

CLEARWATER THRESHERS

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Clearwater Threshers (19-30, 54-60) VS. Tampa Tarpons (27-20, 54-59)

Wednesday, August 24, 2022

**Game #115 | Home Game #56 | 6:30 PM | BayCare Ballpark, Clearwater, FL
RHP Alex McFarlane (professional debut) vs. TBD**

LAST TIME OUT: The Clearwater Threshers smashed three home runs in a 5-1 series-opening victory over the Tampa Tarpons in front of 2,603 on Tuesday night at BayCare Ballpark. Right-handed rehabber Victor Vargas made the start on the mound for Clearwater, allowing only one run on three hits with two strikeouts in 5.1 innings of work. Vargas was removed following a lengthy weather delay in the top of the sixth. The Threshers (19-30, 54-60) opened the scoring in the second inning on a solo home run by catcher Ryan Leitch to make it 1-0. The long ball was Leitch's second homer in three games. Tied 1-1 in the top of the sixth, the game entered a rain delay that lasted 1:25. Following the delay, right-hander Victor Lopez entered out of the bullpen for the Threshers and tossed 1.2 scoreless innings with one walk and two strikeouts. In the bottom of the sixth, the Threshers got a leadoff single from Hao Yu Lee before Caleb Ricketts lined a two-run home run out to left to make it 3-1. It was Ricketts' third home run of the season and Lee finished the game 2-for-3, reaching base three times. With the Threshers still leading 3-1 in the sixth, Leandro Pineda launched a ball to the wall in left-center field that outfielder Madison Santos couldn't handle, allowing Pineda to come across for an inside-the-park home run to make it 4-1. Left-handed rehabber Keylan Killgore entered for Clearwater in the top of the eighth, and allowed only three hits with two strikeouts in two innings to keep the Tarpons (27-20, 54-59) off the board - as the Threshers tacked on an insurance run in the home half of the eighth on an RBI groundout by Leitch to lift the home team to a 5-1 win. Clearwater and Tampa resume the six-game set on Wednesday night at 6:30 p.m. Right-hander Alex McFarlane, a fourth round draft pick of the Philadelphia Phillies in 2022, is scheduled to make his professional debut. Coverage on the **Threshers Broadcasting Network** begins at 6:20 p.m.

FOR STARTERS: Right-hander **Alex McFarlane** is scheduled to make his professional debut for the Threshers on Wednesday night...Selected by Phillies in 4th round (122nd overall) of 2022 MLB Draft out of the University of Miami...Pitched in 27 games, made four starts with Miami in 2022, finished with 3-2 record and 4.00 ERA...Struck out 68 hitters in 45 innings, good for second on the team...As a covid-freshman in 2021, made 16 appearances, including four starts, on the mound for the Hurricanes...Went 2-1 with a 4.50 ERA over 34.0 innings pitched...Struck out 38 batters while walking 15 and holding opponents to a .238 batting average...born in St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands



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SHARK BITES: vs. Tampa in 2022: 14-5, this marks the fourth and final meeting between the Threshers and Tarpons in 2022, Clearwater split a six-game series in Tampa on August 2-7... **KNOW THE FOE:** The Tarpons have surged in the second half, holding a 27-20 record and are only two games out of the final playoff spot in the FSL West. Tampa is 54-59 overall under MiLB's only female manager Rachel Balkovec ... **FISHING FOR TARPON:** The Threshers 14-5 mark against the Tarpons this season is their best winning percentage against any FSL opponent. Clearwater is also a perfect 7-0 at home against Tampa... **HOME SWEET HOME:** The Threshers lead the Florida State League in attendance, welcoming in more than 180,000 fans through the BayCare Ballpark gates so far in 2022, including a league-high 8,017 for the July 3 contest.... **FUN FACT:** Despite missing nearly two months on the injured list, INF Hao Yu Lee is now 6th in the FSL in RBI with 50 and finished with two more hits on Tuesday night ... **NOT SO FUN FACT:** Clearwater has had six losing streaks of three games or more in the second half, *the Threshers are also 6-16 at home in the second half of the season...* **WHO'S HOT:** Catcher Ryan Leitch, a Whitby, Ontario, Canada native that signed a free agent deal with the Phillies in the final week of July is slashing .222 with six RBI in 27 at bats. With a solo home run on Tuesday night, Leitch has launched his first two professional homers in a span of three games ... **SERIES STRUGGLES:** With the win on Sunday evening in Daytona, the Threshers secured only their second series win of the second half. The Threshers taking $\frac{2}{3}$ against Bradenton on July 22-24 is the only other... **ON THE INJURY FRONT:** In the midst of a 9-game on-base streak, INF Alexeis Azuaje was unfortunately placed back on the 7-Day Injured List this week ... OF Yoswar Garcia was reinjured during a rehab outing with the FCL Phillies and replaced on the 60-Day IL... **ON DECK:** Following this six-game set with the Tarpons, the Threshers will travel to Lakeland to battle the Flying Tigers in the final road series of the season August 30-Sept 4

Inside the Numbers:

Current Streak: W2
Last 10: 5-5
VS. Tampa: 14-5
At Home: 25-30
On Road: 29-30
In August: 10-9 (7-17 July)
On Wednesday's: 10-10
Team hitting at home: .225
Team hitting on road: .225
Night games: 45-39
Day games: 9-21
Team hitting in August: .229
Team ERA in August: 4.86
Team hitting vs. LHP: .216
Team hitting vs. RHP: .228
Following a win: 29-23
Following a loss: 24-35
Starters ERA: 4.26
Bullpen ERA: 3.43



Diving Deeper - #19 RHP Alex McFarlane

MCFARLANE, ALEXANDER JEFFREY... RHP...
B-T: R-R... HT: 6-4; WT: 215... BORN: June 9, 2001, St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands... HOW OBTAINED: Selected by Phillies in 4th round, 122nd overall in 2022 MLB DRAFT... High School: Was drafted in the 25th round, 755th overall by the St. Louis Cardinals... Struck out 69 batters as a pitcher and hit .479 with 33 runs scored in lone season playing for Habersham Central High School ... Named team MVP and best hitter in senior season at Habersham Central. Personal: Parents are Roy McFarlane and Tami Noel, has two brothers: Griffin and Whitney, Sports Administration major at University of Miami



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CLEARWATER THRESHERS LATEST TRANSACTIONS

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



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



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