



2021 MEMPHIS REDBIRDS GAME INFORMATION



Tuesday, May 18th 6:45 p.m CT **Memphis Redbirds (4-8) vs. Louisville Bats (3-8)** Game 1 of 6
 AutoZone Park / Memphis, TN Game #13 of 120 / Home Game #7 of 60
LHP Matthew Liberatore (0-2, 5.25 ERA) vs RHP Tony Santillan (0-1, 1.13 ERA)
MiLB TV & First Pitch App: Evan Stockton & Justin Gallanty

Last Game – 5/16/21

MEM	4	10	1
NAS	3	7	0

WP: Miles Mikolas (1-1)
 -6.0 IP, 4 H, 0 ER, 1 BB, 3 K
LP: Thomas Jankins (0-2)
 - 5.2 IP, 9 H, 4 ER, 1 BB, 2 K
S: Jesús Cruz (1)
HR: MEM: Mikolas (1)
Time: 2:59
Attendance: 8,993

Notable Players

-J. Nogowski (MEM): 3-4, 2B, RBI
 -M. Szczur (MEM): 3-4, R
 -D. Strange-Gordon (NAS): 3-3, 2B, BB

Active Hit Streaks

Evan Mendoza – 4 (5/13 – pres.)
 Kramer Robertson – 3 (5/12 – pres.)

Stat of the Day

Miles Mikolas smacked a two-run home run for the Redbirds in their win at Nashville on Sunday afternoon. It was the first for a Memphis Redbirds pitcher since Marco Gonzales hit one out on July 11, 2014.

Bird Bites

Last Time Out: The Redbirds earned a series split with a 4-3 win in Nashville on Sunday. **Miles Mikolas** put together an outstanding afternoon, tossing six scoreless innings and hitting a home run. **John Nogowski** and **Matt Szczur** each had three-hit games for the 'Birds. **Jesús Cruz** secured the victory in the ninth inning, earning his first save of the season.

Today's Starter: **Matthew Liberatore** will make his third start of the season for the Redbirds. Liberatore has gone six innings in each of his first two starts, making him the only Redbirds' pitcher to accomplish that feat on multiple occasions. The left-hander last pitched on Wednesday in Nashville and allowed five runs, four of which came in the third inning. Liberatore yielded just three runs in his season-debut against Durham. The 21-year-old is ranked as the No. 1 prospect in the Cardinals' organization and No. 30 prospect in baseball, according to MLB Pipeline. Liberatore was the 16th overall selection in the 2018 MLB Draft by Tampa Bay and was traded to St. Louis in January 2020.

Nashville Starter: **Tony Santillan** makes his third start of the season for Louisville this afternoon. The 24-year-old has been outstanding in his first two outings, posting a 1.13 ERA. Santillan pitched four innings and struck out seven in his season debut against Columbus and allowed just one run in four frames at Gwinnett last week. Santillan was the 49th overall selection in the 2015 MLB Draft by Cincinnati and is ranked as the No. 10 prospect in the Reds' organization by MLB Pipeline.

Rounding Into Form: After a bit of a slow start to the season, the Redbirds' pitching staff was excellent in the final two games of the series in Nashville. In 19 innings, the 'Birds arms allowed just 11 hits during those two games. Memphis carried a combined no-hitter into the eighth inning during the game on Saturday.

Mendoza Heating Up: **Evan Mendoza** is coming off an outstanding series in Nashville. Mendoza was 8-25 (.320) with seven runs and three doubles in the six games against the Sounds. Mendoza has also been extremely versatile on the defensive side of the ball, starting games at first base, second base, third base and shortstop.

Family Affair: **Kramer Robertson** missed the final two games of last weekend's series in Nashville for a pretty big reason: his Mom, Kim Mulkey, was being inducted into the Basketball Hall of Fame. Mulkey, who recently accepted a position as the new women's basketball Head Coach at LSU, has won 632 games in her illustrious coaching career. She spent the past 21 seasons as the Head Coach at Baylor, winning three National Titles.

A New Opponent: Today will mark the first meeting all-time between the Redbirds and Louisville Bats. Louisville had been a member of the International League since 1998 before joining the newly formed Triple-A East Midwest Division in 2021.

Looking Ahead: The 'Birds will play Louisville tomorrow afternoon, with first pitch scheduled for 12:15 p.m. CT. **Angel Rondón** will get the ball for his third start of the season.

Memphis vs. Bats '21

12 Home, 12 Away (18 Total)

5/18 H –
 5/19 H –
 5/20 H –
 5/21 H –
 5/22 H –
 5/23 H –
 7/6 A –
 7/7 A –
 7/8 A –
 7/9 A –
 7/10 A –
 7/11 A –
 7/20 A –
 7/21 A –
 7/22 A –
 7/23 A –
 7/24 A –
 7/25 A –
 9/14 H –
 9/15 H –
 9/16 H –
 9/17 H –
 9/18 H –
 9/19 H –

Affiliates Roundup

St. Louis Cardinals (MLB)

-Last Game: L, 5-3 at SD
-N. Arenado: 2-4, HR (9)
-Record: 23-18
-Today: 6:45 p.m. CT at SD

Springfield Cardinals (AA)

-Last Game: W, 1-0 at Arkansas
-Record: 2-10
-Today: 6:35 p.m. CT vs. NW Arkansas

Peoria Chiefs (High-A)

-Last Game: L, 9-7 vs. Wisconsin
-Record: 5-7
-Today: 6:35 p.m. CT vs. Quad Cities

Palm Beach Cardinals (Low-A)

-Last Game: W, 4-1 at Jupiter
-Record: 5-7
-Today: 5:30 p.m. CT vs. St. Lucie

Upcoming Probables (all times CT)

5/19 vs. Louisville Bats	12:15 p.m.	RHP Angel Rondón vs. RHP Vladimir Gutierrez
5/20 vs. Louisville Bats	6:45 p.m.	LHP Zack Thompson vs. RHP Riley O'Brien
5/21 vs. Louisville Bats	7:10 p.m.	RHP Tommy Parsons vs. RHP Bo Takahashi
5/22 vs. Louisville Bats	6:15 p.m.	TBD vs. RHP Ashton Goudeau

LHP MATTHEW LIBERATORE (0-2, 5.25 ERA)

6'4" 200 lbs

B/T: L/L

Age: 21 (11/06)

Acquired: Trade w/TB, Jan. 9, 2020

Season	League	Team	W	L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	HR	HB	BB	IBB	SO	WHIP	AVG	AB	WP	BK	GIDP
2018	Minors	2 Teams	2	2	1.38	9	9	0	0	0	32.2	21	9	5	0	3	13	0	37	1.04	.189	111	1	0	4
2018	ROK	PRN	1	0	3.60	1	1	0	0	0	5.0	5	2	2	0	0	2	0	5	1.40	.294	17	0	0	2
2018	ROK	RAY	1	2	0.98	8	8	0	0	0	27.2	16	7	3	0	3	11	0	32	0.98	.170	94	1	0	2
2019	A(Full)	BG	6	2	3.10	16	15	1	0	0	78.1	70	33	27	2	4	31	0	76	1.29	.237	295	6	3	8
2021	AAA	MEM	0	2	5.25	2	2	0	0	0	12.0	12	7	7	2	0	1	0	9	1.08	.267	45	0	0	0
Career	AAA	Multiple	0	2	5.25	2	2	0	0	0	12.0	12	7	7	2	0	1	0	9	1.08	.267	45	0	0	0
Career	A(Full)	Multiple	6	2	3.10	16	15	1	0	0	78.1	70	33	27	2	4	31	0	76	1.29	.237	295	6	3	8
Career	ROK	Multiple	2	2	1.38	9	9	0	0	0	32.2	21	9	5	0	3	13	0	37	1.04	.189	111	1	0	4
Career	Minors	Multiple	8	6	2.85	27	26	1	0	0	123.0	103	49	39	4	7	45	0	122	1.20	.228	451	7	3	12

2021 Memphis Game-by-Game

Date	Opp.	Dec.	IP	H	ER	BB	K	P/S	Depart.	Notes
5/6	v. DUR	L	6.0	5	2	0	5	76/50	Down 2-0	STL organizational debut
5/12	@ NAS	L	6.0	7	5	1	4	96/62	Down 5-2	Allowed 4 ER in 3 rd inning

Season Bests

IP: 6.0 (2x)

H: 5

K: 5

BB: 0

ER: 2

HR: 1 (2x)

Pitches: 96

Miscellaneous

WHIP: 1.08

Record in Starts: 0-2

BAA: .267

Liberatore Notes

- Making his Triple-A and Cardinals system debut tonight.
- Acquired in a multi-player trade with Tampa Bay on Jan. 9, 2020.
- St. Louis traded LF Randy Arozarena to Tampa Bay as part of the trade.
- Currently ranked as the consensus top prospect in the Cardinals system.
- "Tall and athletic, Liberatore does an excellent job repeating his delivery and arm action to throw consistent strikes. He'll need time to develop physically and hone his craft in the Minors, but the final product could be that of a front-of-the-rotation starter." – MLB Pipeline
- Pitching arsenal: Fastball (touches 95-96), curveball, changeup, slider (added during the 2019 season).
- Spent the 2019 season with Bowling Green (Low-A). Posted an ERA of 3.10 in 78.1 IP, striking out 76 batters with just 31 walks. Made 16 appearances (15 starts). WHIP of 1.29.
- Originally drafted in the 1st Round (16th overall) by Tampa Bay in the 2018 Draft out of Mountain Ridge High School (Glendale, AZ).
- As a senior at Mountain Ridge in 2018, he posted an 0.93 ERA with 104 strikeouts in 60.1 IP. Named Arizona's Gatorade Baseball Player of the Year.
- Was committed to play collegiately at Arizona.
- Been friends with fellow 2018 first round pick and Cardinals top prospect, Nolan Gorman, since he was five years old.

Redbirds Hitters

Rayder Ascanio 5'11 155 INF **Age:** 25 (3/17) **Acq.:** Trade w/ SEA, Aug, 30, 2017
Last Game: 5/16 @ NAS (0-3, BB, 2 K)
Current Series:

Season Highs...

H: 2 (5/15 @ NAS) **R:** **BB:** 1 (5/16 @ NAS)
HR: **RBI:** **K:** 2 (5/16 @ NAS)

2019 Notes

- Split the season between the Palm Beach Cardinals (High-A) and the Springfield Cardinals (AA).
- Palm Beach: Slashed .259/.347/.306 in 31 games. 4 doubles, 9 RBIs.
- Springfield: Slashed .270/.329/.401 in 76 games. 17 doubles, 6 HRs, 40 RBIs. Also struck out 54 times (as opposed to 19 walks).

Bio

- From Mariara, Venezuela.
- Originally signed as a free agent with Seattle on December 16, 2012.
- Traded to St. Louis for RHP Mike Leake on August 30th, 2017.
- Spent the 2018 season solely with the Peoria Chiefs (Low-A).
- Slashed .246/.309/.322 in 66 games, with 6 doubles and 4 home runs.
- Advanced as high as Modesto (High-A) in the Seattle system.

Conner Capel 6'1 185 OF **Age:** 23 (5/19) **Acq.:** Trade with CLE, 7/31/18
Last Game: 5/12 @ NAS (0-0, BB R)
Current Series:

Season Highs...

H: 1 (3x) **R:** 1 (3x) **BB:** 1 (2x)
HR: 0 **RBI:** 2 (5/11 @ NAS) **K:** 3 (5/7 v. DUR)

2019 Notes

- Spent the season primarily with Springfield (AA), slashing .232/.283/.352 in 98 games with 12 doubles, 9 home runs and 40 RBIs.
- Also appeared in eight games with the Redbirds, going 13-30 (.433) at the plate with 5 doubles, 2 home runs and 7 RBIs.

Bio

- From Katy, Texas. Graduate of Seven Lakes High School.
- Full name is Michael Conner Capel (goes by his middle name).
- Drafted in the 5th Round of the 2016 Amateur Draft by Cleveland.
- Reached Low-A Lake Country in the CLE system before being traded.
- 2018 Carolina League Mid-season All-Star.
- Dad, Mike, pitched in 49 MLB games (Cubs, Brewers and Astros from 1988-91). College at Texas. Met Conner's mom, Elizabeth, at R. Clemens' wedding.

Clint Coulter 6'3 225 C **Age:** 27 (7/30) **Acq.:** FA, 2021
Last Game:
Current Series:

Season Highs...

H: TBD **R:** TBD **BB:** TBD
HR: TBD **RBI:** TBD **K:** TBD

2019 Notes

- Spent the entire season with the Sioux Falls Canaries in the independent American Association.
- Slashed .294/.359/.516 in 98 games with 25 doubles and 18 home runs.

Bio

- From Camas, Washington (just over 20 miles outside of Portland).
- Originally drafted 27th overall by the Brewers in the 2012 Draft out of Union High School in Camas, WA.
- Advanced to Triple-A in Milwaukee's system before leaving the organization after the conclusion of the 2018 season.
- Spent the 2019 & 2020 seasons with Sioux Falls (American Association).
- Hit .282 with 29 home runs and 115 RBI in 153 combined games with Sioux Falls.

Austin Dean 6'0 215 OF **Age:** 27 (10/14) **Acq.:** Trade with MIA, 1/14/20
Last Game: 5/15 @ NAS (0-3, 2 BB, K)
Current Series:

Season Highs...

H: 2 (5/13 at NAS) **R:** 1 (3x) **BB:** 2 (5/15 @ NAS)
HR: 1 (5/13 at NAS) **RBI:** 2 (5/13 at NAS) **K:** 2 (3x)

2019 Notes

- Split the season between the Miami Marlins and New Orleans Baby Cakes (AAA).
- Miami: Slashed .225/.261/.404 with 6 HR and 21 RBI in 64 games
- New Orleans: Batted .337 with 18 HR and 57 RBI in 73 games.

Bio

- From Spring, TX. Selected by Miami in 4th Rd of '12 Draft (Klein Collins HS).
- 2016 Southern League All-Star with Jacksonville Jumbo Shrimp.
- 2016 and 2018 MiLB.com Miami Marlins Organizational All-Star.
- Made MLB debut with MIA on 8/15/18.
- Traded to St. Louis Cardinals for Diowill Burgos on Jan. 14, 2020.
- Appeared in just three games with STL in 2020 due to multiple stints on IL.
- Appeared in 18 games with STL in 2021 batting .185 with 1 HR and 7 RBI.

Tyler Heineman 5'10 199 C **Age:** 29 (6/19) **Acq.:** FA, Nov. 14, 2020
Last Game: 5/11 @ NAS (1-4, 2B, BB, 2 R)
Current Series:

Season Highs...

H: 1 (3x) **R:** 2 (5/11 @ NAS) **BB:** 1 (2x)
HR: 0 **RBI:** 0 **K:** 2 (5/8 v. DUR)

2019 Notes

- Split season between Reno (Arizona AAA) & New Orleans (Miami AAA).
- In 25 games with Reno slashed .325/.407/.525 with 3 HR and 13 RBI.
- After being traded to Miami on June 5 played in 48 games with the Baby Cakes, slashing .341/.397/.622 with 12 doubles, 10 HR and 25 RBI. Named an MiLB Organizational All-Star.
- Made MLB debut with Miami in September, appearing in five games.

Bio

- From Los Angeles. Played collegiately at UCLA, making the team as a walk-on. Named All-Pac 12 as a Junior.
- Spent time in the Astros, Brewers, Diamondbacks, Marlins and Giants organizations. Played in 15 games with SF in 2020 (.190 BA)
- Brother Scott plays in the Cincinnati Reds organization.

Scott Hurst 5'10 175 OF **Age:** 25 (3/25) **Acq.:** 3rd Rd, '17 Draft (CS Fullerton)
Last Game: 5/15 @ NAS (0-4)
Current Series:

Season Highs...

H: 3 (5/11 @ NAS) **R:** 3 (5/11 @ NAS) **BB:** 2 (3x)
HR: 1 (5/11 @ NAS) **RBI:** 4 (5/11 @ NAS) **K:** 4 (5/15 @ NAS)

2019 Notes

- Split the season between the Palm Beach Cardinals (High-A) and Springfield Cardinals (AA).
- Palm Beach: Slashed .233/.292/.314 in 63 games with 4 HR, 20 RBI.
- Springfield: Slashed .191/.278/.277 in 45 games with 1 HR and 13 RBI.

Bio

- From Glendora, California. Attended Bishop Amat High School.
- Selected by St. Louis in the 3rd round (94th overall) in the 2017 MLB Draft.
- First player St. Louis selected in the 2017 MLB Draft.
- Made MLB debut on 4/16/21. Has appeared in 7 MLB games going 0-5.
- New York-Penn League Mid-Season All-Star and Baseball America Short-Season All-Star with State College Spikes in 2017.
- Played 3 seasons at Cal State Fullerton. Helped lead Titans to College World Series in 2017 and was named First Team All-Big West.

Redbirds Hitters (cont.)

Irving Lopez 5'9 175 INF **Age:** 25 (6/30) **Acq.:** 19th Rd, '17 Draft (FIU)
Last Game: 5/16 @ NAS (0-1)
Current Series:

Season Highs...

H: 0 **R:** 0 **BB:** 0
HR: 0 **RBI:** 0 **K:** 0

2019 Notes

- Spent the season primarily with Springfield (AA), slashing .255/.330/.430 in 84 games with 15 doubles, 10 home runs and 30 RBIs.
- Also played 21 games with Memphis. Batted .300 in 60 ABs (18 hits).

Bio

- From Hermosillo, Sonora, Mexico. Population of just over 800,000.
- Began his college career at Arizona Western College, where he hit .429 with 8 HR and 44 RBI during his sophomore season.
- Then transferred to FIU. Led the team with a .335 average, 66 hits and a .394 on-base percentage during his Junior season in 2016.
- Began the 2021 season with Springfield. Went 5-23 at the plate in six games. One double, one HR, 4 RBIs. Called up to Memphis on 5/13.

Evan Mendoza 6'2 190 INF **Age:** 24 (6/28) **Acq.:** 11th Rd, '17 Draft (NC St)
Last Game: 5/16 @ NAS (1-4, R, BB, K, SB)
Current Series:

Season Highs...

H: 3 (5/11 @ NAS) **R:** 3 (5/11 @ NAS) **BB:** 1 (4x)
HR: 0 **RBI:** 1 (5/11 @ NAS) **K:** 2 (2x)

2019 Notes

- Spent the majority of the season (54 games) with Springfield, slashing .248/.293/.311 with 8 doubles and 20 RBIs.
- Also played eight games with Memphis, batting .313 (5-16).

Bio

- From Sarasota, Florida. Grad of Sarasota High School.
- All-ACC Second Team at NC State in 2016, slashing .362/.417/.449 with 5 doubles, 4 home runs and 33 RBIs.
- Split 2017 between Peoria (Low-A) and State College (Short Season), advancing to Springfield (AA) and Palm Beach (High-A) in 2018.
- Posted a slash line of .339/.288/.508 in 2017, smacking 20 doubles.
- Slash line of .282/.338/.373 in 2018, with 18 doubles & 8 homeruns.

John Nogowski 6'0 245 INF **Age:** 28 (1/5) **Acq.:** FA, June 27, 2017
Last Game: 5/16 @ NAS (3-4, 2B, RBI, K)
Current Series:

Season Highs...

H: 3 (5/16 @ NAS) **R:** 2 (5/14 at NAS) **BB:** 2 (5/14 at NAS)
HR: 0 **RBI:** 1 (4x) **K:** 2 (3x)

2019 Notes

- Spent the entire season with Memphis, playing in 117 games.
- Slashed .295/.413/.476 at the plate with 22 doubles, 15 home runs and 75 RBIs. Top-three on the team in doubles, HRs and RBIs.

Bio

- From Tallahassee, Florida. Grad of North Florida Christian HS.
- Originally picked in the 34th Round of the 2014 Draft by Oakland out of Florida State. Cut by the A's after the 2016 season.
- Spent time in 2017 with Sioux City Explorers (American Association).
- Made his MLB debut on Aug. 16, 2020 for the Cardinals. Appeared in just the one game last season (went 1-4 at the plate).
- Appeared in 13 games with St. Louis this season (1-12 at the plate).
- Dad, John Sr., was longtime sports editor for the Tallahassee Democrat.

Lars Nootbaar 6'3 210 OF **Age:** 23 (9/8) **Acq.:** 8th Rd, '18 Draft (USC)
Last Game: 5/16 @ NAS (1-4, R)
Current Series:

Season Highs...

H: 3 (5/14 at NAS) **R:** 4 (5/11 @ NAS) **BB:** 2 (2x)
HR: 0 **RBI:** 5 (5/14 @ NAS) **K:** 2 (2x)

2019 Notes

- Split the season between Peoria (Low-A, 29 games), Palm Beach (High-A, 39 games) and Springfield (AA, 33 games).
- Posted a combined slash line of .264/.349/.364 with 9 doubles, 7 home runs and 38 RBIs.

Bio

- From El Segundo, California. Grad of El Segundo High School.
- Played three years at USC, earning All-Pac 12 honors in 2016.
- Brother, Nigel, pitched at USC from 2012-14. Spent two years in the Orioles organization.
- Played QB in High School, throwing for over 2,000 yards as a Senior.

Dennis Ortega 6'2 181 C **Age:** 23 (6/11) **Acq.:** Int'l FA, 2013 (VZ)
Last Game: 5/16 @ NAS (1-4, RBI)
Current Series:

Season Highs...

H: 1 (3x) **R:** 1 (5/9 v. DUR) **BB:** 2 (5/12 @ NAS)
HR: 1 (5/9 v. DUR) **RBI:** 1 (3x) **K:** 3 (5/9 v. DUR)

2019 Notes

- Spent the entire season with Palm Beach, playing in 58 games.
- Posted a slash line of .205/.257/.250 with six doubles and eight RBIs.

Bio

- From Valencia, Venezuela. Third-largest city in the country (metro population of 1.8 million in 2010). Salvador Perez is a native.
- Spent all of 2018 with Palm Beach (High-A), slashing .257/.313/.384 in 65 games with 13 doubles, 6 home runs and 27 RBIs.
- Spent 2017 primarily with State College (Short Season, 39 games). Also played in six games with Peoria (Low-A).
- Advanced in 2016 to the GCL Cardinals, appearing in 36 games.
- Spent 2014 & 2015 playing with the DSL Cardinals.

Kramer Robertson 5'10 166 INF **Age:** 26 (9/20) **Acq.:** 4th Rd, '17 Draft (LSU)
Last Game: 5/14 @ NAS (1-2, RBI, 3 BB, SB)
Current Series:

Season Highs...

H: 1 (4x) **R:** 1 (2x) **BB:** 3 (5/14 at NAS)
HR: 1 (5/7 v. DUR) **RBI:** 1 (3x) **K:** 2 (2x)

2019 Notes

- Split the season between Memphis (66 games) and Springfield (57 games).
- Slashed a combined .231/.360/.365 with 15 doubles, 11 home runs and 51 RBIs. Also drew 66 walks (had 85 strikeouts). Scored 68 runs.

Bio

- From Waco, Texas. Grad of Midway High School (played baseball, football and basketball there). Was the starting QB at Midway.
- Son of Kim Mulkey (the head women's basketball coach at LSU).
- Originally selected in the 32nd round of the 2016 Draft by Cleveland.
- All-SEC selection his final two years at LSU.
- Spent 2018 with Palm Beach (High-A), slashing .252/.347/.330 with 24 doubles and 37 RBIs in 121 games. 49 walks, 52 strikeouts.

Redbirds Hitters (cont.)

José Rondón 6'1 215 INF **Age:** 27 (3/3) **Acq.:** FA, Dec. 17, 2020
Last Game: 5/16 @ NAS (0-5, 2 K)
Current Series:

Season Highs...

H: 3 (5/11 @ NAS) **R:** 2 (2x) **BB:** 2 (5/14 at NAS)
HR: 1 (4x) **RBI:** 4 (5/7 v. DUR) **K:** 3 (5/4 v. DUR)

2019 Notes

- Began the season with the Chicago White Sox (55 games) and finished in the Baltimore Orioles' organization after being claimed off waivers.
- Chicago: Slashed .197/.265/.282 with 3 HR and 9 RBI in 142 at-bats.
- Played 21 games with AAA-Norfolk and one game with Baltimore.

Bio

- From Villa de Cura, Venezuela.
- Originally signed with the Los Angeles Angels as an international free agent in 2011.
- Part of six-player trade in July 2014 from LAA to San Diego Padres in which LAA received Huston Street.
- Made MLB debut with SD on 7/29/16. Has 268 career MLB at-bats.
- Traded from SD to Chicago White Sox for cash in Jan. 2018.
- Futures Game selection and Cal. League Rookie of the Year in 2014.

Matt Szczur 6'0 200 OF **Age:** 31 (7/20) **Acq.:** FA, Feb. 14, 2021
Last Game: 5/16 @ NAS (3-4, 3B, R)
Current Series:

Season Highs...

H: 3 (5/16 @ NAS) **R:** 1 (2x) **BB:** 1 (3x)
HR: 1 (5/11 @ NAS) **RBI:** 2 (2x) **K:** 2 (2x)

2019 Notes

- Spent the majority of the season with the Reno Aces (Triple-A affiliate, Arizona Diamondbacks), slashing .322/.390/.577 in 44 games.
- Also smacked 12 doubles, hit eight home runs, and added 28 RBIs.

Bio

- From Cape May, New Jersey. Grad of Lower Cape May Regional High.
- Originally drafted in the 38th Round of the 2007 Draft by the Dodgers.
- Played both football and baseball at Villanova. All-Conference in both.
- Drafted in the 5th Round of the 2010 Draft by the Chicago Cubs.
- Has spent prior time with four organizations (Cubs, Padres, Diamondbacks, Phillies). Appeared in 363 career MLB games (2014-18).
- Signed to a minor league contract with the Phillies last season (did not appear in an MLB game). Released on June 27, 2020.

Redbirds Bullpen

Jesús Cruz 6'1 230 LHP **Age:** 26 (4/15) **Acq.:** Int'l FA, 2017
Last Game: 5/16 @ NAS (1.0 IP, 0 H, 0 R, 0 K)
MEM record when used: 2-3

Season Highs

IP: 1.1 (5/4 v. DUR) **H:** 2 (2x) **K:** 3 (5/4 v. DUR)
BB: 2 (2x) **ER:** 3 (5/15 @ NAS) **HR:** N/A

Bio

- From Salinas de Hidalgo, San Luis Potosi, Mexico
- Made his MLB debut in 2020, appearing for the Cardinals on August 18.
- Spent nearly the entire 2019 season with Memphis (50 of his 52 relief appearances). Posted a 6.24 ERA in 57.2 IP, with 79 strikeouts and 41 walks.
- 2019: Allowed opposing BA of .239 and WHIP of 1.60. Allowed 51 total hits.
- 2018: Spent the majority of the season with Palm Beach (High-A), making 25 total appearances with 11 starts. Posted an ERA of 3.54 in 68.2 IP.
- Recorded 85 strikeouts and 33 walks with Palm Beach in 2018. Held opponents to a BA of just .198, while also recording a 1.19. WHIP.

Connor Jones 6'3 220 RHP **Age:** 26 (10/10) **Acq.:** 2nd Rd, '16 Draft (Virginia)
Last Game: 5/16 @ NAS (0.2 IP, 3 H, 2 ER, 0 BB, 1 K)
MEM record when used: 2-3

Season Highs...

IP: 2.0 (2x) **H:** 5 (5/4 v. DUR) **K:** 3 (5/11 @ NAS)
BB: 2 (5/7 v. DUR) **ER:** 3 (5/11 @ NAS) **HR:** 1 (5/11 @ NAS)

Bio

- From Chesapeake, Virginia. Graduate of Great Bridge High School.
- Spent nearly all of the 2019 season with Springfield (42 relief outings).
- Posted a 4.66 ERA in 48.1 IP. Recorded 49 strikeouts with 35 walks.
- Also made one relief appearance with Memphis in 2019.
- Served as a starter during 2018 season with both Springfield and Memphis.
- Springfield: 22 outings, 17 starts, ERA of 3.80. 66 strikeouts in 94.2 IP.
- Memphis: 4 starts, 11 earned runs in 15.1 IP. 16 strikeouts, 14 walks.
- Posted a 2.34 ERA in 2016 at Virginia. 72 strikeouts in 103.2 IP.
- Also spent two years on the swimming team in High School.

Johan Quezada 6'9 255 RHP **Age:** 26 (8/25) **Acq.:** Trade w/PHI, Feb. 10, 2021
Last Game: TBD
MEM record when used: TBD

Season Highs...

IP: TBD **H:** TBD **K:** TBD
BB: TBD **ER:** TBD **HR:** TBD

Bio

- From Santo Domingo in the Dominican Republic.
- Originally signed by Minnesota to a minor league contract on Sep. 10, 2012.
- Signed by the Marlins to a minor league contract on Dec. 18, 2019.
- Claimed off waivers by Philadelphia on Oct. 30, 2020...then promptly traded to the Cardinals organization on Feb. 10.
- Made MLB debut for Miami last season (Sep. 12). Appeared 3x in relief.
- His prior highest level of baseball? Fort Myers (High-A) in the Twins system during the 2019 season. ERA of 3.44 in 33 relief appearances.
- Known for his fastball. Has been clocked as high as 100 MPH.

Garrett Williams 6'1 200 LHP **Age:** 26 **Acq.:** MiLB Rule 5 Draft, '20
Last Game: 5/16 @ NAS (1.1 IP, 0 H, 1 ER, 2 BB, 1 K)
MEM record when used: 2-3

Season Highs...

IP: 2.0 (2x) **H:** 2 (5/8 v. DUR) **K:** 2 (2x)
BB: 2 (5/16 @ NAS) **ER:** 1 (2x, last: 5/16 @ NAS) **HR:** 1 (5/8 v. DUR)

Bio

- From Lubbock, Texas. Played three seasons of college baseball at Oklahoma State University.
- Selected by the San Francisco Giants in the seventh round (215th overall) of the 2016 MLB Draft.
- Spent 2019 with the Richmond Flying Squirrels (Giants' Double-A) and posted a 3.60 ERA in 110 innings.
- Was the PTBNL in trade from SF to Los Angeles Angels in Dec. 2019 in which LAA received Zack Cozart and Will Wilson.
- Selected by St. Louis Cardinals with the 14th pick in the Triple-A phase of the 2020 Rule 5 Draft.

Alex FaGalde 6'2 225 RHP **Age:** 27 (4/29) **Acq.:** 30th Rd, '17 Draft (UC Riverside)
Last Game: 5/12 @ NAS (1.0 IP, 1 H, 1 ER, 2 BB, 2 K)
MEM record when used: 0-3

Season Highs...

IP: 2.0 (5/5 v. DUR) **H:** 1 (3x) **K:** 2 (2x, last: 5/12 @ NAS)
BB: 3 (5/5 v. DUR) **ER:** 2 (5/7 v. DUR) **HR:** 1 (5/7 v. DUR)

Bio

- From Sacramento, California.
- Played at Cuesta College from 2013-15. Redshirted 2014 despite pitching 34 innings.
- Transferred to UC Riverside and played for Highlanders in 2016 and 2017.
- Selected by the St. Louis Cardinals in the 30th round (904th overall) of the 2017 MLB Draft.
- Spent 2019 with High-A Palm Beach Cardinals and Double-A Springfield Cardinals.
- 2019 Florida State League Mid-season All-Star.
- Career 2.68 ERA in 278.1 professional innings entering the 2021 season.

Evan Kruczynski 6'5 215 LHP **Age:** 26 (3/31) **Acq.:** 9th Rd, '17 Draft (ECU)
Last Game: 5/13 @ NAS (0.1 IP, 1 H, 3 ER, 2 BB, 0 K)
MEM record when used: 0-1

Season Highs...

IP: 0.1 (5/13 @ NAS) **H:** 1 (5/13 @ NAS) **K:** 0
BB: 2 (5/13 @ NAS) **ER:** 3 (5/13 @ NAS) **HR:** 0

Bio

- From Franklin, Wisconsin.
- Played four years of collegiate baseball at East Carolina University.
- 2016 Third Team All-American and First Team All-American Athletic Conference selection.
- Winning pitcher in ECU's first ever game in the AAC.
- Split 2019 between Memphis and Double-A Springfield Cardinals.
- Pitched to a 5.60 ERA in 20 starts with Springfield. Made six starts with Memphis.
- 2018 Florida State League All-Star with Palm Beach Cardinals.

Roel Ramirez 6'0 235 RHP **Age:** 25 (5/26) **Acq.:** Trade w/TB, July 31, 2018
Last Game: 5/15 @ NAS (1.2 IP, 0 H, 0 R, 2 BB, 1 IBB, 2 K)
MEM record when used: 0-5

Season Highs...

IP: 1.2 (5/15 @ NAS) **H:** 4 (2x, last: 5/12 @ NAS) **K:** 2 (4x, last: 5/15 @ NAS)
BB: 2 (5/15 @ NAS) **ER:** 5 (5/8 v. DUR) **HR:** 1 (5/8 v. DUR)

Bio

- From Laredo, Texas. Graduate of United South High School.
- Originally drafted in the 8th Round of the 2013 Draft by Tampa Bay.
- Designated for assignment (9/21). Resigned on a minor-league deal (11/2).
- Made his MLB debut in 2020 with St. Louis, appearing once in relief.
- Spent the majority of 2019 with Springfield, appearing 41 total times (5 starts).
- Posted a 4.98 ERA in 72.1 IP in 2019, with 80 strikeouts and 29 walks.
- Also appeared twice in relief with Memphis during the 2019 season.
- Advanced as high as Montgomery (AA) in the Tampa Bay system.

Austin Warner 5'11 185 LHP **Age:** 26 **Acq.:** UDFA, 2017
Last Game: 5/15 @ NAS (0.2 IP, 1 H, 1 ER, 0 BB, 0 K)
MEM record when used: 1-3

Season Highs...

IP: 3.2 (5/5 v. DUR) **H:** 2 (5/5 v. DUR) **K:** 3 (2x)
BB: 2 (5/9 v. DUR) **ER:** 1 (5/5 v. DUR) **HR:** 1 (5/5 v. DUR)

Bio

- From Louisville, Kentucky.
- Pitched four seasons collegiately at Division II Bellarmine University.
- Two-Time All-Conference selection at Bellarmine.
- Pitched two seasons in the Frontier League with the River City Rascals after going undrafted.
- Signed with the St. Louis Cardinals on June 23, 2017.
- Made seven starts with Memphis in 2018, going 1-2 with a 4.33 ERA.
- 5.70 ERA in 11 starts with Memphis in 2019.
- 2019 Texas League Mid-Season All-Star with Springfield Cardinals.

Redbirds Coaching Staff

Ben Johnson - Manager

Johnson Notes

- Returns for his second season as Redbirds manager.
- The eighth manager in Redbirds history.
- Led the team to a 69-71 record during the 2019 season.
- Replaced Stubby Clapp, who was promoted to the Cardinals staff as first base coach. Led the Redbirds to PCL Titles in 2017 and 2018.
- A Memphis native. Graduated from Germantown High School.
- Named the Memphis-area High School Player of the Year as a Senior.
- Drafted by the Cardinals out of high school in the 4th round of the 1999 First-Year Player Draft (turned down college baseball and football scholarship offers to sign with the Cardinals).
- Made his MLB debut with San Diego on June 26, 2005.
- Played 98 career MLB games across four seasons with the Padres and Mets.
- His 10-year Minor League career spanned 901 games, where he hit .262 with 187 doubles, 115 home runs, 473 RBI, and 91 stolen bases.

Dernier Orozco - Pitching Coach

Orozco Notes

- In his third season as pitching coach for the Memphis Redbirds.
- The pitching coach for the Redbirds 2017 and 2018 Pacific Coast League championship teams.
- In his 15th season as a pitching coach in the Cardinals organization.
- Previously served as pitching coach with VSL Cardinals, GCL Cardinals, Batavia Muckdogs, State College Spikes and Peoria Chiefs.
- Born in Puerto Caballo, Venezuela
- Began coaching career in Venezuelan Winter League in 2004.

Brandon Allen - Hitting Coach

Allen Notes

- His first season as the Redbirds hitting coach.
- Was set to serve in the role in 2020 before the season was canceled.
- In his fourth season overall coaching in the Cardinals organization.
- Previously served as hitting coach for the Springfield Cardinals, Palm Beach Cardinals and Johnson City Cardinals.
- Selected in the fifth round of the 2004 MLB Draft by CWS out of Montgomery High School in Texas.
- Played parts of four MLB seasons with ARI, OAK and TB (2009-12).
- Hit 198 HR and drove in 770 runs in his 13-year MiLB career.

Redbirds Records

Home: 1-5
 Road: 3-3
 Day: 1-0
 Night: 2-7
 Doubleheader: 0-0
 Last 5: 2-3
 Last 10: 4-6
 Longest win streak: 2 (5/9-5/11)
 Longest losing streak: 5
 High water mark: 0-0
 Low water mark: 0-5
 1-run games: 2-2
 2-run games: 0-1
 3 or more-run games: 2-5
 Redbirds score first: 3-3
 Opp. scores first: 1-5
 Redbirds lead after 1st: 1-2
 Opp. leads after 1st: 1-3
 Redbirds score 5 or more: 3-3
 Redbirds allow 5 or more: 2-5
 Redbirds outhit opponent: 4-1
 Redbirds don't outhit opponent: 0-7
 Redbirds hit a HR: 2-5
 Redbirds don't hit a HR: 2-3
 Redbirds steal a base: 2-3
 Redbirds don't steal a base: 1-5
 Leading after 6: 3-1
 Trailing after 6: 0-6
 Tied after 6: 1-1
 Leading after 7: 3-0
 Trailing after 7: 0-7
 Tied after 7: 1-1
 Leading after 8: 3-0
 Trailing after 8: 0-8
 Tied after 8: 1-0
 Opp. uses bullpen 1st: 3-3
 Redbirds use bullpen 1st: 1-5
 Decided in last AB: 1-0
 Extra innings: 1-1
 Redbirds commit 0 errors: 3-5
 Redbirds commit 1 error: 1-3
 Redbirds commit 2 or more errors: 0-0
 Opp. commit 0 errors: 3-6
 Opp. commit 1 error: 1-1
 Opp. commit 2 or more errors: 0-1
 After a win: 1-2
 After at least 2 wins: 0-1
 After at least 3 wins: 0-0
 After a loss: 3-5
 After at least 2 losses: 1-3
 After at least 3 losses: 1-2

vs LH Starters: 1-2
 vs RH Starters: 3-6
 Sunday: 2-0
 Monday: 0-0
 Tuesday: 1-1
 Wednesday: 0-2
 Thursday: 0-2
 Friday: 1-1
 Saturday: 0-2
 Series opener: 1-1
 Series ender: 2-0
 1st game of homestand: 0-1
 1st game of road trip: 1-0
 Last game of homestand: 1-0
 Last game of road trip: 1-0
 Game is 3:00 or over: 3-6
 Game is under 3:00: 1-2
 American League games: 1-5
 National League games: 3-3
 Longest game (9 innings): 3:57 (5/8 v. DUR)
 Shortest game (9 innings): 2:49 (5/13 @ NAS)
 Longest game (DH): N/A
 Shortest game (DH): N/A
 Longest game (extras): 4:05 (5/15 @ NAS)
 Shortest game (extras): 3:38 (5/9 v. DUR)
 Longest game (innings): 10
 Shortest game (innings): 9
 Largest margin of victory: 12 (5/11 at NAS)
 Largest margin of defeat: 12 (5/8 v. DUR)
 Largest comeback (to lead): 3 (5/9 v. DUR)
 Opponent: 4 runs (5/4 v. DUR)
 Largest comeback (to win): 3 (5/9 v. DUR)
 Opponent: 4 runs (5/4 v. DUR)
 Largest comeback (to tie): 3 (5/9 v. DUR)
 Longest hit streak: José Rondón (8)
 Longest on-base streak: Scott Hurst (10)
 Longest home-run streak: 2 (José Rondón [2x] & Max Moroff)
 Longest outing (SP): 6.0 IP (2x, last: Miles Mikolas, 5/16 @ NAS)
 Longest outing RP: (4.0 IP, 2x)
 Opponent: D. Hess (2.2 IP, 5/6 v. DUR)
 Weather Delays: 2
 Suspensions: 0
 Postponements: 0
 Cancelled: 0
 Ended Early: 0
 Days in 1st: 0
 Days in 2nd: 0
 Days in 3rd: 0
 Days in 4th: 1
 Days in 5th: 2
 Days in 6th: 7
 Days in 7th: 3

Most Runs, Game: 18 (5/11 at NAS)
 Opponent: 15 (5/8 v. DUR)
 Most runs, inning: 5 (9th, 5/11 at NAS)
 Opponent: 6 (9th, 5/8 v. DUR)
 Most hits, game: 20 (5/11 at NAS)
 Opponent: 18 (5/8 v. DUR)
 Fewest hits, game: 2 (5/5 v. DUR)
 Opponent: 8 (3x, last: 5/11 at NAS)
 Most triples, game: 1 (3x)
 Opponent: 1 (5/4 v. DUR)
 Most home runs, game: 4 (5/11 at NAS)
 Opponent: 5 (2x)
 Most extra-base hits, game: 10 (5/11 at NAS)
 Opponent: 9 (5/7 v. DUR)
 Most walks (batting), game: 10 (2x)
 Opponent: 10 (5/15 @ NAS)
 Most strikeouts (batting), game: 15 (5/15 @ NAS)
 Opponent: 14 (5/4 v. DUR)
 Fewest strikeouts (batting), game: 8 (2x)
 Opponent: 5 (5/16 @ NAS)
 Most stolen bases, game: 1 (5x)
 Opponent: 2 (5/5 v. DUR)
 Most left on base, game: 12 (5/15 @ NAS)
 Opponent: 12 (5/9 v. DUR)
 Most relievers used, game: 4 (3x)
 Opponent: 7 (2x)
 Most errors, game: 1 (4x)
 Opponent: 1 (5/4 v. DUR)
 Most hits, player: M. Moroff, 4 (5/11 at NAS)
 Opponent: 3 (eight diff. players)
 Most runs, player: L. Nootbaar, 4 (5/11 at NAS)
 Opponent: 3 (three different players)
 Most RBIs, player: M. Moroff (5, 5/11 at NAS)
 Opponent: 5 (V. Bruján, 5/8 v. DUR)
 Most home runs, player: M. Moroff (2, 5/11 at NAS)
 Opponent: 2 (three diff. players)
 Most XBH, player: Max Moroff, 3 (5/4 v. DUR)
 Opponent: J. Lowe, 3 (5/7 v. DUR)
 Most stolen bases, player: 1 (5x)
 Opponent: 1 (3x)
 Most errors, player: 1 (3x)
 Opponent: Kevin Padlo, 1 (5/4 v. DUR)
 Most strikeouts, pitcher: B. Flores, Jr. (8, 5/14 @ NAS)
 Opponent: Joe Ryan, 9 (5/5 v. DUR)
 Most walks allowed, pitcher: T. Parsons, 5 (5/9 v. DUR)
 Opponent: 4 (2x, last: W. LeBlanc, 5/14 @ NAS)
 Most hits allowed, pitcher: Angel Rondón, 9 (5/7 v. DUR)
 Opponent: Thomas Jankins, 12 (5/11 at NAS)
 Most runs allowed, pitcher: A. Rondón, 6 (5/7 v. DUR)
 Opponent: Thomas Jankins, 11 (5/11 at NAS)
 Most HRs allowed, pitcher: A. Rondón (3, 5/7 v. DUR)
 Opponent: T. Jankins (3, 5/11 at NAS)

Season Total	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Extras	Total
Opponent	10	2	13	7	12	4	9	12	11	1	81
Memphis	10	8	10	4	6	3	4	10	9	1	64

Redbirds Day-By-Day

Date	Opponent	Score (Rec.)	GB	Time	Temp.	First Pitch (CT)	Notes
5.4	DUR	L, 7-5 (0-1)	1.0	3:12	67°	8:33 PM (1:49 delay)	Max Moroff: 3-3, two 2B, HR, 3 R
5.5	DUR	L, 4-0 (0-1)	2.0	2:54	66°	6:49 PM	W. Franco: 2-4, 2B, HR, 2 RBI / J. Ryan: 5.0 IP, 2 H, 9 K
5.6	DUR	L, 4-3 (0-3)	3.0	3:03	67°	6:48 PM	M. Liberatore: 6 IP, 2 ER/J. Rondón: HR/M. Moroff: 2-4, R
5.7	DUR	L, 13-5 (0-4)	4.0	3:35	68°	7:13 PM	J. Rondón: 2-4, 2B, HR, 4 RBI / M. Moroff: 2-3, BB, R
5.8	DUR	L, 15-3 (0-5)	5.0	3:57	81°	6:17 PM	V. Bruján: 3-5, 2 HR, 5 RBI / R. Boldt: HR, 4 RBI
5.9	DUR	W, 7-6 F/10 (1-5)	4.0	3:38	75°	3:32 PM (1:27 delay)	M. Szczur: Walk-off 1B / L. Nootbaar: 2-3, 3B, RBI, R, 2 BB, SB
5.11	@ NAS	W, 18-6 (2-5)	3.0	3:16	68°	6:37 PM	M. Moroff: 4-6, 2 HR, 5 RBI / S. Hurst: 3-5, HR, 3B, 4 RBI
5.12	@ NAS	L, 9-6 (2-6)	4.0	3:27	66°	6:38 PM	M. Moroff: 1-2, HR, 3 BB, 2 R / S. Hurst: 1-3, 2 BB, RBI
5.13	@ NAS	L, 8-2 (2-7)	4.0	2:49	68°	6:37 PM	A. Dean: 2-4, HR, 2B, 2 RBI / A. Warner: 2 IP, 0 H, 0 R, 3 K
5.14	@ NAS	W, 9-2 (3-7)	4.0	3:32	72°	6:38 PM	B. Flores, Jr: 5.1 IP, 1 ER, 8 K / L. Nootbaar: 3-5, 2B, 5 RBI
5.15	@ NAS	L, 4-3 F/10 (3-8)	5.0	4:05	75°	6:38 PM	MEM pitchers took no-hitter into the 8 th inning / T. Parson: 5.0 IP, 0 H, 4 K
5.16	@ NAS	W, 4-3 (4-8)	4.0	2:59	77°	2:09 PM	M. Mikolas: 6.0 IP, 4 H, 0 R (also hit a HR / J. Nogowski: 3-4, 2B, RBI

TRANSACTIONS

Transactions || # Promotions/Demotions || # *Injured-List stints* (# *players*) || # Rehabs

- (5.4) Start of the regular season
- (5.4) *RHP Johan Quezada placed on 7-day IL*
- (5.4) *LHP Evan Kruczynski placed on 7-day IL*
- (5.5) RHP Miles Mikolas begins MLB rehab assignment
- (5.5) LHP Bernardo Flores, Jr. recalled to St. Louis as extra player for DH
- (5.6) OF Lane Thomas recalled to St. Louis
- (5.6) LHP Bernardo Flores, Jr. returned to Memphis
- (5.6) RHP Johan Oviedo optioned to Memphis
- (5.7) INF John Nogowski begins MLB rehab assignment
- (5.8) C Ali Sanchez optioned to Memphis
- (5.11) RHP Johan Oviedo recalled to St. Louis
- (5.13) C Clint Coulter signed to a minor league contract and assigned to Memphis
- (5.13) *LHP Evan Kruczynski reinstated from 7-day IL*
- (5.13) INF Irving Lopez optioned from Springfield (AA) to Memphis
- (5.13) RHP Daniel Ponce de Leon begins MLB rehab assignment
- (5.13) INF Max Moroff selected from the Memphis roster.
- (5.15) RHP Junior Fernandez recalled to St. Louis
- (5.15) RHP Johan Oviedo optioned to Memphis
- (5.17) C Aaron Antonini transferred from Memphis to Springfield
- (5.17) *OF Scott Hurst placed on 7-Day IL*
- (5.17) OF Conner Capel transferred from Springfield to Memphis