

# OMAHA STORM CHASERS

## 2021 ROSTER



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\* - Injured List | ^ - Royals 40-man roster | # - MLB Rehab Assignment | % - Temporarily Inactive

As of May 8, 2021: 28 Active, 0 Injured List, 0 Temporary Inactive

Manager: Brian Poldberg (27) | Pitching Coach: Dane Johnson (59) | Hitting Coach: Brian Buchanan (38)  
Athletic Trainer: James Stone | Strength & Conditioning Coach: Yannick Plante | Home Clubhouse Manager: Mike Brown

### PITCHERS (13)

#	NAME	B/T	HT	WT	ACQUIRED	BORN	AGE	BIRTHPLACE
40	Scott BLEWETT	R/R	6-6	245	2nd Round, 2014	4/10/96	25	Syracuse, N.Y.
57	^Ronald BOLAÑOS	R/R	6-2	230	Trade w/ SDP, 2020	8/23/96	24	Santa Cruz del Norte, Cuba
33	Eddie BUTLER	R/R	6-2	180	MiLB FA, 2021	3/13/91	30	Chesapeake, Va.
17	Grant GAVIN	R/R	6-2	185	29th Round, 2016	7/10/95	25	Kansas City, Mo.
43	^Carlos HERNÁNDEZ	R/R	6-4	250	Intl. FA, 2016	3/11/97	24	Guayana, Venezuela
28	Jake KALISH	L/L	6-2	210	32nd Round, 2015	7/9/91	29	Red Bank, N.J.
37	Jackson KOWAR	R/R	6-5	200	1st Round, 2018	10/4/96	24	Weddington, N.C.
36	^Jake NEWBERRY	R/R	6-2	200	37th Round, 2012	11/20/94	26	San Diego, Calif.
47	Michael SHAWARYN	R/R	6-2	240	MiLB FA, 2021	9/17/94	26	Carneys Point, N.J.
32	Andrés SOTILLET	R/R	6-1	215	Intl. FA, 2015	3/2/97	24	Cumana, Venezuela
35	Gabe SPEIER	L/L	5-11	200	Trade w/ ARI, 2018	4/12/95	26	Santa Barbara, Calif.
19	Jace VINES	R/R	6-3	215	4th Round, 2016	9/4/94	26	Dallas, Texas

### CATCHERS (4)

#	NAME	B/T	HT	WT	ACQUIRED	BORN	AGE	BIRTHPLACE
8	Nick DINI	R/R	5-9	190	14th Round, 2015	7/23/93	27	Monroe, N.J.
16	Nathan ESPOSITO	R/R	5-11	180	33rd Round, 2015	6/25/93	27	Granite Bay, Calif.
44	Freddy FERMIN	R/R	5-10	200	Intl. FA, 2015	5/16/95	25	Puerto Ordaz, Venezuela
21	Meibrys VILORIA	L/R	5-11	235	Intl. FA, 2013	2/15/97	24	Cartagena, Columbia

### INFIELDERS (7)

#	NAME	B/T	HT	WT	ACQUIRED	BORN	AGE	BIRTHPLACE
12	Gabriel CANCEL	R/R	6-0	205	7th Round, 2015	12/8/96	24	Manati, Puerto Rico
2	Alcides ESCOBAR	R/R	6-1	205	MiLB FA, 2021	12/16/86	34	La Sabana, Venezuela
1	^Lucius FOX	S/R	6-1	185	Trade w/ TBR, 2020	7/2/97	23	Nassau, Bahamas
4	^Kelvin GUTIERREZ	R/R	6-2	215	Trade w/ WSH, 2018	8/28/94	26	San Francisco de Macoris, D.R.
9	^Ryan McBROOM	R/L	6-3	220	Trade w/ NYY, 2019	4/9/92	29	Fredericksburg, Va.
18	Kevin MERRELL	L/R	6-1	180	Trade w/ OAK, 2019	12/14/95	25	Odessa, Fla.
25	Emmanuel RIVERA	R/R	6-2	225	19th Round, 2015	6/29/96	24	Mayaguez, Puerto Rico

### OUTFIELDERS (5)

#	NAME	B/T	HT	WT	ACQUIRED	BORN	AGE	BIRTHPLACE
6	^Kyle ISBEL	L/R	5-11	190	3rd Round, 2018	3/3/97	24	Fontana, Calif.
26	Erick MEJIA	S/R	5-11	195	MiLB FA, 2020	11/9/94	26	Villa Mella, D.R.
13	Anderson MILLER	L/L	6-3	215	3rd Round, 2015	5/6/94	26	Lexington, Ky.
14	^Edward OLIVARES	R/R	6-2	190	Trade w/ SDP, 2020	3/6/96	25	Caracas, Venezuela
11	Bubba STARLING	R/R	6-4	220	MiLB FA, 2020	8/3/92	28	Gardner, Kan.

### PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

#	NAME	PRONUNCIATION	#	NAME	PRONUNCIATION
40	Scott Blewett	BLEW-it	40	Jackson Kowar	KOH-are
57	Ronald Bolaños	boh-LAWN-yos	26	Erick Mejia	meh-HE-uh
38	Brian Buchanan	byoo-can-in	18	Kevin Merrell	meh-rull
12	Gabriel Cancel	can-SELL	14	Edward Olivares	oh-lee-VAR-es
44	Freddy Fermin	fer-MEEN	AT	Yannick Plante	plant
2	Kyle Isbel	lzz-bell	47	Mike Shawaryn	sh-WAR-in
8	Nick Dini	DEE-knee	32	Andrés Sotillet	ahn-DRACE soh-tee-YET
1	Lucius Fox	LOO-shuss	35	Gabe Speier	spy-uhr
4	Kelvin Gutierrez	goo-tee-AIR-ezz	21	Meibrys Viloria	MAY-breeze vih-LOH-ree-uh
28	Jake Kalish	KAY-ish			

### NUMERICAL ROSTER

1	Lucius Fox
2	Alcides Escobar
4	Kelvin Gutierrez
6	Kyle Isbel
8	Nick Dini
9	Ryan McBroom
11	Bubba Starling
12	Gabriel Cancel
13	Anderson Miller
14	Edward Olivares
16	Nathan Esposito
17	Grant Gavin
18	Kevin Merrell
19	Jace Vines
21	Meibrys Viloria
25	Emmanuel Rivera
26	Erick Mejia
28	Jake Kalish
32	Andrés Sotillet
33	Eddie Butler
35	Gabe Speier
36	Jake Newberry
37	Jackson Kowar
40	Scott Blewett
43	Carlos Hernández
44	Freddy Fermin
47	Mike Shawaryn
57	Ronald Bolaños

### COACHING STAFF

27	Brian Poldberg (MGR)
38	Brian Buchanan (HC)
59	Dane Johnson (PC)

### RECENT TRANSACTIONS

5/8	INF Alcides Escobar assigned to Triple-A Omaha RHP Eddie Butler assigned to Triple-A Omaha
5/4	C Freddy Fermin assigned to Triple-A Omaha from Double-A Northwest Arkansas
5/3	LHP Daniel Lynch selected to Kansas City RHP Jake Newberry optioned to Triple-A Omaha C Sebastian Rivero recalled to Kansas City
5/1	C Nathan Esposito assigned to Triple-A Omaha from Double-A Northwest Arkansas LHP Kris Bubic recalled to Kansas City INF Ryan McBroom optioned to Triple-A Omaha
4/29	Kansas City Royals set preliminary roster for Triple-A Omaha