



SOUTH BEND CUBS (31-52, 8-9)
 at
WISCONSIN TIMBER RATTLERS
(39-43, 5-12)



July 10, 2025 / 7:40 PM ET
Neuroscience Group Field / Appleton, WI

RHP Brandon Birdsell vs. LHP Nestor Cortes

Radio: Sports Radio WSBT

Series Schedule	Cubs Starting Pitchers	Opposing Starting Pitchers
7/11 Game 4 at Wisconsin 7:40 PM	RHP Erian Rodriguez	RHP Manuel Rodriguez
7/12 Game 5 at Wisconsin 7:40 PM	RHP Ryan Gallagher	RHP Tanner Gillis
7/13 Game 6 at Wisconsin 2:10 PM	RHP Connor Schultz	LHP Sam Garcia
All-Star Break		
7/18 Game 1 vs Beloit 7:05 PM	TBA	TBA
7/19 Game 2 vs Beloit 7:05 PM	TBA	TBA

ABOUT LAST GAME– The South Bend Cubs took home their third straight win by topping the Timber Rattlers in Wednesday’s matinee by a final of 3-1. Evan Aschenbeck tossed seven innings in a start for the third time this season, earning his third win. Edgar Alvarez came up with the game winning hit with an RBI-single in the top of the 4th, and Jackson Kirkpatrick picked up his first High-A save with the final three outs. Kirkpatrick saved seven games with Low-A Myrtle Beach.

TIME TO START ANOTHER STREAK – The 19-game on-base streak, and seven-game hit streak came to an end yesterday for Jefferson Rojas. On the season, he has had on-base streaks at 22 and 19 straight games, respectively for the Chicago Cubs number-three prospect.

KALMER FINDING IT – It took until June 24 for Brian Kalmer to hit his first home run this season, but after the long wait, Kalmer had his first two of the year in a matter of three games. Now, after a four RBI performance on Tuesday, he’s up to three. Kalmer hit 11 home runs for South Bend last season, and it took until May 31 for his first bomb last year. Kalmer is batting .333 in July with an .979 OPS.

HEY NESTOR – Tonight will be the first time the South Bend Cubs have faced an MLB-rehab on the mound for the opposition since June 12, 2018 in West Michigan, when Tigers right-hander Jordan Zimmermann threw a rehab start for the Whitecaps. The Cubs won that game 6-3. LHP Nestor Cortes gets the ball for Wisconsin in Game 3 of this series.

PETE CROW-ALLSTAR – 2022 South Bend Cubs center fielder Pete Crow-Armstrong will become the first former South Bend Cub to start an All-Star Game when he takes the field in Atlanta next week.

COACHING STAFF – The 2025 coaching staff is once again led by manager Nick Lovullo, in his second season. The former Boston Red Sox farmhand is the son of Arizona Diamondbacks manager Torey Lovullo. Returning hitting coach Nate Spears played parts of two seasons with the Red Sox. New pitching coach George Thanopoulos pitched two seasons in the Colorado Rockies system at short-season Boise, and bench coach Daniel Wasinger wrapped up his playing career in the minors with the Diamondbacks and joins South Bend after serving as Low-A Myrtle Beach’s first-base coach last season.



TONIGHT'S CUBS STARTING PITCHER – Brandon Birdsell

CUBS SEASON CAREER HIGHS

4.0, 7/3 at Peoria.....**Innings**..7.0, 9/21/24 Iowa at Rochester
 5, 6/26 vs ACL-COL...**Hits**...10, 7/10/24 Iowa at Nashville
 2, 7/3 at Peoria.....**Runs**...9, 4/18/24 Tennessee vs Montgomery
 2, 6/19 vs ACL-MIL...**Walks**..3, 7/20/24 Iowa at Memphis
 5, 7/3 at Peoria.....**K's**...10, 9/21/24 Iowa at Rochester

Last Time Birdsell...

Won A Game: 9/21/24 Iowa at Rochester
Lost A Game: 6/26/25 ACL Cubs vs ACL Rockies
Allowed A Home Run: 9/15/24 Iowa vs Louisville



HT/WT: 6'2" / 240 ... **AGE:** 25 ... **THROWS:** Right **BORN:** Conroe, TX

BIRDIE'S BACK: After spending the first two months of this season on the 60-day IL (shoulder), Birdsell made his return to the South Bend Cubs on July 3 pitching in Peoria. Birdsell's final South Bend Cubs start in 2023 came on August 3, 2023, against Wisconsin. To prepare, he made two rehab starts in Arizona, throwing four innings of one-run baseball with two strikeouts last Thursday against the ACL Rockies.

TOP PITCHING PROSPECT: The No. 6 Cubs prospect, Birdsell is the highest-ranked pitching prospect in the Chicago Cubs' system. He's made a massive jump from No. 27 in last year's Cubs MLB.com Top 30 to No. 6 in the current rankings.

2023 IN SOUTH BEND: Birdsell made 18 starts to begin the 2023 season and his professional career with South Bend. He pitched to a 2.36 ERA with a 3-5 record and 27 BB/70 K in 80 innings, allowing only one earned run across his first five starts. Made pro debut on Easter Sunday 2023, working three shutout innings at Quad Cities.

CAREER NOTES: The 2024 Chicago Cubs Minor League Pitcher of the Year... Led the system in innings (135.2), strikeouts (134), K/BB ratio (4.3), and walk rate (5.4%)... Split last season with Double-A Tennessee and Triple-A Iowa, posting a 3.91 ERA... Spun 11 quality starts in 2024, including 7 scoreless innings with 10 strikeouts in his final start on September 21 at Rochester... Drafted by the Cubs in Round 5 of the 2022 draft out of Texas Tech... Was also selected by Houston in Round 39 of the 2018 draft out of high school and by Minnesota in Round 11 of the 2021 draft while at Texas Tech... Spent college years at Texas A&M (2019), San Jacinto Junior College (2020), and Texas Tech (2021-22)... Was the 2022 Big 12 Pitcher of the Year

Appearances vs. Wisconsin (3rd Appearance)

5/9/23 vs Wisconsin: ND, 4.0 IP, 1 R, 3 H, 1 BB, 1 K
 8/3/23 at Wisconsin: W, 5.0 IP, 0 R, 2 H, 0 BB, 5 K's

Pitch Arsenal

Fastball, Slider, Cutter, Changeup



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<p>29 Burl Carraway (L) Last Win: 4/10/25 SB vs Peoria Last Loss: 9/1/21 SB vs LC Last HR: 5/4/22 Tennessee at BIRM Arsenal: 4SFB, 12-6 Curve, Slider</p>	<p>BIO: 2020 2nd round pick out of Dallas Baptist... Pitched w/ SB in 2021, 29 games, 31.0 IP, 51 K's... Missed all of 2023 and 2024 due to injury... Started season with SB – 4 G, 2.2 IP, 8 R, 2 H, 12 BB, 2 K's.. Placed on Development List, pitched in three games in Arizona Complex League.. Rejoined SB 6/17.</p>	<p>Last 3 Outings 6/19 vs LC – 1.0 IP, 0 R, 1 H, 0 BB, 0 K 6/21 vs LC – 0.2 IP, 0 R, 0 H, 0 BB, 1 K 7/1 at PEO – 0.2 IP, 2 R, 0 H, 2 BB, 1 K *Scoreless Streak: 0.0</p>
<p>19 Kenten Egbert (R) Last Win: 7/6/25 vs Peoria Last Loss: 6/1/25 at Quad Cities Last HR: 5/11/25 vs Fort Wayne Arsenal: 4SFB, Slider, Curve, Change</p>	<p>BIO: Signed by the Cubs to a minor league contract in July 2023... Was working behind a cash register when he got his call from the Cubs... Pitched four college seasons at Miami (Ohio), finishing First Team All-MAC as a senior in 2023... Spent all of 2024 with Single-A Myrtle Beach, posting a 3.04 ERA... Only 2 ER in 23.0 IP across his final four starts... Had been a starter this year in South Bend until final week of June</p>	<p>Last 3 Outings 6/28 at CR – 2.0 IP, 0 R, 2 H, 1 BB, 0 K (Hold) 7/2 at PEO – 2.0 IP, 3 R (2 ER), 4 H, 1 BB, 1 K 7/6 vs PEO – 2.0 IP, 0 R, 1 H, 1 BB, 0 K (Win) *Scoreless Streak: 2.0</p>
<p>33 Jackson Kirkpatrick (R) Last Win: 6/6/25 at Kannapolis (A) Last Loss: N/A Last HR: N/A Arsenal: 4SFB, Slider, Splitter</p>	<p>BIO: Signed by the Cubs on March 5, 2025 and promoted from Single-A Myrtle Beach on June 24... From North Carolina and played college baseball at Western Carolina (2021-23) and Indianapolis (2024)... Made 11 starts for U Indy last spring, pitching to an 8.41 ERA with 48 BB/63 K in 35.1 IP... Made his first 15 appearances this season with Myrtle Beach, earning 7 saves with a 0.84 ERA and 36 K's in 21.1 IP</p>	<p>Last 3 Outings 7/1 at PEO – 1.1 IP, 0 R, 1 H, 1 BB, 1 K 7/5 vs PEO – 1.2 IP, 0 R, 0 H, 3 BB, 0 K 7/9 at WIS – 1.0 IP, 0 R, 1 H, 0 BB 0 K (Save) *Scoreless Streak: 10.1 (includes Single-A) * Hasn't allowed an ER since May 1 (14 outings)</p>
<p>27 Grayson Moore (R) Last Win: N/A Last Loss: 5/17/24 at Fort Wayne Last HR: 4/18/24 at Beloit Arsenal: 4SFB, Split, SL, Changeup</p>	<p>BIO: Drafted by the Cubs in Round 14 of 2023 out of Vanderbilt... National runner-up with the Commodores in 2021... Made 11 appearances in South Bend last year, pitching to a 2.57 ERA in 14.0 IP before a season-ending injury at the end of May...</p>	<p>Last 3 Outings 7/2 at PEO – 1.0 IP, 5 R, 6 H, 0 BB, 1 K 7/5 vs PEO – 1.0 IP, 0 R, 0 H, 0 BB, 1 K 7/9 at WIS -1.0 IP, 0 R, 0 H, 3 BB, 1 K *Scoreless Streak: 2.0</p>
<p>6 Johzan Oquendo (R) Last Win: 5/2/25 at Cedar Rapids Last Loss: 4/30/25 at Cedar Rapids Last HR: 5/11/25 vs Fort Wayne Arsenal: 4SFB, Sink, Slider, Changeup</p>	<p>BIO: Signed by Cubs as an international free agent in 2019...Missed all of 2024 due to injury...Returns to South Bend after finishing 2023 season w/ SB... 8 games w/ SB 2023, 2.60 ERA, 17.1 IP, 16 K's. Gave up first Earned Run on solo homer 4/30 at Cedar Rapids after 12.1 IP without one to start season</p>	<p>Last 3 Outings 6/29 at CR – 2.0 IP, 0 R, 2 H, 1 BB, 3 K's 7/2 at PEO – 1.0 IP, 0 R, 0 H, 0 BB, 1 K 7/6 vs PEO – 1.0 IP, 0 R, 0 H, 0 BB, 1 K (Save) *Scoreless Streak: 4.0</p>
<p>30 Kenyi Perez (R) Last Win: 4/23/24 at Lynchburg (A) Last Loss: 7/21/24 at Columbia (A) Last HR: 4/16/25 at West Michigan Arsenal: 4SFB, Sink, Slider</p>	<p>BIO: Signed by the Cubs as an international free agent in 2020...Fifth pro season, 4th in the United States...36 games with Low-A Myrtle Beach 2024, 9.47 ERA... Wipeout stuff, 71 K's in 38.0 IP, 60 BB... First season with South Bend.</p>	<p>Last 3 Outings 7/1 at PEO – 1.0 IP, 0 R, 0 H, 1 BB, 1 K 7/4 vs PEO – 1.0 IP, 1 R, 1 H, 0 BB, 1 K 7/8 at WIS – 1.0 IP, 0 R, 2 H, 1 BB, 2 K's *Scoreless Streak: 1.0</p>



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<p>2 Vince Reilly (R) Last Win: 7/14/24 vs Kannapolis (A) Last Loss: 8/13/24 vs Columbia (A) Last HR: 6/5/25 vs Great Lakes Arsenal: 4SFB, Slider, Splitter</p>	<p>BIO: Signed by the Cubs as a free agent in 2024...Originally 2022 18th round pick of A's out of Grand Canyon ...3.86 ERA w/ Low-A Stockton 2023...First season w/ Cubs 2024, 32 APP's Myrtle Beach, 52 K's – 53.1 IP, 3.88 ERA...Twin brother (Blake) also pitched at Grand Canyon</p>	<p>Last 3 Outings 6/29 at CR – 1.0 IP, 3 R, 4 H, 0 BB, 3 K's 7/3 at PEO – 1.0 IP, 1 UER, 1 H, 0 BB, 0 K 7/6 vs PEO – 1.0 IP, 0 R, 0 H, 0 BB, 1 K (Hold) *Scoreless Streak: 1.0</p>
<p>39 Brayden Risedorph (R) Last Win: 6/20/25 vs Lake County Last Loss: N/A Last HR: N/A</p>	<p>BIO: Drafted by the Cubs in 2024 20th round, playing two seasons at Indiana in the Big Ten... Born in Fort Wayne, grew up in Kendallville. Attended East Noble HS, Named first-team All-Central Region Senior year HS. Led IU in APP's in 2024. Posted 0.60 ERA at Myrtle Beach in 15 IP. 4 BB, 18 K, .118 OPP BA%</p> <p>Earned first pro win 6/20 vs LC, K'ing the side in 10th</p>	<p>Last 3 Outings 6/20 vs LC – 1.0 IP, 0 R, 0 H, 0 BB, 3 K's (Win) 6/24 at CR – 2.0 IP, 0 R, 0 H, 1 BB, 3 K's 6/28 at CR – 1.0 IP, 0 R, 0 H, 0 BB, 0 K (Save) *Scoreless Streak: 10..2</p>
<p>41 Luis Rujano (R) Last Win: 8/21/24 at Charleston (A) Last Loss: 6/26/25 at Cedar Rapids Last HR: 4/16/25 at West Michigan Arsenal: 4SFB, Curve, Change, Slider</p>	<p>BIO: From Venezuela... Drafted by the Cubs in Round 13 of 2022 out of high school in Florida... Spent the last two years with Myrtle Beach, making 16 starts out of 39 total appearances... 4.10 ERA in 2023, 5.40 ERA in 2024</p>	<p>Last 3 Outings 6/26 at CR – 2.0 IP, 1 R, 1 H, 2 BB, 2 K's, Loss 7/2 at PEO – 1.0 IP, 8 R (4 ER), 6 H, 2 BB, 1 K 7/6 vs PEO – 1.0 IP, 0 R, 0 H, 2 BB, 2 K's *Scoreless Streak: 0.0</p>
<p>36 Evan Taylor (L) Last Win: 5/16/25 at Lansing Last Loss: 6/29/25 at Cedar Rapids Last HR: 5/29/24 Beloit vs Dayton Arsenal: 4SFB, Sweeper, Changeup</p>	<p>BIO: Signed by the Cubs as Free Agent April 8, 2025.. Drafted by Marlins 9th round of 2022.. Pitched with Beloit all of 2024, working 31 games with 2.84 ERA.. Pitched against South Bend twice.. Former Arkansas Razorback, joins former college teammates Connor Noland, Casey Opitz, Christian Franklin and Jaxon Wiggins in Cubs org</p>	<p>Last 3 Outings 6/29 at CR – 2.0 IP, 2 R (1 ER), 2 H, 3 BB, 3 K's 7/4 vs PEO – 2.0 IP, 0 R, 1 H, 3 BB, 1 K 7/8 at WIS – 2.0 IP, 0 R, 2 H, 0 BB, 0 K *Scoreless Streak: 4.0</p>
<p>38 Chase Watkins (L) Last Win: 4/22/25 vs Beloit Last Loss: 4/17/25 at WM Last HR: 6/26/25 at Cedar Rapids</p>	<p>BIO: Drafted by the Cubs in 9th round of 2021 draft...Fifth pro season, 3rd season spent with South Bend...33 games with SB in 2023, 3.52 ERA & 52 K's in 53.1 IP...Pitched one game in 2024 with AAA Iowa in September and another on April 12 of this season</p>	<p>Last 3 Outings 6/22 vs LC – 3.1 IP, 1 R, 1 H, 0 BB, 1 K 6/26 at CR – 2.0 IP, 5 R, 4 H, 1 BB, 2 K's 7/4 vs PEO – 2.1 IP, 1 R, 3 H, 2 BB, 2 K's *Scoreless Streak: 0.0 (Snapped 9.1 on Sunday)</p>



SOUTH BEND CUBS CATCHERS/INFELDERS

<p>25 Edgar Alvarez *First and Third Base, Left Field *Bats: Left / Throws: Right *2024 8th Round Pick (Cubs) *Nicholls State *24: SB (27g) .245, 1 HR, 9 RBI Last Game: 1/4, 1 RBI This Series: 1/4 (Last) PEO Series: 2/17, HR 4 BB</p>	<p>Career Notes: Chicago Cubs 8th-round pick out of Nicholls State in 2024... Ranks second all time in career home runs at NSU (29)...Set single season record in 2024 for total bases (154) and RBI (67)... hit .405 in 2024, first NSU player since 1963 to hit above .400... Assigned to SB Cubs after draft, hit .245 in 27 games... 15 of 23 hits came versus FW TinCaps. Hit first pro home run on September 5, 2024, a grand slam, at Parkview Field against Fort Wayne.</p> <p>Started the year 0/24 at the plate</p>	<p>2025 Hit Streak: 3 / Long Hit Streak: 8 On-Base Streak: 9 / Long On-BaseStk: 9 Last HR: 7/6/25 vs Peoria (Solo)</p> <p>First since 5/23/25 vs Wisconsin (Solo)</p> <p>Cubs Season – Career Game Highs Hits: 4, vs GL 6/3 – Same RBI: 3, vs GL 6/3 – 4, at FW 9/5/24</p>
<p>16 Ariel Armas *Catcher *Bats: Right / Throws: Right *2024 5th Round Pick (Cubs) *San Diego *24: SB (13g) .204, 0 HR, 5 RBI Last Game: 0/4 This Series: 2/8, HR, 2 RBI (Last) PEO Series: 3/15, 1 RBI</p>	<p>Career Notes: Chicago Cubs 5th-round pick out of San Diego in 2024...All-WCC First Team and WCC Defensive Player of the Year in final year at USD... Armas played in 2015 Little League World Series (Sweetwater Valley), Lansing OF Nate Nankil was also on that LLWS team... Posted career best 3 hits and 4 RBI in same game at Fort Wayne on June 10.</p> <p>First professional HR was a go-ahead, 3-run blast in the 8th inning at West Michigan on April 19</p>	<p>2025 Hit Streak: 0 / Long Hit Streak: 4 On-Base Streak: 0 / Long On-BaseStk: 5 Last HR: 7/8 at Wisconsin (2-Run)</p> <p>*First homer since April 23 vs Beloit</p> <p>Cubs Season – Career Game Highs Hits: 3, at FW 6/10 – Same RBI: 4, at FW 6/10– Same</p>
<p>11 Drew Bowser *Third Base, First Base *Bats: Right / Throws: Right *2023 20th Round Pick (Cubs) *Stanford *24: ACL & MB (69g) .181,7 HR, 24 RBI Last Game: 1/3, 1 R, 2 BB This Series: 1/3, 2 BB (Last) PEO Series: 1/13, 1 BB</p>	<p>Career Notes: Selected by Cubs in 20th round of 2023 draft out of Stanford... First Stanford selection by Cubs since Nico Hoerner in 2018... Made the College World Series all 3 years at Stanford... 2022 w/ Cardinal - .293, 18 HR (career high), 50 RBI... Drove in 48 RBI in final season in Palo Alto... In 2023, hit the Super Regional Game 3 pop-up that dropped to send Stanford to Omaha... 7 HR in 2024 with ACL Cubs and Myrtle Beach in first full season.</p> <p>Walked off Lake County with a 10th-inning single 6/20 Was 4-for-12 with 3 2B, 4 BB vs Peoria in April</p>	<p>2025 Hit Streak: 1 / Long Hit Streak: 11 On-Base Streak: 3 / Long On-BaseStk: 13 Last HR: 5/15 at Lansing (Solo)</p> <p>Cubs Season – Career Game Highs Hits: 2, at CR 6/26 – 3, at ACL-SDP 6/7/24 RBI: 3, vs LC 6/20 – 4, vs Kannapolis7/12/24</p>
<p>5 Cristian Hernandez *Shortstop, Second Base *Bats: Right / Throws: Right *NDFA 2021 *No College *24: MB & SB (118g) .261, 5 HR, 59 RBI Last Game: 1/3, 1 BB This Series: 2/8, 1BB (Last) PEO Series: 5/18, 1 HR, 3 RBI</p>	<p>Career Notes: Chicago Cubs #11 ranked prospect... Signed for 3 million dollars with Cubs in 2021... Player comp at time by MLB Pipeline: Alex Rodriguez... Promoted to South Bend to finish 2024 season, played 23 games, hit .229, 0 HR, 9 RBI, 15 BB, 19 K</p> <p>11 game on-base streak to begin season, had 6 multi-hit games in first 9 games played of 2025</p> <p>Was MWL Player of the Week for his series vs Peoria in April, going 10-for-22 with 4 2B, 1 HR, 3 RBI, 2 SB * 13-for-29 with 5 2B, 2 HR, 5 RBI for the year vs PEO</p>	<p>2025 Hit Streak: 2 / Long Hit Streak: 10 On-Base Streak: 2 / Long On-BaseStk: 17 Last HR: 7/2 at Peoria (Solo)</p> <p>Snapped 17-game on-base streak 7/5*</p> <p>Cubs Season – Career Game Highs Hits: 4, vs GL 6/3 – Same RBI: 3, vs WIS 5/25 – 4, vs Augusta 7/23/24</p>
<p>32 Brian Kalmer *First Base *Bats: Right / Throws: Right *2024 18th Round Pick (Cubs) *Gonzaga *24: SB (83g) .196, 11 HR, 43 RBI Last Game: 2/5, HR, 4 RBI This Series: 2/5, HR, 4 RBI (Last) PEO Series: 4/13, 2 RBI</p>	<p>Career Notes: Drafted by Cubs in 18th round of 2023 MLB Draft out of Gonzaga... Also played at Arizona State and Wabash Valley College... At Wabash Valley, he was the 2022 NJCAA Division 1 National Player of the Year with 109 RBI... Second straight season on SB Opening Day roster... Played 83 games in 2024, hit .196, 11 HR, 43 RBI... Crushed walk-off homer June 7, 2024 vs West Michigan</p>	<p>2025 Hit Streak: 4 / Long Hit Streak: 6 On-Base Streak: 4 / Long On-BaseStk: 6 Last HR: 7/8 at Wisconsin (3-Run)</p> <p>*All three homers have come since June 24</p> <p>Cubs Season – Career Game Highs Hits: 2, at WIS 7/8 – 3, vs Columbia 9/10/23 RBI: 4, at WIS 7/8 – 5, vs Peoria 7/26/24</p>



<p>13 Miguel Pabon *Catcher *Bats: Right / Throws: Right *2018 34th Round Pick (Cubs) *No College *24: MB (68g) .222, 3 HR, 20 RBI Last Game: 0/4, 2 K's This Series: 0/4 (Last) PEO Series: 1/7, 1 BB</p>	<p>Career Notes: Drafted as a shortstop in 34th round of 2018 MLB Draft out of Leadership Christian Academy in Puerto Rico... Transitioned to catcher after series of injuries... Second appearance with SB after playing 7 games with team in 2021...68 games in 2024 w/ MB, .222 average, 3 HR, 20 RBI... Has spent the last three off-seasons with the Criollos de Caguas (Puerto Rican Winter League) -7-game on-base streak ended 7/9</p>	<p>2025 Hit Streak: 0 / Long Hit Streak: 6 On-Base Streak: 0 / Long On-BaseStk: 7 Last HR: 6/12 at Fort Wayne (Solo, First MWL home run) Cubs Season – Career Game Highs Hits: 2, at FW 6/12 – 3, vs Augusta 7/23/24 RBI: 3, at Fort Wayne 6/12 – Same</p>
<p>7 Reginald Preciado *Third Base, Shortstop, Second Base, Left Field *Bats: Right / Throws: Right *TRADE 2020 (Yu Darvish deal) *No College *24: MB (89g) .229, 4 HR, 32 RBI Last Game: 0/1 (Weds) This Series: 1/5, 1 RBI (Last) PEO Series: 2/14</p>	<p>Career Notes: Acquired by Cubs from Padres in Yu Darvish trade... Trade also included 2022 South Bend Cubs Midwest League Champion Owen Caissie... 89 games w/ MB in 2024, .229, 4 HR, 32 RBI... 21-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</p>	<p>2025 Hit Streak: 0/ Long Hit Streak: 5 On-Base Streak: 0 / Long On-BaseStk: 14 Last HR: 5/27 at Quad Cities (Solo) Cubs Season – Career Game Highs Hits: 3, at LAN 5/16 – 4, at Columbia 4/11/24 RBI: 2, at CR 6/24 – 6, at Salem 5/4/22</p>
<p>4 Jefferson Rojas *Second Base, Shortstop, Third Base *Bats: Right / Throws: Right *NDFA 2022 *No College *24: SB (96g) .245, 6 HR, 47 RBI Last Game: 0/3, 1 K This Series: 2/8, HR, 2 RBI (Last) PEO Series: 8/22, HR, 4 RBI, 4 R's</p>	<p>Career Notes: 2022 non-drafted free agent signing of Chicago Cubs out of Dominican Republic, signed for \$1 million... Made Midwest League debut as 18-year-old in 2024, hit home run in first MWL at-bat last Opening Day 2024 at Quad Cities... First career 4-hit game vs Wisconsin on April 10, 2024... Rejoined South Bend on April 15, 2025, after starting season on Injured List. Posted 17-game on-base streak in April-May 2024 Had 22-game on-base streak in May 2025, and then had 19-game on-base streak wrap up on July 9</p>	<p>2025 Hit Streak: 0 / Long Hit Streak: 7 On-Base Streak: 0 / Long On-BaseStk: 22 Last HR: 7/8 at Wisconsin (Solo) *Fourth home run since June 20 Cubs Season – Career Game Highs Hits: 3, vs WIS 5/24 – 4, vs WIS 4/10/24 RBI: 4, at CR 5/1 – 5, vs Columbia 7/18/23</p>
<p>35 Cameron Sisneros *First Base, Designated Hitter *Bats: Left / Throws: Left *2024 14th round pick (Cubs) *East Tennessee State Last Game: 1/1, 1 R, 1 RBI, 3 BB This Series: 4/6, HR, 4 RBI, 3 BB (Last) PEO Series: 4/19, 1 BB, 2 RBI</p>	<p>Career Notes: 2024 14th-round pick of Chicago Cubs out of East Tennessee State.... Played 13 games with Low-A Myrtle Beach after being drafted in '24, hitting .209 with three home runs... 2025 with Pelicans: 38 G, .352 AVG /.478 OBP /.966 OPS, three HR, 26 RBI...Sisneros put together one of the best offensive seasons in the history of ETSU baseball in 2024. His 86 RBI broke the single season program record in that category, while his 23 home runs were the second-most ever by a Buc in a single campaign. Sisneros earned SoCon Player of the Year honors... Ended his time with ETSU by reaching base in 79 straight games</p>	<p>2025 Hit Streak: 3 / Long Hit Streak: 3 On-Base Streak: 3 / Long On-BaseStk: 9 Last HR: 7/8 at Wisconsin (2-Run) 11-game hit streak 4/25-5/11 w/ Myrtle Beach Cubs Season – Career Game Highs Hits: 3, at WIS 7/8 – 4, at Carolina 5/1/25 RBI: 3, at WIS 7/8 – Same</p>



SOUTH BEND CUBS OUTFIELDERS

<p>8 Ivan Brethowr *Left and Right Field *Bats: Right / Throws: Right *2024 7th Round Pick (Cubs) *UC Santa Barbara *24: SB (23g) .169, 2 HR, 7 RBI Last Game: 0/2, 2 R, 2 BB This Series: 0/7, 2 BB, 1 RBI (Last) PEO Series: 2/15, 4 BB, 1 HBP</p>	<p>Career Notes: Selected by Chicago Cubs in 7th round of 2024 Draft out of UC Santa Barbara... Teammate of Saturday Cubs starting pitcher Ryan Gallagher with the Gauchos... First Team All Big West in final year at UCSB... 15 home runs that year led Big West...Spent 2022 college season at Arizona State...Played 23 games with Myrtle Beach after being drafted, hit .169 with 2 HR, 7 RBI</p> <p>Hit leadoff from April 30-May 21</p>	<p>2025 Hit Streak: 0 / Long Hit Streak: 7 On-Base Streak: 1 / Long On-BaseStk: 14 Last HR: 6/24 at Cedar Rapids (Solo) * Two of his four HR have come in CR</p> <p>Cubs Season – Career Game Highs Hits: 2, vs Lake County 6/21 – Same RBI: 3, vs Fort Wayne 5/6 – Same</p>
<p>22 Rafael Morel *Can play all INF and OF spots *Bats: Right / Throws: Right *NDFA 2018 *No College *24: SB (84g) .226, 8 HR, 32 RBI Last Game: 0/4, 2 K's This Series: 0/4 (Last) PEO Series: 3/17</p>	<p>Career Notes: Signed as free agent with Chicago Cubs in 2018 out of the Dominican Republic... Younger brother of former Cubs infielder and 2019 South Bend Midwest League Champion Christopher Morel... Rafael hit a home run on the same day Christopher was traded to Rays on July 28, 2024... 84 games w/ SB 2024, 8 HR, 32 RBI.</p> <p>Delivered the first multi-home run game of his career on May 16 in Lansing, giving the Cubs the lead in the 10th inning with a two-run home run</p>	<p>2025 Hit Streak: 0 / Long Hit Streak: 5 On-Base Streak: 0 / Long On-BaseStk: 16 Last HR: 5/16 at Lansing – Two 2-run HR</p> <p>*16 game on-base streak snapped June 1 in QC</p> <p>Cubs Season – Career Game Highs Hits: 3, at WM 4/19 – 4, at Beloit 4/17/24 RBI: 4, at LAN 5/16 – Same</p>
<p>9 Carter Trice *Super Utility (Mostly 1B and CF) *Bats: Right / Throws: Right *2024 12th Round Pick (Cubs) *North Carolina State *24: MB (67g) .218, 8 HR, 34 RBI Last Game: 0/4, 3 K's This Series: 1/8 (Last) PEO Series: 3/21</p>	<p>Career Notes: 12th round pick by Chicago Cubs out of North Carolina State in 2023... First two college seasons at Old Dominion with Andy Garriola... Like Garriola in 2019, he was the Conference USA Freshman of the Year in 2021... From Mechanicsville, Virginia, same hometown as 2019 South Bend Cubs Midwest League Champion Derek Casey...82 games in 2024 between ACL and Myrtle Beach, .228 avg, 9 HR, 38 RBI</p> <p>Activated from Injured List 5/28 June: .263/.446/.579, 7 HR, 14 RBI, 13-14 SB - First South Bend Cub to hit 7 HR in June</p>	<p>2025 Hit Streak: 0 / Long Hit Streak: 8 On-Base Streak: 0 / Long On-BaseStk: 23 * Snapped 23-game on-base on 7/1 Last HR: Homered twice 6/21 vs Lake County (Solo in 1st, 2-Run in 9th)</p> <p>*Three straight games with a HR 6/3-6/6</p> <p>Cubs Season – Career Game Highs Hits: 3, vs LC 6/21 – 4, at DEL 8/4/24 RBI: 3, vs LC 6/21 – 7, at DEL 8/4/24</p>



SOUTH BEND PROFESSIONAL BASEBALL HISTORY

<p>2025 Attendance Highs 1. 7,541 7/4 vs Peoria 2. 6,860 6/6 vs Great Lakes 3. 6,528 6/20 vs Lake County</p> <p>All-Time Attendance Highs 1. 8,169 7/25/24 vs PEO 2. 8,143 7/3/15 vs BG 3. 8,051 6/16/17 vs LC</p> <p>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</p>	<p>1988-1993 – South Bend White Sox / White Sox Affiliate *1989 and 1993 Midwest League Champions</p> <p>1994-1996 – South Bend Silver Hawks / White Sox Affiliate</p> <p>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</p> <p>2015-Present – South Bend Cubs / Cubs Affiliate *2019 and 2022 Midwest League Champions *Voted best ballpark in 2017, 2022, and 2023.</p>
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South Bend Cubs in the Majors (Debut Team)

P Dylan Cease (White Sox '19) / SB 2017
P Adbert Alzolay (Cubs '19) / SB 2016
OF Eloy Jimenez (White Sox '19) / SB 2016
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 Pedro Aruajo (Orioles '17) / SB 2015-16
P Dillon Maples (Cubs '17) / SB 2015-16
OF Ian Happ (Cubs '17) / SB 2015
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
IF Vimalael Machin (A's '20) / SB 2015-17
IF Isaac Paredes (Tigers '20) / SB 2016-17
IF Andruw Monasterio (Brewers '23) / SB 2016-17
C Jhonny Pereda (Marlins '24) / SB 2017
P Michael Rucker (Cubs '21) / SB 2017
P Scott Effross (Cubs '21) / SB 2016
P Tommy Nance (Cubs '21) / SB 2016
P Tyson Miller (Cubs '20) / SB 2017
P Jhon Romero (Nationals '21) / SB 2017
P Matt Swarmer (Cubs '22) / SB 2017
P Manuel Rodriguez (Cubs '21) / SB 2017-18
P Brendon Little (Cubs '22) / SB 2018-19
P Brandon Hughes (Cubs '22) / SB 2018-19
P Javier Assad (Cubs '22) / SB 2018
P Cory Abbott (Cubs '21) / SB 2018
P Erich Uelmen (Cubs '22) / SB 2018
P Brailyn Marquez (Cubs '20) / SB 2018-19
INF Nico Hoerner (Cubs '19) / SB 2018
C Teddy Payne (Cubs '21) / SB 2017-18
OF Nelson Velazquez (Cubs '22) / SB 2018-21
INF Jared Young (Cubs '22) / SB 2018
C Miguel Amaya (Cubs '23) / SB 2018
INF Christopher Morel (Cubs '22) / SB 2019
P Ethan Roberts (Cubs '22) / SB 2019
OF Alexander Canario (Cubs '23) / SB 2021-22
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 Hunter Bigge (Rays '24) / SB 2021-24
P DJ Herz (Nationals '24) / SB 2021-22
P Jordan Wicks (Cubs '23) / SB 2021-22
P Nicholas Padilla (Cubs '22) / SB 2021-22
P Jeremiah Estrada (Cubs '23) / SB 2022
P Anderson Espinoza (Cubs '22) / SB 2021
OF Pete Crow-Armstrong (Cubs '23) / SB 2022
INF Matt Mervis (Cubs '23) / SB 2022
P Daniel Palencia (Cubs '23) / SB 2022
P Porter Hodge (Cubs '24) / SB 2022
P Luke Little (Cubs '23) / SB 2022-23
INF Levi Jordan (Reds '24) / SB 2019
OF Kevin Alcantara (Cubs '24) / SB 2023
INF Matt Shaw (Cubs '25) / SB 2023
* Debuted on March 18 *
INF Cam Smith (Astros '25) / SB 2024
P Cade Horton (Cubs '25) / SB 2023
* Debuted on May 10 *
C Moises Ballesteros (Cubs '25) / SB 2023
* Debuted on May 13*
P Eduarniel Nunez (Padres '25) / SB 2021-23



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 in 9 innings – September 4, 2022 vs Lansing (Lansing won game 2-1).

- South Bend was no-hit in 7 innings, in Game 2 of a doubleheader vs the Great Lakes Loons on June 5, 2025.

CUBS REHAB ASSIGNMENTS – Dexter Fowler 2016, Jason Heyward 2016-2017, 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, Caleb Kilian 2024.

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 fence). The synagogue had not housed a congregation since 1991.

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

BUDDY BAILEY – Buddy Bailey, who sits in third place on the all-time Minor League Manager wins list, spent the 2019 season with the South Bend Cubs, 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.

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 #37 – 2025 marks the 37th season of South Bend being part of the Midwest League. It's also the 10-year anniversary of the Chicago Cubs making South Bend their MWL affiliate.

*South Bend All Time Record: 2443-2472 (Entering This Season)

*South Bend Cubs Record (2015-Present): 600-602 (Entering This Season)

HARD HATS REQUIRED – The 2024-25 off-season has brought along a 48-million-dollar construction project at Four Winds Field, being split into two phases in a project that promises to bring more people downtown over the next several decades. A new natural playing field is already finished at Four Winds Field. In addition, new seats have been installed, construction of the second deck is concluding, the Kids Fun Zone has moved to the right field corner, and the brand new splash pad is being wrapped up past the left-center field wall. 'Phase Two' of the construction project takes place following the conclusion of the 2025 Midwest League season.

EXTRA INNINGS – To this point in the 2025 season, South Bend is 2-7 in games going to extra innings.