

# THRESHERS TIMES

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*Outfielder Gabriel Rincones, Jr.*

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

- MAY 3 BAYCARE PLUS NIGHT
- MAY 5 THE BLACK HONKEYS BAND CONCERT  
BY TRULY HARD SELTZER,  
FIREWORKS BY BANQUET MASTERS
- MAY 6 STAR WARS NIGHT, FIREWORKS  
BY CITY WIDE FACILITY SOLUTIONS
- MAY 17 EDUCATION DAY
- MAY 19 BEACH DOGS, COORS LIGHT COOLER GIVEAWAY,  
UNCLE JOHN'S BAND CONCERT  
BY TRULY HARD SELTZER
- MAY 20 FIREWORKS BY SYSCO



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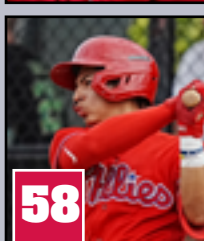
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## SCHEDULE & PROMOTIONS

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	LAK 6:30p	LAK 6:30p	LAK 6:30p	LAK 6:30p	LAK 6:30p
LAK 12:00p	8	DUN	DUN	DUN	DUN	DUN
14 DUN	15	16 BRD 6:30p	17 BRD 12:00p	18 BRD 6:30p	19 BRD 6:30p	20 BRD 6:30p
21 BRD 12:00p	22	23 STL	24 STL	25 STL	26 STL	27 STL
28 STL	29	30 DUN 6:30p	31 DUN 6:30p	<b>MAY</b>		

DATE	PROMOTION
May 3	BayCare Plus Night
May 5	The Black Honkeys Band Concert by Truly Hard Seltzer, Fireworks by Banquet Masters
May 6	Star Wars Night, Fireworks by City Wide Facility Solutions
May 17	Education Day
May 19	Beach Dogs, Coors Light Cooler Giveaway, Uncle John's Band Concert by Truly Hard Seltzer
May 20	Fireworks by Sysco
May 23-28	AAC Baseball Tournament

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	LAK 6:30p	LAK 6:30p	LAK 6:30p	LAK 6:30p	LAK 6:30p
6 LAK 12:00p	7	TAM	TAM	TAM	TAM	TAM
12 TAM	14	15 DUN 6:30p	16 DUN 6:30p	17 DUN 6:30p	18 DUN 6:30p	19 DUN 6:30p
20 DUN 12:00p	21	22 LAK	23 LAK	24 LAK	25 LAK	LAK
27 LAK	28	29 FTM 6:30p	30 FTM 6:30p	31 FTM 6:30p		

DATE	PROMOTION
Aug. 4	Veterans & Military Appreciation Night and Threshers Camo Hat Giveaway by Kelli's Catering
Aug. 5	Fireworks by Coppertail Brewing Co.
Aug. 18	Beach Dogs, Alec Bohm Bobblehead Giveaway by Coppertail Brewing Co.
Aug. 19	Fireworks by Wawa, The Scout Spectacular

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<b>JUNE</b>						1 DUN 6:30p
4 DUN 12:00p	5	6 FTM	7 FTM	8 FTM	9 FTM	10 FTM
11 FTM	12	13 TAM 6:30p	14 TAM 12:00p	15 TAM 6:30p	16 TAM 6:30p	17 TAM 6:30p
18 TAM 12:00p	19 DUN	20 DUN	21 DUN	22 DUN	23 DUN	24 DUN
25 DUN	26	27	28 BRD	29 BRD	30 BRD	

DATE	PROMOTION
June 2	Pitch for Pink with Fanny Pack Giveaway by Banquet Masters
June 3	First Responders Night and Fireworks by Beachside Hospitality
June 14	Summer Camp Day
June 15	Phinley's Birthday Party
June 16	Beach Dogs, Phillie Phanatic Visit, Shoe Slides Giveaway by Gulfview Plumbing
June 17	Strike Out Cancer Night and Fireworks by Academy Bus
June 18	Threshers Blue Cap Giveaway by Crime Stoppers of Pinellas County

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>						1 FTM 6:30p
3 FTM 12:00p	4	5 PMB	6 PMB	7 PMB	8 PMB	9 PMB
10 PMB	11	12	13	14	15	16

DATE	PROMOTION
Sept. 2	Fireworks
	<div>West Division</div> <div>CLR Clearwater Threshers</div> <div>BRD Bradenton Marauders</div> <div>DUN Dunedin Blue Jays</div> <div>FTM Fort Myers Mighty Mussels</div> <div>LAK Lakeland Flying Tigers</div> <div>TAM Tampa Tarpons</div> <div>Home Game</div>
	<div>East Division</div> <div>DTT Daytona Tortugas</div> <div>JUP Jupiter Hammerheads</div> <div>PMB Palm Beach Cardinals</div> <div>STL St. Lucie Mets</div> <div>Away Game</div>

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<b>JULY</b>						1 BRD
2 BRD	3 BRD	4 PMB 6:30p	5 PMB 6:30p	6 PMB 6:30p	7 PMB 6:30p	8 PMB 6:30p
9 PMB 12:00p	10	11	12	13	14 FTM	15 FTM
16 FTM	17	18 TAM 6:30p	19 TAM 12:00p	20 TAM 6:30p	21 TAM 6:30p	22 TAM 6:30p
23 TAM 12:00p	24 JUP	25 JUP	26 JUP	27 JUP	28 JUP	29 JUP

DATE	PROMOTION
July 4	Independence Day Fireworks Celebration
July 7	Marvel's Defenders of the Diamond Night
July 8	Independence Day Fireworks Celebration
July 19	Summer Camp Day
July 21	Beach Dogs, Christmas in July with Ornament Giveaway by Todd's A/C & Refrigeration
July 22	Fireworks by Wawa

WEEKLY PROMOTIONS	
DAY	PROMOTION
Tuesday	Dollar Tuesday *except July 4th
Wednesday	Silver Sharks presented by BayCare
Thursday	Lil' Anglers by BayCare Kids Taps & Tacos by Tijuana Flats
Friday	Giveaways & Concerts Tampa Bay Times Family Pack
Saturday	Fireworks
Sunday	Domingo Divertido



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We extend a warm welcome to BayCare Ballpark, where we celebrate the 20th anniversary of the Threshers and 39 years of Phillies minor league baseball in Clearwater. We are thrilled to be part of this vibrant community and remain committed to making a positive impact on our neighbors.

As we gear up for another season of thrilling games and unforgettable moments, we want to take a moment to thank you for your unwavering support. Your passion and dedication are what makes this place truly special, and we can't wait to see you cheering on our players and enjoying the promotions.

We invite you to explore the variety of nightly and season-long promotions that are available on [ThreshersBaseball.com](http://ThreshersBaseball.com) and in this program. These exciting events are updated regularly throughout the year, so be sure to check back often.

Whether you are a resident or visitor of our wonderful city, we hope your experience at BayCare Ballpark is unforgettable. Thank you for choosing to spend your time with us, and we look forward to cheering on the Threshers with you!

*Jason Adams*

Jason Adams  
Clearwater Threshers General Manager



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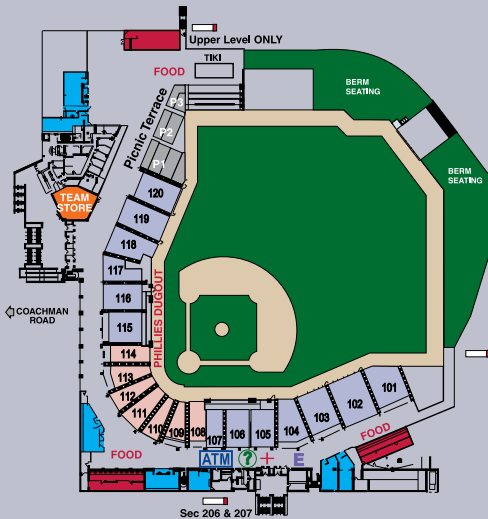
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## BAYCARE BALLPARK INFORMATION



### ANNOUNCEMENTS

PA and video board announcements can be arranged for a nominal fee by visiting Guest Services behind Section 106 before the end of the second inning.

### ATM

The ATM is located on the first base side of the concourse behind section 105.

### BAGS & BACKPACKS

Bags can be no larger than 16"x16"x8" and will be subject to inspection upon entry in accordance with Major League Baseball security regulations. Guests may discard or return the prohibited items to their vehicle.

### BATS

Full-size baseball bats are prohibited from entry by guests to the ballpark.

### BERM SEATING

Berm seating is limited and ticketed. Blankets are permitted to be brought into the park for berm seating. Chairs, folding chairs, camp chairs, and the like, are not permitted to be brought into the park.

### CHILD TICKETS

Children 13 and younger qualify for the child's ticket price. For children 4 and younger, please see the BayCare Box Office or a ballpark gate attendant for a complimentary ticket.

### CUSTOMER SERVICE & ADVANCE TICKETS

The Customer Service/Advance Tickets window is located on the first base side of the main concourse behind Section 106. Guests can report problems, check for lost and found items and claim prizes at this location. Tickets for future games may also be purchased here.

### FIRST AID

The First Aid office is located on the first base side of the main concourse behind section 106. Guests can either report to this office or contact an usher if in need of medical assistance.

### FOOD AND DRINK POLICY

No food, bottles, coolers or cans may be brought into the ballpark. The Threshers reserve the right to search any medical or diaper bags entering the ballpark.

### FOUL BALLS

Any foul ball hit into the stands may be kept. Guests are not permitted on the field or to reach into the playing area. Foul balls may be dangerous, so please be alert at all times and aware of the potential hazards.

### GATES OPEN

Ballpark gates will open one hour prior to scheduled game time.

### HANDICAPPED SEATING

Disabled seating is available all throughout the ballpark. Limited wheelchair seating is available through the ticket office in person or on the telephone. One companion seat is available for purchase with each wheelchair space. An elevator is available for disabled use on the first base side of the stadium (South Parking Lot). Drop-off is available on the West Side of the ballpark (no elevator access here). Please contact an usher for assistance entering and exiting the ballpark.

### KIDS ZONE

The left-field concourse features a playground and Kids Zone for our younger guests.

### LOST AND FOUND

Located at Customer Service behind Section 106.

### SENIOR TICKETS

Seniors 55+ may purchase discounted tickets.

### SMOKING

Smoking is prohibited in most areas of the ballpark. Special smoking sections are marked. Smoking is permitted only on the concourse bridge by the right field foul pole and the Tiki Pavilion in left field. For resources to help quit smoking, call 1-877-U-CAN-NOW (1-877-822-6669).

### TEAM STORE

The Threshers Team Store, Diamond Outfitters, is located next to the ballpark's west entry, and features hats, apparel and collectibles to satisfy Threshers fans of all ages. Merchandise available 24 hours a day on-line at [ThreshersBaseball.com](http://ThreshersBaseball.com).

### TIKI PAVILION

The Frenchy's Tiki Pavilion is located beyond the left field wall. It features a variety of mixed drinks, beer and wine for guests 21 and over. Seats in this section are first-come, first-serve during Threshers season.

### WEAPONS

Firearms, weapons, knives, tasers and other dangerous or hazardous devices or substances (collectively "weapons") are prohibited at BayCare Ballpark, unless carried by an on-duty police officer or otherwise expressly approved by The Threshers. Anyone bringing such a weapon to the premises must return it to their vehicle immediately.



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## MARTY MALLOY MANAGER



Born: Gainesville, FL... Resides: Trenton, FL... Former infielder. Spent two years as minor league infield coordinator (2020-21) before returning to manage Clearwater (A) in the second half of the 2021 season. Previously served as a minor league manager for three years with Clearwater (2019) and Lakewood (A, 2017-18). Was the 2022 winner of the John Vukovich Award. Prior to joining the Phillies, spent four years (2013-16) with the Houston Astros, including three years as the manager for their Gulf Coast League (R) team, one year as the GCL hitting coach and one year as the Florida Instructional League coordinator. Also coached at the amateur level as head coach (two years) and volunteer assistant (six years) for Trenton High School and six years as an infield instructor at Gatorball Baseball Academy in Gainesville, Fla. Played 12 years (1992-2003), including his first eight in the Atlanta Braves minor league system.



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## THRESHERS FIELD STAFF



### MATT HOCKENBERRY PITCHING COACH

Born: Dillsburg, PA... Resides: Philadelphia, PA... Former pitcher. Is in his sixth season as a coach at the professional level, his first with Clearwater (A) after one with Reading (AA) and three with Lakewood/Jersey Shore (A). Began his coaching career in 2019 with the Gulf Coast League Phillies West (R). Was selected by the Phillies in the ninth round of the June 2014 draft out of Temple University (PA) and went 12-5 with 28 saves and a 3.38 ERA in 131 professional games, all in relief. Pitched as high as the double-A level in his four-year playing career.



### CHRIS HEINTZ HITTING COACH

Born: Syosset, NY... Resides: Tampa, FL... Former catcher. Joined the Phillies player development staff before the 2018 season as a Gulf Coast League (R) coach before being promoted to Clearwater (A) for the 2020 season. Named assistant hitting coordinator in March 2021 and spent two years in that position before returning to Clearwater as hitting coach prior to the 2023 season. Assistant coach for the University of South Florida 2010-14. Appeared in 34 major league games for the Twins over three seasons (2005-07) after being selected by the Chicago White Sox in the 19th round of the June 1996 draft. In 2013, was inducted into the USF Hall of Fame. Graduated from Countryside High School in Clearwater, Fla.



### MYCAL JONES POSITION COACH

Born: Jacksonville, FL... Resides: Kissimmee, FL... Former infielder/outfielder. Joined Clearwater (A) in 2023 after spending one season (2022) as bench/position coach for Reading (AA) and two years (2020-21) as a coach in the Gulf Coast/Florida Complex League (R). Worked in the Houston Astros system as a coach for Corpus Christi (AA) in 2018. Was a fourth-round selection of the Atlanta Braves in the June '09 draft, playing seven minor league seasons in their organization. Began coaching youth baseball in 2013 at Big Diamond Athletics (2013-15) and the Florida Athletic Development Center (2016-17). Earned his Associate of Arts degree in communication, public relations, from Miami-Dade College (FL) in 2009.



### SAMANTHA MYERS ATHLETIC TRAINER

Born: Walnut Creek, CA... Resides: Pittsburg, CA... Joined Clearwater (A) as athletic trainer for 2023 after spending the 2022 season on the major league staff as medical operations liaison. Originally joined the Phillies as an athletic trainer in 2020 assigned to the academy in the Dominican Republic. Is a 2018 graduate of

Sacramento State University (CA) with a degree in kinesiology and athletic training and attained her master's degree in applied exercise science and human movement science from Concordia University.



### JOSEPH MIRANDA STRENGTH & CONDITIONING

Born: Cincinnati, OH... Resides: Maryville, TN... In his first season with Clearwater (A). Graduated from Maryville College (TN) with a bachelor's degree in physical education in 2011. Earned his master's degree in exercise science from George Washington University (DC). Is a certified strength and conditioning specialist (CSCS)

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## SAMUEL ALDEGHERI

**#19**

LHP

B/T: L/L

HT: 6'1" | WT: 185

BORN: September 19, 2001

HOMETOWN: Verona, Italy

2022 CLUB: FCL



## CHAD CASTILLO

**#24**

INF

B/T: L/R

HT: 6-4 | WT: 225

BORN: April 19, 2000

HOMETOWN: Santa Ana, CA

2022 CLUB: Clearwater



## JOSH BORTKA

**#43**

B/T: R/R

HT: 6'5" | WT: 225

BORN: July 12, 1999

HOMETOWN: Kansas City, MO

2022 CLUBS: FCL, Clearwater



## STARLYN CASTILLO

**#18**

RHP

B/T: R/R

HT: 6-0 | WT: 215

BORN: February 24, 2002

HOMETOWN: Santo Domingo, DR

2022 CLUBS: FCL, Clearwater



## EMAARION BOYD

**#23**

OF

B/T: R/R

HT: 6'1" | WT: 177

BORN: August 22, 2003

HOMETOWN: Batesville, MS

2022 CLUBS: FCL, Clearwater



## JUSTIN CRAWFORD

**#13**

OF

B/T: L/R

HT: 6'3" | WT: 175

BORN: January 13, 2004

HOMETOWN: Las Vegas, NV

2022 CLUBS: Clearwater, FCL



## ERICK BRITO

**#25**

INF

B/T: R/R

HT: 5'10" | WT: 195

BORN: May 25, 2002

HOMETOWN: Ciudad Guayana, VZ

2022 CLUB: Clearwater



## JACK DALLAS

**#26**

RHP

B/T: R/R

HT: 5-11 | WT: 200

BORN: December 18, 1998

HOMETOWN: Orange, TX

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**JORDAN DISSIN**

**#7**

C

B/T: R/R

HT: 6'3" | WT: 185

BORN: May 29, 2002

HOMETOWN: Mission Viejo, CA

2022 CLUB: FCL



**JONH HENRIQUEZ**

**#6**

RHP

B/T: R/R

HT: 6-0 | WT: 187

BORN: October 30, 1999

HOMETOWN: San Francisco de

Macoris, DR

2022 CLUBS: DSL Phillies-Red



**JAYDENN ESTANISTA**

**#10**

RHP

B/T: R/R

HT: 6'3" | WT: 167

BORN: October 3, 2001

HOMETOWN: Willemstad, Curacao

2022 CLUB: FCL



**OTTO KEMP**

**#9**

INF

B/T: R/R

HT: 6'0" | WT: 185

BORN: September 9, 1999

HOMETOWN: Capistrano Beach, CA

2022 CLUBS: FCL, Clearwater



**BRAEDEN FAUSNAUGHT**

**#35**

LHP

B/T: L/L

HT: 6-3 | WT: 235

BORN: July 29, 1999

HOMETOWN: Ephrata, PA

2022 CLUB: FCL



**ORION KERKERING**

**#44**

RHP

B/T: R/R

HT: 6'2" | WT: 204

BORN: April 4, 2001

HOMETOWN: Nokomis, FL

2022 CLUBS: FCL, Clearwater



**CADE FERGUS**

**#17**

OF

B/T: R/R

HT: 6-3 | WT: 195

BORN: August 22, 2000

HOMETOWN: Plantation, FL

2022 CLUB: Clearwater



**ALEX MCFARLANE**

**#47**

RHP

B/T: R/R

HT: 6'4" | WT: 215

BORN: June 9, 2001

HOMETOWN: St. Thomas, VI

2022 CLUB: Clearwater

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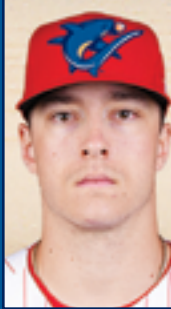
B/T: R/R

HT: 5'10" | WT: 190

BORN: June 9, 2001

HOMETOWN: San Antonio de  
Guerra, DR

2022 CLUBS: FCL, Clearwater,  
Jersey Shore



## SETH NIGHTINGALE

**#29**

RHP

B/T: R/R

HT: 6-5 | WT: 224

BORN: September 10, 1999

HOMETOWN: Finksburg, MD

2022 CLUB: None



## FREYLIN MINYETY

**#21**

INF

B/T: R/R

HT: 5-10 | WT: 185

BORN: October 22, 1999

HOMETOWN: Phoenix, AZ

2022 CLUB: Clearwater,

Jersey Shore, Reading



## JONATHAN PETIT

**#40**

RHP

B/T: R/R

HT: 6-1 | WT: 185

BORN: April 19, 2001

HOMETOWN: Naguanagua, VZ

2022 CLUB: FCL



## COLE MOORE

**#28**

INF

B/T: L/R

HT: 6-2 | WT: 215

BORN: June 14, 1999

HOMETOWN: Georgetown, TX

2022 CLUB: FCL



## YONIEL RAMIREZ

**#27**

RHP

B/T: R/R

HT: 6-0 | WT: 180

BORN: May 27, 2001

HOMETOWN: Azua, DR

2022 CLUB: ACL Giants Orange,  
San Jose



## WESLEY MOORE

**#22**

LHP

B/T: R/L

HT: 6-2 | WT: 200

BORN: September 5, 1999

HOMETOWN: Surrey, British

Columbia, CAN

2022 CLUB: NONE



## ALEX RAO

**#54**

RHP

B/T: R/R

HT: 6'4" | WT: 235

BORN: October 25, 1999

HOMETOWN: Hobe Sound, FL

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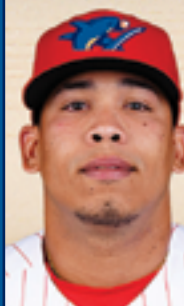
B/T: L/R

HT: 6-4 | WT: 225

BORN: May 10, 2000

HOMETOWN: Newport Beach, CA

2022 CLUB: Clearwater



## EDUAR SEGOVIA

**#8**

RHP

B/T: R/R

HT: 6-1 | WT: 210

BORN: January 10, 2001

HOMETOWN: Cabimas, VZ

2022 CLUB: NONE



## BRYAN RINCON

**#5**

INF

B/T: S/R

HT: 5'11" | WT: 185

BORN: February 8, 2004

HOMETOWN: Pittsburgh, PA

2022 CLUB: FCL



## JORDAN VIARS

**#33**

OF

B/T: L/L

HT: 6'4" | WT: 215

BORN: July 18, 2003

HOMETOWN: Prosper, TX

2022 CLUBS: FCL, Clearwater



## GABRIEL RINCONES JR.

**#45**

OF

B/T: L/R

HT: 6-4 | WT: 220

BORN: March 3, 2001

HOMETOWN: Boca Raton, FL

2022 CLUB: NONE



## ANDREW WALLING

**#11**

LHP

B/T: L/L

HT: 6'3" | WT: 220

BORN: October 29, 1999

HOMETOWN: Vancouver, WA

2022 CLUBS: FCL, Clearwater



## MASON RONAN

**#55**

LHP

B/T: L/L

HT: 6-3 | WT: 211

BORN: March 3, 2000

HOMETOWN: Asheville, PA

2022 CLUB: FCL



## DANNY WILKINSON

**#48**

LHP

B/T: L/L

HT: 6-1 | WT: 190

BORN: October 19, 2000

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2022 CLUB: NONE

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#	TEAM BATTING		AVG	G	AB	R	H	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
23	Boyd, E	OF	.214	8	28	5	6	0	0	4	7	6
25	Brito, E	INF	.381	7	21	2	8	1	3	3	5	2
24	Castillo, C	INF	.200	4	15	3	3	1	1	1	4	0
13	Crawford, J	OF	.278	9	36	5	10	0	5	1	8	6
7	Dissin, J	C	.231	4	13	2	3	0	1	1	4	0
17	Fergus, C	OF	.100	7	20	2	2	0	1	1	13	0
9	Kemp, O	INF	.179	9	28	5	5	0	0	5	11	1
21	Minyety, F	INF	.150	8	20	2	3	0	2	3	4	0
28	Moore, C	INF	.167	5	18	2	3	0	0	1	9	0
4	Ricketts, C	C	.250	7	28	3	7	1	5	0	5	1
5	Rincon, B	INF	.148	8	27	1	4	0	1	2	5	2
45	Rincones Jr., G	OF	.207	10	29	4	6	1	3	8	12	6
33	Viars, J	OF	.107	8	28	2	3	0	2	2	8	0
Team Total			.201	10	311	38	63	4	24	32	95	24

#	TEAM PITCHING		W	L	ERA	G	GS	SV	IP	H	ER	BB	SO
19	Aldegheri, S		0	0	1.13	2	2	0	8	3	1	1	11
43	Bortka, J		0	0	3	2	0	0	3	1	1	3	5
16	Cabrera, J		0	0	10.80	2	1	0	3.1	8	4	1	2
18	Castillo, S		0	0	3.00	1	1	0	3	3	1	3	3
26	Dallas, J		1	0	0.00	4	0	1	6.1	4	0	2	7
10	Estanista, J		1	0	2.84	2	0	0	6.1	4	2	3	5
35	Fausnaught, B		0	0	4.05	2	1	0	6.2	6	3	4	7
6	Henriquez, J		1	0	1.69	3	0	0	5.1	1	1	1	4
44	Kerkering, O		0	0	0	4	0	1	4	1	0	1	8
47	McFarlane, A		0	2	4.05	2	2	0	6.2	6	3	6	10
22	Moore, W		0	0	0.00	3	0	1	3	0	0	1	5
29	Nightingale, S		0	0	0.00	1	0	0	2.1	1	0	0	2
38	Pan, W		0	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	3
27	Ramirez, Y		0	0	5.40	2	0	0	3.1	3	2	6	3
54	Rao, A		0	1	5.40	3	2	0	5	4	3	2	6
55	Ronan, M		0	1	4.50	2	0	1	4	2	2	5	5
8	Segovia, E		2	0	0.00	3	0	0	4.1	0	0	7	7
11	Walling, A		1	0	4.76	4	0	0	5.2	6	3	6	7
48	Wilkinson, D		0	0	7.71	2	0	0	4.2	3	4	4	7
Team Total			6	4	3.03	10	10	4	89.0	56	30	56	109

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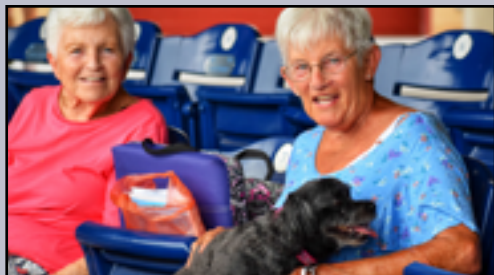
# THRESHERS TIMES

## FRIDAYS

The Clearwater Beach Dogs are the alternate identity of the Clearwater Threshers. On the last Friday home game of the month, Threshers players and staff take the field in Beach Dogs uniforms and fans can join in by rocking their favorite Beach Dogs gear. Gates open at 5:30 p.m. for the 6:30 p.m. games.

Beach Dogs Fridays are also dog-friendly! On the select Beach Dog dates, fans may bring their dog into BayCare Ballpark to enjoy the game. Dog tickets are \$7 and available walk-up, the dog tickets benefit a different local pet charity that will be on-site.

The Philadelphia Phillies' Clearwater Single-A minor league affiliate was known as the Clearwater Phillies at Jack Russell Memorial Stadium from 1985-2003. The Threshers debuted at Bright House Networks Field (now BayCare Ballpark) in 2004. The Beach Dogs premier came in 2018, having previously been the 2004 runner-up to the club's new Threshers moniker.



## Beach Dogs Fridays

### May 19th

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## Scoring Basics...

Different fans have different methods of keeping a scorecard, and many use their own notations. But here's a simple method...

If the hitter grounds out to shortstop, for example, write in "6-3," which shows the shortstop threw him out at first base. If the hitter flies out to left field, write a "7."

If the batter gets a hit, write in the hit according to which base he reached. Each corner of the box represents a base, with the lower-right corner being first.

If he singles, put a "-" in the lower right. If he doubles, write a "=" in the upper right, and so on. For a walk, use "BB" in the lower right. As the runner advances, mark the appropriate symbol in the appropriate corner.

If a runner scores, put a circle at the bottom of the box, and inside the circle put the symbol of the play and/or the player that drove him in. For example, if the No. 5 hitter drives in two runs with a single, mark his single in the bottom right of his box and mark a circle with the number "5" in it in the boxes of the runners who score. (Some people like to use uniform numbers here, so you can tell who did what, even after lineup changes).

At the end of each inning, total the hits and runs for that inning only. At the end of the game you'll be able to add the innings total to get the game score.

Symbols for Play			
Single	S or —	Passed Ball	PS
Double	D or ==	Stolen Base	SB
Triple	T or ===	Double Play	DP
Homerun	HR or	Error	E
Sacrifice	SH or SAC	Sacrifice Fly	SF
Walk	BB	Intentional Walk	IBB
Strikeout	K	Foul Fly	F
Called Out on Strikes	X	Force Out	FO
Balk	BK	Line Drive	L
Fielder's Choice	FC	Bunt	B
Hit by Pitch	HP	Unassisted	U
Wild Pitch	WP		

## Example Scorecard...

### 1st Inning

1. Singled, advanced on next batter's walk; took 3rd on fielder's choice; scored on #4 batter's double.
2. Walked; later forced out, shortstop to 2nd base.
3. Reached on fielder's choice; advanced to 3rd on next batter's double; scored on #5 batter's single.
4. Doubled; scored on #5 batter's single.
5. Singled; advanced to 2nd on next batter's single; stole 3rd base; thrown out on grounder, shortstop to catcher.
6. Singled; stole 2nd base.
7. Reached 1st base on fielder's choice.
8. Popped out to 2nd base.

Team	Batting Order	1	2
1. Center Fielder	8	2	8
2. Shortstop	5	1	6
3. 1st Baseman	4	PC	K
4. 3rd Baseman	3	PC	PC
5. Right Fielder	2	PC	PC
6. Left Fielder	1	PC	PC
7. Designated Hitter	PC	PC	PC
8. 2nd Baseman	4	PC	PC
9. Catcher	3	PC	PC

## Defensive Players by the Numbers...



1. Pitcher
2. Catcher
3. First Baseman
4. Second Baseman
5. Third Baseman
6. Shortstop
7. Left Fielder
8. Center Fielder
9. Right Fielder

### 2nd Inning

9. Leads-off with double.
1. Flied out to centerfield.
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## Clearwater's Mr. Worldwide

*Gabriel Rincones Jr.'s Journey Across Three Continents to Professional Baseball*

By Josh Sperber



The journey to professional baseball is always interesting, full of twists and turns, and never the same from player to player. One commonality is how difficult it is for players to make it through high school, college, or any international ranks to get drafted or signed by a major league organization. Long hours in the cage or the bullpen, road trips to camps, and many hours in the gym perfecting one's body and craft to prepare them for arguably the hardest sport to excel in.

Millions of children across the world share that same dream of becoming a professional athlete, but only a select few can achieve it. Fewer still can keep up the sport while crossing hemispheres three times. Gabriel Rincones Jr. spent his childhood in Venezuela, Scotland, and the United States before going to college and getting drafted by the Phillies in 2022. It was not an easy journey, but certainly one he is proud of.

Gabriel was exposed to baseball at an early age in Venezuela, where he and his family lived until he was six years old. Baseball is engrained in the culture of Venezuela, and in Gabriel's blood as well, since his father and namesake, Gabriel Rincones Sr. is a former professional baseball player as well.

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Rincones Sr. was signed as an international free agent and pitched one season in Rookie Ball for the Seattle Mariners in 1997. Eager to follow in his father's footsteps, Rincones Jr. was quickly enrolled in little leagues in Venezuela where he played until he was six years old, and his family moved to Scotland.

Not only was the language barrier a challenge to learn, but Scotland does not have a passion for baseball like Venezuela does. "In Venezuela it is what you see. Everybody is hype and always ready to go" said Gabriel of playing baseball in Venezuela. "Growing up in Scotland, even though I had six years without playing, no exposure to baseball. With many kids my age didn't even know what baseball was growing up...it just stuck with me the entire time I was in Scotland."

Rincones Jr. played in Sunday leagues and in more casual settings while in Scotland, getting

on a diamond as much as he could, but it wasn't until he was a teenager that he was able to fully rededicate himself to the game and start playing high school ball in Florida. The Rincones family switched continents for the second time and moved to Florida so Gabriel could pursue baseball in the United States.

However, it was not an easy transition for Gabriel to change countries again and jump right back into baseball after some time removed from the game. He hit around .280 his senior year and only had one offer coming out of high school, which he took, and began his collegiate career in junior college at St. Petersburg. Despite living far away from his family, who had returned to Scotland, Rincones Jr. emerged as a star at St. Pete, averaging over .400 in his two seasons in junior college and was named the top Florida Junior College player after his final season.

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In addition to the accolades, he was selected in the 19th round of the 2021 MLB Draft by the San Diego Padres. Despite the offer from San Diego to turn pro, Rincones Jr. wasn't satisfied, and chose instead to transfer to Division I Florida Atlantic University.

Rincones Jr. wrestled with the decision to stay in school and put off his dream of becoming pro so he could get a better offer coming into a major league organization. Despite pausing a surefire opportunity to go pro, something he hoped would happen coming out of high school, Gabriel is steadfast on FAU being the best move for him. "If I didn't go to FAU, I definitely wouldn't be in the same mind space. Everything is just so good now."

He dominated the competition at FAU, increasing his home run total to 19, after hitting six for St. Petersburg in the season prior, with a .348 batting average and 69 RBI. He was named to the First-Team All-Conference USA and awarded the CUSA Newcomer of the Year award for his spectacular season.

When he was drafted again in 2022, Rincones Jr. leapt at the chance to turn pro, and signed with the Phillies after he was selected in the third round in the draft with the 93rd overall pick. In just one season, Rincones Jr. went from being picked in the second-to-last round to inside the top 100 picks.

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In what he says is “definitely not a coincidence,” Rincones went back to the Bay Area to train with the Phillies close to where he played his junior college ball. “I remember seeing some of the Threshers guys walk to the field while I was driving back from practice at St. Pete” Rincones Jr. said of his time at St. Petersburg. “I would watch them and being like ‘alright, those guys are there now but I’m going to get there eventually.’ It’s crazy for everything to come full circle.” So much of the early portion of Gabriel’s baseball career had taken place in this area, from junior college to recruitment camps, he knew that this was where he would begin his major league journey.

Coming off an injury after the 2022 Draft, Rincones Jr. entered 2023 incredibly motivated to make an impression with the Phillies. He began the season at number seven on MLB.com’s Phillies Top 30 Prospect List and earned playing time in all but one game in the Threshers’ first two series in 2023. He credits his confidence, along with the support of his parents, in overcoming adversity to sign his first contract and begin his professional baseball career. “I go up to the plate with the mentality that I’m the best guy on the field, and this pitcher has nothing on me,” Gabriel states. “If your confidence is through the roof going into any level jump, you’re going to adjust and compete and excel eventually.”

Rincones Jr. has already shown flashes of how good he can be, stealing his first five bases without getting caught and reaching base in over half of the games he played through the Threshers first nine contests of 2023. His confidence and skills have him as a mainstay in the Threshers’ lineup at the beginning of the season, and give him a high ceiling as he continues to improve his game in his quest to reach the majors.





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## Reliving the No-Hitter

*The Battery from Clearwater's First Win of the Season Goes In-Depth on the No-Hitter*

**By Josh Sperber**



*L-R: Andrew Walling, Wesley Moore, Caleb Ricketts, Samuel Aldegheri, Orion Kerkerling, Eduar Segovia. (credit Mike Janes - Four Seam Images)*

Getting the first win of the season is inevitable, but for some teams and players, the game can be more than just a win. Whether it is a debut, the first time back on the field in a while after an injury, or just a special way to begin a season on the right foot. For the 2023 Clearwater Threshers, the first win of the season was not just a celebration because of the victory, but because it came in rare form.

On April 8th, the Threshers earned their first win of the season with their fourth nine-inning no-hitter (fifth overall) since 2005, beginning the season with one of the rarest feats in baseball, holding the Marauders hitless in Bradenton for a 3-0 win in the second game of the season.

The season opener for the Threshers was a hard-fought game. They fell behind 3-0 in the fourth inning and worked their way back to within one run in the late innings. Cade Fergus doubled in a run and later scored on an error to put the Threshers within one. Clearwater put both the tying and go-ahead runs on base in the ninth inning, but were unable to overtake the home team for a comeback win on Opening Day. "There are so many games in the season, it's really easy to see a first-game loss," said lefty reliever Andrew Walling. "The guys did a great job of sticking to the process and playing their best ball, and I think that's a big reason that game two turned out the way it did."

There is certainly nothing bad about a one-run, tightly contested loss after not playing a minor league game in over 200 days, but the Threshers players all play to win every day. The team came out of the season opener confident that they could bounce back quickly, and they did so even better than they could have imagined.

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The Marauders got their first baserunner on a leadoff walk in the fifth and drew four walks in the game. With each Thresher striking out at least one-third of the hitters they faced and the few scattered walks, the potential of the no-hitter was lost on almost everyone involved. Obviously, the catcher, Caleb Ricketts, knew that the team hadn’t allowed a hit but none of the pitchers knew when they were entering the game. “The way the bullpen is set up [at LECOM Park] you can’t see the scoreboard” said Wesley Moore, who earned the save and recorded the final out of the no-hitter. “After Aldegheri had his seven Ks, we were just counting up the Ks after that.” There were plenty of strikeouts to count, as the Threshers staff combined for 16 strikeouts, the highest mark for the staff through the first two series.

No one can complete a no-hitter without help from the defense, and the Threshers got that in spades. Ricketts and the entire staff lauded the infield, particularly Bryan Rincon, for making difficult defensive plays without an error throughout the game.

Perhaps the best defensive play of the game, however, came late in the seventh inning. Walling struck out the first two batters of the frame, but walked Marauders catcher Wyatt Hendrie with two outs. On a 1-1 pitch, Bradenton’s centerfielder Tres Gonzalez hit a high fly ball



*Starter Samuel Aldegheri*

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*Reliever Andrew Walling*

near the foul line in the left field corner, and the hearts of Threshers fans (and broadcasters) stopped for a second. “He threw the barrel at it, got enough on it and I saw it tailing towards the line. You almost have that little bit of heart drop like ‘oh no...’” said Walling of the at-bat.

It was up to Emaarion Boyd, the speedy 11th-round pick of the Phillies in last year’s draft to step up and make the play. “As soon as I saw Boyd out of the corner of my eye I didn’t even look anymore,” said Walling. “As soon as I first saw him take that route, I started walking off the field once I heard everyone clapping, I knew he made the play.” The applause came from fans of both teams, as Boyd made an impressive sliding catch to corral the baseball and preserve the no-hitter. With Hendrie off-and-running on contact, there’s a chance he didn’t just save the no-hitter, but perhaps a run as well.

Clearwater’s bats carried the momentum into the eighth inning, responding to the defensive brilliance with two insurance runs on a throwing error by the Marauders, and Gabriel Rincones Jr.’s first career RBI that made it 3-0.

Late in the game, the Threshers hurlers weren’t even aware that they had a no-hitter going. “[Aldegheri] told me in the dugout, he kind of motioned towards the scoreboard” said Walling after he left the game. “He didn’t say anything about it and I couldn’t figure out why he was so excited other than the fact that I knew he had a great outing. Then I looked up and said ‘oh, ok, let’s keep this going.’” They did just that, with Orion Kerker striking out the side in the eighth to set up Wesley Moore for the Thresher’s first save opportunity of the season with Bradenton still hitless heading into the final frame.

Like the other four pitchers who preceded him, Moore didn’t know that he was closing out a no-hitter when he came in. “I didn’t know until guys were running up to me [after the game], so I wasn’t even thinking about it” said Moore of the beginning of his outing. “I was just thinking about getting ahead of the first hitter. Once I did I was just thinking about putting him away and going for the strikeout.” He retired the first two hitters before allowing a walk with two outs. But with a runner in scoring position for the Marauders, Moore got Javier Rivas to swing at strike three and secure the first win of the season, and the no-hitter.

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*Reliver Eduar Segovia*

For a group of five pitchers and a catcher, none of whom had been a part of a no-hitter in their entire baseball careers before April 8th, they were quite non-chalant about achieving one of the rarest feats in baseball. Between most of the pitchers being unaware of the no-hitter until it was secured and it being the second game of the season, the whole squad really treated it like another game.

For Eduar Segovia, the win felt extra special. The 22-year-old right-hander was pitching in his first competitive game since 2021 after missing 2022 due to injury. He struck out two in 2.0 innings to earn the win in his first game in almost two years. “It feels really good,” said Segovia of earning the victory. “I lost a year and eight months where I wasn’t able to play, and to come back with these guys and earn the win in a no-hitter, I just felt so happy.”

The game sparked a four-game win streak, and helped the Threshers finish their first six-game series of the season in a tie for the West Division lead and the overall best record in the Florida State League.

Clearwater’s entire team reveled in the win, with celebrations lasting well into Bradenton’s

post-game fireworks display. But one thing that was on the minds of everyone involved was that this was just a great start to a long season. “It was one game” stated Kerker of his mindset during the no-hitter. “If we lose, then we lose and we learn from our mistakes...just keep going hard every day and learn from it.”

Though it is important to celebrate milestone victories such as this, the Threshers are united in the fact that there must be many more victories to come, no-hitters or not. It was a special start to the season for the Threshers, and now this team is set to continue showing how special they are.



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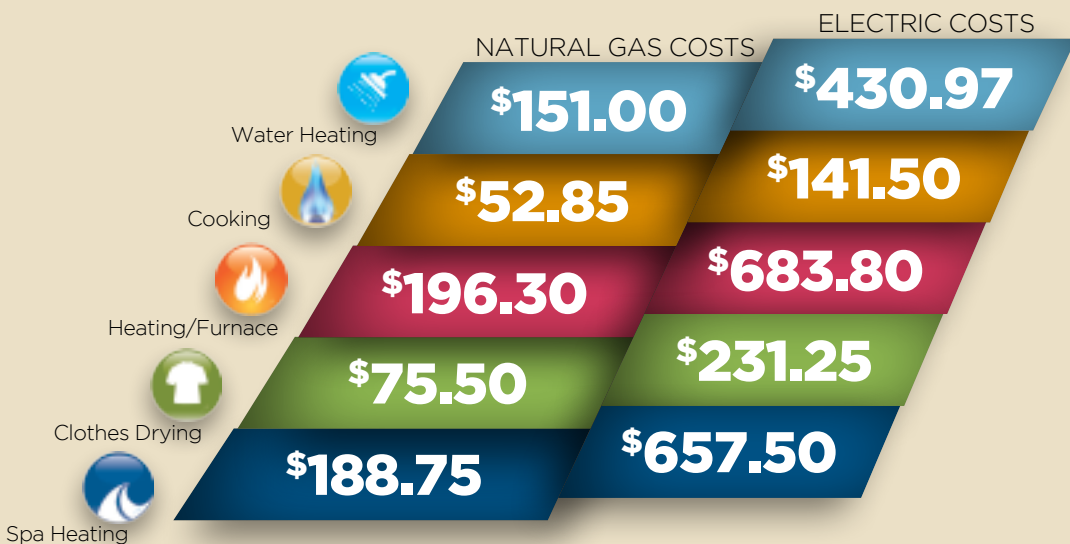
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## Hard Work and Sacrifice: The Journey of Bryan Rincon

*How Bryan Rincon Persevered Through Adversity to Begin His Professional Career*

**By Josh Sperber**



How far would you go to achieve your goals? There is sacrifice in every story in which someone pursues and achieves a dream. A prime example is the goal of being a professional athlete and reaching the highest level of professional sports. It is a dream shared by many kids across the world and achieved by very few. The hard work and training required is usually well-chronicled across various media outlets, but sometimes the journey itself can get lost in the shuffle.

Some players have to uproot their entire lives to pursue opportunities and open doors so that they can get to the highest levels of baseball. This is certainly the case for Phillies infield prospect and Threshers shortstop Bryan Rincon, who left his home country of Venezuela when he was 16 years old to chase his dream of becoming a professional baseball player in the United States. He overcame a lot of adversity to reach the Philadelphia Phillies organization and begin his career and his journey to the major leagues here in Clearwater.

Initially born in New York, Rincon and his family moved to Venezuela when he was just three months old. Ever since Bryan was a child, baseball was a constant presence in his life. Though his family did not play baseball at a high level, Rincon began learning the game from his father at three years old in Caracas, Venezuela, and began playing organized baseball at five years old. "In Venezuela, there were no days off, no vacations, just baseball," Rincon said of his time growing up in the youth baseball ranks in Venezuela.

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Becoming a professional baseball player was always a dream of Bryan's, and he was willing to make any sacrifices necessary in pursuit of that goal. An option presented to him was to move in with his uncle in Pittsburgh and play high school baseball in the United States. "I think I was a really good player, but I didn't physically have the right tools [to sign a pro contract] at that moment," said Rincon. "I decided to come here [to America] because my dad and I knew that it would be easy for me to play baseball here and get to the pros."

Despite only knowing his uncles, and not knowing much English, Rincon moved to the United States in 2020, right around his sixteenth birthday. He began attending Shaler high school in the winter of 2020, starting at the end of February. Fifteen days after his first day of school at Shaler, as he was preparing to join the baseball team, the COVID-19 Pandemic hit, and school was closed indefinitely.

The pandemic was a trying time for everyone, and it certainly wasn't easy for Bryan to be shut in at the beginning of his journey in a new country.

He came to the United States to further his baseball career and train to eventually turn pro, but options for that were limited with any training facility closed and not knowing any coaches, who were scarcely available anyways, to begin training within the US. So, Rincon adapted, and he and his uncles dedicated themselves to training. "I used to run the hills every day, hit off the tee with two balls, throw into the net and then run to get it back." Not knowing anyone aside from his uncles, neither of whom had extensive backgrounds in baseball in any playing or coaching capacity, Rincon relied on his strong work ethic and did whatever he could to practice and perfect his craft until organized baseball was able to come back.

When in-person schooling resumed in 2021, Rincon was ready to attend Shaler again and play baseball for the Titans. This time, however, he had a friend in his class. His cousin Miguel Hugas, a two-way outfielder, joined Bryan in Pittsburgh and at Shaler to pursue their shared dream of turning pro. They attended the same academy in Venezuela and played two seasons of high school baseball before Bryan was drafted in 2022. Finally having someone to train with, the work intensified for Bryan and Miguel during Shaler's baseball and on the college recruiting trail as well. Furthermore, Brian Junker, the head baseball coach at Shaler, saw how hard the two worked and helped them train and practice as they were recruited by collegiate and professional scouts alike.

Bryan described Coach Junker as a second father, constantly working extra drills after practice with him and Miguel. "My coach said I was crazy because I was doing too much, but he helped me a lot. He was like my father in the



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United States.” Having that extra father figure proved to be a big help for both Miguel, an Alabama commit in the class of 2023, and Bryan in their path to the pros. Bryan is off to a solid start, especially in the field in Clearwater. Miguel is expected to be drafted in the 2023 MLB Draft this coming July.

Draft day in 2022 proved to be one last hurdle for Bryan. He was told he would be drafted between the third and tenth rounds by multiple different teams, but after the first day of the draft, he had yet to receive a call. On summer break and already committed to play college baseball at San Jacinto, Rincon decided to take a rare day off to ease his mind. “On the third day of the draft I went to Jupiter to take a few days off with my uncle,” Rincon said of his draft experience. “I remembered it was still the draft while I was in the shower. When I got out, I looked at my phone and saw that I got picked.” Bryan was selected in the fourteenth round (422nd overall) by the Philadelphia Phillies, his dream of turning pro had finally come true.

His family was emotional, moved to tears of joy when celebrating with Bryan over the phone, but Bryan himself didn’t know how to react. He had achieved the first step of his goal, but he knew the work was about to increase as his journey from the minors to the majors began.

Rincon debuted in the Florida Complex League (FCL) in 2022, slugging two home runs with nine RBIs in 12 games at the Carpenter Complex adjacent to BayCare Ballpark in his debut season. But beginning his first full season as a pro with the Threshers, he focuses on improving his game, learning everything he can, and continuing to grow as a player and professional. “I just want to play and show the people what I can do,” states Bryan regarding his goals for the season. “Every day I work hard and try to be my best.” Just a month into the season, the results are starting to show for the 19-year-old,

with clear signs of improvement both at the plate and in the field. But there is plenty of room for development in the early stages of his career.

Rincon is far removed from the 16-year-old kid in unfamiliar terrain. Navigating a difficult journey to the bigs will surely have some ups and downs, but Bryan knows it’s on him now to keep working hard and achieve his dream. With a strong work ethic and resilience in overcoming adversity, all signs point to a long pro career for Bryan Rincon.



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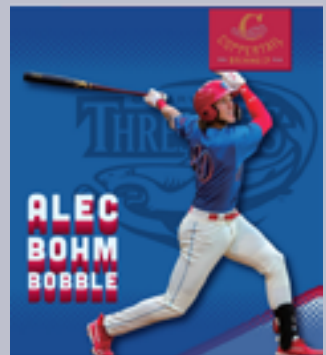
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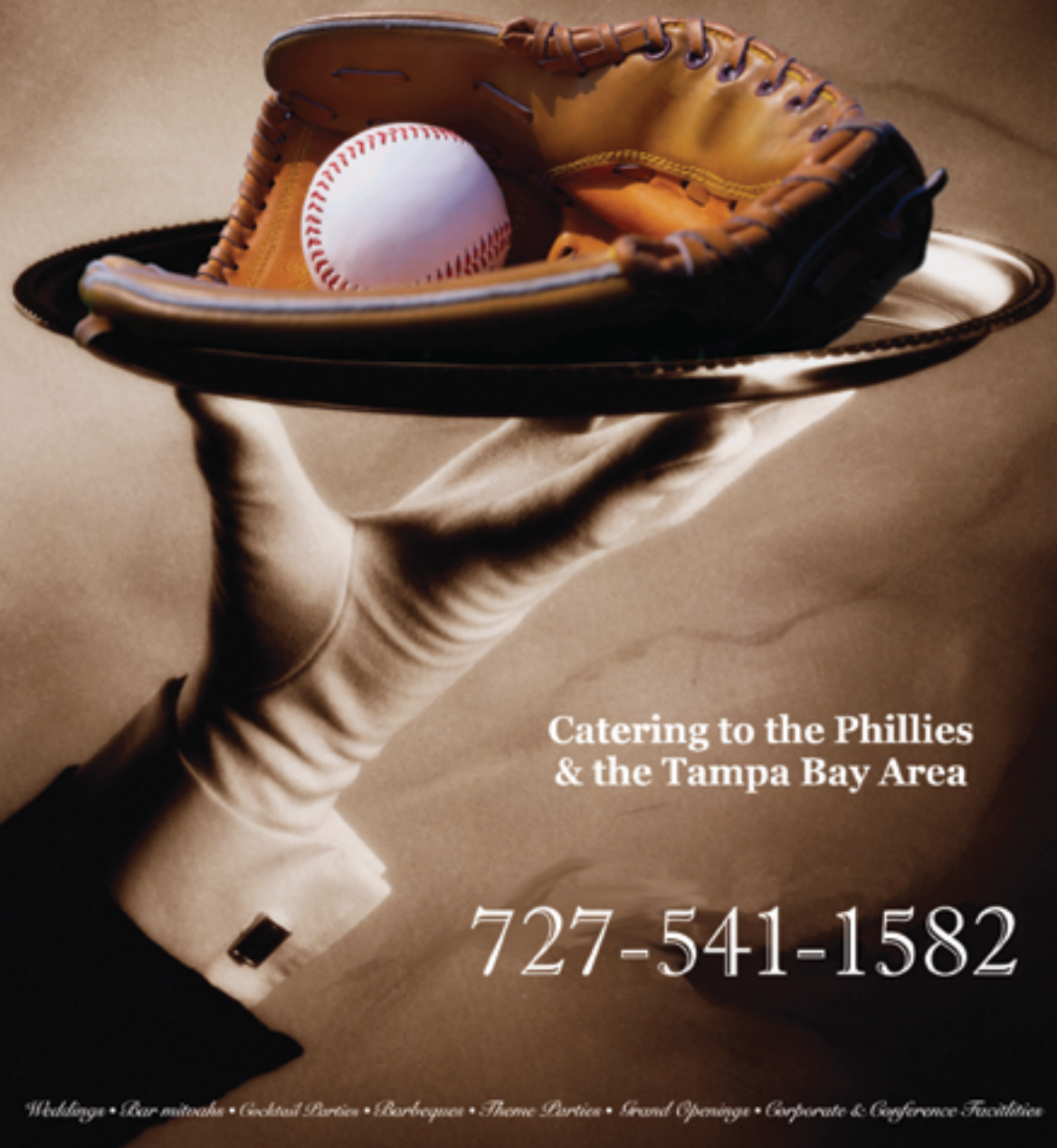
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