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DOUG DAVIS

BORN: SEPTEMBER 24, 1962 RESIDES: BLOOMSBURG, PA YEARS WITH NYY: 4

DID YOU KNOW?: DAVIS' FIRST MANAGER IN THE MINOR LEAGUES WAS HAZLETON, PA NATIVE JOE MADDON, WHO EVENTUALLY LED THE CHICAGO CUBS TO THE 2016 WORLD

It was announced January 27, 2020, that Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania native and Central Columbia High School graduate Doug Davis will manage the RailRiders for the 2021 season. He is the 13th manager in SWB franchise history, and just the fifth in Yankees-era history (2007-Present). He joins Dave Miley (2007-15), Al Pedrique (16-17), Bobby Mitchell (2018) and Jay Bell (2019) as SWB skippers to serve under the Yankees affiliation.

Davis enjoyed an 11-year professional career, which included spending parts of two years in Major League Baseball. He spent three seasons coaching with the RailRiders under three different managers, serving as the Defensive Coach in 2017 under Pedrique, the Bullpen Coach in 2018 under Mitchell and the Bench Coach in 2019 under Bell.

Davis, 58, has been in coaching since 1995, serving as a minor league manager for eight seasons. As a manager, he owns a career 515-484 record including championships with Pittsfield in the NY-Penn League in 1997 and Capital City (Columbia, SC) in the South Atlantic League in 1998. From 2007-2016 he was on staff in the Toronto Blue Jays system and before that he spent two seasons in the big leagues as the Florida Marlins bench coach from 2003-04, winning the World Series against the Yankees in 2003 with former SWB Pitching Coach Tommy Phelps on the roster.

In between coaching stints, Davis served as the Minor League Field Coordinator for the Montreal Expos (2001), Florida Marlins (2002, 2005), and Toronto Blue Jays (2009-2016).



Selected in the ninth round of the 1984 MLB Draft out of

NC State, the former catcher played professionally for 11 seasons between 1984 and 1994 in the minor league systems of California, Kansas City and Texas. He made it to the big leagues on two separate occasions, scoring one run in six games with the Angels in 1988 and he collected a hit in his only MLB at-bat with the Rangers in 1992.

DOUG DAVIS - MINOR LEAGUE MANAGERIAL RECORD

YEAR	TEAM	LEAGUE	RECORD	FINISH	ORGANIZATION	PLAYOFFS
1996	Pittsfield Mets	New York-Penn League	46-29	2nd McNamara Div.	New York (NL)	Lost in 1st round
1997	Pittsfield Mets	New York-Penn League	42-32	1st McNamara Div.	New York (NL)	League Champions
1998	Capital City Bombers	South Atlantic League	90-51	1st Central Div.	New York (NL)	League Champions
1999	Binghamton Mets	Eastern League	54-88	6th Northern Div.	New York (NL)	
2000	Binghamton Mets	Eastern League	82-58	1st Northern Div.	New York (NL)	Lost in 1st round
2006	New Hampshire Fisher Cats	Eastern League	68-73	4th Northern Div.	Toronto	
2007	Syracuse Chiefs	International League	64-80	5th IL North	Toronto	
2008	Syracuse Chiefs	International League	69-73	4th IL North	Toronto	
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CASEY DYKES- HITTING COACH

Born: January 27, 1990 Resides: Wesley Chapel, FL

Dykes joined the Yankees organization last year after spending 2019 with Indiana University as their hitting coach. Prior to his time with Indiana, Dykes was the hitting coach and recruiting coordinator at Virginia Military Institute (2015-18) and spent two seasons as an assistant at his alma mater, Western Kentucky University (2013-14).

RAUL DOMINIGUEZ- COACH

Born: July 25, 1980 Resides: Panama City, Panama

Dominguez begins his first season with Scranton/Wilkes-Barre and his 14th in the Yankees organization in 2020. He spent the last two seasons as the defensive coach for Double-A Trenton, and served in the same role for A-Advanced Tampa in 2017. Dominguez was signed by the Yankees as a non-drafted free agent in 2001.



CAONABO COSME- COACH

Born: March 18, 1979 Resides: La Vega, Dominican Republic

Cosme enters his 10th season in the Yankees organization and his first with the RailRiders. He was scheduled to serve as a defensive coach for the Yankees' former Double-A Trenton affiliate before the 2020 season was cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

DARREN LONDON- ATHLETIC TRAINER

Born: December 26, 1966 Resides: Grove City, OH

London returns for his 28^{th} consecutive season as the athletic trainer of the Yankees' Triple-A affiliate. He was the International League's Trainer of the Year in both 2006 and 2012. London's baseball career began in 1989 with the Class-A Prince William Cannons in the Carolina League. He graduated from thniversity of Maine-Orono.





LARRY ADEGOKE-STRENGTH & CONDITIONING

Born: April 3, 1993 Resides: Atlanta, GA

Adegoke joined the Yankees organization on a full-time basis in 2018, spending two years in Pulaski and was tabbed for Charleston last year. He served as the Yankees performance science assistant in the spring of 2017. Adegoke graduated with a B.S. in exercise science from Kennesaw State University (Ga.). He earned his M.S. in exercise and nutrition science from the University of Tampa.



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1- ANDREW VELAZQUEZ INF

Height: 5-8 Weight: 170 Bats: Switch Throws: Right

Born: July 14, 1994 in Bronx, NY

Acquired: Signed as a Minor League Free Agent on December 23, 2020

2020 TOTALS

AVG G AB R Н RBI BB SO SB CS **OBP** .159 40 63 11 10 1 1 3 10 23 2 .274 0



2- BRADEN BRISTO RHP

Height: 6-0 Weight: 180 Bats: Right Throws: Right

Born: November 1, 1994 in West Monroe, LA

Acquired: Selected in the 23rd round of the 2016 Draft from Louisiana Tech University

2020 TOTALS

W-L ERA G GS SV IP H R ER HR BB SO WP OPPAVG

Did Not Play



3- ARMANDO ALVAREZ INF

Height: 6-1 Weight: 205 Bats: Right Throws: Right

Born: July 14, 1994 in Miami, FL Acquired: Selected in the 17th round of the 2016 Draft from Eastern Kentucky University

2020 TOTALS

AVG G AB R H 2B 3B HR RBI BB SO SB CS OBP E

Did Not Play



4- ROB BRANTLY C

Height: 6-0 Weight: 191 Bats: Left Throws: Right

Born: July 14, 1989 in San Diego, CA

Acquired: Signed as a Minor League Free Agent on December 20, 2020

2020 TOTALS

AVG AB R H 2B HR RBI BB SO SB **OBP** E .000 1 3 0 0 0 0 0 .000 0



5-TREY AMBURGEY OF

Height: 6-2 Weight: 210 Bats: Right Throws: Right

Born: October 10, 1994 in Lake Worth, FL

Acquired: Selected in the 13th round of the 2015 Draft from St. Petersburg College (FL)

2020 TOTALS

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Did Not Play





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6- DEIVI GARCÍA

Height: 5-9 Weight: 163 **Bats: Right** Throws: Right Born: May 19, 1999 in Bonao, Dominican Republic

Acquired: Signed as a Non-Drafted Free Agent on July 2, 2015

2020 TOTALS

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7- SOCRATES BRI

Weight: 205 Height: 6-2 **Bats: Left** Throws: Left Born: September 6, 1992 in Azua, Dominican Republic

Acquired: Signed as a Minor League Free Agent on December 31, 2020

2020 TOTALS

AVG G AB R H 2B**3B** HR RBI BB SO SB CS OBP **Did Not Play**



8- KYLE HOLDER

Height: 6-1 Weight: 204 **Bats: Left** Throws: Right

Born: May 25, 1994 in San Diego, CA

Acquired: Selected in the 1st round of the 2015 Draft from University of San Diego

2020 TOTALS

AVG AB R H 2B 3B HR RBI BB SO SB CS OBP E **Did Not Play**



9- GREG ALLEN

Weight: 185 **Bats: Switch** Height: 6-0 Throws: Right

Born: March 15, 1993 in San Diego, CA

Acquired: Trade with the San Diego Padres on January 6, 2021

AVG G AB H 2B 3BHR RBI BB SO SB CS **OBP** E .154 16 26 4 3 10 .281 0



10-JONATHAN DAVIS

Weight: 190 Height: 5-8 **Bats: Right** Throws: Right

Born: May 12, 1992 in Camden, AR

Acquired: Claimed off Waivers from Toronto on August 3, 2021

AVG **RBI** BB G AB R Н 2B **3B** SO SB **OBP** E .259 13 27 2 0 3 .364 0



MARINACCIO

Weight: 205 Height: 6-2

Born: July 1, 1995 in Brick, NJ

Bats: Right

Throws: Right

Acquired: Selected in the 19th round of the 2018 Draft from the University of Delaware

2020 TOTALS

W-L ERA G GS SV H ER HR BB SO WP OPPAVG **Did Not Play**



15- OSWALDO CABR

Height: 6-0 Weight: 200 **Bats: Switch** Throws: Right

Born: March 1, 1999 in Guarenas, Venezuela

Acquired: Signed as a Non-Drafted Free Agent on July 2, 2015

2020 TOTALS

AVG AB H 2B 3B HR RBI BB SO SB CS OBP Did Not Play



16- BRANDON WAGNER

Height: 6-0 Weight: 210 **Bats: Left** Throws: Right

Born: August 24, 1995 in Princeton, NJ

Acquired: Selected in the 6th round of the 2015 Draft from Howard College (TX)

2020 TOTALS

AVG AB R H 2B 3B HR RBI BB SO SB CS OBP E Did Not Play



17- NICK GOOD

Weight: 200 Height: 5-11 **Bats: Right** Throws: Right

Born: July 6, 1991 in Orlando, FL

Acquired: Signed as a Minor League Free Agent on February 15, 2021

2020 TOTALS

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18- MAX MCDOW

Weight: 208 Bats: Right Throws: Right Height: 6-1

Born: January 12, 1994 in Pittsburgh, PA

Acquired: Signed as a Minor League Free Agent on June 28, 2020

AVG Н 3B HR RBI BB SO SB CS OBP Did Not Play

2021 RAILRIDERS ROSTER



19- MAX BURT INF

Height: 6-2 Weight: 185 Bats: Right Throws: Right

Born: August 28, 1996 in North Andover, MA

Acquired: Selected in the 28th round of the 2018 Draft from Northeastern University

2020 TOTALS

AVG G AB R H 2B 3B HR RBI BB SO SB CS OBP E



20- JP SEARS LHP

Height: 5-11 Weight: 180 Bats: Right Throws: Left

Born: February 19, 1996 in Sumter, SC

Acquired: Trade with the Seattle Mariners on November 18, 2017

2020 TOTALS

W-L ERA G GS SV IP H R ER HR BB SO WP OPPAVG

Did Not Play



21- RYAN LAMARRE OF

Height: 6-1 Weight: 215 Bats: Right Th

Born: November 21, 1988 in Royal Oak, MI

Acquired: Signed as a Minor League Free Agent on December 12, 2020

2020 TOTALS

AVG G AB R H 2B 3B HR RBI BB SO SB CS OBP E

Did Not Play



22- ADAM WARREN RHP

Height: 6-1 Weight: 225 Bats: Right Throws: Right

Born: August 25, 1987 in Birmingham, AL

Acquired: Signed as a Minor League Free Agent on December 18, 2019

2020 TOTALS

W-L ERA G GS SV IP H R ER HR BB SO WP OPPAVG

Did Not Play



24- LUIS GIL RHP

Height: 6-2 Weight: 185 Bats: Right Throws: Right Born: June 3, 1998 in Birmingham, AL

Acquired: Trade with the Minnesota Twins on March 16, 2018

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W-L ERA G GS SV IP H R ER HR BB SO WP OPPAVG

Did Not Play



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26- NICK NELSON RHP

Height: 6-1 Weight: 205 Bats: Right Throws: Right

Born: December 5, 1995 in Panama City, FL

Acquired: Selected in the 4th round of the 2016 Draft from Gulf Coast C.C. (FL)

2020 TOTALS

W-L ERA G GS SV IP H ER BB SO WP OPPAVG HR 0-0 5.06 5.1 3 1 0 6 5 3 3 0 .286



28- NICK GREEN RHP

Height: 6-1 Weight: 175 Bats: Right Throws: Right Born: March 25, 1995 in Fountain, CO

Acquired: Trade with the Houston Astros on August 1, 2016

2020 TOTALS

W-L ERA G GS SV IP H R ER HR BB SO WP OPPAVG

Did Not Play



29- SEAN BOYLE RHP

Height: 6-1 Weight: 205 Bats: Right Throws: Right

Born: October 29, 1996 in Selden, NY Acquired: Selected in the 25th round of the 2018 Draft from Dallas Baptist University

2020 TOTALS



33- DONNY SANDS C

Height: 6-2 Weight: 190 Bats: Right Throws: Right

Born: May 16, 1996 in Tucson, AZ

Acquired: Selected in the 8th round of the 2015 Draft from Salpointe Catholic HS (AZ)

2020 TOTALS

AVG G AB R H 2B 3B HR RBI BB SO SB CS OBP E

Did Not Play



34-SHAWN SEMPLE RHP

Height: 6-1 Weight: 220 Bats: Right Throws: Right

Born: October 9, 1995 in Chicago, IL

Acquired: Selected in the 11th round of the 2017 Draft from the University of New Orleans

2020 TOTALS

W-L ERA G GS SV IP H R ER HR BB SO WP OPPAVG

Did Not Play



Weight: 165 **Bats: Right** Throws: Right

Born: June 15, 2000 in Cabudare, Venezuela

Acquired: Signed as a Non-Drafted Free Agent on July 2, 2016

2020 TOTALS

AVG G AB R H 2B 3B HR RBI BB SO SB CS OBP E Did Not Play



37- MATT KROO

Height: 6-4 Weight: 225 Throws: Left

Born: October 21, 1994 in Hillsborough, CA

Acquired: Selected in the Triple-A Phase of the 2020 Rule 5 Draft

2020 TOTALS

W-L ERA G ΙP Н R ER HR BB SO WP OPPAVG GS SV Did Not Play



38- GREG WEI

Height: 6-2 **Bats: Right**

Born: February 5, 1995 in Bay Shore, NY Acquired: Selected in the 18th round of the 2016 Draft from Fordham University

2020 TOTALS

W-L ERA G GS SV ΙP H ER HR BB SO WP OPPAVG R Did Not Play



39- REGGIE MCCLAIN

Bats: Right Height: 6-2 Weight: 180 Throws: Right Born: November 16, 1992 in Duluth, GA

Acquired: Selected in the Triple-A Phase of the 2020 Rule 5 Draft

W-L ERA G GS SV IP ER HR BB SO WP OPPAVG 0 - 05.06 5 5.1 6 3 2 0 0 9 1 3 .360



40- HAYDEN WESN

Weight: 210 **Bats: Right** Throws: Right Height: 6-2

Born: December 5, 1997 in Houston, TX

Acquired: Selected in the 6th round of the 2019 Draft from Sam Houston State

W-L ERA G GS SV IP ER HR BB SO WP OPPAVG R Did Not Play



41- MIGUEL ANDÚJAR OF

Height: 6-0 Weight: 211 Bats: Right Throws: Right Born: March 2, 1995 in San Cristóbal, Dominican Republic

Acquired: Signed as a Non-Drafted Free Agent on July 2, 2011

2020 TOTALS

AVG G AB R Н 2B HR RBI BB SO SB CS OBP .242 21 62 5 15 2 5 3 9 0 .277 4



48- CHRIS GITTENS INF

Height: 6-4 Weight: 250 Bats: Right Throws: Right

Born: February 4, 1994 in Sherman, TX

Acquired: Selected in the 12th round of the 2014 Draft from Grayson County College (TX)

2020 TOTALS

AVG G AB R H 2B 3B HR RBI BB SO SB CS OBP E Did Not Play



50- JAMESON TAILLON RHP

Throws: Right

Height: 6-5 Weight: 230 Bats: Right

Born: November 18, 1991 in Winter Haven, FL

Acquired: Trade with the Piitsburgh Pirates on January 24, 2021

2020 TOTALS

W-L ERA G GS SV IP H R ER HR BB SO WP OPPAVG

Did Not Play



54- BRODY KOERNER RHP

Height: 6-2 Weight: 220 Bats: Right Throws: Right Born: October 18, 1993 in Winchester, VA

Acquired: Selected in the 17th round of the 2015 Draft from Clemson University

2020 TOTALS

W-L ERA G GS SV IP H R ER HR BB SO WP OPPAVG

Did Not Play



86- CLARKE SCHMIDT RHP

Height: 6-1 Weight: 200 Bats: Right Throws: Right

Born: February 20, 1996 in El Toro, CA Acquired: Selected in the 1st round of the 2017 Draft from the University of South Carolina

2020 TOTALS

W-L ERA G GS SV IP H R ER HR BB SO WP OPPAVG 0 - 17.11 3 1 6.1 7 5 5 .269



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BACK IN ACTION: 2021 RAILRIDERS YEAR-IN-REVIEW

Minor League Baseball's return in 2021 brought a nearly full slate of fun and memories to Northeastern Pennsylvania in 2021.

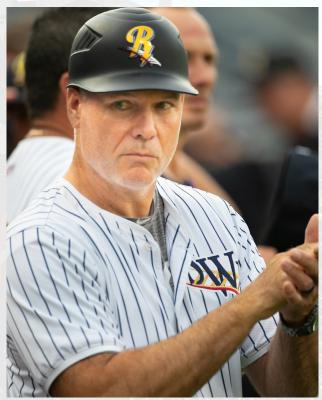


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After a year without Minor League Baseball and a reshuffling of affiliates and teams across the sport, the Scranton/Wilkes-Barre RailRiders returned to the field of play in 2021. **Doug Davis** was slated to helm the club in 2020, but the Bloomsburg-native ultimately had to wait over a year to officially take charge of the RailRiders on a game day.

Due to COVID-19 issues and the hope for vaccination rates to rise, the season was delayed by one month and opened on May 4. Davis's initial roster included 19 players with Major League experience and four of the New York Yankees' top 30 prospects. 12 players on the Break Camp roster have previously suited up for Scranton/Wilkes-Barre, while eight would make their Triple-A debut. The 19 players with Major League service time had appeared in over 3,500 games collectively on the big-league level prior to 2021

Right-handed pitcher Deivi García

is the #2 prospect in the New York Yankees system, per Baseball America. Garcia made his Major League debut in 2020 and has already had two stints on the Yankees roster this season. Albert Abreu (#17), Nick Nelson (#23) and Brooks Kriske (#28) join García as the other top prospects on the initial roster.

Part of MiLB's reshuffling was leagues and divisions. Gone was the International League. The RailRiders would now compete in a 20-team Triple-A East and the team was placed in the Northeast Division with all of its old IL North foes. The 2021 schedule was laid out so that the clubs within this division would only play against each other.

Scranton/Wilkes-Barre opened the year on the road in Syracuse against the Mets and had Luke Voit on the Opening Day roster, joining the club on his first of what would be three different rehab stints this season. In fact, Voit led off the first game of the year with a double on the very



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first pitch of the RailRiders' season. Although SWB would fall to Syracuse in the opener, the team would rattle off wins in the remaining five games of the six-game set, moving into a tie for first place for the first time on May 7.

The six-game series was a new concept in 2021 to limit travel and potential exposure for teams while also creating a more player-friendly schedule.



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The RailRiders opened PNC Field on May 11 against Lehigh Valley; their first home game in over 600 days. To the delight of fans, **Garcia** and Scranton/Wilkes-Barre blanked their rivals 6-0 in the home opener and won four-out-of-six, staying tied for first throughout the series.

For his efforts during the first homestand of the season, Garcia was tabbed as Triple-A East's Pitcher-of-the-Week for May 10-16. The right-hander went 1-0 with a spotless ERA over two starts against Lehigh Valley during the week, striking out 16 batters and walking just two.

A victory in the next road trip opener gave the RailRiders first place by themselves; a position they would hold

for nearly three months. Ultimately, Scranton/Wilkes-Barre took four-of-six from Rochester to begin to build a lead within the Northeast Division.

The club closed May and opened June with a two-week homestand, hosting Buffalo and the IronPigs. Scranton/Wilkes-Barre won three-out-of-four against the Bisons with two rainouts to be made up later in the season and split the series with Lehigh Valley.

The RailRiders went 16-6 in May with a staff earned run average of 3.90 while hitting .246 with 31 home runs. Trey Amburgey batted .440 during the month with four home runs and 14 runs batted in, even though the outfielder missed two weeks with an injury. He did, however, reach base in all seven games he played during the month and carried a 15-game on-base streak into June.

May also saw the emergence of first baseman Chris Gittens and infielder **Hoy Park**. Gittens was with the club from the outset and hit .268 while tying Amburgey for the early team lead with four home runs. Park joined the roster two weeks into the season and hit .371 over ten games played.



Scranton/Wilkes-Barre continued its strong play in June. After splitting the series with Lehigh Valley, the RailRiders traveled to Trenton, NJ, to take on the Buffalo Bisons. The Bisons were displaced from their home field in Buffalo by their parent club, the Toronto Blue Jays. The RailRiders won the first two, dropped the next pair and then won the last two games of the series. Those last two victories set the team up for its longest winning streak of the season; eight straight from June 12 through

22, including a five-game series sweep against Syracuse at PNC Field.

The RailRiders concluded June on the road in Allentown and Worcester. Scranton/Wilkes-Barre of-six at Lehigh Valley, including a wild 19-1 win on June 27 in the series finale. Gittens homered twice in one inning and drove in eight, a performance that helped him garner Player-of-the-Week honors for June 21-27. The first baseman got his first Major League call-up on June 5, but had been optioned right before the series against the IronPigs. He came back with a vengeance, batting .526 with 10 hits over 19 at-bats with three walks, two doubles, three home runs and 11 runs batted in.



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On June 29, the RailRiders played their first-ever game against the Worcester Red Sox. The Pawtucket Red Sox moved away from McCoy Stadium in Rhode Island at the end of 2020 to a brand-new gem in the heart of Massachusetts.

Not only did the RailRiders win the series opener, but they also tied a franchise record by stealing seven bases in the game, matching the mark set by the SWB Yankees on June 6, 2008, against the Norfolk Tides. Andrew Velazquez accomplished the rare feat of stealing three bases in one inning, while Estevan Florial (2), Park and Ryan LaMarre (1 apiece) all stole bags against the WooSox. This game marked a turning point for the club on the basepaths in 2021.

Scranton/Wilkes-Barre closed June with a 33-13 overall record, giving them a .717 winning percentage; the best mark of any club in baseball regardless of level. The RailRiders hit .281 in June with 33 home runs and 163 runs scored over 25 games. The pitching staff did see its ERA rise to 4.07 for the month but still garnered a 17-8 record.

The RailRiders began July by continuing their series with the WooSox, splitting a doubleheader on the first. Reggie McClain and Trevor Lane combined to two-hit Worcester in the nightcap, a game which was called after five innings due to rain. After another rainout, the RailRiders lost the final two games of the series, which began a stretch where Scranton/Wilkes-Barre lost six out of nine games, including three extra-inning losses to the Syracuse Mets at home. The stretch also contained the first three-game losing streak of the season, and the seven-game series with Syracuse from July 6 through July 11 was the first series that the RailRiders lost in 2021.

The team was dealing with a lot of change at the time, as veterans Robinson Chirinos, Derek Dietrich, Nick Goody, and Luis Garcia all exercised opt-out clauses in their contracts at the beginning of the month. Chris Gittens was placed on the 7-day injured list after his mammoth game at Lehigh Valley, and Nick Nelson, Albert Abreu and Brooks Kriske were all recalled to

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the majors. These moves opened the door for the promotion of pitchers Stephen Ridings and Glenn Otto from Double-A Somerset.

Scranton/Wilkes-Barre hit the road to Worcester again on July 14 and ultimately won five of six games in one of the most trying times of the year. After a doubleheader on July 15, the team rejoiced with the news that Trey Amburgey was being promoted to the major leagues for the first time. Then with the Yankees experiencing the beginning of a COVID-19 outbreak, the next day Gittens, Hoy Park, Rob Brantly and Greg Allen were all promoted. Ryan LaMarre, Estevan Florial and Asher Wojciechowski also would all go up within the next five days.

Those promotions opened the door for Thomas Milone and Cristian Perez to return to the RailRiders, and for Matt Pita and Donny Sands to come up from Double-A for the first time. In his first Triple-A at-bat on July 16, Sands homered off of Worcester's Stephen Gonsalves, a moon shot over the gigantic video board in left field at Polar Park. Pita also had two hits and a home run in his debut, and Glenn Otto allowed two runs in 4.1 innings in his first Triple-A start in the same game.

On July 17, the RailRiders and WooSox played only one inning before the contest was suspended and picked up the next day. With the game tied at 0-0 after five and rain coming down, the game was suspended again, to be resumed the next time the RailRiders were in town in August.

Scranton/Wilkes-Barre then returned home to PNC Field for what would become a historic series with the Rochester Red Wings. On July 21, Luis Gil, Reggie McClain and Stephen Ridings combined to no-hit the Red Wings in an 8-0 victory. It was the first no-hitter thrown by Scranton/Wilkes-Barre since Jeremy Cummings no-hit Rochester on September 3, 2006. Two days later, the RailRiders set a seasonhigh by hitting six home runs against the Red Wings. Armando Alvarez, Donny Sands. Thomas Milone. Frederick Cuevas all had one home run each, while switch-hitter Andrew Velazquez hit home runs from both sides of the plate, becoming the first SWB batter to switch-hit home runs since 1998.



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After winning four-of-six from the Wings, the RailRiders headed up to Syracuse, but it was without one of their key players. On July 26, Hoy Park was traded to the Pittsburgh Pirates for reliever Clay Holmes, and three days later Glenn Otto was dealt to the Texas Rangers in the Joey Gallo deal. The RailRiders dropped three of five to the Mets in a series highlighted by Matt Pita homering in three straight games and Josh Maciejewski getting promoted up from High-A Hudson Valley to make a spot start. The left-hander nicknamed "Magic" eventually made four starts with the RailRiders, going 0-2 with a 6.50 ERA.

In a trying month of July, the RailRiders managed to go 15-12, while reaching a season highwater mark of 23 games over .500 late in the month. The staff pitched to a 4.03 ERA, while on the offensive side the team slid to a .251 average with 30 home runs and 130 runs scored in 27 games.





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The trades and call-ups finally caught up to the RailRiders in August. They began the month with a 12-game homestand against Worcester and Lehigh Valley and went just 4-8 during the stretch. The Yankees had another COVID outbreak at the beginning of the month, which necessitated Luis Gil, Stephen Ridings and Brody Koerner all being promoted to the big leagues on August 3. Left-hander JP Sears was promoted from Double-A and became a stalwart in the RailRiders rotation for the rest of the season.

Red Sox ace Chris Sale came to PNC Field on a rehab assignment on August 7, but his brilliance was matched by Brian Keller and Sean Boyle, who combined to strike out 10 in seven scoreless innings in an ultimate 2-1 defeat. The next day Matt Krook turned in one of the best pitching performances of the season, striking out 11 Worcester batters in 7.0 innings of work while

allowing just one hit.



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On August 9, **Velazquez** was promoted to New York, fulfilling a lifelong dream for the Bronx native of playing shortstop for the Yankees. The next day, infielder Max Burt and pitcher Ron Marinaccio were promoted from Double-A Somerset.

On August 11, the RailRiders lost their second straight game to Lehigh Valley to fall out of first place for the first time since May 7. They dropped four of six to the IronPigs to fall two games behind the Buffalo Bisons in the Northeast Division heading into a 14-game road trip.

The RailRiders split a quasidoubleheader with Worcester on August 17, winning the resumption of the suspended game from July 17 by a

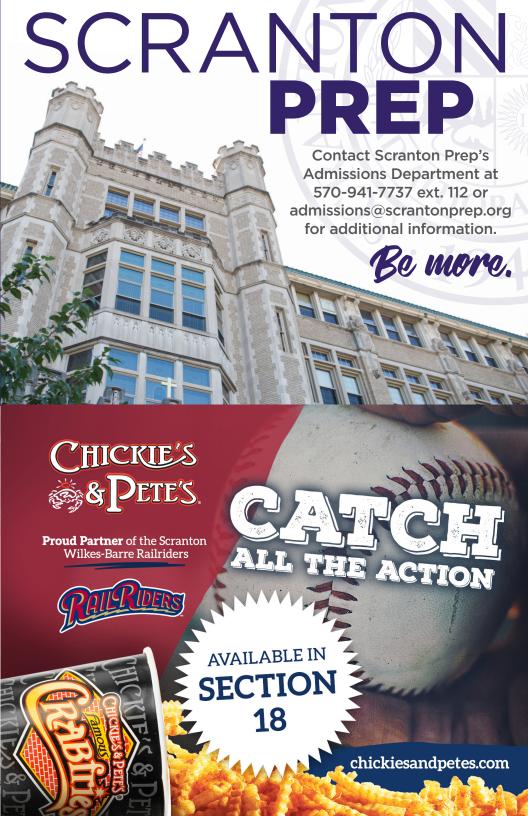
7-4 final behind the pitching of MLB rehabber Corey Kluber before falling in the nightcap. The next day Yankees #3 prospect Clarke Schmidt made his Triple-A debut and allowed just one

run in 3.1 innings as the RailRiders won 9-1.

On the 19th, the teams played another doubleheader, this time with Worcester emerging victorious in the opener. In the second contest, **Sean Boyle** made history by throwing a seven-inning no-hitter in his first Triple-A start. The right-hander accomplished the unlikely feat on 95 pitches and issued only one walk while striking out seven. He was named Triple-A East Pitcher of the Week for his effort. It was the second no-hitter of the year thrown by Scranton/Wilkes-Barre, the only time in franchise history the club has thrown multiple no-nos in the same season.



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Scranton/Wilkes-Barre carried the momentum of a series win at Worcester to Lehigh Valley where they won the first four games of the series to overtake Buffalo and take a three-game lead in the division entering August 28. However, on that day the RailRiders suffered a brutal 9-8 loss in 12 innings at the hands of the IronPigs – a game in which SWB's normally rock-solid bullpen game up leads in the ninth, 10th, 11th and 12th innings, blowing three saves in the process.

The next day the RailRiders fell 10-5 to the IronPigs in a game marred by an ugly incident in the fifth inning. After words and taunts had been exchanged between Alec Bohm and Mickey Moniak of the IronPigs and Luis Gil of the RailRiders in the bottom of the fourth, Lehigh Valley pitcher David Paulino intentionally hit Scranton/Wilkes-Barre catcher Max McDowell in the head with a pitch, touching off a bench-clearing brawl and resulting in suspensions for both Paulino and McDowell.

After the defeat on Sunday, the RailRiders returned home for a mammoth eight-game series with second-place Buffalo. On August 31, the Bisons swept the RailRiders in a doubleheader and would finish the month in a tie for first place, with Scranton/Wilkes-Barre having lost four straight games.

The August swoon saw the RailRiders hit just .236 on the month with 22 home runs and 125 runs scored in 26 games. The team posted just a .695 collective OPS in August as well. Ironically the pitching staff had one of its best months, racking up a 3.66 team ERA as the efforts of Krook, Sears, Schmidt, and an improved month from Deivi Garcia led the starting rotation to a phenomenal month. However, the team posted just an 11-15 record, the first losing month of the year. The turbulent month featured 67 roster moves, a season-high.

Unfortunately, September did not mark the beginning of a turnaround for Scranton/Wilkes-Barre, as Buffalo proceeded to sweep all seven games from the RailRiders (one game canceled due to rain) to take a five-game lead in the Northeast Division. In total, Scranton/Wilkes-Barre lost nine straight games, only one shy of the longest losing streak in franchise history.

With a division crown still possible, the RailRiders hosted Rochester to close out the two-week homestand. They took the first game behind six shutout innings from Matt Krook and took the second when JP Sears held the Red Wings to one run in six frames while setting a new Triple-A career-high with eight strikeouts.

On September 10, Deivi Garcia turned in one of his best starts of the year, holding Rochester to one run in five innings while striking out six and getting the win as Scranton/Wilkes-Barre ultimately won the first five games of the series. The RailRiders were only able to gain one game on Buffalo in the division, though, as the Bisons continued to win.

Heading into the final series of the season at Lehigh Valley, the RailRiders were four games



behind the Bisons and needed to be perfect and get some help. Sears dazzled in the first game of the opener, striking out 10 batters while MLB rehabber Domingo German and Ron Marinaccio closed out a 4-2 win. September 15th's game was suspended in the second inning due to rain, and the IronPigs came back to win on Thursday and Friday night to clinch the division for Buffalo.

The **2021 IronRail** was still up for grabs, though, and when the RailRiders won the resumed suspended game on September 18, they clinched the series for the first time since 2018. Great pitching in relief from Matt Krook and

a grand slam from Chris Gittens helped secure the victory. The RailRiders took the nightcap of the doubleheader and won 5-1 in the regular-season finale on September 19 to claim the 36-game series 21-15, and finish the regular season 68-49.

Despite the lengthy losing streak to start the month, the RailRiders went 9-8 in 17 September games, with the staff posting a 3.78 ERA. Matt Krook (2-1, 0.78 ERA) and JP Sears (3-0, 2.91 ERA) posted phenomenal months, while Ron Marinaccio (6 G, 7.2 IP, 3 H, 12 K) established himself as a shut-down reliever. The team hit .253 on the month with 18 home runs and 88 runs scored, with Chris Gittens (4 HR, 12 RBI) and Donny Sands (.341 AVG, 11 RBI) leading the charge into the Final Stretch.

There is still a chapter to write in this 2021 season. Triple-A Baseball will play **The Final Stretch**; 10 additional games to conclude the season. The RailRiders will play five games at PNC Field against the Syacuse Mets and five against the Rochester Red Wings at Frontier Field next week.

The 2021 season has been a memorable one nonetheless. The RailRiders won four our of five season series against their Northest Division opponents, set several franchise records, saw history made on multiple occasions and, of course, provided the New York Yankees with the reinforecements needed throughout the season to make a run at their 28th World Series title.

The 2022 season begins on the road at Syracuse on April 5 and PNC Field will reopen one week later against the Norfolk Tides.

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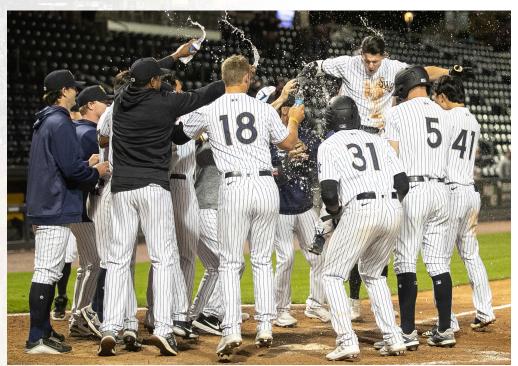


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VEJIGANTES RETURN: COPA DE LA DIVERSIÓN BACK IN '22

RailRiders to don Copa de la Diversión identity for select games in fifth season of Minor League Baseball initiative.

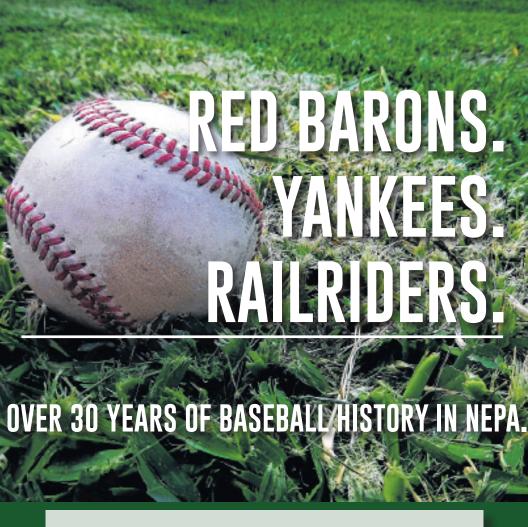


The Scranton/Wilkes-Barre RailRiders are pleased to announce that they will continue to participate in Minor League Baseball's Copa de la Diversión during the 2022 season. The RailRiders will play on select dates as the "Vejigantes" next season to honor and recognize the growing Latino population in Northeastern Pennsylvania.

76 clubs across Minor League Baseball participated in Copa de la Diversión this season. Seven new teams will join in 2022 and two additional teams that didn't participate this season will return next summer. Each of the 85 participating MiLB teams, covering 33 U.S. states, will transform its on-field brand to a culturally relevant Latino persona, representing an extension of the team's and community's identity.

The Vejigante is a brightly-colored, folkloric masked character that is a blend of African, Spanish and Caribbean influences and a key figure in several annual celebrations. Scranton/Wilkes-Barre first adopted this identity in 2019 for Copa de la Diversión.

2022 Copa de la Diversión dates will be announced at a later time.



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Every RailRiders home run during the 2021 Final Stretch will raise \$50 from Minor League Baseball for Wyoming Valley Challenger Baseball.



Minor League BaseballTM has announced the creation of a charitable component to Triple-A Baseball's Final Stretch, the 10-game close of the 2021 season, that will benefit a 501(c)3 charity in each Triple-A city. For each home run hit by Triple-A teams (home and road games) during the Triple-A Final Stretch, Minor League Baseball will donate \$50 per home run to a local charity selected by the team.

Wyoming Valley Challenger Baseball has been tabbed as the benefactor of each home run that the Scranton/Wilkes-Barre RailRiders hit during the final 10 games of 2021.

In addition to the \$50 per home run donation, the Triple-A team that hits the most home runs over the upcoming 10-game span will generate an extra \$5,000 donation for their charity.

"Minor League Baseball teams have long been great community partners, and we are pleased to make a donation to each of these local charities on behalf of our Triple-A teams for their performance during the Triple-A Final Stretch," said Major League Baseball's Vice President, Minor League Operations and Development, Peter Woodfork. "These charities provide a variety of valuable services to their community, and it is our honor to recognize their efforts."

"The yearly support we have received from the Scranton/Wilkes Barre RailRiders has been remarkable and such a huge boost for our organization," said Larry Wills, President of Wyoming Valley Challenger Baseball. "I would really like to thank the front office staff and players for the continued support and all that they do for these incredible kids. Now... Let's swing for the fences!"

The RailRiders host the Syracuse Mets from September 22 through 26 before traveling to Rochester from September 29 through October 3 for their Final Stretch.

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Adam Marco and Joe Vasile will serve as the broadcast voices of the Scranton/Wilkes-Barre RailRiders during the 2021 season.





2022 SCRANTON/WILKES-BARRE SCHEDULE

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BUF - Buffalo Bisons LHV - Lehigh Valley IronPigs

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SYR - Syracuse Mets

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