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JUNE 2024

LETTER FROM THE TEAM

Hey Fans!

It's hard to believe that we've reached June already! It feels like the season is flying by and we want to cherish every minute that we have with you. This month may be a little shorter, but we want to make the most of it.

May was a busy month for the Hillcats as we hosted three series against Kannapolis, Delmarva, and Salem. We saw some fun and awesome giveaways including a Mental Health T-Shirt and a Little Hillcats shirt. We also raised some money for organizations that we're passionate about, including Autism Awareness and Mustaches for Kids. Not only that, we also gave away our throwback jersey, which we hope you're already wearing!

June will be filled with just as much fun! We kick off the month by rebranding as the Lynchburg Skunks, an ode to the furry, stinky creatures that have made the Hill City their home. We'll also giveaway a Shane Bieber bobble-head, honoring the last Cy Young Award winner to come through Lynchburg.

But most importantly, we're going to take the time to get to know you by name. As you hear in our official welcome, you want to be somewhere where everyone knows your name. That's us, we want to know your name, and we look forward to having you inside Bank of the James Stadium this month.

Sincerely,
The Lynchburg Hillcats



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HILLCATS COLLECT LEAGUE AWARDS

The Lynchburg Hillcats have racked up the awards after several impressive weeks from their players.

In the first six weeks of the season, the Hillcats won five weekly awards and one monthly award. Ralphy Velazquez, Matt Wilkinson, Esteban Gonzalez, Angel Genao, and Alonzo Richardson have all won weekly awards for their performance this season. Wilkinson brought home a monthly award as well.

Velazquez was the first to win the Carolina League Player of the Week for his performance from April 8-14. During this stretch, he hit his first career home run, while following it up with a second during the same game. Leaving the week, he was hitting well above .300 and making his mark on the Carolina League.

Ralphy, the Guardians 1st round pick from the 2023 MLB Draft, is in his first professional season of baseball. Drafted straight out of high school, Velazquez is in the process of transitioning from a catcher to a full time first baseman.

Wilkinson would take home his pitcher of the week award after a historic start at the end of April. Against Myrtle Beach, he would go six no-hit, shut out innings, striking out 15. He was the fourth pitcher in Minor League Baseball history to accomplish that feat.

Tugboat, as he is affectionately known, burst on the scene after this start due to his unique nickname and flair on the mound. He quickly became a fan favorite in Lynchburg and across the country due to his style. He was the 10th round pick of the Guardians in 2023.

Wilkinson would finish the month of April with a sub-one ERA, tied for the Minor League lead in strikeouts alongside Paul Skenes. He also led the Carolina League in WHIP.

In the month of May, Lynchburg would tack on three more weekly awards, starting first with Esteban Gonzalez. In his series against Down East, he picked up three home runs, bringing his season total to 4. In the series, he would boost his average from .290 to .326.

Gonzalez, one of the more unheralded prospects on the Hillcats roster, was born in Venezuela in 2003. He signed with the Guardians in 2019 and is in his first full season of Minor League Baseball after spending last season in the complex league.

Angel Genao and Alonzo Richardson would sweep the weekly awards for their performances from May 13-19 against the Delmarva Shorebirds.

Richardson received Carolina League Pitcher of the Week after a dominating performance against Delmarva. In game one of a doubleheader, Richardson would fire a complete game, striking out three, while only surrendering one hit.

Richardson has been in Lynchburg in some capacity since 2022 but has begun to find his stride this season. The right-hander is a converted shortstop from California and signed as an undrafted free agent in 2020.

Wrapping up the weekly awards was Angel Genao, who received Player of the Week honors. The middle-infielder would wrack up four multi-hit performances, including two three-hit games. He would also notch six RBI's over the course of the series.

Genao is in his second full season in Lynchburg but debuted with the team at the end of 2022. The 20-year-old was born in the Dominican Republic and is currently ranked 11th in the Guardians prospect rankings.

The Hillcats and their prospects will look to continue their momentum in the month of June as they face Salem, Delmarva, Augusta, Charleston, and Carolina.



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HILLCATS HOST GUNS AND HOSES EVENT

For the second straight season, the Lynchburg Hillcats supported the local Lynchburg police and fire department through a game of slow-pitch softball.

Representatives from both departments squared off in a seven-inning game to secure bragging rights and a trophy for their squads. The fire department got out to an early lead and would not look back. They kept stacking base hits together and would walk away victorious.

The police department made a push in the final inning, but fell just short, granting the fire department the much-coveted bragging rights.

The Lynchburg Police Department won in 2023 and had housed the trophy for the last year, but with the loss, they had to give away the reward to their arch rivals (on the field).

Surrounded by friends and family, it was a great afternoon of celebrating the local police and fire departments.



A close-up portrait of an older man with white hair, smiling slightly. He is wearing a dark suit jacket over a light blue collared shirt. The background is a soft, out-of-focus grey.

REMEMBERING DAVE ELMORE

Remembering the Legacy of David Elmore: A Visionary and Inspirational Leader

Palm Desert, CA - It is with deep sadness that we announce the passing of David Elmore, a visionary entrepreneur, and a cherished member of the professional sports community. Dave leaves behind an immense void in the world of business, philanthropy, the Olympics, and his profound impact on professional baseball and hockey. He will be remembered not only for his remarkable achievements, but also for his unwavering commitment to these sports and their global significance.

Dave Elmore created the Elmore Sports Group, a conglomerate of Minor League Baseball teams, professional hockey clubs, facility, concessions and special event management companies.

David Elmore's passion for professional baseball was exemplified through his ownership of numerous minor league teams across the country. His entrepreneurial spirit and dedication to sports transformed communities and brought the joy of baseball and hockey to fans of all ages.

As the founder and owner of several minor league baseball teams, including the Eugene Emeralds, Colorado Springs Sky Sox, Rocky Mountain Vibes, Inland Empire 66ers, Amarillo Sod Poodles, San Antonio Missions, Idaho Falls Chukars and Lynchburg Hillcats, David Elmore established a lasting legacy in the world of sports. Through these teams, he created opportunities for aspiring players, entertained countless fans, and contributed to the growth and development of the sport. He was inducted into the Pacific Coast League and Texas League Halls of Fame and was recognized as King of Baseball in 2016.

Beyond his involvement in professional baseball, David Elmore's visionary leadership extended to various sports ventures. Dave Elmore had a passion for hockey, owning the Utah Grizzlies and the Idaho Falls Spud Kings. Dave along with his wife, Donna Tuttle, moved the Grizzlies from Denver to Utah, and aided West Valley City in the development of the Maverik Center in Salt Lake City, a state-of-the-art sports and entertainment arena which hosted the 2002 Winter Olympics. This multi-purpose facility became a hub for sporting events, concerts, and community gatherings, providing an unforgettable experience for attendees and contributing to the local economy.

As we mourn the loss of David Elmore, let us also celebrate his profound contributions to professional baseball, the sports industry, and the Olympic movement. His visionary leadership, unwavering commitment, and entrepreneurial spirit have left an indelible mark, igniting the passion for sports in communities and fostering a legacy of excellence and inclusivity.

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VOTE FOR PLAYER OF THE YEAR

The Lynchburg Hillcats are excited to bring back one of the traditions from our past this season.

Lynchburg and Arthur's Jewelry are teaming up to bring back the Hillcats Player of the Year! Fans in attendance at Bank of the James Stadium will have the opportunity to place their vote for which Hillcats's player they believe deserves the award.

As part of the award, both the player and one of the fans that voted for them will receive a free watch, courtesy of Arthur's Jewelry. The award and the watch will be handed out at Fan Appreciation Night on September 1st.

Arthur's Jewelry is a family owned and operated jewelry store located in Bedford, Virginia. Located at 111 N Bridge St., Arthur's Jewelry is the community's home for engagement rings, fine jewelry, and diamonds.

Fans can cast their vote for Player of the Year by visiting the promotions booth located on the concourse during any of the Hillcats home games in 2024.

The advertisement features a photograph of a baseball game in progress. A batter in a red jersey is swinging a bat, while a catcher in a white and red uniform is crouching behind home plate. An umpire in a blue shirt is also visible. The background shows a green field and a blurred player in the distance. Text overlays include: "OFFICIAL INFIELD PLAYING SURFACE OF MINOR LEAGUE BASEBALL" at the top; "Minor League Baseball trusts DuraEdge." in large white letters; "And you can, too." in smaller white letters; the Lynchburg Hillcats logo; a QR code with "DURA-EDGE" text; a call to action: "Scan for resources to help keep your infield performing all season long."; the DuraEdge logo with "ENGINEERED SOILS" underneath; the MLB logo; and "OFFICIAL INFIELD PLAYING SURFACE OF MINOR LEAGUE BASEBALL" at the bottom. A small disclaimer at the very bottom reads: "Major League and Minor League Baseball trademarks and copyrights are used with permission of Major League Baseball. Visit MLB.com and MiLB.com."

STRIPE THE SKUNK: A KID'S BASEBALL STORY

In the heart of Lynchburg, Virginia, an unusual sight was turning heads and sparking conversations. Nestled between the Blue Ridge Mountains and the James River, this charming city had a new star rising in its midst—a skunk named Stripe.

Stripe wasn't your average skunk. He had a keen sense of adventure and a passion for baseball. Every evening, when the sun dipped low and the air cooled, Stripe would sneak out of his cozy den in the woods and head towards Bank of the James Stadium, where the city's baseball diamond awaited.

It all began one summer night. The Lynchburg Legends, the local youth baseball team, were practicing late, their laughter and cheers echoing through the empty park. Stripe, curious and drawn by the noise, scurried closer. He watched from behind a bush, his nose twitching in excitement as he observed the players swinging bats and catching balls.

One of the players, a boy named Jack, noticed Stripe's black and white fur peeking through the leaves. Instead of being scared or shooing him away, Jack approached gently, a baseball in hand. "Hey there, little guy," he said softly, holding out the ball. Stripe, intrigued, sniffed it cautiously before nudging it with his paw.

To everyone's surprise, Stripe picked up the ball with his tiny claws and gave it a tentative throw. The ball arced through the air, landing perfectly in Jack's glove. The team, initially taken aback, burst into applause. Stripe, pleased with the response, lifted his tail high in the air, a skunk's equivalent of a triumphant cheer.

From that day on, Stripe became an unofficial member of the Lynchburg Hillcats. Each evening, he'd join the boys for practice, showing remarkable skill and agility. His presence brought a unique charm to the team, and the story of the baseball-playing skunk quickly spread through the town.

One weekend, the Hillcats had a crucial game against their rivals, the Salem Red Sox. The stadium was packed, and the atmosphere buzzed with anticipation. Stripe took his usual spot near the dugout, ready to offer his support.

The game was intense, with both teams neck and neck. In the final inning, with bases loaded and two outs, it was Jack's turn to bat. The pressure was immense, and the crowd held its breath. Jack glanced towards Stripe, who gave him a confident nod, his tail flicking encouragingly.



Jack swung with all his might, connecting with the ball and sending it soaring into the outfield. The crowd erupted in cheers as the runners rounded the bases, securing a victory for the Hillcats. Amid the celebration, Stripe dashed onto the field, his tiny paws carrying him swiftly to Jack's side. The team hoisted their skunk mascot high, their joy multiplied by the presence of their unlikely friend.

Lynchburg had seen many heroes over the years, but none quite like Stripe. His love for the game and his bond with the team brought the community closer, proving that sometimes, the most unexpected players make the biggest impact. And so, in the heart of Virginia, under the soft glow of the stadium lights, a skunk named Stripe etched his name into the annals of local legend, forever remembered as the little skunk with a big heart who loved to play baseball.



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Weekly Promos



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SIGN UP FOR THE YOUTH BASEBALL CLINIC

It's that time again! The Lynchburg Baseball Corp. will be conducting the 34th annual Youth Baseball Clinic at Bank of the James Stadium on Monday, July 15th and Tuesday, July 16th from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm. Boys and girls ages 6-14 are invited to attend and will receive quality instruction while learning the fundamentals of baseball from local coaches.

Participation fee: \$125 per child. (\$100 for Southpaw Kids Club members & season ticket holders)

Each child is required to bring his/her own bat, glove, cap, bag lunch, water bottle, and workout clothing.

Each child will receive a clinic t-shirt and one complimentary GA ticket to the Hillcats baseball game on Sunday, July 14th.

Lunch from Jersey Mike's will be provided to campers on Tuesday, July 16th.

Parents are encouraged to stay and watch the clinic from the stands.

Registration is not guaranteed until payment has been received by the Hillcats. Please download, complete, and email the registration form to hallred@lynchburg-hillcats.com. For more information, please call (434) 528-1144 x 8122.



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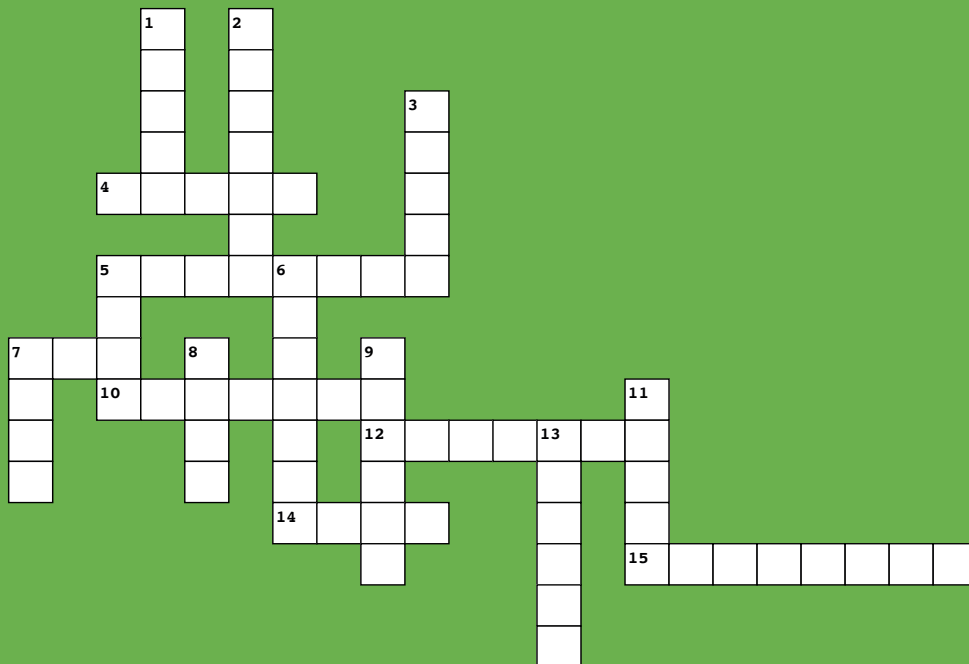
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Across

4. to toss a ball
5. the grassy area of the playing surface
7. what you use to hit the ball
10. "Bank of the James _____"
12. the player on the mound
14. what the infield is made of
15. the mascot of the Hillcats

Down

1. the manager of the Hillcats
2. to win the game on the final swing
3. where the pitcher stands
5. three of these in each inning
6. the dirt area of the playing surface
7. the thing thrown
8. the thing players stand on
9. the person who calls balls and strikes
11. what the outfield is made of
13. the person who swings the bat



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