

# CLEARWATER THRESHERS

## 2022 Official Game Notes

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Clearwater Threshers (21-34, 56-64) AT Lakeland Flying Tigers (28-26, 60-60)

### Thursday, September 1, 2022 - *DOUBLEHEADER*

Game #121/122 | Road Game #61/62 | 4:00 PM | Joker Marchant Stadium, Lakeland, FL

RHP Alex McFarlane (0-1, 3.00 ERA) vs. RHP Troy Melton (MiLB Debut) - GAME 1

RHP Starlyn Castillo (0-7, 8.35 ERA) vs. TBD - GAME 2

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#### ***LAST TIME OUT: WEDNESDAY NIGHT'S GAME POSTPONED DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER....***

The Clearwater Threshers offense exploded early and often in a 9-4 victory over the Lakeland Flying Tigers on Tuesday night at Publix Field at Joker Marchant Stadium. The Threshers (21-34, 56-64) opened the scoring in the first, pushing home four runs on five hits to grab an early 4-0 lead. First baseman Chad Castillo crushed a two-run ground-rule double to right-center, before Jordan Viars singled home two more runs. Castillo reached base all five times in the game and finished 4-for-4 with three RBI, while Viars picked up the first RBI's of his single-A career. Right-hander Estibenzon Jimenez made his single-A debut on the mound for Clearwater, allowing three runs on four hits with one walk and four strikeouts in four innings of work. Trailing 4-0 in the bottom of the first, the Flying Tigers (28-26, 60-60) responded immediately with three runs on two home runs by Manuel Sequera and Cristian Santana in the home half to trim the deficit to 4-3. Clinging to a 4-3 lead in the third, the Threshers tacked on two more with solo homers by Castillo and Troy Schreffler to push their lead to 6-3. The second long ball in the inning was Schreffler's first professional home run. Left-hander Matt Osterberg entered out of the Clearwater bullpen in the fifth and worked an impressive three scoreless innings. The lefty allowed only one hit and struck out three hitters, earning his second win of the season. Leading 6-3 in the seventh, the Threshers sent nine hitters to the plate for a second time in the game and added three more on a two-run infield single by Schreffler and an RBI groundout by Erick Brito to make it 9-3. Schreffler finished 3-for-5 with three RBI. Right-handers Daniel Harper and Carlos Betancourt finished the contest on the mound for the visitors, as Harper allowed one run on two hits before Betancourt tossed 1.1 scoreless innings with two strikeouts to preserve his second save of the year.

***FOR STARTERS:*** Right-hander Alex McFarlane is scheduled to make his second professional start in game one for the Threshers on Thursday...First outing: vs. Tampa on August 24, allowed only one run on three hits with an impressive six strikeouts in three innings of work, charged with loss...selected by Phillies in 4th round of 2022 MLB Draft out of University of Miami...Made 27 appearances, four starts with Hurricanes in 2022, finished with 3-2 record and 4.00 ERA, struck out 68 hitters in 45 innings pitched (second on the team), WHIP of 1.36...from St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands



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**SHARK BITES:** vs. Lakeland in 2022: 2-5, this marks the second and final meeting between the Threshers and Flying Tigers in 2022, Clearwater lost 5 of 6 to Lakeland at BayCare Ballpark on June 28-July 3...**KNOW THE FOE:** The Flying Tigers have surged in the second half, holding a 28-26 record and are 6 games out of the final playoff spot in the FSL West. Lakeland is 60-60 overall under manager Andrew Graham, a Sydney, Australia native. The Flying Tigers are 7-3 in their last 10 games ...**SERIES STRUGGLES:** After losing 4/6 to Tampa last week, the Threshers have only won back-to-back series once this season, when they took series from Dunedin and Daytona during the first two weeks of May...**NEW MONTH:** The Threshers finished the month of August 12-13...**CRAWFORDVILLE:** Prior to Justin Crawford's single-A debut on Thursday night, the 17th overall pick of the Phillies in 2022 was seeing the ball well at the Florida Complex League level. Crawford finished with 11 hits in 11 games, notched 5 RBI and stole 8 eight bases, he was hitting .300 overall... **NOT SO FUN FACT:** Clearwater has had six losing streaks of three games or more in the second half, *the Threshers are also 7-20 at home in the second half of the season*...**WHO'S HOT:** 1B Chad Castillo, a 9th round draft selection of the Phillies in 2022, reached base all five times and finished 4-for-4 with three RBI in Tuesday night's win...**DOUBLE TROUBLE:** The Threshers are 4-11 in doubleheader games this season, most recently splitting a DH with the Daytona Tortugas on August 20... **DEBUT PARADE:** Right-hander Estibenzon Jimenez made his single-A debut on the mound for Clearwater, allowing three runs on four hits with one walk and four strikeouts in four innings of work on Tuesday night...Newcomer OF Jordan Viars secured the first hit of his single-A career in the sixth inning of Sunday's loss and knocked home his first two runs with a two-run single in Tuesday night's win....**ON DECK:** Following this six-game set with the Flying Tigers, the Threshers will head home to battle the Bradenton Marauders in the in final homestand and series of the 2022 season, Sept 6-11

### Inside the Numbers:

Current Streak: W1

Last 10: 5-5

VS. Lakeland: 2-5

At Home: 26-34

On Road: 30-30

In August: 12-13 (7-17 July)

On Thursday's: 8-8

**IN DH GAMES: 4-11**

Team hitting at home: .223

Team hitting on road: .227

Night games: 47-42

Day games: 9-22

Team hitting in August: .229

Team ERA in August: 4.81

Team hitting vs. LHP: .217

Team hitting vs. RHP: .228

Following a win: 29-25

Following a loss: 26-37

Starters ERA: 4.36

Bullpen ERA: 3.42



### Diving Deeper - #19 RHP Alex McFarlane

**MCFARLANE, ALEXANDER JEFFREY...** RHP... B-T: R-R... HT: 6-4; WT: 215... BORN: June 9, 2001, St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands... HOW OBTAINED: Selected by Phillies in 4th round, 122nd overall in 2022 MLB DRAFT... High School: Was drafted in the 25th round, 755th overall by the St. Louis Cardinals...Struck out 69 batters as a pitcher and hit .479 with 33 runs scored in lone season playing for Habersham Central High School ...Named team MVP and best hitter in senior season at Habersham Central. Personal: Parents are Roy McFarlane and Tami Noel, has two brothers: Griffin and Whitney, Sports Administration major at University of Miami



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### CLEARWATER THRESHERS LATEST TRANSACTIONS

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- 2-Aug OF Chad Castillo activated and assigned to Clearwater Threshers (retroactive to 8/1)
- 2-Aug OF Cade Fergus activated and assigned to Clearwater Threshers (retroactive to 8/1)
- 2-Aug C Ryan Letich activated and assigned to Clearwater Threshers (retroactive to 8/1)
- 2-Aug C Caleb Ricketts activated and assigned to Clearwater Threshers (retroactive to 8/1)
- 2-Aug OF Troy Schreffler activated and assigned to Clearwater Threshers (retroactive to 8/1)
- 2-Aug C Arturo De Freitas assigned to Jersey Shore from Clearwater Threshers (retroactive to 8/1)
- 2-Aug OF Marcus Lee Sang assigned to Jersey Shore from Clearwater Threshers (retroactive to 8/1)
- 2-Aug RHP Rodolfo Sanchez assigned to Jersey Shore from Clearwater Threshers (retroactive to 8/1)
- 2-Aug INF Nicolas Torres assigned to Jersey Shore from Clearwater Threshers (retroactive to 8/1)
- 2-Aug INF Albert Jerez released from organization (retroactive to 7/31)
- 2-Aug INF McCarthy Tatum on MiLB Rehab assigned to Clearwater Threshers
- 5-Aug INF Matt Alifano activated and assigned to Clearwater Threshers
- 5-Aug INF Alexeis Azuaje reinstated from 7-Day Injured List, activated by Clearwater Threshers
- 5-Aug C Andrick Nava assigned to Jersey Shore from Clearwater Threshers
- 5-Aug INF Kendall Simmons assigned to Jersey Shore from Clearwater Threshers



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- 12-Aug RHP Daniel Harper assigned to Clearwater Threshers from Florida Complex League
- 12-Aug RHP Cam Wynne reinstated from 7-Day Injured List, activated by Clearwater Threshers
- 12-Aug RHP Jean Cabrera placed on Development List (retroactive to 8/11)
- 12-Aug RHP Eiberson Castellano placed on Development List (retroactive to 8/11)
- 12-Aug LHP Gabriel Cotto placed on Development List (retroactive to 8/11)
- 12-Aug RHP Buddy Hayward transferred to 60-Day Injured List (retroactive to 8/11)
- 12-Aug LHP Keylan Killgore on MiLB Rehab assigned to Clearwater Threshers
- 12-Aug C Anthony Quirion on MiLB Rehab assigned to Clearwater Threshers
- 12-Aug LHP Josh Hendrickson on MiLB Rehab assigned to Clearwater Threshers
- 16-Aug RHP Jack Dallas assigned to Clearwater Threshers from Florida Complex League (retroactive to 8/15)
- 16-Aug RHP Victor Vargas on MiLB Rehab assigned to Clearwater Threshers (retroactive to 8/15)
- 16-Aug LHP Samuel Aldegheri reinstated from 60-Day Injured List, assigned to Florida Complex League (retroactive to 8/15)
- 17-Aug C Nick Matera on MiLB Rehab assigned to Clearwater Threshers
- 23-Aug LHP Jordan Fowler placed on Development List (retroactive to 8/21)
- 23-Aug INF Alexeis Azuaje placed on 7-Day Injured List (retroactive to 8/22)
- 24-Aug RHP Orion Kerkering assigned to Clearwater Threshers from Florida Complex League
- 24-Aug RHP Alex McFarlane assigned to Clearwater Threshers from Florida Complex League



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- 24-Aug RHP Alex Rao assigned to Clearwater Threshers from Florida Complex League
- 24-Aug RHP Alex Garbrick placed on Development List
- 24-Aug RHP Cam Wynne placed on Development List
- 25-Aug OF Justin Crawford assigned to Clearwater Threshers from Florida Complex League
- 25-Aug INF Otto Kemp assigned to Clearwater Threshers from Florida Complex League
- 25-Aug RHP Nicoló Pina assigned to Clearwater Threshers from Florida Complex League
- 25-Aug OF Jordan Viars assigned to Clearwater Threshers from Florida Complex League
- 25-Aug LHP Andrew Walling assigned to Clearwater Threshers from Florida Complex League
- 25-Aug RHP Victor Lopez placed on Development List
- 25-Aug LHP Gabriel Yanez placed on Development List
- 25-Aug RHP Sam Jacobsak assigned to Jersey Shore from Clearwater Threshers
- 25-Aug INF Hao Yu Lee assigned to Jersey Shore from Clearwater Threshers
- 25-Aug OF Leandro Pineda assigned to Jersey Shore from Clearwater Threshers
- 26-Aug RHP Josh Bortka assigned to Clearwater Threshers from Florida Complex League
- 26-Aug OF Dakota Kotowski assigned to Clearwater Threshers from Florida Complex League
- 26-Aug C Ryan Leitch placed on 7-Day Injured List



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- 27-Aug OF Emaarion Boyd assigned to Clearwater Threshers from Florida Complex League
- 27-Aug LHP Matt Osterberg assigned to Reading from Clearwater Threshers
- 28-Aug LHP Jordan Fowler reinstated from Development List
- 28-Aug LHP Jordi Martinez assigned to Jersey Shore from Clearwater Threshers
- 30-Aug RHP Estibenzon Jimenez assigned to Clearwater Threshers from Florida Complex League
- 30-Aug LHP Matt Osterberg assigned to Clearwater Threshers from Reading
- 30-Aug OF Emaarion Boyd placed on Development List
- 30-Aug LHP Tristan Garnett assigned to Jersey Shore from Clearwater Threshers



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