

GAME NOTES

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BROOKLYN CYCLONES (0-0) at ASHEVILLE TOURISTS (0-0)

LHP Josh Walker (0-0, 0.00 ERA) vs. RHP Blair Henley (0-0, 0.00)
McCormick Park | Tuesday, May 4, 2021 | 6:35 PM
Asheville, NC | Game # 1 | Road Game # 1



TODAY: The Brooklyn Cyclones take the field for the first time since September 10, 2019 (602 days) and will do so as a full season ballclub playing in the High-A East league along with 11 other clubs. The Cyclones face the Asheville Tourists, the Houston Astros affiliate, for a six-game series before heading to Greenville, South Carolina for another six-game series.

SAME FACE, NEW PLACE: Brooklyn now joins the ranks of full season baseball, entering the High-A East league along with 11 other teams. The Hudson Valley Renegades (NYY), Aberdeen IronBirds (BAL), Wilmington Blue Rocks (WSH), and Jersey Shore BlueClaws (PHL) make up the North. The South Division is comprised of the Asheville Tourists (HOU), Greenville Drive (BOS), Bowling Green Hot Rods (TB), Greensboro Grasshoppers (PIT), Hickory Crawdads (TEX), Rome Braves (ATL), and Winston-Salem Dash (CWS).

RINSE, AND REPEAT: The 2021 schedule will include six-game series against the same opponent running Tuesday through Sunday with a scheduled off day for the entire minor leagues on Mondays.

2019 CHAMPS: The Cyclones defeated the Lowell Spinners in three games to win the 2019 New York-Penn League Championship and the first outright title in Brooklyn Cyclones history. The 'Clones were declared co-champions with Williamsport after the 2001 season that ended early due to the attacks of September 11, 2001.

BROOKLYN BIG BOYS: The 2021 Cyclones team features SS **Ronny Mauricio** (No. 2), RHP **Matt Allan** (No. 3), and 3B **Brett Baty** (No. 4) who rank as three of the top four prospects in the Mets organization behind catching prospect Francisco Alvarez. All told, the Cyclones host the fifth-most loaded MiLB roster according to Sam Dykstra of *MLB Pipeline*.

OPENING DAY: The Cyclones are 13-6 all-time on Opening Day and 6-3 on the road in season-openers. Brooklyn normally faces off with their New York City opponent the Staten Island Yankees to begin the season but will face the Asheville Tourists for the first time in franchise history, having moved from the New York-Penn League to the High-A East league.

ASHEVILLE DODGERS?: Asheville has hosted baseball since the late 1800s and used to play host to the Brooklyn Dodgers minor leaguers from 1946-1951 and 1953-1955.

RETURN TO ME: Brooklyn's 2021 roster is loaded with members of the 2019 New York Penn League championship team, including LHP **Andrew Edwards** who recorded the final strikeout to secure the victory, and OF **Antoine Duplantis**, who tripled in the game-tying run and scored the go-ahead run in the eighth inning en route to a 4-3 Cyclones victory. In total, 12 members of this roster were on the roster to win the title.

FROM ST. JOHN'S TO CONEY ISLAND: Cyclones manager **Ed Blankmeyer** begins his first official season as the skipper for the club. Blankmeyer was hired in early 2020 to be the Short Season Class A manager after coaching St. John's University for 24 years. He spent the 2020 season at the Alternate Training site in Brooklyn for the second half of the summer.

SUPPORT STAFF: World Series champion **Mariano Duncan** will serve **Ed Blankmeyer** as bench coach, while **Royce Ring** returns to Coney Island as pitching coach. Ring served in the same role in 2018 before ascending to Columbia (formerly Class A). **Nic Jackson** begins his coaching career in the Mets organization as the hitting coach.

Upcoming Opponents & Probable Pitching

DATE	OPPONENT	CYCLONES STARTER	OPPONENT STARTER	TIME
Wednesday, May 5	at ASH	RHP Jose Butto (first start)	RHP Cole McDonald (first start)	6:35 PM
Thursday, May 6	at ASH	RHP Oscar Rojas (first start)	RHP Matt Ruppenthal (first start)	6:35 PM
Friday, May 7	at ASH	RHP Jaison Vileria (first start)	RHP Tyler Brown (first start)	6:35 PM
Saturday, May 8	at ASH	RHP Alec Kisena (first start)	LHP Juan Pablo Lopez (first start)	6:05 PM



28 JOSH WALKER LHP

Height: 6-6 Weight: 225
 Date of Birth: December 1, 1994 Age: 26
 Hometown: Otisville, NY
 How Obtained: Mets 37th round pick, 2017
 College: University of New Haven

OPENING DAY HISTORY: Josh Walker becomes the first Brooklyn Cyclones pitcher in history to start a game at full-season High-A in the history of the franchise.

GRATEFUL: Walker missed the majority of the 2019 season due to surgery to repair nerve damage from a car accident with a driver who made an illegal turn near the team facility in Florida in April 2019.

BACK FOR MORE: Walker returns to the Brooklyn Cyclones for his third campaign, having pitched for the Coney Island club in 2018 and 2019.

I'M PEACOCK, YOU GOTTA LET ME FLY!: Walker embarks on his first full season assignment as a professional...Hampered by injuries since turning pro in 2017, the southpaw has only thrown 61.2 innings over four seasons...His career-high in innings pitched for a season was 32.1 for the Cyclones in 2018.

STRIKE, WHILE THE IRON IS HOT: During his best professional campaign in 2018 throwing 32.1 innings, Walker struck out 11.13 batters per nine innings.

QUARANTINE WORK: During the pandemic shutdown of the minor league season, Walker trained with his younger brother Noah, who played baseball at Division II Greensboro College.

2021 GAME-BY-GAME											
Brooklyn Cyclones											
DATE	OPP	DEC	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K	HR	AVG	

WALKER'S SEASON AND CAREER HIGHS	
2021 Season	Career
	Strikeouts
	Double Digit K Games
	Scoreless Streak
	High Hits, Game
	High HR, Game
	High Runs, Game
	High Walks, Game
	Innings Pitched, Game
	Complete Games
	Shutouts

CATCHER ERA				
NAME	G	ER	INN	ERA
Mena				
Senger				
Uriarte				

CYCLONES STARTING PITCHER BREAKDOWN						
STARTER	GS	Quality Starts	Run Support	RS/Start	BC Record	
Allan, Matt						
Butto, Jose						
Kisena, Alec						
Rojas, Oscar						
Vilera, Jaison						
Walker, Josh						

BROOKLYN CYCLONES PITCHING BREAKDOWN																						
	W-L	ERA	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K	HR	AVG		W-L	ERA	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K	HR	AVG	
STARTERS											HOME											
RELIEVERS											ROAD											
TOTAL											TOTAL											

BULLPEN NOTES

# 22 BRETT BATY - INF			.000, 0 HR, 0 RBI, .000 wOBA, wRC+ --
Last Game:	Home:	Last HR:	Season High, Hits:
RISP:	Road:	Multi-Hit Games:	Season High, Runs:
Streak:	vs. ASH:	Multi-RBI Games:	Season High, RBI:
			Season High, SB:

- Enters his third year in the Mets organization...Rated as the No. 4 prospect in the Mets system and the No. 94 prospect in baseball according to *MLB Pipeline*
- Earned a non-roster invitation to Spring Training in 2021, collecting a double and a single in 10 games and 10 at-bats
- Joined the Alternate Training Site in Brooklyn in 2020
- Spent the majority of his first pro season with Kingsport (R) before a promotion to Brooklyn to finish the 2019 season, winning the league title with the Cyclones
- Committed to the University of Texas before signing with the Mets

# 3 CODY BOHANEK - INF			.000, 0 HR, 0 RBI, .000 wOBA, wRC+ --
Last Game:	Home:	Last HR:	Season High, Hits:
RISP:	Road:	Multi-Hit Games:	Season High, Runs:
Streak:	vs. ASH:	Multi-RBI Games:	Season High, RBI:
			Season High, SB:

- Enters his third year in the Mets organization and his fifth as a professional...Traded from Houston to the Mets in January of 2019 along with 3B J.D. Davis in exchange for OF Ross Adolph, INF Luis Santana, and C Scott Manaea
- Spent the majority of his 2019 campaign with St. Lucie, stroking a career-high five home runs in a career-most 99 games
- Called up to Double-A Binghamton in August 2019 and played eight games...Has played at every level entering 2021
- Originally drafted by Houston in the 30th round of the 2017 MLB Draft.

# 8 ANTOINE DUPLANTIS - OF			.000, 0 HR, 0 RBI, .000 wOBA, wRC+ --
Last Game:	Home:	Last HR:	Season High, Hits:
RISP:	Road:	Multi-Hit Games:	Season High, Runs:
Streak:	vs. ASH:	Multi-RBI Games:	Season High, RBI:
			Season High, SB:

- Enters his third year in the Mets organization...Spent his draft year with Brooklyn and scored the game-winning run against Lowell in the 2019 NYPL Championship
- Recorded eight outfield assists in 47 games to lead Brooklyn
- Finished his LSU career with 359 hits, most in school history and second-most in SEC history behind Cyclones outfielder Jake Mangum (383 hits)...Never finished a season at LSU hitting lower than .316
- Drafted in the 19th round by Cleveland in 2018 but did not sign...Brother, Armond, holds the world record in the pole vault with a height of 6.18 meters.

# 20 JOE GENORD - INF			.000, 0 HR, 0 RBI, .000 wOBA, wRC+ --
Last Game:	Home:	Last HR:	Season High, Hits:
RISP:	Road:	Multi-Hit Games:	Season High, Runs:
Streak:	vs. ASH:	Multi-RBI Games:	Season High, RBI:
			Season High, SB:

- Enters his third year in the Mets organization...Named to the NYPL All-Star team and won a league title with Brooklyn in 2019
- Led the Cyclones with nine home runs and 44 RBIs...Earned Player of the Week honors with the Cyclones during the week of July 7.
- Two-time All-AAC honoree who led USF in home runs in each of his three seasons
- Also drafted by the Los Angeles Dodgers in the 19th round of the 2015 draft.

# 15 JAKE MANGUM - OF			.000, 0 HR, 0 RBI, .000 wOBA, wRC+ --
Last Game:	Home:	Last HR:	Season High, Hits:
RISP:	Road:	Multi-Hit Games:	Season High, Runs:
Streak:	vs. ASH:	Multi-RBI Games:	Season High, RBI:
			Season High, SB:

- Enters his third year in the Mets organization...Led the Brooklyn Cyclones with 17 stolen bases and 10 HBP in 2019, winning a league title
- SEC and Mississippi State hits king, finishing his career with 383 hits and the 4th-most in NCAA history...Won SEC Freshman of the Year award in 2016
- Previously drafted by the Mets (32nd, 2018) and the Yankees (30th, 2017)
- Father, John, played nine seasons as a defensive back with the Chicago Bears

# 2 RONNY MAURICIO - INF			.000, 0 HR, 0 RBI, .000 wOBA, wRC+ --
Last Game:	Home:	Last HR:	Season High, Hits:
RISP:	Road:	Multi-Hit Games:	Season High, Runs:
Streak:	vs. ASH:	Multi-RBI Games:	Season High, RBI:
			Season High, SB:

- Enters his fifth year in the Mets organization...Rated as the No. 2 prospect in the Mets system and the No. 58 prospect in baseball according to *MLB Pipeline*
- Non-roster invitee to Spring Training for the third consecutive season...Spent 2020 at the Mets Alternate Site and had one at-bat with the Tigres del Licey in the Dominican Winter League
- Named a South Atlantic League mid-season All-Star with Columbia (A) in 2019
- Won the 2018 GCL Mets Sterling Award, given to the team's most valuable player...Signed with the Mets as a 16-year-old.

# 16 JOSE MENA - C			.000, 0 HR, 0 RBI, .000 wOBA, wRC+ --
Last Game:	Home:	Last HR:	Season High, Hits:
RISP:	Road:	Multi-Hit Games:	Season High, Runs:
Streak:	vs. ASH:	Multi-RBI Games:	Season High, RBI:
			Season High, SB:

- Enters his sixth year in the Mets organization
- Won a 2019 NYPL Championship with Brooklyn, posting his best offensive season as a professional, posting career highs in batting average, hits, home runs, RBIs, and runs
- Has caught 81% of would-be base stealers (51 of 81) in his previous four seasons in the system.

# 12 GERSON MOLINA - OF			.000, 0 HR, 0 RBI, .000 wOBA, wRC+ --
Last Game:	Home:	Last HR:	Season High, Hits:
RISP:	Road:	Multi-Hit Games:	Season High, Runs:
Streak:	vs. CT:	Multi-RBI Games:	Season High, RBI:
			Season High, SB:

- Enters his fourth season in the Mets organization, having played just one season
- Played 93 games with the Columbia Fireflies (A) in 2019...Struck out 106 times in 326 plate appearances (33% strikeout rate)
- Received a signing bonus of \$175,000
- Played four seasons in the Cuban National Series with Ciego de Avila, hitting .231 over 93 career games and just 26 plate appearances.

# 9 SCOTT OTA - OF			.000, 0 HR, 0 RBI, .000 wOBA, wRC+ --
Last Game:	Home:	Last HR:	Season High, Hits:
RISP:	Road:	Multi-Hit Games:	Season High, Runs:
Streak:	vs. ASH:	Multi-RBI Games:	Season High, RBI:
			Season High, SB:

- Enters his third year in the Mets organization...Spent 2019 with Kingsport, posting a .273 average with seven home runs and 26 RBIs in his first professional season
- Led the K-Mets with 14 doubles and seven triples
- Hit 20 home runs in his senior season at UIC and owns the program record with 163 career RBIs
- His high school coach, Brett Kay, was the catcher on the inaugural season of the Brooklyn Cyclones in 2001.

18 ANDREW EDWARDS - LHP 0.0 K/9, 0.00 ERA, 0 SV

Last App: Last Loss: SV/OP (Last): Holds:
Leadoff: Inherited Runners/Stranded:

- Enters his third year in the Mets organization...Struck out the final batter in Game 3 of the 2019 NYPL Championship Series to win Brooklyn's first outright minor league baseball title in team history
- Spent the entire 2019 season with the Cyclones, collecting three saves
- Went to New Mexico State for two seasons after pitching a pair of campaigns for Central Arizona.

13 JOSH HEJKA - RHP 0.0 K/9, 0.00 ERA, 0 SV

Last App: Last Loss: SV/OP (Last): Holds:
Leadoff: Inherited Runners/Stranded:

- Enters his third year in the Mets organization...Won a 2019 NYPL title with Brooklyn, splitting time with the Cyclones and Kingsport Mets
- Signed as a minor league free agent in mid-summer after pitching in six games with the Westside Wolly Mammoths in the United Shore Baseball League
- Pitched all four years at Johns Hopkins, switching to submarine later in his career.

11 NICK MACDONALD - RHP 0.0 K/9, 0.00 ERA, 0 SV

Last App: Last Loss: SV/OP (Last): Holds:
Leadoff: Inherited Runners/Stranded:

- Enters his third year in the Mets organization
- Pitched across three levels in the system in 2019, including being a member of the 2019 New York-Penn League championship team in Brooklyn
- Drafted after his junior season at Florida International

5 BRIAN METOYER - RHP 0.0 K/9, 0.00 ERA, 0 SV

Last App: Last Loss: SV/OP (Last): Holds:
Leadoff: Inherited Runners/Stranded:

- Enters his fourth year in the Mets org...Won a New York Penn League title with Brooklyn in 2019
- Struck out 40 batters over 28.2 innings with Brooklyn...Spent his first professional season with GCL Mets and Kingsport Mets
- Joins Ronnie Robbins (30th, 1981 - Toronto) as the only two LSU-Alexandria Generals to be drafted by a MLB team in school history
- Native of Natchitoches (NACK-ah-tish), the oldest city in Louisiana (est. 1714).

43 BRYCE MONTES DE OCA - RHP 0.0 K/9, 0.00 ERA, 0 SV

Last App: Last Loss: SV/OP (Last): Holds:
Leadoff: Inherited Runners/Stranded:

- Enters his fourth year in the Mets org...Has not pitched as a professional due to injuries
- Underwent Tommy John surgery as a high school junior and missed 2016 after having ulnar nerve transposition
- Previously drafted by Washington in the 15th round of the 2017 MLB Draft and by the Chicago White Sox in the 14th round of the 2015 MLB Draft.

7 ERIC ORZE - RHP 0.0 K/9, 0.00 ERA, 0 SV

Last App: Last Loss: SV/OP (Last): Holds:
Leadoff: Inherited Runners/Stranded:

- Enters his second year and first full season in the Mets organization
- One of six draft picks by the Mets in the 2020 MLB Draft...final selection for the club
- Two-time cancer survivor, beating testicular cancer and stage-zero melanoma
- Struck out 29 batters over 19.2 innings with Univ. New Orleans in '20 as Saturday starter.

26 MICHEL OTANEZ - RHP 0.0 K/9, 0.00 ERA, 0 SV

Last App: Last Loss: SV/OP (Last): Holds:
Leadoff: Inherited Runners/Stranded:

- Enters his sixth year in the Mets org...No. 26 prospect in the system according to *MLB Pipeline*
- Returns to Brooklyn for the second assignment in a row
- Pitched with the Cyclones and won an NYPL title in 2019 and also spent time with Kingsport • Missed 2017 due to injury...Struck out 21 batters in 21.1 innings with the DSL Mets1 in 2016.

48 MITCH RAGAN - RHP 0.0 K/9, 0.00 ERA, 0 SV

Last App: Last Loss: SV/OP (Last): Holds:
Leadoff: Inherited Runners/Stranded:

- Enters his third year in the Mets organization...Won a title with Brooklyn in 2019, earning the win in the championship-clinching game against Lowell
- Named a New York-Penn League All-Star with the Cyclones
- Named the 2019 Big East Pitcher of the Year with Creighton, sweeping the tournament en route to a title
- Pitched at Creighton for two seasons after spending 2017 with Iowa West and 2016 with Wayne State.

CYCLONES BULLPEN TOTALS

Record: 0-0 **Holds:**
ERA:
Saves/Op:
Hits: **Runs:**
Home Runs:
Walks: **Strikeouts:**
Inherited Runners/Stranded:
Record when bullpen doesn't allow a run:
Record when bullpen allows a run:

LAST FIVE APPEARANCES

ANDREW EDWARDS

DATE	OPP	DEC	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K	HR
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JOSH HEJKA

DATE	OPP	DEC	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K	HR
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NICK MACDONALD

DATE	OPP	DEC	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K	HR
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BRIAN METOYER

DATE	OPP	DEC	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K	HR
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BRYCE MONTES DE OCA

DATE	OPP	DEC	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K	HR
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ERIC ORZE

DATE	OPP	DEC	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K	HR
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MICHEL OTANEZ

DATE	OPP	DEC	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K	HR
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MITCH RAGAN

DATE	OPP	DEC	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K	HR
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Pitcher	Days Rest	Number of Pitches Thrown						
		5/4	5/5	5/6	5/7	5/8	5/9	
Edwards, Andrew	0	--	--	--	--	--	--	
Hejka, Josh	0	--	--	--	--	--	--	
MacDonald, Nick	0	--	--	--	--	--	--	
Metoyer, Brian	0	--	--	--	--	--	--	
Montes de Oca, Bryce	0	--	--	--	--	--	--	
Orze, Eric	0	--	--	--	--	--	--	
Otanez, Michel	0	--	--	--	--	--	--	
Ragan, Mitch	0	--	--	--	--	--	--	

DATE	GM #	OPPONENT	W-L/TIME	SCORE	RECORD	POSITION	GA/GB	WINNING PITCHER	LOSING PITCHER	SAVE	TIME	ATTENDANCE
7/12		OFF DAY										
7/13	61	Jersey Shore	6:30 p.m.									
7/14	62	Jersey Shore	6:30 p.m.									
7/15	63	Jersey Shore	6:30 p.m.									
7/16	64	Jersey Shore	7:00 p.m.									
7/17	65	Jersey Shore	6:00 p.m.									
7/18	66	Jersey Shore	4:00 p.m.									
7/19		OFF DAY										
7/20	67	Wilmington	6:30 p.m.									
7/21	68	Wilmington	6:30 p.m.									
7/22	69	Wilmington	6:30 p.m.									
7/23	70	Wilmington	7:00 p.m.									
7/24	71	Wilmington	6:00 p.m.									
7/25	72	Wilmington	4:00 p.m.									
7/26		OFF DAY										
7/27	73	at Jersey Shore	7:05 p.m.									
7/28	74	at Jersey Shore	7:05 p.m.									
7/29	75	at Jersey Shore	7:05 p.m.									
7/30	76	at Jersey Shore	7:05 p.m.									
7/31	77	at Jersey Shore	7:05 p.m.									
JULY (0-0)												
8/1	78	at Jersey Shore	1:05 p.m.									
8/2		OFF DAY										
8/3	79	Hudson Valley	6:30 p.m.									
8/4	80	Hudson Valley	6:30 p.m.									
8/5	81	Hudson Valley	6:30 p.m.									
8/6	82	Hudson Valley	7:00 p.m.									
8/7	83	Hudson Valley	6:00 p.m.									
8/8	84	Hudson Valley	4:00 p.m.									
8/9		OFF DAY										
8/10	85	at Wilmington	7:05 p.m.									
8/11	86	at Wilmington	7:05 p.m.									
8/12	87	at Wilmington	7:05 p.m.									
8/13	88	at Wilmington	7:05 p.m.									
8/14	89	at Wilmington	6:05 p.m.									
8/15	90	at Wilmington	1:05 p.m.									
8/16		OFF DAY										
8/17	91	at Hudson Valley	7:05 p.m.									
8/18	92	at Hudson Valley	7:05 p.m.									
8/19	93	at Hudson Valley	7:05 p.m.									
8/20	94	at Hudson Valley	7:05 p.m.									
8/21	95	at Hudson Valley	6:05 p.m.									
8/22	96	at Hudson Valley	4:35 p.m.									
8/23		OFF DAY										
8/24	97	Aberdeen	6:30 p.m.									
8/25	98	Aberdeen	6:30 p.m.									
8/26	99	Aberdeen	6:30 p.m.									
8/27	100	Aberdeen	7:00 p.m.									
8/28	101	Aberdeen	6:00 p.m.									
8/29	102	Aberdeen	4:00 p.m.									
8/30		OFF DAY										
8/31	103	Wilmington	6:30 p.m.									
AUGUST (0-0)												
9/1	104	Wilmington	6:30 p.m.									
9/2	105	Wilmington	6:30 p.m.									
9/3	106	Wilmington	7:00 p.m.									
9/4	107	Wilmington	6:00 p.m.									
9/5	108	Wilmington	4:00 p.m.									
9/6		OFF DAY										
9/7	109	at Hudson Valley	7:05 p.m.									
9/8	110	at Hudson Valley	7:05 p.m.									
9/9	111	at Hudson Valley	7:05 p.m.									
9/10	112	at Hudson Valley	7:05 p.m.									
9/11	113	at Hudson Valley	6:05 p.m.									
9/12	114	at Hudson Valley	4:35 p.m.									
9/13		OFF DAY										
9/14	115	Jersey Shore	6:30 p.m.									
9/15	116	Jersey Shore	6:30 p.m.									
9/16	117	Jersey Shore	6:30 p.m.									
9/17	118	Jersey Shore	7:00 p.m.									
9/18	119	Jersey Shore	4:00 p.m.									
9/19	120	Jersey Shore	1:00 p.m.									
SEPTEMBER (0-0)												

1. 5/4 30 Players Named to Opening Day roster