



AKRON RUBBERDUCKS GAME NOTES

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Akron RubberDucks (2-0)

vs

Richmond Flying Squirrels (0-2)

Cleveland Guardians Double-A

San Francisco Giants Double-A

RHP Aaron Davenport (0-0, 0.00 ERA)

LHP Jack Choate (0-0, 0.00 ERA)

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Game 3, First Half Game 3, Away Game 3, Day Game 1, Divisional Game 3

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April 5: RubberDucks 8, Flying Squirrels 3: Travis Bazzana

launched his first Double-A home run as part of his first career professional four hit game.

2025 debut for Davenport: Aaron Davenport makes his 2025 debut in Akron's first day game of the year. Last summer, Davenport made nine of his 27 appearances in day games (2-0, 1.75 ERA, 50 SO). In 2024, Davenport tossed 142.1 innings, going 7-4 with 135 strikeouts and an Eastern League best 2.85 ERA (seventh best in Guardians organization). He made four starts against Richmond last season allowing six runs (four earned) while striking out 18 over 19.1 innings pitched.

Kayfus in the clutch: CJ Kayfus started 2025 driving in four runs and collected four hits in the first two games. In 2024, Kayfus led the Ducks with 55 RBI despite not playing his first Akron game until early June and drove in 92 runs between both levels.

Not terrible twos: Greg DiCenzo returns for his second season as manager of the RubberDucks after guiding Akron to 80 wins and a playoff appearance in 2024. Four of Akron's sixth championships have been won by second year managers (Brad Komminsk in 2003, Mike Sarbaugh in 2009, Chris Tremie in 2012 and Rouglas Odor in 2021). Seven of the 11 managers to return to Akron for a second season have made the playoffs in year two at the helm.

Continuity abounds: Greg DiCenzo is not the only returning face to the Akron dugout in 2025. Six additional members of the 2025 field staff are back from 2024's playoff team (pitching coach **Michael Poole**, hitting coach **Jordan Becker**, strength coach **Mo Cuevas**, athletic trainer **Derrik Diaz**, assistant athletic trainer **Karina Gonzalez** and development coach **Seth Caddell**). Hitting coach **Ian Forster** is also a familiar face in the RubberDucks dugout after he spent 2023 on the Akron staff. Only two members of the coaching staff are completely new to Akron in 2025, bench coach **Marc Mumper** and pitching coach **Kevin Erminio**.

Putting a bow on 2024: The RubberDucks went 80-58 in 2024, winning the Eastern League Southwest Division second half to earn a playoff spot. Despite falling in the Eastern League Division Series, the 2024 RubberDucks won the most games by an Akron team since the 2012 Aeros. Akron picked up 28 of its 81 wins (postseason and regular season) by scoring the go-ahead run in the eighth inning or later. The Ducks won 11 games in walk-off fashion including six Sunday walk-offs. 17 members of 2024 team return to Akron to open the 2025 season.

RubberDucks travel to Flying Squirrels: Akron and Richmond will face off for the first of four meetings between the two clubs and first of two meetings at The Diamond in 2025. The RubberDucks took the season series last year between the two clubs 11-10. Akron leads the all-time series between the two franchises 97-88. Top prospects in this series include:

Guardians (MLB.com): #1 IF **Travis Bazzana**, #7 C **Cooper Ingle**, #8 IF **CJ Kayfus**, #30 RHP **Austin Peterson**

Giants (MLB.com): #7 LHP **Joe Whitman**, #11 RHP **Trent Harris**, #15 IF **Diego Velasquez**, #16 IF **Aeverson Arteaga**, #23 IF **Sabin Ceballos**, #27 LHP **Jack Choate**

Spring Breakout Ducks: 12 members of the 2025 RubberDucks Opening Day roster were on the Guardians Spring Breakout team. In a game called by RubberDucks broadcasters Jim Clark and Marco LaNave, the Guardians prospects defeated the Seattle Mariners prospects 8-7. **Cooper Ingle**, **Joe Lampe** and **Alex Mooney** each recorded hits in the game. 2024 RubberDucks pitcher Parker Messick earned MLB Pipeline All-Spring Breakout First Team honors for his performance in the game.

Champs to QuAkron: Eight members of the 2024 Midwest League champion Lake County Captains have made their way to Akron in 2025. **Travis Bazzana**, **Alex Mooney**, **Jake Fox**, **Allan Hernandez**, **Rorik Maltrud**, **Shawn Rapp**, **Zach Jacobs** and **Jake Miller** come to Akron after helping Lake County win it all.

MVP MVP MVP: **Cooper Ingle** returns to Akron for the 2025 season after playing 25 games for the RubberDucks last summer. The catcher came to Akron on Aug. 12 after batting .313 with nine homers, 18 doubles and 55 RBI in 68 games for Lake County. After the season, Ingle was named Midwest League MVP. The Guardians #7 prospect hit .281 after his promotion to Akron.

Bazzana to the future: **Travis Bazzana** starts the 2025 season with the RubberDucks. The No. 1 overall pick in the 2024 MLB Draft out of Oregon State became the first No. 1 overall draft pick in Guardians franchise history and the first Australian born player to be selected 1st in the MLB Draft. His selection at No. 1 overall made him the 12th player selected first in the draft by one of the big three professional sports teams in Cleveland (Browns 5 picks at No. 1 and Cavaliers 6 picks at No. 1). After the draft Bazzana played 27 regular season games for High-A Lake County batting .238 with three home runs and 12 RBI. He played in all five playoff games for the Captains, helping them to the 2024 Midwest League championship. Bazzana became the fifth Australian born player to wear an Akron uniform.

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

Tuesday, April 8	6:35 p.m.	TBA	vs	Altoona TBA
Wednesday, April 9	6:35 p.m.	TBA	vs	Altoona TBA
Thursday, April 10	6:35 p.m.	TBA	vs	Altoona TBA

2025 RUBBERDUCKS FIELD STAFF

#26 Manager Greg DiCenzo enters his fifth season with the Guardians organization. The 2024 season will be DiCenzo's second as RubberDucks manager, and fourth as a manager in the Guardians organization. He guided the RubberDucks to an 80-58 record and an Eastern League playoff appearance in 2024.

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

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

#55 Hitting Coach Jordan Becker enters his sixth season with the Guardians organization and second with the RubberDucks. In 2023, Becker served as the hitting coach for Lake County.

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

#29 Hitting Coach Ian Forster enters his sixth season in the Guardians organization and second season in Akron. Forster will also be a hitting coach for RubberDucks and returns to Akron after serving as the RubberDucks assistant hitting coach in 2023. He was the Arizona Complex Guardians hitting coach in 2024.

A graduate of North Olmsted High School, Forster played four years at Baldwin Wallace University in Berea.

#12 Pitching Coach Kevin Erminio enters his sixth season in the Guardians organization and first season with the RubberDucks. Prior to coming to Akron, Erminio was the pitching coach for the Lake County Captains for the 2023 and 2024 seasons.

Erminio joined the Guardians organization after a collegiate coaching career that included stops as a pitching coach in Oxford at Miami University and 13 seasons at Kennesaw State.

#54 Pitching Coach Michael Poole enters his third season in the Guardians organization and second season with the RubberDucks. He will be a pitching coach in 2025 after spending 2024 as Akron's assistant pitching coach. Prior to joining the RubberDucks, Poole was the pitching development coach on the Arizona Complex Academy staff.

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

#49 Bench Coach Marc Mumper enters his third season in the Guardians organization and first season in Akron. He will also serve as the Guardians organization's assistant infield coordinator. Prior to coming to Akron, Mumper spent 2024 as the bench coach for Lake County.

A native of Highlands Ranch, CO, Mumper played 157 games from 2016-19 for Grand Canyon University. He then went on to coach at the college level in several different roles from 2019-22 before joining the Guardians organization.

#41 Development Coach Seth Caddell enters his second season as a coach in the Guardians organization and second season with the RubberDucks. Before joining the RubberDucks coaching staff in 2024, Caddell played in the Guardians organization for three seasons as a catcher.

Athletic Trainer Derrick Diaz enters his eighth season in the Guardians organization and second season with the RubberDucks. He also serves as the Guardians organization's assistant coordinator for Dominican Republic Medical Services. Diaz was the Eastern League Athletic Trainer of the Year in 2024. Prior to coming to Akron, Diaz served as the head athletic trainer for the Dominican Republic Complex in 2023.

Assistant Athletic Trainer Karina Gonzalez enters her third season in the Guardians organization and second season in Akron. Prior to coming to Akron, Gonzalez spent the 2023 season at the Guardians complex in Goodyear.

Strength and Conditioning Coach Mo Cuevas enters his 10th season with the Guardians organization and third season in Akron. He was the Eastern League Strength Coach of the Year in 2024. Prior to joining the RubberDucks, Cuevas served as the Guardians rehab strength and conditioning coach in 2022.

Baseball Technology Fellow Kade Enders enters his first season in Akron.

We Are the RubberDucks

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

#13 CAMERON BARSTAD C, L/R Junipero Serra (CA) HS

Twitter: @cameron_barstad IG: @cam17 2025 FA

Last (4/5@RIC) 1-4, bi, 2k Streak +1 (1-4, bi, 2k)
 Series 1-4, bi, 2k '25 Long Hit 1 - active
 R-Trip 1-4, bi, 2k '25 Long OBS 1 - active
 '25/Career High: 1/4 H, 0/3 R, 0/3 2B, 0/1 3B, 0/1 HR, 1/4 RBI, 0/1 SB

5-yr MiLB Totals thru '24: 252 g, .214, 18 hr, 105 rbi, 2 sb, .662 ops

- Signed by the Guardians as a minor league free agent on February 12.
- 2024: Played in 65 games for Miami High-A Beloit batting .221/.322/.356 with six home runs and 29 RBI...Set career highs in hits (49), home runs (6), RBI (29), walks (29) and runners caught stealing (27).
- 2023: Split the season between Single-A Jupiter and High-A Beloit...Hit .236 with three home runs and 28 RBI in 52 games for the Sky Carp...Promoted on May 9 after hitting .164 with one home run and seven RBI in 18 games for Jupiter
- 2022: Played in 55 games for Jupiter batting .233 with three home runs and 22 RBI.
- 2021: Played in 47 games for Jupiter hitting .191 with four home runs, first professional triple and 14 RBI...Missed most of the second half due to a left thumb fracture.
- 2019: Made professional debut in the Marlins FCL team batting .167 with one home run and five RBI in 15 games.
- **High School:** Drafted in the sixth round of the 2018 draft by Miami out of Junipero Serra High School in San Mateo, CA...Had been committed to Oregon...Hit .422 with two homers and 19 RBI while not making an error his senior year of high school...Named All-State first team by Calhispports.com.

#37 TRAVIS BAZZANA IF, L/R Oregon State

Twitter: @TBazzana IG: @travbazzana 2024 (1st round)

Last (4/5@RIC) 4-5, 4r, d, hr, 2bi, k Streak +2 (6-8, 5r, d, hr, 3bi, 2bb, k)
 Series 6-8, 5r, d, hr, 3bi, 2bb, k, 2sb '25 Long Hit 2 - active
 R-Trip 6-8, 5r, d, hr, 3bi, 2bb, k, 2sb '25 Long OBS 2 - active
 '25/Career High: 4/4 H, 4/4 R, 1/3 2B, 0/0 3B, 1/1 HR, 2/4 RBI, 2/2 SB

1-yr MiLB Totals thru '24: 27 g, .238, 3 hr, 12 rbi, 5 sb, .765 ops

Enters the season as the Guardians #1 prospect (MLB.com and Baseball America) and the #9 overall prospect in baseball (MLB.com).

Starting second baseman for the Guardians Spring Breakout team.

2024 Highlights:

- Made professional debut on July 26 for High-A Lake County...Played in 27 regular season games for the Captains batting .238/.369/.396 with three home runs and 12 RBI.
- Played in all five playoff games for Lake County batting .316 with one home run and three RBI while helping the Captains to the Midwest League championship.
- Cleveland's first-ever selection at No. 1 overall and first Australian-born player to be selected with the 1st pick in MLB Draft history.
- **College:** Played in 184 games for Oregon State in three seasons batting .360 with 45 home runs (Oregon State career record) and 165 RBI...Earned First Team All-America honors his junior year by ABCA, Baseball America, College Baseball Foundation, D1Baseball.com, NCBWA, Perfect Game and College Sports Communicators...PAC-12 Player of the Year in 2024...Set an OSU single-season record with 84 runs scored, 28 home runs and a .911 slugging percentage and tied the OSU single-season record with 74 walks in 2024...Reached base safely in all 60 games played in 2024...Played in at least 60 games in all three seasons...Majored in psychology.
- **High School:** Born in Hornsby, New South Wales, Australia and attended Turrumurra High School...Played in the U18 Baseball World Cup for Team Australia in 2019 collecting six hits and four RBI in nine games...Lettered in Cricket First XI from grade 7-12 as a wicketkeeper/opening batsman and captained his team to its first ever state championship...Also ran track and field (100m dash, long jump and high jump) and played basketball, soccer and rugby.

#24 JORGE BURGOS OF, L/L Sanare, VZ

Twitter: IG: @jorge_burgos45 2019 (FA)

Last (4/5@RIC) 1-5, r, hr, 3bi Streak +2 (2-9, 2r, 2hr, 5bi)
 Series 2-9, 2r, 2hr, 5bi '25 Long Hit 2 - active
 R-Trip 2-9, 2r, 2hr, 5bi '25 Long OBS 2 - active
 '25/Career High: 1/3 H, 1/4 R, 0/4 2B, 0/1 3B, 1/2 HR, 3/5 RBI, 0/1 SB

5-yr MiLB Totals thru '24: 393 g, .261, 32 hr, 206 rbi, 27 sb, .748 ops

- 2024: Opened the season with Lake County batting .233 with 14 doubles, 15 home runs and 48 RBI over 71 games...Transferred to Akron on August 26...Hit .127 with three home runs and nine RBI in 15 games for the RubberDucks...Named Midwest League Player of the Week on 6/24 after knocking two home runs and batting .400.
- 2023: Played in 94 games for High-A Lake County batting .238 with 15 doubles, seven home runs and 46 RBI...Hit a grand slam on first pitch he saw in High-A...Hit Lake County's most recent walk-off home run on 5/30/2023 in his only pro multi-HR game to end Quad Cities' 12-game winning streak.
- 2022: Played 105 games for High-A Lynchburg batting .278 with 18 doubles, six home runs and 66 RBI...Finished the season sixth in the Carolina League in average and tied seventh in RBI.
- 2021: Played in 31 games for ACL Cleveland batting .353 with 11 doubles and 14 RBI...Finished the season playing in 23 games for Lynchburg batting .293 with five doubles, nine RBI and first professional home run.
- 2019: Signed with Cleveland...Made professional debut for DSL Cleveland batting .276 with 16 doubles and 14 RBI.
- **Personal:** Born in Barquisimeto, VZ, the same birthplace as former Guardians Andres Gimenez and Carlos Carrasco as well as former Cleveland 2B/UTIL Josh Barfield.

#11 KYLE DERNEDDE IF, R/R Michigan

Twitter: @KyleDernedde IG: @kyled_5 2025 FA

Last Streak
 Series '25 Long Hit
 H-Stand '25 Long OBS
 '25/Career High: 0/0 H, 0/0 R, 0/0 2B, 0/0 3B, 0/0 HR, 0/0 RBI, 0/0 SB

First MiLB season

- Signed by the Guardians as a minor league free agent on February 12.
- 2024: Made professional debut playing in 51 games for the Staten Island FerryHawks of the Atlantic League...Hit .291 with six doubles and 10 RBI.
- **College:** Played all 60 games at shortstop for Michigan as a grad transfer in 2024 after spending previous four years at Oregon State...Hit .251 with four home runs, 29 RBI and 31 runs scored as a captain for Michigan...Academic All-Big Ten Distinguished Scholar and CSC Academic All-District...Played in 116 career games for Oregon State in three seasons batting .235 with five home runs and 50 RBI...Corvallis Regional All-Tournament Team in 2022 and Fort-Worth All-Regional Team in 2021...Teammate of Travis Bazzana at Oregon State.
- **High School:** Four-time First-Team All-League selection...Tualatin High School career leader in hits (124), RBI (72), doubles (31), triples (8), walks (54) and runs scored (92)...Batted .440 with 10 doubles, eight triples, two homers and 31 RBI as a senior while earning All-League and All-State honors...Played in 2018 Area Code Games for the Royals team after junior season...Lettered three seasons in football...2018 Second-Team All-League selection at quarterback and kicker as well as honorable mention at punter.

#8 JAKE FOX OF, L/R Lakeland Christian (FL) HS

Twitter: @Jake_Fox8 IG: @jakefox 2023 (3rd round)

Last (4/4@RIC) 0-3, r, bb Streak -1 (0-3, r, bb)
 Series 0-3, r, bb '25 Long Hit
 R-Trip 0-3, r, bb '25 Long OBS 1 - active
 '25/Career High: 0/4 H, 1/3 R, 0/2 2B, 0/1 3B, 0/1 HR, 0/5 RBI, 0/2 SB

4-yr MiLB Totals thru '24: 312 g, .247, 20 hr, 150 rbi, 46 sb, .719 ops

2024 Highlights:

- Spent entire season with High-A Lake County appearing in 94 games batting .218 with seven homers and 47 RBI...Played in all five playoff games for the Captains batting .364 with two home runs and three RBI including a 3-for-4 performance with a home run and two RBI in the Captains Midwest League championship clinching win.
- 2023: Entered the season as the Guardians #12 prospect (MLB.com)...Played in 101 games for Lake County batting .256 with eight home runs and 53 RBI...Led the Captains in hits (103) and RBI (53)...Ninth most hits in Guardians system.
- 2022: Played in 104 games for Single-A Lynchburg batting .247 with five homers and 44 RBI...Fifth in the Guardians system with a .381 on base percentage...Fourth in the Carolina League in walks, sixth in doubles and OBP, tied seventh in runs...Made 31 starts in CF, 56 at 2B and 5 each at 3B/SS...Went 3-for-18 in five playoff games for the Hillcats.
- 2021: Made professional debut for Cleveland's ACL team batting .405 with six RBI in 13 games.
- **High School:** 3rd Round pick (95 overall) in the 2021 MLB Draft out of Lakeland Christian High School in Lakeland, FL...Had been committed to the University of Florida...Lakeland Christian was ranked in the top-25 USA Today national HS rankings during 2021 season...Played 28 games at shortstop as a senior batting .378 with three homers, 22 RBI and 32 stolen bases...Ranked 11th overall and third best shortstop prospect in the state of Florida.

#15 DAYAN FRÍAS IF, S/R Cartagena, Colombia

Twitter: @FriasDayan IG: @dayanfrias_77 2018 (FA)

Last (4/5@RIC) 1-4, r, d, bb, 2k Streak +2 (2-8, 2r, 2d, 2bi, 2bb, 3k)
 Series 2-8, 2r, 2d, 2bi, 2bb, 3k '25 Long Hit 2 (3-28-29)
 R-Trip 2-8, 2r, 2d, 2bi, 2bb, 3k '25 Long OBS 2 (3/28-29)
 '25/Career High: 2/4 H, 2/3 R, 1/2 2B, 0/1 3B, 0/1 HR, 2/4 RBI, 0/3 SB

5-yr MiLB Totals thru '24: 416 g, .241, 26 hr, 180 rbi, 35 sb, .711 ops

- Opened the season with Triple-A Columbus and went 3-for-7 in three games played with three runs scored and two walks...transferred to Akron on April 1.
- Spring Invitee to Guardians MLB Spring Training camp...Played in 11 games batting .214 with two doubles and one RBI.
- 2024: Entered the season ranked as the Guardians #19/#30 prospect (Keith Law/MLB.com)...First RubberDucks batter since Bo Naylor in 2021 to have multiple grand slams in a season...Hit .203 with five home runs and 46 RBI in a team-high 114 games for Akron.
- 2023: Spent season with High-A Lake County batting .260/.356/.426 with a career-high 11 home runs and 49 RBI...Earned Midwest League Player of the Week honors after recording 10 hits, one home run and seven RBI during the Week of 7/18-23
- Played in all four games for Team Colombia in the World Baseball Classic going 3-for-13 with two RBI.
- 2022: Played a career-high 120 games for Single-A Lynchburg batting .239/.344/.330 with six home runs and 46 RBI. Recorded a career-high 106 hits.
- 2021: Played 42 games with ACL affiliate batting .322/.420/.520 with four home runs and 28 RBI...Named ACL Post-Season All-Star.
- 2019: Played 40 games for DSL affiliate batting .216 with 15 RBI, 37 walks and 10 steals.
- 2018: Signed by Cleveland during the 2018-19 International Signing Period on 7/2/18) in the same class as former RubberDucks Angel Martinez and Gabriel Rodriguez.

Personal: Trained by his father David and former MLB infielder Orlando Cabrera.

RUBBERDUCKS HITTERS

Hitters	Pinch Hitting	Multi-Hit Games					Multi-RBI Games						Home Runs												
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Denedde																									
Fox																									
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Ingle																									
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Lipscomb																									
Mooney																									
Turner																									
Watson																									
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#1 TYRESSE TURNER IF, S/R Southern Cal

Twitter: @TurnerTyresse IG: @tyresse.a.t 2022 (13th round)

Last (4/5@RIC) 0-4, r, k Streak -1 (0-4, r, k)

Series 0-4, r, k '25 Long Hit

R-Trip 0-4, r, k '25 Long OBS

'25/Career High: 0/3 H, 1/2 R, 0/1 2B, 0/1 3B, 0/1 HR, 0/5 RBI, 0/2 SB

2-yr MiLB Totals thru '24: 137 g, .249, 7 hr, 49 rbi, 52 sb, .689 ops

2024 Highlights:

- Played in 14 games for Akron batting .314 with one home run, five stolen bases and five RBI.
- Opened the season with Lake County playing in 58 games batting .249 with three home runs, 21 RBI and 17 stolen bases...Hit .400 in eight games prior to being transferred to Akron (12-30, two doubles, two RBI)...Transferred to Akron Aug. 12.
- Started time with Akron on Dev. List...Activated on 8/20...Homed in first Double-A game.
- 2023: Opened the season with Single-A Lynchburg batting .233 with two home runs and 21 RBI while stealing 26 bases in 52 games...Transferred to Lake County on Aug. 15 and played in 13 games with the Captains batting .267 with one home run and two RBI while swiping four bases...His 30 steals were fourth most in the Guardians organization.
- Drafted by Cleveland in the 13th round out of USC in 2022...Played in 51 games as a senior named to All-Pac-12 Team after he posted a slash line of .330/.419/.524 and set career-highs in almost every statistical category...Played in 108 games in four seasons for the Trojans batting .296 with 20 doubles, nine home runs, 49 RBI and 40 stolen bases (caught just seven times)...Led USC in steals each of his last three seasons...Originally drafted by Miami in the 38th round in 2019 out of Gahr (CA) High School.

#6 KAHLIL WATSON OF, L/R Wake Forest (NC) HS

Twitter: @KahlilWatson1 IG: @ kahlilwatson_ 2023 (Trade)

Last Streak

Series '25 Long Hit

R-Trip '24 Long OBS

'25/Career High: 0/3 H, 0/3 R, 0/2 2B, 0/2 3B, 0/1 HR, 0/3 RBI, 0/3 SB

4-yr MiLB Totals thru '24: 276 g, .229, 40 hr, 133 rbi, 60 sb, .733 ops

Spring Invitee to Guardians MLB Spring Training camp appearing in 15 games batting .381 with one double and one triple.

2024 Highlights:

- Hit .220 with 15 doubles, 16 home runs (tied for team lead), 15 stolen bases and 41 RBI in 96 games for Akron...Appeared in all three RubberDucks playoff games.
- Entered the season ranked as Cleveland's #15 prospect (MLB.com).
- On injured list from July 10-29 with right hamstring strain.
- 2023: Acquired by Cleveland on August 1, 2023 from the Miami Marlins for Josh Bell...Played in 23 games for Lake County (High-A) after the trade...Hit .233 with five home runs, 16 RBI and 11 stolen bases for the Captains.
- Entered the season ranked as the Marlins #3 prospect according to Baseball America...Started the season for the Marlins with High-A Beloit batting .206 with seven home runs, 22 RBI and 14 stolen bases...Placed on injured list on July 15...Went 2-for-6 with two RBI in two rehab games with Marlins FCL affiliate.
- 2022: Started the season with Marlins FCL affiliate batting .273 with one home run and three RBI in five games...Played 83 games for Single-A Jupiter batting .231 with nine home runs, 44 RBI and 16 stolen bases.
- 2021: Played nine games for Marlins FCL affiliate batting .394 with five RBI and four stolen bases.
- Drafted by the Marlins in the first round (16 overall) in the 2021 MLB Draft out of Wake Forest High School...Had been committed to NC State...Ranked fifth best high school player in the nation and best player in North Carolina according to Perfect Game.

RUBBERDUCKS RELIEVERS

#36 JAKE MILLER **Twitter:** **IG: @jakemillerr**
RHP: FB, SL, SW, SPL vs. First Batter: 0-0 (.000) **Inherited Runners-Scored: 0-0 (0%)**
Acquired: 20th round pick in 2021 MLB Draft out of San Diego
3-yr MiLB Totals thru '24: 38/18 g/gs, 5-5, 4.91, 1/5 sv, 95.1 ip, 94 k, .242, 1.29 whip
2024: Pitched the entire season at High-A Lake County appearing in 21 games (four starts) going 5-3 with a 5.83 ERA with 37 strikeouts over 41.2 innings pitched.
2023: Returned from Tommy John surgery by making three starts (four appearances) for ACL Cleveland before pitching in four games with Lake County to finish the season...Made eight appearances for the Peoria Javelinas of the Arizona Fall League.
2022: Made nine starts from April 12 to June 5 for Single-A Lynchburg...Best start was on 5/25 when he struck out a career-high 10 batters in five innings allowing one run.
College: Drafted by Cleveland out of the University of San Diego...Made 34 appearances (21 starts) in three seasons...Went 9-7 with a 3.14 ERA and 151 strikeouts...First team All-West Coast Conference selection in 2021 after leading the WCC with a 2.52 ERA...Tossed a no-hitter on 2/28/2020 against Monmouth striking out 10 while walking just two.
High School: Graduated from Newbury Park High School...Three-time captain, two-time team MVP...Led team to playoffs in 2015, 2017 and 2018 winning league titles in 2017 and 2018...Father played football for the San Francisco 49ers and Oakland Raiders, grandfather played for the then Washington Redskins and his uncle played baseball for the Chicago Cubs.

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

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

#32 ZANE MOREHOUSE **Twitter:** **IG: @zanemorehouse**
RHP: FB, SL, CH vs. First Batter (EL): 0-0 (.000), bb **Inherited Runners-Scored: 0-0 (0%)**
Acquired: 14th round pick in 2023 MLB Draft out of Texas
2-yr MiLB Totals thru '24: 53/0 g/gs, 2-5, 3.79, 13/16 sv, 61.2 ip, 71 k, .236, 1.36 whip
2024: Opened the season with High-A Lake County pitching in 32 games going 1-4 with a 3.47 ERA, seven saves and 43 strikeouts over 36.1 innings pitched...Ranked eighth in the Midwest League in saves at the time of his promotion...Transferred to Akron on July 29...Pitched in 12 games for the RubberDucks going 1-1 with a 1.76 ERA with two saves and 20 strikeouts over 15.1 innings pitched.
2023: Pitched in seven games for Single-A Lynchburg in 2023 picking up four saves and striking out five over 7.2 innings pitched...Made professional debut in ACL pitching in two games striking out three over 2.1 innings.
Amateur: Drafted out of Texas in 2023 after going 4-3 with a 5.21 ERA, seven saves and 60 strikeouts over 57 innings (28 games, 10 starts) in 2023...Pitched in 20 games (six starts) in 2022 striking out 43 over 39 innings in 2022 in first season for the Longhorns...Transferred to Texas in 2022 after pitching in 2020 and 2021 for Dyersburg State (TX)...Went 13-1 with one save and five completed games for Dyersburg State in 2021 (2.59 ERA, 126 strikeouts, 80 innings pitched)...Pitched 15 games as a freshman at Bossier Parrish (LA) in 2019 winning three games, recording two saves and striking out 33 over 35.1 innings pitched...Attended Dawson (TX) High School...Future brother in law, Caden Guffey, was a member of the 2024 Texas LLWS team.

Recent EL Outings (1 scoreless of 1 overall)
1 straight scoreless outings (1.0 innings)

Date	Opp	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K	HR	IR-Sc	
4/4	@RIC	S	1.0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0-0

#30 SHAWN RAPP **Twitter:** **IG: @srapp10**
LHP: FB, SL, SL, CH vs. 1st Batter (EL): 0-0 (.000), hp **Inherited Runners-Scored: 0-0 (0%)**
Acquired: 20th round pick in 2022 MLB Draft out of North Carolina
2-yr MiLB Totals thru '24: 48/0 g/gs, 3-1, 2.43 ERA, 8/11 sv, 63.0 ip, 78 k, .196, 1.14 whip
2024: Opened the season with Triple-A Columbus appearing in one game striking out two over...Transferred to Akron on April 1.
2023: Opened the season making two appearances for the ACL Guardians before joining High-A Lake County...Pitched in 13 games for the Captains going 2-0 with a 3.18 ERA with four saves and 17 strikeouts over 17 innings pitched.
2022: Split the season between Single-A Lynchburg and High-A Lake County...Made 11 appearances for the Hillcats going 1-0 with a 1.72 ERA and two saves...Pitched in 21 games for the Captains going 0-1 with a 2.63 ERA, two saves and 36 strikeouts over 27.1 innings pitched.
College: Drafted out of the University of North Carolina...Pitched in 75 career games going 5-2 with a 4.27 ERA and 124 strikeouts over 99.0 innings pitched...In 2023, he appeared in a D1 best 42 games (fourth most in UNC history)...Averaged 11.8 strikeouts per nine with a 2.7 strikeout to walk ratio in 2023... Ranked second on the team in appearances as a redshirt freshman in 2021...Made his college debut in eight games in the COVID shortened 2020 season.
High School: Graduated from Delbarton School in New Jersey...Played on the same high school team as Yankees infielder Anthony Volpe and Rangers pitcher Jack Leiter...No. 1 left-handed pitcher and NO. 18 player in New Jersey by Perfect Game...Two-time captain and led team to state title and a runner up finish...Struk out 109 batters over his junior and senior years...Older brother, Brian, pitched at Boston College and was selected by the Minnesota Twins in the 2018 draft...Older brother, Tommy, is an Army ranger.

Recent EL Outings (0 scoreless of 1 overall)
0 straight scoreless outings (0.0 innings)

Date	Opp	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K	HR	IR-Sc
4/4	@RIC	1.0	2	3	1	0	0	0	0-0

#28 DAVIS SHARPE **Twitter: @Dsharpe3** **IG: @DavisSharpe**
RHP: FB, CT, SL, CH vs. First Batter: 0-1 (.000), k **Inherited Runners-Scored: 0-0 (0%)**
Acquired: 13th round pick in 2021 MLB Draft out of Clemson
3-yr MiLB Totals thru '24: 117/0 g/gs, 18-10, 3.69, 9/22 sv, 187.2 ip, 203 k, .253, 1.23 whip
2024: Pitched in 38 games for the RubberDucks going 3-2 with a 5.17 ERA and 52 strikeouts over 55.2 innings pitched.
2023: Pitched in 41 games for Akron going 7-5 with a 4.30 ERA, three saves, 64 K, 16 BB, 1.37 WHIP, .276 avg over 60.2 innings pitched...Pitched in four 2023 Major League Spring Training games in relief (1-0, 3 IP, 2 H, 1 R, 3 BB, 2 K).
2022: Pitched 15 games for Single-A Lynchburg (25.1 IP, 3-2, 1/1 save, 1.42 ERA, 5 BB, 39 K, 0.95 WHIP, .207 avg)...Promoted to High-A June 7...Pitched 23 games for Lake County (46 IP, 5-1, 3/5 saves, 2.35 ERA, 7 BB, 48 K, 0.89 WHIP, .209 avg).
2021: Drafted in the 13th round by Cleveland out of Clemson.
Amateur: Attended Clemson as a two-way player...Two-time ACC Academic Honor Roll member...In three seasons appeared in 29 games (24 starts) on the mound going 12-6 with a 3.89 ERA, .232 avg, 54 BB, 152 K...At the plate he appeared in 74 games (66 starts) with .256/.424/.369, 12 doubles, 10 HR, 40 RBI, 44 runs, 35 BB...Eighth in Clemson history in career strikeouts per nine innings pitched (9.87)...John Olerud Two-Way Player-of-the-Year award finalist as a freshman...Drafted in the 34th round by Pittsburgh out of high school...attended Mill Creek (GA) High School.

Recent EL Outings (0 scoreless of 1 overall)
0 straight scoreless outings (0.0 innings)

Date	Opp	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K	HR	IR-Sc
4/5	@RIC	1.1	3	3	3	2	2	0	0-0

RUBBERDUCKS 2025 TRANSACTIONS

27 PLAYERS USED

14 PITCHERS USED

2025 Opening Day Roster (* returning RubberDuck, *Injured List*, **Cleveland Guardians 40-man roster**)

P (14): LH Rodney Boone*, RH Ross Carver*, RH Aaron Davenport*, RH Trenton Denholm*, RH Magnus Ellerts*, RH Allan Hernandez, RH Zach Jacobs, RH Tommy Mace*, RH Rorik Maltrud, RH Jake Miller, RH Zane Morehouse*, RH Austin Peterson*, LH Shawn Rapp, RH Davis Sharpe*

C 2): Cameron Barstad, Cooper Ingle*

IF (6): Travis Bazzana, Kyle Darnedde, Dayan Frias*, CJ Kayfus*, Alex Mooney, Tyresse Turner*

OF (5): Jorge Burgos*, Jake Fox, Joe Lampe*, Guy Lipscomb*, Kahlil Watson*

#	DATE	PLAYER	POS.	FROM	TO	#	DATE	PLAYER	POS.	FROM	TO
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Last time it happened	
Individual Batting	
Pinch-Hit Home Run	Bryan LaHair, 7/6/2014 vs BOW
2 Home Run Game	Milan Tolentino, 7/10/2024 at REA
3+ Home Run Game	Bobby Bradley, 3, 6/27/2017 vs ERI
Leadoff Home Run	Cooper Ingle, 8/21/2024 vs HBG
Walk-Off Home Run	Micael Ramirez, 8/6/2024 vs REA
Walk-Off Win	Guy Lipscomb, 8/24/2024 vs HBG
5 Hit Game	Aaron Bracho, 7/28/2023 at ERI
2 Hits, One Inning	Alexfri Planez/Kahlil Watson, 7/9/2024 at REA
5 RBI Game	CJ Kayfus, 7/9/2024 at REA
6 RBI Game	CJ Kayfus, 6/21/2024 vs BNG
7 RBI Game	Bobby Bradley, 6/27/2017 vs ERI
8 RBI Game	Juan Diaz, 7/8/2012 at BOW
Steal of Home	Dayan Frias, 9/5/2024 at RIC
Team Batting	
4 Home Run Game	7/23/2024 vs BOW
5 Home Run Game	7/6/2024 at ERI
6 Home Run Game	5/11/2019 at REA
7+ Home Run Game	7, 7/2/2008 at ERI
3 Home Runs, One Inning	7/6/2024 at ERI
4+ Home Runs, One Inning	4, 4/30/2017 at BOW
Individual Pitching	
No-Hitter	Ryan Merritt, 7.0, 7/11/2015 vs REA
Complete Game	Will Roberts, 9.0, 6/11/2015 vs NH
Complete Game, 1-Hitter	Will Roberts, 9.0, 6/11/2015 vs NH
Complete Game, 2-Hitter	Tanner Burns, 5.0, 5/16/2023 at RIC
Complete Game Shutout	Parker Messick, 5.0, 6/23/2024 vs BNG
10+ Strikeout Game	Aaron Davenport, 10, 8/3/2024 at HBG
4+ Strikeouts in an Inning	Ross Carver, 4, 8/19/2023 vs ERI

RUBBERDUCKS 2025 FIRST HALF DAY-BY-DAY

Record: Sunday (0-0), Monday (0-0), Tuesday (0-0), Wednesday (0-0), Thursday (0-0), Friday (1-0), Saturday (1-0)

Doubleheaders: 0-0-0 Home Sellouts: 0

Series: First Half: 0-0-0 Home, 0-0-0 Road, 0-0-0 Overall

Second Half: 0-0-0 Home, 0-0-0 Road, 0-0-0 Overall

Home Dates Lost: 0

#	Date	Opp.	Score	W/L	Record	Place	GB/A	Winner	Loser	Save	Time	Att.	Opening / Total (Avg)
1	4/4	@RIC	7-4	W	1-0	T-1st	0.0	Mace (1-0)	Bertrand (0-1)	Morehouse (1)	3:01	9,810	
2	4/5	@RIC	8-3	W	2-0	T-1st	0.0	Carver (1-0)	Mercedes (0-1)	-	3:02	9,325	
3	4/6	@RIC											
4	4/8	ALT											
5	4/9	ALT											
6	4/10	ALT											
7	4/11	ALT											
8	4/12	ALT											
9	4/13	ALT											
10	4/15	@ERI											
11	4/16	@ERI											
12	4/17	@ERI											
13	4/18	@ERI											
14	4/19	@ERI											
15	4/20	@ERI											
16	4/22	RIC											
17	4/23	RIC											
18	4/24	RIC											
19	4/25	RIC											
20	4/26	RIC											
21	4/27	RIC											
22	4/29	@ALT											
23	4/30	@ALT											
24	5/1	@ALT											
25	5/2	@ALT											
26	5/3	@ALT											
27	5/4	@ALT											
28	5/6	SOM											
29	5/7	SOM											
30	5/8	SOM											
31	5/9	SOM											
32	5/10	SOM											
33	5/11	SOM											
34	5/13	@CHE											
35	5/14	@CHE											
36	5/15	@CHE											
37	5/16	@CHE											
38	5/17	@CHE											
39	5/18	@CHE											
40	5/20	ALT											
41	5/21	ALT											
42	5/22	ALT											
43	5/23	ALT											
44	5/24	ALT											
45	5/25	ALT											
46	5/27	@SOM											
47	5/28	@SOM											
48	5/29	@SOM											
49	5/30	@SOM											
50	5/31	@SOM											
51	6/1	@SOM											
52	6/3	CHE											
53	6/4	CHE											
54	6/5	CHE											
55	6/6	CHE											
56	6/7	CHE											
57	6/8	CHE											
58	6/10	@HFD											
59	6/11	@HFD											
60	6/12	@HFD											
61	6/13	@HFD											
62	6/14	@HFD											
63	6/15	@HFD											
64	6/17	@POR											
65	6/18	@POR											
66	6/19	@POR											
67	6/20	@POR											
68	6/21	@POR											
69	6/22	@POR											

RUBBERDUCKS 2025 SECOND HALF DAY-BY-DAY

#	Date	Opp.	Score	W/L	Record	Place	GB/A	Winner	Loser	Save	Time	Att.	Opening / Total (Avg)
70	6/24	HBG											
71	6/25	HBG											
72	6/26	HBG											
73	6/27	HBG											
74	6/28	HBG											
75	6/29	HBG											
76	7/1	@ERI											
77	7/2	@ERI											
78	7/3	@ERI											
79	7/4	ERI											
80	7/5	ERI											
81	7/6	ERI											
82	7/8	RIC											
83	7/9	RIC											
84	7/10	RIC											
85	7/11	RIC											
86	7/12	RIC											
87	7/13	RIC											
Mid-season Break													
88	7/18	@ALT											
89	7/19	@ALT											
90	7/20	@ALT											
91	7/21	@HBG											
92	7/23	@HBG											
93	7/24	@HBG											
94	7/25	@HBG											
95	7/26	@HBG											
96	7/27	@HBG											
97	7/29	ERI											
98	7/30	ERI											
99	7/31	ERI											
100	8/1	ERI											
101	8/2	ERI											
102	8/3	ERI											
103	8/5	CHE											
104	8/6	CHE											
105	8/7	CHE											
106	8/8	CHE											
107	8/9	CHE											
108	8/10	CHE											
109	8/12	@REA											
110	8/13	@REA											
111	8/14	@REA											
112	8/15	@REA											
113	8/16	@REA											
114	8/17	@REA											
115	8/19	NH											
116	8/20	NH											
117	8/21	NH											
118	8/22	NH											
119	8/23	NH											
120	8/24	NH											
121	8/26	@RIC											
122	8/27	@RIC											
123	8/28	@RIC											
124	8/29	@RIC											
125	8/30	@RIC											
126	8/31	@RIC											
127	9/2	BNG											
128	9/3	BNG											
129	9/4	BNG											
130	9/5	BNG											
131	9/6	BNG											
132	9/7	BNG											
133	9/9	@HBG											
134	9/10	@HBG											
135	9/11	@HBG											
136	9/12	@HBG											
137	9/13	@HBG											
138	9/14	@HBG											

Akron Baseball: A Winning Tradition

This is the 36th season of Double-A baseball in Northeast Ohio, and the 28th in downtown Akron. The franchise began as the **Canton-Akron Indians** in 1989, and then moved to **Canal Park** in Akron as the **Aeros** in 1997, later becoming the **RubberDucks** before the 2014 season. The club has made the Eastern League playoffs 19 times overall, and 11 of the last 20 seasons. The team has captured **six league titles**—2003, 2005, 2009, 2012, 2016 and 2021. Notable alumni of the franchise include Jim Thome, Victor Martinez, CC Sabathia, Grady Sizemore, Charles Nagy, Cliff Lee, Jhonny Peralta, Jaret Wright, Francisco Lindor, José Ramírez, Shane Bieber, Steven Kwan and Tanner Bibee.