



# AKRON RUBBERDUCKS GAME NOTES

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**Akron RubberDucks (0-1)**  
*Cleveland Guardians Double-A*  
LHP Parker Messick (4-1, 2.06 ERA)

**Erie SeaWolves (1-0)**  
*Detroit Tigers Double-A*  
LHP Carlos Pena (8-6, 3.49 ERA)

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Eastern League Southwest Divisional Series Game 2

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**September 17: SeaWolves 3, RubberDucks 0:** Austin Peterson struck out three and allowed one earned run over 5.2 innings, but Erie held Akron to one hit in the game one win on Tuesday night.

**Today's starting pitcher: Parker Messick** will make his 28th appearance of the season and 15th with Akron. The left-hander finished the regular season with 165 strikeouts between Akron and Lake County, which was fifth most in MiLB and second most in the Guardians organization. Messick faced Erie twice during the regular season both at UPMC Park. On July 4 he allowed five runs over 2.2 innings while striking out six, and on August 17, he tossed six innings allowing two runs while striking out eight. Between Akron and Lake County, Messick went 5-1 with a 2.85 ERA and 48 strikeouts over 41 innings in eight starts following a RubberDucks or Captains loss.

**21 Summer:** The Akron RubberDucks will be appearing in the playoffs for the first time since the 2021 League Championship season. The RubberDucks are making their 19th playoff appearance in franchise history (since 1989). Akron is 17-12 all-time in playoff series and 68-53 all-time in playoff games.

**Watson vs the Wolves: Kahlil Watson** has been great against the SeaWolves this season. In 14 regular season games against Erie, Watson hit .321/.377/.554 with three home runs, two doubles, five RBI and five stolen bases. He scored 18 runs against the SeaWolves this season.

**RBI Machine: CJ Kayfus** has come through big in RBI chances this season. In 67 games with Akron, Kayfus led the team with 55 RBI. In total between Akron and Lake County, Kayfus knocked in 92, which was tied with Johnathan Rodriguez for the Guardians organization lead at the end of Double-A regular season. During his time with Akron, Kayfus hit .510 with runners in scoring position. With RISP and two outs, that average rose to .538 with a 1.817 OPS.

**Hanner heroics: Bradley Hanner** enters the 2024 postseason with Akron after 84 regular season appearances with the RubberDucks. The right-handed reliever has led the team in wins each of the last two seasons with 8 out of the pen. In his Akron career, Hanner has 14 saves and 136 strikeouts over 120 innings pitched. Hanner struck out the side in the ninth on August 31 to finish off the save of Bowie and clinch a playoff spot for Akron in 2024.

**Best Friend:** The Akron RubberDucks turned 105 double plays during the regular season, which was third best in the Eastern League. The 105 double plays marked the first time Akron has turned triple digit double plays in a season since 2019.

**RubberDucks and SeaWolves:** Akron and Erie will meet for the fourth time this season. The two clubs split the regular season series 9-9. Akron was 5-4 against the SeaWolves at Canal Park and Erie was 5-4 against the RubberDucks at UPMC Park. 7 of the 18 games in 2024 were decided by one run with Akron going 4-3. In those games. This will be the second meeting between Akron and Erie in the playoffs with Akron winning the series 3-1 in 2007. Top prospects in this series include:

**Guardians (MLB.com):** #6 IF **CJ Kayfus**, #14 C **Cooper Ingle**, #19 LHP **Parker Messick**, #29 IF **Kahlil Watson**

**Tigers (MLB.com):** #17 IF Max Anderson, #27 RHP Eric Silva, #30 IF Gage Workman

**Playoff experience:** 13 members of the RubberDucks playoff roster enter the 2024 playoffs with previous playoff experience in professional baseball (**Alaska Abney, Trenton Denholm, Aaron Davenport, Bradley Hanner, Tommy Mace, Davis Sharpe, Lenny Torres Jr., Kody Huff, Dayan Frias, Milan Tolentino, Yordys Valdes, Jorge Burgos** and **Alexfri Planez**). 11 of those 13 had their playoff experience with the Cleveland organization (**Hanner** with MIN org and **Huff** with COL org). Manager **Greg DiCenzo** was the manager of Lake County during their playoff appearance in 2022.

**Duck Tales of the regular season:** The Akron RubberDucks finished the regular season 80-58, which was the best record in the Eastern League and most wins by an Akron club since the 2012 Akron Aeros. The RubberDucks won the southwest division in the second half with 43 wins (tied with Somerset for most wins in EL second half). Akron arms worked to a 3.18 ERA (best in EL and third best in Double-A) while tossing 15 shutouts (fourth most in Double-A). RubberDucks batters hit .323/.313/.363 in the regular season with 113 homers, 189 doubles and 534 RBI. Akron averaged 4 runs per game.

**Clutch Ducks:** The Akron RubberDucks have been incredibly clutch in the late innings this season. 27 of Akron's 80 victories this season have come with the go-ahead run being scored in the eighth inning or later. 24 of those 80 wins have come in the RubberDucks last at-bat. The RubberDucks have won 12 games in which they trailed in the seventh inning or later. Akron has 11 walk-off wins this year with six of those 11 coming on Sunday games. The RubberDucks are 33-26 in one-run games and 5-7 in extra innings.

**Scoring First:** The Akron RubberDucks had the most wins in the Eastern League when scoring first with 63 victories. In games against the SeaWolves this season, the RubberDucks are 8-7 when scoring the game's first run.

## UPCOMING PROBABLE PITCHERS (ALL TIMES EASTERN) – SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Friday, Sept. 20 6:35 p.m. TBA

at Erie RHP Garrett Burhenn (6-1, 3.91 ERA) (if necessary)



DOUBLE-A AFFILIATE OF THE CLEVELAND GUARDIANS





## 2024 RUBBERDUCKS FIELD STAFF

**#26 Manager Greg DiCenzo** enters his fourth season with the Guardians organization. The 2024 season will be DiCenzo's first as RubberDucks manager, and third as a manager in the Guardians organization. He becomes the 19th manager in Akron franchise history (since 1989).

Prior to becoming Triple-A Columbus' bench coach in 2023, DiCenzo spent the 2021 and 2022 seasons as the manager in High-A Lake County. He guided the Captains to a 141-108 record in his two seasons including a Midwest League finals appearance in 2022.

A native of Duxbury, MA, DiCenzo was the head baseball coach at Holy Cross for 12 seasons prior to joining the Cleveland organization. The Crusaders went 137-109 in Patriot League play during his tenure, including a 2017 Patriot League Championship, and posted 20-win seasons in 10 of those 12 years.

**#38 Hitting Coach Jordan Becker** enters his fifth season with the Guardians and first with the RubberDucks. In 2023, Becker served as the hitting coach for Lake County.

Becker joined the Cleveland organization in 2019 after a collegiate coaching career that saw stops at Riverside Community College and New Mexico State University.

**#50 Assistant Hitting Coach Amanda Kamekona** enters her second year with the Guardians organization and first season with [Akron](#). Kamekona spent 2023 as the hitting development coach on the Arizona Complex Academy staff.

Kamekona is the first female on-the-field coach in RubberDucks history. She played professional softball on the PFX Tour from 2010-2011 and the NPF tour from 2011-2019 where she was a three-time National Champion. Kamekona started her coaching career as an assistant softball coach at Limestone College before becoming the head softball coach at Brevard College. She also has head coaching stops at Bishop Amat High School and CA Bombers Fastpitch.

**Pitching Coach Cody Buckel** enters his sixth season in the Guardians organization and first season with the RubberDucks. Prior to coming to Akron, Buckel was the pitching strategist for the Columbus Clippers for the 2022 and 2023 seasons.

After starting his coaching career as a pitching coach in the Seattle Mariners organization, Buckel has spent time in the both the dugout and front office for Cleveland serving as the pitching resource coordinator and assistant director of pitching development before joining the Clippers field staff in 2022.

**#32 Assistant Pitching Coach Michael Poole** enters his second season in the Guardians organization and first season with the RubberDucks. Prior to joining the RubberDucks, Poole was the pitching development coach on the Arizona Complex Academy staff.

A native of Akron, Poole played at Cuyahoga Community College and Lake Erie College before starting his coaching career at Inspiration Academy (FL) in 2019. Poole was an assistant coach at LSU-Eunice for the Bengals D2 JUCO World Series Championship season in 2021.

**#28 Bench Coach Kyle Lindquist** enters his fifth season in the Guardians organization and first season in Akron. Prior to coming to Akron, Lindquist spent 2023 as the bench coach for Lake County.

A native of Columbus, Lindquist played at Marietta College (Ohio) and was a three-time All-OAC selection, 2012 All-American and member of the back-to-back National Championship teams in 2011 and 2012. After starting his coaching career at Marietta, Lindquist spent five seasons as an assistant coach at Denison University and one season at Davidson before joining the Cleveland organization.

**#45 Bullpen Coach Seth Caddell** enters his first season as a coach in the Guardians organization after spending the last three seasons as a catcher in the Cleveland organization. Signed out of East Carolina, Caddell last played for the RubberDucks in 2023.

**Athletic Trainer Derrick Diaz** enters his seventh season in the Guardians organization and first season with the RubberDucks. Prior to coming to Akron, Diaz served as the head athletic trainer for the Dominican Republic Complex in 2023. Named the 2021 PBATS Athletic Trainer of the Year for the Dominican Summer League. Also serves as the Assistant DR Medical Coordinator.

**Assistant Athletic Trainer Karina Gonzalez** enters her second season in the Guardians organization and first season in [Akron](#). Prior to joining the RubberDucks, Gonzalez served as an athletic trainer at the Arizona Complex. Gonzalez graduated from Sonoma State University (CA) in 2012 with a degree in kinesiology and earned a Master's degree in athletic training from Thomas Jefferson University (PA) in 2020. She earned a doctorate in athletic training from Indiana State University in 2022.

**Strength and Conditioning Coach Mo Cuevas** enters his ninth season with the Guardians organization and second season in Akron. Prior to joining the RubberDucks, Cuevas served as the rehab strength and conditioning coach in 2022. Earned a Bachelors and Master's degree in Exercise Science at East Stroudsburg University.

**Tech Assistant Henry Haracz** enters his first season in Akron after spending last season in Lake County.

### We Are the RubberDucks

On October 29, 2013, team owner **Ken Babby** and general manager **Jim Pfander** stood before a capacity audience at the Akron Civic Theater and announced that the team would be known henceforth as the **Akron RubberDucks**. In addition to being symbolic of the fun, family-friendly brand of entertainment offered by minor league baseball, the name also honors Akron's long history as the "**Rubber Capital of the World**." Brandiose Marketing of San Diego, California designed the team logo, colors, and various marks and insignias. Please note that for print coverage, *RubberDucks* is spelled as one word with a capital "D." In broadcast coverage, referring to the team as "*the 'Ducks*" is an acceptable variation of the team's nickname.

**#7 AARON BRACHO** IF, L/R **El Tigre, VZ**  
**Twitter:** IG: @aaronbracho3 **2017 FA**

Last (9/17vERI) 0-1 **Streak -2** (0-5, bi, 2k)  
**Series** 0-1 **'24 Long Hit** 11 (7/3-19)  
**H-Stand** 3-19, d, bi, 6k **'24 Long OBS** 14 (6/28-7/20)  
**'24/Career High:** 3/5 H, 2/2 R, 1/2 2B, 1/1 3B, 1/2 HR, 3/5 RBI, 1/1 SB  
**4-yr MiLB Totals thru '23:** 292 g, .217, 41 hr, 153 rbi, 9 sb, .711 ops

On injured list from June 18-27 with right hamstring strain.  
**2023 Highlights:**  

- Career highs in games (104), hits (90), doubles (14), homers (18) and RBI (59)... hit .245 with 3 stolen bases and .781 OPS.
- Career switch hitter until early in season...batted only left-handed from April 12 on.
- Eastern League Player of the Week for Week 17 (12-24, 2D, T, HR, 7RBI) vs Erie.

**2022:** With High-A Lake County, posted then career highs in games (80), hits (48), doubles (13), and RBI (45), while hitting .184 with 8 HR, .605 OPS.  

- **2021:** Ranked Cleveland's No. 15 prospect (MLB.com)...Played 70 games for High-A Lake County (.174, 9 doubles, 7 HR, 27 RBI, .568 OPS).
- **2020:** Ranked Cleveland's No. 9 prospect (MLB.com)...Was Cleveland's youngest player (19) participating in the Alternate Training Site at Lake County.
- **2019:** Played 30 games in pro debut with AZL affiliate (.296, 6 HR, 29 RBI, .593 SLG, 1.009 OPS)...Missed a month with an oblique injury...played 8 games with short-season Mahoning Valley (6-for-27, 2 HR, 4 RBI, .825 OPS).
- **2018:** Fractured his right arm in May that postponed his professional debut.
- **2017:** Ranked among top 30 international prospects (MLB.com)...Reportedly received the largest signing bonus in Cleveland's international class (\$1.5 million).

**#22 JORGE BURGOS** OF, L/L **Sanare, VZ**  
**Twitter:** IG: @jorge\_burgos45 **2019 (FA)**

Last (9/15vHFD) 1-4, r, bb, 2k **Streak +1** (1-4, r, bb, 2k)  
**Series** **'24 Long Hit** 9 (7/14-30)  
**H-Stand** 1-19, r, bi, bb, 8k **'24 Long OBS** 12 (7/14-8/3)  
**'24/Career High:** 3/3 H, 2/4 R, 2/4 2B, 0/1 3B, 1/2 HR, 4/5 RBI, 1/1 SB  
**4-yr MiLB Totals thru '23:** 307 g, .266, 14 hr, 149 rbi, 22 sb, .723 ops

Opened the season with Lake County batting .233 with 14 doubles, 15 home runs and 48 RBI over 71 games...Transferred to Akron on August 26.  

- Named Midwest League Player of the Week on 6/24 after knocking two home runs and batting .400.

**2023 Highlights:**  

- Played in 94 games for High-A Lake County batting .238 with 15 doubles, seven home runs and 46 RBI.
- Hit a grand slam on first pitch he saw in High-A.
- Hit Lake County's most recent walk-off home run on 5/30/2023 in his only pro multi-HR game to end Quad Cities' 12-game winning streak.

**2022:** Played 105 games for High-A Lynchburg batting .278 with 18 doubles, six home runs and 66 RBI...Finished the season sixth in the Carolina League in average and tied seventh in RBI.  

- **2021:** Played in 31 games for ACL Cleveland batting .353 with 11 doubles and 14 RBI...Finished the season playing in 23 games for Lynchburg batting .293 with five doubles, nine RBI and first professional home run.
- **2019:** Signed with Cleveland...Made professional debut for DSL Cleveland batting .276 with 16 doubles and 14 RBI.
- **Personal:** Born in Barquisimeto, VZ, the same birthplace as current Guardians Andres Gimenez and Carlos Carrasco as well as former Cleveland 2B/UTIL Josh Barfield.

**#13 DAYAN FRÍAS** IF, S/R **Cartagena, Colombia**  
**Twitter:** @FriasDayan IG: @dayanfrías\_77 **2018 (FA)**

Last (9/17vERI) 0-3, k **Streak -1** (0-3, k)  
**Series** 0-3, k **'24 Long Hit** 8 (5/17-28)  
**H-Stand** 4-18, r, d, 2bi, 4k **'24 Long OBS** 12 (5/17-6/1)  
**'24/Career High:** 3/4 H, 3/3 R, 2/2 2B, 1/1 3B, 1/1 HR, 4/4 RBI, 1/3 SB  
**4-yr MiLB Totals thru '23:** 302 g, .255, 21 hr, 134 rbi, 29 sb, .746 ops

Enters the season ranked as the Guardians #19/#30 prospect (Keith Law/MLB.com).  

- First RubberDucks batter since Bo Naylor in 2021 to have multiple grand slams in a season.

**2023 Highlights:**  

- Spent season with High-A Lake County batting .260/.356/.426 with a career-high 11 home runs and 49 RBI...Earned Midwest League Player of the Week honors after recording 10 hits, one home run and seven RBI during the Week of 7/18-23
- Played in all four games for Team Colombia in the World Baseball Classic going 3-for-13 with two RBI.

**2022:** Played a career-high 120 games for Single-A Lynchburg batting .239/.344/.330 with six home runs and 46 RBI. Recorded a career-high 106 hits.  

- **2021:** Played 42 games with ACL affiliate batting .322/.420/.520 with four home runs and 28 RBI...Named ACL Post-Season All-Star.
- **2019:** Played 40 games for DSL affiliate batting .216 with 15 RBI, 37 walks and 10 steals.
- **2018:** Signed by Cleveland during the 2018-19 International Signing Period on 7/2/18) in the same class as former RubberDucks Angel Martinez and Gabriel Rodriguez.

**Personal:** Trained by his father David and former MLB infielder Orlando Cabrera.

**#9 KODY HUFF** C, R/R **Stanford**  
**Twitter:** @kodyhuff2 IG: @kodyhuff2 **2023 (Trade)**

Last (9/17vERI) 0-2, bb, k **Streak -1** (0-2, bb, k)  
**Series** 0-2, bb, k **'24 Long Hit** 8 (8/31-9/12)  
**H-Stand** 4-14, 4r, d, hr, bi, 2bb, k **'24 Long OBS** 15 (8/15-9/12)  
**'24/Career High:** 4/5 H, 1/3 R, 1/2 2B, 1/1 3B, 1/1 HR, 2/5 RBI, 1/1 SB  
**2-yr MiLB Totals thru '23:** 95 g, .254, 5 hr, 41 rbi, 3 sb, .716 ops

**2023 Highlights:**  

- Acquired by Cleveland on 11/17/23 from Colorado in exchange for RHP Cal Quantrill.
- Played in 86 games for High-A Fresno batting .262 with five home runs, 14 doubles, 36 RBI...Committed just four errors and caught 29 runners stealing (third most among California League catchers) in 82 games (76 starts)...Went 5-for-6 with a run scored and two RBI on 4/7/23 against San Jose...Named 2023 California League Defensive Catcher of the Year by Baseball America.
- **2022:** Made professional debut playing nine games for Rockies ACL affiliate going 4-for-25 with five RBI...Selected by the Rockies in the seventh round (206 overall) out of Stanford after batting .284 with 18 home runs and 88 RBI in three seasons for the Cardinal.
- **College:** Member of the 2022 PAC-12 championship team...All PAC-12 First Team in 2022 after batting .315 with 21 doubles, 13 home runs and 51 RBI in 65 games (started 64 at catcher)...Two-time CoSIDA Academic All-District (2021-22)...Two-time PAC-12 Academic Honor Roll (2021-22)...Went 3-for-4 with a grand slam, double and five RBI in Stanford's Super Regional clinching win over UConn (6/13/22)...Hit .333 with nine runs scored, two homers and 10 RBI in the 2022 postseason...Hit a pair of grand slams vs UC Irvine on 6/5/21.
- **High School:** Drafted in 32nd round out of high school in 2019 by the Tampa Bay Rays (did not sign)...Attended Horizon High School in Scottsdale, Arizona...Member of the 2019 5A State Champions and 2019 Arizona Central/Arizona Republic Team of the Year...2019 Arizona Central/Arizona Republic Player of the Year
- **Family:** Father, Tim Huff, pitched in the Toronto Blue Jays organization for two seasons. Uncle, Ken Huff, played two seasons in the Minnesota Twins and Arizona Diamondbacks organizations. Uncle, Kevin Huff, played college baseball at the University of Arizona. Aunt, Laura Huff, played college volleyball and softball at Grand Canyon.

**#8 COOPER INGLE** C, L/R **Clemson**  
**Twitter:** @IngleCooper IG: @thecooperingle **2023 (4th round)**

Last (9/17vERI) 0-4, k **Streak -1** (0-4, k)  
**Series** 0-4, k **'24 Long Hit** 13 (5/17-6/6)  
**H-Stand** 6-16, 2r, 2d, 3bi, bb, 2k **'24 Long OBS** 14 (multiple)  
**'24/Career High:** 3/3 H, 3/3 R, 2/2 2B, 1/1 3B, 1/1 HR, 4/4 RBI, 1/1 SB  
**1-yr MiLB Totals thru '23:** 17 g, .288, 0 hr, 10 rbi, 2 sb, .849 ops

Promoted to Akron on Aug. 12...Played in 68 games for Lake County batting .313 with nine home runs, 18 doubles and 55 RBI.  

- Lake County single-season (.433 in '24) and career (.439) franchise record holder for OBP.

**2023 Highlights:**  

- Made professional debut playing in 17 games for High-A Lake County batting .288 with five doubles and 10 RBI.
- Drafted in the 4th round (125 overall) in the 2023 MLB Draft out of Clemson.
- **College:** Hit .329 with 112 runs scored, 29 doubles, 14 home runs and 81 RBI in 3 seasons at Clemson...Only struck out 62 times in 483 career at bats...Earned third-team All-ACC honors and team's Defensive MVP Award in 2023 after batting .328 with 60 runs scored, 16 doubles, six home runs and 34 RBI...Earned All-ACC Tournament honor and Clemson Regional All-Tournament selection in 2023...Played in 54 games (all starts) in 2022 batting .351 with 52 runs, 13 doubles, eight homers and 44 RBI...Played for Chatham in Cape Cod League in 2022 batting .252 with a homer, five doubles and eight RBI in 42 games.
- **High School:** Four-year varsity letterman at A.C. Reynolds (NC) High School...set school career records for hits, RBI and on-base percentage...No. 1 catcher in NC by Perfect Game.

**#12 CJ KAYFUS** 1B, L/L **Miami (FL)**  
**Twitter:** @CJ\_K3121 IG: @ckayfus **2023 (3rd round)**

Last (9/17vERI) 0-4, 3k **Streak -1** (0-4, 3k)  
**Series** 0-4, 3k **'24 Long Hit** 8 (5/21-30)  
**H-Stand** 4-14, r, 2d, 3bi, 2bb, k, sf **'24 Long OBS** 20 (5/17-6/12)  
**'24/Career High:** 4/4 H, 3/3 R, 2/2 2B, 1/1 3B, 2/2 HR, 6/6 RBI, 1/1 SB  
**1-yr MiLB Totals thru '23:** 17 g, .271, 4 hr, 19 rbi, 5 sb, .971 ops

Promoted to Akron on June 3...Played in 40 games for Lake County batting .338 with seven home runs, 12 doubles and 37 RBI.  

- Tied an Akron single-game record by walking four times on 7/1 against Erie.

**2023 Highlights:**  

- Made professional debut playing in 17 games for Single-A Lynchburg batting .271 with four doubles, four home runs and 19 RBI.
- Reached base in 14 of 17 games.
- Recorded a hit in four of his last five games (.533 with two home runs, 11 RBI, four runs scored and five walks).
- Drafted in the 3rd round (93 overall) in the 2023 MLB Draft out of Miami (FL).
- **College:** College teammate at Miami of former RubberDucks pitcher Andrew Walters...Batted .350 with 24 home runs and 98 RBI in 162 games for the Hurricanes...Earned Second Team All-ACC honors in final two years at Miami...In 2023, finished 13<sup>th</sup> in the ACC in OBP (.464), 14<sup>th</sup> in runs scored (61) and 17<sup>th</sup> in batting average (.347)...Hurricanes Team MVP and All-ACC academic team in 2022...Reached base in 60 of 62 games for Miami...Played in 29 games for the Cotuit Kettleers of the Cape Cod league in 2022 batting .302 with one home run, two doubles and 14 RBI...Named CCBL All-Star in 2022
- **High School:** Four-year varsity letterman playing final three seasons at Palm Beach Central after beginning high school career at Cherry Creek...Batted .556 as a senior...Full name: Collin Joseph Kayfus.

**#4 JOE LAMPE OF, L/R Arizona State**  
**Twitter: @joelampe5 IG: @joelampe5 2022 (3rd round)**  
 Last (9/17VERI) 0-2, bb **Streak -3** (0-7, bb, k)  
 Series 0-2, bb **'24 Long Hit 8** (6/15-26)  
 H-Stand 3-16, r, 2k, sb **'24 Long OBS 16** (6/5-26)  
**'24/Career High: 3/4 H, 3/3 R, 2/2 2B, 1/1 3B, 1/2 HR, 4/5 RBI, 1/2 SB**

**2-yr MiLB Totals thru '23: 114 g, .231, 5 hr, 51 rbi, 21 sb, .658 ops**

**2023 Highlights:**

- Played in 111 games for High-A Lake County batting .235 with five home runs, 17 doubles, 50 RBI and 21 stolen bases...Went 4-for-4 with two home runs and five RBI against West Michigan on 5/23/23.
- **2022:** Made professional debut playing three games for Single-A Lynchburg going 1-for-10 with a RBI...Selected by the Guardians in the third round (92 overall) out of Arizona State after batting .321 with 15 home runs and 68 RBI in two seasons for the Sun Devils.
- **College:** Earned Perfect Game Third-Team All-American honors for the 2022 season after batting .340 with 37 extra-base hits and 41 RBI...Earned Pac-12 All-Defensive Team honors in 2021 after not committing an error in PAC-12 games all season in center field...Sun Devils best hitter with a runner on third and less than two outs in 2021 with 13 RBI and a .684 average in 19 chances...Teammate at Arizona State with RubberDucks pitcher Tyler Thornton...Started college career at San Rosa College batting .424 with eight triples, seven doubles, a home run, 25 RBI and 17 steals.
- **High School:** Played 65 games for Casa Grande High School in California batting .342 with 44 RBI and 57 runs scored...Recorded more walks than strikeouts each year.

**#10 GUY LIPSCOMB OF, L/R Belmont**  
**Twitter: @guylip7 IG: @guylipscomb 2022 (5th round)**

Last (9/17VERI) 0-4, 2k **Streak -1** (0-4, 2k)  
 Series 0-4, 2k **'24 Long Hit 8** (5/1-10)  
 H-Stand 3-14, r, d, hr, bi, bb, 4k **'24 Long OBS 16** (5/1-21)  
**'24/Career High: 4/4 H, 3/3 R, 2/2 2B, 1/1 3B, 1/1 HR, 3/3 RBI, 2/3 SB**

**1-yr MiLB Totals thru '23: 75 g, .263, 1 hr, 45 rbi, 48 sb, .737 ops**

- Opened the season in Lake County playing in 67 games batting .278 with three home runs, 34 RBI, 26 SB...Ranked 10th in Midwest League in stolen bases at time of promotion...Transferred to Akron on July 29.
  - Hit walk-off fielder's choice in 6/15 game that clinched the first half division title for the Captains.
  - Named Cleveland's fastest baserunner by Baseball America in preseason best tools list.
- 2023 Highlights:**
- Played in 75 games for Single-A Lynchburg batting .263 with one home run, 45 RBI and 48 stolen bases.
  - 48 steals lead Cleveland's PD system.
  - Missed time from 7/6-8/22 due to a left wrist fracture.
  - **College:** Drafted in the fifth round out of Belmont...Lifetime .354 hitter in two seasons for the Bruins...Hit .406 with 42 stolen bases in 2022, became the first D-1 player with a .400+ average and 40+ stolen bases since Bryson Miles (Stephen F. Austin) in 2011...3rd Team All-American and Ohio Valley Conference POTY in 2022...Played 35 games in freshman season starting 33 of those...Led the team in stolen bases with 14, ranking top 10 in OVC...Hit .259 with 21 runs scored, three doubles and six RBI...Recorded a hit in eight of Belmont's final nine games as a freshman.
  - **High School:** Attended Franklin High School in Franklin, Tenn...Earned All-District and Defensive Player of the Year honors in his junior season while hitting .304...Also competed in football earning All-State honors...Ran for 270 yards, snagged 54 receiving yards and added an interception against school rival Centennial his senior season.

**#33 ALEXFRI PLANEZ OF, R/R Caracas, VZ**  
**Twitter: IG: @ajplanez33 2017 FA**

Last (9/15VHFD) 1-3, d, bi, k **Streak +1** (1-3, d, bi, k)  
 Series **'24 Long Hit 9** (6/1-12)  
 H-Stand 3-16, r, d, 2bi, 2bb, 5k **'24 Long OBS 9** (6/1-12)  
**'24/Career High: 4/4 H, 3/4 R, 2/2 2B, 1/2 3B, 2/2 HR, 4/5 RBI, 2/2 SB**

**5-yr MiLB Totals thru '23: 266 g, .265, 45 hr, 160 rbi, 23 sb, .771 ops**

**2023 Highlights:**

- Played 23 games for Leones Del Caracas in winter ball going 3-for-31 with one home run, one double and three RBI.
- Opened season on injured list with ankle injury...Activated on June 2...Played seven games for Akron batting .261 with two doubles and one RBI...Placed on injured list on July 1 with a season ending foot fracture.
- **2022:** Played in 89 games with Lake County (High-A) batting .251 with 19 HR, 63 RBI and .766 OPS...5th in Midwest League in HR (19; 5th most in organization as well), slugging percentage (.477), T6th in extra base hits (40).
- **2021:** Played in a career-high 103 games with Low-A Lynchburg (.264, 16 HR, 53 RBI, .755 OPS)...Finished T5th in Low-A East in HR (16), 7th in slugging percentage (.462), T6th in hits (103), 2nd in total bases (180) and T5th in extra base hits (40)...16 homers and 180 total bases each ranked fifth in the system.
- **2019:** Played in six games with AZL Cleveland Blue (.333, 1 HR, 3 RBI).
- **2018:** Made pro debut with DSL Cleveland. Appeared in 61 games batting .279 with 9 HR and 40 RBI.

**#11 MILAN TOLENTINO IF, L/R Santa Margarita Catholic (CA) HS**  
**Twitter: @milantolentino IG: @milantolentino 2020 (4th round)**

Last (9/17VERI) 1-3, 2k **Streak +2** (2-7, r, k)  
 Series 1-3, 2k **'24 Long Hit 8** (5/12-24)  
 H-Stand 3-14, 2r, bb, 4k **'24 Long OBS 8** (5/12-5/24)  
**'24/Career High: 3/4 H, 2/4 R, 2/3 2B, 1/1 3B, 2/2 HR, 2/5 RBI, 1/2 SB**

**3-yr MiLB Totals thru '23: 260 g, .258, 16 hr, 125 rbi, 46 sb, .726 ops**

Earned MiLB Play of the Week and Play of the Month [honors](#) for sliding grab on April 23. Eastern League Player of the Month in July after batting .366/.402/.610 and led the league in average, hits (30), total bases (50), slugging percentage and OPS (1.012).

**2023 highlights:**

- Played 18 games for Aguilas De Mexicali in winter ball batting .357 with four doubles and one RBI.
- Promoted from Lake County to Akron on Aug. 4...Played 32 games for the RubberDucks batting .207 with four doubles, 15 runs scored and six RBI.
- Played in 67 games with the Captains (High-A) batting .260 with five home runs, 16 doubles, 25 RBI and 12 walks...Earned Midwest League Player of the Month honors for July batting .376/.398/.570 leading the league in runs (20), hits (35), total bases (53) and sac-fly (4).
- **2022:** Opened the season with Single-A Lynchburg batting .333 with one home run, 12 doubles and 26 RBI...Transferred to High-A Lake County batting .221 with three home runs, 28 RBI and 21 stolen bases in 66 games...Ranked second in the PD system in steals (29), doubles (30), fourth in OBP (.381) and walks (76).
- **2021:** Made professional debut for ACL Cleveland (32 games, .301, six HR, 31 RBI)...Finished the season with Single-A Lynchburg batting .206 with one home run, nine RBI.
- **2020:** Drafted by Cleveland in the fourth round (124th selection)...had been committed to UCLA.
- **High School:** Ranked 45th overall player in the country and sixth in CA...Attended Santa Margarita Catholic High School (CA)...Started at short in all nine games of the 2019 WBSC U-18 Baseball World Cup for Team USA finishing the tournament with eight hits, five runs scored and four RBI.
- **Personal:** Son of Jose Tolentino, who is an Angels broadcaster and was on the 1983 CWS champion Texas Longhorns before playing 15-year professional career including one year in the big leagues (1991 Houston)...Jose managed Team Mexico in the 2008 Beijing Olympics and was the first base coach and bench coach for Team Mexico in the 2006 and 2009 World Baseball Classic...Brother Patric played nine games for the Akron Aeros in 2012.

**#29 TYRESSE TURNER IF, S/R Southern Cal**  
**Twitter: @TurnerTyresse IG: @tyresse.a.t 2022 (13th round)**

Last (9/11VHFD) 1-2, r, bb, k, sb **Streak +3** (5-10, 3r, d, t, bi, bb, 3k)  
 Series **'24 Long Hit 7** (7/28-8/7)  
 H-Stand 3-6, 2r, d, bb, k, sb **'24 Long OBS 14** (7/28-8/28)  
**'24/Career High: 3/3 H, 2/2 R, 1/1 2B, 0/1 3B, 1/1 HR, 3/5 RBI, 2/2 SB**

**1-yr MiLB Totals thru '23: 65 g, .238, 3 hr, 23 rbi, 30 sb, .677 ops**

- Opened the season with Lake County playing in 58 games batting .249 with three home runs, 21 RBI and 17 stolen bases...Hit .400 in eight games prior to being transferred to Akron (12-30, two doubles, two RBI)...Transferred to Akron Aug. 12.
  - Started time with Akron on Dev. List...Activated on 8/20...Homered in first Double-A game.
- 2023 Highlights:**
- Opened the season with Single-A Lynchburg batting .233 with two home runs and 21 RBI while stealing 26 bases in 52 games...Transferred to Lake County on Aug. 15 and played in 13 games with the Captains batting .267 with one home run and two RBI while swiping four bases...His 30 steals were fourth most in the Guardians organization.
  - Drafted by Cleveland in the 13th round out of USC in 2022...Played in 51 games as a senior named to All-Pac-12 Team after he posted a slash line of .330/.419/.524 and set career-highs in almost every statistical category...Played in 108 games in four seasons for the Trojans batting .296 with 20 doubles, nine home runs, 49 RBI and 40 stolen bases (caught just seven times)...Led USC in steals each of his last three seasons...Originally drafted by Miami in the 38th round in 2019 out of Gahr (CA) High School.

**#1 YORDYS VALDÉS IF, S/R McArthur (FL) HS**  
**Twitter: IG: @yordysvaldes\_7 2019 (2nd round)**

Last (9/17VERI) 0-1, bb **Streak -2** (0-5, r, 2bb, k)  
 Series 0-1, bb **'24 Long Hit 10** (6/21-7/3)  
 H-Stand 2-13, 2r, bi, 3bb, 5k, sb, cs **'24 Long OBS 13** (6/18-7/3)  
**'24/Career High: 3/3 H, 3/3 R, 1/2 2B, 1/1 3B, 1/1 HR, 2/3 RBI, 1/5 SB**

**4-yr MiLB Totals thru '23: 327 g, .224, 8 hr, 121 rbi, 60 sb, .565 ops**

**2023 Highlights:**

- Played in 79 games for High-A Lake County batting .236 with three home runs, 15 doubles (career-high), 30 RBI and 16 stolen bases.
- **2022:** Started the season with Single-A Lynchburg playing 101 games batting .243 with three home runs, 56 RBI and 13 stolen bases...Finished the season playing 11 games for High-A Lake County batting .243 with two RBI.
- **2021:** Played 93 games for Lynchburg batting .212 with 12 doubles, 22 RBI and 16 stolen bases.
- **2019:** Played 43 games for ACL affiliate batting .179 with two home runs, 11 RBI and 15 stolen bases.
- Drafted by Cleveland in the second round (63 overall) out of McArthur High School in Hollywood, FL...Played for former Major Leaguer Oddibe McDowell at McArthur High School...Born in La Habana, Cuba...Father, Oscar, played outfield for the Cuban National Team...Given the [nickname](#) "Mr. Hands" by a high school teammate because of his defensive ability.

# RUBBERDUCKS HITTERS

Hitters	Pinch Hitting	Multi-Hit Games					Multi-RBI Games						Home Runs											
		T	2	3	4	5	Last	T	2	3	4	5	6	Last	T	Solo	2R	3R	GS	Leadoff	Tying	Go-ahead	Walk-off	Last
Bracho	1-2	22	19	3			8/22vHBG	12	7	5				8/14@ERI	8	3	3	2			1	6		8/23vHBG
Burgos	0-1	1	1				8/29VBOW	3	3					9/6@RIC	3	1	2				1	1		9/6@RIC
Cairo	1-1	9	8	1			6/2vNH	3	3					5/28vNH	2	2								4/26@ALT
DeLauter		7	6	1			8/16@ERI	4	2	1	1			8/15@ERI	5	3		2				1		8/18@ERI
Donovan	0-1																							
Frias	0-1	11	9	2			8/24vHBG	11	8		3			9/12vHFD	5	2	1		2		1	2		8/2@HGB
Furman		1	1				6/9@POR	1		1				6/9@POR										
Halpin		18	14	4			8/20vHBG	10	5	5				7/31@HGB	12	8	2	2		1	2	5		8/10-1vREA
Huff	2-2	17	14	2	1		9/10vHFD	6	5	1				8/20vHBG	7	4	2	1			1	2		9/10vHFD
Ingle	0-1, bb	7	7				9/15vHFD	3	3					9/11vHFD	2	1	1			1		1		8/27vBOW
Lampe	0-1, bb	20	15	4	1		8/30vBOW	8	7		1			8/16@ERI	4	3	1				2			7/6@ERI
Lipscomb		3	2		1		9/8@RIC								1	1								9/12vHFD
Kayfus	0-1	15	12	3	1		9/15vHFD	11	2	5	2	1	1	8/18@ERI	10	3	2	4	1		1	4		8/27vBOW
Kokx		8	7	1			7/26vBOW	1	1					5/8@BOW										
Naranjo		6	5	1			6/2vNH	2	1		1			5/29vNH	1			1				1		5/1vRIC
Planez	0-1, sf	20	13	5	2		9/8@RIC	13	11	1	1			9/8@RIC	16	11	4	1				6		9/8@RIC
Ramirez	0-1	12	12				8/6vREA	4	2	2				8/6vREA	3	1	1	1			1	1		8/6vREA
Rodriguez		1	1				6/25@ALT	1	1					7/26vBOW										
Tolentino		27	22	5			9/11vHFD	8	7	1				7/27vBOW	8	5	3	1						7/23vBOW
Turner		2	2				9/10vHFD	1	1					8/28vBOW	1	1								8/21vHGB
Valdes		18	14	4			9/8@RIC	10	9	1				9/8@RIC	8	5	3				1	1		9/8@RIC
Watson		15	10	5			9/14vHFD	8	6	2				8/30vBOW	16	10	5	1				7		9/10vHFD
<b>Total</b>	4-13,2bb,sf	243	194	40	6		9/15vHFD (2)	117	83	25	9	1	1	9/12vHFD	115	65	28	17	3	2	11	38	1	9/12vHFD

**#6 KAHLIL WATSON IF, L/R Wake Forest (NC) HS**  
**Twitter: @KahlilWatson1 IG: @ kahlilwatson 2023 (Trade)**

Last (9/17vERI) 0-3, 2k **Streak -1 (0-3, 2k)**  
**Series 0-3, 2k '24 Long Hit 7 (multiple)**  
**H-Stand 5-14, 2r, 3d, hr, 2bi, 2bb, 4k, cs '24 Long OBS 11 (6/12-26)**  
**'24/Career High: 3/3 H, 3/3 R, 1/2 2B, 1/2 3B, 1/1 HR, 3/3 RBI, 2/3 SB**

**3-yr MiLB Totals thru '23: 180 g, .234, 24 hr, 92 rbi, 45 sb, .744 ops**

- Enters the season ranked as Cleveland's #15 prospect (MLB.com).
  - On injured list from July 10-29 with right hamstring strain.
- 2023 Highlights:**
- Acquired by Cleveland on August 1, 2023 from the Miami Marlins for Josh Bell...Played in 23 games for Lake County (High-A) after the trade...Hit .233 with five home runs, 16 RBI and 11 stolen bases for the Captains.
  - Entered the season ranked as the Marlins #3 prospect according to Baseball America...Started the season for the Marlins with High-A Beloit batting .206 with seven home runs, 22 RBI and 14 stolen bases...Placed on injured list on July 15...Went 2-for-6 with two RBI in two rehab games with Marlins FCL affiliate.
  - **2022:** Started the season with Marlins FCL affiliate batting .273 with one home run and three RBI in five games...Played 83 games for Single-A Jupiter batting .231 with nine home runs, 44 RBI and 16 stolen bases.
  - **2021:** Played nine games for Marlins FCL affiliate batting .394 with five RBI and four stolen bases.
  - Drafted by the Marlins in the first round (16 overall) in the 2021 MLB Draft out of Wake Forest High School...Had been committed to NC State...Ranked fifth best high school player in the nation and best player in North Carolina according to Perfect Game.

# RUBBERDUCKS RELIEVERS 1<sup>ST</sup> BATTER 68-326 (.209), 6HR, 37BB, 102K, 5HP, 3SF 149-49 (32.9%) INH. RUNNERS SCORED

**#35 ALASKA ABNEY** Twitter: @the\_knight\_30 IG: @alaskaabney\_8  
 RHP: FB, SL, SI vs. 1st Batter (EL): 3-23 (.130), 2bb, 7k, 2hp, sf Inherited Runners-Scored: 18-2 (11.1%)  
**Acquired: 15th round selection in 2021 MLB Draft out of Coastal Carolina**  
**3-yr MiLB Totals thru '23: 90/0 g/gs, 8-3, 3.96 ERA, 6/10 sv, 116.0 ip, 97 k, .189, 1.17 whip**  
 Promoted to Akron on May 28...Opened season with Lake County tossing 14 games going 2-0 with a 1.08 ERA, 18 K, 1.08 WHIP over 16.2 innings.  
**2023:** Appeared in 36 games for the Captains going 1-1 with a 5.77 ERA, 57 K, 28 BB, 1.24 WHIP in 53.0 innings pitched.  
**2022:** Spent the season High-A Lake County (42 G, 7-2, 3/5 saves, 2.54 ERA, 49.2 IP, 28 BB, 58 K, 1.01 WHIP, .135 avg).  
**2021:** Made professional debut for ACL Cleveland pitching in four games (5.0 IP, 0 R, 6 K)...finished the season appearing in eight games for Single-A Lynchburg (0.82 ERA, 16 K, 11.0 IP).  
 Amateur: Drafted in 15th round (456 overall pick) by Cleveland out of Coastal Carolina in 2021...Held opponents to a .249 batting average for his career (16th best in CCU history) and his career average of 10.98 strikeouts per 9 is third all-time in CCU history...Pitched 59 games (3 starts) at Coastal Carolina (2019-21)...Was 8-6 with a 4.86 ERA and 131 strikeouts over 107.1 innings pitched...Attended Mill Creek (GA) High School.

Recent EL Outings (18 scoreless of 26 overall) 0 straight scoreless outings (0.0 innings)									
Date	Opp	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K	HR	IR-Sc
9/17	ERI	0.2	0	2	2	1	0	0	0-0
9/14	HFD	0.1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0
9/12	HFD	H 1.0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0-0
9/6	@RIC	2.1	4	2	2	1	1	0	2-1
9/4	@RIC	1.1	0	0	0	0	2	0	1-0

**#17 ROSS CARVER** Twitter: @RossCarver11 IG: @rosscarver26  
 RHP: FB, CB, SL, CH vs. 1st Batter (EL): 5-30 (.167), 3bb, 9k Inherited Runners-Scored: 7-1 (14.3%)  
**Acquired: 2022 offseason trade**  
**2-yr MiLB Totals thru '23: 53/41 g/gs, 5-17, 5.49 ERA, 1 sv, 214.2 ip, 249 k, .243, 1.35 WHIP**  
 Appeared in six games (five starts) in the Arizona Fall League going 2-0 with a 4.50 ERA and 21 strikeouts over 18 innings pitched.  
**2023:** Pitched in 19 games (15 starts) for Akron going 1-5 with a 6.15 ERA, 81 K, 34 BB, 1.42 WHIP, .248 avg over 71.2 innings pitched...Struck out 12 against Erie in a start on Aug. 19.  
**2022:** Recorded 128 strikeouts in 117.1 ip, tied for the sixth most strikeouts in Arizona system...Pitched at least five innings in 12 of 15 starts for the High-A Hillsboro Hops...Named Northwest League Pitcher of the Week for his five no-hit innings for Hillsboro at Eugene on May 6...Made his Double-A debut July 31 for the Amarillo Sod Poodles vs. Corpus Christi and allowed eight runs (three home runs) in 3.1 IP...Earned wins for Amarillo on Aug. 18 at Midland (6IP, 6H, 1ER, 2BB, 2K) and Sept. 11 vs Arkansas (6IP, 3H, )R, 1BB, 5K).  
**2021:** Began the summer with the Eau Claire of the Northwoods League (5 games) before signing with the Diamondbacks. After being drafted appeared with Single-A Visalia.  
**College:** Pitched first two seasons for Crowder (MO College)...Earned first-team All-Region honors as a sophomore when he was 8-2 in 12 starts (64.1IP, 113K). Drafted by the Texas Rangers in the 23rd round of the 2019 draft but did not sign...Pitched in 2020 and 2021 for Dallas Baptist University combined 17 relief outings (19 IP, 2-1, 4.74 ERA, 10BB, 20K, .217 avg).  
**High School:** Graduated from Benton High School (AR). Named the No. 17 overall prospect in 2017 class in the state of Arkansas by Perfect Game.

Recent EL Outings (22 scoreless of 35 overall) 0 straight scoreless outings (0.0 innings) *start									
Date	Opp	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K	HR	IR-Sc
9/15	HFD	1.1	1	2	2	2	1	0	3-0
9/12	HFD	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0-0
9/8	@RIC	3.0	5	3	3	0	6	1	0-0
9/4	@RIC	2.0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0-0
8/30	BOW	H 2.0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0-0

**#36 MAGNUS ELLERTS** Twitter: IG:  
 RHP: FB, SL, SPL vs. 1st Batter (EL): 5-15 (.333), d, 2bb, 7k Inherited Runners-Scored: 6-1 (16.7%)  
**Acquired: 11th round selection in 2022 MLB Draft out of Florida Southwestern State JC**  
**1-yr MiLB Totals thru '23: 32/0 g/gs, 1-2, 3.73 ERA, 8/11 sv, 41.0 ip, 67 k, .203, 1.17 whip**  
 Promoted to Akron on July 22...Opened season with Lake County working in 29 games going 3-3 with a 2.31 ERA, 11 saves, 59 K, 1.05 WHIP over 35.0 innings...59 K was most among Midwest League relievers at time of promotion.  
**2023:** Opened the season with Single-A Lynchburg going 0-1 with a 2.66 ERA, five saves and 38 K over 21.1 IP in 16 games...Transferred to High-A Lake County on June 21...Pitched in 16 games for the Captains going 1-1 with a 5.94 ERA, three saves and 29 K over 16.2 IP.  
**Amateur:** Drafted in 11th round (331 overall pick) by Cleveland out of Florida Southwestern State JC in 2022...Was a perfect 14-0 with a 2.48 ERA and 101 strikeouts over 69 innings pitched in 14 starts for FSW in 2022...Named Suncoast Conference Pitcher of the Year...Was committed to Florida before being drafted by Cleveland...Pitched in the Cape Cod League in 2022 for Chatham...Transferred to FSW after pitching for Patrick Henry Community College (VA) as a freshman...Earned 1st Team All-American honors at Patrick Henry going 10-2 with a 2.60 ERA and 141 strikeouts over 86.2 innings...Led Patrick Henry to the NJCAA DII World Series and struck out 10 or more in seven different starts including 14 against Pasco-Hernando in the postseason opener...[Reportedly](#) turned down an offer to be drafted in 2021...Attended Woodbridge (VA) High School.

Recent EL Outings (10 scoreless of 17 overall) 4 straight scoreless outings (4.0 innings)									
Date	Opp	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K	HR	IR-Sc
9/17	ERI	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0
9/15	HFD	1.0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0-0
9/12	HFD	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0-0
9/8	@RIC	W 1.0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0-0
9/5	@RIC	1.0	1	1	1	0	2	0	0-0

**#34 BRADLEY HANNER** Twitter: @Bradleyhanner3 IG: @bhanner99  
 RHP: FB, SL, CH, CT, SW vs. 1st Batter (EL): 8-40 (.200), 2d, 4bb, 10k Inherited Runners-Scored: 25-8 (32%)  
**Acquired: 2022 Rule 5 selection**  
**4-yr MiLB Totals thru '23: 117/2 g/gs, 19-14, 4.51 ERA, 13/17 sv, 191.2 ip, 214 k, .223, 1.37 whip**  
 Appeared in 10 games in the Arizona Fall League allowing just two runs and recording two saves while striking out 16 over 11.1 innings.  
**2023:** Pitching in 41 games for Akron winning a team-best 8 games with a 2.78 ERA, 8 saves (second most), 70 K, 34 BB, .207 avg, 1.27 WHIP...Acquired by Cleveland during the Triple-A Phase of the Rule 5 Draft on 12/7/22...Appeared in 3 games during MLB Spring Training, tossing 3.1 IP with a 5.40 ERA and 4 K.  
**2022:** Pitched for Cedar Rapids (High-A)...Went 7-4 with a 4.60 ERA, 2/2 saves, 27 BB, 65 K, .216 avg, 1.24 WHIP in 39 games (1 start)...Won the Harmon Killebrew Award for outstanding minor league community service (Cedar Rapids club awardee) after being nominated by Cedar Rapids' general manager. Hanner participated in the Twins' organization wide Week of Service, going to a local Meals on Wheels location to assemble boxes for meals. Alongside his host family, he also brought breakfast to the elderly. The Kernels' front office also recognized he spent extra time talking to fans and signing autographs.  
**2021:** Pitched 26 games (1 start), 41.2 IP, 2-1, 7.13 ERA, 2/4 saves, 34 BB, 49 K, .278 avg, 1.90 WHIP for Single-A Fort Myers.  
**2019:** Drafted by Minnesota in the 21st round...11 games (26.2 IP) in GCL (rookie), 2-3, 1 save, 4.39 ERA, 27 BB, 30 K.  
**Amateur:** Pitched two seasons for Patrick & Henry Community College...Went 9-6 with a 3.53 ERA, 73 BB, 176 K in 27 games (24 starts) over 140.1 IP...Attended Orange County (VA) High School.

Recent EL Outings (32 scoreless of 44 overall) 1 straight scoreless outings (0.1 innings)									
Date	Opp	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K	HR	IR-Sc
9/17	ERI	0.1	1	0	0	0	0	0	2-2
9/14	HFD	BS 1.0	3	1	0	0	2	0	0-0
9/10	HFD	S 1.0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0-0
9/8	@RIC	1.0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0-0
9/4	@RIC	L 1.1	3	3	2	1	1	0	0-0





**#37 TYLER THORNTON Twitter: @tylrthorntn IG: @ tylerthornton**

RHP: FB, SL, CT vs. 1st Batter (EL): 4-23 (.174), d, 2bb, 4k Inherited Runners-Scored: 3-2 (66.7%)

Acquired: 17th round pick in 2021 MLB Draft out of Arizona State

2-yr MiLB Totals thru '23: 70/0 g/gs, 9-2, 3.06 ERA, 12/14 sv, 85.1 ip, 137 k, .134, 1.07 whip

2023: Pitched in 11 games for Akron allowing just four runs over 16.1 innings pitched while striking out 18...Promoted to Akron on Aug. 8...Pitched in 29 games with Lake County going 5-1 with 2.88 ERA, 10 saves and 61 strikeouts.

2022: Went 4-1 with a 3.63 ERA in 30 games for Lynchburg (34.2 IP, 21BB, 58SO).

2021: Drafted in 17th round out of Arizona State.

College: Tossed 76.1 innings in 2021 with Arizona State going 2-4 with a save, 5.54 ERA and 78 strikeouts...Transferred to Arizona State going 2-0 with a 3.48 ERA and 25 strikeouts (11th in Pac-12) over 24.0 innings pitched (tied for 6th in Pac-12)...Teammate at Arizona State with RubberDucks outfielder Joe Lampe...Started college career at Saint Mary's earning Freshman of the Year (WCC), National Freshman of the Year (Collegiate Baseball) and National Freshman Pitcher of the Year (NCWBA) honors after going 10-2 with a 2.71 ERA in 13 starts...Tyler and teammate Carlos Lomeli collected the most wins in a single season by any Gael pitcher since 1991 with each winning 10 games...Attended Santa Fe Christian High School (CA).

**Recent EL Outings (14 scoreless of 24 overall)  
3 straight scoreless outings (3.2 innings)**

Date	Opp	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K	HR	IR-Sc
8/2	@HBG	1.2	2	0	0	2	3	0	0-0
7/28	BOW	1.0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0-0
7/13	@REA	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0-0
7/9	@REA	1.0	2	2	2	1	3	0	0-0
7/4	@ERI	1.1	0	0	0	2	2	0	1-0

**#41 LENNY TORRES JR Twitter: @LennyTorresJr02 IG: @lenny2jr**

RHP: FB, SL, CH vs. 1st Batter (EL): 7-34 (.206), hr, 6bb, 11k, hp Inherited Runners-Scored: 12-5 (41.7%)

Acquired: CB-A round pick in 2018 MLB Draft out of Beacon High School

4-yr MiLB Totals thru '23: 75/28 g/gs, 8-13, 5.57 ERA, 8/11 sv, 156.2 ip, 185 k, .254, 1.72 whip

Opened the season not allowing a run through his first 16.1 innings (13 games).

2023: Pitched in 34 games for High-A Lake County going 5-2 with a 5.03 ERA, eight saves, 53 K, 34 BB, .247 avg, 1.81 WHIP over 39.1 innings pitched.

2022: Appeared in 14 games for Lake County going 1-3 with a 6.00 ERA, 36 K, 28 BB, .260 avg and 1.88 WHIP over 33.0 innings pitched.

2021: Pitched in 20 games (19 starts) for Single-A Lynchburg going 2-7 with a 6.29 ERA and 73 K over 68.2 innings pitched.

2019: Underwent Tommy John surgery in [May](#).

2018: Made professional debut for ACL affiliate pitching in six games (five starts) allowing three runs over 15.1 innings pitched while striking out 22.

High School: Drafted by Cleveland in the CB-A round of the 2018 MLB Draft out of Beacon High School (NY)...Had been committed to St. John's...#33 ranked overall player in the class, #12 ranked pitcher and #1 ranked pitcher and player in state of NY according to Perfect Game.

**Recent EL Outings (28 scoreless of 41 overall)  
2 straight scoreless outings (2.2 innings)**

Date	Opp	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K	HR	IR-Sc
9/15	HFD	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0-0
9/10	HFD	W,BS	1.2	0	0	0	1	0	1-1
9/5	@RIC	L	0.2	1	1	0	1	0	0-0
9/1	BOW	H	1.0	0	0	0	1	0	0-0
8/29	BOW	H	2.0	1	0	0	1	0	0-0

**RUBBERDUCKS 2024 TRANSACTIONS 23 PLAYERS USED 30 PITCHERS USED (4 REHAB, 1 POS. PLAYER)**2024 Opening Day Roster (\* returning RubberDuck, *Injured List*, [Cleveland Guardians 40-man roster](#))P (15): RH Trey Benton\*, LH Rodney Boone, RH Ross Carver\*, RH Aaron Davenport, RH Ethan Hankins, RH Bradley Hanner\*, RH Jordan Jones\*, RH Jack Leftwich\*, RH Tommy Mace\*, LH Doug Nikhazy\*, RH Davis Sharpe\*, RH Tyler Thornton\*, RH Lenny Torres Jr., RH Andrew Walters, LH Ryan Webb  
C (2): Kody Huff, Micael Ramirez\*

IF (7): Aaron Bracho\*, Christian Cairo, Dayan Frias, Joe Naranjo\*, Milan Tolentino\*, Yordys Valdez, Kahlil Watson

OF (4): Chase DeLauter\*, Petey Halpin\*, Joe Lampe, Alexfri Planez\*

#	DATE	PLAYER	POS.	FROM	TO	#	DATE	PLAYER	POS.	FROM	TO
1	4/5	Connor Kokx	OF	Spring Training	Development List	38	7/9	Jordan Jones	RHP	Akron	Released
2	4/10	Ethan Hankins	RHP	Akron	Injured List	39	7/9	Mason Hickman	RHP	Columbus (Triple-A)	Akron
3	4/11	Jaime Arias	LHP	Columbus (Triple-A)	Akron	40	7/10	Kahlil Watson	INF	Akron	Injured List
4	4/17	Doug Nikhazy	LHP	Akron	Injured List	41	7/20	Chase DeLauter	OF	Akron (Injured List)	Arizona Complex (Rehab)
5	4/17	Erik Sabrowski	LHP	Columbus (Triple-A)	Akron	42	7/20	Ethan Hankins	RHP	Akron	Released
6	4/19	Sam Hentges	LHP	Cleveland (Injured List)	Akron (Rehab)	43	7/21	Matthew Boyd	LHP	Arizona Complex (Rehab)	Akron (Rehab)
7	4/23	Sam Hentges	LHP	Akron (Rehab)	Columbus (Rehab)	44	7/22	Magnus Ellerts	RHP	Lake County (High-A)	Akron
8	5/1	Chase DeLauter	OF	Akron	Injured List	45	7/22	Hunter Stanley	RHP	Akron	Injured List
9	5/2	Connor Kokx	OF	Development List	Akron	46	7/22	Trey Benton	RHP	Akron	Injured List
10	5/5	Doug Nikhazy	LHP	Injured List	Akron	47	7/26	Micael Ramirez	C	Injured List	Akron
11	5/5	Jaime Arias	LHP	Akron	Development List	48	7/27	Chase DeLauter	OF	Injured List	Akron
12	5/6	Gabriel Rodriguez	INF	Arizona Complex League	Development List	49	7/29	Joe Donovan	C	Akron	Voluntarily Retired
13	5/9	Jaime Arias	LHP	Akron	Columbus (Triple-A)	50	7/29	Connor Kokx	OF	Akron	Released
14	5/24	Erik Sabrowski	LHP	Akron	Columbus (Triple-A)	51	7/29	Gabriel Rodriguez	INF	Akron	Released
15	5/28	Chase DeLauter	OF	Injured List	Akron	52	7/29	Kahlil Watson	INF	Injured List	Akron
16	5/28	Andrew Walters	RHP	Akron	Columbus (Triple-A)	53	7/29	Guy Lipscomb	OF	Lake County (High-A)	Akron
17	5/28	Alaska Abney	RHP	Lake County (High-A)	Akron	54	7/29	Zane Morehouse	RHP	Lake County (High-A)	Akron
18	6/2	Joe Naranjo	INF	Akron	Released	55	8/1	Matthew Boyd	LHP	Akron (Rehab)	Columbus (Rehab)
19	6/3	Christian Cairo	INF	Akron	Columbus (Triple-A)	56	8/5	Ryan Webb	LHP	Akron	Columbus (Triple-A)
20	6/3	Nate Furman	INF	Lake County (High-A)	Akron	57	8/5	Trenton Denholm	RHP	Lake County (High-A)	Akron
21	6/3	CJ Kayfus	INF	Lake County (High-A)	Akron	58	8/12	Micael Ramirez	C	Akron	Columbus (Triple-A)
22	6/5	Jaime Arias	LHP	Columbus (Triple-A)	Akron	59	8/12	Cooper Ingle	C	Lake County (High-A)	Akron
23	6/5	Rodney Boone	LHP	Akron	Injured List	60	8/12	Tyresse Turner	INF	Lake County (High-A)	Akron
24	6/10	Chase DeLauter	OF	Akron	Injured List	61	8/12	Tyresse Turner	INF	Akron	Development List
25	6/19	Aaron Bracho	INF	Akron	Injured List	62	8/20	Chase DeLauter	OF	Akron	Columbus (Triple-A)
26	6/19	Gabriel Rodriguez	INF	Development List	Akron	63	8/20	Tyresse Turner	INF	Development List	Akron
27	6/20	Jaime Arias	LHP	Akron	Columbus (Triple-A)	64	8/26	Nate Furman	INF	Injured List	Trade to SF
28	6/21	Gavin Williams	RHP	Columbus (Rehab)	Akron (Rehab)	65	8/26	Petey Halpin	OF	Akron	Injured List
29	6/22	Parker Messick	LHP	Lake County (High-A)	Akron	66	8/26	Jorge Burgos	OF	Lake County (High-A)	Akron
30	6/24	Doug Nikhazy	LHP	Akron	Columbus (Triple-A)	67	9/13	Carlos Carrasco	RHP	Cleveland (Injured List)	Akron (Rehab)
31	6/24	Austin Peterson	RHP	Lake County (High-A)	Akron	68	9/17	Tyler Thornton	RHP	Akron	Injured List
32	6/26	Gavin Williams	RHP	Akron (Rehab)	Columbus (Rehab)	69	9/17	Carlos Carrasco	RHP	Akron (Rehab)	Cleveland
33	6/28	Aaron Bracho	INF	Injured List	Akron						
34	6/28	Nate Furman	INF	Akron	Injured List						
35	7/1	Joe Donovan	C	Columbus (Triple-A)	Akron						
36	7/1	Micael Ramirez	C	Akron	Injured List						
37	7/6	Hunter Stanley	RHP	Columbus (Triple-A)	Akron						



