



**SOUTH BEND CUBS (59-37, 20-14)
at
LAKE COUNTY CAPTAINS (53-43, 16-16)**

**August 1, 2026 / 7:00 PM ET
Classic Auto Group Park / Eastlake, OH**



**RHP Alfredo Romero vs. LHP Harrison Bodendorf
South Bend: First-Half West Division Champions
Radio: 96.1 FM / 960 AM WSBT**

Series Schedule	Cubs Starting Pitchers	Opposing Starting Pitchers
8/2 Game 6 at Lake County 1:00 PM ET	LHP Pierce Coppola <i>Cubs #29 prospect</i>	RHP Jacob Zibin
8/4 Game 1 vs. Cedar Rapids 7:05 PM ET	TBA	TBA
8/5 Game 2 vs. Cedar Rapids 7:05 PM ET	TBA	TBA

Remaining series: vs. Cedar Rapids, at Great Lakes, vs. West Michigan, at Wisconsin, vs. Cedar Rapids

NEW MONTH - The Cubs begin the final full month of the regular season tonight after finishing July on a tear, going 10-2 in their last 12 games. Last year's Cubs dominated early August, going 10-2 in the first 12 games of the month and winning three consecutive series.

FEELING '22 - This week, the Cubs rematch the 2022 Midwest League Championship Series against the Lake County Captains. In that year's best-of-three, the Cubs dropped Game 1 at home before winning 4-3 and 7-4 in Eastlake to claim the title. Present-day MLB outfielders Pete Crow-Armstrong and Owen Caissie each homered for South Bend in Eastlake, while Friday's South Bend starter Kohl Franklin got the ball in Game 1. The Cubs have not won a regular-season series against Lake County since 2019, dropping four of six games to the Captains at home last June.

SERIES SO FAR - After dropping Tuesday's opener 7-5, the Cubs have won three in a row. In Wednesday afternoon's 8-6 victory, the Cubs set a new single-game South Bend record for walks (16). On Thursday, the Cubs matched their single-game home run record (5) and broke their record for strikeouts in a 9-inning game (19), winning 11-8. Last night, South Bend used 14 hits, 14 walks, and a nine-run second inning to win 15-7. The Cubs have already hit 12 home runs in the series (Kade Snell 4, Logan Poteet 3, Matt Halbach 2, Kane Kepley 2, Angel Cepeda 1).

BROCKETT LIKE I TALK IT - On Monday, lefty reliever Jackson Brockett was announced as the Midwest League Pitcher of the Week for July 21-26. Brockett appeared in the Tuesday and Sunday games against Wisconsin, totaling 6.1 scoreless innings with 9 strikeouts. He is the second South Bend Cub to earn Pitcher of the Week honors in 2026, as No. 8 Cubs prospect Brooks Caple accomplished the feat for April 6-12. Brockett now owns a 1.45 ERA for the full season between Myrtle Beach and South Bend. His 1.32 ERA and 0.73 WHIP as a reliever leads all of MiLB for relievers with at least 50 innings pitched.

THE TOP PROSPECT - On July 23, MLB Pipeline named 19-year-old South Bend Cub Josiah Hartshorn the new No. 1 Chicago Cubs prospect. With 86 total RBI this season between Single-A Myrtle Beach and High-A South Bend, Hartshorn leads all first-year Minor League players in RBI this season. Nobody in Major or Minor League Baseball has more RBI than his 61 since debuting in South Bend on May 26.

THE KANE TRAIN - No. 5 Chicago Cubs prospect Kane Kepley leads all of baseball (MLB and MiLB) in walks (94) and runs scored (105). He has already broken the South Bend Cubs records (since 2015) for runs and walks in a single season. His 50 stolen bases are three off both the High-A lead and an outright South Bend Cubs' single-season record, set last year by Christian Hernandez. Kepley's combination of walks (94), steals (50), and runs (105) has not been accomplished at the MLB level since 1993 (Rickey Henderson).

ESCOBAT - Since making his High-A debut on May 28, new No. 18 Cubs prospect Jose Escobar has put together a terrific run at the plate, ranking first in the Midwest League for hits (63) and second for RBI (40) in 49 games during that timeframe. Additionally, his .342 batting average since May 28 paces all MWL hitters with at least 170 at-bats. Escobar has three separate 4-hit games since June 23, including one last Wednesday.

NO SOUP FOR YOU - Catcher Justin Stransky continues to help out the pitching staff in a big way, leading the Midwest League with 33 baserunners caught stealing this year. In comparison, MLB leaders William Contreras and Joe Mack have each caught 19.

FIRST-HALF CHAMPS - For the first time since 2016, the South Bend Cubs secured a playoff spot by clinching the first-half in the Midwest League West Division. June 13 against the Peoria Chiefs was clinch night, with the Cubs toppling the Chiefs by a final score of 6-4. South Bend scored five runs in the 1st inning to start the game, and received home runs in the inning by Josiah Hartshorn, Jose Escobar, and Justin Stransky. The Escobar and Stransky round-trippers went back-to-back. In 2016, South Bend won the East Division title.



TONIGHT'S CUBS STARTING PITCHER – Alfredo Romero

CUBS SEASON..... CAREER HIGHS

5.2, 5/26 vs Fort Wayne....**Innings**.....Same
 4, 7/24 vs Wisconsin..**Hits**..7, 5/31/25 vs Augusta
 5, 4/19 vs Beloit.....**Runs** ...6, 5/31/25 vs Augusta
 5, 6/2 at Quad Cities.....**Walks**.....Same
 6, 5/20 at WM.....**K's**..7, 5/19/24 vs Fredericksburg

Last Time Romero...

Won A Game: 5/26/26 South Bend vs Fort Wayne
Lost A Game: 7/5/26 South Bend at Beloit
Allowed A Home Run: 7/5/26 South Bend at Beloit



HT/WT: 6'3" / 175.... **AGE:** 23 ... **THROWS:** Right **BORN:** Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic

TONIGHT: Romero makes his 19th appearance and 10th start of the season. It's his 47th career start in the Chicago Cubs organization.

LAST TIME OUT: Served as the starting pitcher in the Cubs' first walk-off win of 2026 last Friday against Wisconsin. Romero pitched 4.2 innings, allowing two runs (one earned) on four hits while walking one and striking out five in a no-decision. The Cubs went on to win 9-8 in 11 innings on a walk-off single from Romero's battery mate, catcher Justin Stransky.

Prior to that start, Romero threw 4.0 scoreless inning with four strikeouts on July 18 against Peoria.

ROMERO'S RISE: Romero has pitched very well since joining the rotation full-time at the end of June, making five starts and pitching to a 2.42 ERA with 5 walks and 22 strikeouts across 22.1 innings. He has walked just one batter in all five of those starts since June 28.

DO-IT-ALL GUY: After serving primarily as a starting pitcher in Myrtle, Romero made his first seven appearances of 2026 as a long reliever, earning 3 saves in April. The right-hander dominated out of the gate this season, posting 7.0 scoreless frames with 1 hit, 2 walks, and 8 strikeouts across his first two outings. He did not make his first High-A start until May 20 at West Michigan.

Opponents have hit only .194 against Romero, but he has 41 walks to 58 strikeouts in 64.1 IP. Statistically, he's fared much better as a starter (3.35 ERA) than as a reliever (6.41 ERA).

2024/2025: Romero struggled with the Myrtle Beach Pelicans in 2024, posting an 8.10 ERA in 14 games and 10 starts. Rallied back in 2025 and dropped that number all the way down to 2.89 last season in 21 games and 13 starts. Walked 45 batters in 74.2 IP last season, but struck out 66.

First Career Appearance vs. Lake County

Pitch Arsenal

4-Seam Fastball, Sinker, Slider, Changeup



SOUTH BEND CUBS BULLPEN

28 Ethan Bell (R) Last Win: 6/19/26 at Fort Wayne Last Loss: 7/25/26 vs Wisconsin Last HR: 4/24/26 at Dayton Arsenal: 4SFB, Slider, Curveball	BIO: 2025 free agent signing of the Chicago Cubs out of Saint Louis University. Made pro debut with Myrtle Beach Pelicans on 4/25/25, pitching a scoreless inning... Posted 1-4 record with 3.90 ERA in 26 games last season with MB. Walked 33 in 32.1 IP with 49 K. Struck out 49 batters in 36.2 IP in final season with Billikens.. Pitched 2.1 shutout innings in extras 6/19 at Fort Wayne, both winning and tying runs at third base in both 10th and 11th..	Last 3 Outings 7/23 vs WIS (SV): 0.2 IP, 0 R, 0 H, 0 BB, 0 K 7/25 vs WIS (L): 1.1 IP, 2 R, 3 H, 0 BB, 1 K 7/30 at LC (SV): 1.0 IP, 0 R, 0 H, 0 BB, 3 K *Scoreless Streak: 1.0
40 Jackson Brockett (L) Last Win: 6/26/26 vs Quad Cities Last Loss: 7/2/26 at Beloit Last HR: 4/29/26 vs Fort Wayne	BIO: Signed by the Cubs as a free agent on February 19, 2026 out of the University of Nebraska.. Born in Omaha, before moving to play high school baseball at Buford High School in Georgia.. Resides near Atlanta... Named to 2025 Big Ten All-Tournament Team.. Pitched four seasons at Nebraska, working in 57 career games. Final season with Huskers in 2025 featured 16 APP's and 15 starts, a 3.66 ERA in 64.0 IP, 23 BB and 45 K.. Posted seven starts with at least four strikeouts.. Tossed Nebraska Baseball's most recent 9-inning no-hitter on 5/1/24.. Secured South Bend's first-half playoff spot on the mound with strikeout on June 13 to end game... Named MWL Pitcher of the Week on July 27	Last 3 Outings 7/8 at CR (ND): 3.0 IP, 0 R, 1 H, 0 BB, 4 K 7/21 vs WIS (SV): 3.0 IP, 0 R, 0 H, 0 BB, 3 K 7/26 vs WIS (W): 3.1 IP, 0 ER, 2 H, 1 BB, 6 K *Scoreless Streak: 9.1 Leads all MiLB relievers with at least 50 innings pitched in ERA and WHIP
34 Ethan Flanagan (L) Last Win: 7/29/26 at Lake County Last Loss: 6/21/26 at Fort Wayne Last HR: 7/23/26 vs Wisconsin Arsenal: 4SFB, Slider, Curve, Change	BIO: Selected by the Cubs in the 17th round of the 2023 MLB Draft out of UCLA... Did not pitch in 2024... Made 14 starts last season between ACL and Low-A Myrtle Beach, with 12 coming for Pelicans.. Posted 5-1 record with 1.93 ERA with 54 K in 56.0 IP. Worked career best 6.0 shutout innings on 7/2/25 at Charleston with three hits allowed, two walks and nine K... At UCLA went 5-1 with a 3.91 ERA and 107 strikeouts over 92 total innings ... Was a Freshman All-American and All-Pac-12 selection in 2022	Last 3 Outings 7/17 vs PEO (ND): 3.1 IP, 2 R, 2 H, 0 BB, 5 K 7/23 vs WIS (W): 5.0 IP, 1 R, 3 H, 1 BB, 4 K * START * 7/29 at LC (SV): 3.0 IP, 2 R, 3 H, 2 BB, 5 K *Scoreless Streak: 1.2
22 Yoendris Gonzalez (R) Last Win: 6/18/26 MB at Delmarva Last Loss: 5/20/25 MB at Hickory Last HR: 6/2/26 ACL vs Guardians Arsenal: Fastball, Curveball	MAKING HIGH-A DEBUT THIS WEEK BIO: Signed by the Cubs out of Cuba on May 2, 2022... Spent 2022 in the Dominican Summer League before missing all of 2023 with an injury... Returned in the Arizona Complex League in May 2024 but went back on the Injured List in July... Spent all of last year with Myrtle Beach, posting a 4.38 ERA in 37.0 IP... Debuted May 30 this year in the ACL, making 4 appearances before rejoining Myrtle in mid-June... 2.21 ERA and 8 BB/33 K across 20.1 IP for the Pelicans... Named Carolina League Pitcher of the Week on July 6 for his 9 strikeouts in 5.0 hitless innings across two outings	Last 3 Outings 7/18 at Kannapolis (ND): 2.0 IP, 2 R (1 ER), 1 H, 2 BB, 3 K 7/24 at Hickory (SV): 1.0 IP, 1 R (0 ER), 2 H, 0 BB, 1 K 7/30 at LC (ND): 1.2 IP, 2 R, 2 H, 1 BB, 3 K *Scoreless Streak: 0.1
32 Eli Jerzembeck (R) Last Win: 7/12/26 at Cedar Rapids Last Loss: 7/8/26 at Cedar Rapids Last HR: 7/31/26 at Lake County Arsenal: 4SFB, Sinker, Cutter Curveball, Slider, Changeup	BIO: Selected by the Chicago Cubs in the 11th round of the 2025 MLB Draft out of the University of South Carolina... Born in Charlotte, North Carolina.. Pitched just one season at South Carolina due to injury, missed all of 2024 and 2025 after appearing in 16 games with Gamecocks in 2023... Had a 2.84 ERA with 36 strikeouts in 31.2 innings pitched in 2023... At time of going to college, ranked the No. 63 overall and No. 16 right-handed pitcher nationally by Perfect Game in the class of 2022... Father Mike pitched for 1998 New York Yankees.. Brother, Satchel, played college baseball at North Carolina	Last 3 Outings (Bullpen) 7/19 vs PEO (ND): 0.2 IP, 0 R, 0 H, 1 BB, 0 K 7/25 vs WIS (ND): 0.2 IP, 2 R, 3 H, 3 BB, 0 K 7/30 at LC (ND): 2.1 IP, 4 R (3 ER), 4 H, 1 BB, 3 K *Scoreless Streak: 0.0
37 Cole Reynolds (L) Last Win: 7/18/26 vs Peoria Last Loss: 6/11/26 vs Peoria Last HR: 7/1/26 at Beloit Arsenal: 4SFB, Sinker, Cutter, Sweeper, Change	BIO: Signed by the Chicago Cubs as a free agent on January 24, 2025 out of UNC Charlotte.. Played one season at Charlotte, and three prior college seasons at Elon.. Was a full time starter at Charlotte, making 15 starts in 2024 with 4.85 ERA. Struck out 84 batters in 72.1 IP.. At Elon made 20 appearances and 12 starts over three seasons... pitched 2022 summer season with the Orleans Firebirds in Cape Cod League, had 6.56 ERA but 24 K's in 23.0 IP... Made eight outings out of South Bend bullpen in 2025, posting 8.31 ERA.. Started 11 games with the Cubs in the first-half of 2026..	Last 3 Outings 7/18 vs PEO (W): 2.2 IP, 4 R, 5 H, 1 BB, 2 K 7/24 vs WIS (ND): 2.2 IP, 3 R, 2 H, 4 BB, 3 K 7/31 at LC (ND): 2.2 IP, 1 R (0 ER), 1 H, 1 BB, 1 K *Scoreless Streak: 2.1



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13 Jose Romero (R) Last Win: 7/7/26 vs ACL Angels Last Loss: 5/21/26 vs ACL Brewers Last HR: 6/25/24 at Wisconsin Arsenal: 4SFB, Slider, Changeup	BIO: Signed by the Chicago Cubs as a free agent on October 15, 2020..Missed all of the 2025 season due to injury, was with South Bend for the entirety of the 2024 season, making 37 appearances with a 5-3 record and a 4.70 ERA.. Picked up seven saves.. Struck out 63 in 51.2 IP with 48 BB.. Posted 2.77 ERA in 2023 with Myrtle Beach across 28 appearances.. Before returning to Cubs in 2026, pitched in nine games with one start with ACL Cubs, struck out 16 in 9.1 IP with 14 runs allowed.	Last 3 Outings 7/22 vs WIS (ND): 1.0 IP, 0 R, 0 H, 2 BB, 0 K 7/25 vs WIS (ND): 1.0 IP, 1 R (0 ER), 1 H, 1 BB, 2 K 7/29 at LC (ND): 1.1 IP, 0 R, 0 H, 0 BB, 3 K *Scoreless Streak: 1.1
46 Luis Rujano (R) Last Win: 7/9/26 at Cedar Rapids Last Loss: 6/20/26 at Fort Wayne Last HR: 6/14/26 vs Peoria Arsenal: 4SFB, Slider, Curve, Change	BIO: Selected by the Cubs in the 13th round of the 2022 MLB Draft....Born in Venezuela, moved to United States to play high school baseball in Florida, where he was drafted out of.. Spent nearly all of 2025 with SB, starting 3 games to start the season, then appearing in 28 games out of bullpen to wrap up campaign.. Struck out 57 batters in 48.2 IP.. Ended 2025 with AA Knoxville, started there this season, posting 8.61 ERA in 12 games, after pitching in six ACL games, assigned to South Bend on June 23.	Last 3 Outings 7/17 vs PEO (L): 0.1 IP, 5 R, 3 H, 2 BB, 1 K 7/23 vs WIS (ND): 1.1 IP, 1 R, 1 H, 0 BB, 0 K 7/28 at LC (ND): 1.1 IP, 0 R, 2 H, 1 BB, 3 K *Scoreless Streak: 1.1
38 Brayden Spears (R) Last Win: 7/30/26 at Lake County Last Loss: 6/18/26 at Fort Wayne Last HR: 7/30/26 at Lake County Arsenal: 4SFB, Sinkers, Cutter, Sweeper, Changeup	BIO: Signed by the Cubs in 2025 after pitching 3 seasons with the Pioneer League's Boise Hawks.. Made Cubs org debut with Myrtle Beach, tossing 60.1 INN in 36 games. Posted 3.13 ERA.. Saved 5 games out of 10 opportunities, struck out 55. Played at Boise State University and Cal State Fullerton. Best season in Indy Ball came in 2024 w/ Boise, making 10 starts with a 3.74 ERA. struck out 56 in 53.0 IP	Last 3 Outings 7/9 at CR (ND): 2.0 IP, 0 R, 1 H, 0 BB, 2 K 7/22 vs WIS (W): 3.0 IP, 1 R, 2 H, 2 BB, 1 K 7/30 at LC (W): 3.0 IP, 3 R, 3 H, 2 BB, 5 K *Scoreless Streak: 0.0
25 Adam Stone (R) Last Win: 7/7/26 at Cedar Rapids Last Loss: 6/18/26 at Fort Wayne Last HR: 8/19/23 at Daytona Arsenal: 4SFB, Slider, Sweeper, Changeup	BIO: Selected by the Chicago Cubs in the 2025 Rule 5 Draft, originally signed as a free agent with the New York Yankees in 2022.. Has not pitched in an official game since 2023 due to injury.. Only pro season came in 2023 with Tampa in Florida State League... worked 20 games with 7.20 ERA.. Played 2022 season in college at Harvard.. Also pitched 7 games in Arizona Fall League in 2025 with Mesa Solar Sox	Last 3 Outings 7/18 vs PEO (ND): 1.0 IP, 0 R, 0 H, 0 BB, 0 K 7/24 vs WIS (ND): 1.1 IP, 0 R, 0 H, 3 BB, 0 K 7/28 at LC (ND): 2.2 IP, 1 R (0 ER), 2 H, 1 BB, 2 K *Scoreless Streak: 0.1
39 Nate Williams (R) Last Win: 7/31/26 at Lake County Last Loss: N/A Last HR: 7/31/26 at Lake County Arsenal: 4SFB, Slider, Splitter	BIO: Selected by the Cubs in the 13th round of the 2025 Draft out of Mississippi State... Did not pitch professionally in 2025 after being drafted...Lone season with Miss State came in 2025, working 19 games with 4.23 ERA. Struck out 51 batters in 27.2 IP... Pitched two seasons at Florence-Darlington Tech in 2021 and 2022... Made pro debut at Peoria 4/7	Last 3 Outings 7/24 vs WIS (W): 1.0 IP, 2 R, 1 H, 2 BB, 1 K 7/28 at LC (ND): 0.2 IP, 0 R, 0 H, 0 BB, 1 K 7/31 at LC (W): 2.1 IP, 1 R, 2 H, 3 BB, 3 K *Scoreless Streak: 1.1
33 JP Wheat (R) Last Win: 7/29/26 at Lake County Last Loss: 5/2/26 vs Fort Wayne Last HR: 4/19/25 at Augusta Arsenal: 4SFB, Slider, Changeup	BIO: Selected by the Cubs in the 16th-round of 2022 MLB Draft out of Next Level Academy HS.. Did not pitch professionally in 2022 or 2023, made pro debut in 2024 in ACL, then made 10 starts with Myrtle Beach, posting 7.91 ERA... Limited to just 33 IP last season due to injury, last pitched on 5/18/25 with Pelicans. Had best career outing on 5/10/25 vs Delmarva, throwing 6 hitless and shutout innings.	Last 3 Outings 7/21 vs WIS (ND): 1.0 IP, 0 R, 1 H, 1 BB, 1 K 7/26 vs WIS (BS): 0.2 IP, 3 R, 3 H, 2 BB, 2 K 7/29 at LC (W): 1.0 IP, 1 R, 1 H, 2 BB, 1 K *Scoreless Streak: 0.0



SOUTH BEND CUBS CATCHERS/INFIELDERS

9 Michael Carico *First Base, Catcher *Bats: Left / Throws: Right *2023 5th round pick (Cubs) *Davidson Last Game: 0/3, 3 BB, 1 R (Wed.) This Series: 0/5, 5 BB, 2 R (Last) WIS Series: 4/21, 1 2B, 1 HR, 4 RBI, 4 R	Career Notes: 2023 5th-round pick of the Chicago Cubs out of Davidson... Before call up to South Bend on June 30, limited to just 66 games in pro career to this point due to injury.. Played 49 games this season with the Myrtle Beach Pelicans, hitting seven homers with 25 RBI and a .247 average. Walked and struck out 60 times.. Started 2026 with .297 average in April.. Drafted as a catcher, primarily plays 1B now.. Was College Baseball's national leader in OBP in 2022 (.559).. 2022 Atlantic 10 Player of Year.. Played 3 total seasons at Davidson (104 games), hitting .354 with 29 homers and 82 RBI..Made SB Cubs debut 6/30	2026 Hit Streak: 0 / Long Hit Streak: 3 On-Base Streak: 6 / Long On-BaseStk: 6 Last HR: First with South Bend: vs Wisconsin 7/24 (solo) Cubs Season – Career Game Highs Hits: 1, vs WIS 7/26 – 3, vs Augusta 6/11/26 RBI: 3, vs WIS 7/25 – 4, vs Augusta 6/11/26
4 Angel Cepeda Cubs #24 prospect *Shortstop, Second Base, Third Base *Bats: Right / Throws: Right *NDFA 2023 *No College *25: MB (100g) .249, 8 HR, 49 RBI Last Game: 1/4, 1 HR, 2 BB, 1 RBI, 1 SB, 2 R This Series: 1/12, 1 HR, 4 BB, 1 RBI (Last) WIS Series: 6/19, 3 RBI, 2 R	Career Notes: Signed as free agent with Chicago Cubs on January 15, 2023... Played career-high 100 games with Myrtle Beach last season, hitting .249 with 8 HR and 49 RBI... Scorched to end the season after hitting .203 in April, .245 in May, .159 in June, .218 in July, and then .336 in August, went 7/19 at the plate (.368) in September... 17 errors last season playing third base and shortstop for Pelicans.. Left game in Peoria due to injury on April 9, also left his first game returning from injury, again hurt, on April 18 vs Beloit...Returned 6/19 at Fort Wayne	2026 Hit Streak: 1 / Long Hit Streak: 4 On-Base Streak: 2 / Long On-BaseStk: 7 Last HR: 7/31 at Lake County (Solo) Cubs Season – Career Game Highs Hits: 3, at Beloit 7/4 – Same RBI: 3, at Peoria 4/8 – 4, vs Columbia 9/2/25
17 Jose Escobar Cubs #18 prospect *All INF and OF spots but 1B *Bats: Left / Throws: Right *NDFA 2022 *No College *26: MB (40g) .299, 2 HR, 23 RBI Last Game: 3/6, 2 2B, 3 RBI, 1 R This Series: 6/17, 2 2B, 3 RBI, 3 R (Last) WIS Series: 7/23, 1 2B, 1 3B, 7 RBI	Career Notes: Signed as free agent with Chicago Cubs on February 20, 2022... Spent all of 2022 in Dominican Summer League, made state side debut with ACL Cubs in 2023, first opportunity with Myrtle Beach came to end 2024.. Played all of 2025 with Low-A Myrtle Beach, hitting .264 in 105 games, struck out 96 times in 401 at-bats.. Started 2026 with Pelicans, batting .299 in 40 games, struck out just 21 times in 147 at-bats.. Has two three-hit games this season, knocked in career-high four RBI at Columbia on April 8.. Went 3/3 and missed cycle by a triple in first-half clinching game vs Peoria.. Picked up first 4-hit game with Cubs on June 23 vs QC, first since April 2025.. Had 4 more hits on July 4 at Beloit, and again July 22 vs Wisconsin	2026 Hit Streak: 3 / Long Hit Streak: 8 On-Base Streak: 6 / Long On-BaseStk: 13 Last HR: 7/1 at Beloit (Solo) - 447 feet *10-game RBI streak snapped 7/24 Cubs Season – Career Game Highs Hits: 4, vs WIS 7/22 – Same RBI: 3, at LC 7/31 – 4, at Columbia 4/8/25
6 Michael Hallquist *All INF spots *Bats: Right / Throws: Right *NDFA 2026 *Ball State Last Game: 1/5, 2 SB, 1 R (Thurs.) This Series: 2/12, 1 2B, 3 BB, 1 RBI, 2 SB (Last) WIS Series: 4/20, 2 2B, 3 RBI	Career Notes: Signed as free agent with Chicago Cubs on July 1 2026.. Played three seasons of independent baseball, most recently in 2026 with Milwaukee Milkmen of American Association.. Hit .312 this season with 11 homers and 27 RBI in 39 games.. Played with hometown Fargo-Moorhead RedHawks in 2024 and 2025.. Spent one year in college with Ball State Cardinals, hitting .331 in 59 games with 21 home runs and 56 RBI in 2024.. 2024 First Team All MAC, also made All MAC defensive team.. Before Ball State played at Bismarck State College and Minnesota Crookston.. Homered in first SB Cubs at-bat 7/1 at Beloit, also homered in first game at Four Winds Field 7/18	2026 Hit Streak: 1 / Long Hit Streak: 4 On-Base Streak: 8 / Long On-BaseStk: 8 Last HR: 7/18 vs Peoria (Two-Run) *Home run in first Four Winds Field game Cubs Season – Career Game Highs Hits: 2, vs PEO 7/19 – Same RBI: 3, vs PEO 7/19 –Same
24 Matt Halbach *First Base, Third Base *Bats: Right / Throws: Right *2024 10th Round Pick (Cubs) *UC San Diego *25: MB (103g) .244, 9 HR, 67 RBI Last Game: 1/4, 1 HR, 2 BB, 1 RBI, 1 R This Series: 3/13, 2 HR, 3 RBI, 2 R (Last) WIS Series: 1/16, 3 R	Career Notes: Drafted by Cubs in 10th round of 2024 MLB Draft out of UC San Diego... Did not play after being drafted in 2024, made pro debut with Myrtle Beach Pelicans on 4/4/25, clubbing first pro HR on Opening Day last season... Had back to back 3 hit games to start last year.. Hit .317 in April of 2025 and .121 in May, ended season with a .307 August... Finished 2024 at UC San Diego with a .408 batting average, 29 hits, 18 RBI and 23 runs scored. Played 2023 in Cape Cod Baseball League with Orleans Firebirds, hitting .364 in 32 games.. Had one of two Cubs hits vs rehabbing Nick Lodolo on 4/26 at Dayton.. Had career-day 5/14 at Wisconsin, went 5/5 with a HR, 5 runs, 6 RBI, and 2 BB	2026 Hit Streak: 2 / Long Hit Streak: 7 On-Base Streak: 2 / Long On-BaseStk: 15 Last HR: 7/31 at Lake County (Solo) * Has homered in back-to-back games *15-game on-base streak ended 5/9 Cubs Season – Career Game Highs Hits: 5, at WIS 5/14 – Same RBI: 6, at WIS, 5/14 – Same

21 Logan Poteet Cubs #30 prospect *Catcher, First Base *Bats: Right / Throws: Right *2025 17th round pick (Cubs) *UNC Charlotte Last Game: 2/5, 1 2B, 1 BB, 1 RBI, 2 R This Series: 5/13, 3 HR, 4 RBI, 6 R (Last) WIS Series: 2/14, 2 2B, 1 RBI *Made pro debut w/ South Bend 8/24/25 *First pro hit 8/29/25 at Peoria (single)	Career Notes: 2025 17th-round pick of the Chicago Cubs out of UNC Charlotte... Played one season with 49ers in 2025, batting .282 in 51 games with 10 HR's and 40 RBI... Before Charlotte spent two years total at Vanderbilt, appearing in 11 games in 2024.. Appeared in four games with Cape League's Chatham Anglers in summer of 2024... made pro debut with Cubs on 8/24, Originally from Powell, Tennessee, just up the road from Knoxville and the Cubs' Double-A affiliate home... Did not lose a single high school conference game (51-0) in four seasons at Powell H.S... Made pro debut with the South Bend Cubs last season, started 2026 with Low-A Myrtle Beach, batting .272 in 51 games with 14 homers and 39 RBI.. Hit first pro home run on September 7 last year with SB, also working behind the plate catching South Bend's win over Wisconsin to end last season.	2026 Hit Streak: 4 / Long Hit Streak: 3 On-Base Streak: 5 / Long On-BaseStk: 3 Last SB HR: 7/30 at Lake County (Solo x2) *Last Myrtle Beach home run this season came June 23 at Salem Cubs Season – Career Game Highs Hits: 2, at LC 7/31 – 3, at Salem 6/23/26 RBI: 3, at CR 7/10 – 3, vs Augusta 6/14/26
20 Ty Southisene Cubs #13 prospect *Shortstop, Second Base *Bats: Right / Throws: Right *2024 4th Round Pick (Cubs) * Basic High School - Henderson, Nevada *26: MB (22g) .267, 0 HR, 8 RBI Last Game: 3/4, 3 BB, 2 RBI, 2 R This Series: 6/12, 2 RBI, 1 SB, 3 R (Last) WIS Series: Did not play * Returned from IL on 7/29	Career Notes: Drafted by Cubs in 4th round of 2024 MLB Draft out of High School in Henderson, Nevada.. Las Vegas native... Ranked as Cubs #25 prospect... Played 91 games in first pro season last year, with 90 of them coming with Low-A Myrtle Beach... Hit .244 last year with 36 RBI, had 62 BB to 58 K.. Swiped 41 bases out of 48 attempts.. Went back to Pelicans to begin 2026, playing 22 games before promotion to South Bend on May 3.. Matched career-best with three hits in South Bend debut on 5/3 vs Fort Wayne.. Had three multi-hit efforts in first five MWL games... Struck out three times 5/14 at Wisconsin, first time in career, did so again on 6/19 in Fort Wayne, but drove in 3 RBI after the 3 K's	2026 Hit Streak: 2 / Long Hit Streak: 7 On-Base Streak: 2 / Long On-BaseStk: 10 Last HR: No pro HR's Cubs Season – Career Game Highs Hits: 4, at Wisconsin 5/16 – Same RBI: 4, at Wisconsin 5/16 – Same
11 Justin Stransky *Catcher *Bats: Right / Throws: Right *2025 11th round pick (Cubs) *Fresno State *25: MB (13g) .163, 0 HR, 5 RBI Last Game: 0/3, 3 BB, 2 R This Series: 1/6, 1 2B, 5 BB, 4 R (Last) WIS Series: 6/12, 1 HR, 4 RBI, 4 R	Career Notes: 2025 11th-round pick of the Chicago Cubs out of Fresno State... Made pro debut with Myrtle Beach Pelicans on August 5 last season, hit .163 with Pelicans in 13 games with no home runs, 5 RBI, 6 BB, and 12 strikeouts... Had two multi-hit games.. Played two seasons at Fresno State, hitting .300 or better in both years.. Hit .304 in 2024, followed by a .316 performance in 2025 with 12 HR and 45 RBI.. Had career-game in season debut at Peoria, crushing first pro homer with career-high five RBI on April 8.. Has a pair of five RBI games this season, in season debut at Peoria 4/8, and 5/14 at Wisconsin. Homered in each.. *13-game on-base streak ended June 12.. Lashed first Cubs walk-off hit of season on July 24 vs Wisconsin in 11th inning.	2026 Hit Streak: 0 / Long Hit Streak: 7 On-Base Streak: 9 / Long On-BaseStk: 13 Last HR: 7/26 vs Wisconsin (2-Run) Coming into season, last HR was 5/10/25 vs San Jose State - Stretch where he hit a combined 5 HR over 3 games for Fresno State Cubs Season – Career Game Highs Hits: 2, vs Wisconsin 7/26 – Same RBI: 5, at Wisconsin 5/14 - Same



SOUTH BEND CUBS OUTFIELDERS

35 Josiah Hartshorn <i>Cubs #1 prospect</i> *All OF spots, First Base *Bats: Switch / Throws: Left *2025 6th round pick (Cubs) *No College *26: MB (39g) .273, 5 HR, 25 RBI, 34 BB, 27 K Last Game: 1/6, 1 2B, 1 BB, 2 RBI, 2 R This Series: 5/17, 2 2B, 2 3B, 4 BB, 10 RBI, 4 R (Last) WIS Series: 6/22, 2 2B, 1 HR, 7 RBI, 6 R	Career Notes: 6th round pick by the Chicago Cubs out of Orange Lutheran High School in Orange, California in 2025... Notable fellow alumni include Yankees RHP Gerrit Cole, Brewers outfielder Garrett Mitchell, former MLB pitcher Brandon Maurer, and NASCAR driver Dean Thompson... Signed for 6th-round record \$2 million after originally signing to play college baseball with Texas A&M... Co-Champion of 2024 All-Star High School Home Run Derby at Globe Life Field... Mashed first pro home run in second pro game at Charleston on April 3 with Myrtle Beach... Reached base safely in 21 straight games to start this season (first 21 career pro games)... Reached base in 19 straight games to start High-A tenure... Named MLB Pipeline's #1 Cubs prospect on July 23 and homered that night	2026 Hit Streak: 3 / Long Hit Streak: 12 On-Base Streak: 5 / Long On-BaseStk: 19 Last HR: 7/23 vs Wisconsin (2-Run) *Had eight home runs in first 18 MWL games *12-game hit streak snapped 6/16 Cubs Season – Career Game Highs Hits: 3, vs Quad Cities 6/24 – Same RBI: 5, vs Fort Wayne 5/27 – Same
2 Kane Kepley <i>Cubs #5 prospect</i> *Can play all OF spots *Bats: Left / Throws: Left *2025 2nd Round Pick (Cubs) *North Carolina *25: MB (28g) .299, 2 HR, 15 RBI Last Game: 1/4, 1 HR, 2 BB, 1 HBP, 3 RBI, 1 SB, 2 R This Series: 5/15, 2 HR, 7 BB, 6 RBI, 3 SB, 6 R (Last) WIS Series: 5/19, 1 2B, 1 3B, 9 BB, 1 RBI, 9 R	Career Notes: 2nd round pick by Chicago Cubs out of North Carolina in 2025... Selected as second team all ACC member in lone season with Tar Heels... Swiped 45 bases last season as a junior, by himself, Kepley had more steals than 59 D1 programs. Played two seasons at Liberty, was named to ASUN all freshman team... After being drafted, assigned to Low-A Myrtle Beach, made pro debut on August 5. Played 28 games, walked 25 times to just 15 K. Had 3 triples, 2 HR, 16 steals... Struck out three times in a game for first time in career on 4/9 at Peoria... Walked 12 times in six games during Beloit series in April... Went 14/26 at plate with 11 RBI, 14 runs and 7 BB in May road series at Wisconsin... Scored career-high five runs at Wisconsin 5/14	2026 Hit Streak: 5 / Long Hit Streak: 8 On-Base Streak: 16 / Long On-BaseStk: 25 Last HR: 7/31 at Lake County (3-Run) *25-game on-base streak snapped 5/30 Cubs Season – Career Game Highs Hits: 4, at Wisconsin 5/16 - Same RBI: 5, at Wisconsin 5/16 - Same
19 Geuri Lubo *Corner INF and OF *Bats: Right / Throws: Right *NDFA 2021 *No College *26: MB (38g) .189, 6 HR, 23 RBI Last Game: 2/5, 1 SB (Thursday) This Series: 3/8, 1 2B, 1 RBI, 1 SB, 1 R (Last) WIS Series:	Career Notes: Signed as free agent with Chicago Cubs on June 25, 2021... Played all of 2021 and 2022 with Dominican Summer League Cubs, batting .261 in '22 with three homers and 24 RBI... Named 2022 DSL All-Star... Then played two seasons with Arizona Complex League Cubs in 2023 and 2024, batting .288 in '24 with three homers and 22 RBI... Missed all of 2025 due to injury... Assigned to South Bend on April 21, made Midwest League debut on April 24 at Dayton... Smacked first High-A homer on April 25 at Dayton, a solo opposite field shot down the right field line... After 4 High-A games, returned to MB for 38, hitting .189 with 6 HR and 23 RBI... Promoted to SB on July 28	2026 Hit Streak: 1 / Long Hit Streak: 2 On-Base Streak: 1 / Long On-BaseStk: 2 Last HR: 7/26 MB at Hickory (Solo) Last High-A HR: 4/25 at Dayton (Solo) Cubs Season – Career Game Highs Hits: 2, 7/30 at Lake Co.–3, at Salem 6/24 RBI: 1, 7/29 at Lake Co.–3, at Delmarva 6/18
7 Kade Snell <i>Cubs #25 prospect</i> *Can play all OF spots *Bats: Left / Throws: Left *2025 5th Round Pick (Cubs) *Alabama *25: SB (27g) .167, 0 HR, 7 RBI Last Game: 1/6, 1 HR, 2 RBI, 1 R This Series: 6/18, 4 HR, 7 RBI, 5 R (Last) WIS Series: 3/19, 1 R, 3 RBI *Made pro debut w/ SB 8/5/25 *First career hit 8/5, double vs FW *First career RBI 8/15 at Beloit *First career HR 4/23/26 at Dayton *Missed 6 weeks this season due to wrist injury. Returned from IL 7/17	Career Notes: 5th round pick by Chicago Cubs out of Alabama in 2025... Helped to 41-18 record in 2025 and appearance in Louisville Super Regional, losing to Miami (FL) 5-3 on May 30, and Southern Mississippi 6-5 on May 31, Snell had a hit in both games.... 101 career games with Crimson Tide, hit .347, 16 HR, 82 RBI... Originally committed and played for Auburn Tigers in 2021, did not see game action... Transferred to Wallace Community College in hometown of Dothan, Alabama for 2022 and 2023... First was a two-way player at Alabama, pitching in 10 games in 2024... Was hitter-only in 2025... Named first-team all SEC *Spent 2023 summer in Cape Cod League with Falmouth Commodores, hit .342 in 21 games, one home run, 15 RBI, 11 BB, 20 K *Crushed first pro home run at Dayton on April 23 -Scored career-high four runs 5/14 at Wisconsin	2026 Hit Streak: 4 / Long Hit Streak: 8 On-Base Streak: 4 / Long On-BaseStk: 13 Last HR: 7/31 at LC (2-Run) * Has 4 HR in the series (2 on Thursday) *Stole 11 bases with South Bend in 27 games last season,, did not steal one base in two years played at Alabama Cubs Season – Career Game Highs Hits: 2, 7/30 at Lake County – Same RBI: 4, 4/15 vs Beloit – Same



SOUTH BEND PROFESSIONAL BASEBALL HISTORY

2026 Attendance Highs 1. 10,071 7/23/26 vs WIS 2. 7,114 6/27 vs Quad Cities 3. 7,050 5/27 vs Fort Wayne All-Time Attendance Highs 1. 10,071 7/23/26 vs WIS 2. 8,169 7/25/24 vs PEO 3. 8,143 7/3/15 vs BG Season Attendance 1. 354,070 '17 Cubs 2. 350,083 '16 Cubs 3. 347,678 '15 Cubs 4. 343,783 '18 Cubs 5. 314,591 '23 Cubs	1988-1993 – South Bend White Sox / White Sox Affiliate *1989 and 1993 Midwest League Champions 1994-1996 – South Bend Silver Hawks / White Sox Affiliate 1997-2014 – South Bend Silver Hawks / Diamondbacks Affiliate *2005 Midwest League Champions *2001, 2008, 2013 Midwest League Runner-Up *2005 Midwest League Prospect of the Year/MVP: OF Carlos Gonzalez *2014 Midwest League Prospect of the Year: SS Andrew Velazquez 2015-Present – South Bend Cubs / Cubs Affiliate *2019 and 2022 Midwest League Champions *2026 Midwest League First-Half West Division Champions *Voted best ballpark in 2017, 2022, and 2023.
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South Bend Cubs in the Majors (Debut Team)

OF Ian Happ (Cubs '17) / SB 2015 P Pedro Aruajo (Orioles '17) / SB 2015-16 P Dillon Maples (Cubs '17) / SB 2015-16 P James Norwood (Cubs '18) / SB 2015-16 P Duane Underwood (Cubs '18) / SB 2016 INF David Bote (Cubs '18) / SB 2015 SS Gleyber Torres (Yankees '18) / SB 2015 P Adbert Alzolay (Cubs '19) / SB 2016 OF Eloy Jimenez (White Sox '19) / SB 2016 P Dylan Cease (White Sox '19) SB 2017 INF Nico Hoerner (Cubs '19) / SB 2018 IF Isaac Paredes (Tigers '20) / SB 2016-17 IF Vimal Machin (A's '20) / SB 2015-17 P Tyson Miller (Cubs '20) / SB 2017 P Brailyn Marquez (Cubs '20) / SB 2018-19 IF Jason Vosler (Giants '21) / SB 2015 C Erick Castillo (Cubs '21) / SB 2016 P Justin Steele (Cubs '21) SB 2016 IF Zack Short (Tigers '21) / SB 2017 P Michael Rucker (Cubs '21) / SB 2017 P Scott Effross (Cubs '21) / SB 2016 P Tommy Nance (Cubs '21) / SB 2016 P Jhon Romero (Nationals '21) / SB 2017 P Manuel Rodriguez (Cubs '21) / SB 2017-18 P Cory Abbott (Cubs '21) / SB 2018 C Teddy Payne (Cubs '21) / SB 2017-18 P Matt Swarmer (Cubs '22) / SB 2017 P Brendon Little (Cubs '22) / SB 2018-19 P Brandon Hughes (Cubs '22) / SB 2018-19 P Javier Assad (Cubs '22) / SB 2018 P Erich Uelmen (Cubs '22) / SB 2018 OF Nelson Velazquez (Cubs '22) / SB 2018-21 INF Jared Young (Cubs '22) / SB 2018 INF Christopher Morel (Cubs '22) / SB 2019 P Ethan Roberts (Cubs '22) / SB 2019 C Miguel Amaya (Cubs '23) / SB 2018 OF Alexander Canario (Cubs '23) / SB 2021-22 IF Andruw Monasterio (Brewers '23) / SB 2016-17 C Jhonny Pereda (Marlins '24) / SB 2017 P Bryan King (Astros '24) / SB 2021 P Bailey Horn (Red Sox '24) / SB 2021-22	P Nicholas Padilla (Cubs '22) / SB 2021-22 P Anderson Espinoza (Cubs '22) SB 2021 P Nicholas Padilla (Cubs '22) / SB 2021-22 P Jordan Wicks (Cubs '23) / SB 2021-22 P Jeremiah Estrada (Cubs '23) / SB 2022 OF Pete Crow-Armstrong (Cubs '23) / SB 2022 INF Matt Mervis (Cubs '23) / SB 2022 P Daniel Palencia (Cubs '23) / SB 2022 P Luke Little (Cubs '23) / SB 2022-23 P Porter Hodge (Cubs '24) / SB 2022 INF Levi Jordan (Reds '24) / SB 2019 OF Kevin Alcantara (Cubs '24) / SB 2023 P Hunter Bigge (Rays '24) / SB 2021-24 P DJ Herz (Nationals '24) / SB 2021-22 INF Matt Shaw (Cubs '25) / SB 2023 INF Cam Smith (Astros '25) / SB 2024 P Cade Horton (Cubs '25) / SB 2023 C Moises Ballesteros (Cubs '25) / SB 2023 P Eduarniel Nunez (Padres '25) / SB 2021-23 P Cam Sanders (Pirates '25) / SB 2019 OF Owen Caissie (Cubs '25) / SB 2022 P Riley Martin (Cubs '26) / SB 2022 OF Yohendrick Pinango (Blue Jays '26) / SB 2021-23 INF Pedro Ramirez (Cubs '26) / SB 2024 INF James Triantos (Cubs '26) / SB 2023/2025
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Miscellaneous

NO-HITTERS – In total franchise history, South Bend has thrown 10 no-hitters. In South Bend Cubs history, there have been four.

*June 6, 2018: South Bend beat Fort Wayne 7-0 as Rollie Lacy and Ben Hecht combined for no-hitter.

*May 6, 2019: South Bend defeated Cedar Rapids 2-0 as Derek Casey and Peyton Remy combined for their no-hitter. Former Cubs catcher Victor Caratini caught half the game while on a rehab assignment.

*August 12, 2021: At Fort Wayne, Alexander Vizcaino, Joe Nahas, and Burl Carraway combined to no-hit the TinCaps in a 3-0 shutout.

*July 6, 2023: The most recent South Bend no-no, against the Peoria Chiefs, a 4-0 final, Michael Arias, Jarod Wright, Eduarniel Nunez, and Frankie Scalzo Jr. combined for the gem.

*Last South Bend Silver Hawks no-hitter: July 10, 2014 Blayne Weller (9 inning solo no-hitter) at Dayton, 12 strikeouts.

*South Bend has never thrown a perfect game in franchise history.

***Last time South Bend was no-hit** – April 19, 2026 vs Beloit (Beloit won game 10-0).

*Previous prior opponent no-hitter: September 4, 2022 vs Lansing (Lansing won game 2-1).

CUBS REHAB ASSIGNMENTS – Dexter Fowler 2016, Jason Heyward 2017, Yu Darvish 2018 (2x), Drew Smyly 2018-2022-2024, Mike Montgomery 2019, Victor Caratini 2019, Ben Zobrist 2019, Derek Holland 2019, Nico Hoerner 2021, Rowan Wick 2021, Wade Miley 2022 (2x), Caleb Kilian 2024-2025, Yency Almonte 2025, Eli Morgan 2025, Jack Neely 2025, Caleb Thilebar 2026, Matthew Boyd 2026, Jameson Taillon 2026.

BUDDY BAILEY – 2019 South Bend Cubs manager Buddy Bailey passed away this past fall on September 22, 2025. Bailey, whose 2419 career victories places him in third place on the all-time Minor League Manager wins list, spent his lone season with South Bend by winning the 2019 Midwest League Championship. The Cubs went an undefeated 7-0 in the 2019 playoffs, and Bailey also collected his 2100th professional victory while managing at Four Winds Field on June 6, 2019.

TERRY FRANCONA – The Cincinnati Reds manager was the skipper of the 1992 South Bend White Sox (73-64).

CUBS DEN TEAM STORE – In the summer of 2012, the Sons of Israel Synagogue was transformed into the South Bend Cubs Team Store (beyond the left field wall). The synagogue had not housed a congregation since 1991.

THREE-PEAT – South Bend became the first Midwest League franchise with three consecutive Midwest League Prospects of the Year (2014 Andrew Velazquez, 2015 Gleyber Torres, 2016 Eloy Jimenez).

SEASON #38 – 2026 marks the 38th season of South Bend being part of the Midwest League. It's also been 11 years since the Chicago Cubs made South Bend their MWL affiliate.

*South Bend All Time Record: 2499-2547 (Entering This Season)

*South Bend Cubs Record (2015-Present): 656-677 (Entering This Season)

***South Bend won its 2500th game as a franchise on April 8 at Peoria, by a final of 13-1.**

***7 of 9 Cubs in the lineup had multi-hit games, every Cub reached base.**

***South Bend pitching did not walk a batter in the game, struck out 12.**

THE NEW FOUR WINDS FIELD – With stadium construction being the story of the last two off-seasons at Four Winds Field, a 48-million-dollar has been completed leading into the 2026 season. A new natural playing field was installed for the 2025 seasons. In addition, last season's renovations featured brand new stadium seats across the ballpark,, the Kids Fun Zone being moved to the right field corner, and the brand new splash pad complete past the left-center field wall. 'Phase Two' of the construction project has finished up with the installation of the new second deck, featuring new suites and party deck areas. As well as the South Bend Cubs Event Building in the left field corner, which will be headlined by the newly constructed 11/11 Club presented by Bacardi. It will feature an indoor climate controlled environment and outdoor second level balcony seating to accommodate 100 to 250 guests.

EXTRA INNINGS – South Bend was 2-8 in games going to extra innings last season. After playing zero extra inning games until June 19, the Cubs played two on back-to-back nights in Fort Wayne in June. They are 3-2 this season in extras.

2026 COACHING STAFF - Daniel Wasinger begins his first season as South Bend Cubs manager after serving as the team's bench coach in 2025. The former Arizona Diamondbacks farmhand catcher was originally drafted by the Chicago Cubs out of high school, before getting selected by the DBacks out of college. He is joined by first year pitching coaches Henry Haack and JC Bonilla. As well as third year hitting coach, and former Boston Red Sox infielder Nate Spears, and hitting coach Chris Pieters, a 2017 South Bend Cub. Development Coach Max Anastasio also jumps into his first season in South Bend.