



## South Bend Cubs (9-24)

High-A Affiliate, You Can Probably Guess

RH Tyler Schlaffer (16 1/3 IP | 8.82 ERA)

at



## Lansing Locos (18-15)

High-A Affiliate, Athletics

RH Corey Avant (12 IP | 4.50 ERA)

GAME 34 ♦ JACKSON® FIELD™ ♦ TUESDAY, MAY 13, 2025 ♦ 6:05 PM

### History vs. South Bend

The Lugnuts are 208-188 all-time vs. the Cubs, 98-89 at home and 110-99 in South Bend.

The two clubs met up for a six-game series in Lansing last season, with the Cubs winning four of six games. The Lugnuts dominated South Bend for years, winning at least 10 games against their foes in 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000 and 2001, and going 18-6 vs. the South Bend Silver Hawks in 2008 (7-1 in home games). But that was a long time ago. Why bring up the past?

Meetings	Score	Notes
1. 5/13 vs. SB		
2. 5/14 vs. SB		
3. 5/15 vs. SB		
4. 5/16 vs. SB		
5. 5/17 vs. SB		
6. 5/18 vs. SB		

**Today:** The Lansing Lugnuts, High-A affiliate of the Athletics, play as the Lansing Locos, the ballclub's Copa identity, in the opener of a six-game series against the South Bend Cubs, the only meetings of the year between the two teams. ¡Vamos Locos!

**Sunday, Last Game: Whitecaps 6, Lugnuts 2.** Jack Penney homered and supplied an RBI single, helping the Whitecaps cruise to victory, winning four of six games from the Lugnuts at LMCU Ballpark. It was West Michigan's third consecutive win in the series.

**On Deck:** Set your alarms nice and early. Tomorrow is a Grand Slam School Day on a Dog Days of Summer, with dogs and students packing the ballpark for an 11:05 a.m. start. Then we'll have a Coors Light Thirsty Thursday, featuring \$3 drink specials and \$5 Seltzers, leading into LAFCU Fireworks on Friday!

### UPCOMING SCHEDULE

11:05 a.m., Wednesday, May 14	LH Evan Aschenbeck, Cubs	at	RH Steven Echavarria, Lugnuts
7:05 p.m., Thursday, May 15	RH Kohl Franklin, Cubs	at	RH Grant Judkins, Lugnuts
7:05 p.m., Friday, May 16	RH Nick Dean, Cubs	at	RH Yunior Tur, Lugnuts
7:05 p.m., Saturday, May 17	RH Ryan Gallagher, Cubs	at	RH Kyle Robinson, Lugnuts
1:05 p.m., Sunday, May 18	RH Kenten Egbert, Cubs	at	RH Corey Avant, Lugnuts

### LUG•NOTES

**Moves, Moves, Moves:** The Athletics have promoted Lugnuts standout southpaw **Gage Jump** and reliever **Gustavo Rodriguez** to Double-A Midland, transferring **Wander Guante** back to Lansing from the RockHounds in a corresponding move. In addition, outfielder **Jonny Butler** was placed on the Injured List and outfielder **Ryan Lasko** completed his rehab assignment in the Arizona Complex League and was activated from the IL; Lasko makes his 2025 Lugnuts debut tonight in center field.

**Prospecting:** The Lugnuts currently have five of MLB Pipeline's Top 30 Athletics prospects: No. 10 (**Joshua Kuroda-Grauer**), No. 12 (**Steven Echavarria**), No. 17 (**Ryan Lasko**), No. 18 (**Rodney Green, Jr.**) and No. 28 (**Nate Nankil**). The A's No. 7 prospect, **Tommy White**, is on the Nuts' 7-day Injured List.

**Home Cooking:** The Lugnuts have the best home offense in the Midwest League through 18 home games, topping the circuit in home batting average (.285), base hits (174), OBP (.388), slugging percentage (.421) and OPS (.809). Those number are quite different on the road, where the Nuts are batting .224/.320/.319 through 15 games away from Lansing.

**Lugnut Leaders:** Lansing has the only two pitchers to have thrown a complete game this year in the MWL, **Grant Judkins** (six innings) and **Gage Jump** (five innings). In addition, **Blaze Pontes** leads the league in appearances (12), Jump is tied for first in wins (4) and second in strikeouts (45), **Rodney Green, Jr.** is tied for first in home runs (6) and **T.J. Schofield-Sam** is third in batting average (.337).

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

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

### IN A NUTSHELL

18-15 | Streak: Lost 3

Home:	10-8	Night:	9-8
Road:	8-7	Day:	9-7
vs. LHP:	2-5	vs. RHP:	16-10
White unis:	8-4		
Black unis:	5-7		
Retro Gray unis:	4-1		
Lansing Locos unis:	0-3		
Special one-off unis:	1-0		
Tuesday:	1-4		
Wednesday:	5-0		
Thursday:	4-1		
Friday:	4-3		
Saturday:	1-5		
Sunday:	3-2		
Series wins:	2		
Series losses:	2		
Series splits:	2		
Scored 1st:	12-4		
Opponent scored 1st:	6-11		
Doubleheaders:	1-0-0		
Shutouts:	2-2		
More hits than opp.:	16-3		
Fewer hits than opp.:	2-10		
Equal hits:	0-2		
Games decided by 1 run:	5-3		
Comeback wins:	5		
Final at-bat wins:	5		
Walk-offs:	2		
Extra Innings:	2-0		
9-IP	Leading	Trailing	Tied
After 6:	8-3	2-9	4-2
After 7:	9-2	3-11	2-1
After 8:	11-2	1-11	2-1

## OVERVIEW



## Luggie's Nuggets

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

<b>Colors</b>	red and black
<b>Mascot   Logo</b>	Big Lug, a river dragon   Luggie the Lugnut
<b>Ballpark</b>	Jackson® Field™
<b>First Game at Ballpark</b>	April 3, 1996: Michigan vs. Michigan St.
<b>Total Capacity</b>	11,000
<b>Seasons</b>	29
<b>Championships</b>	1997, 2003
<b>All-Star Games Hosted</b>	1997, 1999, 2002, 2018
<b>Total Games</b>	3,870
<b>All-Time Won-Lost Record</b>	1,939-1,931, .501

**964 total players** have played for the Lugnuts all time, with 204 (21%) also playing in the Majors – nine rehabbers and 195 earning their ticket up the ladder. The most recent was **Gunnar Hoglund**, who debuted on May 2 for the Athletics.

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

**All-Star nods:** Carlos Beltrán (9x), Vladimir Guerrero, Jr. (4), Carlos Zambrano (3), Bo Bichette (2), rehabber Ryan Dempster (2), Jordan Romano (2), rehabber Marcus Stroman (2), Henderson Álvarez (1), rehabber Kevin Appier (1), Lance Carter (1), Yan Gomes (1), Alejandro Kirk (1), Carlos Mármol (1), Mason Miller (1), rehabber Mark Prior (1), Aaron Sanchez (1), Noah Syndergaard (1).

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Current Major League Nuts

**A's:** Lawrence Butler (2021-22), Hogan Harris (2022), Gunnar Hoglund (2023), Grant Holman (2022-23), Mason Miller (2022), Max Schuemann (2021), Tyler Soderstrom (2022), Jacob Wilson (2023)

**Arizona Diamondbacks:** Gabriel Moreno (2019), Kendall Graveman (2013-14)

**Boston Red Sox:** Danny Jansen (2015), Josh Winckowski (2019)

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

**Chicago White Sox:** Joshua Palacios (2016-17)

**Cleveland Guardians:** Lane Thomas (2015-16)

**Kansas City Royals:** Cavan Biggio (2016)

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

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

**Miami Marlins:** Griffin Conine (2019), Otto López (2019), Jesús Tinoco (2015), Clayton McCullough (2008-09 manager)

**Milwaukee Brewers:** Vinny Capra (2018)

**New York Mets:** Danny Young (2016)

**New York Yankees:** Marcus Stroman (2015 rehab)

**Pittsburgh Pirates:** Ryan Borucki (2016), Tim Mayza (2015)

**Seattle Mariners:** Casey Lawrence (2010-11), Rowdy Tellez (2014-15)

**Tampa Bay Rays:** Danny Jansen (2015)

**Texas Rangers:** Kevin Pillar (2012), assistant hitting coach Seth Conner (2013-14)

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

## MIDWEST LEAGUE MATCHUPS

Opponents	Home	Road	Total
Beloit	May 27-June 1		6 games
Cedar Rapids	July 29-Aug 3		6 games
Dayton	June 24-29, Aug 12-17	June 3-8, Sept 2-7	24 games
Fort Wayne	4-2, July 4-6	1-2, July 1-3	5-4, 6 left
Great Lakes	3-3	July 8-13, Aug 5-10	3-3, 12 left
Lake County	3-3, Aug 26-31	May 20-25, July 22-27	3-3, 18 left
Quad Cities		June 17-22	6 games
South Bend	May 13-18		6 games
West Michigan	June 10-15, July 18-20	2-4, Aug 19-24	2-4, 16 left
Wisconsin		5-1	5-1
<b>Totals</b>	<b>10-8, 48 games left</b>	<b>8-7, 51 games left</b>	<b>18-15, 99 left</b>

## THE A's SYSTEM

### Athletics - MLB



21-20

#### American League West

Today: at L.A. Dodgers  
SP: Jeffrey Springs

### Midland RockHounds



20-14

#### Double-A Texas League

Today: beat San Antonio, 14-6  
Henry Bolte: 4-5, 2B, 3B, 4 RBI, SB

### Las Vegas Aviators



26-13

#### Triple-A Pacific Coast League

Today: vs. El Paso Chihuahuas  
SP: Jack Perkins

### Stockton Ports



16-17

#### Single-A California League

Today: vs. San Jose Giants  
SP: Jose Dicochea

## MAY 13TH IN LUGNUTS HISTORY

**2010:** The Lugnuts and Bowling Green Hot Rods played 13 innings at Bowling Green Ballpark before Balbino Fuenmayor's sacrifice fly gave the Nuts a 5-4 win. (13 innings on the 13th? No, it wasn't a Friday the 13th – it was a Thursday the 13th.) The game took four hours and one minute.

**2015:** Rowdy Tellez hit three doubles and a two-run homer, going 4-for-5 to power a 6-4 win at South Bend.

**2017:** Vladimir Guerrero, Jr., went 0-for-4 in a 6-4 loss at Kane County, ending his 29-game on-base streak.

**Happy Birthday:** Matthew Hines (1981), Jason Leblebician (1991)

## CATCHING STATS

	Conn	Rodriguez	Schwartz
W-L (ShO)	6-9	5-5	7-1
ERA	5.41	3.29	3.90
Inn.	128.0	93.0	60.0
R (ER)	80 (77)	38 (34)	31 (26)
E	-	1	1
PB	-	4	1
CS%	7-14, 50%	2-12, 17%	1-9, 11%
Pickoffs	-	-	-

## STARTING PITCHER

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

### Profile

Name ..... Corey Jacob Avant  
 Birthday ..... November 6, 2001  
 Born ..... Burlington, North Carolina

School ..... Wingate University  
 Acquired ..... 256th overall, 9th round, 2023  
 Bats / Throws ..... Right / Right

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

**Let's Start With This:** This is Corey Avant's third start of the season, though the first two came in unusual circumstances: On April 25 vs. Fort Wayne, the start time was pushed back an hour due to worry of inclement weather; Avant pitched two innings, allowing one run, before yielding to the scheduled starter, Gage Jump, who struck out 13 batters in 6 2/3 dominant scoreless innings in a 3-1 Lugnuts win... on May 8 at West Michigan, Avant tossed two innings, allowing two runs, as the opener for Steven Echavarria, who followed with 4 2/3 scoreless innings in a 4-2 Lugs victory... Avant officially joins the rotation this week following the promotion of Gage Jump to Double-A Midland.

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

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

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

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



fastball, curve, change

YR	CLUB	W-L	ERA	G	GS	CG	ShO	SV	IP	AB	H	R	ER	HR	HB	BB	IBB	K	WP	BK	AVG
2023	ArizCL A's	0-1	6.75	3	0	0	0	0	4.0	15	6	3	3	0	0	5	0	3	2	0	.400
2024	Stockton	2-6	7.26	24	6	0	0	2	57.0	246	81	54	46	7	3	39	1	68	11	0	.329
	Las Vegas	1-0	7.90	10	0	0	0	0	13.2	51	13	12	12	0	2	9	0	12	1	0	.255
2025	Lansing	1-0	4.50	9	2	0	0	0	12.0	43	11	6	6	0	0	6	0	14	2	0	.256
	<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>4-7</b>	<b>6.96</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>86.2</b>	<b>355</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>.313</b>

## IN THE BULLPEN

**21 MARK ADAMIAK • RH • Age 24 • "uh-DAHMe-ee-ack" • MWL: 2**  
 FB, CUT, SL, CH | 2024: Stockton, 5-5, 4.90, 45 G, 2 SV, 60 2/3 IP, 62 H, 7 HR, 28 BB, 75 K, 12 WP

**4** days rest  
 • Born in Des Plaines, IL... lives in Shawnee, Kansas... 454th overall, 15th rd., 2022, Arkansas.  
 • \$125,000... at Shawnee Mission Northwest H.S., ranked the No. 1 RHP in Kansas in 2019.  
 • Drafted after r-soph. year: Acad. Honor Roll; 9 G, 3 GS, 3.95, 13 2/3 IP, 14 H, 6 R, 8 BB, 18 K.  
 • Four relief app. w/ LAN to end 2023: 5 IP, 4 H, 3 R, 1 HR, 2 BB, 7 K.

**15 HUNTER BREAUULT • RH • Age 25 • "BRO" • MWL seasons: 3**  
 FB, CU, SL, SPL | 2024: Lansing, 4-3, 6.08, 36 G, 6 SV, 40 IP, 5 HR, 30 BB, 42 K, 5 WP

**1** day rest  
 • Kapolei, HI ... \$35,000... drafted 608th, 20th round, 2021, from the University of Oregon.  
 • 2019 California Collegiate League top prospect by Perfect Game (12 G, 16 IP, 1 ER).  
 • Perfect Game's No. 1 HS recruit in Hawai'i... high school teammates with Blaze Pontes.  
 • Four yrs. at Oregon: 50 G, 4.68, 57.2, 44 K... 19 G w/ LAN in 2023, spent 2024 with Nuts.

**13 JAKE CHRISTIANSON • RH • 25 • MWL season: 1**  
 FB, CU, SL, SPL | 2024: Bowling Green, 4-1, 3.74, 31 G, 2 SV, 53 IP, 41 H, 6 HR, 4 HBP, 19 BB, 56 K

**2** days rest  
 • St. Paul, MN... drafted by TB 464th, 15th round, 2022, Feather River College... \$50,000.  
 • Converted from catcher to closer at FRC... signed by Rays away from So. Illinois commit.  
 • Released by Tampa on March 21, 2025... signed as free agent by the A's on March 22.  
 • Drafted 10 picks after Mark Adamiak, 20 picks ahead of Blaze Pontes... enjoys cornhole.  
 • Attended Northern Iowa Area CC for one year... business & biomechanics major.

**45 JAKE GARLAND • RH • Age 24 • MWL seasons: 3**  
 FB, SINK, CUT, CU, SPLIT | 2024: Lansing, 6-6, 3.75, 25 G, 14 GS, 98 1/3, 94 H, 8 HR, 33 BB, 62 K

**2** days rest  
 • Jupiter, Florida... drafted 514th overall, 17th round, 2022, University of Miami... \$100,000.  
 • Family originally from New England, moving to Florida before Jake was born; Boston fans.  
 • Opening Day 2024 to end of season on LAN... 1 GS (6 IP, 2 R) in MID, 1 GS (4 IP, 3 R) in LV.  
 • Opened 2025 as Lugnuts' Tuesday starter... assigned to bullpen after 3 GS (16 IP, 8.44).

**17 HENRY GÓMEZ • RH • Age 23 • MWL season: 1**  
 FB, SINK, CU, SL, CH | 2024: Palm Beach, 6-3, 3.03, 39 G, 12 SV, 62 1/3, 1 HR, 26 BB, 44 K

**3** days rest  
 • Born in Maracaibo, lives in Zulia, Venezuela... signed by STL as an int'l free agent, 7/28/18.  
 • Acquired by the Athletics in the Triple-A portion of the Rule 5 draft, 12/11/24.  
 • Spent 2019, 2021, 2022 in Dominican Summer League, converting from starter to reliever.  
 • Pitched in 2023 and 2024 in the Florida State League, lowering ERA from 4.91 to 3.03.

**31 WANDER GUANTE • RH • Age 23 • MWL seasons: 2**  
 FB, SL, CH | 2024: Lansing, 1-3, 5.22, 14 G, 7 GS, 50 IP, 8 HR, 22 BB, 35 K, .268 avg.

**3** days rest  
 • Santo Domingo, DR... signed by the Athletics as an international free agent on 3/22/19.  
 • "Guante" in English means glove... opened 2024 in piggyback tandem with Jacob Watters.  
 • Promoted to Midland 5/14, returned 7/19, promoted to Las Vegas 8/31/24 (6 G, 18 2/3, 5.79).  
 • 2024 Arizona Fall League: 9 G, 7.84, 10 1/3 IP, 10 R, 5 BB, 8 K... rejoined LAN May 13, 2025.

**27 JAKE PFENNIGS • RH • Age 25 • "FENN-igs" • MWL season: 1**  
 FB, SINK, CU, SL, CH | 2024: Stockton, 1-2, 4.87, 8 G, 2 GS, 20 1/3, 21 H, 1 HR, 7 BB, 26 K, 5 WP

**2** days rest  
 • Born in Coeur d'Alene, lives in Post Falls, ID... 394th, 13th rd., 2022, Oregon St. ... \$125,000.  
 • "Guante" in English means glove... opened 2024 in piggyback tandem with Jacob Watters.  
 • 2018 Idaho Gatorade HS Player of the Year... 18 ppg, 12 rpg on Post Falls basketball team.  
 • 2018 Baseball Northwest's top-ranked prospect for the full Idaho/Montana/Wyoming region.  
 • Has battled injuries: 27 G across three pro seasons... 2-IP cameo for Triple-A LV in 2024.

**16 BLAZE PONTES • RH • Age 25 • "PAHN-tez" • MWL seasons: 2**  
 FB, SINK, CU, SL, CH | 2024: Lansing, 3-9, 7.36, 26 G, 10 GS, 88 IP, 113 H, 76 R, 11 HR, 40 BB, 44 K

**1** days rest  
 • Mililani, HI... drafted 484th overall, 16th rd., 2022, University of Hawai'i... signed for \$75,000.  
 • 1st Team All-State as a high school junior (0.95)... Jr. year at Hawai'i: 1st Team All Big West  
 • One year younger than teammate Hunter Breault at Kamehameha-Kapālama High School.  
 • 2021: played for Waterloo (Northwoods League), where Lugs franchise used to be located.

**33 TOM REISINGER • RH • 24 • "RICE-ing-er" • MWL season: 1**  
 FB, CU, SWEEP, CH | 2024: Stockton, 1-5, 9.05, 21 G, 5 GS, 62 2/3, 93 H, 8 HR, 7 HBP, 41 BB, 53 K

**3** days rest  
 • Kulpmont, PA... 286th overall, 10th rd., 2023, East Stroudsburg University (ESU) Warriors.  
 • Signed for \$125,000... Mount Carmel Area H.S. quarterback... also played basketball.  
 • Drafted following Jr. year: led PSAC in K (97 in 71 2/3 IP)... 2022-23 total: 185 K in 140 2/3.  
 • Made pro debut in 2023 in ACL: 4 G/2 GS, 6 IP, 10 K... spent 2024 in Stockton, IL: May 1-30.

**30 YEHIZON SANCHEZ • RH • 24 • "YAY-ih-son" • MWL seasons: 3**  
 SINK, SL, CH | 2024: Lansing, 2-6, 6.18, 37 G, 1 SV, 51 IP, 63 H, 3 HR, 5 HBP, 31 BB, 44 K

**2** days rest  
 • La Romana, DR... signed at age 18 as an international free agent on July 2, 2019.  
 • In same signing class as James González and Wander Guante, who are in Midland.  
 • Others from La Romana: Edwin Encarnación, Félix Pié and Miguel Castro.  
 • 2023 Stockton Ports Opening Day starter... pitched in four games with Lansing in 2023.



4	COLE CONN	• S/R	• C	• Age 23	• 2nd season with Lugnuts
2024: Lansing, 54 G, .208 / .296 / .301, 36 H, 21 R, 7 2B, 0 3B, 3 HR, 19 RBI, 3 SF, 2 HBP, 21 BB, 42 K, 5-for-6 SB, 11 E... Stockton, 40 G, .273 / .431 / .417, 6 2B, 1 3B, 4 HR, 28 RBI, 4 S, 2 SF, 33 BB, 38 K					
Last Game: 0-3, BB, 2 K		LC: 2-14, 3 R, 2B, HR, 2 RBI, 5 BB, 5K, CS		at WM: 2-15, 2B, 4 RBI, 2 BB, 7 K	
		Current Hit Streak: -1 (0-3)		On-Base Streak: +3 (2-11, 2 BB)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>St. Charles, IL... signed for \$150,000 as the 346th pick, 12th round, 2023, Univ. of Illinois Chicago.</li><li>Along with twin brother Clay, self-taught switch-hitter... started 51 of UIC's 53 games in 2023.</li><li>HS sports: baseball, wrestling, football... marketing major... 2021 Horizon Lg. Freshman of the Year.</li><li>Joined Lugnuts from Class-A Stockton on May 29, 2024... in 2024, threw out 39% of runners (39-99).</li></ul>					
10	JARED DICKEY	• L/R	• OF	• Age 22	• 2nd season with Lugnuts
2024 Quad Cities: 81 G, .269 / .360 / .424, 39 R, 12 2B, 3 3B, 9 HR, 40 RBI, 32 BB, 64 K, 9 HBP, 8-for-12 SB... with Lansing: 34 G, .237 / .299 / .298, 31 H, 3 2B, 1 3B, 1 HR, 15 RBI, 3 SF, 10 BB, 23 K, 2 SB					
Last Game: 1-4, R, 2B		vs. LC: 3-11, 2 RBI, 3 BB, 2 K		at WM: 5-23, 2 R, 2B, RBI, 4 K, GiDP	
		Current Hit Streak: +4 (5-16)		On-Base Streak: +4 (5-16)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Mt. Juliet, TN... signed for \$572,500 as the 319th pick, 11th round, 2023, University of Tennessee.</li><li>Acquired from KC by the A's on July 30, 2024, w/ Will Klein and Mason Barnett for Lucas Erceg.</li><li>Majored in recreation and sport management at UT... won 2020 Perfect Game 18U World Series title.</li><li>2023 All-SEC 2nd Team: 63 G, .328/.392/.525, 12 HR... had batted .380/.484/.690 in 40 G in 2022.</li></ul>					
9	CLARK ELLIOTT	• L/R	• OF	• Age 24	• 2nd season with Lugnuts (2023)
2024 in Stockton: 54 G, .291 / .436 / .473, 53 H, 44 R, 9 2B, 3 3B, 6 HR, 34 RBI, 2 S, 3 SF, 13 HBP, 36 BB, 51 K, 6-for-8 SB, 5 E					
Last Game: 0-3, BB, K		LC: 4-17, 3 R, 2B, HR, 5 RBI, BB, 4 K		WM: 3-19, 2 R, 2 2B, HR, RBI, 4 BB, 5 K, 2 HBP, 2 SB	
		Hit Streak: -1 (0-3)		On-Base: +6 (3-19, 4 BB, 2 HBP)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Barrington, Illinois... 69th overall pick, Competitive Balance Rd. B, 2022, Michigan... \$900,000.</li><li>Won 2021 Cape Cod batting title (.344)... 2022 Big Ten Tournament's Most Outstanding Player.</li><li>Led off 2022 season for Michigan with HR... went on to be named 2022 1st Team All-Big Ten.</li><li>Cognitive science major... joined Lugnuts from Stockton for the final 67 G in 2023: .195 avg, 1 HR, 8 SB</li><li>4/15/22: 4 H, 8 RBI, 1 BB, 1 SB: single, leadoff HR, grand slam, three-run HR at Jackson Field vs. MSU.</li><li>Father played football and ran track at the University of Illinois... 18-game on-base streak, 4/4-5/1/25.</li></ul>					
24	RODNEY GREEN, JR.	• L/L	• OF	• Age 22	• MLB Pipeline's No. 18 A's prospect, 1st season with Lugnuts
2024 with California: 55 G, .267 / .409 / .549, 55 H, 56 R, 14 2B, 1 3B, 14 HR, 46 RBI, 7 HBP, 43 BB, 72 K, 15-for-19 SB... with Stockton: 24 G, .289 / .368 / .464, 28 H, 19 R, 8 2B, 3 HR, 21 RBI, 9-for-10 SB					
Last Game: 0-3, BB, 2 K		LC: 1-17, 2 R, 2B, 3 BB, 6 K, 1-2 SB		at WM: 3-15, 2 R, 3 BB, 7 K, 2 HBP	
		Current Hit Streak: -1 (0-3)		On-Base Streak: +4 (3-11, 3 BB, HBP)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Born in Berkeley, lives in Richmond, CA... 104th overall pick, 4th round, 2024, Cal... \$1,000,000.</li><li>Ranked ninth all-time at Cal with 34 homers, totaling 144 runs / 105 RBIs / 45 steals in 151 games.</li><li>Crushed first two home runs of the year vs. Great Lakes, April 8... 2-strike, 2-out GS in 9th vs. GL, 4/13.</li><li>El Cerrito H.S. alumni: John Fogerty, Phil Lesh, Pumpsie Green, Drew Gooden, Ernie Broglio.</li></ul>					
2	JOSHUA KURODA-GRAUER	• R/R	• INF	• Age 22	• 2nd season with Lugnuts • MLB Pipeline's No. 10 A's prospect • Injured List, April 7-19
2024 with Rutgers: 53 G, .428 / .492 / .590, 54 R, 95 H, 19 2B, 1 3B, 5 HR, 45 RBI, 23 BB, 18 K, 24-27 SB... combined pro debut (Stockton/Lansing/Vegas): 28 G, .324 / .421 / .343, 2 2B, 12 BB, 9 K, 5-7 SB					
Last Game: 0-5		LC: 4-19, 2 R, 2 2B, RBI, 2 BB, 3 K, 3 SB		at WM: 7-29, 2 R, 2B, RBI, 3 K, CS, 2 E	
		Current Hit Streak: -1 (0-5)		On-Base Streak: -1 (0-5)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Somerset, New Jersey... signed for \$1,043,900 as the 75th pick, 3rd round, 2024, Rutgers.</li><li>2024 Big Ten Player of the Year... 2024 All-Big Ten First Team... First Team All-America PGUSA.</li><li>Led NCAA-D-I with 95 hits in the 2024 regular season... 2nd in NCAA with .428 average (1st - Condon).</li><li>Promoted to Lugnuts August 27: 12 G, .286 / .400, 2 2B, 5 BB, 3 K... Las Vegas: 4 G, 2-for-12, 1 RBI.</li></ul>					
26	RYAN LASKO	• R/R	• OF	• Age 22	• 1st season with Lugnuts • MLB Pipeline's No. 17 A's prospect
2024 with Stockton: 82 G, .225 / .359 / .322, 72 H, 48 R, 19 2B, 0 3B, 4 HR, 29 RBI, 9 HBP, 59 BB, 103 K, 20-26 SB, 2 E... with Lansing: 41 G, .245 / .341 / .342, 7 2B, 1 3B, 2 HR, 18 RBI, 20 BB, 35 K, 13-14 SB					
Last Game: -		vs. LC: -		at WM: -	
		Current Hit Streak: -		On-Base Streak: -	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Jackson, New Jersey... 2nd round, 41st overall, 2023, from Rutgers... signed for \$1.7 million.</li><li>First Scarlet Knight in Big Ten era to be All-American, 2021... tied RU 2B record (24) in 2022.</li><li>Led Big Ten in base hits (90) and runs scored (81) in 2022... criminal justice major.</li><li>Rated California League's Best Outfield Arm by Baseball America in 2024... Injured List, 4/4-5/12/25.</li></ul>					
25	DARLYN MONTERO	• L/R	• INF	• Age 22	• 1st season with Lugnuts
2024 with Stockton: 95 G, .256 / .318 / .353, 93 H, 43 R, 15 2B, 1 3B, 6 HR, 29 RBI, 1 Sac., 1 SF, 10 HBP, 24 BB, 104 K, 9-for-9 SB, 8 E					
Injured List, 5/2 (missed 9 G: 3-6)		vs. LC: 2-4, 2B		at WM: -	
		Current Hit Streak: +2 (3-8)		On-Base Streak: +3 (3-12, BB)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Azua, Dominican Republic... signed as an international free agent on November 7, 2018.</li><li>Played in DSL in 2019 (.213 avg.) and 2021 (40 G, .217 avg.), ACL in 2022 and 2023.</li></ul>					
19	NATE NANKIL	• R/R	• OF	• Age 22	• 2nd season with Lugnuts • MLB Pipeline's No. 28 A's prospect
2024 in Stockton: 83 G, .285 / .401 / .460, 20 2B, 1 3B, 10 HR, 56 RBI, 44 BB, 64 K, 3-5 SB... Lansing, 28 G, .356 / .414 / .452, 37 H, 14 R, 7 2B, 0 3B, 1 HR, 14 RBI, 1 SF, 3 HBP, 8 BB, 25 K, 0-1 SB, 2 E					
Last Game: 1-3, 2B, BB, K		vs. LC: 6-22, 3 R, RBI, BB, 5 K		WM: 3-16, 2 R, 3 2B, 3 RBI, 3 BB, 2 K, HBP	
		Current Hit Streak: +1 (1-3)		On-Base Streak: +4 (3-13, 3 BB, HBP)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Born in San Diego, resides in Chula Vista, CA... 7th round, 2023, Cal State Fullerton... \$300,000.</li><li>Grew up a Padres / Fernando Tatis, Jr. fan ... born with one functioning kidney... 5 RBI, 4/9/25 vs. GL.</li></ul>					
7	CJ RODRIGUEZ	• R/R	• C	• Age 24	• 3rd season with Lugnuts
2024 with Lansing: 70 G, .201 / .320 / .236, 46 H, 21 R, 6 2B, 1 3B, 0 HR, 18 RBI, 2 SF, 3 HBP, 38 BB, 48 K, 4 E					
Last Game: -		vs. LC: 0-6, BB, 3 K		at WM: 1-8, 2B, RBI, 2 K	
		Current Hit Streak: +1 (1-4)		On-Base Streak: +1 (1-4)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Carlos, Jr. ... Newport Beach, CA... 58th pick, 5th round, 2021, Vanderbilt... signed for \$400,000.</li><li>Has collected two hits in the same inning 2x for the Lugnuts: 7/19/23 vs. GL and 7/30/24 vs. Dayton.</li></ul>					
18	T.J. SCHOFIELD-SAM	• L/R	• INF	• Age 23	• 3rd season with Lugnuts
2024 with ACL A's: 7 G, 12-for-28, .429 / .484 / .607... with Stockton: 59 G, .280 / .325 / .386, 71 H, 30 R, 11 2B, 2 3B, 4 HR, 38 RBI, 5-6 SB... with Lansing: 32 G, .231 / .331 / .343, 6 2B, 2 HR, 10 RBI, 7 HBP					
Last Game: 2-4, RBI, K		vs. LC: 3-18, R, 3 RBI, 9 K, HBP		at WM: 9-26, 4 R, 2B, HR, 4 RBI, 5 K	
		Current Hit Streak: +4 (8-18)		On-Base Streak: +4 (8-18)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Tyrell James... Brampton, ON... 374th pick, 12th rd., 2019, North Park S.S. ... signed for \$320,000.</li><li>Bronze Medalist w/ Canada Junior National Team in Panama... father is from Saint Vincent (SVG).</li><li>2018 - won championships with every team he played on: Tournament 12 (Ontario Green), Marucci World Series (Ontario Blue Jays), won U-21 Canadian Baseball title (Mississauga North Tigers).</li></ul>					
8	NICK SCHWARTZ	• R/R	• C	• Age 24	• 1st season with Lugnuts
2024 with Stockton: 46 G, .207 / .323 / .266, 35 H, 28 R, 4 2B, 2 HR, 19 RBI, 28 BB, 60 K, 2-2 SB, 3 E... 2024 with ACL A's: 13 G, .244 / .340 / .268, 10 H, 4 R, 1 2B, 3 RBI, 6 BB, 14 K, 0 E					
Last Game: -		vs. LC: 0-4, E, GiDP		at WM: 0-4, 3 K	
		Current Hit Streak: -2 (0-8)		On-Base Streak: -2 (0-8)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Massapequa, NY... signed as undrafted free agent, July 17, 2023, Southern New Hampshire.</li><li>SNHU's record-holder in career avg. (.398) and single-season RBI (71 in 2023)... only 1 E in 2023.</li></ul>					
1	SAHID VALENZUELA	• S/R	• INF	• Age 27	• 4th season with Lugnuts
2024 in Midland: 35 G, .183 / .231 / .211, 9 R, 3 2B, 5 RBI, 7 BB, 22 K, 1-for-2 SB, 1 sac, 1 SF, 5 GiDP... with Lansing: 30 G, .173 / .246 / .192, 18 H, 12 R, 1 3B, 7 RBI, 10 BB, 23 K, 2-for-2 SB, 3 E					
Last Game: 2-4, RBI		vs. LC: 3-18, R, 2B, 2 RBI, 4 K, HBP		at WM: 4-21, 3 R, HR, 2 RBI, 2 BB, 3 K	
		Current Hit Streak: +1 (2-4)		On-Base Streak: +1 (2-4)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Somerton, AZ... signed for \$100,000 as the 404th pick, 13th round, 2019, Cal State Fullerton (JR).</li><li>2017: Big West Freshman of the Year, Big West 1st Team, Collegiate Baseball Freshman All-America.</li></ul>					
23	TOMMY WHITE	• R/R	• INF	• Age 22	• 1st season with Lugnuts • MLB Pipeline's No. 7 A's prospect
2024 with LSU: 66 G, .330 / .401 / .638, 92 H, 61 R, 12 2B, 1 3B (only college triple), 24 HR, 70 RBI, 27 BB, 38 K... Stockton: 25 G, .224 / .303 / .299, 15 R, 24-for-107, 2 2B, 2 HR, 14 RBI, 9 BB, 21 K, 1 E					
Injured List, 5/4 (missed 7 G: 2-5)		LC: 7-15, 4 R, 2B, HR, 2 RBI, 4 BB, K, SB		at WM: -	
		Current Hit Streak: +17 (28-68)		On-Base: +19 (29-76, 11 BB, HBP)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>St. Pete Beach, Florida... signed for \$3,000,000 as the 40th pick, 2nd round, 2024, LSU.</li><li>Transferred Calvary Christian H.S. to IMG Academy for senior year: nation's No. 1 3B prospect.</li><li>Crushed nine HRs in first eight games at NC State... finished with 27, most ever for a freshman.</li><li>Transferred to LSU and led Tigers to 2023 national championship, topping nation w/ 105 RBI in 66 gms.</li><li>College totals: 187 G, 179 R, 279 H, 48 2B, 75 HR, 249 RBI, 73 BB, 129 K, .355 / .419 / .704, 1.123 OPS</li><li>No. 8 in NCAA history for career HR (75)... hit opposite-field HR in 2025 Spring Breakout vs. Padres.</li></ul>					
5	CASEY YAMAUCHI	• R/R	• INF	• Age 24	• 3rd season with Lugnuts
2024 in Stockton: 35 G, .316 / .389 / .404, 36 H, 18 R, 6 2B, 2 3B, 0 HR, 12 RBI, 5 HBP, 10 BB, 13 K, 7-10 SB, 10 E... Lansing: 52 G, .236 / .306 / .258, 24 R, 4 2B, 13 RBI, 7 HBP, 11 BB, 14 K, 13-15 SB, 5 E					
Last Game: 1-3, R, BB		vs. LC: 2-10, 2 HBP		at WM: 4-23, R, 2 2B, 2 BB, 2 K, GiDP	
		Current Hit Streak: +2 (2-8)		On-Base Streak: +2 (2-8)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Hilo, HI... signed as an undrafted free agent with the Athletics from Hawai'i at Hilo, July 12, 2023.</li><li>5 years... graduated w/ bachelor degrees in Communications and Kinesiology &amp; Exercise Sciences.</li><li>Owns Hawai'i Hilo records in runs (147), hits (240), doubles (49), steals (74-for-85); only 27 K in 167 G.</li><li>Joined Nuts for the final three games of 2023 at LC (6-9, 2 BB, 1 HBP), replacing Jacob Wilson at SS.</li></ul>					