

CLEARWATER THRESHERS

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Clearwater Threshers (14-28, 49-58) AT Daytona Tortugas (13-27, 42-63)

Tuesday, August 16, 2022

**Game #108 | Road Game #54 | 7:05 PM | Jackie Robinson Ballpark, Daytona Beach, FL
RHP Victor Vargas (MiLB Rehab) vs. RHP Sam Benschoter (3-4, 4.17 ERA)**

LAST TIME OUT: Despite grabbing a 2-1 lead in the fifth, the Clearwater Threshers dropped the six-game series finale to the St. Lucie Mets 8-2 on Sunday afternoon at BayCare Ballpark. Left-hander Josh Hendrickson, on MiLB rehab from Reading, made the start for Clearwater on the mound and allowed only one hit with seven strikeouts in four innings of work. The Mets (24-18, 64-43) opened the scoring in the fifth inning, using an RBI single by Blaine McIntosh off reliever Konnor Ash to make it 1-0. Trailing 1-0, the Threshers (14-28, 49-58) grabbed the lead on a walk and a two-run home run from Cade Fergus to make it 2-1. It was the second long ball of the season for Fergus but the only runs the Threshers would push across. Following Ash on the mound, the Threshers used the foursome of Alex Garbrick, Gabriel Yanez, Carlos Betancourt and Victor Lopez out of the bullpen. All four relievers allowed at least one run as the Mets went on to score in each of the final five innings, including a four-run ninth inning, to pull away and cruise to an 8-2 victory. The Threshers managed only five hits in the game and with the loss, dropped four of six games in the series. Clearwater will have Monday off, before hitting the road to open a six-game series with the Daytona Tortugas at Jackie Robinson Ballpark. First pitch on Tuesday night is scheduled for 7:05 p.m. and coverage on the **Threshers Broadcasting Network** will begin at 6:55 p.m.

FOR STARTERS: Right-hander **Victor Vargas**, from **High-A Jersey Shore**, is scheduled to make a rehab start for the Threshers on Tuesday night...Holds a 2-2 record with 3.34 ERA in 9 games (6 starts) in 2022...Overall in minor league career: 14-12, 4.71 ERA in 52 games...Placed on Injured List by Jersey Shore on May 18...Pitched in 13 games with Clearwater in 2021, held 4-1 record with 3.62 ERA. Struck out 54 hitters in 49.2 innings of work...from Cartagena, Colombia



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SHARK BITES: vs. Daytona in 2022: 5-1, this marks the second and final meeting between the Threshers and Tortugas in 2022, Clearwater secured 5 of 6 games from Daytona at home on May 10-15 ... **KNOW THE FOE:** The Tortugas hold the FSL's worst overall record at 42-63 under manager Gookie Dawkins, the Tortugas have remained in last place in the FSL's East Division in the second half with a 13-27 mark ... **HOME SWEET HOME:** The Threshers lead the Florida State League in attendance, welcoming in more than 120,000 fans through the BayCare Ballpark gates so far in 2022, including a league-high 8,017 for the July 3 contest.... **FUN FACT:** Despite missing nearly two months on the injured list, INF Hao Yu Lee is now 6th in the FSL in RBI with 48 ... **NOT SO FUN FACT:** Clearwater has had six losing streaks of three games or more in the second half, the Threshers are also 5-16 at home in the second half of the season.... **WHO'S HOT:** Newcomer Caleb Ricketts, a 7th round draft pick of the Phillies from the University of San Diego in June 2022, has already recorded 11 hits and four RBI, including a homer in his first eight games with the Threshers, INF Hao Yu Lee finished Sunday's loss 1-for-3 and is currently on a 7-game hitting streak... **WELCOME BACK:** INF Alexeis Azuaje has reached base at least once in every game since returning from the Injured List (where he was since May 24)... **ON DECK:** Following the six-game series in Daytona, the Threshers will return home to open the second to final homestand of the season against the Tampa Tarpons on August 23.

Inside the Numbers:

Current Streak: L3
Last 10: 4-6
VS. Daytona: 5-1
At Home: 24-30
On Road: 25-28
In August: 5-7 (7-17 July)
On Tuesday's: 5-10
Team hitting at home: .224
Team hitting on road: .227
Night games: 40-37
Day games: 9-21
Team hitting in August: .233
Team ERA in August: 5.26
Team hitting vs. LHP: .216
Team hitting vs. RHP: .228
Following a win: 27-21
Following a loss: 21-35
Starters ERA: 4.38
Bullpen ERA: 3.31



Diving Deeper - #17 RHP Victor Vargas

VARGAS, VÍCTOR DANIEL... RHP... B-T: R-R... HT: 6-1; WT: 200... BORN: September 3, 2000, Cartagena, Colombia... RESIDES: Cartagena... HOW OBTAINED: Signed by Phillies as an amateur free agent, 7/2/17... SIGNED BY: Rómulo Oliveros... 2021: His 8 wins overall were T-1st among all Phillies minor league pitchers... Began season with Clearwater (A)... Named Phillies Minor League Co-Pitcher of the Month for June... Posted a 2.11 ERA (5 ER, 21.1 IP) and 1.03 WHIP with 2 saves in 5 June games (3 starts)... Made 1 start with Lehigh Valley (AAA), 7/25... Joined Jersey Shore (A), 7/31... Participated in Florida Instructional League... 2020: Participated in FIL... 2019: Began season with Gulf Coast League Phillies East (R)... Promoted to Williamsport (A) on 8/9 for remainder of the season... In his 8 starts overall, posted a 0.91 ERA (3 ER, 29.2 IP)... Allowed 1 ER or none in 9 of 11 appearances... 2018: Began professional career with GCL Phillies West... Participated in FIL... 2017: Participated in FIL.



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CLEARWATER THRESHERS LATEST TRANSACTIONS

- 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)



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