



Cedar Rapids Kernels (19-15, 59-41)

High-A Affiliate, Minnesota Twins

RH Chase Chaney (77 1/3 | 3.49 ERA)

at



Lansing Lugnuts (14-21, 50-51)

High-A Affiliate, Athletics

RH Kenya Huggins (High-A debut)

GAME 101 ♦ JACKSON® FIELD™ ♦ SUNDAY, AUGUST 3, 2025 ♦ 1:05 PM

History vs. Cedar Rapids

The Lugnuts are 78-93 all-time vs. the Kernels, 48-43 at home and 30-50 in Cedar Rapids.

The Nuts have made only one trip to the City of Five Seasons in the last four years: 2023 with new shortstop Jacob Wilson (a 2025 A.L. All-Star), when they went 1-5.

Last year, the Lugnuts lost four of six home games to the Kernels, fitting an uncomfortable pattern: for three consecutive seasons entering 2025, the Nuts have gone 2-4 vs. Cedar Rapids at home.

Meetings	Score	Notes
1. 7/29 at LAN	W, 6-2	J. Mahoney (W): 3 IP, 0 H, 0 R
2. 7/30 at LAN	L, 7-3	Winokur 3-R HR in 1st inning
3. 7/31 at LAN	L, 7-4	Kernels score 4 in 6th inning
4. 8/1 at LAN	W, 10-7	Nuts build 9-1 lead by 4th inn.
5. 8/2 at LAN	L, 6-3	CR bullpen: 4 IP, 0 R, 4 K
6. 8/3 - 1:05 p.m.		

Today: The Lansing Lugnuts, High-A affiliate of the A's, play the finale of a six-game series against the Cedar Rapids Kernels, High-A affiliate of the Minnesota Twins. These are the only meetings of the year between the two squads; Cedar Rapids enters the day having won three of five.

Yesterday: Kernels 6, Lugnuts 3. Cedar Rapids scored two runs in each of the first two innings, including back-to-back home runs from Caden Kendle and Poncho Ruiz in the second inning, and relievers Samuel Perez and Paulshawn Pasqualotto locked down the Lugnuts over the final four innings for the Saturday night win.

Off the Field: Today is a Capital City Market Kids Day featuring postgame Kids Run the Bases and an Extra Inning of free ice cream at Capital City Market across Michigan Ave. Then the Lugnuts head on the road for a six-game series at Great Lakes against the Loons, returning from August 12-17 to host the Dayton Dragons.

LUG•NOTES

Booster Club July Player of the Month: Today the Lugnuts' Booster Club honored pitcher **Corey Avant** as its July Lugnuts Player of the Month; Avant posted a 1.80 ERA in five starts spanning 25 innings in July – and put up a goose egg in 23 of those innings! Overall, the league batted just .184 against the Wingate product. He joins past Players of the Month **Kyle Robinson** (April), **T.J. Schofield-Sam** (May) and **Nate Nankil** (June).

Big Crowds! The Lugnuts have drawn 7,889 and 7,868 each of the last two nights. Overall, the Nuts have drawn 218,819 to Jackson Field this summer, averaging 4,129 fans per game.

Prospecting: The Lugnuts' current roster boasts six of MLB Pipeline's Top 30 Athletics prospects in No. 1 **Leo De Vries**, No. 14 **Steven Echavarria**, No. 19 **Ryan Lasko**, No. 23 **Wei-En Lin**, No. 27 **Kenya Huggins** and No. 30 **Tzu-Chen Sha**.

200 to The Show: Seven former Lugnuts players have made the Major Leagues this season, most recently 2023-24 Lugnuts right-hander **Luis Morales** on Friday for the Athletics, bringing the total to 200 Lugnuts all-time who've reach the Majors. Morales joined **Max Muncy**, **Gunnar Hoglund**, **Jack Winkler**, **Denzel Clarke**, **Jack Perkins**, **Colby Thomas** and broadcaster **Adam Jaksa** to debut in MLB this season.

At the Deadline: The Lugnuts' roster includes two prospects acquired by the Athletics at the MLB Trade Deadline: shortstop **Leo De Vries** (picked up with a trio of pitchers from San Diego for 2022 Lugnut **Mason Miller** with starter JP Sears) and pitcher **Kenya Huggins** (received from Cincinnati in exchange for **Miguel Andújar**).

Roll Call: The 2025 Lugnuts have featured 47 different players, 24 position players and 23 pitchers (plus one position player pitching). 18 different players have stolen a base, 15 different players have hit a home run, 11 different pitchers have started a game and five different pitchers have recorded a save. The 47th player of the season and 977th player in team history was **C.J. Pittaro**, who went 2-for-4 with a pair of singles after getting called up from Stockton on Thursday; the 48th / 978th all-time will be **Kenya Huggins**, starting today's finale.

The Mutant Cycle: The best individual performance of the season was achieved *against* the Lugnuts by one of the newest Nuts, **Leo De Vries**, who went 5-for-5 on April 22nd against the Lugnuts with a single, a double, two home runs, a sacrifice fly, and - in the top of the ninth inning – a go-ahead two-run triple to both give the TinCaps the win and culminate the third cycle in Fort Wayne franchise history. De Vries finished the game with eight RBIs. MLB Pipeline ranks De Vries as the No. 3 prospect in all of professional baseball.

Wild Times Against the West: This series vs. Cedar Rapids marks the Lugnuts' final meetings with a West Division team this season. The results: 2-3 vs. Cedar Rapids, 5-1 at Wisconsin, 5-1 vs. South Bend, 3-3 vs. Beloit and 3-3 at Quad Cities, giving the Nuts an 18-11 record for the year against the West compared to 32-40 vs. the East.

We Have Contact: No team in Minor League Baseball strikes out fewer times than the Lugnuts, whose total of 694 whiffs is the best in MiLB by 25 over the next closest team, Erie. The Nuts average a scant 6.87 strikeouts per game. Salt Lake, in contrast, has struck out 1074 times this year and averages 10.13 K's per game.

Mark it Down: Lansing closer **Mark Adamiak** notched his 16th save last week, putting him one save back of Colorado Rockies Futures Game representative Welinton Herrera (Hartford Yard Goats) for the Minor League Baseball saves lead. Adamiak entered this season with just two saves in all of his baseball career, comprising high school, college, summer ball and MiLB action.

Black and Blue: **T.J. Schofield-Sam** has been hit by 25 pitches this year to put him in second place in Minor League Baseball, three behind Arkansas's Michael Arroyo. The Midwest League record is held by Luke Adams, who was hit by 40 pitches last year with Wisconsin.

League Leaderboard: **T.J. Schofield-Sam** is 1st in the Midwest League in batting average (.311), 6th in on-base percentage (.394) and 7th in OPS (.844). **Grant Judkins** leads the Midwest League in innings pitched (102 2/3) and is tied for 1st in starts (20) and complete games (1). **Blaze Pontes** and **Mark Adamiak** lead the league with 33 appearances.

IN A NUTSHELL

36-30 | 14-21 | Lost 1

Home: 26-27 Night: 32-37
Road: 24-24 Day: 18-14

vs. LHP: 12-20 vs. RHP: 37-31

White unis: 13-12
Black unis: 22-19
Retro Gray unis: 7-7
Lansing Locos unis: 4-6
Special unis: 3-7

Tuesday: 6-10
Wednesday: 9-6
Thursday: 8-8
Friday: 7-11
Saturday: 8-11
Sunday: 11-5

Series wins: 5
Series losses: 6
Series splits: 6

Scored 1st: 30-16
Opponent scored 1st: 19-35

Doubleheaders (W-L-S): 1-0-2
Shutouts: 4-7

More hits than opp.: 38-6
Fewer hits than opp.: 10-40
Equal hits: 1-5
Games decided by 1 run: 11-10

Comeback wins: 20
Final at-bat wins: 11
Walk-offs: 4
Extra Innings: 4-3

9-IP Leading Trailing Tied
After 6: 26-5 11-36 6-7
After 7: 33-3 7-42 3-3
After 8: 36-3 4-42 3-3



Luggie's Nuggets

Kansas City Royals	1996-1998
Chicago Cubs	1999-2004
Toronto Blue Jays	2005-2020
Athletics	2021-present

Colors	red and black
Mascot Logo	Big Lug, a river dragon Luggie the Lugnut
Ballpark	Jackson® Field™
First Game at Ballpark	April 3, 1996: Michigan vs. Michigan St.
Total Capacity	11,000
Lugnuts Seasons	29; 1996-present
Lugnuts Championships	1997, 2003
All-Star Games Hosted	1997, 1999, 2002, 2018
Total Lugnuts Games	3,939
All-Time Lugnuts Won-Lost Record	1,971-1,968, .501
Franchise Seasons	70; 1955-present
Franchise Championships	1958, 1959, 1960, 1975, 1976, 1980, 1986
Franchise Won-Lost Record	4,770-4,502, .515

977 total players have played for the Lugnuts all time, with 209 (21%) also playing in the Majors – nine rehabbers and 200 earning their ticket up the ladder. The most recent was **Luis Morales**, who debuted August 1 for the A's.

- 72 Lugnuts alumni debuted with the Toronto Blue Jays
- 32 with the Chicago Cubs
- 25 with the A's
- 22 with the Kansas City Royals
- 11 with the Florida/Miami Marlins
- 4 with the Seattle Mariners and San Diego Padres
- 3 with the Baltimore Orioles, Boston Red Sox and St. Louis Cardinals
- 2 with the Chicago White Sox, Colorado Rockies, Detroit Tigers, Pittsburgh Pirates, San Francisco Giants and Tampa Bay Rays
- 1 with the Atlanta Braves, L.A. Angels, L.A. Dodgers, Milwaukee Brewers, New York Mets, Texas Rangers, and Washington Nationals

All-Star nods: Carlos Beltrán (9x), Vladimir Guerrero, Jr. (5), Carlos Zambrano (3), Bo Bichette (2), rehabber Ryan Dempster (2), Alejandro Kirk (2), Jordan Romano (2), rehabber Marcus Stroman (2), Henderson Álvarez (1), rehabber Kevin Appier (1), Matt Boyd (1), Lance Carter (1), Yan Gomes (1), Carlos Mármol (1), Mason Miller (1), rehabber Mark Prior (1), Aaron Sanchez (1), Noah Syndergaard (1), Jacob Wilson (1).

World Series titles (as a player): Jeremy Affeldt (3), Ryan Theriot (2), rehabber Kevin Appier (1), Carlos Beltrán (1), rehabber Ryan Dempster (1), Chad Durbin (1), Yan Gomes (1), 2011 manager Mike Redmond (1), Marc Rzepczynski (1).

World Series titles (as a coach): rehabber Mark Prior (2), Seth Conner (1), 2010 manager Sal Fasano (1), 2008-09 manager Clayton McCullough (1).

MLB No-Hitters: pitchers - Carlos Zambrano (9/14/08); Henderson Álvarez III (9/29/13); Taylor Cole (combined, 7/12/19); Aaron Sanchez (combined, 8/3/19); Ryan Tepera (combined, 6/24/21); catcher - Robinson Chirinos (Justin Verlander, 9/1/19).

Hit for the Cycle: Félix Pié (8/14/09); Cavan Biggio (9/17/19).

Rookie of the Year: Carlos Beltrán (A.L., 1999).

Comeback Player of the Year: Casey McGehee (N.L., 2014).

Gold Gloves: Carlos Beltrán (3), Vladimir Guerrero Jr. (1), Marcus Stroman (1).

Silver Sluggers: Carlos Beltrán (3), Carlos Zambrano (3), Vladimir Guerrero Jr. (2), Yan Gomes (1).

Major League Nuts

A's: Lawrence Butler (2021-22), Max Muncy (2022-23), Jack Perkins (2023), Max Schuemann (2021), Tyler Soderstrom (2022), Colby Thomas (2023)

Arizona Diamondbacks: Anthony DeSclafani (2012), Kendall Graveman (2013-14), Gabriel Moreno (2019),

Baltimore Orioles: bench coach Robinson Chirinos (2003-04)

Boston Red Sox: Josh Winckowski (2019)

Chicago Cubs: Jon Berti (2012), Matthew Boyd (2013), Nate Pearson (2018)

Chicago White Sox: Ryan Noda (2018), Joshua Palacios (2016-17), Vinny Capra (2018)

Kansas City Royals: Rich Hill (2003)

Los Angeles Angels: assistant pitching coach Sal Fasano (2010 manager), infield coach Ryan Goins (2009-10)

Los Angeles Dodgers: pitching coach Mark Prior (2004 rehab)

Miami Marlins: Otto López (2019), Clayton McCullough (2008-09 manager)

Milwaukee Brewers: Danny Jansen (2015)

New York Mets: Danny Young (2016)

New York Yankees: Marcus Stroman (2015 rehab)

Pittsburgh Pirates: Ryan Borucki (2016), Tim Lincecum (2015)

San Diego Padres: Mason Miller (2022)

Texas Rangers: assistant hitting coach Seth Conner (2013-14), Rowdy Tellez (2014-15)

Toronto Blue Jays: Bo Bichette (2017), Vladimir Guerrero, Jr. (2017), Leo Jiménez (2019), Alejandro Kirk (2019), manager John Schneider (2016 manager), third base coach Carlos Febles (1996), bullpen catcher Luis Hurtado (2011)

Washington Nationals: Drew Millas (2021)

MIDWEST LEAGUE MATCHUPS

Opponents	Home	Road	Total
Beloit	3-3		3-3
Cedar Rapids	2-3, August 3		2-3, 1 left
Dayton	3-3, Aug 12-17	5-1, Sept 2-7	8-4, 12 left
Fort Wayne	6-3	2-4	8-7
Great Lakes	3-3	4-2, August 5-10	7-5, 6 left
Lake County	3-3, Aug 26-31	3-9	6-12, 6 left
Quad Cities		3-3	3-3
South Bend	5-1		5-1
West Michigan	1-8	2-4, August 19-24	3-12, 6 left
Wisconsin		5-1	5-1
Totals	26-27, 13 games left	24-24, 18 games left	50-51, 31 left

THE A's SYSTEM

Athletics - MLB



49-64

American League West

Yesterday: lost to Arizona, 7-2
J.T. Ginn: 4 1/3 IP, 4 H, 4 R, 2 K

Midland RockHounds



54-47

Double-A Texas League

Yesterday: beat Tulsa, 11-6
Henry Baez: 5 IP, 4 H, 3 R, BB, 6 K

Las Vegas Aviators



62-45

Triple-A Pacific Coast League

Yesterday: lost to Reno, 14-8
Kade Morris: 3 IP, 6 H, 2 R, 3 BB, 4 K

Stockton Ports



41-60

Single-A California League

Yesterday: lost to San Jose, 11-1
Sam Stuhr: 4 2/3 IP, 6 H, 5 R, 4 K

AUGUST 3RD IN LUGNUTS HISTORY

2019: Aaron Sanchez enters with the worst ERA in baseball among qualified pitchers (6.07) but twirls six hitless innings with six strikeouts, and three relievers finished a 9-0 Houston Astros no-hitter over those very same Mariners.

2022: For the second straight game, Denzel Clarke hit an inside-the-park home run, blasting an RJ Petit pitch off the right-center fence at Jackson Field and scoring standing up when the ball bounced past center field Ben Malgeri. In the process, he became the first Lugnut since Tim Locastro in 2015 with two inside-the-park home runs in the same year and the second MiLB player ever, joining Everett's Fred Bello (July 2-3, 2010), to have inside-the-park homers in two straight games. The feat has never occurred in the Majors. The Lugnuts went on to win the game, 8-1.

Happy Birthday, Félix Sánchez (1982), Tucker Jensen (1989)

CATCHING STATS

	Diaz	Gomez	Newton
W-L (ShO)	10-15	0-1	-
ERA	5.45	7.00	-
Inn.	218.0	9.0	-
R (ER)	144 (132)	7 (7)	-
E	3	-	-
PB	3	-	-
CS%	4-23, 17%	0-3, 0%	-
Pickoffs	-	-	-

STARTING PITCHER

#40 • RHP • **Kenya Huggins** • 6-3, 240 • age 22

Profile

NameKenya Carl Huggins
BirthdayDecember 12, 2002
BornNew Orleans, Louisiana

SchoolChipola College
AcquiredTrade with Cincinnati, July 31, 2025
Bats / ThrowsRight / Right

Longest Outing: 4 IP, 14x | **Most K:** 7, 2x

In a Nutshell: Making his Lugnuts debut today... acquired from the Cincinnati Reds in exchange for Miguel Andújar at the deadline on Thursday... becomes the 978th all-time Lansing Lugnut and the 48th different player to suit up this year... 24th pitcher, and the 12th different starting pitcher... had just been promoted to the Midwest League on July 23, moving up from Daytona to Dayton.

Touted: Kenya is considered the No. 27 prospect in the A's system by MLB Pipeline, after being rated the No. 22 prospect in the Reds system... grades: fastball 55, slider 50, changeup 50, control 45, overall 40.

School Ties: New Orleans native / St. Augustine High School product was listed as an outfielder at the Perfect Game Breakthrough Series... as a senior in 2021 for the St. Augustine Purple Knights, whiffed 88 in 67 innings while slugging nine home runs... originally committed to Louisiana Tech before enrolling at Chipola Junior College... in 2022 with Chipola, went 4-3, 2.96, 73 IP, 66 H, 32 BB, 97 K (11.96 K/9-IP), with a fastball clocked 93-95 mph... other notable players who've come through Chipola: Russell Martin, Jose Bautista, Patrick Corbin, Tyler Flowers, Jose Caballero, and his teammate at Chipola, also drafted by the Reds, Cam Collier.

Life as a Pro: Drafted 123rd in 2022, in the 4th round, one pick ahead of former Lugnuts right-hander Jacob Watters (traded this past offseason to the Tampa Bay Rays) and two picks after former Lake County Captain Nate "The Paladin" Furman... signed for \$407,500... made one appearance in 2022 in the Arizona Complex League... moved up to Class-A Daytona in 2022... underwent Tommy John surgery in June 2023.



fastball, slider, change

YR	CLUB	W-L	ERA	G	GS	CG	ShO	SV	IP	AB	H	R	ER	HR	HB	BB	IBB	K	WP	BK	AVG
2022	AzCL Reds	0-1	0.00	1	1	0	0	0	1.0	5	2	2	0	1	0	0	0	3	0	0	.400
2023	Daytona	1-2	4.67	14	6	0	0	0	34.2	140	38	18	18	1	1	22	0	43	5	0	.271
2024	Daytona	1-0	1.13	4	0	0	0	0	8.0	24	4	1	1	0	0	3	0	7	1	0	.167
2025	Daytona	2-2	3.69	18	15	0	0	0	63.1	224	44	26	26	3	2	26	0	57	2	0	.196
	Lansing																				
	TOTALS	4-5	3.79	37	22	0	0	0	107.0	393	88	47	45	5	3	51	0	110	8	0	.224

IN THE BULLPEN

21 MARK ADAMIAK • RH • Age 24 • "uh-DAH-ee-ack" • MWL: 2
FB, CUT, SL, CH | 2024: Stockton, 5-5, 4.90, 45 G, 2 SV, 60 2/3 IP, 62 H, 7 HR, 28 BB, 75 K, 12 WP
1 day rest
 • Born in Des Plaines, IL... lives in Shawnee, Kansas... 454th overall, 15th rd., 2022, Arkansas.
 • \$125,000... at Shawnee Mission Northwest H.S., ranked the No. 1 RHP in Kansas in 2019.
 • Drafted after r-soph. year: Acad. Honor Roll; 9 G, 3 GS, 3.95, 13 2/3 IP, 14 H, 6 R, 8 BB, 18 K.
 • Four relief appearances with Lansing to end 2023: 5 IP, 4 H, 3 R, 1 HR, 2 BB, 7 K.

15 HUNTER BREault • RH • Age 26 • "BRO" • MWL seasons: 3
FB, CU, SL, SPL | 2024: Lansing, 4-3, 6.08, 36 G, 6 SV, 40 IP, 5 HR, 30 BB, 42 K, 5 WP
0 days rest
 • Kapolei, HI... \$35,000... drafted 608th, 20th round, 2021, from the University of Oregon.
 • 2019 California Collegiate League top prospect by Perfect Game (12 G, 16 IP, 1 ER).
 • Perfect Game's No. 1 HS recruit in Hawai'i... high school teammates with Blaze Pontes.
 • Four yrs. at Oregon: 50 G, 4.68, 57.2, 44 K... 19 G w/ LAN in 2023, spent 2024 with Nuts.

13 JAKE CHRISTIANSON • RH • 25 • MWL season: 1
FB, CU, SL, SPL | 2024: Bowling Green, 4-1, 3.74, 31 G, 2 SV, 53 IP, 41 H, 6 HR, 4 HBP, 19 BB, 56 K
0 days rest
 • St. Paul, MN... drafted by TB 464th, 15th round, 2022, Feather River College... \$50,000.
 • Converted from catcher to closer at FRC... signed by Rays away from So. Illinois commit.
 • Released by Tampa on March 21, 2025... signed as free agent by the A's on March 22.
 • Drafted 10 picks after Mark Adamiak, 20 picks ahead of Blaze Pontes... enjoys cornhole.
 • Attended Northern Iowa Area CC for one year... business & biomechanics major.

17 HENRY GÓMEZ • RH • Age 23 • MWL season: 1
FB, SINK, CU, SL, CH | 2024: Palm Beach, 6-3, 3.03, 39 G, 12 SV, 62 1/3, 1 HR, 26 BB, 44 K
2 days rest
 • Born in Maracaibo, lives in Zulia, Venezuela... signed by STL as an int'l free agent, 7/28/18.
 • Acquired by the Athletics in the Triple-A portion of the Rule 5 draft, 12/11/24.
 • Spent 2019, 2021, 2022 in Dominican Summer League, converting from starter to reliever.
 • Pitched in 2023 and 2024 in the Florida State League, lowering ERA from 4.91 to 3.03.

31 WANDER GUANTE • RH • Age 26 • MWL seasons: 2
FB, SL, CH | 2024: Lansing, 1-3, 5.22, 14 G, 7 GS, 50 IP, 8 HR, 22 BB, 35 K, .268 avg.
1 day rest
 • Santo Domingo, DR... signed by the Athletics as an international free agent on 3/22/19.
 • "Guante" in English means glove... uncle Cecilio Guante pitched in MLB, 1982-1990.
 • Promoted to Midland 5/14, returned 7/19, promoted to Las Vegas 8/31/24 (6 G, 18 2/3, 5.79).
 • 2024 Arizona Fall League: 9 G, 7.84, 10 1/3 IP, 10 R, 5 BB, 8 K... rejoined LAN May 13, 2025.

20 JACK MAHONEY • LH • Age 26 • MWL season: 1
FB, SINK, SL, CH | 2024: Windy City, 5-4, 3.45, 52 G, 60 IP, 57 H, 4 HR, 24 BB, 61 K, 1.35 WHIP
1 day rest
 • Appleton, WI... undrafted out of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, earned way to MiLB through indy ball.
 • Attended Appleton West, same high school as Lugnuts / MLB catcher Danny Jansen.
 • Independent experience: 2022-23 Milwaukee, '24 Windy City, '25 Staten Island FerryHawks.
 • 2025: 6 GS with Staten Island, 5.45 ERA, 33 IP, 12 BB, 41 K... purchased by A's on June 9.

16 BLAZE PONTES • RH • Age 25 • "PAHN-tez" • MWL seasons: 2
FB, SINK, CU, SL, CH | 2024: Lansing, 3-9, 7.36, 26 G, 10 GS, 88 IP, 113 H, 76 R, 11 HR, 40 BB, 44 K
2 days rest
 • Mililani, HI... drafted 484th overall, 16th rd., 2022, University of Hawai'i... signed for \$75,000.
 • 1st Team All-State as a high school junior (0.95)... Jr. year at Hawai'i: 1st Team All Big West
 • One year younger than teammate Hunter Breault at Kamehameha-Kapālama High School.
 • 2021: played for Waterloo (Northwoods League), where Lugs franchise used to be located.

33 TOM REISINGER • RH • 24 • "RICE-ing-er" • MWL season: 1
FB, CU, SWEEP, CH | 2024: Stockton, 1-5, 9.05, 21 G, 5 GS, 62 2/3, 93 H, 8 HR, 7 HBP, 41 BB, 53 K
3 days rest
 • Kulpmont, PA... 286th overall, 10th rd., 2023, East Stroudsburg University (ESU) Warriors.
 • Signed for \$125,000... Mount Carmel Area H.S. quarterback... also played basketball.
 • Drafted following Jr. year: led PSAC in K (97 in 71 2/3 IP)... 2022-23 total: 185 K in 140 2/3.
 • Made pro debut in 2023 in ACL: 4 G/2 GS, 6 IP, 10 K... spent 2024 in Stockton, IL: May 1-30.

30 YEHIZON SANCHEZ • RH • 24 • "YAY-ih-son" • MWL seasons: 3
SINK, SL, CH | 2024: Lansing, 2-6, 6.18, 37 G, 1 SV, 51 IP, 63 H, 3 HR, 5 HBP, 31 BB, 44 K
3 days rest
 • La Romana, DR... signed at age 18 as an international free agent on July 2, 2019.
 • In same signing class as James González and Wander Guante, who are in Midland.
 • Others from La Romana: Edwin Encarnación, Félix Pié and Miguel Castro.
 • 2023 Stockton Ports Opening Day starter... pitched in four games with Lansing in 2023.

#32 • RHP • Corey Avant • 6-4, 215 • age 23

Profile

Name Corey Jacob Avant
Birthday November 6, 2001
Born Burlington, North Carolina
School Wingate University
Acquired 256th overall, 9th round, 2023
Bats / Throws Right / Right

Corey's last name rhymes with "WAVE-ant"

Longest Outing: 7 IP, 6/21/25 at QC | **Most K:** 8, 6/21/25 at QC

Last Time Out: Corey started the July 27 Sunday finale at Lake County and fired five scoreless innings, allowing two hits and two walks, while striking out seven in a no-decision... 77 pitches, 47 strikes... departed in a scoreless game... Lake County received a Nick Mitchell triple and a Jacob Cozart sac fly in the 7th to beat Wei-En Lin and the Lugnuts, 1-0.

Home: 0-4, 5.63, 32 IP, 1 HR, 15 BB, 30 K, .291 avg. | **Road:** 3-1, 1.97, 45 2/3 IP, 1 HR, 22 BB, 48 K, .201 avg.
vs. LH: .215 / .317 / .326, 1 HR, 22 BB, 42 K, 2 GiDP | **vs. RH:** .268 / .340 / .331, 1 HR, 15 BB, 36 K, 5 GiDP

Starting Out: Avant's first start of the season came due to unusual circumstances: April 25 vs. Fort Wayne, the start time was pushed back an hour due to worry of inclement weather, so Avant's number was called instead of the scheduled starter, Gage Jump. Avant pitched two innings, allowing one run, before yielding to Jump, who struck out 13 batters in 6 2/3 scoreless innings in a 3-1 Lugnuts win... fully joined the rotation on May 13 vs. South Bend... set career highs for most innings (7.0) and most strikeouts (8) in a terrific start at Quad Cities on June 21, allowing four hits, three walks and one run.

High School: Avant attended Sun Valley H.S., the Spartans, whose fight song is the Michigan State University fight song, Victory for MSU... the school's colors are maroon and gold, a la Central Michigan University... Sun Valley also produced NFL QB Sam Howell... Avant graduated Class of 2020.

College: Onward to Wingate University (named for Washington Manly Wingate, the fourth president at Wake Forest), the Bulldogs, colors: navy and gold... Avant majored in Math Business... redshirted the 2021 season, in which Wingate went 39-13, earned the No. 1 seed, and won the Division II National Championship in Cary, North Carolina, at the USA Baseball National Training Complex... in 2022, the Bulldogs set a program record for wins, going 48-10 with a 29-3 home record (first in the nation in both wins and winning percentage), but lost in the Southeast Regionals; redshirt freshman Avant went 3-1 with a 3.41 ERA in 26 relief appearances / 29 IP: 1 HR, 15 BB, 51 K... followed up in 2023 as a redshirt sophomore, striking out 57 batters in 39 innings (5.31, 23 G, 2 GS, 27 BB), as the Bulldogs finished 32-18, 18-6 in conference, but were eliminated in the SAC Tourney... excelled off the field with a 4.00 GPA, named two-time Academic All-America and served as Commencement Marshal at 2023 graduation

Notes From a College Bio: From Avant's Wingate baseball profile: Mike Trout was his favorite athlete, but the Braves were his favorite team... his favorite movie is Star Wars, Episode IV: A New Hope, and his favorite TV show is The Mandalorian... his favorite non-baseball sport is golf, which he plays left-handed... his favorite food is steak, while his favorite artist is Luke Combs... his nickname is Cool Breeze... his favorite quote is "Failure is not the opposite of success, it's part of success."

Pro Ball: Avant was the first D-II player drafted in 2023 and was the highest pick ever for Wingate as a D-II university when he was selected in the ninth round by the A's and signed for \$185,100... debuted in 2023 in the Complex League before spending the majority of 2024 in Class-A Stockton, finishing with ten relief appearances for Triple-A Las Vegas.



fastball, curve, slider, change

YR	CLUB	W-L	ERA	G	GS	CG	ShO	SV	IP	AB	H	R	ER	HR	HB	BB	IBB	K	WP	BK	AVG
2023	ArizCL A's	0-1	6.75	3	0	0	0	0	4.0	15	6	3	3	0	0	5	0	3	2	0	.400
2024	Stockton	2-6	7.26	24	6	0	0	2	57.0	246	81	54	46	7	3	39	1	68	11	0	.329
	Las Vegas	1-0	7.90	10	0	0	0	0	13.2	51	13	12	12	0	2	9	0	12	1	0	.255
2025	Lansing	3-5	3.48	23	16	0	0	0	77.2	286	69	32	30	2	2	37	0	78	9	1	.241
	TOTALS	6-12	5.38	60	22	0	0	2	152.1	598	169	101	91	9	7	90	1	161	23	1	.283

THE BATSMEN

24	LEO DE VRIES	• S/R • SS • Age 18 • 1st season with Lugnuts • MLB Pipeline's No. 1 A's prospect, No. 3 Minor League Baseball prospect overall
2024 in Lake Elsinore: 75 G, .237 / .361 / .441, 63 R, 22 2B, 3 3B, 11 HR, 13-15 SB, 50 BB, 84 K, 9 HBP... 2025 in Fort Wayne: 82 G, .245 / .357 / .410, 46 R, 19 2B, 4 3B, 8 HR, 46 RBI, 8-15 SB, 52 BB, 72 K		
Last Game: 2-5, 3B, RBI, 2 K at LC: - CR: 4-13, 2 R, 3B, 2 RBI, 5 K, HBP, SF Current Hit Streak: +3 (4-13) On-Base Streak: +3 (4-13, HBP)		
- Azua, DR... signed for \$4.2 million as the No. 1 international prospect, January 15, 2024. - Youngest player in 2024 Arizona Fall League... youngest to homer in AFL since Bryce Harper, 2010. - Acq. with Eduarriel Núñez / Braden Nett / Henry Baez for Mason Miller / JP Sears, July 31, 2025 "El Mutante"... hit for the cycle, April 22, 2025: 5-for-5, 2 HR, SF, 8 RBI... played point guard growing up.		
4	DAVIS DIAZ	• R/R • C/INF • Age 22 • 1st season with Lugnuts
2024: Stockton, 14 G, .226 / .397 / .283, 12-for-53, 12 R, 3 2B, 0 3B, 0 HR, 6 RBI, 8 BB, 9 K, 7 HBP, 0 SB, 0 E		
Last Game: 0-3, R, BB, E at LC: 2-11, 2 R, RBI, 2 BB, 3 K vs. CR: 3-14, 3 R, 2 BB, 2 K, E Current Hit Streak: -1 (0-3) On-Base Streak: +2 (1-6, 2 BB)		
- Pittsburg, CA... signed for \$250,000 as the 226th pick, 8th round, 2024, Vanderbilt University. 3x gold medalist, Team USA (2015, 2017, 2018), Perfect Game's No. 12 prospect in California. - Joined Lugnuts on June 3 from Stockton, replacing the promoted Cole Conn (Double-A Midland). 2025 in Stockton: 42 G, .250 / .384 / .355, 10 2B, 3 3B, 0 HR, 21 RBI, 6-for-9 SB, 29 BB, 28 K, 6 HBP.		
9	MARIO GÓMEZ	• L/R • C • Age 22 • 1st season with Lugnuts
2025 totals: 24 G, .174 / .275 / .261, 1 2B, 1 3B, 1 HR, 0-for-2 SB... in Arizona Complex League: 12 G, .225 / .304 / .300, 1 HR... Stockton: 3 G, 0-for-11, 1 BB... Midland: 8 G, 3-for-15, 2B, 3B... Vegas: 1 G, 0-3		
Last Game: - at LC: - vs. CR: 1-4, RBI, K Current Hit Streak: +1 (1-4) On-Base Streak: +1 (1-4)		
- Aguascalientes, Mexico... signed as an international free agent on February 19, 2020 (age 17). - Played for one team in 2021, two teams in 2023, three teams in 2024, and now five teams in 2025.		
12	GUNNER GOULDSMITH	• S/R • INF • Age 23 • 1st season with Lugnuts
2025 totals: 59 G, .171 / .314 / .221, 7 2B, 1 3B, 35 BB, 45 K, 7-for-11 SB... ACL A's: 17 G, 8-for-44, 2B, 3B, .182 / .397 / .250... Stockton: 40 G, .159 / .268 / .205, 5-for-5 SB... Midland: 2 G, 2-for-5, 2 BB, 2 K		
Last Game: - at LC: - vs. CR: 1-6, 2 R, 2 BB, 2 K, CS Current Hit Streak: +1 (1-3) On-Base Streak: +2 (1-6, 2 BB)		
- Reno, Nevada... 556th overall selection, 19th round, 2025, Sacramento State (\$20,000).. - Brought four gloves to Lansing; plays all infield positions... only Hornet to start all 57 gms. in 2024		
26	RYAN LASKO	• R/R • OF • Age 22 • 2nd season with Lugnuts • MLB Pipeline's No. 19 A's prospect
2024 with Stockton: 82 G, .225 / .359 / .322, 72 H, 48 R, 19 2B, 0 3B, 4 HR, 29 RBI, 9 HBP, 59 BB, 103 K, 20-26 SB, 2 E... with Lansing: 41 G, .245 / .341 / .342, 7 2B, 1 3B, 2 HR, 18 RBI, 20 BB, 35 K, 13-14 SB		
Last Game: 1-4, 2 R, RBI, BB, SB at LC: 1-6, R, HR, 3 RBI, 2 BB, K, CS vs. CR: 2-8, 3 R, 2B, 2 RBI, 2 BB, SB Current Hit Streak: +3 (3-11) On-Base Streak: +6 (4-21, 5 BB)		
- Jackson, New Jersey... 2nd round, 41st overall, 2023, from Rutgers... signed for \$1.7 million. - Led Big Ten in base hits (90) and runs scored (81) in 2022... criminal justice major. - First Scarlet Knight in Big Ten era to be All-American, 2021... tied RU 2B record (24) in 2022. - Rated California League's Best Outfield Arm by Baseball America in 2024... Injured List, 4/4-5/12/25.		
3	CAMERON LEARY	• L/L • OF • Age 23 • 1st season with Lugnuts
2024 with Stockton: 20 G, .222 / .309 / .395, 5 2B, 3 HR, 4 SB, 10 BB, 19 K... 2025 with Stockton: 93 G, .266 / .386 / .433, 66 R, 27 2B, 2 3B, 9 HR, 52 RBI, 44-for-49 SB, 66 BB, 98 K		
Last Game: 0-4, 2 K at LC: - CR: 2-17, R, 3 RBI, BB, 6 K, 3 SB, HBP Current Hit Streak: -1 (0-4) On-Base Streak: -1 (0-4)		
- Bethpage, NY... selected 286th overall, 10th round, 2024 draft from Boston College (\$50,000). - Promoted from Stockton riding a 10-game hitting streak and a 30-game on-base streak.		
25	DARLYN MONTERO	• L/R • INF • Age 23 • 1st season with Lugnuts
2024 with Stockton: 95 G, .256 / .318 / .353, 93 H, 43 R, 15 2B, 1 3B, 6 HR, 29 RBI, 1 Sac., 1 SF, 10 HBP, 24 BB, 104 K, 9-for-9 SB, 8 E		
Last Game: - at LC: 2-9, BB, 4 K vs. CR: 1-6, R, 2 RBI, K Current Hit Streak: +1 (1-4) On-Base Streak: +4 (3-12, BB, HBP)		
- Azua, Dominican Republic... signed as an international free agent on November 7, 2018. - Played in DSL in 2019 (.55 G, .213 avg.) and 2021 (40 G, .217 avg.), ACL in 2022 and 2023.		
19	BEN NEWTON	• S/R • C/INF • Age 23 • 1st season with Lugnuts
2025 with Las Vegas: 4 G, 1-for-8, 1 R, 1 2B, 0 BB, 3 K... 2025 with Arizona Complex A's: 16 G, 17-for-52, .327/.438/.462, 5 2B, 1 3B, 10 BB, 13 K... 2025 with Midland: 5 G, 2-for-9, 5 R, 1 HR, 4 RBI, 1 BB, 4 K		
Last Game: 0-4, 2 K, E at LC: - CR: 5-14, 2 R, 2 RBI, 5 K, SB, SF, E Current Hit Streak: -1 (0-4) On-Base Streak: -1 (0-4)		
- Albany, CA... signed as undrafted free agent, January 22, 2025, Fresno State. - Business major... according to college bio: "enjoys basketball, drawing and poker in his free time."		
7	PEDRO PINEDA	• R/R • OF • Age 21 • 1st season with Lugnuts
2025 with Stockton: 53 G, .253 / .356 / .458, 35 R, 5 2B, 2 3B, 10 HR, 37 RBI, 2-for-3 SB, 27 BB, 65 K, 4 HBP		
Last Game: 1-3, BB, K at LC: - CR: 7-16, 3 R, 2B, 3B, 3 RBI, 3 BB, 5 K, 2 SB, E Current Hit Streak: +5 (7-16) On-Base Streak: +5 (7-16, 3 BB)		
- Santo Domingo Norte, DR... signed as an international free agent, January 15, 2021. - Rose as high as MLB Pipeline's No. 11 A's prospect in 2022... signed for \$2.5 million.		
10	C.J. PITTARO	• L/R • INF/OF • Age 23 • 1st season with Lugnuts
2024 in Penn State: 2 G, 0-2, 1 K... 2025 in Stockton: 92 G, .246 / .358 / .323, 46 R, 16 2B, 4 3B, 1 HR, 36 RBI, 6-for-9 SB, 52 BB, 85 K, 6 GiDP, 10 HBP		
Last Game: 2-4 at LC: - vs. CR: 2-4 Current Hit Streak: +1 (2-4) On-Base Streak: +1 (2-4)		
- Hamilton, NJ... 2021 Vanderbilt, 2022-24 Penn State... 2025 undrafted free agent, Penn State. 1B, 2B, 3B, LF, RF at Penn State... 1B, 3B, LF, CF, RF at Stockton (42 games in LF, 48 games at 1B). - Christopher John Pittaro... grandfather played in the minors from 1960-62, then coached at Rider. - Father, Chris, played 53 G in MLB (1985 DET, 1986-87 MIN), currently A's Special Assistant to the GM.		
18	T.J. SCHOFIELD-SAM	• L/R • INF • Age 24 • 3rd season with Lugnuts
2024 with ACL A's: 7 G, 12-for-28, .429 / .484 / .607... with Stockton: 59 G, .280 / .325 / .386, 71 H, 30 R, 11 2B, 2 3B, 4 HR, 38 RBI, 5-6 SB... with Lansing: 32 G, .231 / .331 / .343, 6 2B, 2 HR, 10 RBI, 7 HBP		
Last Game: 1-4, RBI, K at LC: 2-15, R, 2B, BB, 4 K, HBP vs. CR: 4-19, R, 4 RBI, 2 BB, 5 K, SF Current Hit Streak: +4 (4-17) On-Base Streak: +6 (5-23, 2 BB)		
- Tyrell James... Brampton, ON... 374th pick, 12th rd., 2019, North Park S.S. ... signed for \$320,000. - Promoted to Midland July 1, returned July 17... Double-A stats: 9 G, 5-36, .139/.162/.139, 1 BB, 6 K, 2 SB. - Bronze Medalist w/ Canada Junior National Team in Panama... father is from Saint Vincent (SVG). - Has enjoyed marvelous 2025 with Lugnuts... 5-for-5 vs. Fort Wayne on April 24... batted .371 in April. 2018 - won the Tournament 12 title, the Marucci World Series title and U-21 Canadian Baseball title. - May 31 vs. Beloit, blasted go-ahead grand slam in the 7th ("The Schofield-Slam"), leading to 8-2 win.		
5	CASEY YAMAUCHI	• R/R • INF • Age 24 • 3rd season with Lugnuts
2024 in Stockton: 35 G, .316 / .389 / .404, 36 H, 18 R, 6 2B, 2 3B, 0 HR, 12 RBI, 5 HBP, 10 BB, 13 K, 7-10 SB, 10 E... Lansing: 52 G, .236 / .306 / .258, 24 R, 4 2B, 13 RBI, 7 HBP, 11 BB, 14 K, 13-15 SB, 5 E		
Last Game: 1-4, K LC: 0-11, RBI, BB, 2 K, SF, GiDP, HBP, E CR: 6-21, 4 R, 3 RBI, BB, K, 2 SB, E Current Hit Streak: +4 (6-18) On-Base Streak: +6 (6-23, 2 BB)		
- Hilo, HI... signed as an undrafted free agent with the Athletics from Hawai'i at Hilo, July 12, 2023. - Owns Hawai'i Hilo records in runs (147), hits (240), doubles (49), steals (74-for-85); only 27 K in 167 G. 5 years... graduated w/ bachelor degrees in Communications and Kinesiology & Exercise Sciences. - Joined Nuts for the final three games of 2023 at LC (6-9, 2 BB, 1 HBP), replacing Jacob Wilson at SS.		

ADDITIONAL LUG•NOTES

DK at the Helm: The 19th manager in Lugnuts history is **Darryl Kennedy**, entering his second year in the A's organization. Kennedy distinguished himself as a catcher at Manatee Community College before starring at the University of North Florida and was named an NCAA All-American in 1991 en route to North Florida's Hall of Fame, inducted in 2017. Kennedy played in the Minor Leagues for seven seasons, including parts of four seasons in Triple-A. Following his 1997 retirement, he immediately began managing, leading the Gulf Coast League Rangers to the 1998 GCL Championship. Kennedy won a second title with the GCL Rangers in 2000, moving on to stops in the Florida State League, Northwest League and Texas League through 2006. Upon joining the Royals' organization, Kennedy managed in the Appalachian League, Carolina League, Pioneer League, Arizona League and Texas League through 2020. He served as bench coach for the KBO's Hanwha Eagles from 2021 through 2023 before joining the A's as Double-A Midland's assistant hitting coach in 2024.

Filling Out the Staff: **Dave Burba**, the Lugnuts' pitching coach, walked on at Ohio State, pitched in the Big Ten Championship game as a freshman, was drafted by the Mariners one round after Ken Griffey, Jr. in 1987, and won 115 games in 15 MLB seasons before spending 13 seasons as a pitching coach in the Colorado Rockies' organization. **Rubén Escalera** is in his second year as hitting coach and his 30th season in the A's organization; he simultaneously serves as a scout for the A's in Puerto Rico. And the pride of Yuba City, Calif., **Cooper Goldby** comes to the Lugnuts after two seasons serving as the Dominican Summer League A's manager. The catcher/utilityman was drafted out of Lewis-Clark State in the 35th round in 2017.

Get to Know These Names: If the past is any indication, the Athletics' 2025 draft picks will be making a Midwest League impact sooner rather than later. Last year, third-rounder **Joshua Kuroda-Grauer** finished the season in Lansing before starring for the Nuts thus far this year. In 2023, the Lugnuts received first-rounder **Jacob Wilson** for 23 games in August; two years later, Wilson started the All-Star Game for the American League at shortstop. This year, the A's selected Florida State southpaw **Jamie Arnold** with the 11th overall pick, following up with a pair of impact slugging outfielders: Indiana Hoosier **Devin Taylor** (the No. 30 prospect) at pick 48 and Oregon State Beaver **Gavin Turley** (the No. 78 prospect) at pick 110.

Walk-Off Wonders: The Nuts have walked off with a win on four different occasions this year:

- Jared Dickey's two-run single in the 12th inning to beat Great Lakes, 12-11, April 13th
- Sahid Valenzuela's RBI single in the 10th inning to beat Lake County, 1-0, May 4th
- Rodney Green, Jr.'s RBI single in the 10th inning to beat South Bend, 7-6, May 13th
- Jared Dickey's RBI fielder's choice in the bottom of the 9th to beat West Michigan, 4-3, June 11th

All-Star Representation, Futures Edition: **Tommy White** and 2025 Opening Day starter **Gage Jump** represented the Athletics' organization at the **2025 All-Star Futures Game** on July 12th at Truist Park. White went 0-for-1 with a strikeout while Jump needed only four pitches to strike out Padres No. 1 prospect Leo De Vries and induce a groundout from Cubs No. 1 prospect Owen Caissie – coincidentally to White at third. White, the A's No. 6 prospect, joined Luis Morales (2024), Denzel Clarke (2022), Vladimir Guerrero Jr. and Bo Bichette (2017) and Angel Perdomo (2016) as active Lugnuts to play in the Futures Game.

All-Star Representation, Present Tense: Four Lugnuts were named Major League All-Stars – American League starting shortstop **Jacob Wilson** (2023), A.L. starting first baseman **Vladimir Guerrero, Jr.** (2017), A.L. reserve catcher **Alejandro Kirk** (2019), and N.L. starting pitcher **Matthew Boyd** (2013). It was Vladdy's fifth All-Star appearance, Kirk's second, and the first apiece for Wilson and Boyd. Wilson was the first A's starting shortstop in an All-Star Game since Bert Campaneris (1974) and the first rookie starting shortstop in an All-Star Game since Ron Hansen in 1960.

Still Shoving: 45-year-old **Rich Hill** pitched for the Lugnuts in 2003 (0-1, 2.76, 15 G, 4 GS, 29 1/3 innings, 14 H, 36 walks, 50 strikeouts, 9 wild pitches). On July 13, Hill struck out 10 Toledo Mud Hens in five innings, becoming the first 45-year-old to strike out at least 10 batters in a game since the Texas Rangers' Nolan Ryan whiffed double-digit Athletics on August 6, 1992. Hill is in his 20th professional season and with his 14th different MLB organization.

The Butler Did What?! 2021-2022 Lugnut **Lawrence Butler** led off July 8th's game for the A's vs. Atlanta with an inside-the-park home run, the Athletics' first inside-the-park homer since Mark Kotsay achieved the feat on October 4, 2006; the first leadoff inside-the-park home run for the A's since Elmer Valo in 1943; and the first A's player to have both an inside-the-park home run and an over-the-fence home run in the same game since Billy Williams on August 23, 1975. When the Giants' Patrick Bailey delivered a walk-off inside-the-park home run to end the night in baseball, it was the first time in Major League Baseball history that a leadoff inside-the-parker and a walk-off inside-the-parker were hit on the same day.

Dubious History: 2018 Lugnut **Vinny Capra** was former Great Lakes Loon Clayton Kershaw's 3,000th strikeout victim on July 2. Capra, a 20th-rounder from Richmond in 2018, had been claimed off waivers by the White Sox from the Milwaukee Brewers on May 15.

Simply Electric: 2022 Lugnut **Denzel Clarke** won the MLB Chevrolet Electric Play of the Week each of his first four weeks in the Majors.

Happy Trails: 2012 Nut **Kevin Pillar** announced his retirement on July 2 following a 13-year playing career with 10 different teams. A 32nd-round selection in 2011, Pillar went 6-for-6 with a grand slam in a 6-RBI night at the Dayton Dragons on May 13, 2012, and found a fire extinguisher in his locker after the game. He went on to be the 2012 Midwest League Most Valuable Player.

What a Crowd! The Lugnuts' July 4 crowd of 10,527 was...

- Larger than any crowd drawn by the Tampa Bay Rays this season.
- 18th largest crowd in Minor League Baseball this season.
- Larger than 15 Triple-A teams (Round Rock, Lehigh Valley, Scranton/Wilkes-Barre, Gwinnett, Jacksonville, Reno, Omaha, El Paso, Worcester, Louisville, St. Paul, Memphis, Salt Lake, Tacoma, Sugar Land).
- Larger than 29 Double-A teams (everyone except Frisco).
- Largest crowd in High-A. (No one else drew over 9,000.)
- Larger than 29 Single-A teams (everyone except Fresno, which used to be in Triple-A and edged Lansing by four: 10,531).
- The 2nd largest crowd in Lansing since 2020, beaten only by 2023's July 4.

What a Crowd, Part II: The Nuts drew 8,863 for Grand Slam School Day III on May 28 vs. Beloit, an attendance that ranks the 31st largest crowd in Minor League Baseball this year. If Lansing's July 4 crowd is excluded, the May 28 attendance would rank larger than any crowd in High-A this season except for a West Michigan Whitecaps gate of 9,049 on June 7.