



2024 Fort Wayne TinCaps Game Notes



Fort Wayne TinCaps (26-35) @ Lake County Captains (37-24)

Saturday, June 15 | 7pm | Classic Auto Group Park | Eastlake, OH

RHP Dylan Lesko (No. 3 Padres prospect) vs. RHP Trenton Denholm

Video: [Bally Live app \(FREE\)](#) & [MiLB.TV](#) | Radio: 1380 The Fan & 100.9 FM / [TinCaps.com](#)

News & Notes

Padres Prospects (MLB.com)		
No. 1	RHP	Ethan Salas
No. 3	RHP	Dylan Lesko
No. 8	OF	Homer Bush Jr.
No. 16	RHP	Braden Nett
No. 18	LHP	Jagger Haynes
No. 27	INF	Jay Beshears
No. 28	RHP	Bradgley Rodriguez
No. 30	RHP	Henry Baez

Guardians Prospects (MLB.com)		
No. 11	SS/3B	Angel Genao
No. 18	OF	Jake Fox
No. 19	SS/3B	Jose Devers
No. 20	SS	Alex Mooney
No. 21	LHP	Parker Messick

Apple Slices			
Home:	16-15	Score 1st:	11-20
Road:	10-20	Score ≤ 3:	6-27
Day:	12-6	Score 5+:	17-5
Night:	14-29	1-run gms:	9-13
Sunday:	7-3	2-run gms:	7-2
Monday:	--	Lead after 6:	15-5
Tuesday:	1-8	Trail after 6:	6-25
Wednesday:	3-7	Lead after 7:	16-5
Thursday:	4-6	Trail after 7:	3-27
Friday:	4-5	Lead after 8:	16-3
Saturday:	6-6	Trail after 8:	1-28
April:	8-13	With HR:	12-9
May:	14-14	Without HR:	14-26
June:	4-8	Multiple HR:	4-3
July:	--	Comebacks:	16
August:	--	Shutouts:	3-4
September:	--	Extra inn:	5-7

2024 vs. Lake County (6-10)	
April 9: L, 7-2	June 11: L, 1-0
April 10: PPD	June 12: W, 3-1
April 11: PPD	June 13: L, 13-6
April 12: L, 7-6	June 14: L, 3-2 (10)
April 13: W, 4-3 (7)	June 15:
April 13: W, 3-0 (7)	June 16:
April 14: W, 8-7	July 19:
April 30: L, 1-0 (10)	July 20:
May 1: L, 7-6	July 21:
May 2 GM 1: W, 3-0	
May 2 GM 2: W 3-1	
May 3: L, 6-4	
May 4: L, 10-1	
May 5: L, 6-0	

LAST GAME: The TinCaps held a 2-1 lead from the 4th inning until the 9th when the Captains tied it to go to extras. Lake County walked it off in the bottom of the 10th to win 3-2.

CLOSE CALLS: The 'Caps have played 12 extra-inning games, the most in all of MiLB. 12 extra-inning games is the most through the first half of the season (66 games) since 2015 (Akron, played in 15). Since 2016, only 5 teams have played 12 extra-inning games through their first 66 (Memphis, Clearwater - 2021, Erie, Tennessee - 2018, Reading - 2016). The TinCaps have played 22 one-run games, the most among all High-A clubs.

HOMER BUSH JR: 29 stolen bases, 2nd in MWL... 9 HBP, 6th in league...18 game on-base streak snapped on Thursday (longest for a TinCap this season; last year **Jakob Marsee** had an 18-game on-base streak and a 21-gamer, while **Nathan Martorella** had a team-long 22-game streak).

ETHAN SALAS: Tied for the team lead with 30 walks (Devin Ortiz). Ranks 20th in the MWL in BB% (13%). No other teenager is top-60 in the league. Also 2nd on the team in doubles with 10.

GRIFFIN DOERSCHING: 8 home runs, 9th in MWL.

JAGGER HAYNES: 11 strikeouts on Thursday night were a career-high and the most for a TinCap this season. The last time a Fort Wayne pitcher struck out 11 was Sept. 2 vs South Bend (**Austin Krob**, No. 9 Padres prospect).

DEFENSE: TinCaps catchers are 1st in the MWL in caught stealing % at 30% (the league average is 22%). Individually, **Anthony Vilar** ranks 2nd in CS (16 of 38) and **Ethan Salas** ranks 9th (12).


RALLY CAPS: The TinCaps have overcome a deficit in 16 of their 26 wins.


IN THE BIGS: On Wednesday night, 2023 TinCap **Jackson Merrill** hit his 1st career walk-off HR to beat the Oakland A's 5-4. Merrill hit 5 HRs at Lake County last season.


260 TO THE SHOW: Since Fort Wayne's franchise was founded in 1993, the club has had 224 alumni go on to reach the big leagues, including 46 in MLB so far this year. The list features All-Stars like **Fernando Tatis Jr.** (2017), **Trea Turner** (2014), **Max Fried** (2013-14), **David Bednar** (2016-17), **Ty France**, and **Miles Mikolas** (2010), plus rookies **Jackson Merrill** and **Graham Pauley** (2023). **Adam Mazur**, who pitched in 12 games for the TinCaps last year, debuted with the Padres last week.


[HOME RUN DERBY X: Coming to Parkview Field on Saturday, Aug. 10. Tickets on sale now. The event is set to feature MLB legends Nick Swisher and Jake Arrieta, as well as softball/women's baseball stars Jocelyn Alo and Alex Hugo. More names will be announced in the coming weeks.](#)


San Diego Padres Affiliates

Triple-A: **El Paso Chihuahuas** (El Paso, TX) 

Double-A: **San Antonio Missions** (San Antonio, TX) 


High-A: **Fort Wayne TinCaps** (Fort Wayne, IN) 

Single-A: **Lake Elsinore Storm** (Lake Elsinore, CA) 


Rookie: **ACL Padres** (Peoria, AZ) 


Rookie: **DSL Padres**

Cleveland Guardians Affiliates

Triple-A: **Columbus Clippers** (Columbus, OH) 

Double-A: **Akron RubberDucks** (Akron, OH) 

High-A: **Lake County Captains** (Eastlake, OH) 

Single-A: **Lynchburg Hillcats** (Lynchburg, VA) 

Rookie: **ACL Guardians** (Goodyear, AZ)

Rookie: **DSL Guardians** 

Upcoming Schedule

Sunday, June 16 @ Lake County (4pm)

RHP Braden Nett (No. 16 Padres prospect) vs. RHP Austin Peterson

Monday, June 17

OFF

Tuesday, June 18 vs. Wisconsin (7:05pm)

Wednesday, June 19 vs Wisconsin (7:05pm)

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DAISIES: The TinCaps wore special jerseys Saturday as a tribute to the Fort Wayne Daisies of the All-American Girls Professional Baseball League. During their existence from 1945-54, the Daisies won 3 regular season titles and reached the championship series 4 times. Former Daisies pitcher **Dolly Vandertip Ozburn** and utility player **Katie Horstman** were in attendance, along with **Jeneane DesCombes Lesko** (Grand Rapids Chicks LHP/OF) and **Mary Moore** (Springfield Sallies and Battle Creek Bells 2B). They'll be recognized during the game, along with the relatives of 9 late members of the Daisies. The jerseys are being auctioned off at [TinCaps.com/auction](https://www.tincaps.com/auction) through Sunday night, with proceeds going to honor the Daisies' legacy. Last year, in partnership with FW Parks & Rec, the TinCaps unveiled new monuments at nearby Memorial Park, where the team used to play... Additionally tonight, the women will sign autographs and take photos with fans. The South Bend History Museum, which features a collection of AAGPBL items, had a kiosk at the ballpark, too... Peoria also had a team in the AAGPBL, the Redwings, from '46-51.

'CAPS IN THE COMMUNITY: On May 24, TinCaps players and staff volunteered with The Rescue Mission, a local non-profit organization that provides restorative care to those experiencing a homelessness crisis. One group served lunch and helped with other chores at the Life House building downtown, while others assisted at Charis House, a shelter for women and children, and yet another group offered aid at Treasure House, a thrift store.

FORT WAYNE FAITHFUL: Parkview Field hosted sellout crowds May 17-19, including May 18's season-high turnout of 8,402. That was the largest for a May game in the franchise's history. It was also the largest crowd at Parkview Field for a non-July 4th date since 2018. The weekend marked the first time the TinCaps sold out 3 consecutive games since 2018, and was the highest attendance for a Friday-Sunday stretch since 2015... The TinCaps sold out 2 more games last home series as well.

SLAM FACTOIDS: Fort Wayne hit a grand slam in 3 consecutive games (May 18-21) for the first time in franchise history. (Research credit: **Dylan Sinn** from *The Journal Gazette*.) The MLB record for consecutive games with a slam is 4 (Padres, 2020).

MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS NIGHT: Last month MiLB and RADical Hope announced a new partnership aimed at addressing the mental health crisis across the United States by empowering young adults with skills and resources so they're equipped to cope *before* they reach a crisis point. As part of Mental Health Awareness Month, the TinCaps are one of select teams offering a free workshop at Parkview Field where RADial Hope is sharing mental health resources, skills, and exercises for building resiliency, as well as discussion-based activities to further the conversation on mental health... In partnership with Parkview Sports Medicine as well, the TinCaps invited local middle school, high school, college, and club team captains and coaches for a wellness training on Saturday. Participants also received a free ticket and food voucher for that night's game... Additionally, the following non-profits have kiosks on the concourse: Fort Wayne's chapter of the National Alliance on Mental Illness; Remedy Live; Samaritan Dog; Sunny PATHH; and Great Kids Make Great Communities.

BACK AT PARKVIEW FIELD: While the TinCaps were on the road in May, the Parkview Sports Medicine Baseball Classic concluded with the 3rd night of high school baseball doubleheaders. **Kylar Decker**, a TinCaps Grounds Crew intern, threw a 3-hit shutout for Leo over Columbia City, while **Grant Peters**, also a member of the Grounds Crew's gameday staff, tossed a 2-hit shutout for Carroll over Homestead... Last week New Haven beat Woodlan and Northrop took on North Side... Tuesday saw matchups between Wayne and South Side, and Snider versus Blackhawk Christian.

PROSPECTS: Catcher **Ethan Salas** isn't just the top-rated Padres prospect, he's also the top catching prospect in baseball, according to MLB.com. They also rank Salas as the No. 6 overall prospect. Starting pitcher **Dylan Lesko** is the top righty in San Diego's system and MLB.com's 9th best RHP across the sport. Meanwhile, *Baseball America* included outfielder **Tyler Robertson** and first baseman **Griffin Doersching** on their pre-season "top 40." *BA* also highlighted reliever **David Morgan** on a list of prospects who impressed during spring training and ranked him as San Diego's 23rd best prospect... *Baseball America* has ranked Fort Wayne's roster as 1 of the 10 most talented in all of MiLB.

WEATHER WOES: 3 of the first 7 home dates at Parkview Field were rained out... April also featured another game delayed more than 70 minutes by rain.

CONSECUTIVE POSTPONEMENTS: Before April 10-11, Fort Wayne hadn't had consecutive home games postponed since May 30-31, 2006. That was at Memorial Stadium. Parkview Field opened in 2009. **Ethan Salas** was born June 1, 2006.

FUN FACT: The first game in Fort Wayne's franchise history was April 10, 1993 on the road against the Waterloo Diamonds (then a Padres affiliate). Waterloo's starting second baseman was **Homer Bush Sr.**, who went on to be a MWL All-Star... The current voice of the Dragons, **Tom Nichols**, was on the radio call for the Wizards then.

PREMEIR PLAY: **Lucas Dunn's** 10th-inning diving catch and outfield assist from left field on Opening Day at Great Lakes was 1 of 5 finalists for MiLB's Premier Play of the Week that week.

AROUND BASEBALL: MLB.com's No. 1 ranked prospect, **Jackson Holliday**, made his debut with the Orioles last month. His uncle, Josh, is the head coach at Oklahoma State, where TinCaps first baseman **Griffin Doersching** played as a grad student in 2022. At the time, former MLB All-Star **Matt Holliday** was a volunteer assistant coach, and Jackson, as a high schooler, was often around.

BASEBALL HISTORY: On May 4, 1871, the Fort Wayne Kekiongas played the Cleveland Forest Citys in the first ever professional baseball league game. The game, played at present-day Camp Allen Park just outside of Downtown Fort Wayne, marked the start of the National Association, which later became the National League. Fort Wayne won, 2-0, led by starting pitcher **Bobby Mathews**... On May 6, 1927, the Yankees played an exhibition game against the Lincoln Lifers semi-pro team at League Park in Fort Wayne (where Headwaters Park is now downtown). New York was in between traveling from Washington D.C. to Chicago. The exhibition was tied, 3-3, through 9 innings until **Babe Ruth** hit a 2-run homer in the 10th to lead the Yankees to a 5-3 win in front of a crowd of more than 3,000... **Tony Gwynn** was born May 9, 1960. Gwynn and the Padres twice visited Fort Wayne for exhibition games (May 13, 1999 and April 27, 2001).

ATTENDANCE CONTEXT: Parkview Field's Opening Day crowd of 4,422 was the largest Opening Day gathering here since 2017 (when Opening Day fell on a Saturday). The TinCaps had the largest crowd of the night in the MWL.

WHAT'S NEW AT PARKVIEW FIELD: During the off-season, as part of a \$1.2 million project to comply with MLB specifications, Parkview Field's playing surfaced was replaced. Additionally, the front steps of the ballpark were improved, as was the flooring of the PSM Treetops, while other areas of the yard were freshly painted... New concessions options include popcorn in a batting helmet, elote, and Bloody Marys.

15th ANNIVERSARY: This season marks a decade and a half of TinCaps baseball at Parkview Field. During the year, the team is celebrating with special edition jerseys for select home games, among other promotions.

Coaching Staff

15 Mike Daly Manager Age: 46

- **FROM:** Atlanta, GA + Cincinnati, Ohio
- **COLLEGE:** LSU (1997, 2000 National Champion)
- **CAREER:** Daly began in the Cleveland Guardians organization where he worked in their baseball operations department from 2001-2002 and as an area scout from 2003-2006. After 6 seasons with Cleveland, Daly moved to the Texas Rangers organization and was promoted to their Director of International Scouting in 2009. He spent 4 years in that position and became the Senior Director of Player Development in 2014. Eventually Daly was the assistant general manager from 2016-2021. In the fall of 2021, Daly was named the Assistant Director of Player Development for the San Diego Padres. He remained in that position until being hired as Fort Wayne's manager in January 2024.

45 Thomas Eshelman Pitching Coach Age: 29

- **FROM:** Carlsbad, CA
- **COLLEGE:** Cal State Fullerton (3 seasons with a sub-2.00 ERA)
- **DRAFTED:** 2015, 2nd RD (Houston)
- **CAREER:** Eshelman played in the minor leagues from 2015-2019 with the Astros, Phillies, and Orioles organizations. He made his major league debut with the Baltimore Orioles in 2019. Eshelman pitched in the majors from 2019-2021 in 31 games, all with the Orioles.
- **COACHING:** After retiring from playing in 2022, Eshelman began his coaching career last season as the pitching coach of the Lake Elsinore Storm.

24 Jhonaldo Pozo Bench Coach Age: 35

- **FROM:** San Pedro de Macoris, Dominican Republic
- **CAREER:** Pozo was a utility player that mostly played catcher. He played in the Padres organization from 2007-2011 and made a stop in Fort Wayne for 6 games in 2011.
- **COACHING:** 2024 marks Pozo's second stint as bench coach of the TinCaps. The former catcher was on staff in 2022 under manager Brian Esposito. Last year, Pozo served as the bench coach of the Lake Elsinore Storm. He spent the 2010 and 2011 seasons playing in Lake Elsinore before retiring and becoming a minor league coach.

13 Jed Morris Hitting Coach Age: 44

- **FROM:** Eugene, Oregon
- **COLLEGE:** University of Nebraska (2002 BIG12 Player of the Year, .382AVG, 23 HRs, 90 RBI, led Nebraska to the College World Series back-to-back seasons.)
- **DRAFTED:** 2002, 36th round (Oakland)
- **CAREER:** Morris played in the minors from 2002-08, all with the A's organization. He was diagnosed with Leukemia in 2006 and missed almost all the 2007 season. After undergoing treatment, Morris returned in 2008. He played 2 years of independent league ball in 2009 and 2010
- **COACHING:** Morris was the head coach of Eastern University from 2012-2018. He's been a hitting coach in the Padres organization since 2018.

Athletic Trainer: **Lauren Gottschall** Strength Coach: **Chandler Craig** Clubhouse Manager: **Sam Lewis**
 Video Analyst: **Dylan Bryant** Performance Analyst: **Greg Bender** Clubhouse Manager: **Hunter Sosenheimer**

Notable Padres Player Development / Baseball Operations Staff

President of Baseball Ops & GM:	A.J. Preller	VP of Player Development:	Ryley Westman
Asst. Dir. of Player Development:	Mike Daly	Dir. of Pitching Development:	Rob Marcello
Infield Coordinator:	Felipe Blanco	Catching Coordinator:	Brian Whatley
Hitting Coordinator:	Jonny Mathews	Field Coord. & Player Performance:	Vinny Lopez

About the TinCaps

- **OWNERSHIP:** Hardball Capital (also operates Single-A Columbia and Double-A Chattanooga)
- **PRESIDENT:** Mike Nutter
- **FOUNDED:** 1993 as the Fort Wayne Wizards
- **AFFILIATION:** Minnesota Twins (1993-98), San Diego Padres (1999-present)
- **NAME:** Became the TinCaps in 2009 while moving into Parkview Field from the old Memorial Stadium... TinCaps is a reference to Johnny Appleseed aka John Chapman, who's laid to rest in Fort Wayne and was known for wearing a tin cap on his head
- **MWL TITLE:** 2009
- **MLB ALUMNI:** 212 TinCaps players have gone on to become major leaguers including including 2022 All-Stars Trea Turner (2014), Ty France (2016), Max Fried (2013), Miles Mikolas (2010), and David Bednar (2016-17), along with two-time Cy Young winner Corey Kluber (2008)... Other past greats include LaTroy Hawkins (1993), Torii Hunter (1994), and Jake Peavy (2000). Other past greats include LaTroy Hawkins (1993), Torii Hunter (1994), and Jake Peavy (2000).
- **BALLPARK:** Parkview Field (2009-present), Memorial Stadium (1993-2008)
- **MASCOT:** Johnny TinCap

About Parkview Field

- **BACKGROUND:** In 2007, the Fort Wayne City Council approved the Harrison Square Project to build a new ballpark downtown as well as other amenities.
- **DEBUT:** Opening Day for Parkview Field took place on April 16, 2009. The TinCaps played in front of a sold-out crowd and beat the Dayton Dragons 7-0.
- **CAPACITY:** 8,100
- **RECORD CROWD:** 9,508 (July 4, 2019)
- **DIMENSIONS:** 336 feet to the left-field foul pole... 377 feet to left-center field... 400 feet to straight-away centerfield... 383 feet to right-center field... and 318 feet to the right-field foul pole.
- **WALLS:** Range from 10 feet tall, from center to right-center field, up to 15 feet tall in the outfield corners as well as a small section of left-center field.
- **MORE THAN BASEBALL:** Parkview Field hosts hundreds of special events yearly, including concerts such as Florida Georgia Line, Dierks Bentley, Zac Brown Band, and Nelly.

STARTING PITCHER

RHP Dylan Lesko

6-2 | 200 | 20 years old | Drafted in 1st Round, 2022 (15th overall)

Year	Age	AgeDif	Tm	Lg	Lev	Aff	W	L	W-L%	ERA	RA9	G	GS	GF	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	HR	BB	IBB	SO	HBP	BK	WP	BF	WHIP	H9	HR9	BB9	SO9	SO/W	
2023	19		3 Teams	3 Lgs	A-A+-Rk	SDP	1	5	.167	5.45	5.45	12	12	0	0	0	0	33.0	29	20	20	3	22	0	52	2	1	10	145	1.545	7.9	0.8	6.0	14.2	2.36	
2023	19	-4.1	Fort Wayne	MIDW	A+	SDP	1	1	.500	4.50	4.50	3	3	0	0	0	0	12.0	8	6	6	1	11	0	20	0	0	2	53	1.583	6.0	0.8	8.3	15.0	1.82	
2023	19	-2.9	Lake Elsinore	CALL	A	SDP	0	3	.000	4.50	4.50	5	5	0	0	0	0	16.0	13	8	8	1	8	0	23	2	1	4	68	1.313	7.3	0.6	4.5	12.9	2.88	
2023	19	-2.3	Padres	ACL	Rk	SDP	0	1	.000	10.80	10.80	4	4	0	0	0	0	5.0	8	6	6	1	3	0	9	0	0	4	24	2.200	14.4	1.8	5.4	16.2	3.00	
2024	20	-3.2	Fort Wayne	MIDW	A+	SDP	1	4	.200	7.34	7.34	10	10	0	0	0	0	38.0	31	31	31	6	34	0	42	9	0	4	180	1.711	7.3	1.4	8.1	9.9	1.24	
All Levels (2 Seasons)							2	9	.182	6.46	6.46	22	22	0	0	0	0	0	71.0	60	51	51	9	56	0	94	11	1	14	325	1.634	7.6	1.1	7.1	11.9	1.68

2024 Starts

Date	Opponent	IP	H	R / ER	BB	K	NP-S	Catcher
April 7	@ Great Lakes	4.0	0	0 / 0	3	1	53-25	Ethan Salas
April 13	Lake County	3.0	1	1 / 1	4	4	66-35	Ethan Salas
April 20	@ Dayton	5.0	2	3 / 3	3	6	75-43	Ethan Salas
April 27	Great Lakes	2.2	3	6 / 6	6	6	70-32	Ethan Salas
May 4	@ Lake County	.2	2	6 / 6	4	0	39-17	Ethan Salas
May 11	@ West Michigan	3.2	2	3 / 3	3	5	77-42	Ethan Salas
May 18	South Bend	5.0	3	1 / 1	4	7	90-50	Ethan Salas
May 25	Lansing	5.0	2	1 / 1	3	6	85-50	Ethan Salas
June 1	@ Wisconsin	5.0	8	3 / 3	2	1	94-62	Ethan Salas
June 8	Peoria	4.0	8	7 / 7	2	6	82-51	Ethan Salas

Career MiLB Bests		
Innings:	5.0	3x, May 18 vs SB
Hits:	0	2x, April 7 @ GL
Strikeouts:	9	Sept. 1, '23 vs SB
Walks:	0	2x, Sept 1, '23
Earned R:	0	4x, April 7 vs LC
Pitches:	94	June 1 @ WIS

- **NOTABLE NUMBER:** Opponents have swung and missed at 15% of the pitches he's thrown, the 6th highest rate in the MWL among pitchers who've thrown 34+ innings

- **ARSENAL:** 4-Seam Fastball (60), Curveball (55), Changeup (70); Slider (new); Control: 55; Overall: 55... MLB.com says he has the Best Changeup in the minors ("it sits in the low 80s, veers sideways, and also has some sink when it arrives to the plate") and is in the running for Best Curveball... Began throwing CH as a high school freshman, with a circle changeup grip, at the suggestion of a travel coach

- **PROSPECT:** No. 3 for Padres (top RHP) on MLB.com list... overall No. 69 (No. 15 RHP)

- **FROM:** Buford, GA (NE suburb of Atlanta)

- **HIGH SCHOOL:** Buford HS, the Wolves -- alma mater of Brandon Marsh (Phillies OF) and Joey Bart (Giants C)... Became first HS junior to win Gatorade National Player of the Year in 2021 after posting a 0.35 ERA with 112 K in just 60 IP that season... as a senior, needed Tommy John surgery in late April... surgery was performed by Dr. Neal ElAttrache (who's the team physician for the Dodgers and Rams, and is considered a leading surgeon around baseball)... Said it was devastating but mentality has been to "come back stronger"... Pitched in the 2021 Perfect Game All-American Classic at Petco Park (got Jackson Holliday to ground out; also met Trevor Hoffman)... Ironically, pitched for the "Padres" team in summer 2021 East Coast Pro showcase in Hoover, AL

- **COLLEGE COMMITMENT:** Vanderbilt

- **DRAFTED:** 2022, 1st round, 15th overall (\$3.9 million)... first prep pitcher taken selected (had been projected to go even higher before injury)... The Padres amateur scout assigned to Georgia is Tyler Stubblefield, who was a TinCaps infielder from 2011-13

- **2022:** Didn't see game action (rehabbing after Tommy John)

- **2023:** Debut in ACL June 20... transferred to Single-A Lake Elsinore July 21... transferred here Aug. 21

- **MORE:** Before the elbow procedure, was already throwing 92-95 and touching 97 (first threw 90 MPH as a HS FR)... "arguably the most polished and complete high school pitching prospect to come along in a decade" (FanGraphs)... Has added about 10 pounds of muscle since being drafted... Wears No. 27 because that was the number his dad (Cory) wore at Division II Barry University... Growing up, his favorite MLB pitchers were Max Scherzer and Walker Buehler... Outside of baseball, likes to golf... Also grew up playing football (quarterback)... Packers fan (Aaron Rodgers, favorite player)

- **SOCIAL MEDIA:** @dylanlesko on IG... @dylanjlesko on X

- **WALK-OUT SONG:** "Let's Go" by Key Glock

Hitters (Alphabetical)

9 Colton Bender 5-9, 195 C Age: 25

- **FROM:** Lebanon, CT... 1st player from there selected in MLB Draft
- **HIGH SCHOOL:** Lyman Memorial HS (Lebanon, CT)... Bulldogs... hit .609 as a senior... grand slam in state finals... 4-time all-conference catcher... 2-time All-State selection
- **COLLEGE:** Quinnipiac University (health science major), MAAC... appeared in 2019 NCAA Tournament... Bobcats in MLB: reliever Turk Wendell (1993-2004) and infielder Matthew Batten (who debuted with the Padres last year)
- **DRAFTED:** 2021, 10th round
- **2021:** Assigned to the Arizona Complex League on July 26 (4 games)... Transferred to Single-A Lake Elsinore on Aug. 6 (20 games)
- **2022:** 28 games in ACL... Transferred to Lake Elsinore on Aug. 3 (14 games)
- **2023:** TinCaps Opening Day roster
- **FAMILY:** Parents are Jamie & John... has an older sister, Jordan... Father & grandfather also played catcher
- **MISCELLANEOUS:** Favorite player growing up was Jason Varitek... Plays the guitar... Enjoys hunting and fishing... Aspirations to become an entrepreneur... Unofficial team barber
- **SOCIAL MEDIA:** IG @colton.bender9... Twitter @benderrr9

21 Homer Bush Jr. 6-3, 200 OF Age: 22

- **PADRES PROSPECT:** No. 8 (MLB.com)
- **FROM:** Grapevine, TX
- **HIGH SCHOOL:** Carroll High School (Southlake, TX)...won state championships in 2018 and 2019...also played one year of football
- **COLLEGE:** Grand Canyon (sports management major)...first-team All-WAC selection as an outfielder in 2023...hit .363 with 23 XBHs and set the team's single-season record with 25 stolen bases in 31 attempts...led the Lopes in R (69), H (88), 2Bs (19), OBP (.478), and SBs (25)
- **DRAFTED:** 2023, 4th round
- **2023:** 12 games in ACL, hit .409 with 16 R and 10 SBs...Promoted to Single-A Lake Elsinore (24 games)...Finished the season with Double-A San Antonio for 8 games, hit .429 (12-28).
- **FAMILY:** Homer and Monica Bush. Father, Homer played 7 MLB seasons (1997-2004) with the Yankees, Blue Jays and Marlins. In his career, Homer played 409 games and hit .285. Homer Bush Jr. was 2 ½ years old when Bush Sr. played his final big league game.
- **MISCELLANEOUS:** Only held one D-1 offer (New Mexico) before GCU head coach Andy Stankiewicz (a former teammate of Homer Bush Sr.) came to watch him play.
- **SOCIAL MEDIA:** IG @Homiebush... X @homerbushjr

2 Nerwilian Cedeño 5-11, 175 INF Age: 22

- **FROM:** Rio Tucani, Venezuela
- **SIGNED:** July 2, 2018, International free agent (\$300,000)...max allowed for Padres due to previous overage in international period)... age 16
- **2019:** DSL Padres (47 G)
- **2021:** ACL Padres (only 18 G... didn't play until Aug. 23 due to a meniscus tear suffered before spring training)
- **2022:** Single-A Lake Elsinore (71 G... season debut delayed until May 31 due to an elbow injury)
- **ARIZONA FALL LEAGUE:** Peoria Javelinas (12 G)
- **2023:** TinCaps Opening Day second baseman and second in the order... suffered a right wrist injury on defense in 5th game of season (April 12) at Parkview Field vs. Lake County... placed on Injured List on April 15... Sent to ACL Padres on a rehab assignment on June 26 (5 G)... Activated from Injured List on July 2
- **MISCELLANEOUS:** Earned high school degree last year through Padres educational program
- **VENEZUELAN LEAGUE:** Member of the Águilas del Zulia
- **FAMILY:** Has a 20-year-old brother, Oscar, who's playing 1B for the Cleveland Guardians Arizona Complex League team
- **INSTAGRAM:** @nerwilian_cedeno2

26 Jay Beshears 6-4, 215 INF Age: 22

- **FROM:** Naples, Florida
- **HIGH SCHOOL:** Community School of Naples...4-year varsity player and 4-time captain in baseball, 3-year varsity starter and 2-time captain in basketball
- **COLLEGE:** Duke...spent one season with the Blue Devils in 2023, started all 59 games and led the team hitting .333...2nd in doubles (15), 2nd in HR (15)...23 multi-hit games and a pair of 4-hit games...Started his college career at Northwestern for 2 seasons...hit .335 with 10 HRs, 46 RBIs and a .995 OPS in his sophomore season
- **DRAFTED:** 2023, 6th round
- **2023:** Played 2 games in ACL and 29 games with Single-A Lake Elsinore
- **2024:** Began the season with Lake Elsinore for 28 games...320 AVG, .942 OPS, 2 HR, 11 RBIs, 31 BB, 27 K's
- **FAMILY:** Son of Marc and Lori Beshears, one sister Elly (Emory Volleyball 2022-current)...father, Marc, PGA member
- **Instagram:** @jay_b11

10 Alain Camou 5-11, 150 INF Age: 20

- **FROM:** Phoenix, Arizona
- **SIGNED:** January 15, 2022 as an international free agent...moved out of the country in 2021 to become eligible for the international signing pool
- **2022:** DSL Padres...55 games, .333 AVG, .870 OPS, led the team in AVG, 2B (15), R (45), H (67), BB (33), earned DSL all-star honors
- **2023:** Arizona Complex League...44G, .287 AVG, .750 OPS, 23 RBIs
- **2024:** Started with the Arizona Complex League (1G)...16 games with Single-A Lake Elsinore

36 Griffin Doersching 6-4, 251 OF Age: 25

- **FROM:** Greendale, WI (town of 15,000; southwest of Milwaukee)
- **HIGH SCHOOL:** Greendale HS, the Panthers... 1st team All-State... hit .562 with 13 HRs and only 7 K during senior season... also played football for 2 years
- **DRAFTED:** 2022, 8th round
- **COLLEGE:** Played 4 seasons at Northern Kentucky (Horizon League)... set school records with 20 HR and 50 BB in 2021 (including one HR against Purdue Fort Wayne at Parkview Field that dented The Harrison building beyond LF)... ranks 2nd all-time at NKU in homers (47)... 2019 College Home Run Derby champion... named 1st Team All-Horizon League twice... grad transferred to Oklahoma State, where he hit .296 during his final collegiate season with 15 HR and 58 RBI in just 42 G... was working toward a graduate certificate in entrepreneurship... Josh Holliday was head coach, with Matt Holliday and Robin Ventura also assisting the staff
- **2022:** After being drafted, played 5 G for ACL Padres... transferred to Single-A Lake Elsinore on Aug. 13... part of a Storm squad that won the California League... blasted 8 HR in 25 G during final month of the season
- **2023:** Began season with Lake Elsinore... transferred to Fort Wayne Aug. 22... had 34 XBH & 55 RBI in 93 G with Storm
- **MISCELLANEOUS:** Favorite player growing up was **Prince Fielder**
- **NICKNAME:** Hokage (Japanese for "Fire shadow" - an anime reference)
- **INSTAGRAM:** @hokagedoersch... **TWITTER:** @HokageDoersch

Hitters (Alphabetical – continued)

7 Lucas Dunn **6-0, 205** **INF** **Age: 25**

- **FROM:** Panama City, FL (2 hours West of Tallahassee)
- **HIGH SCHOOL:** Arnold HS (Panama City, FL)
- **COLLEGE:** University of Louisville (sports administration major)... 4-year career, batted .290 with an .809 OPS and 71 RBI in 155 GP and 452 AB... 1 of 7 Cardinals drafted in 2021, including first overall pick **Henry Davis** (PIT)
- **DRAFTED:** 2021, 8th Round, (250th overall)... had a pre-draft workout at Parkview Field
- **2021:** Assigned to Arizona Complex League on July 26 (8 games)... Transferred to Single-A Lake Elsinore on Aug. 6 (34 games)
- **2022:** Lake Elsinore (42 games)... Transferred to Fort Wayne on May 31 (62 games)
- **2023:** TinCaps Opening Day roster
- **NATIONAL TEAM EXPERIENCE:** In 2019, played for the USA Collegiate National Team that traveled to Japan and Taiwan (squad included current Tiger Spencer Torkelson)
- **MORE INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE:** Dual citizen of US and Germany. Speaks German fluently and played for Germany in World Baseball Classic Qualifying in Sept. 2022, as well as previously for junior national teams, traveling to countries like the Dominican Republic, Spain, Sweden, and the Czech Republic... MLB players from Germany include Twins outfielder Max Kepler
- **FAMILY:** Parents are Panja & Gary
- **MISCELLANEOUS:** Favorite players: Derek Jeter, Mike Trout, Bryce Harper & Fernando Tatis Jr.
- **INSTAGRAM:** @lucasdunn8... **TWITTER:** @lucasdunn8

4 Nik McClaughry **5-9, 159** **INF** **Age: 24**

- **FROM:** Roseville, CA
- **HIGH SCHOOL:** Rocklin HS
- **COLLEGE:** Arizona (Interdisciplinary Studies with an emphasis in sports and society)...3 seasons at Arizona, in 2023 he made All Pac-12 and was the conference defensive player of the year...in the batter's box he drew nearly as many walks (35) as strikeouts (36) and notched a .429 OBP...McClaughry was tied for the team lead and ranked third in the Pac-12 with 71 runs scored.
- **BEFORE ARIZONA:** McClaughry played two seasons at Sacramento City College (California Community College)...hit .260 in 58 games, earned Big 8 Conference Gold Glove Award
- **DRAFTED:** 10th Round, 2023
- **2023:** Lake Elsinore (27 G)...played 1 game with AAA El Paso at the end of the season
- **FAMILY:** Son of Jeff and Cheri McClaughry...One brother, Riley
- **INSTAGRAM:** @nikmclaughry ... X: @NikMcclaughry

23 Devin Ortiz **6-2, 215** **INF** **Age: 25**

- **FROM:** Nutley, NJ
- **HIGH SCHOOL:** St. Joseph Regional (NJ), where he was named as a Rawlings/Perfect Game 2nd Team All-American in 2017... hit .541 his senior year
- **COLLEGE:** Virginia, where he was a 2-way player... Went 10-1 with a career 2.52 ERA in 71 IP on the mound in his career... also was a career .269 hitter, including .286 / .389 / .438 during his 5th year with the Hoos... hit two walk-off home runs in his career (only Cavalier since 2000), highlighted by a walk-off blast in the 2021 Columbia Regional, defeating Old Dominion (a game in which he was starting pitcher) to advance to the Supers... majored in philosophy
- **SIGNED:** August 2022, free agent
- **2023:** Assigned to Fort Wayne on May 5... transferred to Single-A Lake Elsinore on May 19... hit .252 in 65 G... returned to Fort Wayne on Aug. 22
- **FAMILY:** Uncle Dan was drafted in the 35th round by the Rangers in 1991... spent 2 years as a minor league relief pitcher with the Brewers & Cubs organizations
- **INSTAGRAM:** @ortizdevin
- **TWITTER:** @ortiz_devin

40 Joshua Mears **6-3, 230** **OF** **Age: 23**

- **PADRES PROSPECT:** Baseball America previously graded him as San Diego's "Best Power Hitter" and "Best Outfield Arm"
- **FROM:** Federal Way, WA
- **HIGH SCHOOL:** Federal Way HS, Eagles... alumni include former big leaguers Travis Ishikawa (2006-15 with Giants, Brewers, Orioles, Yankees, and Pirates) and Dan Spillner (Padres 1974-78; Indians 78-84; White Sox 84-85)
- **COLLEGE COMMITMENT:** Purdue
- **DRAFTED:** 2019, 2nd round
- **2019:** AZL Padres (43 G)
- **2021:** Single-A Lake Elsinore (71 G), MiLB.com Organization All-Star
- **2022:** TinCaps Opening Day right fielder and 3-hitter... Midwest League Player of the Week (April 24), which included hitting a 504-foot home run at Lansing... Transferred to Development List on May 16... Assigned to ACL Padres on June 6 (17 G)... Returned to TinCaps on July 26... Assigned to Double-A San Antonio on Aug. 23 (24 G)... Led TinCaps with 14 HR in 52 G)... Total of 23 HR in 93 G
- **2023:** Opening Day right fielder... Placed on IL May 5... Reinstated May 19... IL on Aug. 21
- **INSTAGRAM:** @joshuamears44

1 Kai Murphy **5-8, 173** **OF** **Age: 23**

- **FROM:** Phoenix, AZ
- **HIGH SCHOOL:** Red Mountain High School (Mesa)... was ranked as No. 12 prospect in Arizona by Prep Baseball Report (also No. 2 LHP)... First Team All-State as a senior
- **COLLEGE:** Began career at Oregon State (2020) as a pitcher appearing 4 times in relief... due to a coaching change at OSU, transferred to Arizona State for 2021-22... at ASU, was a 2-way player, though most of his starts were in the outfield (5 appearances as a pitcher)... in 1st career start on mound against Cal on short notice, tossed 7 one-hit innings, becoming the first Sun Devil to record 7.0 IP while allowing one hit or fewer in their 1st career start this century
- **SUMMER BALL:** Played 2 seasons in the Northwoods League... Kenosha Kingfish (2020) & Lakeshore Chinooks (2021)
- **SIGNED:** By the Padres as a non-drafted free agent on July 30, 2022
- **2022:** Played 9 G for ACL Padres... transferred to Single-A Lake Elsinore on Aug. 22
- **2023:** Lake Elsinore Opening Day (hitting .287 with 22 XBH, 31 RBI & 11 SB)... transferred to High-A Fort Wayne on July 25
- **FAMILY:** Dad (Pat) was Notre Dame's head coach from 1988-94 (4 NCAA Tournament appearances) and at Arizona State from 1995-2009 (4 CWS appearances); joined Padres as a baseball ops special assistant in 2010, then managed Short-Season Eugene from 2011-12 and Triple-A affiliate from 2013-15 until becoming SD's interim manager for final 96 fames of '15... now Brewers manager
- **200 CLUB:** Brand he founded, with father, inspired by the mission to be relentlessly competitive, striving for improvement (shirts and hoodies for sale online)
- **INSTAGRAM:** @kmurph1_

11 Tyler Robertson **6-4, 200** **OF** **Age: 24**

- **FROM:** Montgomery, AL
- **HIGH SCHOOL:** St. James, the Trojans... All-State as a senior... also pitched and played football (WR / CB)
- **DRAFTED:** 2022, 14th round
- **COLLEGE:** Spent 2 years at Shelton State CC (only baseball offer out of HS; had more offers for football but dad told him he'd go further in baseball)... transferred to Louisiana for final 3 college seasons, where he played most of his games at 3B... career .291 hitter with 13 HR for the Ragin' Cajuns
- **2022:** Briefly played for both Rookie ACL Padres and Single-A Lake Elsinore
- **2023:** On Lake Elsinore's Opening Day roster... Had a 1-month stint on the IL between May and June... eventually rehabbed with ACL Padres... in 56 G with the Storm, was hitting .265 with 6 HR and 30 RBI... also swiped 23 bags... transferred to Fort Wayne on Aug. 22
- **FAMILY:** Parents are Brian Robertson and Michelle Hutto... Brian played baseball at Jacksonville State and Auburn University-Montgomery... has 3 sisters & a step-sister
- **MISCELLANEOUS:** Big fan of Alabama football... Players he's most admired all-time are Mickey Mantle and Josh Hamilton
- **INSTAGRAM:** @tcrbertson_32... **TWITTER:** @TCROBERTSON32

12 Ethan Salas 6-2, 185 C Age: 18

- **PROSPECT:** No. 1 Padres prospect...No. 6 overall (MLB.com) No. 1 international free agent in class of 2023 (Hit: 60... Power: 55... Run: 45... Arm: 60... Field: 60... Overall: 65)
- **FROM:** Montgomery, AL
- **SIGNED:** Jan. 15, 2023 by the Padres for \$5.6 million
- **WINTER LEAGUE:** Played for the Águilas del Zulia
- **2023:** Made pro debut at age 16 on May 30 with Single-A Lake Elsinore... became just the 3rd player since 2018 to play in Single-A during their age-17 seasons... won California League Player of the Week twice in July and was also named the league's Player of the Month... transferred to Fort Wayne on Aug. 8... was slashing .267 / .350 / .487 (.837 OPS) with 9 HRs (22 XBH)
- **YOUTHFUL:** At just 17 years and 2 months old, youngest player in FW's 30-year franchise history... With data available since 2006, just the fifth 17-year-old at the High-A level, the first since 2017, and the only catcher
- **FAMILY:** Father (Jose Antonio) played in Braves' farm system... Uncle (Jose Gregorio) played in Jays' org... Grandfather (Jose Gregorio) appeared in Padres, Astros, and Royals' systems... Older brother (Jose Salas Jr.) is a 21-year-old with Cedar Rapids... Younger brother (Andrew), 16, is reportedly committed to signing with the Marlins next year as a shortstop
- **MISCELLANEOUS:** As a left-handed batting catcher, has been compared to Joe Mauer... Also grew up admiring Yadier Molina, Sal Perez, and Bryce Harper
- **SCOUTING REPORT:** pure left-handed swing and advanced eye at the plate. On defense, shows athleticism, advanced blocking and receiving skills with a plus arm

5 Anthony Vilar 5-10, 190 C Age: 25

- **FROM:** Miami, FL
- **HIGH SCHOOL:** Westminster Christian School (Miami)... Alumni include former Twins 2nd round pick Dan Perkins (1993), who played for the Fort Wayne Wizards in 1994 before making The Show in 1999
- **COLLEGE:** University of Miami... All-ACC 2nd Team in 2021 after junior season... Despite being a catcher now, played all of his collegiate games at 2B or SS... Started all 131 games he played in at Miami, 104 at 2B and 27 at SS... However, published catching workout videos on YouTube prior to the 2021 MLB Draft
- **DRAFTED:** 2021, 15th Round... Previously selected in the 37th round out of high school in 2018 by the Chicago Cubs but elected to go to Miami instead (scout Tim Adkins was scout who signed him, first with Cubs and then with Padres)
- **2021:** Played in 8 games with Rookie-level ACL Padres after college season
- **2022:** Spent entire season with Fort Wayne... hit .226 in 54 games
- **2023:** Began year with Single-A Lake Elsinore... was hitting .211 in 44 games when he was transferred to Fort Wayne on June 27
- **FAMILY:** Parents are Rossana and Henry (who played at Miami from 1990-1991 and is a certified MLB agent with BHSC Global)... Sisters are Regina and Sophia... On wrist tape, "Battle Strong," a tribute to friend Patrick Battle who passed away, and "LLA," Live Like Ari, another friend who's passed
- **INSTAGRAM:** @anthonyvilar

THE LAST TIME...

Series Sweep (Home):	May 20-23, 2019	vs. South Bend
Series Sweep (Road):	June 11-13, 2019	@ Bowling Green
Individual No-Hitter:	Aug. 19, 2009	vs. Dayton (Simon Castro - 7 inn. game)
Team No-Hitter:	May 16, 2023	@ Dayton, W 6-0 (Jairo Iriarte, Alan Mundo, Adam Smith)
1-Hitter:	April 7, 2024	@ Great Lakes, W 2-0 (Lesko, Geraldo, Cienfuegos, Peña, and Och)
Got No-Hit:	Aug. 12, 2021	vs. South Bend, L 3-0 (Alexander Vizcaíno, Joe Nahas, Burl Carraway)
Complete Game:	May 2, 2024	@ Lake County, W 3-0 (Miguel Cienfuegos, 7.0 IP - DH)
Complete Game Shutout:	May 2, 2024	@ Lake County, W 3-0 (Miguel Cienfuegos, 7.0 IP - DH)
9-Inning Complete Game:	Aug. 29, 2012	vs. West Michigan, L 1-0 (James Needy)
Consecutive Shutouts:	May 26-27, 2023	vs. Lansing (W 1-0 [10 inn.], W 4-0)
Pitched Immaculate Inning:	May 4, 2021	vs. West Michigan (Ethan Elliott, Opening Day)
Grand Slam:	May 21, 2024	vs Lansing, W 12-1 (Albert Fabian, 6th inning)
Back-to-Back Home Runs:	Sept. 9, 2023	@ Dayton (Griffin Doersching and Albert Fabian)
2-HR Game:	June 2, 2024	@ Wisconsin (Griffin Doersching)
3-HR Game:	Sept. 1, 2021	@ Great Lakes (Robert Hassell III; 1st since Jonathan Galvez in 2010)
HR in Consecutive Games:	June 1,2,4 2024	@ Wisconsin (Griffin Doersching)
Walk-Off Win:	May 19, 2024	vs. South Bend, W 9-6 (Albert Fabian grand slam, 10th)
Walk-Off HR:	May 19, 2024	vs. South Bend, W 9-6 (Albert Fabian grand slam, 10th)
Consecutive Walk-Off Wins:	May 2-3, 2018	vs. Beloit
Hit for the Cycle:	Aug. 27, 2018	@ South Bend (Gabriel Arias: 5-6, 5 RBI)
6-Hit Game:	May 18, 2015	@ Lake County (Ruddy Giron: 6-6)
5-Hit Game:	May 1, 2019	vs. Kane County (Xavier Edwards: 5-5, 2B, RBI)
Pitcher Batted:	July 15, 2019	@ Clinton (Carlos Belen)
Position Player Pitched:	June 8, 2024	vs. Peoria (Anthony Vilar)
Inside-the-Park HR:	May 31, 2023	vs. South Bend (Jackson Merrill)
Turned a Triple Play:	April 10, 1993	@ Waterloo
Hit into a Triple Play:	June 3, 2022	@ Great Lakes
Pinch-Hit HR:	May 21, 2015	@ Lake County (Duanel Jones - 2-run HR in 9 th)
MLB Rehab:	April 28, 2022	vs. Dayton (LHP Blake Snell)
vs. MLB Rehab:	July 30, 2023	@ West Michigan (Spencer Turnbull)

Relievers (Alphabetical)

14 Manuel Castro 5-8, 180 RHP Age: 21

- **ARSENAL:** 4-Seam Fastball, Curveball, Changeup, Cutter
- **FROM:** Guasave, Mexico
- **SIGNED:** 2021, International free agent
- **2022:** Began the season in the Arizona Complex League...Moved back and forth between Single-A Lake Elsinore twice...Pitched 8.2IP with 0ER with the Storm
- **2023:** Spent all of 2023 with Lake Elsinore...12GP, 5GS...46IP, 3.91 ERA, 55K, 12BB...His ERA in 5 starts was 2.84...He struck out 19 batters and only walked 1...California League Pitcher of the Week for his April 29 start vs Visalia (6IP, 2H, 0ER, 0BB, 3K)

17 Ruben Galindo 6-1, 170 RHP Age: 23

- **ARSENAL:** 4-Seam Fastball, Changeup, Slider
- **FROM:** San Juan de Uraba, Columbia
- **SIGNED:** 2019, International free agent
- **2021:** With Single-A Lake Elsinore, posted a 4.57 ERA in 65 IP... 62K, 27 BB
- **2022:** Spent entire season with Single-A Lake Elsinore...Appeared in 10 games in Colombian Winter League...2.52 ERA in 25 IP
- **2023:** Promoted to Fort Wayne on May 9 after posting a .75 ERA in 12IP with Single-A Lake Elsinore
- **WORLD BASEBALL CLASSIC:** Competed for his native country (Columbia) in 2023 WBC ... appeared in a game against the United States on March 15...he struck out former TinCap Trea Turner (who hit 5 HR's with a .391 AVG in the tournament)

37 José Geraldo 6-3, 200 RHP Age: 25

- **ARSENAL:** 4-Seam Fastball, Changeup, Slider
- **FROM:** Azua, Dominican Republic
- **SIGNED:** 2018, International free agent
- **2018:** In Dominican Summer League, 16 app., 4.74 ERA in 19 IP, 18 K, 7 BB
- **2019:** In Rookie Arizona League, 17 app., 3.09 ERA in 23.1 IP, 27 K, 8 BB
- **2021:** Reached High-A Fort Wayne... 9 app., 2.79 ERA in 9.2 IP, 10 K, 3 BB
- **2022:** DNP after Tommy John surgery
- **2023:** TinCaps Opening Day roster
- **MISCELLANEOUS:** Favorite big leaguer is Edwin Diaz... Earned high school diploma last July through Padres Educational Program

34 Dwayne Matos 6-1 RHP Age: 23

- **ARSENAL:** 4-Seam Fastball, Slider, Changeup
- **FROM:** Cabral, DR
- **SIGNED:** 2019, at the age of 18
- **2019:** Began season as closer for DSL Padres, earning 3 saves in first 5 games... Transitioned to starting on July 5 and started 7 of the final 9 games he appeared in... Posted a 3.60 ERA with 15 K and 4 BB in 30 IP as a starter
- **2021:** Spent the entire season with Low-A Lake Elsinore... placed on Injured List on May 27... Activated from IL on June 20
- **2022:** Began season with Double-A San Antonio... On May 11, placed on Injured List... On May 25, activated from IL and transferred to Fort Wayne... Placed on IL on Aug. 26
- **2023:** Single-A Lake Elsinore (on IL from Aug. 13-Sept. 8)
- **2024:** Cal League Pitcher of the Week (May 12)... Transferred from Single-A Lake Elsinore on June 11
- **INSTAGRAM:** @dwayne_matos07

37 Keegan Collett 6-3, 215RHP Age: 25

- **ARSENAL:** 4-Seam Fastball, Curveball, Slider, Splitter
- **FROM:** Dallas, Texas
- **COLLEGE:** One season at Florida Gulf Coast University (ASUN - Fort Myers, FL)...7 major leaguers have come from FGCU (all since 2010), most notably Red Sox starter Chris Sale...Two seasons at Northern Oklahoma-Tonkawa Community College
- **DRAFTED:** 2019, 35th Round
- **PREVIOUSLY PICKED:** Out of high school, was drafted in the 37th round by the Baltimore Orioles but elected to go to college
- **2019:** With AZL Padres: 10 G, 2 GS, 4.56 ERA in 23.2 IP, 36 K, 22 BB
- **2021:** 23 G, 6.92 ERA, 26 IP, 49 K, 25 BB
- **2022:** Promoted on August 4... walks were down
- **FAMILY:** Married to Susie... 3-year-old son Caspian... Parents are Anna and Chris... has 3 siblings, including a sister named Kenna, who plays college softball at Grayson College (TX)

27 Will Geerdes 6-2, 220 RHP Age: 24

- **ARSENAL:** 4-Seam Fastball, Slider, Curveball, Changeup
- **FROM:** San Antonio, TX
- **HIGH SCHOOL:** International School of the Americas (San Antonio), a magnet school on the Robert E. Lee High School campus... Course schedule included Mandarin... Tossed 2 no-hitters
- **COLLEGE:** Columbia University (2019-21)... missed 2019 due to TJ, plus a foot injury... 2020 season was cut short... Ivy League didn't compete in 2021... transferred to Virginia in 2022, where he posted a 7.31 ERA in 32 IP... summer of 2020 pitched for the Wisconsin Woodchucks in the Northwoods League
- **MLB DRAFT LEAGUE:** Pitched for the Mahoning Valley Scrappers in 2022
- **SIGNED:** By Padres on Aug. 1, 2022
- **2022:** On Aug. 9, assigned to Single-A Lake Elsinore, 14.1 IP (4.40 ERA)
- **2023:** Began season with Lake Elsinore... 2.70 ERA in 33.1 IP... 41 K, just 14 BB... 4 saves, which was 7th most in the California League... transferred to Fort Wayne on June 27
- **FAMILY:** Parents are Barbara (school teacher) and Greg (lawyer)... Younger sister is Kate

12 Joan Gonzalez 6-3, 170 RHP Age: 26

- **ARSENAL:** 4-Seam Fastball, Cutter, Sweeper
- **FROM:** Santiago, Dominican Republic... Moved with family to Daytona Beach, FL
- **COLLEGE:** 2 seasons at Highland CC (KS) from 2020-21, where he led the team in strikeouts as a sophomore (Jayhawk Conference Honorable Mention)... Summer 2021, pitched in the Appalachian League for the Pulaski (VA) River Turtles - appeared in the league's All-Star Game that was broadcast on MLB Network... transferred to Bethune-Cookman University (SWAC) for final 2 seasons ... 2023 First Team All-SWAC and SWAC Relief Pitcher of the Year... Pitched in MLB's HBCU Swingman Classic at T-Mobile Park in Seattle on July 7 (part of the MLB All-Star Game festivities and broadcast on MLB Network)
- **MLB DRAFT LEAGUE:** Appeared in 7 games with the Trenton Thunder
- **SIGNED:** July 20, 2023 as a non-drafted free agent... assigned to Fort Wayne on Aug. 1
- **MISCELLANEOUS:** Nicknamed "Poké"... Favorite pitcher growing up was Pedro Martinez... Says he's better at playing piano than he is pitching... Enjoys hanging out with his family
- **FAMILY:** Younger brother (Jeffrey) just finished his junior year as a RHP at Bethune-Cookman... Also has a brother named Javier... Parents are Johanny and Jesus
- **TWITTER:** @joanjesusgonzal... **INSTAGRAM:** @joan07gonzalez

8 David Morgan 6-0, 185 RHP Age: 24

- **ARSENAL:** 4-Seam Fastball, Slider, Curveball
- **FROM:** Mission Viejo, CA (Orange County)
- **HIGH SCHOOL:** Mission Viejo HS, the Diablos... 2-time all-conference selection
- **COLLEGE:** Began career at Orange Coast College (Newport Beach, CA), where he was an infielder for 2 years... hit nearly .300 in his career there... transferred to NAIA Hope International University (Fullerton, CA), where he was a 2-way player... only pitched 15 total innings at Hope, while crushing a .348 AVG with 47 RBI, mainly playing center field... majored in Kinesiology... Pitched for the Portland Pickles (summer collegiate West Coast League)
- **SIGNED:** Aug. 1, 2022, as a non-drafted free agent
- **2022:** After being signed, spent the rest of the season at the Arizona Complex
- **2023:** Started season with Single-A Lake Elsinore... 4.24 ERA in 25 relief app. (40.1 IP)... 13 BB and 42 K... transferred to Fort Wayne on Aug. 15
- **MISCELLANEOUS:** Grew up a Padres fan... favorite player growing up was Trevor Hoffman... Can surf... Plays the guitar and the piano... Nicknamed "Moe"
- **FAMILY:** Parents are Carolyn and Scott... has 2 brothers, Daniel and Dustin
- **INSTAGRAM:** @davidmorgan

Relievers (Alphabetical – continued)

<p>22 Tyler Morgan 6-0, 200 RHP Age: 23</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ARSENAL: 4-Seam Fastball, Changeup, Slider, Curveball • FROM: Flower Mound, TX (suburb of Dallas/Fort Worth) • HIGH SCHOOL: Marcus HS (TX), where he was '19 Class 5/6A Pitcher of the Year • COLLEGE: Abilene Christian, Wildcats (WAC)... 4 seasons... majored in business management • DRAFTED: 2023, 14th round... 1 of 3 Wildcats drafted this year • 2023: After being drafted on July 20, assigned to Fort Wayne on Aug. 1 • FAMILY: Parents are Shanna & John • MISCELLANEOUS: Favorite pitcher growing up was Max Scherzer... Grew up bowling as well (has scored in the 230s)... Now enjoys playing golf, fishing, hunting, and video games like "MLB The Show"... Beyond baseball, has an interest in pursuing a career in medical sales • INSTAGRAM: @tyler_morgan_12... X: @TylerMo2121 	<p>25 Mitchell Miller 6-6, 185 LHP Age: 26</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ARSENAL: 2-Seam Fastball, Cutter, Changeup, Sweeper • FROM: Loganville, GA • HIGH SCHOOL: Loganville HS • COLLEGE: Began his college career at Clemson where he only pitched 5.2 innings over two seasons. Miller transferred to West Texas A&M where he was mostly used as a reliever...25 APP, 3.98 ERA, 52Ks, 31.2 IP • SIGNED: Free agent, 2024 • 2022 (PIT): Pitched in RK, A, A+...2.88 ERA, 34.1 IP, 39 Ks • 2023 (PIT): Pitched for the Greensboro Grasshoppers (PIT A+)...7.22 ERA in 28 APP (33.2 IP) • FAMILY: Son of Cliff and Katie Miller, has two siblings • MISCELLANEOUS: Drafted in the 3rd RD of the 2018 draft by the LA Angels (did not sign) • INSTAGRAM: @mitch_miller30_
<p>26 Ryan Och 6-0, 195 LHP Age: 25</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ARSENAL: 4-Seam Fastball, Changeup, Slider • FROM: Carver, MN (town of ~3,000 on the banks of the Minnesota River. 30 minutes southwest of Minneapolis) • HIGH SCHOOL: In 2015, Och helped Chanhassen High School to the Class 4A State Championship, the first in school history • COLLEGE: Southern Mississippi (Conference-USA. Two conference titles and three NCAA tournament appearances, all but 2020, in his time there)...Och's senior season in college featured a remarkable 8-0 record out of the bullpen. • DRAFTED: 7th RD, 2021 (Southern Mississippi) • 2022: TinCaps opening day roster... After 9 appearances, placed on IL on May 26... sent to ACL on rehab assignment July 15 (2 games)... sent to Single-A Lake Elsinore on July 27 (8 G)... Aug. 25 back on IL • 2023: Missed due to injury • FAMILY: Mom (Shawn), Dad (Jeff)... Younger brother (Josh) is a freshman infielder at Southern Miss 	<p>33 Bradgley Rodriguez 6-1, 160 RHP Age: 20</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FROM: Petare, Venezuela (Nobody from Petare, Venezuela has ever appeared in a major league game) • SIGNED: 2021, Free agent • 2021: Played with the Padres Dominican Summer League team after signing in 2021...10G, 6.20 ERA, 24.2 IP, 27K, 16 BB • 2022/23: DNP • 2024: Lake Elsinore...4G, 2 SV, 1.69 ERA, 5.1 IP, 9K, 1BB....Served as the Storm's closer – notched a 4-out save against Rancho Cucamonga ...pitched the 8th and 9th vs Modesto 3 days later...other two appearances are just in the 9th inning...Multiple K's in every appearance

Season Highs & Lows

MISCELLANEOUS	BATTING	PITCHING
<p>Longest Winning Streak: May 15-22 7</p> <p>Longest Losing Streak: April 24-May 1 8</p> <p>Largest Margin of Victory: May 21 vs. LAN 11</p> <p>Largest Margin of Defeat: April 27, June 8 11</p> <p>Longest Game, Time: May 15 vs SB 3:42</p> <p>Longest Game, Innings: 3x, May 19 vs. SB 11</p> <p>Shortest 9 inning Game: May 30 @ WIS 2:03</p> <p>Shortest Game, Innings: Multiple 7</p> <p>Largest Crowd (Home): May 18 vs. SB 8,402</p> <p>Largest Crowd (Road): April 20 @ DAY 8,616</p> <p>Largest Comeback Win: Apr.14 LC, May 17 SB 5</p> <p>Largest Lead Blown in Loss: May 1 @ LC 5</p> <p>Most Errors, Team: Multiple 2</p> <p>Most Errors by Opponent: May 14 vs. SB 3</p> <p>Most Left on Base: May 14 vs. SB 16</p> <p>Warmest 1st Pitch Temp: Multiple 86°</p> <p>Coolest 1st Pitch Temp: Apr 21 vs. GL 45°</p> <p>Walk-Off Wins: 3</p> <p>Apr. 13 vs. LC: Robertson single, 4-3 (7 inn.)</p> <p>May 15 vs. SB: Ortiz double, 3-2</p> <p>May 19 vs. SB: Fabian grand slam, 9-6 (10 inn.)</p>	<p>TEAM</p> <p>Most Runs, Game: May 21, May 22 vs. LAN 12</p> <p>Most Runs, Inning: 2x, June 9 vs. PEO 7</p> <p>Most Hits, Game: 4x, June 2 @ WIS 12</p> <p>Fewest Hits, Game (9 innings): Apr 26, June 1, 12 2</p> <p>Most Doubles, Game: May 24 vs. LAN 6</p> <p>Most Triples, Game: May 7 @ WM 2</p> <p>Most XBH, Game: May 24 vs. LAN 7</p> <p>Most Home Runs, Game: May 21 vs LAN 4</p> <p>Most Walks, Game: May 12 @ WM 11</p> <p>Most Strikeouts, Game: April 25 vs GL 17</p> <p>Most SB, Game: May 29 @ WIS 6</p> <p>INDIVIDUAL SINGLE-GAME</p> <p>Most Hits: Murphy, Dunn, Doersching 4</p> <p>Most XBH: Doersching, Dunn 3</p> <p>Most HR: Doersching (2x), Ortiz 2</p> <p>Most Total Bases: Doersching, April 18, June 2 10</p> <p>Most Runs: Fabian, April 20 @ DAY 4</p> <p>Most RBIs: Robertson, May 22 vs LAN 5</p> <p>Most BB: 4x, last: Bush, June 9 vs. PEO 3</p> <p>Most K: McClaughry, May 17 vs. SB 4</p> <p>Most SB: Bush Jr., Robertson 2</p> <p>Longest Hitting Streak: Bush Jr. May 3-16 11</p> <p>Longest On-Base Streak: Bush, May 19-June 12 18</p>	<p>TEAM</p> <p>Most Runs Allowed, Game: April 27 vs GL 14</p> <p>Most Runs Allowed, Inning: April 24 vs GL 7</p> <p>Fewest Hits Allowed, Game: April 7 vs GL 1</p> <p>Most Hits Allowed, Game: Multiple 15</p> <p>Most XBH Allowed, Game: Multiple 6</p> <p>Most HR Allowed, Game: April 9 vs LC 4</p> <p>Most SB Allowed: June 14 @ LC 5</p> <p>Most Ks, Game: April 18 @ DAY 17</p> <p>Fewest Ks, Game: June 1 @ WIS 1</p> <p>Most BB, Game: 3x, last: June 8 vs. PEO 9</p> <p>Fewest BB, Game: Multiple 0</p> <p>INDIVIDUAL SINGLE-GAME</p> <p>Longest Start: Cienfuegos(2x), Haynes(2x),Pinales 7</p> <p>Most Pitches: Baez, June 14 @ LC 98</p> <p>Shortest Start: Haynes 0.1</p> <p>Longest Relief Outing: Cienfuegos, T. Morgan 4.0</p> <p>Few H Allowed (Starter): Lesko, April 7 @ GL 0</p> <p>Most H Allowed(Starter): Cienfuegos, May 23 vs LAN 9</p> <p>Most Ks, Starter: Haynes, June 12 @ LC 11</p> <p>Most Ks, Reliever: Galindo, April 17 vs DAY 6</p> <p>Most BB, Starter: Lesko, April 27 vs DAY 6</p> <p>Most BB, Reliever: Gonzalez, May 14 vs SB 4</p> <p>Most ER, Starter: Lesko, June 8 vs PEO 7</p> <p>Most ER, Reliever: Geraldo, Geerdes, Morgan 4</p>

2024 TRANSACTIONS

- April 14: RHP **Braden Nett** reinstated from Development List
- April 14: RHP **Joan Gonzalez** placed on Development List
- April 17: RHP **Will Geerdes** placed on 7-Day Injured List
- April 18: RHP **Ethan Routzahn** transferred to Double-A San Antonio
- April 18: RHP **Joan Gonzalez** reinstated from Development List
- April 23: RHP **Bradgley Rodriguez** transferred from Single-A Lake Elsinore
- April 27: INF **Jarryd Dale** transferred to Double-A San Antonio
- April 30: C **Colton Vincent** transferred from Arizona Complex League
- May 7: RHP **Braden Nett** placed on 7-Day Injured List
- May 14: INF **Jay Beshears** transferred from Single-A Lake Elsinore
- May 23: C **Colton Vincent** transferred to Arizona Complex League
- May 25: INF **Albert Fabian** placed on 7-Day Injured List
- May 28: OF **Joshua Mears** reinstated from 7-Day injured list
- May 28: RHP **Cole Paplham** transferred from Arizona Complex League to Fort Wayne on rehab
- May 28: RHP **Francis Peña** transferred to Double-A San Antonio
- June 2: RHP **Braden Nett** reinstated from 7-Day Injured List
- June 4: LHP **Miguel Cienfuegos** transferred to Triple-A El Paso
- June 4: LHP **Fernando Sanchez** transferred from Single-A Lake Elsinore
- June 6: INF/OF **Lucas Dunn** placed on Fort Wayne 7-Day Injured List
- June 7: RHP **Ruben Galindo** placed on Fort Wayne 7-Day Injured List
- June 8: INF **Alain Camou** transferred from Single-A Lake Elsinore
- June 11: RHP **Cole Paplham** transferred to Double-A San Antonio
- June 11: RHP **Dwayne Matos** transferred from Single-A Lake Elsinore
- June 13: RHP **Keegan Collett** transferred from Single-A Lake Elsinore

