



SOUTH BEND CUBS (77-51, 38-28) 
at
QUAD CITIES RIVER BANDITS (70-57, 40-24)
Midwest League West Division Series - Game 1
September 8, 2026 / 7:30 PM EST
Modern Woodmen Park / Davenport, Iowa
RHP Jostin Florentino vs. LHP David Shields
Radio: 96.1 FM / 960 AM WSBT

Series Schedule	Cubs Starting Pitchers	Opposing Starting Pitchers
9/10 Game 2 West Division Series vs Quad Cities - 7:05 PM EST	RHP Nazier Mulé	RHP Kendry Chourio
9/11 Game 3 West Division Series vs Quad Cities (if necessary)	TBA	TBA
9/13 Game 1 MWL Postseason - Championship Series (if clinched)	TBA	TBA
9/15 Game 2 MWL Postseason - Championship Series (if clinched)	TBA	TBA
9/16 Game 3 MWL Postseason - Championship Series (if clinched and necessary)	TBA	TBA

ABOUT LAST SERIES - South Bend wrapped up the regular season by taking five of six games away from the Cedar Rapids Kernels. The Cubs did have a chance to sweep Cedar Rapids on Sunday, but fell 10-5 in the final game of the regular season finale.

PLAYOFF TIME - South Bend opens the 2026 postseason tonight in its first playoff action since winning the Midwest League Championship at Lake County on September 21, 2022. The Cubs will host game two at Four Winds Field on Thursday at 7:05 PM. Game three will also be in Downtown South Bend on Friday, if necessary. South Bend holds an 8-4 record against QC this season, with the last matchup coming at Four Winds Field from June 23-28.

CHAMPIONSHIP TIME MACHINE - In the prior two Midwest League Championships in 2019 and 2022, South Bend won the former as a Low-A team, and the latter as a High-A affiliate. In 2019, the Midwest League postseason was three rounds. South Bend went a perfect 7-0 in the playoffs under their manager, the late Buddy Bailey, who passed away last September. South Bend beat Bowling Green, Great Lakes, and Clinton (best-of-5 championship series) to win its first MWL title since 2005. In 2022, South Bend was managed by Lance Rymel, and won winner-take-all Game 3's against both Cedar Rapids in the first round, and Lake County in the championship to win it all.

MAMBO NO. 5 - With Alexey Lumpuy picking up a five-hit game on Friday, he became the 11th different South Bend Cubs player (since 2015) to have five hits in a game. The most recent was Matt Halbach earlier this season on May 14 in Wisconsin. Other notables include Kevin Alcantara at Cedar Rapids on June 17, 2023, Cole Roederer on June 25, 2019 as part of his cycle that night in Fort Wayne (still the most recent South Bend cycle), Delvin Zinn twice in 2019, including the same night as Roederer's cycle, Reivaj Garcia (Anhuar's brother) on July 3, 2024, and Gleyber Torres on June 14, 2015.

WALK-OFF BOMB HISTORY - Thursday night, Kade Snell crushed a walk-off home run to defeat Cedar Rapids. With the bomb, it was the first walk-off home run at Four Winds Field since Brian Kalmer back in 2024. Snell joins an exclusive club to mash walk-off bombs in this ballpark since 2019. Since July of 2019, South Bend has received walk-off homers from Brennen Davis (2019), Jake Washer (2022), Matt Mervis (2022), Owen Caissie (2022), and Pedro Ramirez (2024).

THE TOP PROSPECT - With 110 total RBI this season between Single-A Myrtle Beach and High-A South Bend, Hartshorn leads all first-year Minor League players in RBI this season. Nobody in Major or Minor League Baseball has more RBI than his 85 since debuting in South Bend on May 26. Last Tuesday night, he drove in his 82nd RBI, passing Eloy Jimenez for the most RBI in a single season in South Bend Cubs history, dating back to 2015. Jimenez had 81 in 2016.

MORE HARTSHORN - Hartshorn hit his 21st home run on the season, and 16th with the South Bend Cubs on August 24 at Wisconsin. Hartshorn now has the most home runs by a South Bend Cubs player in a single Midwest League season (since 2015). He hit his 18th last Tuesday, and with his 16th, passed Jordan Nwogu, who hit 15 in 2022, and Yonathan Perlaza, who did it in 2021. Also, Hartshorn's 20th homer was historic. He became the first Chicago Cubs teenage prospect to hit 20 homers in the Minor Leagues in a single season since Corey Patterson did it with the Lansing Lugnuts in 1999.

ESCOBAT - Since making his High-A debut on May 28, No. 16 Cubs prospect Jose Escobar put together a terrific run at the plate. Escobar finished the regular season tied with Great Lakes' Eduardo Quintero for the most hits in the circuit since making his debut. Escobar had 86 across 78 games during that timeframe. Escobar has three separate 4-hit games since June 23, including the most recent one on July 22 against Wisconsin.

WHY ARE YOU RUNNING? - Catcher Justin Stransky finished the Midwest League regular season leading all of baseball with 44 baserunners caught stealing this year. That is not likely to hold as the season record, as Chicago Cubs organization catchers are #1 and #2. Knoxville Smokies catcher Ariel Armas has 43, and the Double-A regular season continues this week. Last season, Armas led all of baseball in caught-stealings with 60 as a member of the South Bend Cubs. In comparison, MLB leader William Contreras has caught 23. Stransky had 44 in just 76 games.

BEST IN THE MIDWEST - South Bend finished the regular season with the best record in the Midwest League at 77-51. South Bend was the only team in the Midwest League to win 40 or more games at home; they finished with 41 home victories. The most ever home wins by a South Bend Cubs team came in 2016 with 46, the last time before this year that South Bend was a first-half division champion.

TONIGHT'S CUBS STARTING PITCHER – Jostin Florentino

2026 SEASON..... CAREER HIGHS

5.0, 8/18 vs West Michigan..IP..6.0, 6/27/25 MB at COL
6, 6/5 at QC.....Hits....7, 7/4/25 MB vs Charleston
4, 6/5 at QC.....RunsSame
5, 5/29 vs Fort Wayne...Walks...Same
7, 8/18 vs West Michigan.K's..12, 5/30/25 at ACL Reds

Last Time Florentino...

Won A Game: 8/4/26 South Bend vs Cedar Rapids

Lost A Game: 8/25/26 South Bend at Wisconsin

Allowed A Home Run: 9/1/26 SB vs Cedar Rapids



HT/WT: 6'0" / 175.... **AGE:** 21 ... **THROWS:** Right **BORN:** Azua, Dominican Republic

Cubs #22 prospect >>> Highest-ranked pitching prospect in South Bend

LAST TIME OUT: Has become the Tuesday man in the South Bend rotation over the last number of weeks, last pitching for the final time in the regular season on September 1 against Cedar Rapids. Gave up three runs on six hits across 3.1 innings, including two homers. Hit a man, walked one, struck out four. Gave up homers to Eduardo Tait and Ramiro Dominguez.

Has struck out five or more in eight of last 11 starts, but has also given up a home run in eight of his last 11 starts.

Earned his first Midwest League win with his best outing as a South Bend Cub in his first August start on 8/4, working 5.0 scoreless innings against Cedar Rapids. Florentino allowed five hits, walked none, and struck out four. It was Florentino's second time working 5.0 innings in High-A, with the last coming at Beloit in a losing effort on July 30.

Florentino began the year on the Development List, making his 2026 debut in the Arizona Complex League on May 4 against the ACL Guardians. In that start, he allowed one earned run in 3.1 innings. Florentino joined the South Bend rotation from there and made his Midwest League debut on May 10 against Lansing.

KEEP IT IN THE PARK: Florentino has allowed 12 home runs this season in 66.1 IP, after giving up just five in his career coming into this season in 151.0 innings.

ORGANIZATION'S HIGHEST PITCHING HONOR: Florentino was named the 2025 Chicago Cubs Minor League Pitcher of the Year. After throwing in five ACL games in 2025, he was promoted to Low-A Myrtle Beach, where through the season he added 5 MPH to his four seam fastball. Went 4-3 with MB, with a 1.96 ERA in 11 games and 10 starts. Batters hit .187. Allowed one home run in 59.2 IP. Walked 20, struck out 67.

*Pitched six shutout innings twice with Pelicans striking out nine against Augusta on July 18, and seven at Columbia on August 15.

SOUTH BEND'S TOP PITCHING PROSPECT: Ranked as the Chicago Cubs No. 22 overall prospect. Signed for \$10,000 out of the Dominican Republic at the age of 18 in 2023.

OTHER CAREER NOTES: Signed as an International Free Agent with the Chicago Cubs on January 15, 2023... Born in Azua, Dominican Republic, hometown of MLB pitcher Sandy Alcantara, former Big League infielder Maikel Franco, and former Fort Wayne TinCap Esteury Ruiz.. Pitched two seasons in the Dominican Summer League in 2023 and 2024, working 23 total games.. In 2023 had a 3.57 ERA in all relief outings.. Started seven games, with 10 total appearances in 2024, posting a 2.06 ERA.. Walked just 10 batters in 35 IP in both seasons, had 35 and 40 K's respectively ... 2025 was first season pitching in the United States, leading to Minor League Pitcher of the Year season.

Third Career Appearance vs. Quad Cities - (First career playoff start)

6/5/26 at QC (Start): L, 1.0 IP, 4 R, 6 H, 0 BB, 0 K (33 pitches, 20 strikes)

6/24/26 vs QC (Start): ND, 4.0 IP, 0 R, 1 H, HB, 2 BB, 7 K's

Pitch Arsenal

4-Seam Fastball, Cutter, Sweeper, Changeup



SOUTH BEND CUBS BULLPEN

50 Luke Alwood (R) Last Win: 8/13/26 vs Hickory Last Loss: 9/6/26 vs Cedar Rapids Last HR: 9/6/26 vs Cedar Rapids Arsenal: 4SFB, Slider, Curve, Change	BIO: Selected by the Cubs in the 10th round of the 2026 MLB Draft out of Seattle.. First 2026 pitching draftee of Cubs to be assigned to South Bend.. Made pro debut on mound with Low-A Myrtle Beach on August 7, going 2.0 shutout innings with one hit allowed, no walks and five strikeouts. Made two appearances with Pelicans, won them both.. Pitched 3.0 innings of shutout ball on August 13 before South Bend call-up, struck out five more.. Pitched four seasons at Seattle U.. Born in Tokyo, Japan, grew up and played high school ball in Hawaii..Made High-A debut August 19..	Last 3 Outings 8/25 at WIS (ND): 2.0 IP, 1 R, 2 H, 1 BB, 2 K's 8/30 at WIS (ND): 1.1 IP, 2 R, 1 H, 4 BB, 2 K's 9/6 vs CR (L): 1.2 IP, 3 UER, 1 H, 3 BB, 2 K's *Scoreless Streak: 0.0
28 Ethan Bell (R) Last Win: 9/3/26 vs Cedar Rapids Last Loss: 7/25/26 vs Wisconsin Last HR: 8/7/26 vs Cedar Rapids Arsenal: 4SFB, Slider, Curveball	BIO: 2025 free agent signing of the Chicago Cubs out of Saint Louis University. Made pro debut with Myrtle Beach Pelicans on 4/25/25, pitching a scoreless inning... Posted 1-4 record with 3.90 ERA in 26 games last season with MB. Walked 33 in 32.1 IP with 49 K. Struck out 49 batters in 36.2 IP in final season with Billikens.. Pitched 2.1 shutout innings in extras 6/19 at Fort Wayne, both winning and tying runs at third base in both 10th and 11th..	Last 3 Outings 8/27 at WIS (ND): 2.0 IP, 1 R, 2 H, 2 BB, 0 K 8/30 at WIS (ND): 2.0 IP, 4 R, 4 H, 0 BB, 3 K's 9/3 vs CR (W): 1.2 IP, 0 R, 0 H, 0 BB, WP, 5 K's *Scoreless Streak: 1.2
44 Noah Edders (R) *7-Day Injured List Last Win: 8/29/26 at Wisconsin Last Loss: 7/19/26 MB at Kannapolis Last HR: 6/11/26 MB vs Augusta Arsenal: 4SFB, Slider, Curve, Change	BIO: Selected by the Cubs in the 15th round of the 2025 MLB Draft out of Troy... Made three appearances out of bullpen with Low-A Myrtle Beach in 2025 after being drafted.. This season, pitched in 18 games and 15 starts with Pelicans, struck out 67 batters in 62.1 IP. Gave up 5 HR, hit 5 batters, walked 24.. Last home start with Pelicans on 8/1 featured 5.0 shutout IP with seven K's..Pitched 2023 & 2024 in college at Bradley University, before making 14 starts with Troy in 2025, led Troy with 65.0 innings pitched, struck out 67..Father Mostafa played professional soccer for Morocco's national team	Last 3 Outings 8/12 at GL (MWL debut): 0.2 IP, 6 R, 5 H, 2 BB, 2 K's 8/23 vs WM: 3.0 IP, 1 R, 3 H, 2 BB, 4 K's 8/29 at WIS (W): 3.2 IP, 4 R, 5 H. 1 BB, 3 K's *Scoreless Streak: 1.0
32 Anhwar Garcia (R) Last Win: 6/26/26 MB at Salem Last Loss: 6/10/25 vs ACL D-Backs Last HR: 7/9/26 MB vs Charleston Arsenal: 4SFB, Slider, Curve	BIO: Signed by the Cubs out of Mexico on December 15, 2024... Spent 2025 in the Arizona Complex League, appearing in seven games and six starts, struck out 35 batters in 32 IP.. This season, made one ACL appearance before heading to Myrtle Beach to make 11 outings and 3 starts.. Walked just nine batters in 25.1 IP with 31 K's.. Batters hit .161, gave up four homers.. Struck out seven batters in 4.0 innings in final start with Pelicans at Columbia.. Brother Reivaj (Ray-Vodge) Garcia played with the South Bend Cubs as infielder in 2021, 2024, and 2025	Last 3 Outings (Bullpen) 8/15 at GL (ND): 3.0 IP, 3 R, 6 H, 0 BB, 3 K's *Scoreless Streak: 0.1
22 Yoendris Gonzalez (R) Last Win: 8/22/26 SB vs West Michigan Last Loss: 5/20/25 MB at Hickory Last HR: 8/27/26 SB at Wisconsin Arsenal: Fastball, Curveball	BIO: Signed by the Cubs out of Cuba on May 2, 2022... Spent 2022 in the Dominican Summer League before missing all of 2023 with an injury... Returned in the Arizona Complex League in May 2024 but went back on the Injured List in July... Spent all of last year with Myrtle Beach, posting a 4.38 ERA in 37.0 IP... Debuted May 30 this year in the ACL, making 4 appearances before rejoining Myrtle in mid-June... 2.21 ERA and 8 BB/33 K across 20.1 IP for the Pelicans... Named Carolina League Pitcher of the Week on July 6 for his 9 strikeouts in 5.0 hitless innings across two outings.. Earned first Midwest League win 8/22 vs West Michigan..	Last 3 Outings 8/27 at WIS (ND): 2.2 IP, 2 R, 1 H, 0 BB, 2 K's 9/1 vs CR (SV): 2.1 IP, 0 R, 2 H, 2 BB, 4 K's 9/5 vs CR (ND): 1.0 IP, 2 R, 3 H, 0 BB, 1 K *Scoreless Streak: 0.0
45 Jackson Kirkpatrick (R) Last Win: 7/6/26 at ACL Padres Last Loss: 7/20/26 at ACL Rangers Last HR: 5/17/26 at Columbus Arsenal: 4SFB, Slider, Splitter	BIO: Signed by the Chicago Cubs as a free agent on March 5, 2025.. Spent summer of 2025 with South Bend after being promoted on June 24 last season.. With South Bend in 2025, made 18 appearances with 1.18 ERA, saved all three chances, struck out 29 in 22.2 IP.. Started 2026 season with South Bend, making six appearances with 2.16 ERA in 8.1 IP, saved one of two chances with 13 K's.. Promoted to Double-A Knoxville this season on May 5, struggled with Smokies, making 11 appearances with 13.15 ERA, walked 20 batters to 17 K's in 13.0 IP.. Sent back to Arizona Complex League where he most recently pitched on July 20.. Did not give up a run in first six ACL games, before giving up six runs combined in final two before being shut down before being assigned back to Cubs on August 26..	Last 3 Outings (South Bend) 8/29 at WIS (ND): 0.0 IP, 1 R, 0 H. 2 BB, 0 K (14 pitches, 2 strikes) 9/3 vs CR (ND): 1.2 IP, 0 R, 0 H, 2 BB, 3 K's 9/6 vs CR (ND): 2.0 IP, 0 R, 0 H, 2 BB, 1 K's *Scoreless Streak: 3.2



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34 Edwardo Melendez (R) Last Win: 7/11/26 vs Fredericksburg Last Loss: 7/25/26 at Hickory Last HR: 8/19/26 vs West Michigan Arsenal: 4SFB, Sinkers, Cutter, Slider	BIO: Signed by the Chicago Cubs as a free agent on February 3, 2024.. Pitched all of 2024 in Dominican Summer League, making 14 appearances with a 7.71 ERA, struck out 33 in 30.1 IP.. Made 12 appearances and 8 starts in Arizona Complex League in 2025, before ending that season with five games out of Myrtle Beach bullpen.. Has had best season as pro in 2026, making 26 appearances and four starts with MB, posting a 2.92 ERA.. 73 K's in 61.2 IP with 14 hit batters and 39 BB.. Called up to South Bend on August 18, made High-A debut August 19..	Last 3 Outings 8/28 at WIS (ND): 2.2 IP, 0 R, 1 H, 1 BB, 0 K 9/1 vs CR (ND): 1.2 IP, 1 R, 1 H, 1 BB, 0 K 9/4 vs CR (ND): 1.0 IP, 0 R, 0 H, 2 BB, 2 K's *Scoreless Streak: 0.1
40 Braylon Myers (R) Last Win: 9/2/26 vs Cedar Rapids Last Loss: 8/19/26 vs West Michigan Last HR: 8/26/26 at Wisconsin Arsenal: 4SFB, Slider, Sweeper, Change	BIO: Signed by the Chicago Cubs as a free agent on July 25, 2025 out of the University of Alabama.. Did not start a game in four seasons with Alabama, was one of Crimson Tide's closers his sophomore season. Pitched in 70 career collegiate games, including 23 as a senior, working a 2.85 ERA. Struck out 58 batters in 41.0 IP with 14 walks. Pitched 2022 summer with Danville Dans in Prospect League, started all eight games he pitched with them.. Called up to South Bend on August 4, started three MWL games before moving to bullpen	Last 3 Outings (Bullpen) 8/26 at WIS (W): 4.1 IP, 4 R, 3 H, 2 BB, 5 K's 9/2 vs CR (W): 3.2 IP, 1 R, 3 H, 2 BB, 5 K's *Scoreless Streak: 0.0
37 Cole Reynolds (L) Last Win: 9/4/26 vs Cedar Rapids Last Loss: 6/11/26 vs Peoria Last HR: 7/1/26 at Beloit Arsenal: 4SFB, Sinkers, Cutter, Sweeper, Change	BIO: Signed by the Chicago Cubs as a free agent on January 24, 2025 out of UNC Charlotte.. Played one season at Charlotte, and three prior college seasons at Elon.. Was a full time starter at Charlotte, making 15 starts in 2024 with 4.85 ERA. Struck out 84 batters in 72.1 IP.. At Elon made 20 appearances and 12 starts over three seasons... pitched 2022 summer season with the Orleans Firebirds in Cape Cod League, had 6.56 ERA but 24 K's in 23.0 IP... Made eight outings out of SBbullpen in 2025, posting 8.31 ERA.. Started 11 games with the Cubs in the first-half of 2026..	Last 3 Outings (Bullpen) 8/14 at GL (ND): 3.2 IP, 2 R, 2 H, 5 BB, 3 K's 8/28 at WIS (ND): 3.1 IP, 0 R, 1 H, 0 BB, 5 K's 9/4 vs CR (W): 3.1 IP, 1 R, 4 H, 0 BB, 3 K's *Scoreless Streak: 2.0
38 Brayden Spears (R) Last Win: 8/18/26 vs West Michigan Last Loss: 8/11/26 at Great Lakes Last HR: 7/30/26 at Lake County Arsenal: 4SFB, Sinkers, Cutter, Sweeper, Changeup	BIO: Signed by the Cubs in 2025 after pitching 3 seasons with the Pioneer League's Boise Hawks.. Made Cubs org debut with Myrtle Beach, tossing 60.1 INN in 36 games. Posted 3.13 ERA.. Saved 5 games out of 10 opportunities, struck out 55. Played at Boise State University and Cal State Fullerton. Best season in Indy Ball came in 2024 w/ Boise, making 10 starts with a 3.74 ERA. struck out 56 in 53.0 IP	Last 3 Outings 8/6 vs CR (W): 4.0 IP, 0 R, 2 H, 0 BB, 1 K 8/11 at GL (L): 3.0 IP, 4 R, 5 H, 2 BB, 1 K 8/18 vs WM (W): 2.0 IP, 0 R, 0 H, 1 BB, 4 K's *Scoreless Streak: 3.0
25 Adam Stone (R) Last Win: 8/9/26 vs Cedar Rapids Last Loss: 8/6/26 vs Cedar Rapids Last HR: 5/28/26 vs Fort Wayne Arsenal: 4SFB, Slider, Sweeper, Changeup	BIO: Selected by the Chicago Cubs in the 2025 Rule 5 Draft, originally signed as a free agent with the New York Yankees in 2022.. Has not pitched in an official game since 2023 due to injury.. Only pro season prior came in 2023 with Tampa in Florida State League... worked 20 games with 7.20 ERA.. Played 2022 season in college at Harvard.. Also pitched 7 games in Arizona Fall League in 2025 with Mesa Solar Sox.. Possesses lowest Cubs organization reliever ERA at 2.09 (among those qualified)	Last 3 Outings 8/26 at WIS (ND): 1.2 IP, 0 R, 2 H, 0 BB, 1 K 8/29 at WIS (SV): 1.2 IP, 0 R, 0 H, 1 BB, 2 K's 9/3 vs CR (ND): 2.1 IP, 3 R, 5 H, 0 BB, 3 K's *Scoreless Streak: 3.2
39 Nate Williams (R) Last Win: 9/1/26 vs Cedar Rapids Last Loss: N/A Last HR: 7/31/26 at Lake County Arsenal: 4SFB, Slider, Splitter	BIO: Selected by the Cubs in the 13th round of the 2025 Draft out of Mississippi State... Did not pitch professionally in 2025 after being drafted...Lone season with Miss State came in 2025, working 19 games with 4.23 ERA. Struck out 51 batters in 27.2 IP... Pitched two seasons at Florence-Darlington Tech in 2021 and 2022... Made pro debut at Peoria 4/7	Last 3 Outings 8/22 vs WM (ND): 2.0 IP, 3 R, 3 H, 2 BB, 4 K's 9/1 vs CR (W): 1.2 IP, 0 R, 2 H, 0 BB, 2 K's 9/4 vs CR (ND): 1.1 IP, 0 R, 0 H, 0 BB, 3 K's *Scoreless Streak: 5.0
33 JP Wheat (R) Last Win: 7/29/26 at Lake County Last Loss: 8/30/26 at Wisconsin Last HR: 4/19/25 at Augusta Arsenal: 4SFB, Slider, Changeup	BIO: Selected by the Cubs in the 16th-round of 2022 MLB Draft out of Next Level Academy HS.. Did not pitch professionally in 2022 or 2023, made pro debut in 2024 in ACL, then made 10 starts with Myrtle Beach, posting 7.91 ERA... Limited to just 33 IP last season due to injury, last pitched on 5/18/25 with Pelicans. Had best career outing on 5/10/25 vs Delmarva, throwing 6 hitless and shutout innings... Did not have a pro save before final week of 2026 regular season, picked up two that week on 9/2 and 9/5	Last 3 Outings 8/30 at WIS (L): 0.2 IP, 3 R, 4 H, 0 BB, 1 K 9/2 vs CR (SV): 1.1 IP, 2 R, 1 H, 3 BB, 3 K's 9/5 vs CR (SV): 0.1 IP, 0 R, 0 H, 0 BB, 1 K, HBP *Scoreless Streak: 1.0

SOUTH BEND CUBS CATCHERS/INFELDERS

4 Angel Cepeda Cubs #24 prospect *Shortstop, Second Base, Third Base *Bats: Right / Throws: Right *NDFA 2023 *No College *25: MB (100g) .249, 8 HR, 49 RBI Last Game: 2/5, 1 RBI This Series: (Last) CR Series: 10/20, 2 HR, 7 R, 7 RBI, 1 BB	Career Notes: Signed as free agent with Chicago Cubs on January 15, 2023... Played career-high 100 games with Myrtle Beach last season, hitting .249 with 8 HR and 49 RBI... Scorched to end the season after hitting .203 in April, .245 in May, .159 in June, .218 in July, and then .336 in August, went 7/19 at the plate (.368) in September... 17 errors last season playing third base and shortstop for Pelicans.. Left game in Peoria due to injury on April 9, also left his first game returning from injury, again hurt, on April 18 vs Beloit...Returned 6/19 at Fort Wayne.. Hit home runs in the top of the 1st inning in back-to-back games at Great Lakes 8/14 & 8/15.. Had career day on 8/26 at Wisconsin, going 4/5 with 2 homers, and four RBI.. Followed that up on 9/1 with second multi-HR game in 6 days vs Cedar Rapids	2026 Hit Streak: 3 / Long Hit Streak: 4 On-Base Streak: 3 / Long On-BaseStk: 8 Last HR: 9/1 vs Cedar Rapids (Solo) *Had first career multi-homer game 8/26 at Wisconsin, then again on 9/1 *Had 1st-inning HR's in back-to-back games in Great Lakes road trip Cubs Season – Career Game Highs Hits: 4, at Wisconsin 8/26 – Same RBI: 4, vs Cedar Rapids 9/1 – Same
17 Jose Escobar Cubs #16 prospect *All INF and OF spots but 1B *Bats: Left / Throws: Right *NDFA 2022 *No College *26: MB (40g) .299, 2 HR, 23 RBI Last Game: 1/3, 1 RBI, 1 BB This Series: (Last) CR Series: 4/17, 1 R, 2 BB, 5 RBI	Career Notes: Signed as free agent with Chicago Cubs on February 20, 2022... Spent all of 2022 in Dominican Summer League, made state side debut with ACL Cubs in 2023, first opportunity with Myrtle Beach came to end 2024.. Played all of 2025 with Low-A Myrtle Beach, hitting .264 in 105 games, struck out 96 times in 401 at-bats.. Started 2026 with Pelicans, batting .299 in 40 games, struck out just 21 times in 147 at-bats.. Has two three-hit games this season, knocked in career-high four RBI at Columbia on April 8.. Went 3/3 and missed cycle by a triple in first-half clinching game vs Peoria.. Picked up first 4-hit game with Cubs on June 23 vs QC, first since April 2025.. Had 4 more hits on July 4 at Beloit, and again July 22 vs Wisconsin	2026 Hit Streak: 2 / Long Hit Streak: 8 On-Base Streak: 2 / Long On-BaseStk: 13 Last HR: 7/1 at Beloit (Solo) - 447 feet *10-game RBI streak snapped 7/24 Cubs Season – Career Game Highs Hits: 4, vs WIS 7/22 – Same RBI: 3, at LC 7/31 – 4, at Columbia 4/8/25
6 Michael Hallquist *All INF spots *Bats: Right / Throws: Right *NDFA 2026 *Ball State Last Game: 1/2, 1 R, 1 BB (Thursday) This Series: (Last) CR Series: 1/6, 1 R, 1 BB	Career Notes: Signed as free agent with Chicago Cubs on July 1 2026.. Played three seasons of independent baseball, most recently in 2026 with Milwaukee Milkmen of American Association.. Hit .312 this season with 11 homers and 27 RBI in 39 games.. Played with hometown Fargo-Moorhead RedHawks in 2024 and 2025.. Spent one year in college with Ball State Cardinals, hitting .331 in 59 games with 21 home runs and 56 RBI in 2024.. 2024 First Team All MAC, also made All MAC defensive team.. Before Ball State played at Bismarck State College and Minnesota Crookston.. Homered in first SB Cubs at-bat 7/1 at Beloit, also homered in first game at Four Winds Field 7/18.. Pitched 2.1 innings of relief in regular season finale on 9/6, struck out Jose Salas looking	2026 Hit Streak: 1 / Long Hit Streak: 4 On-Base Streak: 1 / Long On-BaseStk: 11 Last HR: 8/14 at Great Lakes (Solo) *11-game on-base streak ended 8/6 Cubs Season – Career Game Highs Hits: 2, 8/1 at Lake County - Same RBI: 3, 8/1 at Lake County –Same
15 Brennan Hudson *Catcher, First Base *Bats: Left / Throws: Right *2026 20th Round Pick (Cubs) *Georgia *26: UGA (56g) .295, 22 HR, 51 RBI Last Game: 1/5, 3 RBI (Friday) This Series: (Last) CR Series: 1/9, 3 RBI	Career Notes: Drafted by Cubs in 20th round of 2026 MLB Draft out of University of Georgia.. First 2026 Cubs draft pick to be assigned to South Bend.. Hit .295 in 56 games with Georgia this Spring, mashed 22 homers with 51 RBI.. Also played 2025 at Georgia.. Spent 2023 and 2024 seasons at Georgia State.. Named MVP of NCAA Athens Regional Tournament and to All-Tournament Team after hitting a team-best .556.. Made the 2026 SEC All-Tournament Team.. Out of high school in Cumming, Georgia, named to 2021 Rawlings Preseason Underclass All-American team.. Made pro debut 8/5.. Picked up first pro hit and RBI on double vs Cedar Rapids 8/9.. Smacked first pro homer at Great Lakes on 8/16, had game winning hit in same game to help Cubs come back from 4-0 deficit after 6 innings.	2026 Hit Streak: 1 Long Hit Streak: 2 On-Base Streak: 1 / Long On-BaseStk: 5 Last HR: 8/21 vs West Michigan (3-Run) *First Four Winds Field homer *Both pro homers have been 3-run HR's Cubs Season – Career Game Highs Hits: 2, at GL 8/16 – Same RBI: 4, at GL 8/16 – Same



21 Logan Poteet <i>Cubs #27 prospect</i> *Catcher, First Base *Bats: Right / Throws: Right *2025 17 th round pick (Cubs) *UNC Charlotte Last Game: 0/4 This Series: (Last) CR Series: 4/20, 2 RBI, 1 R *Made pro debut w/ South Bend 8/24/25 *First pro hit 8/29/25 at Peoria (single)	Career Notes: 2025 17 th -round pick of the Chicago Cubs out of UNC Charlotte... Played one season with 49ers in 2025, batting .282 in 51 games with 10 HR's and 40 RBI... Before Charlotte spent two years total at Vanderbilt, appearing in 11 games in 2024.. Appeared in four games with Cape League's Chatham Anglers in summer of 2024... made pro debut with Cubs on 8/24, Originally from Powell, Tennessee, just up the road from Knoxville and the Cubs' Double-A affiliate home... Did not lose a single high school conference game (51-0) in four seasons at Powell H.S... Made pro debut with the South Bend Cubs last season, started 2026 with Low-A Myrtle Beach, batting .272 in 51 games with 14 homers and 39 RBI.. Hit first pro home run on September 7 last year with SB, also working behind the plate catching South Bend's win over Wisconsin to end last season.	2026 Hit Streak: 0 / Long Hit Streak: 6 On-Base Streak: 0 / Long On-BaseStk: 16 Last SB HR: 8/30 at Wisconsin (Solo) *Multi-HR game, first in MWL *Last Myrtle Beach home run this season came June 23 at Salem *16-game on-base streak ended 8/27 Cubs Season – Career Game Highs Hits: 3, at WIS 8/30 – Same RBI: 3, at WIS 8/30 – Same
11 Justin Stransky *Catcher *Bats: Right / Throws: Right *2025 11 th round pick (Cubs) *Fresno State *25: MB (13g) .163, 0 HR, 5 RBI Last Game: 1/3, 1 R, 1 BB This Series: (Last) CR Series: 3/12, HR, 4 R, 7 RBI, 2 BB	Career Notes: 2025 11th-round pick of the Chicago Cubs out of Fresno State... Made pro debut with Myrtle Beach Pelicans on August 5 last season, hit .163 with Pelicans in 13 games with no home runs, 5 RBI, 6 BB, and 12 strikeouts... Had two multi-hit games.. Played two seasons at Fresno State, hitting .300 or better in both years.. Hit .304 in 2024, followed by a .316 performance in 2025 with 12 HR and 45 RBI.. Had career-game in season debut at Peoria, crushing first pro homer with career-high five RBI on April 8.. Has a pair of five RBI games this season, in season debut at Peoria 4/8, and 5/14 at Wisconsin. Homered in each.. *13-game on-base streak ended June 12.. Lashed first Cubs walk-off hit of season on July 24 vs Wisconsin in 11th inning.	2026 Hit Streak: 2 / Long Hit Streak: 7 On-Base Streak: 10 / Long On-BaseStk: 13 Last HR: 9/2 vs Cedar Rapids (3-Run) Coming into season, last HR was 5/10/25 vs San Jose State - Stretch where he hit a combined 5 HR over 3 games for Fresno State Cubs Season – Career Game Highs Hits: 2, vs Wisconsin 7/26 – Same RBI: 5, at Wisconsin 5/14 - Same
2 Reggie Preciado *Third Base, Second Base, Left Field *Bats: Right / Throws: Right *TRADE 2020 (Yu Darvish deal) *No College *24: SB (85g) .218, 3 HR, 32 RBI Last Game: 1/4, 1 R This Series: (Last) CR Series: 4/15, 4 R, 1 BB	Career Notes: Acquired by Cubs from Padres in Yu Darvish trade... Trade also included 2022 South Bend Cubs Midwest League Champion and Miami Marlins OF Owen Caissie... 89 games w/ MB in 2024, .229, 4 HR, 32 RBI... 22-year-old from Panama... 2018 South Bend Cubs catcher Miguel Amaya (fellow Panama native) had large influence when he joined org... Named after Reginald "Reggie" Jackson. Goes by Reggie... Was a switch-hitter until August 2023... Career-best four-hit game with four RBI on July 23, 2025 at Dayton.. Hit by pitch on left forearm April 30, been on 60-day Injured List until being activated August 25.. Picked up two hits and three RBI in first game back from IL on 8/26 at Wisconsin	2026 Hit Streak: 4 / Long Hit Streak: 5 On-Base Streak: 4 / Long On-BaseStk: 5 Last HR: 4/8/26 at Peoria (Solo) *First South Bend home run of season Cubs Season – Career Game Highs Hits: 3, at Peoria 4/9 – 2, at Dayton 7/23/25 RBI: 3, at Wisconsin 8/26– 6, at Salem 5/4/22



SOUTH BEND CUBS OUTFIELDERS

5 Leonel Espinoza *Can play all OF spots *Bats: Right / Throws: Right *NDFA 2020 *No College *25: MB (93g) .270, 6 HR, 54 RBI Last Game: 1/4, 2 R This Series: (Last) CR Series: 3/12, 4 R, 1 RBI, 2 BB	Career Notes: Signed as free agent with Chicago Cubs on October 15, 2020... Played in Dominican Summer League in all of 2021, and to start 2022. Moved State Side in ACL in 2023, hitting .339 with ACL Cubs in 33 games... Debuted with Myrtle Beach to end 2023, spent most of 2024 with Pelicans, hitting .260 in 59 games with 5 home runs and 20 RBI.. 2025 with Myrtle Beach hit .308 in May, posted .406 OBP that month as well, was 4-for-first-11 in August before call-up to South Bend, had multi-hit efforts in final two games in Carolina League... Hit .244 in 23 games with South Bend last season with 5 RBI... Smacked South Bend's first triple of season on April 15 vs Beloit.. Returned from IL August 19 (missed 2 months and 10 days)	2026 Hit Streak: 3 / Long Hit Streak: 5 On-Base Streak: 4 / Long On-BaseStk: 5 Last HR: 5/15 at Wisconsin (Three-Run) *8-game hit streak w/ MB 6/29-7/9/25 Cubs Season – Career Game Highs Hits: 3, 5/27 vs FW – Same RBI: 3, 5/27 vs FW – 5, at Columbia 6/24/25
9 Michael Gupton *All OF spots *Bats: Right / Throws: Right *NDFA 2026 (Cubs) *Memphis *26: Memphis: 58 G, .284, 15 HR, 44 RBI Last Game: 2/4, 1 R (Saturday) This Series: (Last) CR Series: 4/10, RBI, 2 R, BB *First pro hit 9/2 vs Kernels (Triple)	Career Notes: Signed as a free agent with the Chicago Cubs on July 27, 2026.. Native of Raleigh, North Carolina, began his collegiate career at NC State in 2023.. Spent 2024 at Gulf Coast CC, before heading to Samford in 2025, and then Memphis in 2026.. At time of graduating high school, ranked as the No. 1 player in the state of North Carolina by Perfect Game in the class of 2022 .. Set his high school's record with a career batting average of .380.. Set a then unofficial world record with a 5.96 60-yard dash at the 2021 Perfect Game National Showcase.. Hit 15 home runs at both Samford and Memphis in his junior and senior seasons.. Played 2025 summer with Newport in New England Collegiate League, hit .301 in 38 games.. Assigned to South Bend on September 1, stole first career base after pinch running in 8th inning that night..	2026 Hit Streak: 3 / Long Hit Streak: 3 On-Base Streak: 3 / Long On-BaseStk: 3 Last HR: With Memphis (NCAA) - vs Charlotte on 5/20 (multi-HR game) Cubs Season – Career Game Highs Hits: 2, vs Cedar Rapids 9/5 - Same RBI: 1, vs Cedar Rapids 9/3 – Same
35 Josiah Hartshorn Cubs #1 prospect *All OF spots, First Base *Bats: Switch / Throws: Left *2025 6th round pick (Cubs) *No College *26: MB (39g) .273, 5 HR, 25 RBI, 34 BB, 27 K Last Game: 2/4, 1 R, 3 RBI, 1 BB This Series: (Last) CR Series: 5/18, HR, 4 R, 4 RBI, 5 BB	Career Notes: 6th round pick by the Chicago Cubs out of Orange Lutheran High School in Orange, California in 2025.. Notable fellow alumni include Yankees RHP Gerrit Cole, Brewers outfielder Garrett Mitchell, former MLB pitcher Brandon Maurer, and NASCAR driver Dean Thompson... Signed for 6th-round record \$2 million after originally signing to play college baseball with Texas A&M.. Co-Champion of 2024 All-Star High School Home Run Derby at Globe Life Field.. Mashed first pro home run in second pro game at Charleston on April 3 with Myrtle Beach.. Reached base safely in 21 straight games to start this season (first 21 career pro games).. Reached base in 19 straight games to start High-A tenure... Named MLB Pipeline's #1 Cubs prospect on July 23 and homered that night.. With 20th home run (total) this season on August 22, became first Cubs teenage prospect since Corey Patterson (1999) to hit 20 HR's in single MiLB season.	2026 Hit Streak: 1 / Long Hit Streak: 12 On-Base Streak: 3 / Long On-BaseStk: 19 Last HR: 9/1 vs Cedar Rapids (Solo) *Had eight home runs in first 18 MWL games *16th home run with SB on 8/25, most by a South Bend Cub in a single MWL season *12-game hit streak snapped 6/16 *11-game on-base streak snapped 9/3 Cubs Season – Career Game Highs Hits: 4, at Wisconsin 8/26 – Same RBI: 5, vs Fort Wayne 5/27 – Same
20 Alexey Lumpuy *Can play all OF spots *Bats: Left / Throws: Left *NDFA 2023 (Cubs) *No College *25: MB (80g) .258, 7 HR, 41 RBI Last Game: 2/3, 2 R, 1 RBI, 1 BB (SAT) This Series: (Last) CR Series: 9/18, 6 RBI, 3 R, BB	Career Notes: Signed as a free agent with the Chicago Cubs on June 12, 2023 out of Cuba... Spent both 2023 and 2024 in Dominican Summer League before playing all of 2025 with Myrtle Beach.. Hit .209 with 11 HR and 46 RBI in 2025 with Pelicans.. This season, played 80 games with MB, hitting .258 with seven homers and 41 RBI.. Struck out 107 times in 310 AB's.. Had 11-game on-base streak between July 3 and July 19 this season.. Made High-A debut August 4.. Launched first High-A home run on 8/21 vs West Michigan.. Became 11th different South Bend Cubs player (since 2015) to have 5 hits in a game with 5/5 4 RBI game 9/5 vs CR	2026 Hit Streak: 3 / Long Hit Streak: 3 On-Base Streak: 3 / Long On-BaseStk: 9 Last HR: 8/30 at Wisconsin (Solo) Cubs Season – Career Game Highs Hits: 5, 9/4 vs Cedar Rapids - Same RBI: 5, 8/30 vs WIS - Same
7 Kade Snell *Can play all OF spots *Bats: Left / Throws: Left *2025 5th Round Pick (Cubs) *Alabama *25: SB (27g) .167, 0 HR, 7 RBI Last Game: 1/5 This Series: 7/21, HR, 2 BB, 5 R, 7 RBI (Last) CR Series: 7/21, HR, 2 BB, 5 R, 7 RBI *Made pro debut w/ SB 8/5/25 *First career HR 4/23/26 at Dayton	Career Notes: 5th round pick by Chicago Cubs out of Alabama in 2025... Helped to 41-18 record in 2025 and appearance in Louisville Super Regional, losing to Miami (FL) 5-3 on May 30, and Southern Mississippi 6-5 on May 31, Snell had a hit in both games.... 101 career games with Crimson Tide.. hit .347, 16 HR, 82 RBI.. Originally committed and played for Auburn Tigers in 2021, did not see game action... Transferred to Wallace Community College in hometown of Dothan, Alabama for 2022 and 2023... First was a two-way player at Alabama, pitching in 10 games in 2024... Was hitter-only in 2025... Named first-team all SEC *Spent 2023 summer in Cape Cod League with Falmouth Commodores, hit .342 in 21 games, one home run, 15 RBI, 11 BB, 20 K - Scored career-high four runs 5/14 at Wisconsin. *Missed 6 weeks this season due to wrist injury. Returned from IL 7/17 - Crushed 3-run walk-off homer vs Cedar Rapids 9/3	2026 Hit Streak: 12 / Long Hit Streak: 12 On-Base Streak: 13 / Long On-BaseStk: 13 Last HR: 9/3 vs Cedar Rapids (3-run walkoff) *Has had two separate 13-game on-base streaks in 2026. *Stole 11 bases with South Bend in 27 games last season,, did not steal one base in two years played at Alabama Cubs Season – Career Game Highs Hits: 3, 8/30 at Wisconsin – Same RBI: 4, 4/15 vs Beloit – Same



SOUTH BEND PROFESSIONAL BASEBALL HISTORY

2026 Attendance Highs 1. 10,071 7/23 vs Wisconsin 2. 8,270 8/7 vs Cedar Rapids 3. 8,001 8/21 vs W. Michigan All-Time Attendance Highs 1. 10,071 7/23/26 vs WIS 2. 8,270 8/7/26 vs CR 3. 8,169 7/25/24 vs PEO 4. 8,143 7/3/15 vs BG Season Attendance 1. 354,070 '17 Cubs 2. 350,083 '16 Cubs 3. 347,678 '15 Cubs 4. 343,783 '18 Cubs 5. 314,591 '23 Cubs	1988-1993 – South Bend White Sox / White Sox Affiliate *1989 and 1993 Midwest League Champions 1994-1996 – South Bend Silver Hawks / White Sox Affiliate 1997-2014 – South Bend Silver Hawks / Diamondbacks Affiliate *2005 Midwest League Champions *2001, 2008, 2013 Midwest League Runner-Up *2005 Midwest League Prospect of the Year/MVP: OF Carlos Gonzalez *2014 Midwest League Prospect of the Year: SS Andrew Velazquez 2015-Present – South Bend Cubs / Cubs Affiliate *2019 and 2022 Midwest League Champions *2026 Midwest League First-Half West Division Champions *Voted best ballpark in 2017, 2022, and 2023.
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South Bend Cubs in the Majors (Debut Team)

OF Ian Happ (Cubs '17) / SB 2015 P Pedro Aruajo (Orioles '17) / SB 2015-16 P Dillon Maples (Cubs '17) / SB 2015-16 P James Norwood (Cubs '18) / SB 2015-16 P Duane Underwood (Cubs '18) / SB 2016 INF David Bote (Cubs '18) / SB 2015 SS Gleyber Torres (Yankees '18) / SB 2015 P Adbert Alzolay (Cubs '19) / SB 2016 OF Eloy Jimenez (White Sox '19) / SB 2016 P Dylan Cease (White Sox '19) SB 2017 INF Nico Hoerner (Cubs '19) / SB 2018 IF Isaac Paredes (Tigers '20) / SB 2016-17 IF Vimal Machin (A's '20) / SB 2015-17 P Tyson Miller (Cubs '20) / SB 2017 P Brailyn Marquez (Cubs '20) / SB 2018-19 IF Jason Vosler (Giants '21) / SB 2015 C Erick Castillo (Cubs '21) / SB 2016 P Justin Steele (Cubs '21) / SB 2016 IF Zack Short (Tigers '21) / SB 2017 P Michael Rucker (Cubs '21) / SB 2017 P Scott Effross (Cubs '21) / SB 2016 P Tommy Nance (Cubs '21) / SB 2016 P Jhon Romero (Nationals '21) / SB 2017 P Manuel Rodriguez (Cubs '21) / SB 2017-18 P Cory Abbott (Cubs '21) / SB 2018 C Teddy Payne (Cubs '21) / SB 2017-18 P Matt Swarmer (Cubs '22) / SB 2017 P Brendon Little (Cubs '22) / SB 2018-19 P Brandon Hughes (Cubs '22) / SB 2018-19 P Javier Assad (Cubs '22) / SB 2018 P Erich Uelmen (Cubs '22) / SB 2018 OF Nelson Velazquez (Cubs '22) / SB 2018-21 INF Jared Young (Cubs '22) / SB 2018 INF Christopher Morel (Cubs '22) / SB 2019 P Ethan Roberts (Cubs '22) / SB 2019 C Miguel Amaya (Cubs '23) / SB 2018 OF Alexander Canario (Cubs '23) / SB 2021-22 IF Andruw Monasterio (Brewers '23) / SB 2016-17 C Jhonny Pereda (Marlins '24) / SB 2017 P Bryan King (Astros '24) / SB 2021 P Bailey Horn (Red Sox '24) / SB 2021-22	P Nicholas Padilla (Cubs '22) / SB 2021-22 P Anderson Espinoza (Cubs '22) SB 2021 P Jordan Wicks (Cubs '23) / SB 2021-22 P Jeremiah Estrada (Cubs '23) / SB 2022 OF Pete Crow-Armstrong (Cubs '23) / SB 2022 INF Matt Mervis (Cubs '23) / SB 2022 P Daniel Palencia (Cubs '23) / SB 2022 P Luke Little (Cubs '23) / SB 2022-23 P Porter Hodge (Cubs '24) / SB 2022 INF Levi Jordan (Reds '24) / SB 2019 OF Kevin Alcantara (Cubs '24) / SB 2023 P Hunter Bigge (Rays '24) / SB 2021-24 P DJ Herz (Nationals '24) / SB 2021-22 INF Matt Shaw (Cubs '25) / SB 2023 INF Cam Smith (Astros '25) / SB 2024 P Cade Horton (Cubs '25) / SB 2023 C Moises Ballesteros (Cubs '25) / SB 2023 P Eduarniel Nunez (Padres '25) / SB 2021-23 P Cam Sanders (Pirates '25) / SB 2019 OF Owen Caissie (Cubs '25) / SB 2022 P Riley Martin (Cubs '26) / SB 2022 OF Yohendrick Pinango (Blue Jays '26) / SB 2021-23 P Yovanny Cruz (Yankees '26) / SB 2022-23 INF Pedro Ramirez (Cubs '26) / SB 2024 INF James Triantos (Cubs '26) / SB 2023/2025 OF Christian Franklin (Orioles '26) / SB 2023 OF Brett Bateman (Blue Jays '26) / SB 2024 INF BJ Murray Jr. (Cubs '26) / SB 2022
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Miscellaneous

NO-HITTERS – In total franchise history, South Bend has thrown 10 no-hitters. In South Bend Cubs history, there have been four.

*June 6, 2018: South Bend beat Fort Wayne 7-0 as Rollie Lacy and Ben Hecht combined for no-hitter.

*May 6, 2019: South Bend defeated Cedar Rapids 2-0 as Derek Casey and Peyton Remy combined for their no-hitter. Former Cubs catcher Victor Caratini caught half the game while on a rehab assignment.

*August 12, 2021: At Fort Wayne, Alexander Vizcaino, Joe Nahas, and Burl Carraway combined to no-hit the TinCaps in a 3-0 shutout.

*July 6, 2023: The most recent South Bend no-no, against the Peoria Chiefs, a 4-0 final, Michael Arias, Jarod Wright, Eduarniel Nunez, and Frankie Scalzo Jr. combined for the gem.

*Last South Bend Silver Hawks no-hitter: July 10, 2014 Blayne Weller (9 inning solo no-hitter) at Dayton, 12 strikeouts.

*South Bend has never thrown a perfect game in franchise history.

***Last time South Bend was no-hit** – April 19, 2026 vs Beloit (Beloit won game 10-0).

*Previous prior opponent no-hitter: September 4, 2022 vs Lansing (Lansing won game 2-1).

CUBS REHAB ASSIGNMENTS – Dexter Fowler 2016, Jason Heyward 2017, Yu Darvish 2018 (2x), Drew Smyly 2018-2022-2024, Mike Montgomery 2019, Victor Caratini 2019, Ben Zobrist 2019, Derek Holland 2019, Nico Hoerner 2021, Rowan Wick 2021, Wade Miley 2022 (2x), Caleb Kilian 2024-2025, Yency Almonte 2025, Eli Morgan 2025, Jack Neely 2025, Caleb Thilebar 2026, Matthew Boyd 2026, Jameson Taillon 2026.

BUDDY BAILEY – 2019 South Bend Cubs manager Buddy Bailey passed away this past fall on September 22, 2025. Bailey, whose 2419 career victories places him in third place on the all-time Minor League Manager wins list, spent his lone season with South Bend by winning the 2019 Midwest League Championship. The Cubs went an undefeated 7-0 in the 2019 playoffs, and Bailey also collected his 2100th professional victory while managing at Four Winds Field on June 6, 2019.

TERRY FRANCONA – The Cincinnati Reds manager was the skipper of the 1992 South Bend White Sox (73-64).

CUBS DEN TEAM STORE – In the summer of 2012, the Sons of Israel Synagogue was transformed into the South Bend Cubs Team Store (beyond the left field wall). The synagogue had not housed a congregation since 1991.

THREE-PEAT – South Bend became the first Midwest League franchise with three consecutive Midwest League Prospects of the Year (2014 Andrew Velazquez, 2015 Gleyber Torres, 2016 Eloy Jimenez).

SEASON #38 – 2026 marks the 38th season of South Bend being part of the Midwest League. It's also been 11 years since the Chicago Cubs made South Bend their MWL affiliate.

*South Bend All Time Record: 2499-2547 (Entering This Season)

*South Bend Cubs Record (2015-Present): 656-677 (Entering This Season)

***South Bend won its 2500th game as a franchise on April 8 at Peoria, by a final of 13-1.**

***7 of 9 Cubs in the lineup had multi-hit games, every Cub reached base.**

***South Bend pitching did not walk a batter in the game, struck out 12.**

THE NEW FOUR WINDS FIELD – With stadium construction being the story of the last two off-seasons at Four Winds Field, a 48-million-dollar has been completed leading into the 2026 season. A new natural playing field was installed for the 2025 seasons. In addition, last season's renovations featured brand new stadium seats across the ballpark, the Kids Fun Zone being moved to the right field corner, and the brand new splash pad complete past the left-center field wall. 'Phase Two' of the construction project has finished up with the installation of the new second deck, featuring new suites and party deck areas. As well as the South Bend Cubs Event Building in the left field corner, which will be headlined by the newly constructed 11/11 Club presented by Bacardi. It will feature an indoor climate controlled environment and outdoor second level balcony seating to accommodate 100 to 250 guests.

EXTRA INNINGS – South Bend was 2-8 in games going to extra innings last season. After playing zero extra inning games until June 19, the Cubs played two on back-to-back nights in Fort Wayne in June. They are 3-2 this season in extras.

FIRST-HALF CHAMPS - For the first time since 2016, the South Bend Cubs secured a playoff spot by clinching the first-half in the Midwest League West Division. June 13 against the Peoria Chiefs was clinch night, with the Cubs toppling the Chiefs by a final score of 6-4. South Bend scored five runs in the 1st inning to start the game, and received home runs in the inning by Josiah Hartshorn, Jose Escobar, and Justin Stransky. The Escobar and Stransky round-trippers went back-to-back. In 2016, South Bend won the East Division title.

2026 COACHING STAFF - Daniel Wasinger begins his first season as South Bend Cubs manager after serving as the team's bench coach in 2025. The former Arizona Diamondbacks farmhand catcher was originally drafted by the Chicago Cubs out of high school, before getting selected by the DBacks out of college. He is joined by first year pitching coaches Henry Haack and JC Bonilla. As well as third year hitting coach, and former Boston Red Sox infielder Nate Spears, and hitting coach Chris Pieters, a 2017 South Bend Cub. Development Coach Max Anastasio also jumps into his first season in South Bend.