mark Corey** tied for 3rd in saves (30)

❑ Two Sounds, OF **John Barnes** and closer **Mark Corey** were selected to the PCL's post-season All-Star Team. Corey joined RHP **John Wasdin** at the Triple-A All-Star Game July 16 in Memphis.

❑ RHP **John Wasdin** made history when he tossed a perfect game and struck out 15 on April 7 vs. Albuquerque. The 30-year old right-hander became the first pitcher in Sounds' history and just the second in the 100-year history of the Pacific Coast League to toss a nine-inning perfect game.

❑ Sounds pitchers tossed a league-high 16 shutouts, including three each for **John Wasdin** and **Nelson Figueroa**. By contrast, Nashville's offense was held scoreless just three times.





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### 2003HILLCATSINFO

#### CAROLINA LEAGUE STANDINGS

<u>Northern Div.</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>PCT</u>	<u>GB</u>
Wilmington+	80	60	.571	--
<b>LYNCHBURG*</b>	76	59	.563	1.5
Potomac	62	77	.446	17.5
Frederick	60	75	.444	17.5

*\*1st Half Champions, +2nd Half Champions*

#### 2003PLAYOFFS

Def. Wilmington 2-0 in First Round,  
Lost to Winston-Salem 3-0 in Finals

#### 2003TEAMLEADERS

(\*\*\*Minimum 300 TPA or 75 IP)

**AVG:** Chris Shelton (.359)\*\*\*

**HR:** Chris Shelton (21)

**RBI:** Walter Young (87)

**RUNS:** Nate McLouth (85)

**HITS:** Nate McLouth (132)

**2B:** Ryan Doumit (38)

**3B:** Brandon Chaves (6)

**SB:** Nate McLouth (40)

**GAMES:** Brandon Chaves (121)

**W:** Ian Oquendo (10)

**L:** 4 Players tied with (6)

**SV:** Melqui Torres (25)

**ERA:** Brady Borner (1.68)\*\*\*

**IP:** Ian Oquendo (116.1)

**SO:** Ian Oquendo (122)

**GMS:** Melqui Torres (47)

**CG:** Bryan Bullington (3)

**President:** Calvin Falwell  
**General Manager:** Paul Sunwall  
**Media Contact:** Matt Provence

**Manager:** Jay Loviglio  
**Hitting Coach:** Greg Briley  
**Pitching Coach:** Scott Lovekamp  
**Trainer:** Thomas Pribyl

**Affiliate Since:** 1995

**Last Playoff Appearance:** 2003

**Last C.L. Title:** 2002

### 2003 Lynchburg Hillcats Notebook

□ The Hillcats posted the second-best regular season record in the Carolina League (76-59) and advanced to their third Mills Cup Final in four seasons, falling to Winston-Salem three-games-to-none.

□ Lynchburg's offense was tops in the Carolina League in several offensive categories, including average (.271), home runs (93) and runs scored (670).

□ Among the league leaders: 1B/C **Chris Shelton** led the C.L. in batting (.359), home runs (21), on-base percentage (.478) and slugging (.641) and finished 4th in extra-base hits (46)... C **Ryan Doumit** led the league in doubles (38), ranked 2nd in extra-base hits (50) and 3rd in RBI (77)... 2B **Jeff Keppinger** ranked 2nd in hitting (.325)... OF **Nate McLouth** tied for 4th in on-base percentage (.386), ranked 5th in stolen bases (40) and 6th in hitting (.300)... 1B **Walter Young** led the league in RBI (87), ranked 2nd in HR (20) and 5th in slugging (.462)... RHP **Ian Oquendo** ranked 2nd in strikeouts (122) and 9th in ERA (3.33)... RHP **Melqui Torres** ranked third in saves (25)

□ **Chris Shelton** was named the Carolina League's Most Valuable Player, despite spending the month of August at Double-A Altoona. The native of Utah, hit .359 with 21 HR and 69 RBI in 95 games. He was joined by RHP **Melqui Torres**, C **Ryan Doumit**, OF **Nate McLouth** and 1B **Walter Young** on the league's post-season All-Star Team.

□ In his first season as a minor league manager, **Dave Clark** was named the Carolina League's Manager of the Year and also managed the C.L. squad at the annual Carolina League/California League All-Star Game in June.

□ **Chris Shelton** set Lynchburg's single-season batting average mark by hitting .3587, narrowly eclipsing former Hillcat OF **Lenny Dykstra's** .3581 clip in 1983.



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### 2003 CRAWDADS INFO

#### SOUTHEAST LEAGUE STANDINGS

<u>Southern Division</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>PCT</u>	<u>GB</u>
<b>HICKORY*</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>.603</b>	<b>--</b>
Rome+	78	61	.561	5.5
Charleston-SC	77	62	.554	6.5
Asheville	74	65	.532	9.5
Capital City	73	65	.529	10.0
South Georgia	64	72	.471	18.0
Savannah	58	80	.420	25.0
Augusta	49	87	.360	33.0

\*1st Half Champions, +2nd Half Champions

#### 2003 PLAYOFFS

Lost to Rome 2-1 in First Round

#### 2003 TEAM LEADERS

(\*\*\*Minimum 300 TPA or 75 IP)

<b>AVG:</b>	Chaz Lytle (.335)***
<b>HR:</b>	Brad Eldred (28)
<b>RBI:</b>	Brad Eldred (80)
<b>RUNS:</b>	Rajai Davis (84)
<b>HITS:</b>	Rajai Davis (146)
<b>2B:</b>	Jorge Cortes (24)
<b>3B:</b>	Rajai Davis (7)
<b>SB:</b>	Rajai Davis (40)
<b>GAMES:</b>	Victor Mercedes (126)
<b>W:</b>	Jonathan Albaladejo (12)
<b>L:</b>	Zach Duke (7)
<b>SV:</b>	Carlos De Los Santos (13)
<b>ERA:</b>	Alex Hart (2.66)
<b>IP:</b>	Nick Gravelle (149.0)
<b>SO:</b>	Zach Duke (113)
<b>GMS:</b>	Shane Youman (40)
<b>CG:</b>	Jonathan Albaladejo (5)

**Principal Owner:** Donald C. Beaver (President)  
**General Manager:** David Haas  
**Media Contact:** Amanda Starnes

**Manager:** Dave Clark  
**Hitting Coach:** Matt Winters  
**Pitching Coach:** Bob Milacki  
**Trainer:** Bryan Housand

**Affiliate Since:** 1999  
**Last Playoff Appearance:** 2003  
**Last SAL Title:** 2002

#### 2003 Hickory Crawdads Notebook

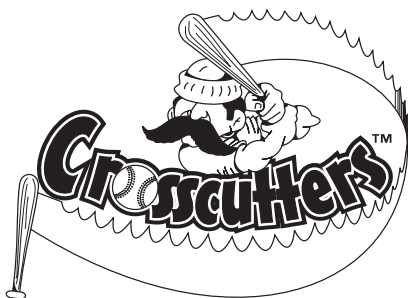
❑ After winning the South Atlantic League title in 2002, the Crawdads earned a second consecutive playoff berth, dropping their first round playoff series two-games-to-one to Rome (Braves).

❑ Hickory began the season winning 21 of its first 26 games en route to finishing with an 82-54 record. Only Lake County (Indians) finished with a better overall record in the SAL (97-43).

❑ In leading the Crawdads to a second consecutive post-season appearance, second-year manager **Tony Beasley** was named the Low Class-A Manager of the Year by *Baseball America* following the season. In his two years as Hickory's manager, Beasley compiled a 165-110 record (.600).

❑ Among the league leaders: OF **Jorge Cortes** led the SAL in on-base percentage (.427), ranked 2nd in hitting (.325) and 4th in slugging (.325)... OF **Rajai Davis** ranked 3rd in hits (146), runs (84) and stolen bases (40) and 7th in hitting (.325)... 1B **Brad Eldred** finished 2nd in HR (28), 3rd in slugging (.502), tied for 3rd in RBI (80) and 4th in extra-base hits (50)... OF **Chaz Lytle** led the league in batting average (.335)... RHP **Jonathan Albaladejo** led the league in complete games (5)

❑ Despite spending the final month of the season at Lynchburg, OF **Jorge Cortes** was named the South Atlantic League's Most Valuable Player after hitting .325 with 8 HR and 66 RBI in 98 games. He was joined on the league's post-season All-Star squad by OF **Rajai Davis**.



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#### NEWYORK-PENNSTANDINGS

McNamara Div.	W	L	PCT	GB
Brooklyn*	47	28	.627	—
WILLIAMSPORT*	46	30	.605	1.5
Aberdeen	38	38	.500	9.5
Hudson Valley	37	37	.500	9.5
New Jersey	31	42	.425	15.0
Staten Island	29	43	.403	16.5

\*Climbed Playoff Berth

#### 2003PLAYOFFS

Def. Auburn 2-0 in First Round,  
Def. Brooklyn 2-0 in Finals

#### 2003TEAMLEADERS

(\*\*\*Minimum 180 TPA or 50 IP)

<b>AVG:</b>	Nyjer Morgan (.343)***
<b>HR:</b>	Andrew Chance (4)
<b>RBI:</b>	Mike Cockrell (41)
<b>RUNS:</b>	Nyjer Morgan (49)
<b>HITS:</b>	Nyjer Morgan (92)
<b>2B:</b>	Mike Cockrell (23)
<b>3B:</b>	Anthony Bocchino (6)
<b>SB:</b>	Nyjer Morgan (26)
<b>GAMES:</b>	Nyjer Morgan (72)
<b>W:</b>	Kurt Shafer (7)
<b>L:</b>	Alexander Lissir (4)
<b>SV:</b>	Jonathan Schneider (6)
<b>ERA:</b>	Yoann Torrealba (2.04)***
<b>IP:</b>	Alexander Lissir (72.2)***
<b>SO:</b>	Yoann Torrealba (60)
<b>GMS:</b>	Matt Bimeal (27)
<b>CG:</b>	Kurt Shafer (1)

**Principal Owner:** Paul Velte (President)  
**General Manager:** Doug Estes  
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**Manager:** Jeff Branson  
**Hitting Coach:** Tom Prince  
**Pitching Coach:** Ray Searage  
**Trainer:** Bob Westwood

**Affiliate Since:** 1999  
**Last Playoff Appearance:** 2003  
**Last NYPL Title:** 2003

### 2003 Williamsport Crosscutters Notebook

- Though all six of the Pirates' minor league affiliates reached post-season play, the Crosscutters were the only club to win a league title. Williamsport earned its first outright New York-Penn League championship (shared title in 2001 with Brooklyn) by going a perfect 4-0 in the post-season and sweeping both Auburn (Blue Jays) and Brooklyn (Mets) in a pair of three-game series.
- After earning the NYPL's wild card berth, the Crosscutters posted a two-game sweep of Auburn, the team that posted the best winning% in the minors (.757), in the first round of the playoffs
- After winning the first game of the finals against Brooklyn, the Cutters clinched the league title in extra innings of Game Two on Coney Island. Catcher **Milver Reyes** knocked home **Anthony Bocchino** (OF) with a single to left, plating the winning run.
- 2B **Mike Cockrell** was the offensive star of the Crosscutters run through the NYPL playoffs, going 7-for-16 (.438) with a home run and 4 RBI in four games.
- In earning a third consecutive playoff berth and a league championship, Williamsport drew a franchise-record 83,346 fans (2,253 avg.) to historic Bowman Field.
- Among the NY-Penn League leaders: OF **Anthony Bocchino** ranked 5th in hitting (.326)... 2B **Mike Cockrell** tied for third in the league in both doubles (23) and extra-base hits (31)... OF **Nyjer Morgan** led the league in hits (92), ranked 2nd in hitting (.343) and on-base percentage (.439), tied for 2nd in stolen bases (26) and tied for fourth in runs (49)... RHP **Yoann Torrealba** ranked 2nd in ERA (2.04)
- Two Crosscutters, 1B **Mike Madrid** and OF **Nyjer Morgan** were named to the NYPL's post-season All-Star Team.
- 2003 Pirates' first round pick **Paul Maholm** made his pro debut with the Cutters, going 2-1 with a 1.83 ERA in eight starts.



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### 2003 BABY BUCS INFO

#### GCL STANDINGS

Northern Division	W	L	PCT	GB
PIRATES*	36	20	.643	—
Tigers	29	29	.491	8.5
Yankees	26	31	.456	10.5
Phillies	23	33	.411	13.0

\*Climbed Playoff Berth

#### 2003 PLAYOFFS

Lost to Braves 2-0 in Finals

#### 2003 TEAM LEADERS

(\*\*\*Minimum 180 TPA or 50 IP)

<b>AVG:</b>	Solamdi Solano (.319)***
<b>HR:</b>	Joseph Hicks/ J.R. House (4)
<b>RBI:</b>	Wanell Severino (28)
<b>RUNS:</b>	Josh Fulton (39)
<b>HITS:</b>	Wanell Severino (56)
<b>2B:</b>	J.R. House John Santiago (9)
<b>3B:</b>	Joseph Hicks (5)
<b>SB:</b>	Solamdi Solano (12)
<b>GAMES:</b>	Wanell Severino (52)

<b>W:</b>	Matt Capps (5)
<b>L:</b>	John Hummel (3)
<b>SV:</b>	Mark Michael/ Blas Cedenio (6)
<b>ERA:</b>	Matt Capps (1.87)***
<b>IP:</b>	Matt Capps (62.2)
<b>SO:</b>	Matt Capps (54)
<b>GMS:</b>	Jim Mann (51)
<b>CG:</b>	Luis Munoz (2)

**Ownership:** Pittsburgh Pirates  
**Dir. of Florida Ops:** Mike Kennedy  
**Media Contact:** Mike Kennedy

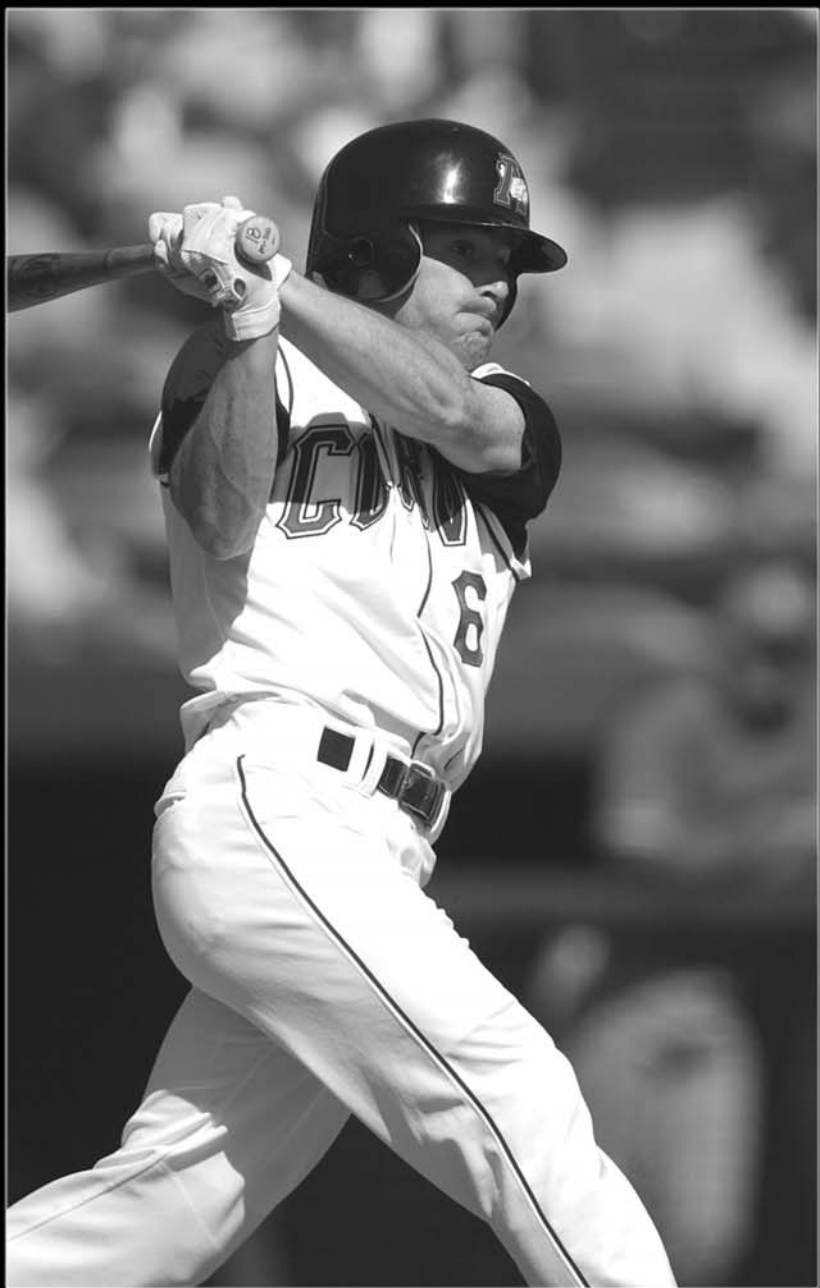
**Manager:** Woody Huyke  
**Hitting Coach:** Ramon Sambo  
**Pitching Coach:** Miguel Bonilla  
**Trainer:** Mike Zalno

**Last Playoff Appearance:** 2003  
**Last GCL Title:** None

### 2003 Bradenton Pirates Notebook

- ❑ The Pirates' Gulf Coast League affiliate posted the league's best regular season record (36-20, .643) and earned an automatic berth in the GCL Championship Series.
- ❑ The Baby Bucs attempt at a first-ever league championship was thwarted by the GCL Braves, who won the best-of-three finals two-games-to-none. RHP **Matt Capps** was tagged for five runs on nine hits in 4.0 innings in a 9-1 loss in Game One of the series, while the Braves scored two runs in the seventh inning of Game Two, earning the Atlanta affiliate a 4-3 win and the league crown.
- ❑ In his 30th season as a minor league skipper and 27th with Bradenton, manager **Woody Huyke** was named the Gulf Coast League's Manager of the Year. The 36 wins he recorded during the season, improved his career total to 747. The 66-year old completed his 45th season in professional baseball and his 35th as a member of the Pirates' organization in 2003.
- ❑ Two Baby Bucs, RHP **Matt Capps** (5-1, 1.87) and 1B **Brad Rea** (.366-2-24), were named to the Gulf Coast League's post-season All-Star squad, while RHP **Blair Johnson** (4-1, 1.34) was tabbed as the league's #6 prospect by *Baseball America* following the season.
- ❑ Among the GCL leaders: RHP **Matt Capps** tied for 5th in the league in ERA (1.87)... SS **Josh Fulton** tied for third in runs scored (39)... RHP **Blair Johnson** led the league with a 1.34 ERA... 2B **Solamdi Solano** ranked 7th in hitting (.319)
- ❑ University of Pittsburgh product and Pittsburgh-area native **Brad Rea**, an undrafted free agent signee, was named the GCL Player of the Month in August after hitting .521 (25-for-48) in 13 games during the month. The first baseman graduated from North Allegheny High School in Wexford, a suburb of Pittsburgh.

# 2004 ALTOONA CURVE



Curve Outfielder Chris Duffy



# 2004 CURVE COACHING STAFF

## TONY BEASLEY

**MANAGER**



**AGE:** 37

**BORN:** 12/5/66, Fredericksburg, VA

**RESIDES:** Bowling Green, VA

**PLAYING POSITION:** Second Base

**COACHING EXPERIENCE:** 7th season

Beasley enters his fourth season as a minor league manager in the Pirates' organization and his first as the skipper of the Altoona Curve. The 37-year old was originally slated to spend the 2004 season leading high Class-A Lynchburg (Carolina League), but was named the Pirates' Double-A manager on February 3rd, when former Curve manager Dale Sveum accepted a position on the Boston Red Sox major league coaching staff.

Beasley has had nothing but success since starting his managerial career with the Williamsport Crosscutters (SS-A) in 2001, leading his troops to the post-season in each of his three seasons. As a rookie skipper, Beasley guided the Crosscutters to a 46-26 record and a share of the New York-Penn League's championship. Promoted to Hickory (A) for the 2002 season, he helped the Crawdads to an 83-56 record (fifth best in all the minors) and a South Atlantic League title. Not only was Beasley selected as manager for the 2002 SAL Postseason All-Star Team, he was also honored with the first of his two consecutive *Baseball America* Low Class-A Manager of the Year awards.

Last season, his second straight campaign with Hickory, Beasley and the Crawdads finished 82-54 with a first-half Southern Division crown before losing in the semi-final round of the SAL playoffs to eventual league champion Rome (Braves). Overall, his teams have posted a 211-136 record (.608) in his first three seasons as a manager. This past off-season, he was chosen to manage Mesa in the prestigious Arizona Fall League and led the Desert Dogs to the league's championship game.

Originally drafted by the Orioles in the 19th round of the 1989 draft, Beasley joined the Pirates' organization following the 1991 season when he was acquired in a minor league deal. He went on to finish his eight-year playing career in the Bucs' system, ending as a player/coach with Carolina (AA) in 1998. For his career, he hit .260 with 10 home runs and 242 RBIs in 854 games. After retiring as a player following the 1998 season, Beasley spent two seasons as a hitting coach in the Pirates' chain (Bradenton, 1999; Lynchburg, 2000) before becoming a manager.

The Virginia native graduated from Caroline High School in Bowling Green, VA in 1985 and went on to play two seasons each at Louisburg (NC) J.C. (1986-87) and Liberty University (1988-89). He currently resides in Bowling Green, VA with his wife Stacy and their son Anthony, Jr. (9).

### PAST CURVE COACHING STAFFS

1999	Marty Brown (Manager) Scott Lovekamp (Pitching Coach) Jeff Livesey (Hitting Coach)
2000	Marty Brown (Manager) Bruce Tanner (Pitching Coach) Jeff Livesey (Hitting Coach)
2001	Dale Sveum (Manager) Scott Lovekamp (Pitching Coach) Scott Little (Coach)
2002	Dale Sveum (Manager) Bob Milacki (Pitching Coach) Jay Loviglio (Coach)
2003	Dale Sveum (Manager) Jeff Andrews (Pitching Coach) John Wehner (Coach)

### MANAGERIAL RECORD

YR	CLUB	LEAGUE	W	L	PCT	FINISH	RESULT
2001	Williamsport	New York-Penn (SS-A)	46	26	.639	1st	Co-Champions
2002	Hickory	South Atlantic (A)	83	56	.598	1st/2nd	Champions
2003	Hickory	South Atlantic (A)	82	54	.603	1st/2nd	Lost Semis
<b>Totals</b>			<b>211</b>	<b>136</b>	<b>.608</b>		



## JEFF ANDREWS

## PITCHING COACH



**AGE:** 45

**BORN:** 1/27/59, Yankton, SD

**RESIDES:** Edmond, OK

**PLAYING POSITION:** Pitcher

**COACHING EXPERIENCE:** 18th season

The 45-year old Andrews returns for his second season as the Curve's pitching coach and his 18th as a minor league coach or instructor. Last season, he led a pitching staff that was highlighted by Eastern League Pitcher of the Year **Sean Burnett** and Pirates' top prospect **John VanBenschoten** and helped that staff to a franchise-best 3.32 ERA.

Prior to joining the Curve, he spent the 2002 season as the pitching coach for the Lincoln (NE) Saltdogs of the independent Northern League after spending two seasons in the Florida Marlins' system, including a stint as pitching coach for the Portland Seadogs of the Eastern League during the 2001 season. He also has worked as a coach or instructor in the San Diego (1998-99), Seattle (1992-97) and Texas (1987-91) organizations.

As a player, Andrews combined to post a 17-8 record in two seasons as a farmhand of the Chicago Cubs, who selected him in the 26th round of the 1981 draft. He received a Bachelor's Degree from East Tennessee State University and a Master's Degree from the University of Tennessee in Knoxville. He currently makes his home in Edmond, OK with his wife Reva and sons Nicholas (6) and Alexander (3).

## JOHN WEHNER

## COACH



**AGE:** 36, turns 37 on June 29

**BORN:** 6/29/67, Pittsburgh, PA

**RESIDES:** Cranberry Township, PA

**PLAYING POSITION:** Infield

**COACHING EXPERIENCE:** 2nd season

The 35-year old Wehner returns for his second season as a member of the Curve's coaching staff in 2004. "Rock" spent parts of 11 seasons in the major leagues—nine of those with the Pirates—and was a member of the 1997 World Champion Florida Marlins under manager Jim Leyland. His professional playing career ended during the 2001 season, ironically as a member of the Altoona Curve. That season, he appeared in 25 games for the Curve as a player/coach after being designated for a minor league assignment by the Pirates in late July.

A graduate of Pittsburgh's Carrick High School, Wehner was drafted by the Pirates in the 7th round of the 1988 draft and made his major league debut during the 1991 season. He spent the next four seasons playing between Triple-A and the majors before spending his first and only full major league season with Pittsburgh in 1996. After two years with the Florida Marlins' organization, he returned to spend his final three professional seasons with the Pirates.

He currently resides in Cranberry Township, PA with his wife Wendy and has four children; sons Tyler (12), Brandon (9) and daughters Hailey (4) and Hannah (1).

## JASON PALMER

## TRAINER

The 27-year old Palmer returns for his second straight season as the Curve's head athletic trainer after spending two seasons (2001-02) with the Pirates' Single-A affiliate, the Hickory Crawdads. He also coordinates the club's road travel and hotel arrangements. The Illinois native and graduate of Eastern Illinois University began his professional career with the Springfield (IL) Capitals of the independent Frontier League in 1999 before joining the Boston Red Sox' organization as an assistant trainer and strength and conditioning coordinator with Augusta (A) in 2000. He and his wife Amanda reside in Dunfermline, IL with daughter Addison, who was born in September 2003.



# 2004 CURVE PLAYERS

**AGAMENNONE, BRANDON RHP**



**HEIGHT:** 6-2 **WEIGHT:** 190  
**BATS:** R **THROWS:** R  
**AGE:** 28  
**BORN:** 11/6/75, WASHINGTON, DC  
**RESIDES:** CROFTON, MD  
**SCHOOL:** UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND  
**ACQUIRED:** SIGNED BY PIRATES AS A MINOR LEAGUE FREE AGENT, 11/14/03

**AGAMENNONE QUICK FACTS:** 7th professional season... Originally selected by Montreal in the 20th round of the 1998 draft... Spent 5+ seasons in the Expos' chain, including parts of three (2001-03) at the Triple-A level before being released last April... Joined Orioles' organization as a free agent last May and spent most of the season with Bowie (AA) in the Eastern League, going 2-2 with a 4.79 ERA in 29 games (3 starts)... Also spent parts of four seasons in the E.L. with Harrisburg (1999-02), winning a league title with the Senators in '99... Went 2-1 with a 3.06 ERA in 18 career games against Altoona... Played four seasons of college baseball at the University of Maryland (1995-98) where he was a teammate of former Curve infielder Kevin Haverbusch  
**2003 Season:** Combined to post a 3-4 record with one save and a 5.25 ERA in 36 games (5 starts) between Edmonton (AAA/Pacific Coast) in the Expos' organization and Frederick (A/Carolina) and Bowie (AA/Eastern) in the Orioles' chain... 3-4 record represented the first losing season of his professional career... Began season with Edmonton (AAA) and went 1-2 with a 6.94 ERA in 5 games (1 start)... Released by Montreal on 4/23... Signed by Baltimore as a free agent on 5/14 and joined Orioles extended spring training until being assigned to Frederick (A) on 6/2... Allowed 3 ER in 4.0 IP (6.75 ERA) in two appearances for the Keys before being promoted to Bowie (AA) on 6/9... Finished season with the Baysox, going 2-2 with one save and a 4.79 ERA in 29 games (3 starts)... Struggled as a starter with Bowie, posting a 14.90 ERA (9.2 IP/16 ER) in three starts... Failed to allow a run in his first eight outings with Bowie (9.2 IP) and went on to record a 2.11 ERA in his first 20 appearances... Notched his lone save of the season by tossing 3.0 shutout innings on 7/20 @ Reading (1 H, 1 BB, 2 K)... Allowed nine runs (all earned) on 10 hits in 2.2 IP in taking the loss in his start on 8/3 vs. New Britain... Went 1-1 with a 10.50 ERA (18.0 IP/21 ER) in his final nine outings dropping his final ERA from 2.11 to 4.79

**PREVIOUS-- 2002:** Combined to go 7-1 with two saves and a 3.46 ERA in 35 appearances (one start) between Ottawa (AAA/International) and Harrisburg (AA/Eastern)... Opened season with Ottawa and went 2-1 with a 3.90 ERA (30.0 IP/13 ER) before being placed on the Disabled List from 5/29-6/18... Made one appearance for the Lynx (6/18 vs. Scranton-Wilkes Barre) after returning from DL... before being sent to Harrisburg from 6/22-7/19... Went 2-0 with one save and a 2.57 ERA in eight games for the Senators... Tossed 7.1 shutout frames over his final five outings with Harrisburg... Returned to Ottawa and won his final three decisions, including his lone start of the season on 8/31 (game two) vs. Rochester (5.0 IP, 2 H, 0 R, 1 BB, 2 K)...  
**2001:** Split time between Harrisburg and Ottawa, combining to go a perfect 5-0 with three saves and a 3.86 ERA in a career-high 53 games... Began season with Harrisburg and started strong, allowing just one ER in his first 12 appearances from 4/5-5/2 and posting an 0.79 ERA (11.1 IP/1 ER) in that stretch... Promoted to Ottawa for his Triple-A debut on 5/11... Went 1-0 with a 2.38 ERA in eight relief outings with the Lynx... Picked up his first career Triple-A win with 1.1 scoreless innings of relief on 5/27 vs. Durham... Did not allow an earned run in his final six outings with Ottawa (6.2 IP) before returning to Harrisburg for the remainder of the season on 6/5... Held opponents scoreless in his final seven outings, covering a span of 10.1 IP... **2000:** Spent entire season with Harrisburg and went 8-7 with four saves and a 4.13 ERA in 30 games (15 starts)... Went 6-6 with a 4.28 ERA in his 15 starts and 2-1 with four saves and a 3.63 ERA in 15 relief outings... Left-handed hitters posted a .305 average against... Began season in the starting rotation and was the Senators' Opening Night starter, yielding three unearned runs on four hits over 4.0 IP to take the loss @ Altoona on 4/7... After losing his first two starts, won three straight from 4/21-5/5... Also won three

consecutive starts from 5/23-6/3... Gave up six runs (all earned) on nine hits in 3.1 IP to take the loss in his final start on 7/5 vs. Akron... Made his final 15 appearances out of the bullpen... Tossed 3.0 perfect innings to earn the save on 7/26 @ Portland (2 K)... Was placed on the Disabled List on 8/16 and remained there for the rest of the season... **1999:** Combined to go 9-4 with five saves and a 3.18 ERA in 38 games (13 starts) between Jupiter (A/Florida State) and Harrisburg... Ranked 6th in the Expos' minor league system in ERA (3.18)... Opened season with Jupiter... Made his first start of the season on 4/23 @ Dunedin (game two) and earned the win allowing two runs (2 ER) over 5.0 IP (3 H, 0 BB, 3 K)... Promoted to Harrisburg on 5/1 and earned his first professional save that night @ Reading... Earned the win in his first Double-A start on 5/13 @ Altoona (6.0 IP, 4 H, 1 R, 1 ER, 1 BB, 4 K)... Returned to Jupiter on 5/27... Was 3-2 with a 2.39 ERA (37.2 IP/10 ER) in his final six appearances (all starts) with the Hammerheads from 6/24-7/21... Transferred back to Harrisburg on 7/25... In his first start after re-joining the Senators, tossed a season-high 8.0 innings, allowing just one run (earned) on six hits to notch the win @ Akron on 7/27... Followed by pitching 7.0 shutout innings, striking out eight, to earn his second consecutive win on 8/1 vs. Reading... Was named the Eastern League's Pitcher of the Week for the week of 7/26-8/1, going 2-0 with an 0.60 ERA (15.0 IP/1 ER) during that span... Made his final 13 appearances of the season out of the bullpen... Did not yield a run in seven straight appearances (9.2 IP) from 8/8-8/27... Went 2-0 with two saves and a 2.45 ERA (11.0 IP/3 ER) in five playoff games during the Senators' run to the Eastern League Championship... **1998:** Signed with Montreal on 6/11 after being selected in the 20th round of the June draft... Split first professional season between Vermont (SS-A/NY-Penn) and Cape Fear (A/South Atlantic)... Combined to go 5-1 with a 2.28 ERA in 15 games (9 starts) between the two clubs... Went 3-1 with a 1.42 ERA in nine games (3 starts) with Vermont... Promoted to Cape Fear on 7/26 and finished the season with the Crocs, going 2-0 with a 3.06 ERA in six starts... Tossed a rain-shortened two-hit shutout on 8/15 @ Columbus (5 IP, 1 BB, 4 K)

**PERSONAL/MISCELLANEOUS:** Brandon Keith Agamennone (pronounced ag-a-ma-NO-nay)... Played four seasons of NCAA baseball at the University of Maryland... Left as the Terrapins' all-time leader in strikeouts (254), starts (92) and innings pitched (270.1)... Teammate of former Curve infielder Kevin Haverbusch for three seasons (1995-97)... 1994 graduate of Arundel High School in Crofton, MD where he was named a *Washington Post* 1st-Team All-Met selection in 1994... Originally signed by Expos' scout Matt Anderson

## AGAMENNONE'S CAREER STATISTICS

Yr.	Club	W-L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB
SO													
1998	Vermont	3-1	1.42	9	3	0	0	0	31.2	19	6	5	11
	Cape Fear	2-0	3.06	6	6	1	1	0	35.1	24	15	12	6
1999	Jupiter	4-2	3.15	16	9	0	0	0	65.2	51	31	23	15
	Harrisburg	5-2	3.10	22	4	0	0	5	52.1	44	19	18	14
2000	Harrisburg	8-7	4.13	30	15	0	0	4	96.0	102	58	44	26
2001	Harrisburg	4-0	4.13	45	0	0	0	3	61.0	59	31	28	23
	Ottawa	1-0	2.38	8	0	0	0	0	11.1	6	5	3	7
2002	Ottawa	5-1	3.69	27	1	0	0	1	53.2	58	22	22	31
	Harrisburg	2-0	2.57	8	0	0	0	1	14.0	11	4	4	1
2003	Edmonton	1-2	6.94	5	1	0	0	0	11.2	16	10	9	7
	Frederick	0-0	6.75	2	1	0	0	0	4.0	5	3	3	1

## CAREER TRANSACTIONS

- Selected by Montreal in 1998 June draft (20th round)
- Released by Montreal, 4/23/03
- Signed by Baltimore as a minor league free agent, 5/14/03
- Granted free agency, 10/15/03

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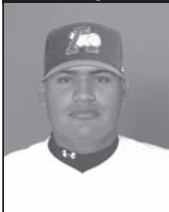
The Altoona Curve defeated its parent club, the visiting Pittsburgh Pirates, 8-5 on May 15, 2000 in the only exhibition game played between the two affiliates. A then-Blair County Ballpark record crowd of 7,346 looked on as Adam Hyzdu and Derrick Lankford each homered in the Altoona victory.

# 2004 CURVE PLAYERS



## ALCALA, JASON

LHP



**HEIGHT:** 6-2 **WEIGHT:** 210  
**BATS:** R **THROWS:** R  
**AGE:** 23  
**BORN:** 9/18/80, CUMANÁ, VZ  
**RESIDES:** CUMANÁ, VZ  
**ACQUIRED:** SIGNED BY PIRATES AS AN  
 AMATEUR FREE AGENT, 7/3/97

**ALCALA QUICK FACTS:** 7th professional season... Venezuelan native signed with the Pirates' at the age of 16 in July 1997... Right shoulder injuries limited him to just 17 games in 2003 between Bradenton (R) and Lynchburg (A)... Member of 2002 Carolina League champion Lynchburg, going 2-5 with 8 saves and a 2.68 ERA in 54 relief outings... Enjoyed his best pro season in 2001, combining to go 3-3 with 14 saves and a 2.00 ERA in 52 games between Lynchburg and Hickory (A)

**2003 SEASON:** Limited to just 17 games because of an injured right shoulder... Spent first two and a half months of the season at the Pirates' extended spring training facility in Bradenton, FL... Pitched in two games for the rookie-level Gulf Coast League Pirates and posted a 7.20 ERA (5.0 IP/4 ER)... Assigned to Lynchburg (A) on 6/26... Went 2-0 with one save and a 3.81 ERA in 15 games with the Hillcats... Did not allow an earned run in his first five appearances (9.0 IP)... Tossed two scoreless innings to notch his lone save of the season on 7/18 @ Potomac... Yielded just one earned run over a season-high 4.0 IP in picking up his second victory on 8/3 @ Myrtle Beach (3 H, 0 BB, 1 K)... Re-injured shoulder and was placed on the Disabled List for the remainder of the season on 8/21

**PREVIOUS-- 2002:** Spent entire season with Carolina League champion Lynchburg (A), posting a 2-5 record with eight saves and a 2.68 ERA in 54 relief outings... Ranked 2nd in the Carolina League in appearances, trailing only teammate DJ. Carrasco (55)... Also trailed Carrasco for 2nd among Pirates' minor leaguers in games pitched... Struck out a season-high seven batters in 3.0 IP vs. Salem on 5/7... Tossed 3.2 scoreless and hitless innings and struck out six batters in notching a win on 5/30 @ Potomac... Posted a 1.04 ERA in 11 outings during the month of May (2 ER/17.1 IP)... Held left-handed batters to just a .190 average... Overall, CL batters posted just a .220 average against... Did not record a decision in three playoff games for the Hillcats (1 ER/1.1 IP)... Went 2-0 with a 3.65 ERA in nine relief outings for Canicas in the Venezuelan Winter League... **2001:** Split season between Hickory (A) and Lynchburg (A) combining to post a 3-3 record with 14 saves and a 2.00 ERA in 52 relief outings between the two clubs... 14 saves ranked 4th in the Pirates' organization... Began season with Hickory... Notched saves in back-to-back games 5/9-10 @ Hagerstown... Did not allow an ER in 13 appearances from 4/17-5/15 (15.1 IP)... Held South Atlantic League hitters to a .223 average... Promoted to Lynchburg on 7/3... Earned a three-inning save, striking out four batters, in his Hillcats debut on 7/5 vs. Salem... Carolina League batters posted just a .216 average against... Participated in the Pirates' Fall Instructional camp following the season... **2000:** Spent season with short-season Williamsport in the New York-Penn League... Made eight starts among his 17 appearances with the Crosscutters... Earned lone save on 6/24 vs. New Jersey... Fanned eight batters and walked none in 5.0 relief innings on 8/7 vs. Jamestown and then started and went a season-high 7.1 innings the next night @ Jamestown... **1999:** Began season with rookie-level Bradenton in the Gulf Coast League... Went 0-1 with two saves and a 1.23 ERA in 10 games, all in relief... Recorded saves in back-to-back appearances, 7/26 @ Rangers and 7/29 @ Red Sox... Promoted to Williamsport (SS-A) on 8/10 and finished the season making six relief appearances for the Crosscutters... **1998:** Made professional debut with Montalban in the Venezuelan Summer League... **1997:** Signed by Pittsburgh as a 16-year old, amateur free agent on 7/3

**PERSONAL/MISCELLANEOUS:** Jason Jose Alcala... Signed by Pirates' scout Jose Luna

## ALCALA'S CAREER STATISTICS

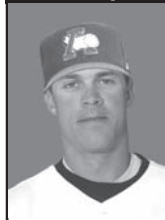
Yr.	Club	W-L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
1998	Montalban	2-1	3.52	10	7	0	0	0	38.1	37	19	15	15	42
1999	Bradenton	0-1	1.23	10	0	0	0	0	24.2	12	7	2	0	9
	Williamsport	0-0	4.38	6	0	0	0	0	12.1	11	7	6	6	11
2000	Williamsport	2-4	3.25	17	8	1	0	1	63.2	67	26	23	22	49
2001	Hickory	3-1	1.76	34	0	0	0	7	41.0	35	12	8	13	56
	Lynchburg	0-2	2.36	18	0	0	0	7	26.2	21	7	7	5	27
2002	Lynchburg	2-5	2.68	54	0	0	0	8	77.1	63	29	23	18	71
2003	Bradenton	0-0	7.20	2	0	0	0	0	5.0	9	4	4	1	4
	Lynchburg	2-0	3.81	15	0	0	0	1	28.1	29	13	12	9	22
Minor Lg. Totals		11-15	2.97	160	16	1	0	26	312.1	291	127	103	90	292

## CAREER TRANSACTIONS

--Signed by Pittsburgh as an amateur free agent, 7/3/97

## BONIFAY, JOSH

OF



**HEIGHT:** 6-0 **WEIGHT:** 187  
**BATS:** R **THROWS:** R  
**AGE:** 25, TURNS 26 ON JULY 30  
**BORN:** 7/30/78, MACON, GA  
**RESIDES:** WILMINGTON, NC  
**SCHOOL:** UNC-WILMINGTON  
**ACQUIRED:** PIRATES' 24TH ROUND  
 SELECTION IN 1999 JUNE DRAFT

**BONIFAY QUICK FACTS:** 6th professional season... Enjoyed a huge season with Lynchburg (A) in 2002, batting .307 with 26 HR and 102 RBI--led the Carolina League in home runs, RBI and extra-base hits... Member of the 2002 Carolina League All-Star Team and was named to the *USA Today/Sports Weekly* Minor League All-Star Team... Played college baseball at the University of North Carolina-Wilmington (1997-99)... Son of former Pirates' Senior Vice President & GM Cam Bonifay

**2003 SEASON:** Spent entire season with Altoona and hit .285 with 11 HR and 56 RBI in 114 games... Hit .323 with 10 HR and 44 RBI in 61 road games, but just .235 with one HR and 12 RBI in 53 games at Blair County Ballpark... Batted .368 vs. LHP and .245 vs. RHP... Led Curve hitters by striking out 106 times in 386 at-bats... Smacked a two-run HR for his first Double-A hit in the Curve's 11-2 win @ Reading... Homered in four consecutive games from 4/30-5/3, falling just one game shy of Curve franchise record set by Adam Hyzdu during 1999 season (5 games)... Named Eastern League Player of the Week for the week of 4/28-5/4 after batting .500 (12-for-24) with 4 HR and 12 RBI in six games... Hit .432 with 4 HR and 17 RBI during a nine-game hitting streak from 4/29-5/8... Hit safely in 14 consecutive road contests from 4/17-5/15, batting .368 (21-for-57) with five HR during that span... Homered in back-to-back games @ Portland on 6/28 & 6/29... Hit his lone BCB home run on 8/30 vs. Erie... Made first career appearance as a pitcher on 8/31 vs. Erie (1 IP, 2 H, 1 R, 1 ER, 0 BB, 0 K)... Started his only game at 2B in the season finale on 9/1 vs. Erie... Hit .329 (25-for-76) in his final 22 regular seasons contests... Went 0-for-4 in his lone game during the E.L. playoffs vs. Akron (game one)

**PREVIOUS-- 2002:** Began season in extended spring training and missed the first 12 games of the regular season... Added to Lynchburg (A) roster on 4/18... Ranked among the Carolina League's leaders in nearly all major offensive categories... Led the league in HR (26), RBI (102) and extra-base hits (63), ranked 2nd in slugging (.557) and total bases (258), 3rd in walks (63), 4th in runs (83) and 5th in batting (.307), doubles (36) and OBP (.388)... Led all Pirates' farmhands in HR and ranked 2nd in RBI and 7th in batting... Named to the C.L.'s post-season All-Star Team and to the *USA Today/Sports Weekly* Minor League All-Star team... Named the league's Player of the Week three times (6/20-6/26, 7/11-7/17 & 7/25-7/31)... Was batting just .239 before hitting in 39 of 41 games from 6/20-8/2, raising his average to .319... Also recorded a team-high 22-game hitting streak from 7/11-8/2, batting .424 (39-for-92) during the string... Batted .418 (46-for-110) with 7 HR and 19 RBI during the month of July... Batted .407 vs. LHP but belted 20 of his 26 HR vs. RHP... Appeared in just one post-season game for Lynchburg after tearing cartilage in his right knee... Underwent surgery on 9/13...

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-JOSH BONIFAY CONTINUED-

**2001:** Split season between Hickory (A) and Lynchburg (A), combining to hit .302 with 15 HR and 51 RBI between the two clubs... Led Lynchburg in average (.297) and home runs (13)... Missed the month of April due to injury... Assigned to Hickory on an injury rehab assignment on 5/5... In 17 games with the Crawdads, batted .323 with 2 HR and 10 RBI... Hit safely in final seven games with Hickory before being promoted to Lynchburg on 5/24... Strung together his first of three 10+ game hitting streaks with an 11-game binge from 6/26-7/12, over which he batted .419 (18-for-43) with 6 HR and 15 RBI... Named Carolina League Player of the Week for the week of 7/5-7/11—the first of two such honors he won during the season... Went 4-for-5 with two HR and recorded his second consecutive four RBI game on 7/11 vs. Frederick... Recorded six multi-hit games during a 10-game hitting streak from 7/24-8/2 (.444, 16-for-36)... Hit safely in 15 of 16 games from 7/18-8/2... Batted .360 (41-for-114) with 7 HR and 21 RBI in the month of July... Named Carolina League Player of the Week for the week of 8/23-29... Batted .322 vs. LHP with Lynchburg... Appeared at four different positions in the field: LF (51 games), 2B (12), 1B (6) and 3B (5)... Participated in the Pirates' Fall Instructional camp... **2000:** Spent entire season with Hickory (A)... One of six Crawdads with 10 or more home runs... Only two triples of the season came in the same game (4/8 vs. Augusta)... Went 4-for-4 with a double, HR and 3 RBI on 5/27 vs. Delmarva... Posted first career multi-HR game on 7/7 vs. Charleston-WV (4-for-4)... Batted .356 at home, but just .189 on the road... Appeared in 98 games at second base, his primary position with the Crawdads... **1999:** Signed with Pittsburgh on 6/5 after being selected in the 24th round of the June draft... Made pro debut with short-season Williamsport (NY-Penn)... Batted .319 at home, but just .219 on the road

**PERSONAL/MISCELLANEOUS:** Joshua Cameron Bonifay... Played NCAA baseball at the University of North Carolina-Wilmington where he majored in Business Management... Finished among the Colonial Athletic Association's leaders in HR (17) and RBI (62) during the 1999 season... Missed entire sophomore season (1998) due to a wrist injury... 1996 graduate of T.C. Roberson High School in Asheville, NC... Son of former Pirates' Senior Vice President & General Manager Cam Bonifay... Signed by Pirates' scout George Swain

## BONIFAY'S CAREER STATISTICS

Yr.	Club	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
1999	Williamsport	.260	52	200	42	52	10	2	4	17	25	55	2
2000	Hickory	.281	106	377	62	106	17	2	14	62	48	104	11
2001	Hickory	.323	17	65	10	21	4	0	2	10	5	15	2
	Lynchburg	.297	85	323	42	96	14	1	13	41	26	87	5
2002	Lynchburg	.307	126	463	83	142	36	1	26	102	63	97	3
2003	Altoona	.285	114	386	51	110	30	0	11	56	39	106	1
Minor Lg. Totals		.291	500	1814	290	527	111	6	70	288	206	464	24

## CAREER TRANSACTIONS

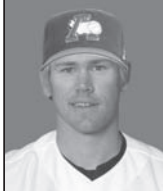
--Selected by Pittsburgh in 1999 June draft (24th round)

## BASEBALL AMERICA'S BEST TOOLS IN THE PIRATES' SYSTEM FOR 2004

Best Hitter for Average.....	Jorge Cortes
Best Power Hitter.....	J.J. Davis
Fastest Baserunner.....	Nyjer Morgan
Best Athlete.....	Nyjer Morgan
Best Fastball.....	Jeremy Harts
Best Curveball.....	Ian Snell
Best Slider.....	Mike Johnston
Best Changeup.....	Sean Burnett
Best Command.....	Sean Burnett
Best Defensive Catcher.....	Ryan Doumit
Best Defensive Infielder.....	Jose Castillo
Best Infield Arm.....	Jose Castillo
Best Defensive Outfielder.....	Nyjer Morgan
Best Outfield Arm.....	J.J. Davis

## BORNER, BRADY

LHP



**HEIGHT:** 5-10  
**WEIGHT:** 192  
**BATS:** L  
**THROWS:** L  
**AGE:** 24, TURNS 25 ON APRIL 12  
**BORN:** 4/12/79, EDINA, MN  
**RESIDES:** CHASKA, MN  
**SCHOOL:** WAYNE STATE (NE) UNIVERSITY  
**ACQUIRED:** PIRATES' 31ST ROUND  
SELECTION IN 2001 JUNE DRAFT

**BORNER QUICK FACTS:** 4th professional season... Became the first pitcher from the Pirates' 2001 draft class to reach the Double-A level when he opened the 2003 season with Altoona... Led the Pirates' minor league system in ERA (2.25) last season and posted an impressive 2.13 ERA through his first three pro seasons... Member of the 2002 Carolina League champion Lynchburg Hillcats, recording a 9-4 record and 2.00 ERA in 37 appearances (9 starts)... Played four seasons of college baseball at NCAA Division II Wayne State University in Nebraska and left as the school's all-time greatest pitcher, finishing as the Wildcats' career leader in wins (30) and strikeouts (357), among several categories

**2003 SEASON:** Split the season between Altoona and Lynchburg (A), combining to post a 7-3 record and 2.25 ERA in 37 total outings... Began season with Altoona and went 3-2 with a 3.96 ERA in 17 relief outings... Notched the win in relief in just his second Double-A outing on 4/6 @ Reading (1.1 IP, 3 H, 1 R, 1 ER, 0 BB, 2 K)... Started the season strong, recording a solid 1.38 ERA (2 ER/13.0 IP) in his first nine games, but slipped in his first eight outings in a Curve uniform, posting a 6.75 ERA (9 ER/12.0 IP) during that span... Sent to Lynchburg on 5/30 and spent the remainder of the season there, going 4-1 with a 1.68 ERA in 20 games (6 starts)... Held league batters to a .227 average... Posted an 0.99 ERA in his first 11 appearances (3 starts) with Lynchburg... Yielded just two hits and struck out seven against no walks over 7.0 shutout frames in earning the win on 7/7 vs. Frederick... Fanned nine batters in consecutive starts—both wins—on 8/12 @ Kinston and 8/17 vs. Winston-Salem... Gave up just one unearned run in tossing a season-high 8.0 innings in taking a no-decision on 8/22 @ Potomac... Retired the first 15 batters he faced and carried a no-hitter into the ninth inning (8.1 IP) in earning the win in his lone playoff appearance in Game Two of the Hillcats' first round playoff series vs. Wilmington on 9/4 (2 H, 2 R, 2 ER)

**PREVIOUS-- 2002:** Spent entire season with Carolina League champion Lynchburg (A)... Led the Carolina League in fewest BB/9 IP by a relief pitcher (0.72) after walking just 12 batters in 94.2 IP... Trained only Hillcats teammate Sean Burnett for the lowest ERA among Pirates' minor leaguers (2.00)... Went 3-3 with a 1.20 ERA in nine starts and 6-1 with one save and a 2.72 ERA in 28 relief appearances... Took loss on 4/11 @ Winston-Salem, but did not lose another decision until 8/1, a span of 27 appearances... Won seven consecutive decisions from 4/18-7/5, posting a 1.77 ERA in the 21 games during the span... Went 4-0 with a 1.43 ERA in 13 games (5 starts) during June and July... Allowed just one ER in a season-high 6.0 IP to notch the win on 7/1 @ Wilmington (8 H, 0 BB, 2 K)... Lost back-to-back starts @ Myrtle Beach and 8/6 vs. Potomac, despite not allowing an earned run in either contest (yielded seven unearned runs between the two games)... Fanned a season-high six batters in the 8/1 contest... Retired the lone batter he faced in posting his first career save on 8/17 vs. Winston-Salem... Posted a 0.66 ERA (3 ER/41.0 IP) in 18 home appearances... Held left-handed batters to a .218 average... Held opposing batters to a .182 average with runners in scoring position... Did not allow an earned run in 6.0 IP over two games (1 start) in the Carolina League playoffs... Started and tossed 4.0 scoreless frames in Lynchburg's 2-0 win @ Kinston in game two of the C.L. Championship Series (6 H, 1 BB, 5 K)... **2001:** Signed with Pittsburgh on 6/10 after being selected in the 31st round of the June draft... Made professional debut with Williamsport (SS-A) where he appeared in three games before finishing the season with Hickory (A)... Combined to post a 6-1 record with a 2.13 ERA in 12 games (9 starts) between the two clubs... Also combined to walk just 13 and strikeout 71 batters in 72.0 IP, while holding opponents to a .186 average...

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# 2004 CURVE PLAYERS



## -BRADY BORNER CONTINUED-

Allowed just one hit over 5.0 shutout innings in earning the win in his final appearance for the Crosscutters on 7/2 vs. New Jersey... Promoted to Hickory, where he appeared in nine games (8 starts) and tossed three complete games for the Crawdads... Struck out at least six batters in six of his eight starts, including a season-high nine in notching a seven-inning complete game vs. Lexington on 7/30 (game two)... Posted first of two nine-inning complete games on 8/11 vs. Hagerstown (5 H, 1 R, 1 ER, 2 BB, 7 K)... Fanned eight and retired the final 13 batters in order in tossing a complete game, five-hit shutout on 8/25 vs. Lakewood... Allowed four ER over 7.0 IP in his final start on 8/30 vs. Greensboro, raising his final ERA with Hickory from 2.06 to 2.43

**PERSONAL/MISCELLANEOUS:** Brady Lester Borner... Played four seasons of NCAA Division II baseball at Wayne State University in Nebraska... Left as the Wildcats' all-time leader in wins (30), shutouts (13), strikeouts (359), appearances (53) and innings pitched (317.0)... His 13 career shutouts are the second-most in NCAA Division II history... As a junior (2000), set school records for wins (10) and strikeouts (121)... Holds the top three spots on Wayne State's single-season strikeout list (121 as a junior, 103 as a senior, 90 as a sophomore)... Struck out 15 batters in tossing a no-hitter against Minnesota-Morris during his senior campaign (2001)... Was named the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference Pitcher of the Year his junior and senior seasons... Fanned 17 batters in a game twice in his college career... Signed by Pirates' scout Hank Krause

### BORNER'S CAREER STATISTICS

Yr.	Club	W-L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
2001	Williamsport	1-0	0.71	3	1	0	0	0	12.2	4	1	1	1	13
	Hickory	5-1	2.43	9	8	3	1	0	59.1	43	18	16	12	58
2002	Lynchburg	9-4	2.00	37	9	0	0	1	94.2	84	32	21	12	81
2003	Altoona	3-2	3.96	17	0	0	0	0	25.0	24	11	11	10	19

### CAREER TRANSACTIONS

--Selected by Pittsburgh in 2001 June draft (31st round)

#### BRADLEY, BOBBY

#### RHP



**HEIGHT:** 6-1 **WEIGHT:** 180  
**BATS:** R **THROWS:** R  
**AGE:** 23  
**BORN:** 12/15/80, WEST PALM BEACH, FL  
**RESIDES:** WELLINGTON, FL  
**SCHOOL:** WELLINGTON (FL) H.S.  
**ACQUIRED:** PIRATES' 1ST ROUND SELECTION (8TH OVERALL) IN 1999 JUNE DRAFT

**BRADLEY QUICK FACTS:** 6th professional season... Member of the Pirates' 40-man roster for the second consecutive season... Has endured an injury-plagued career, missing all or parts of three seasons (2000-02) because of a right elbow injury that required two surgeries and missing nearly three months in 2003 because of a shoulder injury that also required surgery... Missed the entire 2002 season after undergoing "Tommy John" elbow surgery... Enjoyed his best professional season in 2000 with Hickory (A), going 8-2 with three complete games and a 2.29 ERA in 14 starts while striking out 118 batters in 82.2 IP... High school teammate of 2003 Curve MVP and Pirates' 2000 first round selection Sean Burnett (First time in draft history that a major league club used consecutive first round selections on players from the same high school)

**2003 SEASON:** Member of the Pirates' 40-man roster... Returned to action after missing the entire 2002 season while rehabbing reconstructive right elbow surgery... Began the season with Lynchburg (A) and made his first start since 6/3/01, earning a no-decision on 4/6 @ Frederick (3.0 IP, 1 H, 1 R, 1 ER, 4 BB, 2 K)... Allowed just two hits over 5.0 shutout innings to post his first win in 719 days on 4/19 @ Salem (previous win was 4/30/01)... Tossed a season-high 5.2 innings in earning the win on 5/12 (game one) @ Winston-Salem (5 H, 2 R, 2 ER, 4 BB, 2 K)... Went 3-1 with a 3.11 ERA in eight starts before being placed on the Disabled List with a right shoulder soreness on 5/26...

Underwent arthroscopic surgery on 6/3 (surgery performed by Dr. Patrick DeMeo)... Remained out of action until joining Bradenton (R) for a rehab assignment on 8/12 vs. GCL Yankees (3.0 IP, 1 H, 0 R, 1 BB, 4 K)... Re-joined Lynchburg on 8/15 and went 0-1 with a 4.26 ERA in his final four starts... Took the loss in his lone playoff start in Game 1 of the Mills Cup Championship Series on 9/7 vs. Winston-Salem (1.0 IP, 5 H, 6 R, 4 ER, 2 BB, 0 K)

**PREVIOUS--2002:** Rated the Pirates' #4 prospect by *Baseball America* prior to the season... Also rated by *Baseball America* as having the "Best Breaking Ball" in the organization for the third consecutive season... Missed the entire season while recovering from reconstructive elbow surgery... Returned to the mound during the Pirates' Fall Instructional camp... **2001:** Rated the Pirates' #2 prospect by *Baseball America* prior to the season... Attended Pirates' major league spring training as a non-roster invite... Began season with Lynchburg (A) and went 1-2 with a 3.12 ERA in nine starts before being sidelined for the remainder of the season with an injured right elbow... Underwent reconstructive "Tommy John" elbow surgery on 10/18 (surgery performed by Dr. James Andrews in Birmingham, AL)... **2000:** Rated the Pirates' #5 prospect by *Baseball America* prior to the season... Went 8-2 with three complete games and a 2.29 ERA in 14 starts... Won his first four starts, recording a 1.04 ERA during that span... Named the South Atlantic League's Pitcher of the Week for the week of 4/6-13... Went 8-1 with three CG and a 1.71 ERA in his first nine starts... Struck out 10 or more batters in seven of his first 10 starts (whiffed 105 in 70.0 IP during that span)... Fanned 14 batters in a seven-inning CG win vs. Savannah on 4/25... Three starts later struck out 13 in a nine-inning complete game win @ Charleston-WV on 5/11... Selected to participate in the SAL All-Star Game and was named the starting pitcher for the Northern Division squad (starting catcher was teammate JR. House)... Also selected to participate in the All-Star Futures Game @ Atlanta, but was unable to participate due to a sprained ligament in his pitching elbow... Missed two months of the season due to the elbow injury, but did return to make two starts for the Crawdads late in the season, pitching 2.2 innings total... Held SAL hitters to just a .203 average... Left-handed batters posted just a .172 average against... Rated the South Atlantic League's #4 prospect by *Baseball America* following the season... **1999:** Signed with Pittsburgh on 7/7 after being selected in the 1st round (8th overall) of the June draft... Spent first professional season with the Pirates' affiliate in the rookie-level Gulf Coast League... Pitched at least 5.0 innings in all but his first start of the season... Fanned a season-high nine batters in a no-decision on 8/9 vs. GCL Red Sox

**PERSONAL/MISCELLANEOUS:** Robert Leonard Bradley... 1999 graduate of Wellington (FL) High School, the same school that produced 2003 Curve MVP and Pirates' 2000 first round selection Sean Burnett (First time in draft history that a major league club used consecutive first round selections on players from the same high school)... As a senior in 1999 tossed six one-hitters in leading his school to the Florida Class 6A state championship... Tossed eight one-hitters in his high school career... Turned down a baseball scholarship from Florida State University to sign with the Pirates... Signed by Pirates' scout Rob Sidwell

### BRADLEY'S CAREER STATISTICS

Yr.	Club	W-L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
1999	Bradenton	1-1	2.90	6	6	0	0	0	31.0	31	13	10	4	31
2000	Hickory	8-2	2.29	14	14	3	0	0	82.2	62	31	21	21	118
2001	Lynchburg	1-2	3.12	9	9	0	0	0	49.0	44	23	17	20	46
2002	INJURED--DID NOT PITCH													
2003	Lynchburg	3-2	3.40	12	12	0	0	0	50.1	43	21	19	28	36

### CAREER TRANSACTIONS

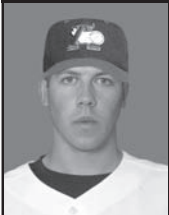
--Selected by Pittsburgh in 1999 June draft (1st round--8th overall)



# 2004 CURVE PLAYERS

## BULLINGTON, BRYAN

RHP



**HEIGHT:** 6-5      **WEIGHT:** 220  
**BATS:** R      **THROWS:** R  
**AGE:** 23  
**BORN:** 9/30/80, INDIANAPOLIS, IN  
**RESIDES:** BRADENTON, FL  
**SCHOOL:** BALL STATE UNIVERSITY  
**ACQUIRED:** PIRATES' 1ST ROUND SELECTION  
 (1ST OVERALL) IN 2002 JUNE DRAFT

**BULLINGTON QUICK FACTS:** 2nd professional season... Rated the Pirates' #4 prospect by *Baseball America* entering the 2004 season... Split first professional season between Hickory (A) and Lynchburg (A) in 2003, combining to post a 13-5 record and a 2.52 ERA in 25 games between the two clubs... Despite being drafted in June 2002, did not make professional debut until last season because he did not sign with the Pirates until October 2002... Became the Pirates' third #1 overall selection in history of the June free agent draft (Jeff King, 1986 and Kris Benson, 1996)... Played three seasons of NCAA baseball at Ball State (IN) University and left as the school's all-time leader in wins (29) and strikeouts (367) among several categories... Became the first student athlete in the history of the Mid-American Conference to be a first overall draft selection in any sport

**2003 SEASON:** Attended Pirates' major league spring training as a non-roster invitee... Rated the Bucs' #3 prospect by *Baseball America* entering season... Finished among the Pirate organization's leaders in ERA (2nd/2.52) and wins (1-3rd/13)... Made professional debut with Hickory (A), going 5-1 with a 1.39 ERA in eight games (7 starts)... Struck out seven batters five times among his seven starts with Hickory... Held SAL batters to just a .155 average and righties were limited to a .111 clip... Was the Crawdads' Opening Day starter and allowed two unearned runs in 4.0 innings in taking a no-decision in his first professional outing... Notched first pro win after allowing just one earned run and hit, while fanning seven over 5.0 innings @ Asheville on 4/9 (game one)... Tossed a season-high 7.2 innings in earning a no-decision on 4/21 vs. Charleston-WV (4 H, 1 R, 1 ER, 2 BB, 7 K)... Allowed just three hits and whiffed seven over 7.0 shutout frames in picking up a win vs. Lexington on 4/26... Finished April with a 3-0 mark and a miniscule 0.94 ERA in five starts... Endured his roughest outing in a Hickory uniform, allowing four earned runs on six hits in just 3.2 innings in taking his lone loss on 5/11 @ Savannah... In his final appearance with the Crawdads, tossed the final 6.0 innings, allowing just one hit, in an 8-0 blanking in game one of 5/23 DH @ South Georgia... Promoted to Lynchburg (A) on 5/26... Went 8-4 with a 3.05 ERA in 17 starts with the Hillcats... In his first start in a Lynchburg uniform, earned the win tossing a 7-inning, four-hit shutout and struck out seven in game one of 5/28 DH @ Potomac... Was named the Carolina League's Pitcher of the Week for the week ending 5/28... Combining his final two outings with Hickory and his first two starts with Lynchburg, posted a 20-2 scoreless IP streak from 5/17-6/2... Suffered losses in his next two starts with the Hillcats (6/2 vs. Potomac & 6/7 @ Salem), combining to allow 11 runs (nine earned) in 9.0 innings between the two starts... Went 4-0 with 2.15 ERA (50.1 IP/12 ER) in nine starts from 6/13-8/11... Enjoyed a solid July, posting a 1.98 ERA (27.1 IP/6 ER) in five starts during the month... Yielded a season-high 11 hits in his win on 8/21 @ Frederick (7.0 IP, 2 R, 2 ER, 1 BB, 4 K)... Earned victories in his last three starts while producing a 2.37 ERA (19.0 IP/5 ER)... Went 0-1 with a 10.80 ERA (5.0 IP/6 ER) in two post-season starts... Started the 'Cats playoff opener on 9/3 @ Wilmington and pitched just one inning because of a lengthy rain delay (ND--1.0 IP, 2 H, 1 R, 1 ER, 0 BB, 0 K, 1 HR)... Took the loss in Game Two of the Mills Cup final vs. Winston-Salem on 9/7 (4.0 IP, 6 H, 5 R, 5 ER, 1 BB, 4 K)... Rated the Carolina League's #10 prospect by *Baseball America* following the season

**PREVIOUS--2002:** Signed with Pittsburgh on 10/30 after being selected with the first overall pick in the June draft... Participated in the Pirates' Fall Instructional camp

**PERSONAL/MISCELLANEOUS:** Bryan Paul Bullington... Became the Pirates' third #1 overall selection in the history of the June free agent draft (Jeff King, 1986 and Kris Benson, 1996)... Previously drafted by Kansas City in the 37th round of the 1999 draft out of Madison (IN) High School, but opted to attend Ball State University in Muncie, IN, where he spent three seasons (2000-02)... Became the first student athlete in the history of the Mid-American Conference to be the first overall draft selection in any sport... Went 11-3 with a 2.84 ERA in 15 games (13 starts) for the Cardinals in 2002... Walked just 18 and fanned 139 batters in 104.2 IP during his junior campaign... His 139 strikeouts established a new single-season school record, while the 11 wins equaled the mark... He also set Ball State career records in both strikeouts (367) and wins (29)... Received several accolades in 2002: *Baseball America* and *Collegiate Baseball/Louisville Slugger* All-America First-team selection, First-team all-MAC and MAC Pitcher of the Year... Was a member of the 2001 USA National Team... Named Indiana's "Mr. Baseball" in 1998 and 1999 at Madison High School... Was an honorable mention on the *USA Today* All-American Team as a senior after posting a 15-0, 134 strikeouts and a 1.49 ERA in 94.0 innings of work... Led Madison High to a 64-4 record and a pair of state titles during his junior and senior seasons... Both parents also were athletes at Ball State--Father, Larry, was inducted into the Ball State Athletic Hall of Fame in 1984 as a two-sport star in basketball and baseball, while mother, Mary, was a swimmer for the Cardinals... Signed by Pirates' scout Duane Gustavson

## BULLINGTON'S CAREER STATISTICS

Yr.	Club	W-L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB
SO													
2003	Hickory	5-1	1.39	8	7	0	0	0	45.1	25	10	7	11 46

## CAREER TRANSACTIONS

--Selected by Pittsburgh in 2002 June draft (1st round-1st overall)


## TOPOVERALL DRAFT SELECTIONS SINCE 1980

Year	Player	Team
2003	Delmon Young (OF/Camarillo, CA)	Devil Rays
2002	<b>Bryan Bullington (P/Ball State)</b>	<b>Pirates</b>
2001	Joe Mauer (C/St. Paul, MN)	Twins
2000	Adrian Gonzalez (1B/Chula Vista, CA)	Marlins
1999	Josh Hamilton (OF/Raleigh, NC)	Devil Rays
1998	Pat Burrell (3B/U. of Miami)	Phillies
1997	Matt Anderson (P/Rice U.)	Tigers
1996	<b>Kris Benson (P/Clemson U.)</b>	<b>Pirates</b>
1995	Darin Erstad (OF/U. of Nebraska)	Angels
1994	Paul Wilson (P/Florida State)	Mets
1993	Alex Rodriguez (SS/Miami, FL)	Mariners
1992	Phil Nevin (3B/Cal State-Fullerton)	Astros
1991	Brien Taylor (P/Beaufort, NC)	Yankees
1990	Chipper Jones (SS/Jacksonville, FL)	Braves
1989	Ben McDonald (P/LSU)	Orioles
1988	Andy Benes (P/U. of Evansville)	Padres
1987	Ken Griffey Jr. (OF/Cincinnati, OH)	Mariners
1986	<b>Jeff King (3B/U. of Arkansas)</b>	<b>Pirates</b>
1985	B.J. Surhoff (C/U. of North Carolina)	Brewers
1984	Shawn Abner (OF/Mechanicsburg, PA)	Mets
1983	Tim Belcher (P/Mount Vernon Coll.)	Twins
1982	Shawon Dunston (SS/Brooklyn, NY)	Cubs
1981	Mike Moore (P/Oral Roberts U.)	Mariners
1980	Darryl Strawberry (OF/Los Angeles)	Mets



# 2004 CURVE PLAYERS



**BUTLER, VIC**


**HEIGHT:** 6-0      **WEIGHT:** 170  
**BATS:** L      **THROWS:** L  
**AGE:** 23, TURNS 24 ON AUGUST 12  
**BORN:** 8/12/80, LOS ANGELES, CA  
**RESIDES:** HAWTHORNE, CA  
**SCHOOL:** EL CAMINO (CA) C.C.  
**ACQUIRED:** PIRATES' 14TH ROUND  
**SELECTION IN 2000 JUNE DRAFT**

**BUTLER QUICK FACTS:** 5th professional season... Spent the 2003 season with Lynchburg (A) and hit .285 with 3 HR, 44 RBI and 22 SB in 117 games for the Hillcats... Enjoyed his best professional season in 2002 with Hickory (A) when he hit .285 with career-highs in HR (7), RBI (64) and SB (30) en route to being named to the South Atlantic League's post-season All-Star Team... Attended the University of Arkansas, but transferred to El Camino College in his native California after breaking a hamate bone as a freshman

**2003 SEASON:** Spent entire season with Lynchburg (A), hitting .285 with 3 HR, 44 RBI and 22 SB in 117 games... Ranked 10th in the Carolina League in batting (.285)... Was 22-for-27 in stolen base attempts (81%)... Batted .373 (41-for-110) vs. LHP... Hit .321 (54-for-168) with runners on base... Made appearances at all three outfield positions—CF (78 games), RF (45), LF (2)... Recorded 30 multi-hit games... Led Hillcats with 15 bunt singles and nine sacrifice bunts... Hit .343 (24-for-70) during a 22-game stretch from 4/19-5/23... Ripped a grand slam to account for a season-best four RBI on 6/2 (game one) vs. Potomac... Hit safely in 10 of 11 games from 6/7 (game two) to 6/20, batting .409 (18-for-44) during that span... Went 2-for-3 with a walkoff three-run HR in game two of 8/14 DH vs. Winston-Salem... Finished the season strong, hitting .329 (25-for-76) in the month of August... Batted .263 (5-for-19) with a double, triple, 3 RBI and 3 runs scored in five games during the Carolina League playoffs


**PREVIOUS—2002:** Spent the entire season with South Atlantic League champion Hickory (A), batting .285 with 7 HR, 64 RBI and 30 SB in 124 games... Selected to participate in the South Atlantic League's mid-season All-Star Game and was named to the league's post-season All-Star Team... Ranked 2nd among Pirates' minor leaguers in stolen bases (30)... Hit .328 vs. LHP and .267 vs. RHP with six of his seven HR coming vs. RHP... Totaled 34 multi-hit games, including two four-hit efforts and seven three-hit contests... Games by position: CF (70), RF (49), LF (4)... Went 4-for-5 with a double and two RBI on Opening Day (4/4) vs. Hagerstown... Swiped three bases on 4/10 @ Greensboro... Hit safely in 14 of his first 15 games, batting .347 (25-for-72) during that span... Reached base safely in 17 straight games to open the season... Tallied a .344 average with 20 RBI during the month of May... Recorded back-to-back three-hit games on 5/27 & 5/28 @ Delmarva... Did not commit an error in his first 70 games (4/4-7/2)... Hit .369 (24-for-65) while reaching base in 15-of-16 games from 7/8-7/27... Recorded his second four-hit game of the season (4-for-5) on 7/27 vs. Greensboro... Posted just a .196 average (19-for-97) in his final 28 games to drop his final average from .309 to .285... Batted .464 (13-for-28) with a triple, HR, 6 RBI and 6 runs scored during the Crawdads' seven-game run to the South Atlantic League championship... **2001:** Spent his first full professional season with Hickory, batting .244 with 2 HR, 23 RBI and 11 SB in 92 games... Left-handed hitter hit just .154 (6-for-39) vs. LHP and .258 vs. RHP... Games by position: CF (37), RF (30), LF (21), DH (1)... Did not post an RBI in his first 29 games from 4/6-5/20... Went a perfect 4-for-4 with an RBI on 5/29 @ Augusta... Played in just eight games during the month of June due to injury and hit .148 (4-for-27)... Enjoyed his best offensive month of the season in July, batting .290 (18-for-62)... **2000:** Signed with Pittsburgh on 6/21 after being selected in the 14th round of the June draft... Made professional debut with Bradenton (R) and appeared in just four games with the Baby Bucs (.133, 2-for-15) before being sent to Williamsport (SS-A) for the remainder of the season... Hit .298 with one HR, 17 RBI and 9 SB in 36 games with the Crosscutters... Batted .364 (12-for-33) in his first nine games with Williamsport... Went 3-for-5 with a double and a season-high four RBI on 8/20 @ Batavia

**PERSONAL/MISCELLANEOUS:** Victor Manuel Butler... Played one season of NCAA baseball at the University of Arkansas (1999) before transferring to El Camino College in his native California... Signed by Pirates' scout Mike Kendall

BUTLER'S CAREER STATISTICS														
Yr.	Club	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB	
2000	Bradenton	.133	4	15	1	2	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	
	Williamsport	.298	36	131	22	39	3	2	1	17	15	13	9	
2001	Hickory	.244	92	299	38	73	10	2	2	23	15	49	11	
2002	Hickory	.285	124	460	77	131	15	3	7	64	45	65	30	
2003	Lynchburg	.285	117	382	49	109	18	5	3	44	37	47	22	
Minor Lg. Totals		.275	373	1287	187	354	46	12	13	149	113	174	72	

## CAREER TRANSACTIONS

--Selected by Pittsburgh in 2000 June draft (14th round)

**CASTILLO, JOSE**


**HEIGHT:** 6-1      **WEIGHT:** 200  
**BATS:** R      **THROWS:** R  
**AGE:** 23  
**BORN:** 3/19/81, LAS MERCEDES, VZ  
**RESIDES:** LAS MERCEDES, VZ  
**ACQUIRED:** SIGNED BY PIRATES AS AN AMATEUR FREE AGENT, 7/2/97

**CASTILLO QUICK FACTS:** 7th professional season... Member of the Pirates' 40-man roster for the second consecutive season in 2004... Rated the Bucs' #12 prospect by *Baseball America* prior to the 2004 season... Also rated the "Best Defensive Infielder" and as having the "Best Infield Arm" in the Pirates' organization... Spent the entire 2003 season with Altoona, batting .287 with 5 HR, 66 RBI and 19 SB in 126 games and earned trips to both the E.L. All-Star Game in New Britain, CT and the Major League Futures Game at Comiskey Park in Chicago... After primarily playing shortstop throughout his career, appeared in 72 games at second base and 52 at shortstop for Altoona in 2003

**2003 SEASON:** Member of the Pirates' 40-man roster for the 2003 season... Rated the Pirates' #4 prospect by *Baseball America* prior to the season... Spent the entire season with Altoona where he batted .287 with 5 HR, 66 RBI and 19 SB in 126 games... Led Curve batters with 143 hits... Hit .286 vs. LHP and .288 vs. RHP... Batted .308 with runners in scoring position and .456 (26-for-57) with RISP and two outs... Began season as the club's everyday shortstop, but moved to second base full-time in mid-May... Fielding stats by position: 2B (74 G, 365 TC, 973, 10 E), SS (52 G, 257 TC, 949, 13 E)... Went 2-for-5 with a pair of RBI triples in the Curve's 11-2 win @ Reading on 4/5... Bashed his first Double-A HR (a game-tying, 400-plus foot blast) as one of his three hits in a 4/16 loss @ Harrisburg... Became just the fourth player in Curve history to record five hits in a game when he went 5-for-6 on 5/7 @ Akron (Adrian Brown, Humberto Cota and Tony Alvarez were the previous three to record the feat)... Reached base in 15 straight games from 4/20-5/17... Reached base safely in 23 of 24 games from 4/30-5/27... Went 3-for-4 with two doubles, an RBI and two runs scored in Altoona's 10-6 loss @ Trenton on 5/30... Posted a .333 average (37-for-111) during the month of May... Left game on 6/9 @ New Britain with a sprained right ankle after sliding into second base—placed on DL on 6/11, retroactive to 6/10... Activated from DL on 6/17... Posted a team-high 22-game on-base streak from 6/7-7/7... Participated in both the All-Star Futures Game on 7/13 @ Chicago (0-for-2) and the Eastern League All-Star Game on 7/16 @ New Britain (1-for-4, run)—was the starting shortstop in both games... Scored at least one run in eight straight games from 7/9-7/21... Notched a season-high 10-game hitting streak from 8/5-8/14, during which he batted .359 (14-for-39)... Recorded back-to-back three-hit games 8/21-8/22... Put together a nine-game hitting streak from 8/24-8/31, during which he batted .394 (13-for-33) with a triple, double, 5 RBI and 4 runs scored... Hit .222 (4-for-18) in four E.L. playoff games... Played in 53 games for Caracas in the Venezuelan Winter League and batted .255 with 5 HR and 28 RBI

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**PREVIOUS- 2002:** Rated Pirates' #5 prospect by *Baseball America* prior to the season... Also rated by *Baseball America* as the "Best Defensive Infielder" in the Bucs' minor league system... Spent entire season with Carolina League champion Lynchburg (A) and batted .300 with career-highs in HR (16) and RBI (81) and games played (134)... Named to the C.L.'s post-season All-Star Team... Rated by the league's managers as the "Most Exciting Player" and "Best Defensive Infielder" in the Carolina League... Ranked 3rd in the league in RBI (81), 4th in home runs (16), 5th in runs (82) and 9th in batting (.300)... Also ranked 4th in the Pirates' minor league system in both RBI and stolen bases (27)... Batted .302 with 13 of his 16 homers vs. RHP... Recorded a team-high 44 multi-hit games... Started 132 games at shortstop and two as a DH... Posted a season-high five RBI in the third game of the season @ Frederick on 4/7... Went 3-for-4 with a double and a pair of home runs on 4/22 @ Myrtle Beach... Smashed the game-winning home run in the bottom of the 10th inning of the Hillcats' 5-4 win vs. Frederick on 5/18... Posted the first of two, four-hit contests on 5/23 @ Potomac (4-for-4)... Reached base safely in 17 straight contests from 5/22-6/8... One of seven Hillcats selected to participate in the Carolina League-California League All-Star Game in Wilmington, DE on 6/18... Posted a season-high nine-game hitting streak from 7/22-7/30, batting .474 (18-for-38) during that span... Batted .388 (45-for-116) in 28 games during the month of July (hit safely in 24 of those contests)... Equalled his season-high batting average (.324) entering action on 7/31... Slumped in August, batting just .198 during the month... Went 4-for-6 on the final day of the season (9/2) vs. Salem to finish with a .300 average for the first time in his professional career... Belted just one HR in his final 42 games... Batted .259 (7-for-27) and hit safely in six of the Hillcats' seven playoff contests... **2001:** Rated the Pirates' #6 prospect by *Baseball America* prior to the season... Spent entire season with Lynchburg (A), appearing in 125 games despite suffering through most of the season with an injured wrist... Hit .245 with 7 HR and 49 RBI... Finished tied for the Carolina League lead in triples (7)... Led Hillcats in hits (119), triples and stolen bases (23)... Batted just .200 with one HR and 12 RBI in April and May... Hit safely in 16 of 20 games from 6/24-7/22, raising his average from .205 to .249... Named Carolina League Player of the Week for week of 6/28-7/4... Ended season with a seven-game hitting streak (8/25-9/1)... Batted just .216 vs. RHP... Underwent arthroscopic wrist surgery following the season... **2000:** Spent entire season with Hickory (A) and hit .299 with 16 HR, 72 RBI and 16 SB in 125 games... Named to the South Atlantic League's post-season All-Star Team... Led all of minor league baseball with 60 errors, but committed just 18 of those in the second half of Hickory's season... Finished 3rd in the SAL in extra-base hits (95) and at-bats (529), and 5th in the league in both hits (158) and runs (95)... Finished 4th in the Pirates' organization in average (.299)... One of six Crawdads with ten or more HR... Appeared in one major league spring training game for the Pirates (0-for-1, K)... Hit .339 vs. LHP... Recorded three hitting streaks of 10 or more games... Strung together an 11-game hitting streak from 4/22-5/4... Ripped the first of his two grand slams on 5/6 @ Asheville (other came on 7/3 vs. Delmarva)... Hit safely in a season-high 15 straight games from 5/9-5/25, raising his average from .277 to .322 during that span... Also recorded a hit in 19 of 20 games from 5/9-5/30... Batted .339 with 5 HR and 22 RBI in the month of May... Hit safely in 40 of his first 47 games... Went 4-for-5 with a double, triple, 2 RBI and 4 runs scored on 7/1 @ Greensboro... Posted a 10-game hitting streak from 8/11-8/23 and hit safely in 17 of 18 games from 8/11-9/1... Batted .339 in the month of August... **1999:** Made U.S. debut with the Pirates' Gulf Coast League affiliate (R)... Posted a season-high eight-game hitting streak from 7/21-7/29... Split time between second base (23 games) and shortstop (24)... **1998:** Made professional debut with Montalban of the Venezuelan Summer League... **1997:** Signed with Pittsburgh as an amateur free agent on 7/2

**PERSONAL/MISCELLANEOUS:** Jose Castillo (Rondon)... Signed by Pirates' scout Jose Luna

## CASTILLO'S CAREER STATISTICS

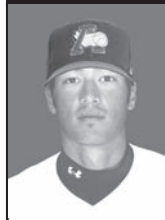
Yr.	Club	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
1998	Montalban	.291	55	179	31	52	9	1	13	20	30	23	
1999	Bradenton	.266	47	173	27	46	9	0	4	30	11	23	8
2000	Hickory	.299	125	529	95	158	32	8	16	72	29	107	16
2001	Lynchburg	.245	125	485	57	119	20	7	7	49	21	94	23
2002	Lynchburg	.300	134	503	82	151	228	25	2	16	81	49	95
2003	Altoona	.287	126	498	68	143	24	6	5	66	40	81	19
Minor Lg. Totals		.283	612	2367	360	669	119	24	49	311	170	430	116

## CAREER TRANSACTIONS

--Signed by Pittsburgh as an amateur free agent, 7/2/97

## CHAVES, BRANDON

INF



**HEIGHT:** 6-3 **WEIGHT:** 180  
**BATS:** S **THROWS:** R  
**AGE:** 24, TURNS 25 ON AUGUST 5  
**BORN:** 8/5/79, HILO, HI  
**RESIDES:** HILO, HI  
**SCHOOL:** UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII-HILO  
**ACQUIRED:** PIRATES' 10TH ROUND  
**SELECTION IN 2000 JUNE DRAFT**

**CHAVES QUICK FACTS:** 5th professional season... Non-roster invitee to Pirates' major league spring training prior to the 2004 season... Spent 2003 season with Lynchburg (A), where he hit a career-high .262 with 3 HR and 49 RBI in 121 games... Entering 2004 held just a .227 career batting average, but gradually improved average each season... .154 in 2000 (Williamsport), .199 in 2001 (Hickory), .248 in 2002 (Hickory), .262 in 2003 (Lynchburg)... Born and raised in Hawaii and played college baseball at the University of Hawaii at Hilo

**2003 SEASON:** Spent entire season with Lynchburg (A), hitting .262 with 3 HR and 49 RBI in a career and team-high 121 games... Established career offensive highs in batting average, at-bats (443), runs (62), hits (16), doubles (23), triples (6) and stolen bases (13)... Made 118 starts at shortstop and three as the Hillcats' DH... Committed 24 errors in 498 total chances (.952)... Switch-hitter batted .271 as a right-handed hitter and .257 from the left side... Hit .325 (38-for-117) with runners in scoring position, including .345 (19-for-55) with two outs... Went 4-for-6 and knocked in eight runs with the bases loaded... After going hitless in his first three games (0-for-12), hit safely in 13 of 15 games from 4/13-5/1 and enjoyed seven multi-hit games during that span... Sustained an up and down first three months of the season, hitting .328 in April, .186 in May and .316 in June... Raised his average from .254 to .280 during a season-best eight-game hitting streak from 6/2-6/8 (12-for-30, .400)... Recorded just his second career four-hit game (4-for-4) and scored three runs on 7/3 vs. Salem... Ripped a game-winning, walkoff home run in the 7th inning of Lynchburg's game two doubleheader win vs. Salem on 7/4... Hit .243 (52-for-214) over the season's final two months... Legged out the Hillcats' first inside-the-park HR since 1999 in the first inning of 7/27 contest vs. Salem... Committed just 10 errors in his last 86 games, including errorless streaks of 24 & 17 games... Batted .136 (3-for-22) with a triple and home run in five Carolina League playoff games

**PREVIOUS- 2002:** Spent second consecutive full season with Hickory (A) and hit .248 with 4 HR, 44 RBI and 10 stolen bases in 105 games for the South Atlantic League champions... Batted .263 as a right-handed hitter and .242 from the left side of the plate... Appeared in 103 games at shortstop and one game each in RF and at third base... Committed 26 errors in 431 total chances (.941)... Homered and knocked in a season-high five runs on 6/14 @ Hagerstown... Despite being limited by injury, enjoyed his best offensive month in June, batting .362 (17-for-47) in 16 games... Slumped over the final two months of the season, hitting just .217 (28-for-129) with one HR and 11 RBI... **2001:** Spent first of two seasons with Hickory and hit .199 with 2 HR, 32 RBI and 8 SB in 110 games... Appeared in 90 games at shortstop and 18 games at third base... Committed 23 errors in 461 total chances (.952)... Posted just 12 multi-hit games... Hit .247 as a right-handed hitter and .185 with both of his home runs as a lefty... Posted a sub-.200 average in two months during the season--June (.188) and August (.130)...

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# 2004 CURVE PLAYERS



-BRANDON CHAVES CONTINUED-

In his best offensive game of the season, went 3-for-4 with two doubles, a home run, 5 RBI and two runs scored on 5/3 vs. Lakewood... Went 19 games without an RBI from 5/14-6/6 and knocked in just two runs in 34 games from 5/14-6/24... **2000:** Signed with Pittsburgh on 6/19 after being selected in the 10th round of the June draft... Made professional debut with Williamsport (SS-A) and hit just .154 with no HR and 11 RBI in 55 games... Appeared exclusively at shortstop for the Crosscutters and committed 11 errors in 259 total chances (.958)... Went hitless in his first 22 professional at-bats... Posted first career three-hit game (3-for-7) on 8/13 vs. Lowell... After batting .256 (11-for-43) in 15 games during July, hit just .144 (15-for-104) in his final 32 games

**PERSONAL/MISCELLANEOUS:** Brandon Francis Chaves... Played three seasons of college baseball at the University of Hawaii at Hilo... Batted .241 with 0 HR and 8 RBI in 43 games during his redshirt freshman campaign for the Vulcans (1999) and .259 with 3 HR, 24 RBI and 20 SB en route to being named Second Team All-WAC in 2000... 1997 graduate of Hilo (HI) High School where he was a three-year letterman on the school's baseball team... Signed by Pirates' scout Mike Williams

## CHAVES' CAREER STATISTICS

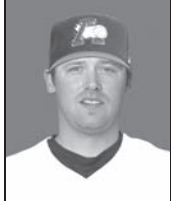
Yr.	Club	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
2000	Williamsport	.154	55	169	14	26	4	0	0	11	18	37	0
2001	Hickory	.199	110	356	29	71	12	4	2	32	28	89	8
2002	Hickory	.248	105	335	56	83	18	2	4	44	40	89	10
2003	Lynchburg	.262	121	443	62	116	23	6	3	49	40	82	13
Minor Lg. Totals		.227	391	1303	161	296	57	12	9	136	126	297	31

## CAREER TRANSACTIONS

--Selected by Pittsburgh in 2000 June draft (10th round)

## CONNOLLY, MIKE

LHP



**HEIGHT:** 6-0 **WEIGHT:** 176  
**BATS:** L **THROWS:** L  
**AGE:** 21, TURNS 22 ON JUNE 2  
**BORN:** 6/2/82, ONEONTA, NY  
**RESIDES:** ONEONTA, NY  
**SCHOOL:** ONEONTA (NY) H.S.  
**ACQUIRED:** PIRATES' 19TH ROUND  
**SELECTION IN 2000 JUNE DRAFT**

**CONNOLLY QUICK FACTS:** 5th professional season... One of two 20-year olds in the Curve's starting rotation to start the 2003 season (Sean Burnett)... Younger brother, Jon, pitches in the Detroit Tigers' minor league system and went 16-3 with five complete games and a 1.41 ERA in 25 games for Class-A West Michigan in 2003... Went 10-3 with a 2.94 ERA in 29 games (19 starts) for Carolina League champion Lynchburg (A) in 2002

**2003 SEASON:** Spent entire regular season with Altoona (AA) and went 7-8 with a 3.39 ERA in 25 games (23 starts)... Finished 8th in the Eastern League with a 3.39 ERA... Led the Curve's pitching staff in strikeouts (90)... Posted a solid 2.86 ERA in 13 home starts, but went 3-6 after receiving just eight runs of support in his six losses... Held left-handed batters to a .215 average and 2 HR... Posted a 5.48 first-inning ERA (23/0 IP/14 ER)... Had first start scratched due to back-to-back snow outs @ Erie on 4/7 & 4/8 and made Double-A debut in relief on 4/9 @ Erie (1.2 IP, 2 H, 1 BB, 0 K)... Went 7.0 innings allowing two runs on seven hits in earning his first Double-A win on 5/1 @ Bowie... Returned to his native New York and struck out a season-high nine batters in 6.0 innings to earn the win @ Binghamton on 5/18... Went 0-2 in back-to-back starts on 5/23 vs. Binghamton and 5/28 vs. Akron despite allowing only 2 ER in 14.0 combined IP—offense gave him no runs of support in either game... Pitching on his 21st birthday, allowed six runs (all earned), four hits and three walks in taking his third straight loss on 6/2 vs. Portland... Went 0-4 with a 5.76 ERA (16 ER/25 IP) in five starts from 5/23-6/15... Allowed five or more runs in three straight starts before scattering nine hits over 8.0 innings to notch his first win in over a month on 6/20 vs. Harrisburg (1 BB, 3 K)... Placed on the Disabled List with a strained rib cage muscle from 6/30-7/13... Tossed 6.0 shutout innings to earn win on 8/26 vs. Reading (3 H, 1 BB, 6 K)...

Went 3-1 with a 1.45 ERA in six starts during the month of August... Earned a no-decision in Game 2 of the Eastern League Divisional Series @ Akron (5.2 IP, 7 H, 3 R, 3 ER, 1 BB, 3 K)—lone game the Curve won in the series (4-3)

**PREVIOUS-- 2002:** Spent entire season with Carolina League champion Lynchburg (A)... Ranked 6th among Pirates' minor leaguers in ERA (2.94)... Appeared in 29 games, making 19 starts for the Hillcats... Posted a 2.08 ERA in his 19 starts, but just a 7.85 ERA in 10 relief appearances... Uncorked seven wild pitches all season—five of which came in 4.1 innings of work on 5/28 @ Potomac... Tossed 7.0 shutout innings, allowing just three hits and fanning seven in notching a win @ Kinston on 6/24... Including the victory on 6/24, went 8-0 with a 2.12 ERA in his final 14 appearances of the season (11 starts)... Struck out a season-high nine batters in earning a win @ Kinston on 8/12... Held left-handed batters to a .223 average... Took a no-decision as the starter in the deciding game of the Hillcats' first round playoff series @ Wilmington on 9/6 (4.0 IP, 5 H, 3 R, 3 ER, 3 BB, 6 K, 2 HR)... **2001:** Spent entire season with Hickory (A)... Finished in a three-way tie for the Pirates' organizational lead in wins (11)... Began season pitching out of the Crawdads' bullpen... Made first 18 appearances out of the bullpen, going 6-1 with a 3.86 ERA in that role... Yielded just one ER in his first 19.1 IP, covering nine outings... Pitched 6.0 shutout innings in his second start for the Crawdads on 6/14 vs. Lexington... Fanned a season-high 12 batters in earning the win on 7/2 vs. Asheville... Hurlled a CG, 2-hitter on 7/13 @ Delmarva (1 ER, 0 BB, 6 K)... Tossed a 7-inning, CG in the second game of a DH on 8/15 @ Charleston-SC (3 H, 1 ER, 2 BB, 7 K)... Left-handed batters posted a .313 average against... Participated in the Pirates' Fall Instructional camp... **2000:** Signed with Pittsburgh on 6/9 after being selected in the 19th round of the June draft... Made professional debut with the Pirates' Gulf Coast League affiliate... Appeared in 11 games, all in relief

**PERSONAL/MISCELLANEOUS:** Michael Patrick Connolly... 2000 graduate of Oneonta (NY) High School... Brother, Jon, is a pitcher in the Detroit Tigers' minor league system... Turned down a scholarship offer from East Carolina University to sign with the Pirates... Signed by Pirates' scout Charlie Sullivan

## CONNOLLY'S CAREER STATISTICS

Yr.	Club	W-L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB
SO													
2000	Bradenton	1-2	2.29	11	0	0	0	2	19.2	20	6	5	25
2001	Hickory	11-7	3.94	33	15	2	0	0	121.0	116	59	53	41
2002	Lynchburg	10-3	2.94	29	19	0	0	0	122.1	111	46	40	100

## CAREER TRANSACTIONS

--Selected by Pittsburgh in 2000 June draft (19th round)

## PIRATES' AFFILIATES IN THE EASTERN LEAGUE

1999-	ALTOONA, PA
1987-90	HARRISBURG, PA
1984-86	NASHUA, NH
1983	LYNN, MA
1979-82	BUFFALO, NY
1974	THETFORD MINES, PQ
1972-73	SHERBROOKE, PQ
1970-71	WATERBURY, CT
1968-69	YORK, PA
1954-56	WILLIAMSPORT, PA
1940-50	ALBANY, PA
1936	SCRANTON, PA

## CORTES, JORGE

OF



**HEIGHT:** 6-0      **WEIGHT:** 180  
**BATS:** L      **THROWS:** L  
**AGE:** 23  
**BORN:** 10/17/80, BARRANQUILLA, COLOMBIA  
**RESIDES:** BARRANQUILLA, COLOMBIA  
**ACQUIRED:** SIGNED BY PIRATES' AS AN AMATEUR FREE AGENT, 10/24/97

**CORTES QUICK FACTS:** 7th professional season... Rated the "Best Hitter for Average" in the Pirates' organization by *Baseball America* entering the 2004 season... Moved slowly through the Pirates' organization--spent his first complete year at the full-season level in 2003... Combined to hit .308 with 9 HR and 81 RBI in a career-high 135 games between Hickory (A) and Lynchburg (A) last season... Despite playing in just 98 games at Hickory, was named the South Atlantic League's Most Valuable Player after hitting .325 with 8 HR and 66 RBI... Through a poll of SAL managers conducted by *Baseball America* during the 2003 season, was rated as a having the "Best Strike Zone Judgement" in the league--entering 2004 fanned just 232 times in 1676 career plate appearances (1/7.22)... Looking to become the second native of Colombia to play for the Curve (Yamid Haad, 1999-01)

**2003 SEASON:** Combined to bat .308 with 9 HR and 81 RBI in 135 games between Hickory (A) and Lynchburg (A)... Established new career highs in games played, RBI, runs (72), hits (146), doubles (30) and stolen bases (10)... Finished among the Pirates' organizational leaders in hits (1<sup>st</sup>), RBI (3<sup>rd</sup>) and average (6<sup>th</sup>)... Played all three outfield positions throughout the season: LF (66 games), CF (41), RF (25)... Posted 21 outfield assists between the two clubs... Combined to hit .303 vs. LHP and .310 vs. RHP... Opened season with Hickory, where he was named the South Atlantic League's Most Valuable Player after hitting .325 with 8 HR and 66 RBI in 98 games... Also named to the league's mid- and post-season All-Star Teams... Led the SAL in on-base percentage (.427) and ranked 2nd in hitting and 4th in slugging percentage (.475)... Hit .356 (58-for-163) with runners on base with the Crawdads... Recorded 30 multi-hit contests with Hickory, including 10 three-hit games... Named the SAL Player of the Week for the week of 4/3-4/10, batting .429 (9-for-21) with a double, HR and 7 RBI during the week... Reached base safely in 33 consecutive games from 4/5-5/12... Finished April batting .393 with 22 RBI in 25 games... Went 3-for-4 on 5/8 vs. Charleston-SC to push his average to .400... Smacked a grand slam on 5/12 @ Kannapolis... Strung together a season-best 10-game hitting streak from 5/17-5/27, going 13-for-36 (.361) during that span... Knocked in 17 runs in 17 games from 6/10-7/3... Promoted to Lynchburg on 7/27 and hit .264 with one HR and 15 RBI in 37 games for the Hillcats... Went 6-for-15 (.400) in his first four games with Lynchburg, including a 3-for-5 performance with three runs scored on 7/31 @ Myrtle Beach... Finished the season with an eight-game hitting streak (.333, 9-for-27) to raise his average from .245 to .264... Went 3-for-15 (.200) in five Carolina League playoff games

**PREVIOUS-- 2002:** Hit .314 with 2 HR and 46 RBI in 87 combined games between Hickory (A) and Williamsport (SS-A)... Opened season with Hickory, batting .254 (15-for-59) in 17 games... Made all 17 appearances in left field... Sent to Pirates' extended spring training on 4/26... Joined Williamsport for the start of the New York-Penn League schedule on 6/18 and batted .328 with one HR and 35 RBI in 70 games en route to being named to the league's post-season All-Star Team... Led the circuit in hits (83), on-base percentage (.426) and SO/TPA (1/15.25) and ranked 3rd in average... Went hitless in his first 12 at-bats before going on a 13-game hitting streak from 6/23-7/4 (19-for-45, .422)... Went 4-for-4 in back-to-back games on 7/21 vs. Lowell and 7/22 vs. Hudson Valley... Hit safely in 11 of 12 games from 7/21-8/3, batting .447 (21-for-47) during that stretch... Produced a 10-game hitting streak from 8/12-8/24, during which he hit .417 (15-for-36)... Went 3-for-7 with a double and RBI in the Crosscutters' two New York-Penn League playoff contests... **2001:** Spent second consecutive season with New York-Penn League co-champion Williamsport, batting .254 with 2 HR and 31 RBI in 51 games... Appeared in 49 games in left field and two as

the Crosscutters' designated hitter... Belted his only two home runs of the season in the same game on 8/20 (game one) @ Jamestown--also recorded five RBI in a 9-0 win... Hit safely in 10 of his final 12 games, batting .350 (14-for-40) during that stretch... **2000:** Hit .202 with 4 HR and 22 RBI in 51 games at Williamsport... Games by position: RF (34), LF (15), DH (1)... After starting the season 3-for-38 (.079), posted a 10-game hitting streak from 7/2-7/28--streak interrupted by injury (7/6-7/19)... Hit just .131 (8-for-61) in his final 21 games to drop his final average from .241 to .202... **1999:** Made U.S. debut with the rookie-level Gulf Coast League Pirates... Games by position: LF (19), RF (4), DH (4), CF (2)... **1998:** Hit .298 with 5 HR and 36 RBI in 57 games for Montalban of the Venezuelan Summer League

**PERSONAL/MISCELLANEOUS:** Jorge Luis Cortes... Attended Santa Cecilia Colegio... Signed by Pirates' scout Jose Luna

CORTES' CAREER STATISTICS															
Yr.	Club	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB		
1998	Montalban	.298	57	171	32	51	14	0	5	36	45	37	3		
1999	Bradenton	.301	32	93	14	28	4	1	0	14	14	19	2		
2000	Williamsport	.202	51	173	18	35	11	0	4	22	20	48	0		
2001	Williamsport	.254	51	189	23	48	17	1	2	31	20	25	2		
2002	Hickory	.254	17	59	13	15	3	1	1	11	7	11	1		
	Williamsport	.328	70	253	38	83	14	4	1	35	44	20	7		
2003	Hickory	.325	98	345	55	112	24	2	8	66	56	47	9		
	Lynchburg	.264	37	129	17	34	6	0	1	15	11	25	1		
Minor Lg. Totals		.288	413	1412	210	406	93	9	22	230	217	232	25		

## CAREER TRANSACTIONS

--Signed by Pittsburgh as an amateur free agent, 10/24/97

## BASEBALLAMERICA'S PITTSBURGHPIRATES 2004 TOP 30 PROSPECTS

1. JOHN VAN BENSCHOTEN (RHP)
2. SEAN BURNETT (LHP)
3. JASON BAY (OF)
4. BRYAN BULLINGTON (RHP)
5. BLAIR JOHNSON (RHP)
6. IAN SNELL (RHP)
7. FREDDY SANCHEZ (INF)
8. PAUL MAHOLM (LHP)
9. CORY STEWART (LHP)
10. RYAN DOUMIT (C)
11. MIKE JOHNSTON (LHP)
12. JOSE CASTILLO (INF)
13. J.J. DAVIS (OF)
14. MATT CAPPS (RHP)
15. ZACH DUKE (LHP)
16. NYJER MORGAN (OF)
17. JORGE CORTES (OF)
18. NATE MCLOUTH (OF)
19. TOM GORZELANNY (RHP)
20. MIKE GONZALEZ (LHP)
21. TONY ALVAREZ (OF)
22. WARDELL STARLING (RHP)
23. JONATHAN ALBALADEJO (RHP)
24. JAVIER GUZMAN (RHP)
25. J.R. HOUSE (C)
26. MIKE CONNOLLY (LHP)
27. BRIAN HOLLIDAY (LHP)
28. BOBBY BRADLEY (RHP)
29. BRAD ELDRED (1B)
30. LEO NUNEZ (RHP)



# 2004 CURVE PLAYERS



## DeCaster, Yurendell

INF



**HEIGHT:** 6-1 **WEIGHT:** 200  
**BATS:** R **THROWS:** R  
**AGE:** 24  
**BORN:** 9/26/79, CURACAO, NETH. ANT.  
**RESIDES:** CURACAO, NETH. ANTILLES  
**ACQUIRED:** SELECTED BY PIRATES  
 FROM TAMPA BAY IN RULE 5 MINOR  
 LEAGUE DRAFT, 12/11/00

**DeCaster Quick Facts:** 8th professional season... Originally signed by Tampa Bay at the age of 16 as an amateur free agent from Curacao in the Netherlands Antilles... Came to the Pirates' organization after being selected from Tampa Bay in the Rule 5 minor league draft following the 2000 season... Enjoyed his best pro season in his first season in the Pirates' organization (2001), when he hit .267 with 19 HR and 78 RBI in 100 games between Hickory (A) and Lynchburg (A)... Left Lynchburg for three weeks last July to join the Dutch National Team for the European Olympic Baseball Qualifying Tournament—hit .214 (3-for-14) with an RBI and five runs scored in helping the Netherlands qualify for the 2004 Olympic Games in Athens, Greece

**2003 Season:** Spent his second consecutive full season with Lynchburg (A) and hit a career-low .230 with 13 HR and 56 RBI in 97 games... Batted just .206 vs. LHP... Belted 10 of his 13 HR vs. RHP... Struggled at home, hitting just .203 in 51 games... Games by position: 3B (63), 1B (23), LF (9), DH (7), RF (1)... Opened season with Hillcats, but was sent to the roster of Williamsport (SS-A) from 4/15-4/22... Recorded a season-best nine-game hitting streak from 4/24-5/4, batting .297 (11-for-37) with 6 RBI and seven runs scored during that span... Hit .306 (11-for-36) in April, but just .221 (65-for-294) the rest of the season... Ripped a pinch-hit, game-winning three-run HR in the top of the 9th inning of Lynchburg's extra-inning win on 5/14 @ Winston-Salem (game two)... Named the Carolina League's Player of the Week for the week of 6/5-6/11 after hitting .407 (11-for-27) with 3 doubles, 3 HR, 10 RBI and 8 runs scored... Enjoyed a productive month of June belting 6 HR and knocking in 16 runs in 24 games... Also tied a Lynchburg record by homering in three consecutive games @ Myrtle Beach during the week (6/9-6/10 game two)... Left the Hillcats from 7/7-7/27 after being granted permission to join the Dutch National Team for the European Olympic Qualifying Tournament in the Netherlands... Batted .214 (3-for-14) with an RBI and five runs scored in helping the Netherlands qualify for the 2004 Olympic Games in Athens, Greece... Returned to Lynchburg on 7/28 and hit .231 (28-for-121) in his final 35 games... Went hitless in 20 consecutive at-bats from 8/21-8/29... Batted .294 (5-for-17) with 3 RBI and 3 runs scored in five C.L. playoff games

**PREVIOUS—2002:** Spent entire season with Carolina League champion Lynchburg, hitting .252 with 15 HR and 62 RBI in a career-high 125 games... Appeared exclusively at third base, committing a career-high 32 errors... Posted the 5th-best HR/at-bat ratio in the Carolina League (1/28.80)... Rebounded from a rough month of April (.195, 15-for-77) to hit .306 (30-for-98) with 4 HR and 19 RBI in 28 games in May... Hit safely in 23 of 28 games during the month of May... Blasted a grand slam to account for a season-high four RBI on 5/31 vs. Wilmington... Posted a season-high four hits (4-for-5), including two doubles on 8/16 vs. Winston-Salem... Enjoyed his best offensive month of the season in August, batting .320 (24-for-75)... Hit safely in 20 of his final 25 games, hitting .301 during that span... Did not appear during the Carolina League playoffs... **2001:** Spent his first season as a member of the Pirates' minor league system after being acquired from Tampa Bay in the minor league Rule 5 draft during the offseason... Spent majority of season with Hickory (A), but began season with Lynchburg (A)... Batted just .104 (5-for-48) with no HR and 4 RBI in 13 games with the Hillcats before being re-assigned to Hickory on 4/27... Finished 3rd in the South Atlantic League in slugging percentage (.531)... Tied for the Pirates' organizational lead in RBI (78) and finished 3rd in HR (19)... Drove in four or more runs seven times... Appeared in 62 games as the Crawdads' third baseman and 34 games as the DH... 17 of his 19 HR came vs. RHP... Batted .423 (22-for-52) with two outs and RISP... Batted .309 with 6 HR and 20 RBI in the month of May... Placed on the DL from 6/4-

6/20... Went 4-for-4 with a double, grand slam HR and 6 RBI on 6/24 vs. Delmarva... Went 3-for-4 with two doubles and four RBI on 6/29 @ Lakewood... Hit for the cycle (4-for-4) and drove in four runs before leaving the game in the sixth inning due to injury on 7/15 @ Charleston-WV... Hit seven of his 19 home runs in 23 games during the month of July... Homered in three consecutive games from 8/25-8/27... Named SAL Player of the Week for week of 8/24-8/30, batting .400 (10-for-25) with 4 HR, 11 RBI and seven runs scored during the week... Attended the Pirates' Fall Instructional camp... **2000:** Appeared in 69 games for Charleston-SC (A/South Atlantic) in the Tampa Bay organization, hitting .240 with 7 HR and 28 RBI... Began season in Devil Rays' extended spring training... Joined Charleston on 6/15... Appeared in 68 games as a third baseman for the RiverDogs... Hit six of his seven HR vs. RHP... Went 3-for-4 with three doubles on 8/30 vs. Columbus... **1999:** Appeared in 48 games for rookie-level Princeton (WV) in the Appalachian League, batting .257 with 11 HR and 36 RBI... Finished 4th in the APPY League in HR/AB (1/16.64)... Went 2-for-5 with two HR and five RBI on 8/7 vs. Bluefield... Hit safely in 10 of 11 games from 7/26-8/7, raising his average from .173 to .289... Team lost in the APPY League Championship Series... **1998:** Appeared in 56 games for the Devil Rays' Gulf Coast League affiliate... Batted .236 with 2 HR, 17 RBI and 10 SB... **1997:** Made professional debut with the Devil Rays' Dominican Summer League entry and hit .236 with 2 HR and 17 RBI in 56 games... **1996:** Signed with Tampa Bay as a 16-year old amateur free agent, 8/2

**PERSONAL/MISCELLANEOUS:** Yurendell Eithel DeCaster... Originally signed as an amateur free agent by Tampa Bay on 8/2/96... Will be a member of the Dutch Olympic Baseball team at the 2004 Summer Olympics in Athens... Originally signed by D-Rays' scout Rudy Santin

### DeCaster's Career Statistics

Yr.	Club	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
1997	DSL D-Rays	.239	68	243	27	58	8	1	5	31	29	44	4
1998	GCL D-Rays	.236	56	174	25	41	4	3	2	17	19	48	10
1999	Princeton	.257	48	183	37	47	12	0	11	36	20	65	4
2000	Charleston-SC	.240	69	242	34	58	21	0	7	28	16	89	4
2001	Lynchburg	.104	13	48	1	5	2	0	0	4	3	16	0
	Hickory	.290	97	341	56	99	17	4	19	74	35	83	4
2002	Lynchburg	.252	125	432	54	109	25	3	15	62	30	102	1
2003	Lynchburg	.230	97	330	50	76	24	1	13	56	22	86	3
Minor Lg. Totals		.247	573	1993	284	493	113	12	72	308	174	533	30

### Career Transactions

--Signed by Tampa Bay as an amateur free agent, 8/2/96  
 --Selected by Pittsburgh from Tampa Bay in Rule 5 minor league draft, 12/11/00

## Doumit, Ryan

C



**HEIGHT:** 6-0 **WEIGHT:** 190  
**BATS:** S **THROWS:** R  
**AGE:** 23  
**BORN:** 4/3/81, MOSES LAKE, WA  
**RESIDES:** MOSES LAKE, WA  
**SCHOOL:** MOSES LAKE (WA) H.S.  
**ACQUIRED:** PIRATES' 2ND ROUND  
 SELECTION IN 1999 JUNE DRAFT

**Doumit Quick Facts:** 6th professional season... Member of the Pirates' 40-man roster for the second consecutive season... Rated the Pirates' #10 prospect and "Best Defensive Catcher" by *Baseball America* entering the 2004 season... Endured injury-plagued 2001 and 2002 seasons, suffering through a broken finger in '02 and back spasms in '01 to appear in a total of just 116 games... Became the Pirates' highest drafted catcher (2nd round) since the club selected Jason Kendall in the first round of the 1992 draft... One of three players from his high school (Moses Lake, WA) to be drafted in the first two rounds of the 1999 June draft—Outfielder B.J. Garbe was the 5th overall selection of the Twins, while pitcher/outfielder Jason Cooper was the Phillies' second round pick... Appeared in two games with the Curve during the 2001 season, going 1-for-4 with an RBI

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**2003 SEASON:** Member of the Pirates' 40-man roster... Spent the entire season with Lynchburg (A), where he was named to the Carolina League's mid-season and post-season All-Star Teams after hitting .275 with 11 HR and 77 RBI in a career-high 127 games... Led the league in doubles (38), finished 2nd in extra-base hits (50) and 3rd in RBI (77)... Also led the Pirates' minor league system in doubles and ranked 3rd in extra-base hits... Appeared in 86 games behind the plate, throwing out 21-of-85 potential base stealers (24.7%)... Allowed a league-high 23 passed balls... Got off to a red-hot start in April, batting .398 (33-for-83) with 4 HR and 23 RBI en route to being named the Carolina League's Player of the Month... Twice named the league's Player of the Week in April (4/4-9 & 4/24-4/30)... Went 6-for-14 with 2 HR, 8 RBI and six runs scored in Lynchburg's season-opening three-game series @ Frederick from 4/4-6 and went on to hit safely in his first 10 games, going 16-for-41 (.390) with 3 HR, 14 RBI and 11 runs scored... Knocked in a season-high five runs in 4/5 contest... Recorded a season-high four hits in five at-bats on 4/24 vs. Kinston... Rattled off a second 10-game hitting streak from 4/23-5/4 (18-for-49, .367)... Cooled off in May and June, combining to bat just .222... Hit safely in 12 of 13 games from 7/5-7/19, batting .417 (20-for-48) during that span... Slumped in the season's final nine games, going 4-for-33 (.121) to drop his final average from .287 to .275... Hit .333 (7-for-21) with 2 HR and 4 RBI in five C.L. playoff games... Participated in the Arizona Fall League and hit .346 (9-for-26) with 2 HR and 7 RBI in 10 games... Ranked by *Baseball America* as having one of the three "Best Catching Arms" in the AFL.


**PREVIOUS--2002:** Appeared in 68 games for South Atlantic League champion Hickory (A), his second straight campaign interrupted by injury... Made 31 appearances behind the plate and 36 as the Crawdads' designated hitter... Hit safely in each of his first seven games, batting .393 (10-for-28) with nine runs and 8 RBI during that span... Recorded 5 RBI on 5/2 vs. Greensboro... Batted .394 (13-for-33) during an eight-game hitting streak from 5/11-19... Hit .400 (30-for-75) with 17 RBI over a 19-game stretch from 5/23-6/13... Reached base safely via hit or walk in 15 straight games from 5/27-6/13... Ripped a grand slam and drove in six runs on 6/13 @ Hagerstown... Suffered a broken index finger on his right hand on 6/27 vs. Kannapolis and was placed on the Disabled List for the remainder of the season on 6/28... Underwent surgery on 7/2 (surgery performed by Dr. Mark Baritz in Pittsburgh)... Threw out eight of the 38 baserunners attempting to steal against him (21%)... Batted .355 (66-for-186) and hit all six of his HR vs. RHP... Hit just .236 (17-for-72) vs. LHP... Batted .378 (31-for-82) with runners in scoring position... **2001:** Rated Pirates' #10 prospect by *Baseball America* prior to the season... Due to injury, was limited to just 48 games behind Hickory (A), Bradenton (R) and Altoona (AA)... Began season with Hickory... Opened season with a nine-game hitting streak from 4/5-14... Hit first HR of the season on 5/10... Suffered a strained muscle in his lower back during batting practice prior to game on 5/11... Placed on the Disabled List on 5/14... Appeared in seven Gulf Coast League contests with Bradenton between 7/5 and 7/31... Batted .235 (4-for-17) with three RBI for the Baby Bucs... Sent to Altoona on 8/3 to fill an open roster spot for the Curve... Became the youngest player to appear in a game for the Curve (20 years, 4 months) when he knocked in the game-winning run as a pinch-hitter in his first Double-A at-bat on 8/3 vs. Harrisburg... Made lone start for Altoona on 8/5 vs. Harrisburg (1-for-3, RBI)... Returned to Hickory on 8/6 and finished the season with the Crawdads... Hit safely in eight of his first nine games in his return, batting .429 (15-for-35) during that stretch... Finished the season in a 2-for-28 slump that dropped his final average with Hickory from .317 to .270... Participated in the Pirates' Fall Instructional camp... **2000:** Spent entire season with Williamsport (SS-A)... Finished 10th in the New York-Penn League in batting (.313)... Named the league's post-season All-Star Team... Recorded back-to-back four-hit games on 7/27 and 7/28, both vs. Vermont... Posted a season-high 10-game hitting streak from 8/2-14, batting .450 (18-for-40) during that span... Went 5-for-7 on 8/13 vs. Lowell... Batted .386 (34-for-88) during the month of August... **1999:** Signed with Pittsburgh on 6/16 after being selected in the 2nd round of the June draft... Made professional debut with the Pirates' Gulf Coast League affiliate (R)... Batted .282 (24-for-85) in 29 games with the Baby Bucs... Batted just .063 (2-for-32) in 13 games in the lineup as a catcher

**PERSONAL/MISCELLANEOUS:** Ryan Matthew Doumit (pronounced DOO-mit)... Became the Pirates' highest drafted catcher (2nd round) since the club selected Jason Kendall in the first round of the 1992 draft... 1999 graduate of Moses Lake (WA) HS where played baseball and football... Was named a second-team All-America in baseball... One of three Moses Lake players drafted in the first two rounds of the 1999 baseball draft--Outfielder BJ Garbe was the 5th overall selection in the draft by the Twins, while pitcher Jason Cooper was a second round pick by the Phillies, but elected to attend Stanford University (now with Indians' organization)... Was an All-Conference defensive back on the Moses Lake football team... Signed by Pirates' scout James House

DOUMIT'S CAREER STATISTICS													
Yr.	Club	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
1999	Bradenton	.282	29	85	17	24	5	0	1	7	15	14	4
2000	Williamsport	.313	66	246	25	77	15	2	40	23	33	2	
2001	Hickory	.270	39	148	14	40	6	0	2	14	10	32	2
	Altoona	.250	2	4	0	1	0	0	0	2	1	1	0
	Bradenton	.235	7	17	2	4	2	0	0	3	2	0	0
2002	Hickory	.322	68	258	46	83	14	1	6	47	18	40	3
2003	Lynchburg	.275	127	458	75	126	38	1	11	77	45	79	4
Minor Lg. Totals		.292	338	1216	179	355	80	7	22	190	114	199	15

## CAREER TRANSACTIONS

--Selected by Pittsburgh in 1999 June draft (2nd round)

DOUFFY, CHRIS	OF
	
HEIGHT: 5-10	WEIGHT: 175
BATS: L	THROWS: L
AGE: 23, TURNS 24 ON APRIL 20	
BORN: 4/20/80, BRATTLEBORO, VT	
RESIDES: GLENDALE, AZ	
SCHOOL: ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY	
ACQUIRED: PIRATES' 8TH ROUND	
SELECTION IN 2001 JUNE DRAFT	

**DOUFFY QUICK FACTS:** 4th professional season... Spent entire 2003 season with the Curve, batting .273 with one HR, 42 RBI and a new Curve single-season franchise record 34 stolen bases... Joined Brady Bomer as the first members of the Pirates' 2001 draft class to reach the Double-A level... Began professional career as a switch-hitter, but began to bat exclusively from the left side of the plate during 2002 season... Member of league championship clubs in each of his first two pro seasons--Williamsport (2001) and Lynchburg (2002)... Born and raised in Vermont, but moved to Arizona with his family during high school... Played two seasons at South Mountain (AZ) C.C. (1999-00) before transferring to college powerhouse Arizona State for the 2001 season

**2003 SEASON:** Rated the "Best Defensive Outfielder" in the Pirates' minor league system by *Baseball America* prior to the season... Spent entire season with Altoona... Appeared in a team-high 137 games... Finished 5th in the Eastern League and set a new club record with 34 stolen bases... Also finished 4th among Pirates' minor leaguers in stolen bases, tied for 3rd in runs scored (84) and ranked 5th in hits (135)... Hit .286 vs. RHP and .236 vs. LHP... Made all but one of his 134 starts in CF... Recorded hits in his first three Double-A at-bats and went 3-for-5 with two doubles and 2 RBI on 4/3 @ Reading... Enjoyed a huge season-opening series in Reading (7-for-15, 2 triples, 3 doubles, 7 RBI, 6 R)... Reached base safely in 20 of his first 21 games (4/3-4/27)... Went 2-for-3 with a double, 2 RBI, three stolen bases and three runs scored in Curve's win @ Binghamton on 5/15... Matched Curve franchise-record for stolen bases in a game (three) twice: 4/26 vs. Erie & 5/15 @ Binghamton... Hit just .162 (22-for-136) from 4/20-5/29, dropping his average from .354 to .219... Belted his only home run of the season on 6/1 @ Trenton... Posted an 11-game on-base streak from 6/6-6/16... Scored 22 runs in 28 games during the month of June... Went 3-for-3 with 2 RBI, a stolen base and three runs scored on 7/4 vs. Erie... Hit safely in a season-high 11 straight games from 6/26-7/5, batting .395 (15-for-38) during that span... Reached base safely in 18 straight games from 6/26-7/17... Set the Curve's single-season record for stolen bases

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with his 30th steal on 8/10 vs. Harrisburg (game one)... Went 4-for-4 in the Curve's playoff-clinching win vs. Reading on 8/25 (game one)... Recorded a 16-game on-base string from 8/14-8/29... Hit .373 (31-for-83) in his final 26 games to raise his average from .256 to .273... Went 5-for-17 (.294) with a double and RBI in four E.L. playoff games... Participated in the Arizona Fall League and hit .348 with 18 RBI in 21 games for the Mesa Desert Dogs... .348 average ranked 5th in the AFL.

**PREVIOUS--2002:** Spent entire season with Carolina League champion Lynchburg (A)... One of five Hillcats to be named to the Carolina League's post-season All-Star Team... Ranked 2nd in the C.L. in hits (162), 3rd in at-bats (539) and runs (85), 5th in total bases (229) and 7th in batting (.301)... Named the Carolina League Player of the Week for the week of 5/16-22, batting .500 (12-for-24) with a HR, two doubles, 5 RBI and six runs scored during that span... Recorded two separate 11-game hitting streaks during the month of May... Batted .341 during the month of May... Posted four hits on four separate occasions, including going 4-for-5 with 4 RBI and five runs scored on 6/9 @ Salem... Starting centerfielder at the Carolina League/California League All-Star Game in Wilmington, DE on 6/18... Went 3-for-6 with two doubles and four runs scored on 8/24 @ Potomac... Batted .342 during the month of August... Switch-hitter batted .316 from the left side of the plate and .235 from the right side... Hit .320 (8-for-25) with three doubles and seven runs scored in seven Carolina League playoff games... **2001:** Signed with Pittsburgh on 6/8 after being selected in the 8th round of the June draft... Made professional debut with Williamsport (SS-A)... Named to the NY-Penn League All-Star Team... Finished tied for the league lead in stolen bases (30) and ranked 2nd in OBP (.440), 3rd in runs (50) and 6th in batting (.317)... Ranked 5th among Pirates' minor leaguers in stolen bases... Recorded three or more hits nine times... Committed just one error in 64 games for the Crosscutters... Went 1-for-14 (.071) in three playoff games during Williamsport's run to a share of the NY-Penn League championship

**PERSONAL/MISCELLANEOUS:** Christopher Ellis Duffy... One of seven children (four brothers, two sisters)... Played one season of NCAA baseball at Arizona State (2001) and two seasons in the JUCO ranks at South Mountain Community College in Arizona (1999-00)... Was a pitcher and centerfielder in the JUCO ranks... Led all junior college players in the nation with 57 stolen bases during the 2000 season... Drafted by Boston in the 43rd round of the 2000 draft out of South Mountain CC, but opted to transfer to ASU... Missed the beginning of the 2001 season with a sprained MCL in his right knee, but recovered to bat .373 with 4 HR, 37 RBI and 20 SB for the Sun Devils in being named a First-Team All-Pac-10 selection... 1998 graduate of Mountain Ridge (AZ) High School where he starred in baseball, basketball and football... Signed by Pirates' scout Ted Williams

## DUFFY'S CAREER STATISTICS

Yr.	Club	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
2001	Williamsport	.321	62	218	47	70	12	4	1	23	32	33	29
2002	Lynchburg	.301	132	539	85	162	27	5	10	52	33	101	22
2003	Altoona	.273	137	494	84	135	23	6	1	42	44	78	34
Minor Lg. Totals		.293	331	1251	216	367	62	15	12	117	109	212	85

## CAREER TRANSACTIONS

--Selected by Pittsburgh in 2001 June draft (8th round)

## ELDRÉD, BRAD



**HEIGHT:** 6-6 **WEIGHT:** 240  
**BATS:** R **THROWS:** R  
**AGE:** 23, TURNS 24 ON JULY 12  
**BORN:** 7/12/80, FORT LAUDERDALE, FL  
**RESIDES:** COCONUT CREEK, FL  
**SCHOOL:** FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY  
**ACQUIRED:** PIRATES' 6TH ROUND  
**SELECTION IN 2002 JUNE DRAFT**

## IB/DH

**ELDRÉD QUICK FACTS:** 3rd professional season... Spent entire 2003 season with Hickory (A), where he led the Pirates' system and ranked 2nd in the South Atlantic League with 28 HR... Made professional debut with short-season Williamsport in 2002, hitting .283 with 10 HR, 48 RBI and 10 SB in 72 games... Led the NCAA in home runs (29) during his senior campaign (2002) at Florida International University

**2003 SEASON:** Spent entire season with Hickory (A), batting .250 with team-leading totals in HR (28) and RBI (80)... Also led Crawdads' hitters with 50 extra-base hits... Led the South Atlantic League in HR/AB ratio (1/15.00) and ranked 2nd in HR, 3rd in slugging (.502) and 4th in extra-base hits, while tying for 3rd in RBI... Finished among the Pirates' organizational leaders in HR (1st), RBI (4th), total bases (4th/211), extra-base hits (4th) and slugging (4th)... Knocked in four or more runs in a game five times, including a pair of 5 RBI contests (4/28 vs. Lexington & 5/10 vs. Savannah)... Enjoyed home cooking, batting .296 with 20 HR and 60 RBI in 55 home games, but batted just .210 with 8 HR and 20 RBI in 60 road contests... Hit just .215, but belted 19 of his 28 HR vs. RHP... Batted just .227 (29-for-128) with runners in scoring position... Struck out a team-high 142 times in 420 at-bats (1/2.96) and fanned at least once in 89 of his 115 games... Started the season in strong fashion, batting .315 (29-for-92) with 6 HR and 21 RBI in 25 games during the month of April... Went 7-for-15 with 3 HR and 11 RBI during a four-game series vs. Lexington on 4/25-4/28... Compiled a season-best 10-game hitting streak from 5/3-5/13, during which he hit .375 (15-for-40) with 3 HR, 11 RBI and 8 runs scored... Average plummeted from .313 to .259 after going 8-for-62 (.129) during an 18-game stretch from 5/19 (game two) to 6/26... Posted just a .186 average (13-for-70) in June... Enjoyed a productive month of July, ripping 10 HR and knocking in 24 runs in 29 games... Slumped down the stretch, hitting just .200 (16-for-80) in his final 24 games... Smacked a grand slam on 8/25 vs. Asheville... Went 4-for-12 (.333) with three runs scored in three SAL playoff games

**PREVIOUS--2002:** Signed with Pittsburgh on 7/12 after being selected in the 6th round of the June draft... Made pro debut with Williamsport (SS-A) and hit .283 with 10 HR, 48 RBI and 10 SB in 72 games en route to being named to the New York-Penn League's post-season All-Star Team... Set a new franchise-record with 22 doubles, besting Eric Hinske's mark (19) set in 1998... Led Crosscutters' hitters in games (72), runs scored (43), HR, RBI and extra-base hits (35)... Ranked among the NYPL leaders in total bases (2nd/136), strikeouts (3rd/74), HR (3rd), doubles (3rd), RBI (4th) and at-bats (4th/276)... Named the league's Player of the Week for the week of 7/15-7/21 after hitting .577 (15-for-26) with 3 HR, 10 RBI and eight runs scored... Posted a multi-hit game in four of his first five professional games... Hit .314 (32-for-102) and knocked in 26 runs during the month of July... Also recorded two or more hits in six of the seven games during the week of 7/15-7/21... Went 4-for-4 with a pair of doubles on 7/19 vs. Lowell... Posted a season-best 4 RBI on 7/21 vs. Lowell

**PERSONAL/MISCELLANEOUS:** Bradley Ross Eldred... Played four seasons of NCAA baseball (1999-02) at Florida International University in Miami... Hit .338 with 44 HR and 142 RBI over his four-year career with the Panthers... Was a perfect 13-for-13 in stolen base attempts during his career... Was named the Sun Belt Conference Player of the Year as a senior (2002), batting .358 with and NCAA-leading 29 HR and 71 RBI in 61 games... Also was named a 2nd-Team All-American by *Collegiate Baseball*/Louisville Slugger... One of eight players selected to participate in the NCAA Home Run Challenge as part of the opening ceremonies for the 2002 College World Series... Hit .411 with 9 HR and an .849 slugging percentage en route to being named a First-Team All-Sun Belt performer in 2001... Also made six relief appearances on the mound over two seasons (2000-01), going 1-0 with a 5.81 ERA (6.2 IP/4 ER)... Majored in Criminal Justice at FIU... 1998 graduate of Coconut Creek (FL) H.S. ... Named First-Team All-State as a senior after batting .449 with 29 SB and 39 runs scored... Signed by Pirates' scout Delvy Santiago

## ELDRÉD'S CAREER STATISTICS

Yr.	Club	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
2002	Williamsport	.283	72	276	43	78	22	3	10	48	18	74	10
2003	Hickory	.250	115	420	62	105	22	0	28	80	38	142	7
Minor Lg. Totals		.263	187	696	105	183	44	3	38	128	56	216	17

## CAREER TRANSACTIONS

--Selected by Pittsburgh in 2002 June draft (6th round)

## FIGUEROA, LUIS

## INF



**HEIGHT:** 6-0      **WEIGHT:** 170  
**BATS:** R      **THROWS:** R  
**AGE:** 27  
**BORN:** 3/2/77, RIO PIEDRAS, P.R.  
**RESIDES:** CAROLINA, P.R.  
**ACQUIRED:** SIGNED BY PIRATES AS A  
 MINOR LEAGUE FREE AGENT, 2/4/04

**FIGUEROA QUICK FACTS:** 10th professional season... Not the same Luis Figueroa that played shortstop for the Curve during the 1999 and 2000 seasons... Is legally deaf; lost 90% of his hearing ability at the age of six following a very serious illness and fever which caused nerve damage--now communicates by reading lips in two languages: English & Spanish... Spent the first nine seasons of his pro career in the Mariners' system, compiling a .298 average... Rarely strikeouts--for his career has fanned just once every 14.97 plate appearances... Spent his first full season at the Triple-A level in 2003, batting .281 with 3 HR and 50 RBI in 123 games for Tacoma (Pacific Coast)... Led the Puerto Rican Winter League this off-season with a .422 average (54-for-128) and a .519 OBP

**2003 SEASON:** Spent the entire season with Tacoma (AAA), his first complete season of Triple-A ball... Batted .281 with 3 HR and 50 RBI in 123 games... His .281 average ranked 2nd among Tacoma hitters... Batted .330 (68-for-206) over the season's first 59 games before closing the year with a .235 mark (51-for-217) over his final 64 contests... Ranked 3rd among all PCL batters in SO/TPA ratio, averaging only one K every 13.66 plate appearances (the other Luis Figueroa paced the circuit with a 1/17.10 mark)... Tied for the league lead with 20 errors at third base... Posted a .932 fielding% in 110 games played at 3B (20 E in 292 TC)... Handled 54 errorless chances in 13 games played at 2B... Hit .325 (39-for-120) vs. LHP but only .264 against right-handers... Batted from everywhere but the leadoff spot in the Rainiers lineup, primarily 7th (142 AB)... Opened the season on a tear, batting .333 (29-for-87) in 24 April contests to rank among PCL leaders... Homered during a 3-for-4 effort on 4/10 @ Sacramento... Rapped a season-high four hits on 4/17 vs. Tucson... Recorded five straight two-hit outings (10-for-20, .500) on 4/25-4/29... Batted .357 (15-for-42) during a season-best 11-game hitting streak from 5/5-5/20... The streak was part of an 18-game stretch in which he reached base safely by hit or walk (23-for-64, .359, 5/5-5/27)... Stole his lone base on 5/10 vs. Oklahoma... Suffered his worst month of the campaign in July, when he produced only 3 RBI and batted .221 (17-for-77) in 23 contests... Endured a 1-for-36 slump over 11 games from 7/25-8/5... Finished the year with a .299 average in 23 August games (23-for-77)... Following the season, played winter ball with Carolina in the Puerto Rican League, his fourth consecutive off-season spent with the club and fifth overall year in the league... Led all Puerto Rico hitters with a .422 average (54-for-128) and a .519 OBP... Also ranked among league leaders with 13 doubles (3rd)... Added 2 HR, 24 RBI and 23 runs scored

**PREVIOUS--2002:** Led all Mariners farmhands with a .345 batting average during a year split between San Bernardino (A) and San Antonio (AA)... His availability was limited by a right hand sprain throughout the year... Got off to a fast start in A-ball, batting .517 (15-for-29) with five doubles and 9 RBI over eight games from 4/14-4/22... Recorded an RBI in six straight games from 4/17-4/23... Hit safely in 27 of his initial 33 games for the Stampede before he landed on the DL on 5/21 due to the right hand sprain... Missed nearly three weeks of action before joining rookie-level Peoria for a three-game rehab stint on 6/10... Recorded six hits in 13 at-bats for the Mariners' Arizona League affiliate and pitched 1.0 scoreless inning for Peoria, his lone professional appearance on the hill... Promoted to Double-A at the conclusion of his rehab and spent the rest of the year with San Antonio... Hit safely in 14 of 15 games from 7/30-8/16... Played winter ball with Carolina in the Puerto Rican League... **2001:** Played at three different levels, including gaining his first career Triple-A experience... Batted a combined .284 (75-for-264) in 74 games over the course of the year... Opened the campaign with San Antonio... Hit only .141 over his first 18 games and was transferred to Single-A San Bernardino on 5/16... Batted .323 in 32

games with the Stampede... Promoted to Triple-A Tacoma on 6/22, marking his first pro appearance at the highest minor-league level... Got off to a quick start with the Rainiers, compiling a season-best 15 game hitting streak from 6/30-7/19 (22-for-54, .407)... Made the best defensive play and recorded the game's final out behind Brett Tomko in his no-hitter on 7/3 vs. Oklahoma... Played winter ball with Carolina in the Puerto Rican League... **2000:** Spent a full season with eventual Eastern League champion New Haven (AA)... Ranked 4th among E.L. batters by striking out only once every 11.97 plate appearances... Got off to a quick start with the Ravens, batting .315 in April (17-for-54)... Had a 13-game hitting streak from 6/5-6/20 and hit safely in 19 of his 23 games played in the month, compiling 15 RBI over that span... Batted .344 (11-for-32) in eight E.L. playoff games... **1999:** Opened the season with Lancaster (A/California) and batted .356 (52-for-146) in 39 contests before being sidelined with a broken hamate bone in his left hand... Tabbed as the Cal League Batter-of-the-Week for the 5/3-5/9 period after hitting .571 (16-for-28) during the stanza... Logged a career-best 16-game hitting streak from 5/2-5/22 and was batting .462 in the month of May before suffering the injury... Appeared in three late-season rehab contests with rookie-level Peoria and recorded five hits in 10 at-bats... **1998:** Spent his second consecutive Midwest League season with Wisconsin (A) and was selected as a mid-season All-Star for the second straight year... Went a minor league-high 21 straight games without striking out from 4/17-5/10, a span of 73 at-bats... His .947 fielding percentage was the highest among all third basemen with at least 200 total chances... Played winter ball with San Juan in the Puerto Rican League... **1997:** Spent a full year with Wisconsin and was tabbed as a mid-season Midwest League All-Star... Led the Timber Rattlers in hits and doubles... Led all MWL hitters by striking out only once every 24.95 plate appearances... Compiled a season-best 11-game hitting streak from 5/25-6/2... Suffered a season-ending broken wrist in an on-field collision with shortstop Ramon Vazquez... **1996:** Split his second pro season among three clubs in the Mariners' chain and batted a combined .319 (58-for-182) in 50 total contests... Began the year in extended spring training then went 6-for-his-first-12 upon his arrival at Lancaster... Hit .387 in his nine games with the Jet Hawks, then played four games with short-season Everett in the Northwest League before finishing the year with Wisconsin... **1995:** Opened his professional career with the Mariners' Arizona League affiliate... Batted .292 in 32 games

**PERSONAL/MISCELLANEOUS:** Luis Daniel Figueroa (Collazo)... Is legally deaf; lost 90% of his hearing ability at the age of six following a very serious illness and fever which caused nerve damage--communicates by reading lips in two languages: English & Spanish... 1995 graduate of Dr. Gilberto Concepcion de Gracia High School in his native Puerto Rico... Originally signed by Mariners' scout Fernando Arguelles

FIGUEROA'S CAREER STATISTICS																
Yr.	Club	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB			
1995	AZ Mariners	.292	32	120	14	35	2	0	0	11	12	9	1			
1996	Lancaster	.387	9	31	5	12	4	1	0	6	2	6	0			
	Everett	.462	4	13	4	6	1	1	0	3	2	1	0			
	Wisconsin	.290	37	138	18	40	9	0	2	19	6	14	1			
1997	Wisconsin	.286	125	482	56	138	27	2	3	60	33	21	3			
1998	Wisconsin	.291	96	306	41	89	18	0	1	48	42	18	7			
1999	Lancaster	.356	39	146	21	52	8	1	4	20	18	8	2			
	AZ Mariners	.500	3	10	2	5	1	0	0	1	0	0	0			
2000	New Haven	.272	117	427	49	116	24	1	1	37	34	39	0			
2001	San Antonio	.141	18	64	5	9	2	0	0	4	1	6	1			
	San Bermdno	.323	32	124	24	40	10	1	0	16	17	15	2			
	Tacoma	.342	24	76	9	26	4	0	0	9	3	8	0			
2002	San Antonio	.339	48	180	25	61	13	0	1	25	24	14	2			
	San Bermdno	.341	33	135	26	46	9	0	0	25	11	6	0			
	AZ Mariners	.462	3	13	2	6	1	0	1	5	0	0	0			
2003	Tacoma	.281	123	423	40	119	18	0	3	50	45	35	1			
Minor Lg. Totals		.298	743	2688	341	800	151	7	16	339	250	200	20			

## CAREER TRANSACTIONS

--Signed by Seattle as a non-drafted free agent, 6/11/95  
 --Granted free agency, 10/15/01  
 --Re-signed with Mariners, 12/20/01  
 --Granted free agency, 10/15/02  
 --Re-signed with Mariners, 11/21/02  
 --Granted free agency, 10/15/03  
 --Signed by Pittsburgh as a minor league free agent, 2/4/04

# 2004 CURVE PLAYERS



## GARRETT, SHAWN

OF



**HEIGHT:** 6-3 **WEIGHT:** 210  
**BATS:** S **THROWS:** R  
**AGE:** 25  
**BORN:** 11/2/78, CENTRALIA, IL  
**RESIDES:** KINMUNDY, IL  
**SCHOOL:** OLNEY CENTRAL (IL) J.C.  
**ACQUIRED:** TRADED FROM SAN DIEGO WITH RHP SHAWN CAMP FOR OF EMIL BROWN, 7/10/01

**GARRETT QUICK FACTS:** 7th professional season... Spent the previous two seasons (2002-03) with Altoona—hit .290 with 11 HR, 73 RBI and 19 SB in 131 games in 2002 and .288 with 13 HR, 67 RBI and 20 SB in 124 games in 2003... Participated in mid-season all-star games in each of his two seasons with Altoona... Ranks 2nd on the Curve's career RBI list (140) and among the Top 5 in nearly all career offensive categories... Originally selected by San Diego in the 29th round of the 1997 draft and signed as a draft-and-follow in May 1998... Spent 3+ seasons in the Padres' chain before being acquired by Pittsburgh with RHP Shawn Camp in 7/10/01 trade for Pirates' OF Emil Brown... Drafted as a shortstop and spent most his first three pro seasons playing 1B and 3B

**2003 SEASON:** Spent second consecutive season with Altoona and batted .288 with 13 HR, 67 RBI and 20 SB in 124 games... Led Curve hitters in HR and slugging (.459) and finished 2nd on the club in stolen bases... Batted .289 with 12 HR from the left side of the plate and .288 with one HR as a right-handed batter... Hit .303 (37-for-102) with runners in scoring position... Bashed a pair of homers and knocked in five in game one of 4/21 DH @ Erie—went 4-for-5 with 6 RBI in doubleheader... Went 3-for-27 (.111) in eight games from 4/23-5/1, but broke out of slump by going 3-for-5 with 2 HR, including the game-winning blast in the top of the 11th of the Curve's 5-4, 11-inning win @ Reading on 5/2—became the first player in Curve history to homer from both sides of the plate in a game during 5/2 contest... Went 4-for-5 with a pair of doubles and three runs scored on 5/7 @ Akron... Hit safely in 16 of 19 games from 5/2-5/22, raising his average from .200 to .290... Batted .419 (13-for-31) with 6 doubles, 4 RBI and eight runs scored on an eight-game road trip to Binghamton and New Haven from 5/15-5/22... Hit .339 (37-for-109) with 4 HR, 10 doubles, 16 RBI and 8 SB during May... Posted a .362 average (46-for-127) from 5/2-6/7, raising his average from .200 to .303... Went 4-for-6 with a HR and 2 RBI in Curve's DH split @ Portland on 6/27... Matched a club record with three stolen bases on 6/28 @ Portland... Participated in the E.L. All-Star Game on 7/16 @ New Britain (1-for-2, run scored)—his second consecutive All-Star Game selection in a Curve uniform... Homered and knocked in four runs in the Curve's 9-8 win vs. New Haven on 7/23... Placed on the Curve's Temporary Inactive List from 7/24-7/27 to celebrate the birth of his daughter, Sydney Alexis (weighed in at 5 lbs, 14 oz.)... Led Curve hitters with 19 RBI in 23 games during the month of July... Hit his 13th HR on 7/29 vs. New Britain, but did not homer in his final 24 games... Missed seven games with back spasms over two separate spans in August (8/10-8/13 & 8/25-8/27)... Went 8-for-15 (.533) with a double and 3 RBI in four E.L. playoff games... Played Winter Ball for two teams in two different leagues... Hit .267 with 4 HR and 11 RBI in 17 games for Zulia of the Venezuelan League before joining Cibao of the Dominican League for four playoff games (.133-0-1)

**PREVIOUS—2002:** Spent entire season with Altoona and hit .290 with 11 HR, 73 RBI and 19 SB in 131 games in his Double-A debut... Posted the highest single-season average by a switch-hitter in Curve history... Ranked 2nd in the E.L. with eight triples... Switch-hitter batted .293 with 8 HR as a left-handed batter and .285 with 3 HR from the right side of the plate... Ripped a game-winning, two-run HR in the bottom of the 8th inning to lift the Curve past Harrisburg on 4/7 (his first Double-A HR)... Homered and drove in four runs in Altoona's 13-2 rout @ Bowie on 4/20... Went hitless in game two of 4/21 DH @ Bowie, ending a season-opening 15-game hitting streak... Batted .308 (28-for-91) with 5 HR and 19 RBI during the month of April... Ripped two triples among his three hits in a 10-5 Curve win vs. Bowie on 5/3... Posted a 10-game hitting streak from 5/17-5/26 and went on to reach base safely in his next seven games (17-game on-base streak)... Hit safely

in 16 of 17 games from 5/17-6/2... Batted .278 in June, the lowest average he posted in any month... Placed on the D.L. on 7/3 with a bruised left shoulder sustained after crashing into the outfield wall on 6/27 vs. Portland... Participated in the Double-A All-Star Game on 7/10 @ Norwich, going 0-for-2, lining out and grounding out... Activated from the D.L. on 7/11... Reached base safely in 18 straight games from 7/14-7/29... Blasted a grand slam and drove in five runs in the Curve's 6-1 win vs. Harrisburg on 8/9... Selected to participate in the Arizona Fall League following the season and batted .229 with 0 HR, 5 RBI and 2 SB in 23 games with Phoenix... **2001:** Split season between Lake Elsinore (A/California) in the Padres' organization and Lynchburg (A) in the Pirates' system, combining to post a .305 average with 16 HR, 72 RBI and 22 SB... Spent his first season as a full-time outfielder in the minor leagues... Posted a season-high 13-game hitting streak from 4/25-5/10, during which he batted .339 (20-for-59)... Batted .343 in 21 games during the month of June... Traded to Pirates with RHP Shawn Camp in exchange for OF Emil Brown on 7/10... Assigned to Lynchburg and debuted with the Hillcats on 7/12... Strung together an 11-game hitting streak from 7/16-7/27... Played 31 games in RF and 13 in LF with the Hillcats... Batted .365 vs. LHP in the Carolina League... Attended the Pirates' Fall Instructional camp... **2000:** Made his full-season debut with Fort Wayne (A/Midwest), where he spent the entire season, hitting .272 with 10 HR, 55 RBI and 6 SB in 123 games... Played several different positions for the Wizards (LF-63 games, DH-26, RF-15, 3B-14, 1B-8)... Led the club in doubles (28) and total bases (183)... Batted .533 (8-for-15) with 13 RBI with the bases loaded... Homered in back-to-back games on 4/13 vs. Lansing and 4/14 @ South Bend... Hit .407 (24-for-59) with 13 RBI in 17 games from 4/13-5/5... Went 4-for-6 with three doubles and a pair of RBI on 7/27 @ South Bend... **1999:** Played in 53 games for rookie-level Idaho Falls (Pioneer) and hit .307 with 7 HR, 33 RBI and 5 SB... Posted the 3rd-highest average among Pioneer League switch-hitters... Hit safely in 17 of his first 18 games with the Braves... Recorded at least one hit in 43 of the 53 games in which he appeared... Went 2-for-4 in his lone post-season appearance... Games by position: 1B (32), 3B (9), OF (8)... **1998:** Signed with San Diego as a draft-and-follow on 5/27... Debuted with Peoria of the Arizona League (R) and hit .333 with 0 HR, 26 RBI and 5 SB in 49 games... Earned a spot on the league's post-season All-Star squad at 3B... Ranked 4th in the league in hits (62) and 6th in average (.333)... **1997:** Selected by San Diego in the 29th round of the June draft, but opted to attend Olney Central (IL) J.C. **PERSONAL/MISCELLANEOUS:** Shawn Curtis Garrett... Originally selected by San Diego in the 29th round of the 1997 June draft... Played one season of JUCO baseball at Olney Central (IL) J.C.... 1997 graduate of South Central (IL) H.S. in Kinmundy, IL... Originally signed by Padres' scout Gene Hacker

## GARRETT'S CAREER STATISTICS

Yr.	Club	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
1998	Peoria	.333	49	186	36	62	13	2	0	26	16	36	5
1999	Idaho Falls	.307	53	192	46	59	14	1	7	33	21	46	5
2000	Fort Wayne	.272	123	438	59	119	28	3	10	55	47	79	6
2001	Lk. Elsinore	.313	77	275	41	86	16	8	7	44	24	57	16
	Lynchburg	.294	52	194	28	57	13	0	9	28	17	64	6
2002	Altoona	.290	131	489	71	142	24	8	11	73	33	88	19
2003	Altoona	.288	124	468	68	135	29	6	13	67	36	96	20
Minor Lg. Totals		.294	609	2242	349	660	137	28	57	329	194	466	77

## CAREER TRANSACTIONS

--Selected by San Diego in 1997 June draft (29th round)  
 --Signed by San Diego as a draft-and-follow, 5/27/98  
 --Traded from San Diego with RHP Shawn Camp to Pittsburgh for OF Emil Brown, 7/10/01

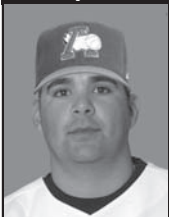
## DID YOU KNOW?

Shawn Garrett is the only player in Curve history to homer from both sides of the plate in the same game, having accomplished the feat on May 2, 2003 at Reading's First Energy Stadium. His moment in Curve history came in dramatic fashion, blasting a go-ahead solo shot from the right side of the plate in the top of the 11th inning of Altoona's 5-4 victory over the Phillies.



## GARZA, ALBERTO

RHP



**HEIGHT:** 6-3 **WEIGHT:** 190  
**BATS:** R **THROWS:** R  
**AGE:** 26, TURNS 27 ON MAY 25  
**BORN:** 5/25/77, TOPPENISH, WA  
**RESIDES:** WAPATO, WA  
**SCHOOL:** LASSEN (CA) J.C.  
**ACQUIRED:** SIGNED BY PITTSBURGH AS A MINOR LEAGUE FREE AGENT, 1/23/04

**GARZA QUICK FACTS:** 9th professional season... Spent the first seven seasons of his pro career in the Indians' system, reaching the Double-A level with Akron (1998-99, 2002)... Also played in the Eastern League with the Trenton Thunder during the 2003 season (5 G, 0-1, 4.00 ERA, 9.0 IP, 4 ER)... Entering the 2004 season, averaged over one strikeout per inning in his career, including a career-best 123 K's in just 76.2 IP with Kinston (A/Indians) during the 2001 season

**2003 SEASON:** Pitched in a total of nine games between Trenton (AA/Eastern) in the Yankees' system (5 G), Mahoning Valley (SS-A/NY-Penn) in the Indians' chain (1 G) and independent Rockford in the Frontier League (3 G)... Began season in the Yankees' organization after signing as a minor league free agent the previous off-season... Opened the season with Double-A Trenton and went 0-1 with a 4.00 ERA (9.0 IP/4 ER) in five relief appearances... Suffered his only loss with the Thunder in his season debut on 4/12 vs. Portland (1.1 IP, 2 H, 4 R, 2 ER, 3 BB, 0 K)... Was released by the Yankees on 4/22... Signed with Cleveland as a free agent on 5/23 and reported to Indians' extended spring training before joining short-season Mahoning Valley for the start of the New York-Penn League season... Tossed a scoreless frame and struck out two batters in his lone outing with the Scrappers on 6/18 @ Batavia... Released by Cleveland on 6/20... Signed to a contract by Rockford of the independent Frontier League in mid-July and pitched in three games, posting a 1.93 ERA (4.2 IP/1 ER)

**PREVIOUS-- 2002:** Went 2-0 with one save and a 1.72 ERA in 20 relief appearances with Akron (AA/Eastern)... Held opposing hitters to an Eastern League-leading .132 average (15-for-114) and limited left-handed hitters batted just .056... Tossed 2.2 scoreless innings to win his season debut on 4/7 vs. Erie... Hurlled 15.1 consecutive scoreless frames over six outings from 4/27-5/15... Posted a 1.38 ERA (26.1 IP/4 ER) in his first 12 appearances before being placed on the DL on 6/2 with a strained right shoulder... Pitched in just one game between 5/21 & 8/16 (6/21 vs. New Britain)... Held opponents scoreless in his final four outings of the season (6.1 IP)... **2001:** Spent majority of the season with Class-A Kinston (41 G, 5-3, 3.17, 2 SV), but also made one appearance with Columbus (A/South Atlantic)... Led the Carolina League in K/9 IP by a reliever (14.44) after fanning 123 batters in 76.2 IP with Kinston... Posted a 1.58 ERA in 20 home games, but just a 4.91 mark in 21 road contests with the K-Tribe... Struck out 23 batters and did not allow a single hit in 9.2 IP over four games from 7/26-8/6... **2000:** Went 4-10 with a 5.63 ERA in 22 games (15 starts) for Kinston... Ranked 3rd in the Carolina League in walks after allowing 81 free passes in 78.1 IP... Made his first 15 appearances as a starter before shifting to the bullpen for his final seven outings... Held C.L. hitters to a .223 average... Posted a pair of 11-strikeout efforts (5/16 vs. Lynchburg & 6/7 vs. Winston-Salem)... Also whiffed nine batters in a loss on 6/18 @ Myrtle Beach (5.0 IP, 1 H, 1 R, 0 ER, 5 BB, 3 WP)... Season came to an end in late July due to a right shoulder injury that required surgery on 7/28... **1999:** Combined to post a 5-8 record and a 7.11 ERA in 16 games (15 starts) between Kinston and Akron... Began the season on the Disabled List at Kinston... Made six starts with the Indians (2-3, 3.62) before being promoted to Akron on 7/19... Tossed 6.0 no-hit innings in combining with two others (Sean DePaula & Jarrod Mays) in no-hitting Frederick on 7/14... Went 3-5 with a 9.35 ERA in 10 games (nine starts) with Akron... In his best game of the season with the Aeros, struck out 10 over 7.0 IP in notching the win on 8/9 @ Trenton... **1998:** Combined to go 7-8 with four complete games and a 3.31 ERA in 24 starts between Kinston and Akron... At Kinston, held Carolina League hitters just a league-best .200 against... Finished 4th in the Indians' system in both ERA (3.31) and strikeouts (129)... Earned a promotion to Akron on

8/17 and went 3-0 in his first four Double-A starts... **1997:** Spent most of the season with Columbus (A/South Atlantic) going 8-3 with two complete games and a 3.13 ERA in 18 starts before winning his lone start for Kinston in late August... Was named the SAL's Pitcher of the Week for the week of 7/19-7/25... **1996:** Signed by Cleveland through the draft-and-follow process on 5/27... Went 2-4 with a 5.45 ERA in nine starts in his professional debut with Burlington (R/Appalachian)... Held Appy League batters to a .227 average... **1995:** Selected by Cleveland in the 44th round of the June draft, but did not sign and attended junior college

**PERSONAL/MISCELLANEOUS:** Alberto Garza... Played one season of JUCO baseball at Lassen (CA) Community College... 1995 graduate of Wapato (WA) High School

## GARZA'S CAREER STATISTICS

Yr.	Club	W-L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB
SO													
1996	Burlington	2-4	5.45	9	0	0	0	0	39.2	34	24	24	15
1997	Columbus	8-3	3.13	18	18	2	1	0	95.0	72	34	33	32
	Kinston	1-0	3.38	1	1	0	0	0	8.0	5	3	3	4
1998	Kinston	4-8	3.20	20	20	3	0	0	112.1	79	44	40	60
	AKron	3-0	3.86	4	4	1	0	0	21.0	24	12	9	9
1999	Kinston	2-3	3.62	6	6	0	0	0	27.1	25	13	11	17
	AKron	3-5	9.35	10	9	0	0	0	42.1	54	46	44	41
2000	Kinston	4-10	5.63	22	15	0	0	0	78.1	61	58	49	81
2001	Columbus	1-0	0.00	1	0	0	0	0	2.1	2	0	0	1
	Kinston	5-3	3.17	41	0	0	0	2	76.2	60	29	27	48
2002	AKron	2-0	1.72	20	0	0	0	1	36.2	15	7	7	29
2003	Trenton	0-1	4.00	5	0	0	0	0	9.0	5	6	4	11
	Mah. Valley	0-0	0.00	1	0	0	0	0	1.0	0	0	0	0

## CAREER TRANSACTIONS

--Selected by Cleveland in 1995 June draft (44th round)  
--Signed by Cleveland as a draft-and-follow, 5/27/96  
--Granted free agency, 10/15/02  
--Signed by New York (AL) as a minor league free agent, 12/30/02  
--Released by New York, 4/22/03  
--Signed by Cleveland as a free agent, 5/23/03  
--Released by Cleveland, 6/20/03  
--Signed to a contract by independent Rockford (Frontier), 7/03  
--Signed by Pittsburgh as a minor league free agent, 1/23/04

## ALTOONAMIRROR CURVE 5TH ANNIVERSARY TEAM

*In August 2003 the Altoona Mirror newspaper unveiled its Curve 5th Anniversary Team, as selected by Mirror beat writer Cory Giger and Curve broadcasters Rob Egan and Jason Dambach*

### STARTING LINEUP

1B Carlos Rivera  
2B Rob Mackowiak  
3B Kevin Nicholson  
SS Shaun Skrehot  
LF J.J. Davis  
CF Tony Alvarez  
RF Adam Hyzdu  
C Craig Wilson  
P Bronson Arroyo

### RELIEF PITCHERS

RHP Brian Smith  
RHP Todd Ozias  
RHP Chris Spurling  
LHP Mike Johnston  
RHP Ken Giard

### OFF THE BENCH

OF Shawn Garrett  
INF Kevin Sefcik  
OF Alex Hernandez  
INF Jose Castillo  
OF Darren Burton

### OTHER STARTERS

LHP Sean Burnett  
LHP Sam McConnell  
RHP Landon Jacobsen  
LHP Wilson Guzman

## HART, ALEX

RHP



**HEIGHT:** 6-6 **WEIGHT:** 210  
**BATS:** R **THROWS:** R  
**AGE:** 24  
**BORN:** 1/10/80, CHAMBERSBURG, PA  
**RESIDES:** INDIAN HARBOR BEACH, FL  
**SCHOOL:** UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA  
**ACQUIRED:** PIRATES' 5TH ROUND  
**SELECTION IN 2002 JUNE DRAFT**

**HART QUICK FACTS:** 3rd professional season... Split the 2003 season between the Pirates' two Class-A affiliates (Hickory and Lynchburg) and combined to go 13-6 with a 3.47 ERA in 26 starts between the two stops... After going 7-0 in his professional debut with short-season Williamsport in 2002, won his first seven decisions last season with Hickory—14-game winning streak covered a span of 27 appearances (22 starts) to open his career... Previously drafted by Baltimore in the 2nd round of the 1998 June draft, but opted to attend the University of Florida... Endured an injury-plagued four seasons at Florida (1999-02), missing five weeks during his freshman campaign due to shoulder tendonitis and then suffering torn ligaments in his right elbow that required reconstructive "Tommy John" surgery during his sophomore season... Native of Chambersburg, PA, but currently resides in Indian Harbor Beach, FL

**2003 SEASON:** Combined to post a 13-6 record and a 3.47 ERA in 26 starts between Hickory (A) and Lynchburg (A)... Tied for 3rd among Pirates' minor leaguers with 13 wins... Began season with Hickory and went 9-1 with a 2.66 ERA in 15 starts... Held SAL opponents to a .183 average... Won his first seven decisions to extend his career record to 14-0... Allowed just one ER in his first three starts (13.2 IP, 0.66 ERA)... Won four straight starts from 4/16-5/3... Allowed just one run (earned) on two hits over 7.0 innings to earn the win on 5/3 @ Rome (2 BB, 6 K)... Improved to 7-0 after striking out seven batters and walking none over 5.2 innings on 5/24 @ Asheville (3 H, 2 R, 2 ER)... Selected to participate in the South Atlantic League's mid-season All-Star Game... Suffered his first loss in 28 career outings (23 starts) on 6/9 @ Charleston-SC (6.0 IP, 3 H, 3 R, 3 ER, 4 BB, 3 K)... Recovered from the loss to be named the South Atlantic League's Pitcher of the Week for the period 6/13-6/19, tossing 14.0 scoreless innings in earning two wins during the week (8.0 IP on 6/14 vs. Rome & 6.0 IP on 6/19 @ Charleston-SC)... Promoted to Lynchburg on 6/26... Went 4-5 with a 4.60 ERA in 11 starts with the Hillcats... Went 2-0 with a 2.05 ERA in four starts at Hutchinson Stadium in Lynchburg, but just 2-5 with a 6.68 ERA in seven Carolina League road starts... Lasted just 4.1 innings in losing his Lynchburg debut on 6/29 @ Wilmington (3 H, 5 R, 4 ER, 3 BB, 2 K)... In his second start with the Hillcats, tossed his first career complete game (7-inning), allowing just one run on three hits and striking out a season-high eight batters on 7/4 (game two) vs. Salem... Yielded just one run on three hits over a season-best 8.0 innings in taking a no-decision on 7/11 vs. Kinston (2 BB, 7 K)... Walked a season-high six batters, but surrendered just one run on four hits over 5.0 innings to earn the win on 8/23 @ Potomac... Made one relief appearance during the Carolina League playoffs (1.0 IP, 3 H, 3 R, 3 ER)

**PREVIOUS—2002:** Signed with Pittsburgh on 6/15 after being selected in the 5th round of the June draft... Assigned to Williamsport (SS-A) and went a perfect 7-0 with two saves and a 1.85 ERA in 15 games (10 starts) during his first professional season... Named to the New York-Penn League's post-season All-Star Team and was named a *Baseball America* Short-Season All-Star... Rated the New York-Penn League's #9 prospect by *Baseball America* following the season... Ranked 3rd in the league in ERA (1.85)... Began the season in the bullpen, going 2-0 with two saves and an 0.64 ERA (14.0 IP/1 ER) in five relief outings... Moved into the starting rotation on 7/17 and made his final 10 appearances as a starter... Surrendered his only home run on 8/2 vs. Staten Island... Started a four-game winning streak by spinning 6.0 scoreless frames and striking out eight on 8/7 @ New Jersey (2 H, 3 BB)... Whiffed a season-high nine batters over 5.0 shutout innings in notching the win on 8/23 (game one) @ Tri-City (3 H, 3 BB)... Tossed 7.0 scoreless innings and yielded just three hits in taking a no-decision

on 8/28 vs. Aberdeen... Won his final start of the season by allowing one run on five hits over 7.0 innings on 9/2 @ Brooklyn (0 BB, 6 K)

**PERSONAL/MISCELLANEOUS:** Alex Martin Hart... Previously drafted by Baltimore in the 2nd round in 1998, but opted to attend the University of Florida, where he pitched for four seasons (1999-02)... Went 19-12 with a 5.04 ERA in 47 career outings (44 starts) with the Gators... Suffered through an injury-plagued college career—missed five weeks during his freshman campaign (1999) with tendonitis in his right shoulder and then sustained ligament damage to his right elbow during his sophomore season (2000) that required reconstructive "Tommy John" surgery and kept him out of action for over one year... After struggling upon his return in 2001 (13 G, 3-4, 5.88 ERA, 54 BB, 41 K), rebounded to go 13-3 with a 3.24 ERA in 17 starts for the Gators during the 2002 NCAA season... Following the '02 season was selected a First-Team All-SEC and received All-American honors from the National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association (2nd-Team), *Baseball America*, *Collegiate Baseball*/Louisville Slugger and the American Baseball Coaches Association (3rd-Team)... Was a Food and Resource Economics major and was selected to the All-SEC Academic Honor Roll following the 2001 season... 1998 graduate of Chambersburg (PA) High School where he went 22-3 with a 2.04 ERA and 254 strikeouts in 166.0 career IP... Went 8-1 with a 2.38 ERA and was a 2nd-Team All-American selection by the American Baseball Coaches Association following his senior season... Was invited to the 1997 USA Baseball Junior National Team trials... Signed by Pirates' scout Rob Sidwell

### HART'S CAREER STATISTICS

Yr.	Club	W-L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB
2002	Williamsport	7-0	1.85	15	10	0	0	2	68.0	52	15	14	20
2003	Hickory	9-1	2.66	15	15	0	0	0	81.1	50	27	24	38

### CAREER TRANSACTIONS

--Selected by Pittsburgh in 2002 June draft (5th round)

## HIGGINS, JOSH

RHP



**HEIGHT:** 6-5 **WEIGHT:** 180  
**BATS:** R **THROWS:** R  
**AGE:** 24, TURNS 25 ON JUNE 16  
**BORN:** 6/16/79, EL CAJON, CA  
**RESIDES:** SANTEE, CA  
**SCHOOL:** THE MASTER'S (CA) COLLEGE  
**ACQUIRED:** PIRATES' 23RD ROUND  
**SELECTION IN 2000 JUNE DRAFT**

**HIGGINS QUICK FACTS:** 5th professional season... Has combined to post a 1.94 ERA in 168 career appearances, all in relief... Has displayed outstanding control in his first four pro seasons, walking just 54 batters, while fanning 247 in 227.1 IP... Spent both the 2002 and 2003 seasons with Lynchburg (A), winning a Carolina League championship with the Hillcats in '02... Notched a career-high 23 saves with Hickory (A) in 2001... Played college baseball at The Master's College, an NAIA school in California, and left as the school's career leader in wins and strikeouts  
**2003 SEASON:** Spent second consecutive full season with Lynchburg (A), posting a 7-2 record and a 2.37 ERA in 37 relief outings... Yielded more than one run just twice in his 37 appearances... Stranded 14 of 21 inherited runners (67%)... Won his first seven decisions (4/21-7/9)... Held opponents scoreless in his first six outings of the season from 4/6-4/21 (9.0 IP)... Suffered his roughest outing of the season on 5/12 vs. Winston-Salem (game one), allowing five runs (3 ER) on five hits in just 0.2 IP—outing raised ERA from 1.93 to 3.26... Tossed a season-high 3.1 innings in picking up the win vs. Myrtle Beach on 6/21 (2 H, 1 R, 1 ER, 0 BB, 0 K)... Enjoyed an outstanding month of June, going 3-0 with a 1.72 ERA (15.2 IP/3 ER) in nine appearances... Missed nearly a month (7/19-8/13) because of a sore elbow... Went 0-1 with a 1.84 ERA (14.2 IP/3 ER) in his final seven outings of the season after returning from the Disabled List... Went 1-0 with a 9.00 ERA (2.0 IP/2 ER) in two appearances during the Carolina League playoffs

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# 2004 CURVE PLAYERS

-JOSH HIGGINS CONTINUED-

**PREVIOUS-- 2002:** Spent entire season with Carolina League champion Lynchburg (A) going 4-2 with six saves and a 1.90 ERA in 53 relief appearances... Ranked 2nd in the league in K/9 IP (11.15) and 3rd in games pitched... Stranded 17 of 24 inherited runners (71%)... Started slowly, posting a 4.91 ERA (6 ER/11.0 IP) in 11 outings in April, but allowed just 9 ER in his final 42 appearances (1.35 ERA)... Posted three wins in a five-day span from 5/14-18... Struck out a season-high six batters over 3.0 IP in earning the win on 5/14 @ Winston-Salem... Did not allow an ER in 10 straight games, spanning 13.2 IP from 7/19-8/14... Posted an 0.53 ERA in 25 appearances on the road (2 ER/33.2 IP)... Recorded wins in both of the Hillcats' series-clinching victories in the Carolina League playoffs... Tossed 2.1 scoreless frames in Lynchburg's 4-3 win in game three of the best-of-three first round series vs. Wilmington on 9/6... Also notched the win in the Hillcats' series-clinching victory over Kinston in Game Four of the Carolina League Championship Series on 9/10 (0.2 IP, 0 R, 0 H, 2 K)... **2001:** Spent first full professional season with Hickory (A) going 2-2 with 23 saves and a 2.07 ERA in 55 games... Finished 4th in the South Atlantic League and 2nd in the Pirates' system in saves... Led Crawdads' pitchers with 55 appearances... Did not allow an earned run in his first nine appearances (10.1 IP), registering seven saves during that span... Placed on the DL... from 5/21... Allowed just one ER in 18 games (20.1) from 6/12-7/24... Held SAL batters to just a .183 average... Left-handed batters hit just .151 against... Posted an 0.96 ERA with 12 of his 23 saves on the road... Participated in the Pirates' Fall Instructional camp... **2000:** Signed with Pittsburgh on 6/13 after being selected in the 23rd round of the June draft... Made professional debut with short-season Williamsport... Posted team-highs in saves (8) and appearances (23)... Allowed just 4 ER in 34.2 IP (1.04 ERA)... Yielded just one ER in 16 games from 7/7-8/22, picking up two wins and seven saves

**PERSONAL/MISCELLANEOUS:** Joshua James Higgins... Previously drafted by Florida in the 35th round of the 1997 June draft, but elected to attend college... Played three seasons of NAIA baseball at The Master's College in Santa Clarita, CA (1998-00)... Went 24-11 with a 4.40 ERA in his three seasons for the Mustangs... Left as the school's career record holder for both wins and strikeouts (292)... Also set single-season school marks for wins (15 in 2000) and strikeouts (144 in 2000)... Was a 2000 Honorable Mention All-American pitcher for team that finished 3rd at the NAIA World Series... Majored in Physical Education... 1997 graduate of El Capitan (CA) High School... Signed by Pirates' scout Mike Williams

## HIGGINS' CAREER STATISTICS

Yr.	Club	W-L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	
SO														
2000	Williamsport	3-1	1.04	23	0	0	0	8	34.2	25	7	4	8	40
2001	Hickory	2-2	2.07	55	0	0	0	23	61.0	40	15	14	11	71
2002	Lynchburg	4-2	1.90	53	0	0	0	6	71.0	62	23	15	23	88

## CAREER TRANSACTIONS

--Selected by Pittsburgh in 2000 June draft (23rd round)

## JACOBSEN, LANDON



**HEIGHT:** 6-3 **WEIGHT:** 215  
**BATS:** R **THROWS:** R  
**AGE:** 24, TURNS 25 ON MAY 4  
**BORN:** 5/4/79, MITCHELL, SD  
**RESIDES:** CANOVA, SD  
**SCHOOL:** TRINIDAD STATE (CO) J.C.  
**ACQUIRED:** PIRATES' 50TH ROUND SELECTION IN 1999 JUNE DRAFT

## RHP

**JACOBSEN QUICK FACTS:** 5th professional season... Spent entire 2003 season with Altoona and finished 2nd in the Eastern League with a 2.93 ERA... Has combined to post a 2.92 ERA in his first four pro seasons... Native of South Dakota did not play high school baseball because his school did not offer the sport, but caught the eye of scouts while playing American Legion baseball... Previously drafted twice by

the Milwaukee Brewers--out of H.S. in 1997 (37th round) and again in 1998 (47th round)... Played two seasons at Trinidad State (CO) J.C.

**2003 SEASON:** Spent entire season with Altoona and went 9-11 with a 2.93 ERA in 27 starts... Finished 2nd in the E.L. in ERA and 4th in innings pitched (162.2)... 2.93 ERA ranked 3rd among Pirates' minor leaguers... Established a new Curve single-season record for innings pitched and equaled the club mark for most games started in a season... Also set new club record for losses by a right-handed pitcher... Allowed just four hits over 5.1 scoreless innings in earning his first Double-A win on 4/13 vs. Reading (game one)... Earned second straight win by tossing 5.0 scoreless frames, allowing just two hits and fanning five on 4/18 vs. Bowie... Retired the first 14 batters he faced and went on to toss 7.0 innings, allowing just one run on three hits to notch the win on 4/30 @ Bowie... Finished April with a 3-1 record and a 1.37 ERA in five starts... Tossed a three-hitter in notching the Curve pitching staff's first complete game of the season on 5/6 @ Akron (9 IP, 3 H, 1 R, 1 ER, 2 BB, 1 K)--second nine-inning complete game of his career... Allowed just one run on five hits, walked none and struck out six in 8.0 innings of work, but earned a no-decision on 6/8 vs. Harrisburg... Gave up a Curve-record 13 hits in loss @ Norwich on 6/30... Took a shutout into the ninth inning, struck out a season-high eight and earned the win after tossing 8.2 innings on 7/17 @ Erie (8 H, 2 R, 2 ER, 1 BB)... Recorded his shortest outing of the season in taking the loss in his final regular season start in game one of the 8/29 DH vs. Erie (3.2 IP, 6 H, 3 R, 3 ER, 2 BB, 1 K)... Started and took the loss in the Curve's playoff opener on 9/3 @ Akron (3.2 IP, 8 H, 5 R, 5 ER, 0 BB, 4 K)

**PREVIOUS-- 2002:** Spent entire season with Carolina League champion Lynchburg (A)... Ranked 5th in the C.L. in strikeouts (123) and 7th in ERA (2.89)... Tied for 3rd in the Pirates' organization in wins (12) and ranked 5th in ERA (2.89)... Won five of his first six starts for the Hillcats and posted an 0.95 ERA during that span... Named the C.L.'s Pitcher of the Week for the week of 4/25-5/1 after going 2-0 with an 0.64 ERA (1 ER/14.0 IP) in wins vs. Kinston (4/25) and Myrtle Beach (5/1)... Earned a CG loss in game one of a doubleheader @ Salem on 6/8... Selected to participate in the Carolina League/California League All-Star Game on 6/18 in Wilmington, DE (tossed a 1-2-3 frame with two strikeouts)... ERA jumped from 1.79 to 2.92 after suffering back-to-back losses on 6/30 @ Wilmington and 7/6 vs. Frederick--combined to allow 14 ER over 8.0 IP in the two losses... Went 1-0 with a 2.77 ERA in two playoff starts... Allowed just three singles and no hits after the 2nd inning in tossing 7.2 scoreless innings in the Hillcats' 4-0 win vs. Wilmington in game two of the first round of the C.L. playoffs... Started and earned a no-decision in the Hillcats' championship clinching win vs. Kinston on 9/10 (5.1 IP, 5 H, 4 R, 4 ER, 2 BB, 3 K)... **2001:** Split season between Hickory (A) and Lynchburg (A)... Combined to post a 6-11 record with a 3.35 ERA in 26 starts between the two clubs... Finished 2nd in the Pirates' system in strikeouts (133) and 5th in ERA (3.35)... Began season with Hickory... Took a no-decision despite fanning 11 batters and allowing only one hit in 7.0 IP on 4/13 @ Lakewood... Fanned eight batters in earning his first win of the season on 4/24 @ Lexington (6 IP, 6 H, 1 R, 1 ER, 2 BB)... Held SAL left-handed batters to a .186 average... Promoted to Lynchburg on 5/22... Went at least 6.0 IP in 12 of his final 34 starts... Lost four consecutive starts from 7/6-23... Tossed a CG, 3-hit shutout, fanning 11 batters on 8/4 vs. Kinston... Finished the season strong, going 3-0 with a 1.35 ERA in five starts in August... Twice named Carolina League Pitcher of the Week in the month of August (8/2-8 & 8/23-29)... Pitched well in road games for both Hickory and Lynchburg (5-2, 2.29 in 12 games), but struggled in home contests (1-9, 4.30 in 14 games)... **2000:** Made professional debut with short-season Williamsport in the New York-Penn League... Led the league in lowest average against (.188)... Named to the NYPL post-season All-Star Team... Allowed two runs or fewer in his first eight professional starts (posted a 3-1 record with a 1.04 ERA during that span)... Struck out at least five batters in all nine starts with Williamsport, including a season-high eight in his pro debut on 6/22 @ Auburn... Promoted to Hickory (A) on 8/5... Went 3-0 with a 3.64 ERA in five games (four starts) for the Crawdads... Allowed just one ER on five hits over 6.0 IP to earn the win in his debut with the Crawdads on 8/9 @ Hagerstown... Combined to post a 6-2 record with a 2.17 ERA in 14 games (13 starts) between the two clubs...

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-LONDON JACOBSEN CONTINUED-

**1999:** Signed with Pittsburgh on 8/24 after being selected in the 50th round of the June draft... Made professional debut the following season

**PERSONAL/MISCELLANEOUS:** Landon Allen Jacobsen... Played two years of JUCO baseball at Trinidad State (CO) Junior College... 1997 graduate of Howard HS in Canova, SD... High school did not have a baseball team, but was noticed playing American Legion baseball... Previously drafted twice by Milwaukee--out of high school in 1997 (37th round) and again in 1998 (47th round)... Signed by Pirates' scout Hank Krause

## JACOBSEN'S CAREER STATISTICS

Yr.	Club	W-L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB
2000	Williamsport	3-2	1.41	9	9	0	0	0	57.1	38	15	9	17
	Hickory	3-0	3.64	5	4	0	0	0	29.2	40	16	12	13
2001	Hickory	1-4	3.38	9	9	0	0	0	53.1	45	24	20	9
	Lynchburg	5-7	3.34	17	17	1	1	0	105.0	101	50	39	38
2002	Lynchburg	12-10	2.89	27	27	1	0	0	161.2	145	71	52	41

## CAREER TRANSACTIONS

--Selected by Pittsburgh in 1999 June draft (50th round)

KEPPINGER, JEFF

INF



**HEIGHT:** 6-0 **WEIGHT:** 180  
**BATS:** R **THROWS:** R  
**AGE:** 23, TURNS 24 ON APRIL 21  
**BORN:** 4/21/80, MIAMI, FL  
**RESIDES:** AUBURN, GA  
**SCHOOL:** UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA  
**ACQUIRED:** PIRATES' 4TH ROUND  
**SELECTION IN 2001 JUNE DRAFT**

**KEPPINGER QUICK FACTS:** 3rd professional season... Spent 2003 season with Lynchburg (A) and ranked 2nd in the Carolina League with a .325 average... Made pro debut in 2002 with South Atlantic League champion Hickory (A)... Rarely strikes out--entering 2004 season, struck out just 61 times in 820 professional at-bats (1/13.4 AB) and in his three seasons at the University of Georgia whiffed just 44 times in 714 at-bats (1/16.2 AB)... Hit .353 (89-for-252) with runners in scoring position in his first two professional seasons... Played in the 2001 College World Series as a junior, going 4-for-9 (.444) in the Bulldogs' two contests in Omaha... Hit .380 in three seasons at Georgia, including a .383 average en route to being named a consensus First-Team Freshman All-American in 1999

**2003 SEASON:** Spent entire season with Lynchburg (A), hitting .325 with 3 HR and 51 RBI in 92 games... .325 average ranked 2nd in the Carolina League (trailing only teammate Chris Shelton's .359)... Also ranked 5th in the Pirates' minor league system in hitting... Collected three, four-hit games; eight, three-hit games and a total of 32 multi-hit contests... Posted an impressive .388 average vs. LHP and .297 vs. RHP... Hit .387 (41-for-107) with runners in scoring position... Went 4-for-5 with a double, triple and 3 RBI on 4/6 @ Frederick... Recorded his second four-hit game in a 15-day span (4-for-5) and knocked in the go-ahead run with a 10th inning double on 4/21 @ Myrtle Beach... Finished April hitting .361 (22-for-61)... Slumped in May, batting just .205 (15-for-73) to drop his average to a season-low .270 at the end of the month... Hit safely in 17 of 18 games from 6/1 (game two) thru 7/19... Posted a .370 mark (20-for-54) in 14 games during the month of June... Missed one month (6/11-7/10) with a sprained left ankle... Strung together a season-high 14-game hitting streak from 8/14-8/30, batting .509 (29-for-57) with 14 runs scored during that span... Named the Carolina League's Player of the Week for the week of 8/14-8/20 after batting .583 (14-for-24) with 13 runs scored in six games during the week... Went 4-for-5 and scored four times on 8/18 @ Frederick... Posted a .418 average (41-for-98) with 16 RBI and 19 runs scored during the month of August... Hit .227 (6-for-22) in the Hillcats' five post-season games

**PREVIOUS--2002:** Made professional debut with Hickory (A), hitting .276 with 10 HR and 73 RBI in 126 games for the South Atlantic League champions... Named to the league's post-season All-Star Team

and participated in the SAL All-Star Game on 6/18 @ Lakewood... Committed just 10 errors in 517 total chances--.981 fielding percentage led all SAL second basemen... Also had a hand in a league-high 69 double plays... Had the South Atlantic League's 2nd-best SO/plate appearance ratio (1/16.36)... Right-handed batter posted a .299 average vs. RHP, but just a .213 clip vs. LHP... Hit .331 (48-for-145) with runners in scoring position... Belted seven of his 10 home runs in the first two months of the season... Went 4-for-5 with a pair of home runs, 4 RBI and 4 runs scored on 4/20 vs. Delmarva... Enjoyed his best month of the season in June, batting .337 (29-for-86) in 22 games... Combined to go 7-for-9 in back-to-back games vs. Lakewood on 7/18 & 7/19--recorded his second, four-hit game of the season in the 7/18 contest (4-for-5)... Hit .308 (8-for-26) in seven South Atlantic League playoff games... **2001:** Signed with Pittsburgh on 8/3 after being selected in the 4th round of the June draft... Participated in the Pirates' Fall Instructional camp

**PERSONAL/MISCELLANEOUS:** Jeffery Scott Keppinger... Played NCAA baseball at the University of Georgia and left as one of the school's all-time best players, hitting a combined .380 in his three seasons (1999-01)... Named the team's MVP following his sophomore and junior campaigns (2000 & '01)... Struck out just 44 times in 714 career at-bats... Enjoyed an outstanding junior season, establishing career-highs in average (.389), HR (18) and RBI (73) in leading the Bulldogs to the College World Series... Named a Second-Team All-American by *Baseball America* following the 2001 season... Had one of the best NCAA post-seasons in collegiate baseball history, batting .500 (23-for-46) with 9 HR and 16 RBI in 10 NCAA games... Went 4-for-9 (.444) in Georgia's two losses during the 2001 CWS, including a triple and two-run HR against Southern California ace Mark Prior... Garnered the only First-Team All-SEC selection of his college career during his sophomore campaign, despite career lows in all major categories (.365-6-47)... Was named a *Baseball America* and *Louisville Slugger* First-Team Freshman All-American in 1999 after posting a .383 average with 11 HR and 48 RBI in 55 games... 1998 graduate of Parkview (GA) High School where he was a three-time MVP on the school's baseball team... Hit .566 as a senior, .556 as a junior and .421 as a sophomore en route to the 1996 Georgia Class AAAA state championship... Signed by Pirates' scout Jack Powell

## KEPPINGER'S CAREER STATISTICS

Yr.	Club	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
2002	Hickory	.276	126	478	75	132	23	4	10	73	47	33	6
2003	Lynchburg	.325	92	342	55	111	21	2	3	51	23	28	3
Minor Lg. Totals		.296	218	820	140	243	44	6	13	124	70	61	9

## CAREER TRANSACTIONS

--Selected by Pittsburgh in 2001 June draft (4th round)



## DID YOU KNOW?

Entering 2004, the only team with which the Pittsburgh Pirates have never made a major league trade is the Colorado Rockies.

The team with which the Pirates have not made a deal in the longest period of time is the Oakland Athletics. The Bucs and A's last exchanged players on April 6, 1981, when Pittsburgh sent RHP Ernie Camacho to Oakland for LHP Bob Owchinko.

Among National League clubs, the Bucs haven't swapped players with the Milwaukee Brewers since March 17, 1989 when C Ruben Rodriguez went to Milwaukee in exchange for OF Lou Thornton.

## LOPEZ, JOSE

RHP



**HEIGHT:** 5-11      **WEIGHT:** 200  
**BATS:** R      **THROWS:** R  
**AGE:** 28  
**BORN:** 1/28/76, CORPUS CHRISTI, TX  
**RESIDES:** CORPUS CHRISTI, TX  
**SCHOOL:** TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-KINGSVILLE  
**ACQUIRED:** SIGNED BY PITTSBURGH AS A FREE AGENT, 10/20/99

**LOPEZ QUICK FACTS:** 5th professional season... Looking to make a full recovery from elbow problems that forced him to miss the final month of 2001 and the second half of 2002--underwent reconstructive "Tommy John" surgery on his right elbow in July 2002... Joined Lynchburg (A) last May and went 5-6 with a 3.48 ERA in 20 games (19 starts)... Made six appearances (five starts) for Altoona in 2001 and opened the '02 season with the Curve, appearing in 10 games (4 starts)--combined to go 1-4 with a 5.60 ERA between the two seasons... While pitching for Lynchburg in 2000, set a then club-record by tossing 24.1 consecutive scoreless innings--record broken by Burnett in '02 (32.0 IP)

**2003 SEASON:** Began the season in extended spring training while continuing to recover from elbow surgery the previous July... Added to Lynchburg (A) on 5/10 and finished the season there, going 5-6 with a 3.48 ERA in 20 games (19 starts)... Did not surrender an ER in five of his 19 starts... Left four games with the lead, but earned no-decisions after the bullpen failed to hold the lead... Picked up his first win of the season on 6/4 vs. Potomac... Posted a 2.20 ERA (41.0 IP/10 ER) in seven starts from 6/9-7/14 and went 2-1 during that span... Notched his second win by allowing just two hits over 7.0 shutout innings on 6/27 vs. Winston-Salem (3 BB, 1 K)... Did not allow an ER in 18.1 IP over a span of 2+ starts... Tossed 7.0 shutout frames to earn a win on 7/31 @ Myrtle Beach (2 H, 1 BB, 2 K)... Lost each of his final three starts from 8/23-9/1... Started and took a no-decision in the final game of the Mills Cup Finals on 9/8 @ Winston-Salem (6.0 IP, 4 H, 1 R, 1 ER, 1 BB, 4 K)

**PREVIOUS-- 2002:** Endured an injury-plagued season, combining to go 1-2 with a 5.29 ERA in 12 games (four starts) between Altoona and Hickory (A)... Began season with Altoona and made four appearances before being placed on the Disabled List with right elbow soreness from 4/14-5/21... Activated from the DL and started game two of 5/21 doubleheader vs. New Britain (ND--2.0 IP, 2 H, 0 R, 0 BB, 1 K)... Sent to Hickory for a rehab stint from 5/24-5/31 and tossed 6.0 scoreless innings over two relief appearances... Returned to Altoona and made five appearances (three starts) from 6/2-6/22, going 0-2 with a 5.79 ERA (14.0 IP/9 ER) before re-experiencing soreness in his right elbow... Underwent season-ending reconstructive "Tommy John" elbow surgery on 7/5... **2001:** Posted a 6-6 record and 3.09 ERA in 19 games (18 starts) between Lynchburg and Altoona... Opened season with Lynchburg and went 5-4 with a 2.37 ERA in 13 starts... Was the Hillcats lone representative at the Carolina-California League All-Star Game in Lancaster, CA... Held Carolina League hitters to a .223 average... Pitched 5.0+ innings in 12 of his 13 starts with Lynchburg... Struck out eight batters in earning his first win of the season on 4/11 @ Potomac (5.0 IP, 5 H, 1 R, 1 ER, 4 BB)... Fanned a season-high 10 batters on 5/14 @ Salem (ND--6.0 IP, 5 H, 2 R, 0 ER, 3 BB)... Promoted to Altoona on 6/29 and made his first career Double-A start on 6/30 vs. Bowie (ND--5.1 IP, 4 H, 1 R, 1 ER, 4 BB, 4 K)... Earned only win in a Curve uniform on 7/18 @ Bowie, despite giving up a season-high 5 ER (5.0 IP, 9 H, 6 R, 0 BB, 3 K)... Developed right elbow soreness and was shut down for the season following his start on 7/28 vs. Binghamton (ND--4.0 IP, 6 H, 4 R, 4 ER, 4 BB, 4 K)... **2000:** Combined to go 7-5 with a 2.61 ERA in 35 games (13 starts) between Hickory and Lynchburg... Led Pirates' farmhands with a 2.61 ERA... Began season with Hickory and went 3-4 with one save and a 2.35 ERA in 29 games (seven starts)... Went 0-2 with one save and a 3.77 ERA in 22 relief appearances and 3-2 with 1.38 ERA in his seven starts... Tossed back-to-back complete games in his final two starts with the Crawdads, including a one-hit, 10-strikeout shutout on 7/25 vs. Hagerstown... Was named the South Atlantic League's Pitcher of the Week for the week of 7/21-7/27 for his 7/25 performance... In his last start with Hickory, hurled a three-hitter and

struck out nine on 7/31 vs. Columbus... Promoted to Lynchburg on 8/3 and went 4-1 with a 3.11 ERA in six starts... Did not allow a run in his first 24.1 innings with the Hillcats, covering four starts... In his first four starts with Lynchburg, went 4-0 with an 0.90 ERA... During a seven-game stretch from 7/20-8/20 between both Hickory and Lynchburg, went 7-0 with an 0.90 ERA and two shutouts... Named Carolina League Pitcher of the Week for the week of 8/10-8/16, going 2-0 and tossing 15.0 scoreless innings during the week... Fanned 10 in tossing a seven-inning, three-hit shutout on 8/15 @ Myrtle Beach... Won only Carolina League playoff start vs. Frederick (7.0 IP, 6 H, 2 R, 1 ER, 3 BB, 7 K)... **1999:** Went undrafted in the June draft and signed with Schaumburg (IL) of the independent Northern League in early August... Posted three saves and an 0.79 ERA in eight relief outings for the Flyers... Recorded a save in his pro debut on 8/13 @ Madison (2 IP, 0 H, 0 R, 1 BB, 4 K)... Allowed just one ER in his eight games with Schaumburg (11.1 IP)... Held Northern League hitters to an .083 average (3-for-36)

**PERSONAL/MISCELLANEOUS:** Jose Luis Lopez... Played college baseball at the University of Texas and Texas A&M-Kingsville... Graduate of Moody H.S. in Corpus Christi, TX, where he posted a 42-1 record during a standout prep career... Signed by Pirates' scout Jose Luna

### LOPEZ'S CAREER STATISTICS

Yr.	Club	W-L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB
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1999	Schaumburg	0-0	0.79	8	0	0	0	3	11.1	3	3	1	11
2000	Hickory	3-4	2.35	29	7	2	1	1	76.2	54	27	20	35
	Lynchburg	4-1	3.11	6	6	1	1	0	37.2	29	14	13	19
2001	Lynchburg	5-4	2.37	13	13	0	0	0	76.0	63	28	20	23
	Altoona	1-2	4.83	6	5	0	0	0	31.2	38	20	17	11
2002	Altoona	0-2	6.75	10	4	0	0	0	21.1	30	20	16	7
	Hickory	1-0	0.00	2	0	0	0	0	6.0	3	0	0	0

### CAREER TRANSACTIONS

--Signed to a contract by Schaumburg (Northern), 8/99

--Signed by Pittsburgh as a minor league free agent, 9/20/99

## MAHOLM, PAUL

LHP



**HEIGHT:** 6-2      **WEIGHT:** 215  
**BATS:** L      **THROWS:** L  
**AGE:** 21, TURNS 22 ON JUNE 25  
**BORN:** 6/25/82, GREENWOOD, MS  
**RESIDES:** HOLLY SPRINGS, MS  
**SCHOOL:** MISSISSIPPI STATE UNIVERSITY  
**ACQUIRED:** PIRATES' 1ST ROUND SELECTION (8TH OVERALL) IN 2003 JUNE DRAFT

**MAHOLM QUICK FACTS:** 2nd professional season... Rated the Pirates' #8 prospect by *Baseball America* entering the 2004 season... Non-roster invitee to big league spring training prior to this season... Became the sixth consecutive pitcher drafted by the Pirates in the first round when he was taken with the eighth overall pick in the 2003 draft out of Mississippi State... Made pro debut with Williamsport (SS-A) in '03 and posted a 2-1 record and 1.83 ERA in eight starts... Previously drafted out of high school by the Minnesota Twins in the 17th round in 2000

**2003 SEASON:** Signed with Pittsburgh on 7/9 after being selected in the 1st round of the June draft... Made professional debut with New York-Penn League champion Williamsport (SS-A)... Allowed just one ER in three starts and 14.1 IP at Williamsport's Bowman Field (0.63 ERA)... Earned a no-decision in his first career start in game one of 7/24 doubleheader @ Mahoning Valley (3 IP, 3 H, 2 R, 2 ER, 1 BB, 3 K)... Posted a 1.44 ERA in his final seven starts of the season... Allowed just one hit over 5.0 scoreless innings and fanned a season-high eight batters in notching his first professional victory on 8/5 @ Staten Island... Did not allow a run over a season-high 7.2 innings in earning the win vs. Staten Island on 8/27... Took a no-decision in his lone playoff start in the NYPL semis @ Auburn on 9/6 (4 IP, 2 H, 2 R, 1 ER, 3 BB, 4 K)

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**PERSONAL/MISCELLANEOUS:** Paul Gurner Maholm (pronounced mu-HOLL-um)... Previously drafted out of high school by the Minnesota Twins in the 17th round of the 2000 draft... Played NCAA baseball at Mississippi State, posting a 27-10 record and a 3.54 ERA in his three-year career... As a junior last spring went 9-2 with a 2.76 ERA for the Bulldogs... Garnered Third-Team All-America honors in 2003 from *Baseball America*, *Collegiate Baseball* and the Collegiate Baseball Writers Association... Majored in Marketing at Mississippi State... 2000 graduate of Germantown (TN) High School where he was named Memphis Metro Player of the Year after going 11-0 with an 0.67 ERA during his senior campaign... Attended Marshall Academy in Mississippi in his first three prep seasons... Signed by Pirates' scout Everett Russell

## MAHOLM'S CAREER STATISTICS

Yr.	Club	W-L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
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## CAREER TRANSACTIONS

--Selected by Pittsburgh in 2003 June draft (1st round-8th overall)

**McDADE, NEAL**

**RHP**



**HEIGHT:** 6-2      **WEIGHT:** 205  
**BATS:** R      **THROWS:** R  
**AGE:** 27, TURNS 28 ON JUNE 16  
**BORN:** 6/16/76, NAPLES, FL  
**RESIDES:** ORANGE PARK, FL  
**SCHOOL:** FLORIDA C.C.  
**ACQUIRED:** PIRATES' 29TH ROUND  
**SELECTION IN 1995 JUNE DRAFT**

**McDADE QUICK FACTS:** 9th professional season... Re-signed with the Pirates as a free agent for the second time this off-season... Is the lone member of the Pirates' 1995 draft class left in the organization at either the major or minor league level... Has spent all or parts of the previous three seasons with Altoona and is one of three pitchers to appear in over 100 games in a Curve uniform (106)—Clint Chrysler (118) and Brad Guy (116) are the others... Missed all of 1999 and pitched in just seven games in 2000 after undergoing "Tommy John" elbow surgery... Entering '04, has better than a 3-to-1 K-to-walk ratio (448 K/148 BB)

**2003 SEASON:** Spent entire season with Altoona, going 1-6 with four saves and a 2.72 ERA in 38 games out of the bullpen... Tallied an 0.96 ERA in 18 games at home and a 4.58 ERA in 20 road contests... Posted a 1.71 ERA in 28 appearances prior to a stint on the Disabled List (7/5-8/1) because of soreness in his right shoulder and a 5.40 ERA in 10 outings after returning from the DL... Tossed 4.0 shutout innings of relief on 4/26 vs. Akron (2 H, 0 BB, 3 K)... Tossed 2.2 scoreless innings to earn his third save on 5/22 @ New Haven (2 H, 0 BB, 2 K)... Allowed just 3 ER in 23.1 IP and 12 games during the month of May (1.16 ERA)... Placed on the DL and missed nearly a month (7/5-8/1) because of right shoulder soreness... ERA jumped from 2.14 to 3.10 after yielding 7 ER in 2.0 IP in his 100th career outing with the Curve on 8/15 @ Akron... Surrendered just one ER in his final five outings (11.2 IP) to lower his final ERA to 2.72... Allowed just one hit over 3.1 scoreless innings of work in his lone playoff appearance in Game 3 of the E.L. Divisional Series vs. Akron on 9/5... Spent his second consecutive off-season pitching for Zulia of the Venezuelan Winter League and posted a 1-2 record and a 6.83 ERA in nine games (7 starts)

**PREVIOUS--2002:** Spent entire season with Altoona and led all Curve relievers with eight wins... Walked just 16 batters in 78.1 IP (49 games)... Pitched three hitless innings (6th, 7th and 8th) in combining with Adrian Burnside and Chris Spurling on the first no-hitter in Altoona Curve history on 4/23 @ Akron... Yielded four runs on five hits, including two HR, in 1.2 innings of relief to suffer his first loss of the season on 5/1 @ Akron... Tossed 2.1 scoreless and hitless innings in combining with Brian O'Connor and Jim Dougherty on a two-hitter vs. Binghamton on 5/18—also earned his fourth win that night... Recorded first save of the season on 5/24 vs. Trenton... Enjoyed his best month

of the season in July posting a 1.62 ERA in 11 appearances (16.2 IP)... Went 6-1 with a 2.04 ERA in 27 games at Blair County Ballpark, but struggled on the road, posting a 2-2 mark with a 5.82 ERA in 22 outings away from home... Right-handed batters posted a .300 average against... Pitched for Zulia in the Venezuelan Winter League, posting no won-loss record with one save and a 3.98 ERA in 15 relief appearances... **2001:** Split the season between Altoona (AA) and Nashville (AAA), combining to post a 3-6 record with a 3.87 ERA in 27 games (seven starts)... Opened the year in the Altoona starting rotation... Fanned a season-high nine batters on 4/23 @ Harrisburg... Picked up his first victory in a relief outing on 4/28 @ Akron (4.2 IP, 0 ER)... Earned his lone win as a starter on 5/9 vs. Bowie before dropping his next three outings from 5/14-25 (0-3, 6.11 ERA/12 ER, 17.2 IP)... Moved into the Curve's bullpen on 5/29 and posted a 2.05 ERA (5 ER/22.0 IP) in 10 relief appearances for Altoona... Promoted to Nashville on 6/26... Went 1-1 with a 3.00 ERA (5 ER/22.0 IP) in eight appearances in his Triple-A debut... Did not allow a run in four of his first five outings... Sent to Altoona on 7/23 due to roster limitations and made one appearance for Curve (7/24 @ Harrisburg, 1.1 scoreless IP), before returning to Nashville on 7/26... Picked up his first career Triple-A win in his first game back with Nashville after tossing one scoreless frame on 7/26 (game two) vs. Fresno... Tagged with his first Triple-A loss in his final appearance on 8/2 @ Fresno (3.0 IP/1 ER)... Shut down for season on 8/3 after developing tendinitis in his right (throwing) shoulder... **2000:** Appeared in just seven games (all starts) for Lynchburg (A) while recovering from "Tommy John" surgery on his right elbow that caused him to miss the entire 1999 campaign... Began season in the Pirates' extended spring training camp before joining Lynchburg on 5/16... Tagged with the loss in his first start on 5/21 vs. Salem (2.1 IP/5 ER)... Did not allow an earned run in four consecutive starts from 5/31-6/17, a span of 17 innings... Picked up his lone victory on 6/6 vs. Wilmington by tossing 5.0 shutout innings... Dropped his final start of the season on 6/23 @ Winston-Salem (5.1 IP/7 ER) before being shut down for the remainder of the season... **1999:** Missed the entire season after undergoing "Tommy John" surgery on his right elbow... **1998:** Spent the entire season with Lynchburg (A)... Went 5-3 with three saves and a 3.30 ERA in 25 games (11 starts)... **1997:** Split the season between Augusta (A) and C.L. champion Lynchburg (A)... Combined to go 12-4 with three saves and a 2.82 ERA in 29 games (15 starts)... Fanned 119 batters and walked just 30... Tied for 1st in wins and placed 3rd in ERA in the Pirates' minor league system... **1996:** Signed by Pittsburgh through the draft-and-follow process on 5/27... Made professional debut with Erie (SS-A), posting a 7-3 record and a 3.40 ERA in 13 games (all starts)... Led NY-Penn League with three complete games... **1995:** Selected by Pittsburgh in the 29th round of the June draft, but did not sign and attended junior college as a draft-and-follow

**PERSONAL/MISCELLANEOUS:** Neal Joseph McDade... Pitched one season at Florida Community College (1996), where he went 9-1 with a 2.96 ERA... Turned down scholarship offer from the University of Florida to sign with Pirates in May 1996... Signed by Pirates' scout Scott Lovekamp, who later became his pitching coach with Augusta (1997), Lynchburg (2000) and Altoona (2001)

## McDADE'S CAREER STATISTICS

Yr.	Club	W-L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
1996	Erie	7-3	3.40	13	3	0	0	0	76.2	76	60	44	47	60
1997	Augusta	10-4	2.80	36	12	0	0	3	112.1	105	42	35	24	104
	Lynchburg	2-0	2.89	3	0	0	0	0	18.2	16	8	6	6	15
1998	Lynchburg	5-3	3.30	25	11	0	0	3	90.0	87	35	33	20	74
1999		INJURED--DID NOT PITCH												
2000	Lynchburg	1-2	4.66	7	0	0	0	0	29.0	35	18	15	11	24
2001	Altoona	2-5	4.05	19	9	0	0	0	73.1	85	38	33	24	55
	Nashville	1-1	3.00	8	0	0	0	0	15.0	14	5	5	7	8
2002	Altoona	8-3	3.91	49	0	0	0	3	78.1	85	36	34	16	51
2003	Altoona	1-6	2.72	38	0	0	0	4	72.2	75	32	22	18	48
Minor Lg. Totals		37-28	3.42	199	56	3	0	13	571.0	584	253	217	148	448

## CAREER TRANSACTIONS

--Selected by Pittsburgh in 1995 June draft (29th round)  
--Signed by Pittsburgh as a draft-and-follow, 5/27/96  
--Granted free agency, 10/15/02  
--Re-signed with Pirates, 12/14/02  
--Granted free agency, 10/15/03  
--Re-signed with Pirates, 12/7/03



## McLOUTH, NATE

OF



**HEIGHT:** 5-11      **WEIGHT:** 170  
**BATS:** L      **THROWS:** R  
**AGE:** 22  
**BORN:** 10/28/81, MUSKEGON, MI  
**RESIDES:** WHITEHALL, MI  
**SCHOOL:** WHITEHALL (MI) H.S.  
**ACQUIRED:** PIRATES' 25TH ROUND  
 SELECTION IN 2000 JUNE DRAFT

**McLOUTH QUICK FACTS:** 4th professional season... Spent entire 2003 season with Lynchburg (A) and was named to the Carolina League's mid-season and post-season All-Star Teams after batting .300 with 6 HR, 33 RBI and a career-high 40 SB in 117 games... Reached base safely in 42 consecutive games last season (4/28-6/11) while also enjoying a stretch of 23 consecutive stolen bases without being caught (4/12-6/8)... Selected by the Pirates in the 25th round of the 2000 draft and signed on 8/29/00, just prior to attending his first class at the University of Michigan... Made professional debut in 2001 with Hickory (A), hitting .285 with 12 HR, 54 RBI and 21 SB in 96 games... Member of 2002 Carolina League champion Lynchburg Hillcats

**2003 SEASON:** Spent the entire season with Lynchburg (A) and hit .300 with 6 HR, 33 RBI and a team-record 40 SB in a career-high 117 games en route to being named the Carolina League's post-season All-Star Team... Finished among the league's leaders in on-base percentage (4th/.386), stolen bases (5th/40) and batting (6th/.300)... Ranked 2nd among Pirates' minor leaguers in runs (85) and tied for 2nd in stolen bases... Led Hillcats in hits (132), runs and stolen bases... Hit .343 vs. LHP and .281 vs. RHP... Batted just .233 (24-for-103) with runners in scoring position and .180 (9-for-50) with RISP and 2 outs... Posted better than a .300 average in three separate months—May (.366), June (.311) and August (.320)... Recorded 37 multi-hits games... Reached base safely in 96 of his 112 games, including a 40-game on-base streak from 4/29-6/12... Games by position: LF (73), CF (55) and RF (3)... Appeared in three major league spring training games for the Pirates and went 3-for-6 with a triple and home run (off Detroit's Matt Anderson)... Scored eight runs in the Hillcats' first three games (4/4-4/6)... Batted .397 (52-for-13) with 31 runs in 37 games from 4/28-6/8, raising his average from .246 to .347... Hit safely in 20 of 22 games from 5/8-6/3... Posted a team-high 16-game hitting streak from 5/28-6/10 (tied for 4th-longest streak in Hillcats' history)... Went a perfect 5-for-5 with four runs scored on 6/8 @ Salem... Had a club-record of 23 consecutive stolen bases without being caught ended on 6/11 @ Myrtle Beach... After posting multi-hit games in six of seven contests from 7/1-7/7 (16-for-32), slumped in his next 16 games, batting .098 (6-for-61) during that span... Ripped a game-winning, two-out, two-run base hit in the bottom of the 9th to complete a three-run comeback vs. Potomac on 8/5... Out of action from 8/15-8/24 after being placed on the DL with a strained right bicep... Hit .286 (6-for-21) with an RBI and run scored in five C.L. playoff games

**PREVIOUS—2002:** Rated the "Best Hitter for Average" in the Pirates' system by *Baseball America* entering the season... Spent entire season with Carolina League champion Lynchburg, batting .244 with 9 HR, 46 RBI and 20 SB in 114 games... Struck out just once every 9.44 plate appearances, ranking 5th in the league in that department... Batted .229 vs. LHP and .248 vs. RHP... Games by position: LF (66), RF (30), DH (11), CF (6)... Hit just .235 (20-for-85) with runners in scoring position, but improved to .309 (21-for-68) with RISP and 2 outs... Recorded 22 multi-hit games, including one four-hit game and six three-hit efforts... Went 3-for-5 with a HR and a season-best 4 RBI on 6/7 @ Salem... Stroked a season-high four hits (4-for-6) on 7/7 vs. Frederick... Hit .281 (18-for-64) in June, his best monthly average of the season... Recorded back-to-back 2-for-5 efforts on 7/31 @ Winston-Salem and 8/1 @ Myrtle Beach, helping to raise his average to a season-high .256... Hit just .207 (17-for-82) in August... Went 1-for-7 with a run scored in three appearances during the C.L. playoffs... **2001:** Began season in Pirates' extended spring training... Joined Hickory (A) and made professional debut on 5/20... Went on to hit .285 with 12 HR, 54 RBI and 21 SB in 96 games... Led Crawdads with 59 runs scored... Hit .318 vs. LHP... Games by position: CF (58), RF (37), 2B (1)... Went 11-for-26 (.423) with

one HR and 6 RBI in his first seven pro games... Reached base safely in 21 straight games from 6/3/6/27... Batted .513 (20-for-39) with 3 HR and 10 RBI during a 10-game hitting streak from 6/25-7/5... Went 4-for-5 with a pair of doubles on 6/25 @ Greensboro... Batted .357 with 4 HR and 19 RBI in 26 games during the month of June... Went 5-for-6 with four runs scored on 8/9 @ Greensboro... Two days later, went 4-for-4 vs. Hagerstown... **2000:** Signed with Pittsburgh on 8/29 after being selected in the 25th round of the June draft... Did not appear in a game

**PERSONAL/MISCELLANEOUS:** Nathan Richard McLouth... 2000 graduate of Whitehall (MI) H.S... Named Michigan's Gatorade Player of the Year and earned a share of the state's Mr. Baseball honors following his senior season, hitting .514 and going 51-for-51 in stolen base attempts... Named a *USA Today* Honorable Mention All-American following both his junior and senior campaigns... Batted .523 over his career and stole a Michigan state record 180 bases in 181 attempts in four seasons for the Vikings... Also tallied 25 HR and 150 RBI during his career... Turned down a baseball scholarship to the University of Michigan to sign with the Pirates... Signed by Pirates' scout Duane Gustavson

McLOUTH'S CAREER STATISTICS													
Yr.	Club	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
2001	Hickory	.285	96	351	59	100	17	5	12	54	43	54	21
2002	Lynchburg	.244	114	393	58	96	23	4	9	46	41	48	20
2003	Lynchburg	.300	117	440	85	132	27	2	6	33	55	68	40
Minor Lg. Totals		.277	327	1184	202	328	67	11	27	133	139	170	81

## CAREER TRANSACTIONS

--Selected by Pittsburgh in 2000 June draft (25th round)

## MILLER, JEFF

RHP



**HEIGHT:** 6-4      **WEIGHT:** 220  
**BATS:** R      **THROWS:** R  
**AGE:** 24  
**BORN:** 2/1/80, BELLEVILLE, NJ  
**RESIDES:** SPRINGFIELD, NJ  
**SCHOOL:** UNIVERSITY OF NEW ORLEANS  
**ACQUIRED:** PIRATES' 15TH ROUND  
 SELECTION IN 2001 JUNE DRAFT

**MILLER QUICK FACTS:** 4th professional season... After missing the first month of 2003 because of a shoulder injury, went on post a 5-6 record and 4.88 ERA in 27 games (7 starts) with Lynchburg (A)... Tied for the Pirates' organizational lead in wins in 2002 when he went 13-5 with a 3.75 ERA in 31 games (15 starts) with Hickory (A)... Had an outstanding debut season in 2001, posting a 1.13 ERA and a league-best 15 saves in 21 games as the closer for New York-Penn League co-champion Williamsport (SS-A)... Played outfield in his two seasons of NCAA baseball at Seton Hall (NJ) University (1999-00) and one at the University of New Orleans (2001), but was converted to pitcher upon being drafted by the Pirates in 2001 (15th round)... Pitched in just four games in his college career—all during the '01 season at UNO

**2003 SEASON:** Opened season on the Disabled List with a right shoulder injury... Activated from the DL on 4/28 and finished the season with the Hillcats, going 5-6 with a 4.88 ERA in 27 games (7 starts)... Made his first 17 appearances out of the bullpen, before joining the starting rotation for seven consecutive starts from 7/13-8/14—went 2-3 with a 3.72 ERA in those starts... Struggled in his first 10 outings, going 1-2 with a 7.04 ERA, but went 4-4 with a 4.18 ERA in his final 17 appearances... Notched his first Carolina League win in game one of 5/14 doubleheader @ Winston-Salem (2.1 IP, 4 H, 1 R, 1 ER, 1 BB, 1 K)... Went unscored upon in three straight games from 6/11-6/17 (7.1 IP)... Posted his first career complete game in taking the loss in game two of 7/30 doubleheader @ Winston-Salem (6.0 IP, 2 H, 5 R, 3 ER, 4 BB, 3 K)... Allowed just three hits over 7.2 shutout innings to earn the win on 8/4 vs. Potomac (1 BB, 5 K)... Tossed a season-best 11.2 scoreless IP from 7/30-8/9... Went 0-0 with a 3.00 ERA (9.0 IP/3 ER) in two relief outings during the Carolina League playoffs

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-JEFF MILLER CONTINUED-

**PREVIOUS--** 2002: Spent the entire season with South Atlantic League champion Hickory (A) and went 13-5 with four saves and a 3.75 ERA in 31 games (15 starts)... Tied with Sean Burnett (Lynchburg) for the Pirates' organization lead in wins (13) and ranked 3rd among SAL hurlers... Went 8-4 with a 4.02 ERA in 15 starts and 51 with four saves and a 2.78 ERA in 16 relief appearances... Began the season with nine straight scoreless appearances out of the bullpen (3-0, 2 SV, 9.2 IP)... Moved to the rotation on 5/29 after making his first 14 appearances in relief... Finished strong, going 8-2 with a 3.36 ERA in his last 10 outings (nine starts)... Allowed just one run (earned) on two hits over 8.0 innings to pick up the victory on 7/3 @ Delmarva... Notched wins in six consecutive outings (five starts) from 7/20-8/19... Struck out a career-high nine batters with no walks in notching the third of his six consecutive wins on 8/1 vs. Delmarva (5 H, 3 R, 3 ER)... **2001:** Signed with Pittsburgh on 6/13 after being selected in the 15th round of the June draft... Made professional debut with New York-Penn League co-champion Williamsport (SS-A), posting no won-loss record with 15 saves and a 1.13 ERA (24.0 IP/3 ER) in 21 relief appearances... Led the NYPL and ranked 3rd in the Pirates' system with 15 saves... Allowed no earned runs in his final 15 games from 7/13-9/3 (15.2 IP), recording 13 of his league-leading 15 saves during that span... Tossed 1.2 scoreless innings and struck out three in his lone NYPL playoff appearance

**PERSONAL/MISCELLANEOUS:** Jeffrey Miller... Played NCAA baseball at both Seton Hall (NJ) University (1999-00) and the University of New Orleans (2001)... Played outfield throughout his college career, with the exception of four relief appearances for New Orleans during the 2001 season (0-0, 9.64 ERA, 4.2 IP, 5 ER)... In his lone season at UNO, hit .338 with 4 HR and 37 RBI in 57 games as the Privateers' right fielder--led team in average, RBI, hits (70), doubles (20), total bases (104), slugging (.502) and OBP (.427)... At Seton Hall, hit .299 as a sophomore (2000) and .298 in being named to the Big East's All-Rookie Team in 1999... Teammate of Curve infielder Ray Navarrete in his two seasons at SHU... 1998 graduate of Seton Hall (NJ) Prep in West Orange, NJ, where he is a member of the school's Athletic Hall of Fame after starring in baseball, football and basketball... Was a member of three NJ state championship basketball teams and, as a senior (1998), earned the same 2nd-Team All-State honors as former Notre Dame star and current NBA player Troy Murphy... High school basketball teammate of former University of Pittsburgh standout guard Brandin Knight... Uncle Tom Graziano played in the Pirates' minor league system... Signed by Pirates' scout Dana Brown

## MILLER'S CAREER STATISTICS

Yr.	Club	W-L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB
SO													
2001	Williamsport	0-0	1.13	21	0	0	0	15	24.0	17	3	3	5
2002	Hickory	13-5	3.75	31	15	0	0	4	103.1	100	44	43	28

## CAREER TRANSACTIONS

6/13/01 H. Delmarva 1st round, 15th pick (15th overall)

## PIRATES RADED IN RULE 5 DRAFT

The Pirates' minor league system has been regarded as one of the best in baseball over the past few seasons and that claim was further solidified this past December when five of the top six selections in Major League Baseball's annual Rule 5 draft came from the Pirates' organization.

Pick	Player (Pos.)	Selected by
1	Chris Shelton (C/1B)	Detroit
2	Rich Thompson (OF)	San Diego*
4	Frank Brooks (LHP)	NY Mets**
5	Jeff Bennett (RHP)	Milwaukee
6	Jose Bautista (3B)	Baltimore

\* Later traded to Kansas City

\*\* Later traded to Oakland

## MUNOZ, BILLY

## 1B/DH



**HEIGHT:** 6-2 **WEIGHT:** 220  
**BATS:** L **THROWS:** L  
**AGE:** 28, TURNS 29 ON JUNE 30  
**BORN:** 6/30/75, YUMA, AZ  
**RESIDES:** MESA, AZ  
**SCHOOL:** ARIZONA WESTERN J.C.  
**ACQUIRED:** SIGNED BY PIRATES AS A MINOR LEAGUE FREE AGENT, 1/3/04

**MUNOZ QUICK FACTS:** 7th professional season... Previously spent time in the Cleveland (1998-02), St. Louis (2002) and Detroit (2003) organizations... Has spent parts of each of the last four seasons playing in the Eastern League with Akron (2000-02) and Erie (2003)... Has posted double-digit home run totals in four of his first six pro seasons, including a career-best 25 between Kinston (A) and Akron (AA) in 2000... Spent most of the '03 season with Erie (AA) in the Tigers' system, hitting .280 with 17 HR and 61 RBI in 110 games... Reached the Triple-A level for the first time in his career in 2003, appearing in two games for Toledo (0-for-6)... Won the Lou Boudreau Award as the Indians' top position player in 2000, when he combined to hit .291 with 25 HR and 87 RBI between Kinston and Akron... Played in Japan prior to signing with the Indians as a non-drafted free agent in February 1998

**2003 SEASON:** In his lone year as a member of the Tigers' organization, spent majority of the season with Erie (AA), batting .280 with 17 HR and 61 RBI in 110 games for the SeaWolves... Also appeared in two games for Triple-A Toledo (International), going 0-for-6... Posted the 4th-best HR/AB ratio in the Eastern League (1/22.24)... Hit .302 and belted all 17 of his HR vs. RHP... By comparison, batted just .215 with no HR vs. LHP... Hit .324 with 8 HR in 52 games at Erie's Uht Park and .238 with 9 HR in 58 road contests... Notched three or more hits in a game seven times, including three four-hit efforts... Games by position: LF (60), DH (45), LF (2)... Went 4-for-4 and recorded the first of his two 2 HR games on 5/19 @ Reading... Promoted to Toledo on 7/12 and went 0-for-6 with two walks in two games during his Triple-A debut... Returned to Erie on 7/18 and went 6-for-11 with 2 HR and 9 RBI in his first three games after his return (vs. Altoona)... Belted a grand slam and knocked in five runs in game one of 7/19 DH vs. Altoona... Hit .316 (48-for-152) after returning from Triple-A... With Erie, enjoyed his best month in July, hitting .310 (26-for-84) with 5 HR and 20 RBI during the month... Was a perfect 4-for-4 with a pair of doubles on 8/12 vs. New Britain... Went 4-for-5 with a triple, 2 HR and 5 RBI on 8/19 vs. Harrisburg... Appeared in 14 games for Oriente of the Venezuelan Winter League, batting .204 with 2 HR and 7 RBI

**PREVIOUS--** 2002: Combined to hit .251 with 11 HR and 61 RBI between Akron in the Indians' organization and Potomac (A/Carolina) in the Cardinals' chain... Began season with Akron and hit .250 with 5 HR and 44 RBI in 74 games with the Aeros... Went 3-for-5 and had 5 RBI as the Aeros picked up a 13-3 win @ Bowie on 4/8... Hit safely in 13 of 15 games from 4/11-4/27... Enjoyed an outstanding April, batting .325 (25-for-77) with 2 HR and 19 RBI in 23 games... Slumped in his final 51 games with the Aeros, hitting just .216 (37-for-171)... Had contract purchased by the Cardinals' organization on 7/10 and was assigned to Potomac, where he spent the rest of the season, batting .253 with 6 HR and 27 RBI in 47 games... Went 10-for-23 (.435) with 6 RBI in his first six games with the Cannons... **2001:** Appeared in a combined 46 games between Akron and a rehab stint with Mahoning Valley (SS-A/New York-Penn)... Hit .217 with 4 HR and 20 RBI between the two stops... Opened the season with Akron and hit .148 in 22 games before being placed on the Disabled List on 5/4 with a hand injury... Assigned to Mahoning Valley for a rehab assignment from 7/24-8/6, during which he hit .302 (13-for-43) with 8 RBI in 12 games with the Scrappers... Returned to Akron on 8/21 and finished the season with the Aeros, hitting .273 (9-for-33) in his final 12 games... **2000:** Named the Indians' Minor League Player of the Year (Lou Boudreau Award) after posting a .291 average with 25 HR and 87 RBI in 137 games between Kinston (A/Carolina) and Akron...

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## -BILLY MUNOZ CONTINUED-

Tied for the Indians' organizational lead in HR, ranked 2nd in both RBI and hits (144) and finished 9th in hitting... Belted 19 of his 25 HR vs. RHP... In 63 games with the K-Tribe, hit .315 with 11 HR and 39 RBI... Selected to the Carolina-California League All-Star Game (played in Kinston), where he was named the game's MVP after going 3-for-4 and belting a game-winning, 2-out, 2-run HR in the bottom of the 9th inning to lift the Carolina League to victory... Enjoyed a 20-game hitting streak from 5/23-6/14, the league's longest streak of the season... Named C.L. Player of the Week for the week of 6/8-6/14 after hitting .417 (10-for-24) with 3 HR during that time period... Promoted to Akron on 6/23, where he led the Aeros in home runs (14) despite playing in just 74 games... Batted .400 (22-for-55) in his first 14 games with Akron... Belted a pair of home runs on 7/23 @ Portland... Played in the Arizona Fall League following the season... 1999: Spent the season as the everyday first baseman at Kinston, hitting .254 with 9 HR and 55 RBI in 106 games... Batted just .150 vs. LHP... Named the season's first Player of the Week after hitting .500 (13-for-26) with 12 RBI in the Indians' first six games... Went 4-for-5 with two doubles and 4 RBI on 4/10 vs. Potomac... Knocked in a season-high five runs on 4/14 @ Salem... Finished April with a .308 average, but hit just .243 (76-for-313) over the season's final four months... Recorded four-hit games on 6/11 vs. Winston-Salem (4-for-6) and 8/12 @ Lynchburg (4-for-5)... 1998: Signed with Cleveland as a non-drafted free agent on 2/17 and spent first professional season with Columbus (A/South Atlantic), hitting .266 with 12 HR and 60 RBI in 120 games... Represented the Red Stixx at the South Atlantic League All-Star Game

**PERSONAL/MISCELLANEOUS:** William R. Munoz... Played two seasons of JUCO baseball at Arizona Western J.C. (1995-96)... Hit .405 with 2 HR and 58 RBI in 1995 and .418 with 12 HR and a school-record 81 RBI in 1996... Also holds the school's career mark for RBI (139)... Was named All-Conference and All-Region during both of his seasons and made the JUCO World Series All-Tournament team in 1996... Spent the 1997 season playing professionally in Japan

MUNOZ'S CAREER STATISTICS													
Yr.	Club	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
1998	Columbus	.266	120	417	61	111	24	1	12	60	68	104	3
1999	Kinston	.254	106	378	46	96	25	1	9	55	48	108	3
2000	Kinston	.315	63	213	28	67	13	1	11	39	21	46	0
	Akron	.274	74	281	41	77	15	4	14	48	29	66	1
2001	Akron	.184	34	114	5	21	4	0	4	12	12	21	0
	Mah. Valley	.302	12	43	3	13	3	1	0	8	3	6	0
2002	Akron	.250	74	248	37	62	22	1	5	44	41	47	0
	Potomac	.253	47	166	22	42	9	1	6	27	30	51	4
2003	Erie	.280	110	378	49	106	15	3	17	61	45	83	4
	Toledo	.000	2	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0
Minor Lg. Totals		.265	642	2244	292	595	130	13	78	354	299	532	15

## CAREER TRANSACTIONS

- Signed by Cleveland as a non-drafted free agent, 2/17/98
- Contract purchased by St. Louis from Cleveland, 7/10/02
- Released by St. Louis, 11/8/02
- Signed by Detroit as a free agent, 1/15/03
- Granted free agency, 10/15/03
- Signed by Pittsburgh as a minor league free agent, 1/3/04

## 5-HIT GAMES IN CURVE HISTORY

### CURVE

Humberto Cota	8/13/00 @ Bowie (5-for-6)
Adrian Brown	5/8/01 vs. Bowie (5-for-5)
Tony Alvarez	5/3/02 vs. Bowie (5-for-5)
Jose Castillo	5/7/03 @ Akron (5-for-6)

### OPPONENTS

Peter Bergeron	5/13/99 vs. Harrisburg (5-for-6)
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## NAVARRETE, RAY

INF



**HEIGHT:** 6-0      **WEIGHT:** 196  
**BATS:** R      **THROWS:** R  
**AGE:** 25, TURNS 26 ON MAY 20  
**BORN:** 5/20/78, TEANECK, NJ  
**RESIDES:** COLTS NECK, NJ  
**SCHOOL:** SETON HALL (NJ) UNIVERSITY  
**ACQUIRED:** SIGNED BY PIRATES AS A NON-DRAFTED FREE AGENT, 6/23/00

**NAVARRETE QUICK FACTS:** 5th professional season... Posted a .300 average over his first three professional seasons (2000-02), including a career-high .318 average in '02 with Carolina League champion Lynchburg (A)... Named to the C.L.'s 2002 mid- and post-season All-Star Teams, as he led the league in hits (169) and ranked among the circuits leaders in batting average (2nd), doubles (2nd/41), total bases (4th/232) and extra-base hits (5th/49)... Enjoyed the best game of his or any career on 6/9/02 going 6-for-7, including a grand slam, and 7 RBI in a 24-0 Lynchburg rout of Salem... New Jersey native played four years of college baseball (1997-00) at Seton Hall in the Big East Conference... In four seasons with the Pirates batted a combined .344

**2003 SEASON:** Spent entire season with Altoona, where he batted .256 with 5 HR and 35 RBI in 92 games... Hit .310 vs. LHP and .227 vs. RHP... Batted just .135 (5-for-37) with men in scoring position and two outs... Starts by position: 2B (38), 3B (21), 1B (5), DH (4)... Roped three doubles and knocked in two in the Curve's 11-2 win @ Reading on 4/5... Went 3-for-4 with a HR and a season-high 4 RBI on 4/21 @ Erie (game two)... Became the first Curve player in 2003 to record a double-digit hitting streak as he hit safely in 10 straight games from 5/3-5/19—hit .395 (15-for-38) during the streak... Belted a walk-off home run in the bottom of the 11th inning of the Curve's 4-3 win vs. Binghamton on 5/24—a win that ended Altoona's franchise-record 11-game home losing streak... Also came through with a game-winning single in the bottom of the 13th inning of the Curve's 5-4 win vs. Akron on 5/29... Hit safely in 13 of 14 games from 5/3-5/25... Knocked in three runs in the Curve's 7-4 win @ New Britain on 6/10... Hit just .185 (15-for-81) from 7/24 through the end of the season, lowering his average from .283 to .256... Did not appear in the E.L. playoffs

**PREVIOUS-- 2002:** Spent entire season with Carolina League champion Lynchburg (A)... Ranked among the Carolina League's leaders in several offensive categories... Led the league in hits (169) and fewest strikeouts per plate appearance (1 K/12.35 TPA)... Also ranked 2nd in batting (.318) and doubles (41), 4th in total bases (232) and 5th in extra-base hits (49)... 41 doubles set a new Lynchburg franchise record... Led all Pirates' minor leaguers in hits and ranked 3rd in the system in batting... Appeared at five different defensive positions for the Hillcats—1B (99 games), 2B (34), 3B (5), LF (2), RF (2)... Batted .500 (26-for-52) during a 13-game hitting streak from 4/26-5/9... Recorded the first of six 4+ hit games on 4/30 vs. Myrtle Beach (4-for-5)... Average remained above the .300 mark from 5/5 through the rest of the season... Posted a 10-game streak from 5/15-24... Batted .348 (39-for-112) during the month of May... Enjoyed a career game on 6/9 @ Salem, going 6-for-7 with a HR, 2 doubles and 7 RBI in the Hillcats' 24-0 win... Named Carolina League Player of the Week for week of 6/13-6/19... Reached base safely via hit or walk in his final 24 games of the season, hitting safely in 22 of those contests... Recorded a 10-game hitting streak from 8/9-8/18... Posted three, four-hit games in an eight-day stretch from 8/18-26... Went 4-for-6 and scored a season-high five runs in the 8/24 contest @ Potomac... Hit .360 (45-for-125) in the months of August and September... Batted .393 vs. LHP and .302 vs. RHP... Batted .207 (6-for-29) in the Carolina League playoffs (7 games)... Named to the Carolina League's post-season All-Star Team... 2001: Spent majority of the season with Hickory (A)... Led the Crawdads with 23 doubles... Recorded multiple hits in 28 of the 92 games in which he appeared... Went 3-for-6 with two doubles and a season-high 4 RBI on 4/16 vs. Greensboro... Placed on the Disabled List from 5/3-6/24, missing 45 games because of injury...

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## -RAYNAVARRRETECONTINUED-

Made three rehab appearances with the GCL Pirates from 6/19-6/21... Went 4-for-4 with four runs scored in his first game off the DL in an 11-1 Hickory win vs. Delmarva on 6/24... Also recorded four hits on 7/3 vs. Asheville and 7/6 vs. Columbus... Batted .417 (20-for-48) with 7 RBI and 15 runs scored during a 12-game stretch from 6/24-7/6... Went 0-for-4 with 4 K's on 8/23 vs. Lakewood... Combined to bat .235 in the months of July and August... Hit safely in eight of his final nine games... Batted .234 vs. LHP and .281 vs. RHP... **2000:** Signed with Pittsburgh on 6/23 as a non-drafted free agent... Made professional debut with Williamsport (SS-A)... Had the fewest strikeouts per plate appearance in the NY-Penn League (1 K/10.3 TPA)... Led Crosscutters with 13 doubles... Posted a team season-high 17-game hitting streak from 7/14-7/30, raising his average from .187 to .308 during that span... Went 4-for-4 with 3 RBI on 7/19 vs. Utica... Hit safely in 27 of 29 games from 7/14-8/16... Went 5-for-5 on 8/18 vs. Oneonta

**PERSONAL/MISCELLANEOUS:** Raymond John Navarrete (pronounced NA-va-ret)... Played four seasons of NCAA baseball at Seton Hall University (1997-00)... In four seasons with the Pirates batted .344 with 9 HR, 110 RBI and 21 SB in 181 games... As a senior, batted .393 with 3 HR and 43 RBI in 56 games and was named an ABCA All-East Region First-Team selection... As a junior, batted .330 and reached base safely in 47 of the 49 games in which he appeared... Entering 2004, holds SHU career record for doubles (51)... Also ranks among the school's all-time leaders in hits (7th/207)... Majored in Communications at SHU... 1996 graduate of Marlboro H.S. in Colts Neck, N.J... Left with the school's single-season batting record (.547)... Signed by Bucs' scout Dana Brown

NAVARRETE'S CAREER STATISTICS													
Yr.	Club	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
2000	Williamsport	.310	66	248	19	77	13	1	3	36	20	27	1
2001	Hickory	.268	92	354	53	95	23	2	10	49	21	70	9
	Bradenton	.222	3	9	1	2	1	0	0	1	2	3	0
2002	Lynchburg	.318	134	532	75	169	41	2	6	69	38	48	8
2003	Altoona	.256	92	285	32	73	20	1	5	35	15	40	1
Minor Lg. Totals		.291	387	1428	180	416	98	6	24	190	96	188	19

## CAREER TRANSACTIONS

--Signed by Pittsburgh as a non-drafted free agent, 6/23/00

NICHOLSON, KEVIN	INF
<b>HEIGHT:</b> 5-10 <b>WEIGHT:</b> 190	
<b>BATS:</b> S <b>THROWS:</b> R	
<b>AGE:</b> 28	
<b>BORN:</b> 3/29/76, VANCOUVER, BC	
<b>RESIDES:</b> SURREY, BC	
<b>SCHOOL:</b> STETSON (FL) UNIVERSITY	
<b>ACQUIRED:</b> SIGNED BY PIRATES AS A MINOR LEAGUE FREE AGENT, 12/1/02	

**NICHOLSON QUICK FACTS:** 7th professional season... Spent entire 2003 season with Altoona, batting a team-high .294 with 7 HR and 45 RBI in 114 games... Became the first-ever Canadian-born player to be selected in the first round of the major league draft when he was taken by San Diego with the 27th pick in 1997... Reached the majors and appeared in 37 games for the Padres in 2000 (.216, 1 HR, 8 RBI) before fracturing the hamate bone in his left hand during batting practice prior to a game in early September of that season... Connected on a home run for his first major league hit on 6/24/00 against Cincinnati's Ron Villone... Suffered the same injury to his right hand during his first pro season in 1997... Placed on waivers by the Padres early in the 2001 season... Likely to represent Canada at this summer's Olympic Games in Athens, Greece **2003 SEASON:** Spent entire season with Altoona and hit .294 with 7 HR and 45 RBI in 114 games... Led Curve hitters in average and doubles (31)... Switch-hitter posted a .330 average as a right-handed batter and a .283 mark from the left side... Appeared at least once in the starting lineup at every batting position except 4th... Starts by position: 3B (83), 2B (10), DH (6), SS (6)... Started season slowly, recording one hit in his first 19 at-bats (.053) before recording a six-game hitting streak from

4/13-4/19... Batted in leadoff spot for first time and went 3-for-5 with a double and two runs scored on 5/22 @ New Haven... Hit .301 (22-for-73) during the month of May... Named the Eastern League's Player of the Week for the week of 6/9-6/15, batting .450 (9-for-20) with a HR, two doubles, one triple, 5 RBI and seven runs scored during the week... Went 12-for-18 (.667) during a five-game stretch from 6/14-6/18... Batted .337 (30-for-89) during a one-month period from 5/18-6/18, raising his average from .235 to .289... Strung together the first of his two 10-game hitting streaks from 6/14-6/25... Reached base safely in 19 straight games from 6/11-7/4 and in 29 of 30 games from 5/29-7/4... Went 3-for-5 with a double and 4 RBI on 7/11 vs. Akron... Posted his second 10-game hitting streak of the season from 7/9-7/21--also hit safely in 14 of 15 games from 7/9-7/26... Moved average above .300 for the first time after going 3-for-4 on 7/28 vs. New Britain... Hit .333 (34-for-102) with eight doubles, two triples, 2 HR, 12 RBI and 19 runs scored during the month of July... Combined to post a .317 average in the months of May, June and July... Removed from 8/21 game @ Bowie due to muscle cramps in his left thigh and went on to miss the final 10 games of the regular season... Returned to action in time for the E.L. playoffs and batted .235 (4-for-17) with a pair of homers in four post-season games... Hit two home runs, including the game-winner in the top of the 9th inning of the Curve's 4-3 win @ Akron in Game 2 of the Eastern League Divisional Series on 9/4... Member of Canadian National Team that qualified for the 2004 Olympics during the Olympic Qualifying Tournament in Panama... Hit .269 (7-for-26) with one HR and 5 RBI in six games during the qualifying tournament

**PREVIOUS-- 2002:** Split the season between Colorado Springs (AAA) in the Rockies' organization and New Haven (AA) and Memphis (AAA) in the Cardinals' system... Combined to bat .265 with 5 HR and 56 RBI between the three clubs... Opened season with Colorado Springs, where he batted just .083 (3-for-36) with one RBI in 18 games... Recorded just one hit in his final 26 at-bats with the Sky Sox before being released by the Rockies on 5/7... Signed as a free agent by St. Louis on 5/8 and assigned to New Haven (AAA)... Recorded at least one hit in 15 of his first 17 games with the Ravens, batting .317 (20-for-63) during that span... Promoted to Memphis (AAA) from 6/13-7/27, batting .256 with one HR and 19 RBI in 39 games for the Redbirds... Returned to New Haven on 7/28 and finished the season with the Ravens... Hit .310 (40-for-129) during his second stint with New Haven... **2001:** Opened season on the San Diego Padres' 40-man roster... Began season with Portland (AAA) in the Pacific Coast League... Batted .194 (6-for-31) in 11 games for the Beavers before being claimed off waivers by Colorado on 4/20 and assigned to the Rockies' Triple-A affiliate, Colorado Springs... Recorded 10 multiple hit games in the 23 games he appeared in with the Sky Sox... Went 4-for-5 in his second game with Colorado Springs on 4/21 @ Memphis... Ripped a grand slam and drove in five runs on 5/1 vs. Memphis, then followed with a 3-for-4 performance with three doubles the next day, also vs. Memphis... Played in his final game on 5/15 before missing the remainder of the season due to injury **2000:** Split season between Las Vegas (AAA) and San Diego, making two separate stints with both clubs... Began season with Las Vegas and batted .292 with 3 HR and 31 RBI during his first stint with the Stars (4/7-6/20)... Recalled by San Diego and made major league debut with the Padres on 6/23 @ Cincinnati... Became the first Canadian-born player to play for the Padres at the major league level... After going 0-for-3 in his debut on 6/23, collected his first big league hit the following day, a 4th inning solo HR off Cincinnati's Ron Villone... Finished 6/24 game 3-for-4 with a walk, two runs and 2 RBI, all major league firsts... Equaled Padres' franchise record by ripping three doubles on 7/9 @ Texas... Optioned to Las Vegas on 8/4 and batted .247 (24-for-97) with 3 HR and 13 RBI in 25 games during his second stint with the Stars... Recalled to San Diego on 8/29 when Bret Boone was placed on the Disabled List... Suffered a fractured hook of the hamate bone in his left hand while taking batting practice prior to 9/4 contest... Placed on Padres' 60-day DL on 9/5 and underwent season-ending surgery to repair the fracture... **1999:** Spent second consecutive season with Mobile (AA) where he led the BayBears in hits (141), runs (84), doubles (38) and RBI (81)... Named the Southern League's "Best Defensive Shortstop" in *Baseball America's* "Best Tools" survey of league managers... Posted 42 multi-hit games... Switch-hitter batted .290 with 5 HR and 31 RBI from

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## -KEVIN NICHOLSON CONTINUED-

the right side and .287 with 8 HR and 50 RBI from the left side... Posted a season-high 17-game hitting streak from 6/12-7/4, batting .377 (29-for-78) during that span and raising his average from .256 to .287... **1998:** With just 24 games of professional experience, jumped to the Double-A level spending the entire season with Southern League champion Mobile where he hit .215 with 5 HR and 52 RBI in 132 games... Posted 28 multi-hit games... **1997:** Signed with San Diego on 7/15 after being selected in the 1st round (27th overall) of the June draft... Split first pro season between Peoria (R) and Rancho Cucamonga (A), combining to play in just 24 games before undergoing season-ending surgery to repair fractured hook of the hamate bone in his right hand on 8/17

**PERSONAL/MISCELLANEOUS:** Kevin Ronald Nicholson... Became the first-ever Canadian to be selected in the 1st round of the amateur draft when he was selected by San Diego with the 27th overall choice in the 1997 draft... Played three seasons of NCAA baseball at Stetson (FL) University where he was named the Trans-American Athletic Conference Player of the Year and a 2nd-Team All-American in 1997... Set school records with a .415 average, 17 HR and 71 RBI in 1997... Also left campus with school records for career HR (17) and batting average (.360)... Named the "Fastest Baserunner" and the "2nd-best Defensive Player" among draft-eligible college players by *Baseball America* prior to 1997 draft... Named 1996 Player of the Year by *Baseball Canada*... Garnered MVP honors in the prestigious Cape Cod League during the summer of 1995... Originally signed by Padres' scout Steve Nichols

NICHOLSON'S CAREER STATISTICS													
Yr.	Club	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
1997	AZL Padres	.265	7	34	7	9	1	0	2	8	2	5	0
	Rancho Cuc	.323	17	65	7	21	5	0	1	9	4	15	2
1998	Mobile	.215	132	488	64	105	27	3	5	52	47	114	2
1999	Mobile	.288	127	489	84	141	38	3	13	81	46	92	16
2000	Las Vegas	.279	91	326	48	91	26	3	6	44	35	62	4
	SAN DIEGO	.216	37	97	7	21	6	1	1	8	4	31	1
2001	Portland	.194	11	31	1	6	1	0	0	1	4	3	0
	Col. Springs	.385	23	78	14	30	5	0	1	11	5	7	1
2002	Col. Springs	.083	18	36	1	3	1	0	0	1	5	11	0
	New Haven	.299	58	231	40	69	16	3	4	36	21	31	3
	Memphis	.256	39	125	12	32	8	2	1	19	14	21	2
2003	Altoona	.294	114	405	63	119	31	5	7	45	41	44	8
Minor Lg. Totals		.271	637	2308	341	626	159	19	40	307	224	405	45
Major Lg. Totals		.216	37	97	7	21	6	1	1	8	4	31	1

## CAREER TRANSACTIONS

- Selected by San Diego in 1997 June draft (1st round--27th overall)
- Claimed off waivers by Colorado from San Diego, 4/20/01
- Released by Colorado, 5/7/02
- Signed by St. Louis as a minor league free agent, 5/8/02
- Released by St. Louis, 11/19/02
- Signed by Pittsburgh as a minor league free agent, 12/1/02
- Granted free agency, 10/15/03
- Re-signed with Pirates, 2/11/04

## GRAND SLAMS IN CURVE HISTORY

PLAYER	DATE/OPPONENT
Kevin Haverbusch	4/13/99 @ Harrisburg
Steve Bieser	6/3/99 @ Binghamton
Alex Hernandez	6/15/99 vs. Binghamton
Adam Hyzdu	6/25/99 @ New Britain
Craig Wilson	7/4/99 @ Erie
Kory DeHaan	7/15/99 @ Reading
Rob Mackowiak	5/21/00 vs. New Britain
Rob Mackowiak	6/15/00 @ Bowie
Rob Mackowiak	6/21/00 @ Erie
Adam Hyzdu	7/15/00 @ Norwich
Tracy Sanders	8/28/00 @ Reading
Lee Evans	6/10/01 vs. Reading
Tony Alvarez	6/10/01 vs. Reading
Tony DeRosso	5/6/02 @ Reading
Tony DeRosso	7/14/02 @ Akron
Shawn Garrett	8/9/02 vs. Harrisburg
Chan Perry	7/18/03 @ Erie

## OWENS, HENRY

## RHP



**HEIGHT:** 6-3 **WEIGHT:** 230  
**BATS:** R **THROWS:** R  
**AGE:** 24, TURNS 25 ON APRIL 23  
**BORN:** 4/23/79, MIAMI, FL  
**RESIDES:** MIAMI, FL  
**SCHOOL:** BARRY (FL) UNIVERSITY  
**ACQUIRED:** SIGNED BY PITTSBURGH AS A NON-DRAFTED FREE AGENT, 6/7/01

**OWENS QUICK FACTS:** 4th professional season... Hard-throwing right-hander was a catcher throughout his four years (1998-01) at NCAA Division II Barry University in Florida... Has been used exclusively as a reliever by the Pirates since being signed as a non-drafted free agent in June 2001... Combined to record 14 saves in 35 relief appearances between Hickory (A) and Lynchburg (A) in 2003--his first year at the full-season level in the Pirates' chain... Through his first three seasons, struck out 144 batters in 100.1 IP and held opponents to a .173 average

**2003 SEASON:** In his first year at the full-season level, combined to go 3-3 with 14 saves and a 2.77 ERA in 35 games between Hickory (A) and Lynchburg (A)... Ranked 4th among Pirates' farmhands with 14 saves... Limited opposing hitters to a .176 average throughout the season... Whiffed four or more batters seven times... Began season in extended spring training before joining Hickory on 4/27... Did not allow an ER in his first four outings (4.2 IP), posting two saves during that span... Went 2-1 with nine saves and a 2.91 ERA in 22 games en route to being selected to the South Atlantic League's mid-season All-Star Game... Tossed 2.0 perfect innings and struck out a season-best five batters on 5/29 vs. Capital City... Yielded just one ER in his final six appearances with the Crawdads (11.0 IP)... Promoted to Lynchburg on 7/25 and finished the season with there, going 1-2 with five saves and a 2.45 ERA in 13 games... Hillcats went 10-0 in the first 10 games in which he appeared... Did not allow an earned run in his first 9+ games and 13.2 IP with Lynchburg (1-0, 4 saves)... Suffered back-to-back losses to close out the regular season (8/29 @ Salem & 8/31 vs. Salem)... Made two appearances during the Carolina League playoffs and went 0-1 while yielding 2 ER in 1.2 total IP

**PREVIOUS--2002:** Went 0-3 with seven saves and a 2.62 ERA in 23 games with short-season Williamsport... Struck out 12.69 batters per 9 IP--the 4th best ratio in the league... Fanned 63 batters and walked 16 in 44.2 IP... Led Crosscutters pitchers in games pitched (23) and saves (7)... Struck out four or more batters seven times, including a six-strikeout performance on 7/1 vs. Oneonta (5.0 IP) and a pair of five-strikeout efforts... Did not allow an ER in 13.0 consecutive innings over a five-game stretch from 6/28 (game two) thru 7/11... Allowed just one run in eight relief outings (15.0 IP) from 7/26-8/20, yielding just three hits, while fanning 17 batters... In his lone playoff appearance, struck out two batters for his only two outs in a scoreless performance... **2001:** Signed with Pittsburgh as a non-drafted free agent on 6/7... Began professional career with Bradenton (R) and allowed just one ER in 7.0 IP over six outings (1.29 ERA)... Earned his professional save in his final appearance of the season on 8/25 (game two) @ GCL Twins

**PERSONAL/MISCELLANEOUS:** Henry Jay Owens... Played four seasons of NCAA Division II baseball (1998-01) at Barry University in Miami Shore, FL... Was used exclusively as a catcher during his college career... Hit .277 (26-for-94) with 6 HR and 20 RBI during his senior campaign... Signed by Pirates' scout Delyv Santiago

OWENS' CAREER STATISTICS													
Yr.	Club	W-L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB
2001	Bradenton	1-0	1.29	6	0	0	0	1	7.0	5	1	1	2
2002	Williamsport	0-3	2.62	23	0	0	0	7	44.2	26	18	13	16
2003	Hickory	2-1	2.91	22	0	0	0	9	34.0	21	14	11	17
	Lynchburg	1-2	2.45	13	0	0	0	5	14.2	9	6	4	11
Minor Lg. Totals		4-6	2.60	64	0	0	0	22	100.1	61	39	29	46

## CAREER TRANSACTIONS

- Signed by Pittsburgh as a non-drafted free agent, 6/7/01

## PAULINO, RONNY

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**HEIGHT:** 6-3 **WEIGHT:** 210  
**BATS:** R **THROWS:** R  
**AGE:** 22, TURNS 23 ON APRIL 21  
**BORN:** 4/21/81, SANTO DOMINGO, DR  
**RESIDES:** SANTO DOMINGO, DR  
**ACQUIRED:** SIGNED BY PIRATES AS AN AMATEUR FREE AGENT, 12/29/97

**PAULINO QUICK FACTS:** 7th professional season... Non-roster invitee to Pirates' major league spring training this spring... Split 2003 season between Altoona and Lynchburg (A) and combined to hit a career-low .225 in 69 games... Enjoyed the best season of his career in 2002 when he batted .262 with 12 HR and 55 RBI in 119 games for Carolina League champion Lynchburg... Selected by Kansas City in the major league phase of the Rule 5 draft prior to the '03 season, but was returned to the Pirates' organization in mid-March... Strong-throwing catcher has tossed out 40% of potential base stealers since 1999 season (150 of 378)

**2003 SEASON:** Attended spring training as a member of the Kansas City Royals after being selected in the major league phase of the Rule 5 draft on 12/16/02... Returned to the Pirates' organization on 3/13... Split season between Altoona and Lynchburg, combining to hit .225 with 7 HR and 31 RBI in 69 games... In 57 games behind the plate, nabbed 18 of 52 potential base stealers (34.6%)—the lowest throwing percentage in his pro career... Opened season with Altoona and hit .226 with 6 HR and 19 RBI in 46 games for the Curve... Bashed his first Double-A homer in the Curve's 11-2 win @ Reading on 4/5... Left game one of 4/21 doubleheader @ Erie with a hip flexor injury and was placed on the roster of short-season Williamsport (A) from 4/22-5/5—also left team during that stretch to return to his native Dominican Republic to attend the funeral of his grandmother... Drew a Curve franchise record-tying four walks on 5/15 @ Binghamton... Also picked up his first RBI since 4/9 with a run-scoring double in the 5/15 contest... Went 4-for-39 (.103) during a 12-game stretch from 5/20-6/16... Blasted a pair of home runs in game two of 7/19 doubleheader @ Erie... Hit .303 (20-for-66) with 4 HR and 12 RBI in his final 18 Double-A games (6/20-7/27) before being sent to Lynchburg on 7/28... Finished the season with the Hillcats, batting .235 with one HR and 12 RBI in 23 games... Knocked in a season-high four runs on 7/31 @ Myrtle Beach... Did not appear in any of the Hillcats' five Carolina League playoff games

**PREVIOUS—2002:** Spent his second consecutive season with Carolina League champion Lynchburg (A)... Established career highs in HR (12), doubles (26), hits (116), RBI (55), runs scored (63) and games played (119)... Named to the Carolina League mid-season and post-season All-Star Teams... Threw out 43-of-99 potential base stealers (43.4%)... Enjoyed a solid start to the season, batting .338 in the month of April... Went 7-for-10 over a two-day stretch from 5/2-3 @ Kinston, peaking his average at .364... Went 4-for-5 in 5/2 contest and followed the next day by producing three hits, including a game-winning, ninth-inning double to lift the Hillcats' to victory... Hit just .174 (16-for-92) in the other 25 games during the month of May... Went 3-for-4 with a home run, 3 RBI and a season-high four runs on 6/13 vs. Kinston... Participated in the Carolina-California League All-Star Game on 6/18 @ Wilmington, DE... Recorded a season-high 10-game hitting streak from 7/18-8/2... Batted just .222 (22-for-99) in the month of August... Batted .351 (26-for-74) vs. RHP, but hit just one home run and knocked in six runs... Batted just .245 vs. LHP, but belted 11 of his 12 HR against southpaws... Hit .286 (8-for-28) with 4 RBI in seven games during the Carolina League playoffs... Went 2-for-5 with a pair of RBI in the Hillcats' championship-clinching victory vs. Kinston on 9/10... **2001:** Spent entire season with Lynchburg (A)... Ranked 4th in the Carolina League in batting (.290)... Threw out 37 of 92 potential base stealers (40.2%)... Launched his first home run of the season on 5/20 @ Winston-Salem... Combined to score just four runs in April and May... Went 3-for-6 with a season-high 4 RBI on 6/8 @ Frederick... Had a strong August, batting .318 with five of his six HR and 15 RBI during the month... Hit safely in 13 of his final 14 games, batting .415 (22-for-53) during that span and raising his average from .267 to a season-

ending .290... Appeared in 87 games as a catcher and 16 games as the Hillcats' DH... Batted .336 vs. LHP and .259 vs. RHP... Hit .350 with two outs and runners in scoring position... **2000:** Spent his first full professional season with Hickory (A), where he split catching duties with the South Atlantic League's co-MVP J.R. House... Ranked 9th in the Pirates' system with a .289 average... Threw out 33 of 91 would-be base stealers (36.3%)... Batted .353 in 20 games during the month of May... Posted a 15-game hitting streak from 6/18-7/12, batting .364 over that span... Also hit safely in 19 of 20 games from 6/9-7/12... Also appeared in one game at both first base and third base... Batted .292 vs. RHP and .280 vs. LHP... All 6 HR came vs. RHP... **1999:** Made U.S. debut with the rookie-level Gulf Coast League Pirates... Began season in a 3-for-29 slump, but went 11-for-17 in his next four games to raising his average from .103 to .304... Posted a season-high four hits on 8/4 vs. Orioles... Nailed 19 of 44 potential base stealers (43.2%)... **1998:** Made professional debut with the Pirates' Dominican Summer League entry, batting .254 with 2 HR and 21 RBI in 44 games for Montalban

**PERSONAL/MISCELLANEOUS:** Ronny Leonel Paulino (pronounced paw-LEE-no)... Signed by Pirates' scout Pablo Cruz

## PAULINO'S CAREER STATISTICS

Yr.	Club	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
1998	Montalban	.254	44	142	14	36	5	0	2	21	12	21	4
1999	Bradenton	.253	29	83	6	21	2	4	1	13	8	19	1
2000	Hickory	.289	88	301	38	87	16	2	6	39	27	71	3
2001	Lynchburg	.290	103	352	30	102	16	1	6	51	36	76	4
2002	Lynchburg	.262	119	442	63	116	26	2	12	55	39	87	2
2003	Altoona	.226	46	159	19	36	6	1	6	19	12	35	0
	Lynchburg	.235	23	81	8	19	3	0	1	12	8	8	1
Minor Lg. Totals		.265	461	1588	182	421	74	10	36	215	147	323	17

## CAREER TRANSACTIONS

--Signed by Pittsburgh as an amateur free agent, 12/29/97  
 --Selected by Kansas City from Pittsburgh in Rule 5 major league draft, 12/16/02  
 --Returned to Pittsburgh, 3/13/03

## SADLER, RAY

OF



**HEIGHT:** 6-1 **WEIGHT:** 200  
**BATS:** R **THROWS:** R  
**AGE:** 23, TURNS 24 ON SEPTEMBER 19  
**BORN:** 9/19/80, CLIFTON, TX  
**RESIDES:** WACO, TX  
**SCHOOL:** HILL (TX) J.C.  
**ACQUIRED:** TRADED FROM CHICAGO CUBS FOR 1B RANDALL SIMON, 8/17/03

**SADLER QUICK FACTS:** 5th professional season... Originally drafted by the Cubs in the 30th round in 1999 out of Hill (TX) J.C. and signed with Chicago through the draft-and-follow process in May 2000... Posted a .302 average in his first four pro seasons... After posting a .339 average during his first season with the Arizona League Cubs (2000), hit .341 with 10 HR and 50 RBI in 94 games for Lansing (A-Midwest) in 2001... .341 average ranked 3rd in the Midwest League and 7th among all full-season minor leaguers... Named to the Florida State League midseason All-Star Team in 2002 while playing for Daytona (A)... Is a cousin of major league utilityman Donnie Sadler

**2003 SEASON:** Combined to hit .288 with 7 HR, 49 RBI and 17 stolen bases between West Tenn (AA) in the Cubs' system and Altoona... Spent majority of the season with West Tenn (AA/Southern) hitting .291 with 6 HR, 42 RBI and 17 SB in 110 games before being traded to Pittsburgh for Pirates' 1B Randall Simon on 8/16... Started all but one of his games with the Diamond Jaxx in centerfield... Right-handed hitter posted a .321 average against Southern League lefties... Named Southern League Player of the Week for the week of 6/13-6/19 after batting .421 (8-for-19) during the week... Hit .326 (30-for-92) in 27 games during the month of June... Traded to Pirates' organization on 8/16 and assigned to Curve roster on 8/18... At the time of the deal, ranked tied for 9th in the Southern League in batting (.291), tied for 4th in doubles (31) and 5th in

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-RAY SADLER CONTINUED-

hits (120)... In 14 games with Altoona, batted .264 with one HR and 7 RBI... Hit his first home run with the Curve on 8/27 vs. Reading... Went 4-for-4 and tied a Curve single-game record by scoring four runs in game two of 8/29 DH vs. Erie... Went 2-for-9 (.222) with a double in two appearances during the Eastern League playoffs

**PREVIOUS-- 2002:** Combined to hit .272 with 11 HR, 48 RBI and 32 SB in 122 games between Daytona (A/Florida State) and West Tenn... Spent most of the season with Daytona, hitting .286 with 11 HR, 47 RBI and 30 SB in 126 games... Ranked 5th in the Florida State League in doubles (31) and 10th in batting (.286)... Talked 42 multi-hit games with the Cubs... With Daytona, batted .310 with 8 HR vs. RHP and just .220 with 3 HR vs. LHP... Started strong batting .305 (32-for-105) in April... Also posted 13 multi-hit games during the month... Went 3-for-4 with a double, 2 HR and three runs scored in the Cubs' season opener on 4/4 @ Lakeland... Enjoyed an eight-game hitting streak from 4/16-4/23, during which he had two hits in each game... Blasted a grand slam and knocked in five runs on 5/3 vs. Dunedin... Stole four bases on 7/8 @ Tampa... Strung together a 15-game hitting streak from 7/30-8/16, batting .400 (24-for-60) during that stretch... Hit .390 (23-for-59) in his final 15 games with Daytona before being promoted to West Tenn (AA) on 8/21... Hit .067 (2-for-30) with one RBI in 10 games after joining the Diamond Jaxx... After appearing exclusively in centerfield with Daytona, split time among all three outfield positions with West Tenn (RF-4 games, CF-2, LF-2)... Hit .286 (2-for-7) with a HR and 3 RBI in three games during the Southern League playoffs, as the Diamond Jaxx lost in the Semi-finals... **2001:** After spending the first month in extended spring training, played the remainder of the season with Lansing (A/Midwest) and hit .341 with 10 HR, 50 RBI and 18 SB in 94 games with the Lugnuts... .341 average ranked 3rd in the Midwest League and 2nd among Cubs' minor leaguers... Batted .345 with 9 HR vs. RHP and .324 with one HR vs. LHP... Hit .333 (27-for-81) with runners in scoring position and .362 (21-for-58) with RISP and 2 outs... Posted 39 multi-hit games, including three four-hit games and eight three-hit contests... Showed consistency throughout the season hitting .297 in May, .383 in June, .364 in July and .350 in August... Games by position: LF (63), CF (18) and RF (13)... Ripped his first career grand slam on 6/11 @ Wisconsin... Connected on solo home runs in consecutive innings (3rd and 4th) on 6/26 vs. Fort Wayne... Recorded a 19-game hitting streak from 6/7-7/6, during which he hit .469 (38-for-81) with 4 HR, 18 RBI and 19 runs scored... Also posted 12 multi-hit games during the string, including back-to-back four-hit games (both 4-for-5) on 7/4 & 7/5 vs. Michigan... Strung together an 11-game hitting streak from 7/31-8/12 and went on to hit safely in 18 of 19 contests through 8/22 (game one)... Went hitless in eight at-bats during the Midwest League playoffs... **2000:** Signed by the Cubs through the draft-and-follow process on 5/30... Made pro debut with the rookie-level Arizona League Cubs and hit .339 with one HR, 27 RBI and 4 SB in 42 games... Knocked in a season-high four runs in his first professional game on 6/23 @ Mariners... Posted a 15-game hitting streak from 6/25-7/15, batting .426 (26-for-61) during the streak... Batted .400 (30-for-75) in 19 games during the month of July... **1999:** Selected by the Cubs in the 30th round of the June draft, but did not sign and attended junior college as a draft-and-follow


**PERSONAL/MISCELLANEOUS:** Raymond Lee Sadler... Played one season of baseball at Hill Junior College in Hillsboro, TX... Cousin of major league utilityman Donnie Sadler

## SADLER'S CAREER STATISTICS

Yr.	Club	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
2000	AZL Cubs	.339	42	165	32	56	5	5	1	27	16	27	4
2001	Lansing	.341	94	378	74	129	27	3	10	50	22	58	18
2002	Daytona	.286	112	462	81	132	31	1	11	47	27	91	30
	West Tenn	.067	10	30	4	2	1	0	0	1	5	5	2
2003	West Tenn	.291	110	412	56	120	31	5	6	42	33	81	17
	Altoona	.264	14	53	8	14	5	0	1	7	3	16	0
Minor Lg. Totals		.302	382	1500	255	453	100	14	29	174	106	278	71

## CAREER TRANSACTIONS

- Selected by Chicago (NL) in 1999 June draft (30th round)
- Signed by Chicago as a draft-and-follow, 5/30/00
- Traded from Cubs to Pittsburgh for 1B Randall Simon, 8/17/03

SERRANO, ELTO	RHP
	<b>HEIGHT:</b> 6-3 <b>BATS:</b> R <b>AGE:</b> 25 <b>BORN:</b> 12/4/78, VALENCIA, VENEZUELA <b>RESIDES:</b> VALENCIA, VENEZUELA <b>ACQUIRED:</b> SIGNED BY PIRATES AS A MINOR LEAGUE FREE AGENT, 1/8/04

**SERRANO QUICK FACTS:** 9th professional season... Non-roster invitee to Pirates' major league spring training prior to the 2004 season... Spent his first seven professional seasons (1996-02) in the Philadelphia organization and was a member of the Phils' 40-man roster during the 2002 season... Has pitched at the Triple-A level the past two seasons--Scranton/Wilkes Barre (Phillies), 2002 & Salt Lake (Angels), 2003... Spent this past off-season playing winter ball in his native Venezuela and led the league with 14 saves in 27 outings

**2003 SEASON:** Attended spring training as a member of the Colorado Rockies' organization after being claimed off waivers from Philadelphia on 2/13... Designated for assignment by Colorado and was claimed off waivers by Anaheim on 4/2... Spent the entire season with Salt Lake (AAA/Pacific Coast) in the Angels' system and went 5-4 with two saves and a 4.72 ERA in 46 appearances (one start)... Talled a 3-2 record and 3.60 ERA (30.0 IP/12 ER) in 21 road games but carried 2-2, 5.59 marks in 25 contests at Salt Lake's Franklin Covey Field... Opened the season with a pair of scoreless relief outings (2.2 IP)... Made a spot start on 4/8 @ Tucson and drew the loss after allowing five runs in 3.0 innings of work... The 5 ER surrendered in that start were the only earned runs he allowed in his first 10 appearances of the season (18.0 IP)... Won his next four decisions (all in relief) through 6/11... Finished the month of April with a 3.00 ERA (5er/15.0ip) and .258 average against; it was the only month of the campaign in which he posted an ERA under 4/97 or an opponent average under .300... Designated for assignment on 5/1, cleared waivers and was outrighted to Salt Lake, thus dropping him from the Angels' 40-man roster... Fanned a season-high three batters over two hitless frames to earn his initial victory on 5/10 @ Sacramento... Logged wins in back-to-back outings on 6/2 @ Tucson & 6/6 vs. Memphis despite allowing a run in each appearance... Recorded his first save on 6/24 vs. Las Vegas (game two) by tossing 2.0 scoreless innings... Notched second save on 7/19 @ Portland (1.0 scoreless inning)... Drew a loss on 8/24 vs. Edmonton after being touched for one unearned run in his 1.1 frames of work... Played winter ball for Oriente of the Venezuelan League and led the circuit with 14 saves in 27 appearances

**PREVIOUS-- 2002:** Spent the entire season with Scranton/Wilkes-Barre (AAA/International) as a member of the Phillies' 40-man roster... Went 1-3 with five saves and a 2.92 ERA in 43 relief outings for the Red Barons... Tossed 2.0+ innings on 19 occasions... Held opponents to a .241 average on the season, but batters hit .279 (17-for-61) with runners in scoring position... Experienced an on-again, off-again year; posted ERAs of 0.64 in April, 4.67 in May, 0.96 in June, 5.09 in July, and 1.42 in August/September... Did not allow a run in his initial eight appearances (12.0 IP); recorded a pair of saves over that span... Gave up a pair of solo homers in his 3.0 innings of work to take a loss on 5/9 @ Charlotte, his first decision of the year... Picked up losses in back-to-back appearances on 5/9 at Charlotte & 5/13 vs. Indianapolis... Earned saves in consecutive outings on 5/22 @ Durham & 5/27 @ Norfolk... Threw 2.0 scoreless frames in three straight outings from 6/22-7/3, culminating in a save on 7/3 @ Columbus... Finished the season by allowing only one ER in his final eight games (11.1ip)... Earned his lone victory with 1.1 hitless innings on 8/9 vs. Syracuse... Fanned a season-high four batters on 8/28 vs. Pawtucket... **2001:** Combined to post a 3-3 record with three saves and a 3.10 ERA in 47 games between Clearwater (A/Florida State) and Reading (AA/Eastern)... Began season with Clearwater and went 2-2 with one save and a 3.31 ERA in 17 games (one start)... Tossed 15.0 consecutive scoreless innings from 5/19-6/7

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(six games)... Did not allow a HR in 35.1 IP with Clearwater... Promoted to Reading on 6/16 and finished the season with the R-Phils, posting a 1-1 mark with two saves and a 2.89 ERA in 30 relief outings... Pitched 15.0 consecutive scoreless innings, 7/24-8/23 (13 games)... Posted an 0.63 ERA in August (14.1 IP/1 ER)... Held E.L. hitters to just a .167 average... Earned a save and did not allow a run in two E.L. playoff games (1.2 IP; 3 K)... Played winter ball for Occidente of the Venezuelan League... **2000:** Spent entire season with Piedmont (A/South Atlantic), going 4-2 with five saves and a 2.27 ERA in 38 games for the Boll Weevils... Fanned a season-best six batters on two separate occasions (7/24 @ Delmarva & 8/3 @ Greensboro)... Tossed a scoreless inning in his lone outing during the SAL playoffs... **1999:** Spent his second consecutive season with short-season Batavia (NY-Penn) and went 0-4 with one save and a 4.12 ERA in 19 games (three starts)... In three starts, went 0-2 with a 7.62 ERA (13.0 IP/11 ER)... Played winter ball for Pastora of the Venezuelan League... **1998:** Went 3-2 with one save and a 2.55 ERA in 13 games (three starts) for Batavia... Out of action from 7/3-7/30 due to a left knee injury that required surgery on 7/6... Played winter ball for Occidente, VZ... **1997:** Made U.S. debut with Martinsville (R/Appalachian), going 1-5 with one save and a 5.93 ERA in 21 relief appearances... **1996:** Signed with Philadelphia as an amateur free agent on 1/17... Went 5-4 with a 4.01 ERA in 15 games (14 starts) for the Phillies' Dominican Summer League affiliate... Finished 3rd in the DSL with 71 strikeouts

**PERSONAL/MISCELLANEOUS:** Elio Serrano... 1995 graduate of U.E. Jacinto Lara II High School in Valencia, VZ

### SERRANO'S CAREER STATISTICS

Yr.	Club	W-L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB
SO													
1996	DSL Phillies	5-4	4.01	15	14	1	0	0	85.1	76	63	38	49
1997	Martinsville	1-5	5.93	21	0	0	0	1	41.0	46	34	27	16
1998	Batavia	3-2	2.55	13	3	0	0	1	35.1	28	13	10	10
1999	Batavia	0-4	4.12	19	3	0	0	1	39.1	38	22	18	20
2000	Piedmont	4-2	2.27	38	0	0	0	5	67.1	67	26	17	15
2001	Clearwater	2-2	3.31	17	1	0	0	1	35.1	34	14	13	7
	Reading	1-1	2.89	30	0	0	0	2	37.1	22	12	12	9
2002	Scranton-WB	1-3	2.92	43	0	0	0	5	71.0	64	28	23	17

### CAREER TRANSACTIONS

- Signed by Philadelphia as an amateur free agent, 1/17/96
- Claimed off waivers by Colorado from Philadelphia, 2/13/03
- Claimed off waivers by Anaheim from Colorado, 4/2/03
- Granted free agency, 10/15/03
- Signed by Pittsburgh as a minor league free agent, 1/8/04

### SHUMAKER, CASEY

### RHP



**HEIGHT:** 6-3      **WEIGHT:** 190  
**BATS:** R      **THROWS:** R  
**AGE:** 23, TURNS 24 ON JULY 12  
**BORN:** 7/12/80, JACKSONVILLE, FL  
**RESIDES:** JACKSONVILLE, FL  
**SCHOOL:** JACKSONVILLE (FL) UNIVERSITY  
**ACQUIRED:** PIRATES' 23RD ROUND  
**SELECTION IN 2001 JUNE DRAFT**

**SHUMAKER QUICK FACTS:** 3rd professional season... Spent the 2003 season with Lynchburg (A), going 1-3 with four saves and a 3.65 ERA in 33 games before missing most of the final month and a half with a shoulder injury... Enjoyed an impressive pro debut with Hickory (A) in 2002 when he ranked 2nd in the Pirates' system and 4th in the South Atlantic League with 22 saves--also struck out an impressive 12.73 batters per 9 IP (83 K in 58.2 IP)... Drafted by the Bucs' in the 23rd round of the 2001 draft, but elected to spend the summer of '01 playing in the prestigious Cape Cod League, where his stock rose as one of the league's top pitchers (6-2, 1.19 ERA)... Played two seasons at Jacksonville (FL) University where he led the nation with 14.0 K/9 IP (117 K in 75.1 IP) during the 2001 season

**2003 SEASON:** Made 33 relief appearances for Lynchburg (A), going 1-3 with four saves and a 3.65 ERA... Went 0-3 with a 5.33 ERA in 19 home games, but posted a solid 1.42 ERA in 14 road outings... Right-hander held right-handed hitters to a .140 average, but left-handed batters hit .323... Overall, limited opponents to a .215 average... Opposing hitters went just 1-for-18 (.056) with runners in scoring position and two outs... Notched saves in back-to-back outings on 4/13 vs. Wilmington & 4/16 vs. Potomac... Fanned five of the six batters he faced in earning the 4/16 save... Yielded just one ER over a span of nearly two months from 5/9-7/1 (14 G, 17.2 IP), dropping his ERA from 3.60 to 1.93... Did not allow an earned run in eight appearances during the month of June (11.0 IP)... Went 0-3 with an 8.49 ERA in his final eight appearances of the season (7/5-8/10)... Placed on the Disabled List from 7/23-8/6 with an injured right shoulder... Returned from the DL to pitch in two games before being shutdown for the season following his outing on 8/10 vs. Myrtle Beach (1.0 IP, 4 H, 5 R, 5 ER, 2 BB, 1 K)

**PREVIOUS-- 2002:** Made professional debut with South Atlantic League champion Hickory (A), going 4-4 with 22 saves and a 3.07 ERA in 47 games as the Crawdads' closer... Ranked 2nd among Pirates' minor leaguers and 4th in the SAL in saves... Also posted the 3rd-best K/9 IP ratio among SAL relievers (12.73)... Held right-handed batters to just a .217 average... Opposing batters were 6-for-42 (.143) with runners in scoring position and two outs... Picked up the save in his first career outing on 4/4 vs. Hagerstown... Fanned a season-best five batters on 5/8 @ Hagerstown (2.0 IP, 3 H, 1 R, 1 ER, 0 BB)... Went 3-0 with eight saves and a 2.25 ERA (24.1 IP/6 ER) from 5/14-7/10... Did not allow an ER in 12 straight scoreless appearances between 7/24 & 8/27... Notched saves in 11 consecutive outings from 7/25 (game two) to 8/27... Went 0-1 with a 9.82 ERA (3.2 IP/4 ER), but posted two saves during the Crawdads' run through the South Atlantic League playoffs... **2001:** Signed with Pittsburgh on 8/27 after being selected in the 23rd round of the June draft... Did not appear in a game, but debuted at the Pirates' Fall Instructional camp

**PERSONAL/MISCELLANEOUS:** Casey Scott Shumaker... Despite being drafted by the Pirates, spent the summer of 2001 pitching in the prestigious Cape Cod League, where he went 6-2 with a 1.19 ERA for the Bourne Braves... Rated the #12 prospect in the league following the season by *Baseball America*... Played NCAA baseball at Jacksonville (FL) University, where despite playing just two seasons, left 2nd on the Dolphins' career list in saves (13) and 3rd in strikeouts (201)... Named a First-Team All-American by the National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association after going 7-6 with a school-record 12 saves and a 1.91 ERA in 2001... Also in '01, led the nation with 14.0 K/9 IP (117 K in 75.1 IP)... Majored in Sports Management at JLU... 1998 graduate of Terry Parker H.S. in Jacksonville where he was a three-year starter on the school's baseball team... Combined to go 22-2 between his junior and senior seasons... As a senior (1998), recorded nine shutouts and one no-hitter and was named First-Team All-State and an Honorable Mention All-American by *USA Today*... Signed by Pirates' scout Jack Powell

### SHUMAKER'S CAREER STATISTICS

Yr.	Club	W-L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB
SO													

2002	Hickory	4-4	3.07	47	0	0	0	22	58.2	53	28	20	22
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### CAREER TRANSACTIONS

Selected by Pittsburgh in 2001 June draft (23rd round)

### DID YOU KNOW?

Through the 2003 season, there have been a total of 1,167 players with a last name beginning with the letter 'H'. Interestingly, both the first and last players alphabetically on that long list--catcher **Yamid Haad** and outfielder **Adam Hyzdu**--were teammates with the Altoona Curve during the 1999 and 2000 seasons.

Source: Nashville Sounds Media Relations



## SHAFFAR, BEN

## RHP



**HEIGHT:** 6-3      **WEIGHT:** 190  
**BATS:** R      **THROWS:** R  
**AGE:** 26  
**BORN:** 9/28/77, PADUCHA, KY  
**RESIDES:** LEITCHFIELD, KY  
**SCHOOL:** UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY  
**ACQUIRED:** TRADED FROM CINCINNATI  
 FOR RHP JOSE SILVA, 12/20/01

**SHAFFAR QUICK FACTS:** 5th professional season... Originally drafted by the Chicago Cubs in the 6th round of the 1999 June draft... Was traded twice in a five-month span in 2001--from Cubs to Cincinnati in deal for OF Michael Tucker on 7/20/01 and from Reds to Pirates in 12/20/01 trade for RHP Jose Silva... Spent most of 2002 season with Altoona, going 8-7 with a team-best 3.15 ERA before suffering a knee injury (torn right patella tendon) in late July that season that required season-ending surgery... Recovered in time to be the Curve's Opening Day starter in 2003 and made 11 starts before spending over two months on the Disabled List with soreness in his right knee... Has appeared in five Triple-A contests for Nashville, including a victory during an emergency start for the Sounds on 6/2/02... Played NCAA baseball at both Butler (IN) University (1997) and the University of Kentucky (1999)

**2003 SEASON:** Combined to post a 2-3 record and a 4.03 ERA in 22 games (12 starts) between Altoona, Nashville (AAA) and an injury rehab stint with Bradenton (R)... Began season with Altoona and was the Curve's Opening Day starter on 4/3 @ Reading (ND--4.1 IP, 5 H, 5 R, 1 ER, 0 BB, 4 K)... Yielded a season-high 10 hits in 5.2 IP in suffering his first loss of the season on 4/15 @ Harrisburg... Struck out seven batters in his first 4.0 innings and went on to fan a season-high eight in 7.0 IP in taking a no-decision on 4/26 vs. Akron... Earned his only Double-A victory on 5/8 @ Akron, allowing just one unearned run on two hits over 6.0 IP... Was 1-3 with a 4.37 ERA in 11 starts before being placed on the Disabled List from 6/2-8/10 with right knee soreness... Joined rookie-level Bradenton for a rehab assignment on 7/21 and went 1-0 with a 3.27 ERA (11.0 IP/4 ER) in five bullpen appearances with the Baby Bucs... Returned to the Curve's active roster on 8/10... Whiffed six batters despite allowing three runs in just 2.2 innings of relief in his first outing after being activated from the DL... on 8/13 vs. Bowie... Made one other appearance with Altoona (8/16 @ Akron) before being promoted to Nashville for the remainder of the season on 8/20... Appeared in four games for the Sounds, including one start, posting a 2.31 ERA (11.2 IP/3 ER)... Did not record a decision in three PCL playoff games, posting a 3.00 ERA (3.0 IP/1 ER)

**PREVIOUS--2002:** Spent the majority of his first season in the Pirates' organization with Altoona (AA), but made one emergency start for Nashville (AAA)... Fell just one inning shy of qualifying to finish 3rd in the E.L. in ERA (3.15)... Went 0-3 with a 7.04 ERA (12 ER/15.1 IP) in his first three starts... Took a shutout into the ninth inning and earned his first Double-A win on 4/27 @ Erie (8.1 IP, 6 H, 1 R, 1 ER, 3 BB, 8 K)... Missed scheduled start on 5/21 @ New Britain due to an injured back... Returned to rotation on 5/28 and tossed 5.1 scoreless innings in notching the win vs. Norwich... Promoted to Nashville to make an emergency start on 6/2 and earned the win vs. Oklahoma (5 IP, 7 H, 4 R, 2 ER, 3 BB, 4 K, 1 HR)... Returned to Altoona on 6/4... Tossed a season-high 16.1 scoreless innings over four Double-A starts from 5/10-6/9... Left start on 6/9 vs. Akron after just 2.2 IP due to a banged shoulder and knee--allowed four runs on four hits and walked in taking his first loss since 4/22... Suffered loss despite complete game effort on 6/20 @ Portland (8 IP, 7 H, 2 R, 2 ER, 3 BB, 9 K)... Took shutout into ninth inning on 7/26 @ Erie, but ruptured the patella tendon in his right knee while fielding a ball near the first-base line (8 IP, 8 H, 1 R, 1 ER, 4 BB, 6 K in notching the win in his final start)... Placed on the DL on 7/27 and underwent season-ending surgery on 7/30... **2001:** Combined to post a 9-6 record with a 3.21 ERA with Daytona (A/Florida State) in the Cubs' organization and Mudville (A/California) in the Reds' system... Also combined to whiff 142 batters in 137.1 IP between the two clubs... Opened season with Daytona where he finished 5th in the Cubs' minor league system with a 3.12 ERA...

Fanned 10 or more batters on three separate occasions with the Cubs, including 10 K's in 5.0 IP vs. Sarasota on 5/4... Tossed 6.2 scoreless IP, allowing just three hits to earn his second win of the season on 5/31 @ Charlotte... Fanned 11 batters in tossing 7.0 shutout frames on 6/20 @ Tampa... Tossed consecutive CG shutouts on 7/2 vs. St. Lucie (2 H, 1 BB, 8 K) and 7/7 @ Jupiter (3 H, 3 BB, season-high 12 K)... Named FSL Co-Pitcher of the Week for week of 7/2-8... Fanned seven over 6.0 IP to notch a win in his third consecutive start on 7/13 @ Clearwater... Traded to Cincinnati organization along with fellow minor league RHP Chris Booker in the deal that brought major league OF Michael Tucker to Chicago on 7/20... Was leading the FSL with 118 strikeouts and was 10th with a 3.12 ERA at the time of the trade... Held FSL hitters to a .211 average... Assigned to the Reds' high Class-A affiliate, the Mudville Nine and made six regular season starts for the club... Won his first two starts for the club (7/26 @ Bakersfield and 7/31 @ High Desert)... Fanned eight batters over 6.2 IP to notch a win in his final regular season start on 9/2 @ Modesto... Took the loss in the deciding game three of Mudville's first round playoff series vs. Bakersfield (2.2 IP, 5 H, 5 R, 5 ER, 0 BB, 3 K)... Traded for the second time in a span of five months when he was dealt to the Pirates in exchange for RHP Jose Silva on 12/20... **2000:** Spent first two months of the season at the Cubs' extended spring training facility in Arizona... Sent to Lansing (A/Midwest) on 5/25 and spent the remainder of the season with the Lugnuts... Notched a seven-inning complete game for his first win of the season on 6/6 @ Dayton... Fanned a season-high seven batters over 7.0 IP on 7/4 vs. Michigan... Picked up win in tossing a season-high 7.2 IP on 8/16 vs. Quad City (8 H, 1 R, 1 ER, 1 BB, 3 K)... Right-handed batters posted a .324 average against... **1999:** Signed with Cubs on 6/14 after being selected in the 6th round of the June draft... Made pro debut with short-season Eugene (SS-A/Northwest)... Finished 3rd in the NWL in most K/9 IP (10.37)... Fanned 10 batters in just 4.0 IP in his final start on 9/4 vs. Salem-Keiser

**PERSONAL/MISCELLANEOUS:** Benjamin Scott Shaffar (pronounced SHAFF-er, not SHAY-fer)... Originally drafted by the Chicago Cubs in the 6th round of the 1999 June draft... Played NCAA baseball at Butler (IN) University (1997) and the University of Kentucky (1999)... Went 1-5 with three saves and a 6.19 ERA in 15 games during his freshman season at Butler before transferring to UK... Fanned a team-high 108 batters and posted a 5-5 record with a 5.87 ERA in his lone season at Kentucky... Majored in secondary education at both schools... 1996 graduate of Meade County High School in Brandenburg, KY where he was a five-year letterman on the baseball squad

### SHAFFAR'S CAREER STATISTICS


Yr.	Club	W-L	ERA	G	GS	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB
SO												
1999	Eugene	4-5	5.79	14	13	0	0	65.1	79	54	42	27
2000	Lansing	6-9	4.94	19	18	1	0	102.0	127	70	56	30
2001	Daytona	6-4	3.12	19	19	2	2	106.2	83	42	37	45
	Mudville	3-2	3.52	6	6	0	0	30.2	29	15	12	24
2002	Altoona	8-7	3.15	18	18	1	0	111.1	110	46	39	40
	Nashville	1-0	3.60	1	1	0	0	5.0	7	4	2	3
2003	Altoona	1-3	4.48	13	11	0	0	64.1	68	38	32	20
	Bradenton	1-0	3.27	5	0	0	0	11.0	12	5	4	1

### CAREER TRANSACTIONS

--Selected by Chicago Cubs in 1999 June draft (6th round)  
 --Traded from Cubs with RHP Chris Booker to Cincinnati for OF Michael Tucker, 7/20/01

### 10+ STRIKEOUTS BY A CURVE PITCHER IN A SINGLE GAME

Paul Ah Yat	4/25/99 @ Bowie (10 K)
Paul Ah Yat	6/1/99 @ Norwich (11 K)
Bronson Arroyo	7/19/99 vs. Erie (10 K)
Joe Beigel	9/4/00 vs. Akron (11 K)
Jason Schmidt	4/13/01 vs. Erie (10 K)
Adrian Burnside	4/17/02 vs. Erie (11 K)
Ben Shaffar	6/14/02 @ Bowie (10 K)

**SKREHOT, SHAUN**


**INF**

**HEIGHT:** 5-10      **WEIGHT:** 180

**BATS:** R      **THROWS:** R

**AGE:** 28

**BORN:** 12/5/75, HOUSTON, TX

**RESIDES:** SPRING, TX

**SCHOOL:** UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON

**ACQUIRED:** PIRATES' 38TH ROUND

**SELECTION IN 1998 JUNE DRAFT**

**SKREHOT QUICK FACTS:** 7th professional season... Has spent all or parts of the previous four seasons with Altoona (2000-03)... Holds Curve career records for games played (343), hits (320) and stolen bases (55) and ranks among the top three in doubles (2nd/64), triples (2nd/13) and runs scored (3rd/156)... Enjoyed a career season in 2001, combining to hit .262 with 7 HR, 52 RBI and 25 SB between Altoona and Nashville (AAA) and was named the Curve's Most Valuable Player... Has been plagued by injuries the past two seasons—missed two months because of a pulled groin muscle in 2002, and in 2003 missed the first month of the season with a broken right middle finger and then appeared in just one of the Curve's final 16 regular season games due to a sore back

**2003 SEASON:** Spent entire season with Altoona and hit .276 with one HR, 33 RBI and 12 stolen bases... Spent first month of the season on the Disabled List with an injured right middle finger suffered in the final spring training game in Florida... Activated from DL on 5/3... Went 3-for-3 with 2 RBI, two stolen bases and the winning run scored in the Curve's 5-4 victory @ Binghamton on 5/25... Recorded second three-hit game in a span of three games on 5/28 vs. Akron... Batted .348 (24-for-69) from 5/25-6/18, raising his average from .143 to .256... Went 2-for-3 with a double with 3 RBI on 7/9 vs. Norwich... Was a perfect 3-for-3 with a double and two runs scored on 7/11 vs. Akron... Put together the Curve's season-high hitting streak with a 13-gamer from 7/8-7/23, batting .422 (19-for-45) with seven doubles and 11 RBI during that stretch... Surpassed Rico Washington (2000-02) as the Curve's career leader in games played (323) on 7/25 @ Bowie... Also moved past Washington on the club's career hits list with his 299th hit in a Curve uniform on 8/2 @ Akron... Had 13 hits in a 25 at-bat stretch from 8/2-8/11... Missed 15 of the Curve's final 16 games due to a sore lower back... Returned from injury in time for the opening of the E.L. playoffs and hit .400 (6-for-15) and scored three runs in four games

**PREVIOUS—2002:** Spent entire season with Altoona (AA), batting .240 with 2 HR, 25 RBI and 9 SB in 80 games, all as a shortstop... Recorded a season-high three hits seven times... Batted .308 (20-for-65) with runners in scoring position... Placed on the Curve's Disabled List from 4/25-6/18 with a pulled groin muscle... Smashed a two-run HR against Cleveland Indians' pitcher David Riske on 7/14 while the right-hander was on rehab assignment with Akron... Average fell from .253 to .240 after going 0-for-15 in the Curve's season-ending series vs. Bowie...

**2001:** Spent the majority of the season with Altoona (AA), where he was named the team's MVP, before joining Nashville (AAA) for the final three weeks of the campaign... Combined to bat .262 with 7 HR and 52 RBI in 135 games between the two clubs, all career-highs... Led Curve hitters in hits (125), total bases (185), doubles (30), triples (6) and stolen bases (24)... Committed a team-high 28 errors as the club's everyday shortstop... Started slowly at the plate, batting just .212 in April, but rebounded to post a .311 average in the month of May... Ripped a season-high four hits in going 4-for-5 on 5/1 vs. Harrisburg... Posted a season-high nine-game hitting streak from 5/29-6/6, batting .342 (14-for-41) during that span... Promoted to Nashville on 8/16... Blasted his first Triple-A home run on 8/27 @ Memphis... Appeared in 18 games at shortstop for the Sounds, committing nine errors... **2000:** Split the season between Lynchburg (A) and Altoona (AA), combining to bat .230 with no HR and 16 RBI in 99 games between the two clubs... Started at four different positions for both clubs: SS (27 games), 2B (23), 3B (23), LF (22)... Began season with Lynchburg and batted .233 with no HR and 7 RBI in 42 games... Broke out of an early season slump by batting .321 (17-for-53) over a 19-game span from 4/18-5/19... Promoted to Altoona on 6/7 where he finished the season hitting .228


with no HR and 9 RBI in 57 games... After batting just .150 (6-for-40) in his first 15 Double-A games, batted .408 (20-for-49) over a 19-game stretch from 6/27-7/28... Ripped the go-ahead two-run single in the 19th inning of the Curve's 6-5 win on 7/13 @ Norwich... **1999:** Spent entire season with Hickory (A) and hit .234 with one HR, 37 RBI and 12 SB in 115 games... Games by position SS (82), 2B (29)... Homered in his first game of the season (4/9 vs. Augusta), but failed to hit another longball in his final 114 contests... Average reached a season-high .276 after going 3-for-5 on 5/16 @ Charleston-SC... Ripped three doubles and scored three runs in the Crawdads win vs. Columbus on 6/18... **1998:** Signed with Pittsburgh on 6/4 after being selected in the 38th round of the June draft... Made professional debut with Erie (SS-A), batting .249 with 2 HR and 18 RBI in 63 games... Played 28 games at shortstop and 23 at second base... Led the SeaWolves with 67 hits

**PERSONAL/MISCELLANEOUS:** Shaun David Skrehot (pronounced SKREE-hot)... Played two seasons of NCAA baseball at the University of Houston (1997-98) where he majored in sociology... Batted .274 with one HR and 28 RBI in 55 games as a senior and .285 with 5 HR and 41 RBI in 63 games as a junior... Named to the Conference USA All-Tourney Team his junior season... Also played two seasons of JUCO baseball at Wharton (TX) Junior College (1995-96), the first two seasons the Pioneers fielded a baseball program... 1994 graduate of Aldine High School in Houston, TX... Signed by Pirates' scout Steve Riba

SKREHOT'S CAREER STATISTICS													
Yr.	Club	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
1998	Erie	.249	63	269	33	67	10	2	18	7	43	10	
1999	Hickory	.234	115	461	53	108	17	5	1	37	16	72	12
2000	Lynchburg	.233	42	129	9	30	3	2	0	7	9	22	5
	Altoona	.228	57	158	14	36	4	1	0	9	16	32	7
2001	Altoona	.267	117	468	61	125	30	6	6	45	30	63	24
	Nashville	.224	18	58	8	13	3	0	1	7	8	12	1
2002	Altoona	.240	80	312	40	75	15	3	2	25	23	60	9
2003	Altoona	.276	89	304	41	84	15	3	1	33	27	48	12
Minor Lg. Totals		.249	581	2159	259	538	97	20	13	181	136	352	80

## CAREER TRANSACTIONS

--Selected by Pittsburgh in 1998 June draft (38th round)

**SNELL, IAN**


**RHP**

**HEIGHT:** 5-11      **WEIGHT:** 160

**BATS:** R      **THROWS:** R

**AGE:** 22

**BORN:** 10/30/81, DOVER, DE

**RESIDES:** DOVER, DE

**SCHOOL:** CAESAR RODNEY (DE) H.S.

**ACQUIRED:** PIRATES' 26TH ROUND

**SELECTION IN 2000 JUNE DRAFT**

**SNELL QUICK FACTS:** 5th professional season... Previously known as Ian Oquendo from 2001-03... Member of the Pirates' 40-man roster for the 2004 season... Rated the Bucs' #6 prospect by *Baseball America* prior to this season... Entering 2004, held a 36-9 career mark and a 2.48 ERA... Named the Pirates' 2003 Organizational Pitcher of the Year after going 14-3 with a 3.00 ERA in 26 starts between Lynchburg (A) and Altoona (A)... Won his first 13 decisions as a professional, including going a perfect 11-0 in his first two pro seasons (2000-01)... Went a combined 10-0 with a 1.18 ERA in 13 games (12 starts) between Bradenton (R) and Williamsport (SS-A) in 2001... Attended the same high school (Caesar Rodney H.S. in Dover, DE) as Pirates' pitcher Dave Williams

**2003 SEASON:** Rated the Pirates' #10 prospect by *Baseball America* entering the 2003 season—also rated as having the "Best Curveball" in the Pirates' system... Spent first four months of the season with Lynchburg (A) before being promoted to Altoona for the final month of the season—combined to post a 14-3 record and a 3.00 ERA in 26 starts en route to being named the Pirates' Minor League Pitcher of the Year... Tied with Sean Burnett for the Pirates' organizational lead in wins (14) and finished 2nd in strikeouts (145) and 5th in ERA... Allowed just five home runs in a combined 153.0 IP between the two levels...

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## IAN SNELL CONTINUED...

Began season with Lynchburg (A) and went 10-3 with a 3.33 ERA in 20 starts for the Hillcats... Despite leaving Lynchburg in late July, finished among the Carolina League's leaders in ERA (9th/3.33), wins (14th/10) and strikeouts (2nd/122)... Struck out eight or more batters in eight of his 20 starts... After going 2-2 with a 5.17 ERA in his first seven starts, went 8-1 with a 2.42 ERA in his final 13 outings for the Hillcats... Won seven consecutive decisions from 5/17-7/18... Struck out 10 batters in 5.0 innings of work in notching the first of his seven straight wins on 5/17 @ Frederick (game one)... Named the Carolina League's Player of Month for June after going 4-0 with an 0.62 ERA (2 ER/29 IP) in five starts—also allowed just eight hits and fanned 37 batters during the month... Allowed just two hits and struck out eight over 8.0 shutout innings in earning a victory on 6/3 vs. Potomac... Yielded just one hit over 6.0 innings of work in earning wins on both 6/8 @ Salem & 6/20 vs. Myrtle Beach... Whiffed a season-high 12 batters and allowed just one run on four hits over 7.0 innings in notching a win on 6/30 @ Wilmington... In his final start for Lynchburg, earned a seven-inning, complete game, four-hit shutout @ Winston-Salem on 7/30 (1 BB, 8 K)... Promoted to Altoona on 7/31 and went 4-0 with a 1.96 ERA in six starts for the Curve down the stretch... Was leading the Carolina League in strikeouts (122) at the time of his promotion to Double-A... Picked up the win in his Double-A debut on 8/6 @ Harrisburg (6 IP, 7 H, 4 R, 3 ER, 1 BB, 3 K)... Fanned eight batters over 7.0 innings in picking up his second win in as many starts on 8/11 vs. Harrisburg (2 ER, 8 H, 0 BB)... Tossed 7.0 shutout innings and allowed three hits in picking up the win on 8/27 vs. Reading (2 BB, 4 K)... Started and took the loss in Game 4 of the Eastern League Divisional Series on 9/6 vs. Akron (4.1 IP, 9 H, 6 R, 6 ER, 2 BB, 1 K)

**PREVIOUS—2002:** Spent the entire season with South Atlantic League champion Hickory (A), compiling an 11-6 record and a 2.71 ERA in 24 games (22 starts)... Ranked 4th in the SAL in strikeouts (149) and K/9 IP (9.70) and 5th in ERA (2.71)... Led Pirates' minor league hurlers in strikeouts and finished 3rd in ERA... Went 5-4 with a 4.17 ERA in his first 13 games (11 starts), but finished strong going 9-3 with a 1.27 ERA in his final 11 starts... Struck out eight or more batters 10 times... Allowed just four hits over 5.0 shutout innings to earn his first win of the season on 4/12 vs. Kannapolis (2 BB, 6 K)... Yielded a season-high 7 ER in 3.2 IP in picking up his first loss in 21 career outings on 4/23 @ Macon (10 H, 4 BB, 5 K)... Lost three straight decisions from 4/23-5/14... Struck out a season-high 12 batters in 5.2 IP, but took a no-decision on 5/3 vs. Lexington (3 H, 2 R, 1 ER)... Out of action from 5/15-6/4 due to an organizational suspension... Picked up wins in four consecutive outings (two starts) from 6/4-6/21... Whiffed 11 batters in 7.0 IP in a no-decision on 7/1 @ Delmarva (7 H, 4 R, 0 ER, 0 BB)... Tossed a season-high 8.0 shutout innings and allowed just five hits in notching a win @ Hagerstown on 7/6 (2 BB, 4 K)... Did not allow a run in three consecutive victories from 7/29-8/9 (20.0 IP)... Fanned eight or more batters in six of seven starts from 7/17-8/25, going 4-1 during that stretch... Went 1-0 with a 3.14 ERA (14.1 IP/5 ER) in two starts during the Crawdads run through the playoffs to the South Atlantic League championship... **2001:** Combined to post a perfect 10-0 record and a 1.18 ERA (83.2 IP/11 ER) in 13 games (12 starts)... Led all Pirates' minor leaguers in ERA and ranked 4th in wins (10)... Made season debut with Bradenton (R) and dominated Gulf Coast League hitters in his three starts, going 3-0 with an 0.47 ERA (19.0 IP/1 ER)... Allowed just two hits and struck out eight over 7.0 shutout innings in picking up his second win on 6/26 vs. Red Sox... Promoted to Williamsport (SS-A) on 7/3 and finished the season with the New York-Penn League co-champs, going 7-0 with a 1.39 ERA (64.2 IP/10 ER) in 10 games (nine starts)... Finished 2nd in the league in ERA and 5th in wins... Tossed a CG seven-hitter, allowing three runs (one earned) in his Williamsport debut on 7/7 @ Vermont (1 BB, 4 K)... Struck out nine over 7.0 shutout innings in picking up the win vs. Mahoning Valley on 7/17 (3 H, 0 BB)... Did not allow an earned run in back-to-back starts 8/1-8/6 (13.0 IP)—picked up win in 8/1 contest @ Lowell... Fanned 12 in just 6.0 innings of work in earning the win in his final regular season start on 8/24 @ Pittsfield (5 H, 3 R, 1 ER, 1 BB)... **2000:** Signed with Pittsburgh on 6/21 after being selected in the 26th round of the June draft... Made professional debut with Bradenton (R) and went 1-0 with a 2.35 ERA (7.2 IP/2 ER) in four relief outings

**PERSONAL/MISCELLANEOUS:** Ian Dante Snell... Known as Ian Oquendo from 2001-03... 2000 graduate of Caesar Rodney H.S. in Camden, DE... Attended the same high school as Pirates' left-handed pitcher Dave Williams... Signed by Pirates' scout Dana Brown

## SNELL'S CAREER STATISTICS

Yr.	Club	W-L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB
<b>SO</b>													
2000	Bradenton	1-0	2.35	4	0	0	0	0	7.2	5	2	1	8
2001	Bradenton	3-0	0.47	3	0	0	0	0	19.0	12	2	1	13
	Williamsport	7-0	1.39	10	9	1	0	0	64.2	55	16	10	56
2002	Hickory	11-6	2.71	24	22	0	0	0	139.2	127	49	42	149
2003	Lynchburg	10-3	3.33	20	20	1	1	0	116.1	105	46	43	122

## CAREER TRANSACTIONS

—Selected by Pittsburgh in 2000 June draft (26th round)

SNUSZ, CHRIS	C
	<b>HEIGHT:</b> 6-0
	<b>WEIGHT:</b> 210
	<b>BATS:</b> R
	<b>THROWS:</b> R
	<b>AGE:</b> 31
	<b>BORN:</b> 11/8/72, BUFFALO, NY
	<b>RESIDES:</b> WEST SENECA, NY
<b>SCHOOL:</b> MERCYHURST (PA) COLLEGE	
<b>ACQUIRED:</b> SIGNED BY PIRATES AS A MINOR LEAGUE FREE AGENT, 12/3/02	

**SNUSZ QUICK FACTS:** 10th professional season... Has spent time with six major league organizations—Phillies (1995-98), Reds (1999), Expos (1999-00), Indians (2001), Yankees (2001-02) and Pirates (2003)... Has also played in 15 different minor league cities, including five in the Eastern League (Reading '98, Harrisburg '99, Akron '01, Norwich '01-02, Altoona '03)... Spent most of the '03 season with Altoona, but was only on the club's active roster enough to appear in six games—also played in six games for Nashville (AAA)... Established most of his career highs during the 2000 season with Ottawa (AAA/Expos) when he played in a career-best 63 games... Strong-throwing catcher has nabbed 32% (88-for-274) of potential base stealers over his pro career

**2003 SEASON:** In his first season in the Pirates' minor league system, combined to hit .143 (4-for-28) with 2 RBI in 12 games between Altoona and Nashville (AAA)... Combined to toss out 6-of-9 potential base stealers (67%) between the two clubs... Went 1-for-19 in six games with the Curve and 3-for-9 with a double and 2 RBI in six contests with the Sounds... Spent his longest stint on the Curve's active roster from 4/22-5/6 after a hip flexor injury to Ronny Paulino... Joined Nashville for the first of two stints with the Sounds on 7/3 and went 2-for-4 with a double and 2 RBI during his stay in the Music City... Doubled and knocked in a pair of runs in his lone at-bat on 7/5 vs. Oklahoma... Re-joined Altoona, but made just one more appearance in a Curve uniform (7/27 @ Bowie)... Sent to Nashville for his second stint on 8/29 after Humberto Cota was placed on the suspended list and went 1-for-5... Played for the Sounds during the Pacific Coast League playoffs and batted a team-best .400 (4-for-10) with 2 RBI in four games... Had game-winning RBI double in top of 12th inning in Game 3 of PCL American Conference Finals @ Albuquerque (Nashville won 12-10 in 12 inn.); went 2-for-3 with 2 RBI in the contest

**PREVIOUS—2002:** Hit .146 with one HR and 3 RBI in 15 games with Norwich (AA/Eastern) in the Yankees' chain... Threw out 2-of-14 base stealers (14.3%)... Began season on the Navigators' DL... Before making his season debut on 5/12 vs. Altoona... Hit his lone home run of the season on 5/15 @ Erie (game one)... Season came to an end after being released by the Yankees on 6/30... **2001:** Spent time with three teams in two organizations... Tossed out 8-of-34 (23.5%) potential base stealers during the season... Opened season in the Indians' system and made season debut in his lone game with Buffalo (AAA/International) on 4/30 (0-for-1)... Sent to Akron (AA/Eastern) and went 1-for-7 with an RBI in two games with the Aeros from 5/7-5/8...

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# 2004 CURVE PLAYERS



-CHRIS SNUSZ CONTINUED-

Released by the Indians on 5/28 and later signed as a free agent with the Yankees on 6/12... Assigned to Norwich and finished the season with the Navigators, batting .336 with 2 HR and 21 RBI in 42 games... Appeared in 25 games as the 'Gators' catcher, 10 as the DH and five at first base... Went 8-for-14 with 6 RBI during a four-game series @ Altoona from 6/21-6/24... Enjoyed his best game of the season on 6/23 @ Altoona, going 4-for-5 with 4 RBI... Named Eastern League Player of the Week for the week of 6/18-6/24 after batting .500 (13-for-26) with two doubles, a HR, 9 RBI and four runs scored during the week... Hit .402 (33-for-82) in his first 26 games with the Navigators... 2000: Spent entire season with Ottawa (AAA/International) in the Expos' system... Hit .210 with career highs in HR (5), RBI (25), runs (24) and extra-base hits (15) in a career-best 63 games... Threw out 13-of-47 (27.7%) potential base stealers... Also tossed 1.1 scoreless innings over two outings on the mound for the Lynx... Hit just .192 vs. RHP, but belted all five of his longballs against righties... Caught 54 games, but also saw action at first base (3 games) and right field (1)... Appeared in just 12 games over the first two months of the season before taking a more regular role over the second half of the campaign... Homered and doubled among a season-high three hits on 5/28 @ Norfolk... Went hitless in his final 17 at-bats to drop his final season average from .230 to .210... 1999: Spent time with five teams in two organizations (Cincinnati, Montreal)... Combined to bat .244 with 4 HR and 19 RBI in 51 games between the five clubs... Threw out 23-of-56 (41.1%) of would-be base stealers during the season... Began season in the Reds' minor league system playing for Rockford (A/Midwest), where he hit .170 (9-for-53) with one HR and two RBI in 19 games... Also combined to play in six games between Clinton (A/Midwest) and Chattanooga (AA/Southern) in the Reds' chain before being released by Cincinnati on 6/24... Signed to a contract by Montreal on 7/5 and played in 21 games with Ottawa (AAA) and five with Harrisburg (AA/Eastern)... With Ottawa, batted .286 (18-for-63) with 3 HR and 9 RBI in 21 games... 1998: Spent his fourth and final season in the Phillies' organization between Clearwater (A/Florida State), Reading (AA/Eastern) and Scranton/Wilkes Barre (AAA/International)... In 34 games between the three clubs, hit .226 with 7 RBI... Tossed out 7-of-30 (23.3%) potential base stealers on the season... 1997: Hit .200 with 3 RBI in 36 games with Clearwater... Was 14-for-38 (36.8%) in throwing out runners... 1996: Began season in extended spring training before playing in 13 games for Batavia (SS-A/New York-Penn) and four for Piedmont (A/South Atlantic)... Hit .143 (6-for-42) in his 17 games... 1995: Signed with Philadelphia on 6/7 after being selected in the 19th round of the June draft... Made professional debut with Batavia and hit .227 with one HR and 5 RBI in 21 games... Tossed out 11-of-33 (33.3%) potential base stealers

**PERSONAL/MISCELLANEOUS:** Christopher Michael Snusz (pronounced SNOOZE)... Made four stops during his college career--Quincy (IL) College, Florida Community College, University of Miami (FL) and Mercyhurst (PA) College... 1990 graduate of St. Francis H.S. in Buffalo, NY... Originally signed by Phillies' scout Lloyd Merritt

## SNUSZ'S CAREER STATISTICS

Yr.	Club	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
1995	Batavia	.227	21	66	9	15	1	0	1	5	6	6	1
1996	Batavia	.161	13	31	6	5	0	0	0	0	6	4	0
	Piedmont	.091	4	11	2	1	0	0	0	0	2	1	0
1997	Clearwater	.200	36	105	12	21	7	0	0	3	2	22	0
1998	Clearwater	.196	19	56	6	11	1	0	0	6	1	9	0
	Reading	.321	12	28	6	9	2	0	0	1	3	6	0
	Scranton-WB	.111	3	9	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	0
1999	Rockford	.170	19	53	6	9	1	0	1	2	3	13	1
	Chattanooga	.500	2	6	0	3	1	0	0	2	1	0	0
	Clinton	.190	4	21	2	4	1	1	0	3	1	8	0
	Ottawa	.286	21	63	6	18	3	0	3	9	1	18	0
	Harrisburg	.308	5	13	2	4	1	0	0	3	1	3	0
2000	Ottawa	.210	63	195	24	41	8	2	5	25	7	58	0
2001	Buffalo	.000	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Akron	.143	2	7	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0
	Norwich	.336	42	125	17	42	4	2	2	21	9	23	1
2002	Norwich	.146	15	41	3	6	2	0	1	3	2	13	0
2003	Altoona	.053	6	19	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	6	0
	Nashville	.333	6	9	2	3	1	0	0	2	0	1	0
Minor Lg. Totals		.227	294	859	103	195	34	5	13	86	45	194	3

## CAREER TRANSACTIONS

--Selected by Philadelphia in 1995 June draft (19th round)  
 --Released by Philadelphia, 4/3/99  
 --Signed by Cincinnati as a free agent, 4/23/99  
 --Released by Cincinnati, 6/24/99  
 --Signed by Montreal as a free agent, 7/5/99  
 --Released by Montreal, 9/14/00  
 --Signed by Cleveland as a free agent, 1/30/01  
 --Released by Cleveland, 5/28/01  
 --Signed by New York (AL) as a free agent, 6/12/01  
 --Granted free agency, 10/15/01  
 --Re-signed by New York, 11/1/01  
 --Released by New York, 6/30/02  
 --Signed by Pittsburgh as a free agent, 12/3/02  
 --Granted free agency, 10/15/03  
 --Re-signed by Pittsburgh, 2/4/04

## THOMAS, GARY

OF



**HEIGHT:** 5-7      **WEIGHT:** 175  
**BATS:** R      **THROWS:** R  
**AGE:** 24, TURNS 25 ON SEPTEMBER 6  
**BORN:** 9/6/79, HOUMA, LA  
**RESIDES:** HOUMA, LA  
**SCHOOL:** VANDERBILT CATHOLIC (LA) H.S.  
**ACQUIRED:** SELECTED BY PIRATES FROM CHICAGO (NL) IN RULE 5 MINOR LEAGUE DRAFT, 12/15/03

**THOMAS QUICK FACTS:** 8th professional season... Originally drafted by Oakland in the 23rd round in 1997 and has previously spent his entire career in the A's minor league system... Became a minor league free agent this off-season and signed with the Cubs in October before being selected by the Pirates' in the minor league phase of the Rule 5 draft in mid-December... Was named to the California League's post-season All-Star Team last season with Modesto (A) after hitting .303 with career highs in HR (12) and RBI (68)... Strung together two separate 20-game hitting streaks with Modesto last season... Missed the second half of the 2000 season and all of 2001 due to injury... Improved average well over 100 points from 1998 with short-season Southern Oregon (.203) to 1999 with Modesto (.323)... At just 5-foot-7 will become the shortest player in Curve history

**2003 SEASON:** Spent entire season with Modesto (A/California) hitting .303 with career highs in HR (12), RBI (68), runs scored (95), hits (151) and doubles (30)... Swiped 22 bases in 29 attempts (75.9%)... Named to the California League's post-season All-Star Team... Also named a *Baseball America* High Class-A All-Star... Ranked tied for 4th in the Cal League with 95 runs scored... Made 82 appearances in CF, 30 in LF and five as the A's DH... Posted 42 multi-hit contests... Hit .304 with 3 HR vs. LHP and .303 with 9 HR vs. RHP... After batting .256 in April, steadily improved over the next three months, hitting .305 in May, .311 in June and .352 in July... Batted .225 (32-for-142) in his first 36 games, but hit .334 (119-for-356) from 5/21 thru the end of the season... Recorded his first career 2-HR game on 5/14 vs. San Jose... In a six-game stretch from 5/21-5/28, was able to jump average from .225 to .286 after going 19-for-26 (.731) during that span... Posted three consecutive three-hit games from 5/26-5/28... Hit .418 (33-for-79) during the first of his two 20-game hitting streaks from 5/18-6/10... Named Cal League Player of the Week for the week of 6/16-6/22 after hitting .481 (13-for-27) with 9 RBI and four runs scored during the week... Registered season-highs in hits (4-for-5) and RBI (4) on 7/15 @ Bakersfield... Recorded his second 20-game hitting streak from 7/27-8/22, batting .382 (34-for-89) with 25 runs scored during that stretch... Was just 2-for-28 (.071) in his final seven games to drop his final average from .317 to .303

**PREVIOUS-- 2002:** Returned to action for the first time since 7/11/00 and spent the majority of the season with Modesto (118 games), but also appeared in four games in early May for Triple-A Sacramento (Pacific Coast)... Between the two stops, batted .254 with 5 HR, 49 RBI and a career-best 31 SB in 122 games... Recorded all 31 stolen bases with

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-GARY THOMAS CONTINUED-

Modesto—a total that ranked 4th in the California League... With Modesto, split time between all three outfield positions—CF (59 games), LF (35), RF (21)... Belted first home run since 5/8/00 in going 3-for-3 with four runs scored on 4/25 vs. Bakersfield... Promoted to Sacramento from 5/8-5/14 and hit .111 (1-for-9) in four games with the River Cats... Went 1-for-3 with an RBI in his Triple-A debut on 5/9 vs. Tacoma... Endured his worst month of the season in June, batting .193 (17-for-88) in 24 games during the month... Homered and went 4-for-4 on 8/10 @ Visalia... Hit .250 (4-for-16) in four Cal League playoff games... **2001:** Missed entire season because of injury... **2000:** Hit .247 with one HR, 26 RBI and 5 SB in 74 games with Double-A Midland in the Texas League... Played 73 games in CF, pinch-hit twice and pinch-run five times... Started and ended slowly, batting .150 (6-for-40) in his first 19 games and .109 (6-for-55) in his final 22 games... Posted a season-best nine-game hitting streak from 6/3-6/11, recording 9 RBI during the string... Went on inactive list on 7/11 and did not play during the final two months of the season... **1999:** Played entire season for Modesto and hit .323 with 7 HR, 38 RBI and 23 SB in 99 games... Finished 8th in the Cal League in batting... Went 23-for-29 in stolen base opportunities... Posted 31 multi-hit games, including a pair of four-hit efforts (4/30 @ San Bernardino & 7/14 vs. San Bernardino)... Hit .326 with 6 of his 7 HR vs. RHP... Played mostly in CF (92 games), but also made eight appearances in LF... Enjoyed a solid mid-season surge hitting .395 in May, .348 in June and .330 in July... **1998:** Hit .203 (42-for-207) with 21 RBI in 61 games with Southern Oregon (R/Northwest)... Went 11-for-13 in stolen base attempts... Eight of his 42 hits were doubles... **1997:** Signed with Oakland on 6/15 after being selected in the 23rd round of the June draft... Made professional debut with the A's affiliate in the rookie-level Arizona League and hit .228 with one HR, 7 RBI and 6 SB in 28 games

**PERSONAL/MISCELLANEOUS:** Gary Paul Thomas... 1997 graduate of Vanderbilt Catholic H.S. in Houma, LA... Originally signed by A's scout Steve Bowden

THOMAS' CAREER STATISTICS													
Yr.	Club	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
1997	AZ Athletics	.228	28	92	17	21	2	1	7	9	25	6	
1998	So. Oregon	.203	61	207	30	42	8	0	21	31	42	11	
1999	Modesto	.323	99	344	69	111	14	4	7	38	33	45	23
2000	Midland	.247	74	190	28	47	7	0	1	26	24	30	5
2001	INJURED—DID NOT PLAY												
2002	Modesto	.257	118	428	74	110	18	6	5	49	45	77	31
	Sacramento	.111	4	9	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	2	0
2003	Modesto	.303	117	498	95	151	30	3	12	68	41	83	22
Minor Lg. Totals		.273	501	1768	313	483	79	16	26	211	183	304	98

## CAREER TRANSACTIONS

--Selected by Oakland in 1997 June draft (23rd round)  
 --Granted free agency, 10/15/03  
 --Signed by Chicago (NL) as a minor league free agent, 10/27/03  
 --Selected by Pittsburgh from Chicago in Rule 5 Minor League draft, 12/15/03

## DID YOU KNOW?

The first-ever game at Blair County Ballpark took place on April 15, 1999, when a crowd of 6,171 braved rainy conditions and a one-hour rain delay for the Curve's Home Opener against the Bowie Baysox.

The Curve defeated the Baysox 6-1 as **Bronson Arroyo** tossed 5 1/3 scoreless innings to notch the first of his 15 wins on the season. OF **Garrett Long** hit the first home run at BCB, a two-run shot in the 4th inning to give the Curve an early 2-0 lead. Altoona broke the game open by scoring four times in the 7th, highlighted by a two-run homer off the bat of **Craig Wilson**.

## VAN BENSCHOTEN, JOHN

RHP



**HEIGHT:** 6-5 **WEIGHT:** 225  
**BATS:** R **THROWS:** R  
**AGE:** 23, TURNS 24 ON APRIL 14  
**BORN:** 4/14/80, SAN DIEGO, CA  
**RESIDES:** MILFORD, OH  
**SCHOOL:** KENT STATE (OH) UNIVERSITY  
**ACQUIRED:** PIRATES' 1ST ROUND SELECTION (8TH OVERALL) IN 2001 JUNE DRAFT

**VAN BENSCHOTEN QUICK FACTS:** 4th professional season... Member of the Pirates' 40-man roster for the 2004 season... Enters 2004 as the Pirates' #1 prospect for the second consecutive season according to *Baseball America*... Split 2003 season between Lynchburg (A) and Altoona, combining to go 13-6 with a 3.17 ERA in 26 starts... Went a span of 27 starts without suffering a loss from July 2002 to July 2003... Two-way star at Kent State led NCAA hitters with 31 HR and 84 RBI during the 2001 season... Split time during first pro season (2001) as both a DH and pitcher before concentrating exclusively on pitching starting in 2002

**2003 SEASON:** Rated the Pirates' #1 prospect by *Baseball America* prior to the season... Split season between Lynchburg (A) and Altoona, combining to post a 13-6 record and a 3.17 ERA in 26 starts between the two clubs... Finished 3rd in the Pirates' minor league system in strikeouts (127) and tied for 3rd in wins... Began season with Lynchburg (A) and went 6-0 with a 2.22 ERA in nine starts for the Hillcats... Held Carolina League batters to just a .192 average... Tossed 5.0 shutout innings, allowing just three hits in earning the win in his first start of the season on 4/4 @ Frederick... Equaled his previous career-high with 10 strikeouts on 4/22 @ Myrtle Beach... Allowed just two hits over 6.0 shutout innings in picking up the win vs. Myrtle Beach on 4/28... Allowed just 2 ER in his first five starts for the Hillcats, going 3-0 with an 0.69 ERA (2.60 IP/2 ER) during that span... Promoted to Altoona on 5/22 and finished the season with the Curve, going 7-6 with a 3.69 ERA in 17 starts... Allowed just one run on two hits, walked two and fanned six in taking a no-decision on 6/6 vs. Harrisburg... Earned first Double-A victory on 6/11 @ New Britain (6 IP, 3 H, 1 R, 0 ER, 1 BB, 3 K)... Skipped his scheduled start on 6/22 vs. Harrisburg... Allowed just one ER on six hits and struck out six over 7.0 IP to earn the win on 7/8 vs. Norwich—at the plate went 2-for-3 with two doubles and two runs scored in the Curve's 5-1 win... Tossed a scoreless inning with one strikeout in the Major League Futures Game on 7/13 @ Chicago's U.S. Cellular Field... Was a combined 11-0 between Lynchburg and Altoona before losing his first game of the season on 7/24 in a 1-0 loss vs. New Haven—loss was also his first in 27 starts dating to 7/6/02... Lost his second straight game on 7/29 vs. New Britain, marking the first time in his pro career that he lost back-to-back starts... Struck out eight batters—his most with Altoona—in taking the loss on 8/3 @ Akron... Went 0-5 with a 6.12 ERA in five starts from 7/24-8/15... Ended five-game losing skid by allowing just one run on three hits over 5.1 innings to earn the win on 8/20 vs. Bowie—yielded a season-high five walks in the outing... Earned first career complete game by allowing just one run on five hits over 7.0 innings to earn the win in the Curve's playoff-clinching victory vs. Reading on 8/25 (game one)... Took the loss after allowing six runs and being knocked out in the first inning of the Curve's 11-6 loss in Game 3 of the E.L. Divisional Series vs. Akron on 9/5 (0.2 IP, 6 H, 6 R, 6 ER, 1 BB, 1 K)... Member of Team USA at the 2004 Olympic Qualifying Tournament in Panama in December

**PREVIOUS—2002:** Rated the Pirates' #2 prospect for the 2002 season by *Baseball America*... Also rated as having the "Best Fastball" in the Pirates organization by *Baseball America*... Spent entire season with the South Atlantic League champion Hickory Crawdads (A)... Ranked tied for 10th in the SAL in ERA (2.80)... Ranked 2nd among Pirates' minor leaguers in strikeouts (145) and ERA... Pitched a season-high 8.0 innings twice (6/5 vs. August & 6/22 @ Lexington)... Fanned eight or more batters five times during the season, including a career-high 10 @ Kannapolis on 7/13...

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# 2004 CURVE PLAYERS



-JOHN VAN BENSCHOTEN CONTINUED-

Did not allow an earned run in four consecutive starts from 7/13-8/5, covering a span of 24 innings... Held LH batters to just a .186 average and overall South Atlantic League hitters posted just a .219 average against... Won both post-season starts for the Crawdads, including game two of the SAL Championship series @ Columbus (6.0 IP, 6 H, 2 R, 2 ER, 1 BB, 8 K)... **2001:** Signed with Pittsburgh on 7/3 after being selected in the 1st round of the June draft... Made professional debut with Williamsport (SS-A)... Made 21 starts as the Crosscutters' designated hitter, while also making nine starts on the mound... Went 0-2 with a 3.51 ERA on the mound and batted .227 (17-for-75) with no HR, 8 RBI and 3 SB... Posted two, three-hit games for the Crosscutters (7/15 vs. Mahoning Valley and 8/14 vs. Batavia)... Attended the Pirates' Fall Instructional camp

**PERSONAL/MISCELLANEOUS:** John Wesley Van Benschoten... Entering the 2001 draft was rated by *Baseball America* as the "Most Athletic College Player", "Best Baserunner", "Best Arm" and "2nd-best Power Prospect"... Also rated by *Baseball America* as the 3rd-best position player in the draft... Played three seasons of NCAA baseball at Kent State University (OH)... As a junior in 2001 set Kent State and Mid-American Conference single-season records for HR (31), RBI (84) and total bases (221)... Also that season set school single-season records for runs (74) and hits (99)... Played first base and was the Golden Flashes' closer throughout his career... In 2001 batted .440 with 31 HR, 84 RBI and 22 SB, while posting a .982 slugging percentage and a .551 on-base percentage... On the mound, in 21 appearances during his junior campaign, posted a 2-2 record with eight saves and a 2.77 ERA in 48.2 IP (63 K, 26 BB)... Named by five publications or organizations as a First-Team All-American in 2001, including *Baseball America* and *The Sporting News*... Just the second Kent State player ever selected as a First-Team All-American (Thurman Munson, 1968)... Named the 2001 Mid-American Conference Player of the Year and MAC post-season tournament MVP... One of five finalists for the 2001 Golden Spikes Award, given to the amateur baseball player of the year... Also a finalist for the 2001 Rotary Smith... Signed by Pirates' scout Duane Gustavson

## VAN BENSCHOTEN'S CAREER STATISTICS


Yr.	Club	W-L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB
2001	Williamsport	0-2	3.51	9	9	0	0	0	25.2	23	11	10	10
2002	Hickory	11-4	2.80	27	27	0	0	0	148.0	119	57	46	145
2003	Lynchburg	6-0	2.22	9	9	0	0	0	48.2	33	14	12	49

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## CAREER TRANSACTIONS

--Selected by Pittsburgh in 2001 June draft (1st round--8th overall)



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