

THRESHERS TIMES

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Brady Day

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- MAY 2** **UNCLE JOHN'S BAND CONCERT**
BY SUN CRUISER, TIE-DYE HAT GIVEAWAY
BY CRIME STOPPERS PINELLAS COUNTY
- MAY 3** **STAR WARS NIGHT, FIREWORKS**
BY CITY WIDE FACILITY SOLUTIONS
- MAY 16** **BEACH DOGS AND LAYLA & LUCY MAY**
FIGURINE TICKET PACKAGE BY VEG
- MAY 17** **TOY STORY JERSEY/AUCTION,**
FIREWORKS BY SYSCO
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May 16	Michael Franti & Spearhead
May 17	Hauser
June 7	Old Dominion



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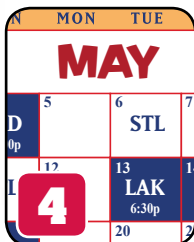
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SCHEDULE & PROMOTIONS

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
MAY					1 DUN	2 BRD
4 BRD	5	6 STL	7 STL	8 STL	9 STL	10 STL
11 STL	12	13 LAK	14 LAK	15 LAK	16 LAK	17 LAK
18 LAK	19	20 BRD	21 BRD	22 BRD	23 BRD	24 BRD
25 BRD	26	27 DUN	28 DUN	29 DUN	30 DUN	31 DUN

DATE	PROMOTION
May 2	Uncle John's Band Concert by Sun Cruiser, Tie-Dye Hat Giveaway by Crime Stoppers
May 3	Star Wars Night, Fireworks by City Wide Facility Solutions
May 16	Beach Dogs and Layla & Lucy May Figurine Ticket Package by VEG
May 17	Toy Story Jersey Auction, Fireworks by Sysco
May 25	American Athletic Conference Baseball Tournament

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 DUN	2	3 BRD	4 BRD	5 BRD	6 BRD	7 BRD
8 BRD	9	10 TAM	11 TAM	12 TAM	13 TAM	14 TAM
15 TAM	16	17 DUN	18 DUN	19 DUN	20 DUN	21 DUN
22 DUN	23	24 LAK	25 LAK	26 LAK	27 LAK	28 LAK
29 LAK	JUNE					

DATE	PROMOTION
June 6	Phillie Phanatic Visit
June 7	First Responders Appreciation Night, Fireworks by Sysco
June 18	12pm - Camp Day #1
June 19	Phinley's Birthday Party
June 20	Beach Dogs by VEG, Pitch for Pink, and Pickleball Paddle Giveaway by Banquet Masters
June 21	Fireworks by WAWA

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
JULY					1 TAM	2 TAM
4 TAM	5	6 FTM	7 FTM	8 FTM	9 FTM	10 FTM
11 FTM	12	13 FTM	14 FTM	15 FTM	16 FTM	17 FTM
18 LAK	19	20	21	22	23	24
25 TAM	26	27 TAM	28 TAM	29 TAM	30 TAM	31 TAM

DATE	PROMOTION
July 2	Independence Day Fireworks Celebration by Budweiser
July 3	Independence Day Fireworks Celebration by Budweiser
July 11	Margaritaville Night, Tropical Shirt Giveaway by Copperhead Brewing Co.
July 12	Fireworks by Wawa
July 23	12pm - Camp Day #2
July 25	Beach Dogs by VEG, Christmas in July and Threshers Scarf Giveaway by Todd's AC
July 26	Back to School Night, Backpack Giveaway and Fireworks by Kelli's Catering

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
AUGUST					1 BRD	2 BRD
3 BRD	4	5 FTM	6 FTM	7 FTM	8 FTM	9 FTM
10 FTM	11	12 LAK	13 LAK	14 LAK	15 LAK	16 LAK
17 LAK	18	19 JUP	20 JUP	21 JUP	22 JUP	23 JUP
24 JUP	25	26 DBT	27 DBT	28 DBT	29 DBT	30 DBT
31 DBT						

DATE	PROMOTION
Aug. 15	Veterans & Military Appreciation Night and Camo Hat Giveaway by Kelli's Catering
Aug. 16	Fireworks by Los Sundays Tequila
Aug. 22	Beach Dogs by VEG, Aidan Miller Bobblehead Giveaway by Barbacoa Bayz
Aug. 23	Comic Book Night, Fireworks

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		TAM 6:30p	TAM 6:30p	TAM 6:30p	TAM 6:30p	TAM 6:30p
7 TAM 12:00p	8	9	10	11	12	13
SEPTEMBER						
DATE	PROMOTION					
Sept. 5	Beach Dogs by VEG					
Sept. 6	Largest & Last Fireworks, Season Rewind by Little Greek Fresh Grill					

West Division	East Division
CLR Clearwater Threshers	DBT Daytona Tortugas
BRD Bradenton Marauders	JUP Jupiter Hammerheads
DUN Dunedin Blue Jays	PMB Palm Beach Cardinals
FTM Fort Myers Mighty Mussels	STL St. Lucie Mets
LAK Lakeland Flying Tigers	
TAM Tampa Tarpons	
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Thank you for choosing to spend your time with us. We hope you have an incredible experience!

Jason Adams

Jason Adams
Clearwater Threshers General Manager



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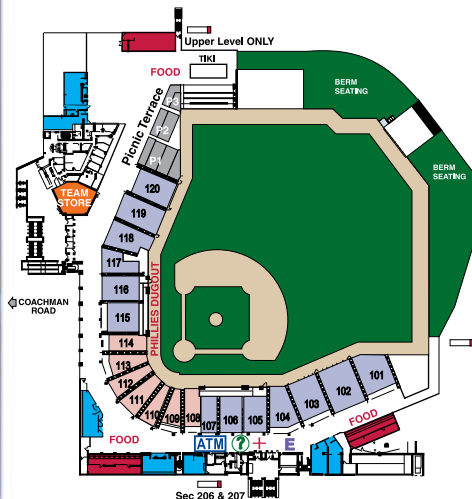
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The ATM is located on the first base side of the concourse behind section 105.

BAGS & BACKPACKS

Bags can be no larger than 16"x16"x8" and will be subject to inspection upon entry in accordance with Major League Baseball security regulations. Guests may discard or return the prohibited items to their vehicle.

BATS

Full-size baseball bats are prohibited from entry by guests to the ballpark.

BERM SEATING

Berm seating is limited and ticketed. Blankets are permitted to be brought into the park for berm seating. Chairs, folding chairs, camp chairs, and the like, are not permitted to be brought into the park.

CHILD TICKETS

Children 13 and younger qualify for the child's ticket price. For children 4 and younger, please see the BayCare Box Office or a ballpark gate attendant for a complimentary ticket.

CUSTOMER SERVICE & ADVANCE TICKETS

The Customer Service/Advance Tickets window is located on the first base side of the main concourse behind Section 106. Guests can report problems, check for lost and found items and claim prizes at this location. Tickets for future games may also be purchased here.

FIRST AID

The First Aid office is located on the first base side of the main concourse behind section 106. Guests can either report to this office or contact an usher if in need of medical assistance.

FOOD AND DRINK POLICY

No food, bottles, coolers or cans may be brought into the ballpark. The Thrashers reserve the right to search any medical or diaper bags entering the ballpark.

FOUL BALLS

Any foul ball hit into the stands may be kept. Guests are not permitted on the field or to reach into the playing area. Foul balls may be dangerous, so please be alert at all times and aware of the potential hazards.

GATES OPEN

Ballpark gates will open one hour prior to scheduled game time.

HANDICAPPED SEATING

Disabled seating is available all throughout the ballpark. Limited wheelchair seating is available through the ticket office in person or on the telephone. One companion seat is available for purchase with each wheelchair space. An elevator is available for disabled use on the first base side of the stadium (South Parking Lot). Drop-off is available on the West Side of the ballpark (no elevator access here). Please contact an usher for assistance entering and exiting the ballpark.

KIDS ZONE

The left-field concourse features a playground and Kids Zone for our younger guests.

LOST AND FOUND

Located at Customer Service behind Section 106.

SENIOR TICKETS

Seniors 55+ may purchase discounted tickets.

SMOKING

Smoking is prohibited in most areas of the ballpark. Special smoking sections are marked. Smoking is permitted only on the concourse bridge by the right field foul pole and the Tiki Pavilion in left field. For resources to help quit smoking, call 1-877-U-CAN-NOW (1-877-822-6669).

TEAM STORE

The Thrashers Team Store, Diamond Outfitters, is located next to the ballpark's west entry, and features hats, apparel and collectibles to satisfy Thrashers fans of all ages. Merchandise available 24 hours a day on-line at ThrashersBaseball.com.

TIKI PAVILION

The Frenchy's Tiki Pavilion is located beyond the left field wall. It features a variety of mixed drinks, beer and wine for guests 21 and over. Seats in this section are first-come, first-serve during Thrashers season.

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MARTY MALLOY MANAGER

Born: Gainesville, FL

Resides: Trenton, FL... Former infielder. Enters his ninth year in the Phillies organization and his sixth as manager at Clearwater (A; 2019, 2021-24). Spent two years as minor league infield coordinator (2020-21) before finishing the year managing the Threshers in the second half of the 2021 season. Previously served as a minor league manager at

Lakewood (A, 2017-18). Was the 2022 winner of the John Vukovich Award. Prior to joining the Phillies, spent four years (2013-16) with the Houston Astros, including three years as the manager for their Gulf Coast League (R) team, one year as the GCL hitting coach and one year as the Florida Instructional League coordinator. Also coached at the amateur level as head coach (two years) and volunteer assistant (six years) for Trenton High School and six years as an infield instructor at Gatorball Baseball Academy in Gainesville, Fla. Played 12 years (1992-2003), including his first eight in the Atlanta Braves minor league system.





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Joined the Phillies as coach in 2023



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Joined the Phillies in 2023



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Joined the Phillies in 2025



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Joined the Phillies in 2023



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#33

RHP
B/T: R/R
HT: 6'0" | WT: 200
Born: January 22, 2002
Hometown: Bastos, BRA
2024 Club: Tarpons (NYY)



Ryan Degges
#29

RHP
B/T: R/R
HT: 5'11" | WT: 183
Born: September 9, 2002
Hometown: Knoxville, TN
2024 Club: UNC Charlotte



Nolan Beltran
#40

SS
B/T: L/R
HT: 5'11" | WT: 199
Born: January 24, 2005
Hometown: Cartagena, COL
2024 Club: FCL



Joel Dragoo
#7

OF
B/T: R/R
HT: 6'2" | WT: 219
Born: January 8, 2003
Hometown: Beckville, TX
2024 Club: Threshers



Cameron Brown
#23

RHP
B/T: R/R
HT: 6'2" | WT: 228
Born: October 15, 2001
Hometown: Flower Mound, TX
2024 Club: DNP (Injured)



Ryan Dromboski
#54

RHP
B/T: R/R
HT: 6'2" | WT: 218
Born: June 1, 2003
Hometown: Columbus, NJ
2024 Club: University of Pennsylvania



Brady Day
#10

INF
B/T: L/R
HT: 6'0" | WT: 198
Born: March 6, 2002
Hometown: Hampstead, NH
2024 Club: Threshers



Reese Dutton
#31

RHP
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Hometown: Ellsinore, MO
2024 Clubs: Threshers, FCL,
BlueClaws



**Diego González
#26**

INF
B/T: R/R
HT: 5'10" | WT: 191
Born: June 7, 2003
Hometown: Barquisimeto, VZ
2024 Clubs: Threshers, FCL,
BlueClaws, IronPigs



**Aroon Escobar
#37**

INF
B/T: R/R
HT: 5'9" | WT: 223
Born: January 1, 2005
Hometown: La Guaira, VZ
2024 Club: FCL



**Titan Hayes
#55**

RHP
B/T: R/R
HT: 6'2" | WT: 219
Born: November 12, 2001
Hometown: Tuttle, OK
2024 Club: Threshers



**Luke Gabrysh
#9**

RHP
B/T: R/R
HT: 6'3" | WT: 207
Born: April 16, 2003
Hometown: Wilmington, DE
2024 Club: St Joseph's University



**Sam Highfill
#21**

RHP
B/T: R/R
HT: 6'3" | WT: 206
Born: November 30, 2000
Hometown: Apex, NC
2024 Club: Threshers



**Marty Gair
#44**

RHP
B/T: R/R
HT: 6'6" | WT: 241
Born: July 17, 2003
Hometown: Concord, NC
2024 Club: DNP (Injured)



**Carter Mathison
#3**

OF
B/T: L/L
HT: 6'2" | WT: 200
Born: January 26, 2003
Hometown: Fort Wayne, IN
2024 Club: Threshers



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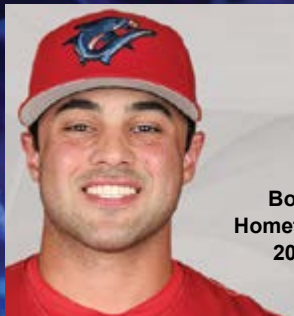
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#30**

RHP
B/T: L/R
HT: 6'3" | WT: 221
Born: December 27, 2002
Hometown: Iowa City, IA
2024 Club: University of Iowa



**Jose Peña Jr.
#6**

RHP
B/T: R/R
HT: 6'3" | WT: 222
Born: July 8, 2003
Hometown: Winter Haven, FL
2024 Club: Threshers



**Dante Nori
#12**

OF
B/T: L/L
HT: 5'10" | WT: 193
Born: October 7, 2004
Hometown: Northville, MI
2024 Club: Threshers



**Erik Ritchie
#16**

LHP
B/T: L/L
HT: 6'1" | WT: 214
Born: June 22, 2003
Hometown: Telford, PA
2024 Club: East Carolina University



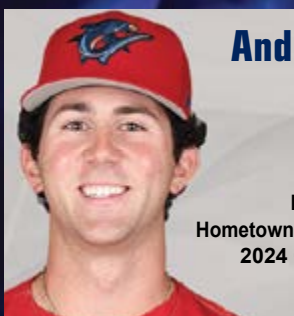
**Avery Owusu-Asiedu
#25**

OF
B/T: R/R
HT: 6'4" | WT: 245
Born: June 16, 2003
Hometown: Waukesha, WI
2024 Club: Threshers



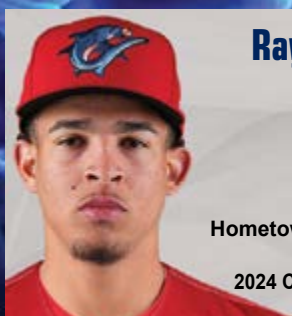
**Guillermo Rosario
#43**

C/1B
B/T: R/R
HT: 6'2" | WT: 232
Born: April 22, 2005
Hometown: Santiago de los Caballeros, DR
2024 Clubs: FCL, Threshers



**Andrew Painter
#24**

RHP
B/T: R/R
HT: 6'7" | WT: 235
Born: April 10, 2003
Hometown: Pompano Beach, FL
2024 Club: DNP (Injured)



**Raymon Rosario
#39**

LHP
B/T: L/L
HT: 6'1" | WT: 217
Born: June 6, 2005
Hometown: Santiago de los Caballeros, DR
2024 Club: DSL Phillies-Red



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**Enrique Segura
#48**

RHP
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HT: 6'3" | WT: 175
Born: December 19, 2004
Hometown: San Pedro
de Macoris, DR
2024 Clubs: FCL, Threshers



**Saul Teran
#49**

RHP
B/T: R/R
HT: 6'1" | WT: 192
Born: March 20, 2002
Hometown: Aguas Negras, VZ
2024 Club: Threshers



**Kodey Shojinaga
#22**

C/INF
B/T: R/R
HT: 5'10" | WT: 194
Born: February 22, 2003
Hometown: Honolulu, HI
2024 Club: Threshers



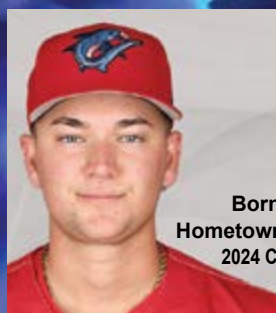
**Eli Trop
#19**

RHP
B/T: R/R
HT: 6'4" | WT: 222
Born: May 4, 2002
Hometown: Seattle, WA
2024 Club: Threshers



**Eduardo Tait
#13**

C
B/T: L/R
HT: 6'0" | WT: 239
Born: August 27, 2006
Hometown: Arraiján, PAN
2024 Clubs: FCL, Threshers



**Zack Tukis
#35**

RHP
B/T: R/R
HT: 6'6" | WT: 225
Born: September 10, 2002
Hometown: Mechanicsburg, PA
2024 Club: Millersville University



**Raider Tello
#4**

INF
B/T: R/R
HT: 6'0" | WT: 210
Born: February 25, 2001
Hometown: El Monte, CA
2024 Club: Threshers



**A.J. Wilson
#11**

LHP
B/T: L/L
HT: 6'3" | WT: 233
Born: December 17, 2000
Hometown: Pilot Mountain, NC
2024 Club: Threshers



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THRESHERS STATISTICS

#	TEAM BATTING	POS	AVG	G	AB	R	H	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB
40	Beltran, N	INF	.087	7	23	0	2	0	0	3	1	0
10	Day, B	INF	.292	6	24	5	7	0	3	3	5	1
7	Dragoo, J	OF	.292	6	24	3	7	0	4	4	9	1
37	Escobar, A	INF	.345	7	29	8	10	1	12	3	8	0
26	González, D	INF	.083	4	12	0	1	0	0	1	6	0
17	Hettiger, K	C/1B	.095	7	21	4	2	0	1	6	9	0
12	Nori, D	OF	.200	8	30	7	6	0	1	7	10	1
25	Owusu-Asiedu, A	OF	.150	7	20	4	3	0	1	2	8	1
22	Shojinaga, K	C/1B	.381	6	21	4	8	0	3	3	4	0
13	Tait, E	C	.281	8	32	8	9	3	8	3	7	0
4	Tello, R	INF	.348	6	23	1	8	1	4	1	6	0
38	Wilson, W	UTIL	.100	4	10	4	1	0	0	4	3	1

Team Total			.227	9	299	51	68	8	45	45	94	5
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#	TEAM PITCHING	W	L	ERA	G	GS	SV	IP	H	ER	BB	SO
33	Barbosa, G	0	0	2.84	2	0	0	6.1	7	2	1	3
23	Brown, C	0	1	81.00	1	0	0	0.1	1	3	2	1
29	Degges, R	1	0	1.50	2	0	0	6.0	5	1	3	9
54	Dromboski, R	1	0	4.50	2	0	0	6.0	6	3	3	4
31	Dutton, R	0	0	2.79	3	0	0	9.2	9	3	3	10
28	Eddington, J	1	0	0.00	1	0	0	3.0	1	0	0	5
9	Gabrysh, L	0	0	27.00	1	1	0	1.2	3	5	2	2
55	Hayes, T	0	0	0.00	4	0	2	5.0	3	0	3	6
21	Highfill, S	0	0	1.23	2	1	0	7.1	5	1	1	11
30	Morgan, M	0	0	4.91	2	2	0	3.2	3	2	6	4
24	Painter, A	0	1	13.50	1	1	0	1.1	2	2	1	3
6	Peña Jr., J	1	0	0.00	4	0	0	4.2	0	0	0	8
16	Ritchie, E	1	0	32.40	2	0	0	1.2	5	6	4	3
39	Rosario, R	0	0	19.29	2	0	0	2.1	3	5	2	3
48	Segura, E	0	1	3.38	2	1	0	8.0	7	3	3	12
49	Teran, S	1	0	0.00	3	0	0	2.2	3	0	0	6
19	Trop, E	0	0	3.00	3	0	0	3.0	2	1	3	4
35	Tukis, Z	2	2	13.50	2	0	0	3.1	1	5	3	4
Team Total		6	3	4.61	9	9	2	82.0	68	42	44	106

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Scoring Basics...

Different fans have different methods of keeping a scorecard, and many use their own notations. But here's a simple method...

If the hitter grounds out to shortstop, for example, write in "6-3," which shows the shortstop threw him out at first base. If the hitter flies out to left field, write a "7."

If the batter gets a hit, write in the hit according to which base he reached. Each corner of the box represents a base, with the lower-right corner being first.

If he singles, put a "-" in the lower right. If he doubles, write a "=" in the upper right, and so on. For a walk, use "BB" in the lower right. As the runner advances, mark the appropriate symbol in the appropriate corner.

If a runner scores, put a circle at the bottom of the box, and inside the circle put the symbol of the play and/or the player that drove him in. For example, if the No. 5 hitter drives in two runs with a single, mark his single in the bottom right of his box and mark a circle with the number "5" in it in the boxes of the runners who score (Some people like to use uniform numbers here, so you can tell who did what, even after lineup changes).

At the end of each inning, total the hits and runs for that inning only. At the end of the game you'll be able to add the innings total to get the game score.

Symbols for Play			
Single	S or —	Passed Ball	PB
Double	D or ==	Stolen Base	SB
Triple	T or ==	Double Play	DP
Homerun	HR or ==	Error	E
Sacrifice	SH or SAC	Sacrifice Fly	SF
Walk	BB	Intentional Walk	IBB
Strikeout	K	Foul Fly	F
Called Out on Strikes	X	Force Out	FO
Balk	BK	Line Drive	L
Fielder's Choice	FC	Bunt	B
Hit by Pitch	HP	Unassisted	U
Wild Pitch	WP		

Example Scorecard...

1st Inning

1. Singled, advanced on next batter's walk; took 3rd on fielder's choice; scored on #4 batter's double.
2. Walked; later forced out, shortstop to 2nd base.
3. Reached on fielder's choice; advanced to 3rd on next batter's double; scored on #5 batter's single.
4. Doubled; scored on #5 batter's single.
5. Singled; advanced to 2nd on next batter's single; stole 3rd base; thrown out on grounder, shortstop to catcher.
6. Singled; stole 2nd base.
7. Reached 1st base on fielder's choice.
8. Popped out to 2nd base.

Team Batting Order	1	2
1. Center Fielder	5	8
2. Shortstop	6	6
3. 1st Baseman	2	K
4. 3rd Baseman	3	FC
5. Right Fielder	7	U
6. Left Fielder	4	U
7. Designated Hitter	FC	
8. 2nd Baseman	4	
9. Catcher	3	U

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2. Catcher
3. First Baseman
4. Second Baseman
5. Third Baseman
6. Shortstop
7. Left Fielder
8. Center Fielder
9. Right Fielder

2nd Inning

9. Leads-off with double.
1. Flied out to centerfield.
2. Popped out to shortstop.
3. Struckout swinging.

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Player Spotlight: Brady Day

The Story of Brady Day's Draft Day, and Why it Wasn't His Last

By Josh Sperber



The following words have changed the lives of young athletes around the world; “the pick is in.” It can be a life-changing experience, the start of a difficult journey and the culmination of a lot of hard work. Not all players who are drafted elect to sign with the MLB team that selected them. Players like Aaron Judge, Kris Bryant, and many more have chosen to stay in school to complete their college careers, betting on themselves to improve their draft stock in a year or more when they return to the MLB Draft. One such player in the Philadelphia Phillies organization is Brady Day, who was drafted in both 2023 and 2024 before signing with the Phillies.

Baseball was always in the family for Brady Day, and he began his baseball career playing whiffleball with his older brother. Brady is five years younger than his brother, so even whiffleball as the youngest player helped him rapidly improve his skill and love for the game of baseball. Brady's father played baseball as well and his mother played some softball growing up, so life on the diamond was inevitable. Day played all over the field growing up but developed a skill for the infield early on.

Both Brady and his brother played football in high school as well, but it was clear that Brady's athletic talents were best utilized in baseball from an early age. “I played a lot of showcases in the



summer down in Florida and in Georgia,” said Day of the high school recruiting circuit. “And when I started talking to different college coaches, that made me realize that this could be a path that I take in the future.”

His brother had played catcher at Tufts, a Division III school in Massachusetts, and Brady was determined to play college baseball as well. Kansas State was one of the first schools to offer him a scholarship, and the interest was mutual. The Wildcats sent him an offer soon after first speaking to Brady, and he committed to play his college baseball in Manhattan, Kansas.

Brady has always been a hard worker, and he knew that he would need to work harder before his college career began. Including the summer of 2020, the summer after he graduated high school, Brady played in summer leagues across the Northeast. Growing up in New Hampshire, Day typically would have a lot of options to play summer ball close to home, but during the COVID-19 pandemic most leagues were shut down. Fortunately for Brady, the Futures League had a team in Nashua, within an hour of his hometown of Hampstead, New Hampshire.

Due to many other area summer leagues, including the prestigious Cape Cod League, shutting down because of the pandemic, the Futures League was quickly filled with talent. Day got to play with current major leaguers such as Ben Rice among many other elite prospects. In his first season of summer ball, Day and the Silver Knights won the FCBL Championship in 2020.





Though he began his collegiate career with some hardware and great experience behind him, Day's baseball story was far from over. He played a second summer league season in the Appalachian League before starting for Kansas State in 2022. "Each league helped me with something different, just getting a lot of reps and getting more comfortable with myself before I went into college ball," Day said of his experience in various summer leagues. "Each league definitely helped me level up a little bit and got me to where I wanted to be going into the school season."

By 2023, Day had redshirted once and enjoyed two solid seasons with the Wildcats. He hit for a career-best .951 OPS in 2023 and helped Kansas State to the semifinal round of the Big 12 Tournament. After the NCAA season, Day prepared for a summer with the Yarmouth-Dennis Red Sox in the Cape Cod League, which many consider to be the best summer league for budding college draft prospects. Day was certainly one of those high-level prospects, as he had already seen MLB scouts at his collegiate games during his Redshirt Sophomore season.

The 2023 MLB Draft was held from July 9 to July 11, right in the middle of the summer season. Yarmouth-Dennis had a home game on July 11, the third and final day of the Draft. Since they were at home and many players had stock in the draft, the broadcast audio of the MLB Draft was played on the stadium's loudspeakers during pregame warmups. "I was taking ground balls and a lot of the guys started yelling my name and they seemed excited," recalled Day of hearing the news that he was drafted in 2023.

"I wasn't sure what was going on because our bat boy at the time was also named Brady, and everyone loved messing with him and having a good time, so I thought they were just talking to the 'other' Brady. Then they all started coming over to me and congratulating me, and I wasn't sure what had happened until someone told me, so I had to get my phone, and I had a few missed calls and updates and that's how I found out I got drafted." The team on the other end of most of those missed calls was the Atlanta Braves.

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The Braves had selected Brady in the 12th round of the 2023 MLB Draft. After the season ended, Day had much to think about. "It sounds weird saying that it was a tough decision because who wouldn't want to get drafted and play professional baseball, but I had a few weeks to make my decision," said Brady of deciding whether to sign. He took all the time he could possibly take, getting help from his family, friends, and mentors along the way. His parents made sure that Brady was making his own decision about his professional career.

According to Day, he informed the Braves of his decision on the last possible day they gave him with roughly thirty minutes to spare. "I definitely took it down to the wire, took the whole three weeks to make the decision, and I decided that there were some things I wanted to work on in college before going into my pro career," Day said of his decision to return to Kansas State in 2024 after the 2023 Draft.

"We had a really good team and great culture, and a lot of guys coming back that didn't have to come back. They could've transferred to other schools with NIL opportunities, but the number of guys that were coming back made it very appealing for us to make a postseason run." Day chose the team over himself, over a lifelong dream of a guaranteed spot in a major league organization without knowing if he would get the chance again. In some ways, his dream was realized with an MLB team looking to bring him into the fold of their minor league system. In other ways, his work got a lot harder.

In 2024, Brady became an everyday starter at Kansas State for the first time in his career. The team and coaching staff seemed primed for a record-setting season, but they stumbled out of the gate to start the season. Early season struggles had Brady doubting his decision to return to school. "It was a thought that came into my mind, like 'did I make the right decision? What would have happened if I did





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this instead...' said Brady of his thoughts after committing to return to Kansas State.

"I didn't start off that next year at K-State very great. The first two or three games I didn't do as well as I wanted to. So, I was thinking little thoughts like 'did I make the wrong decision? Is this going to bite me in the behind?'" The early season blues passed quickly, and Brady finished with his most productive offensive season at K-State, belting a career-high nine home runs and 56 RBIs with a batting average of .318. Furthermore, he helped lead the Wildcats to their first Super Regional since 2013, ending a drought of over ten seasons without a playoff appearance.

Though he admitted it was nerve-wracking to return to the Draft process, Brady has no regrets of staying back at Kansas State, affirming that it was the right decision to stay in school and pause his dreams of playing professional baseball. "There were some things, mechanically and approach-wise, that I wanted to work on and tinker with before coming to pro ball. I felt like I did all those things and succeeded at Kansas State."

"I knew that I had done some things that I wanted to do in college, and it was time to start my professional career. I was really fortunate that it happened to be with the Phillies." He stated that the Phillies were a better fit for him, and he really liked the organization from the start.

Not every college athlete has a full career at the NCAA level before turning pro. Most student athletes can't say they were drafted twice, or that they achieved all they set out to do in their college careers. Brady Day is fortunate to be able to say he did everything he could to best prepare himself for a career as a professional baseball player. Getting playoff experience at a great baseball program before turning pro is what every athlete who chooses to play college sports hopes for. But now comes the true test, as Brady Day continues his first full season as a professional following a year of special days and difficult decisions. Who knows what tough calls and career-defining moments will come next?



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Player Spotlight: Jose Peña Jr.

Jose Peña Wants to Put His Hometown in Central Florida on the Map

By Josh Sperber



The concept of a “hometown team” for Threshers’ reliever Jose Peña is more fluid, as he hails from Winter Haven in Central Florida, a popular home of major league spring training. For Peña, that only made the beginning of his professional career in the Florida Complex and Florida State Leagues an even more special experience. Jose will be the first to tell you that family is the most important thing to him. His family was close growing up, helping develop Jose’s love for baseball from a young age.

Peña’s dad played minor league ball for the Cleveland Indians on their Dominican Summer League teams. His cousin, who is ten years older than Jose, was in the Detroit Tigers minor league system when Jose was growing up. “My father would always bring me to the Clearwater games and the Detroit Tigers games in Lakeland,” Peña recalled of going to Spring Training games as a child. “I’d be that little kid running around just watching and learning everything I can.”



Growing up in Winter Haven, the Tigers' Ballpark was the closest, within two hours from his house even with traffic, and Clearwater was within driving distance for the Peña family as well. The moments he spent running around the Grapefruit League Spring Training ballparks began to shape his future.

Even though Peña was always a huge baseball fan, he did not start playing until much later in his childhood. His dad was a reliever in Cleveland's minor league organization for three years, so Jose grew up around the game. He would always tell Jose that whenever he was ready for more, he would be able to get more coaching and advice from his former pro of a father. He went right into regular pitching as a kid and eventually tried out for his high school team. Peña tried out as a hitter, but despite his strong knowledge of the game, he struggled at the dish at the beginning of his high school career.

"I went in as a hitter my freshman year and ended up getting one hit in like 30 at-bats," Peña said of his beginnings in baseball. "They wanted me to pitch the last game of the season, and it went well, so I never touched a bat from that day on." After topping 90 miles per hour in his first pitching performance, it became clear that Jose Peña Jr. belonged on the mound.

Peña quickly took to pitching, and after strong sophomore and junior seasons, he started gaining the attention of many MLB and college scouts. Furthermore, even other parents at his games were starting to take notice. Fortunately for Jose, he caught the eye of an MLB great who had a son in high school in Florida around the





same age as Jose. “Gary Sheffield came, and he watched one of my games. I guess he liked the way I threw so he wanted to monitor me more,” said Peña of the increase in scouting attention he received following his junior year.

“He promised me scouts and all these great opportunities and he delivered on every single one of his promises.” Getting assistance from a former major leaguer really helped Jose develop as a player and a professional, and Peña and Sheffield still keep in close contact to this day. The former All-Star outfielder also helped level up Peña’s recruiting process as he moved up draft boards throughout his high school career.

Sheffield got Peña connected with the baseball program at Tampa Prep, a prestigious college preparatory school in downtown Tampa. He finished his high school career there as an accomplished relief pitcher, striking out 63 batters in 36 innings in his senior year. He committed to Florida International University to stay close to home and continue his baseball career, but once the big-league teams started calling, they were hard for him to ignore.

“When I did my pre-draft workout with the Phillies, they really made me feel like I was at home,” Peña says of being scouted by the Phillies. “Once I heard I was going to the Phillies, the only thing I could do was just smile because that was the only team I really wanted to go to.” One day after his 18th birthday, despite having less organized baseball experience than many others drafted before him, Jose Peña was selected by the Phillies in the sixth round of the 2021 MLB Draft. Peña quickly learned that he would be staying in Florida to start his professional career, and that brought him back to some familiar places where he had watched many games as a child.

It didn’t take long for Peña to realize where exactly he was beginning his professional career. Before Peña’s older cousin left the minor leagues, Jose would frequently spend time with him and his Lakeland Flying Tigers teammates on the stadium and practice fields around the Florida State League. Of course, the first complex he came to as a professional was the Carpenter Complex, right next door to BayCare Ballpark where he had seen so many Phillies Spring Training games and camps over the years.

“I remember coming here as a kid, and my first day here I called my mom, and she reminded me that we used to come here as a kid,” Peña said of his first time in the Carpenter Complex as a professional. “I instantly got excited about how easy it was for my parents to come watch.” Though he would typically go to games with just his father, both of Jose’s parents attended every game he played when he was growing up, and it gave Peña a lot of confidence knowing that their tradition could continue now that he had turned pro. After three seasons in the Florida Complex League, Peña finally had his chance to play regular season games in the stadiums he grew



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up in when he joined the Clearwater Threshers on Opening Day in 2024. His parents were close enough to bring him home-cooked meals throughout the season, and able to come to most of the games he pitched.

He had stayed in his home state all of his life except for the occasional vacation, and the fact that Jose was playing in stadiums where he used to be a fan was surreal at the beginning of the season. "I got to a point where I was ready to get out of Florida, but when I got [to BayCare Ballpark], and felt the energy here, I didn't think I could get that at any other stadium." As special as home games are to any player, especially a guy like Peña who knew his way around the ballpark long before he put on a Phillies or Threshers uniform, the road trips meant just as much.

The Threshers went into May 2024 as one of the top teams in the Florida State League, with the Lakeland Flying Tigers closely behind. Towards the end of April of last season, the two

teams met for the first time in 2024. Aside from the implications on the first half standings, and even the fact that the Clearwater-Lakeland series was the rematch of the first round of the FSL Playoffs the previous fall, this was a special series for Jose Peña Jr. His family, friends and even kids from a youth team he helps coach in the offseason made it out to see him pitch over the course of the series in the ballpark that he used to call home as a child.

"The whole family was there, and my first outing was really good," said Peña of returning to Lakeland to play against the Flying Tigers last season. "When I got there, I remembered that my cousin used to play here. After the game, my dad and I were sitting and talking, and we ended up facetimeing my cousin. So, it was a great opportunity and a fun moment for me." In 5.0 innings over his first three games in Lakeland, Peña shined on the hill, striking out four batters and not allowing a single run or hit in his three outings against the Flying Tigers. He came as a visitor, but Peña's childhood



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baseball home really felt like home in this full circle moment.

Of course, Peña can't play his entire career so close to his hometown if he stays with the Phillies. After the Single-A stop in Clearwater, every other Phillies affiliate is in the northeast, over 1,000 miles from Winter Haven, Florida. Obviously, going up north is the goal for Jose, to move up and gain experience until he is ready for the show, but until then he has some unfinished business in Clearwater: "Last year got cut short, I want to win it all this year!" claimed Peña emphatically when asked about the 2024 season.

Whether or not he stays in Clearwater the whole season, or even if he'd be the only Central Floridian to take home an FSL Title, Jose Peña has some goals here before he goes pro. The championship is certainly the goal for Jose Peña and his family, but Jose knows that his family will be there watching him rise no matter where he plays. Jose's family being so close to home at the start of his career has certainly been part of the motivation that has landed him in the Phillies organization.



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Catching Up With Kehden Hettiger

The Threshers Catcher Discusses Switching Positions and Hitting Lefty in 2025

By Josh Sperber

Editor's note: Just prior to publication, Kehden was promoted to High-A Jersey Shore.



Catchers are typically right-handed hitters, so those who can hit from the left or both sides of the plate are often valued slightly more than a “typical” right-handed hitting catcher. Kehden Hettiger was a catching prospect when he was recruited out of high school as a switch-hitting catcher. In his second season with the Threshers, Hettiger is out to prove that no matter what side of the plate he hits from, he is still a special player who could make the jump from high school to the major leagues.

Like many young baseball players, Hettiger got a fast start to his youth career. When he was around three years old, Kehden's older brother began playing baseball, and going along with his parents to his games helped him quickly fall in love with the game. “My older brother was playing tee ball, I was watching from the bleachers, and I told my parents ‘you guys have to sign me up,’” Hettiger said of discovering baseball at a young age. “From there on out I just fell in love with the



game, so I have to thank my big brother for that.” It wasn’t long before Kehden and his father were practicing hitting in the garage and backyard, both learning the game as they went.

Throughout Kehden’s childhood, he and his dad would spend extra time working on baseball, whether it was hitting in the garage or practicing defense. All they knew about baseball was from watching his brother’s games and MLB games on TV. “It was just me and my dad, all the way through, learning about the game since we didn’t know too much [about baseball] at the time,” Hettiger said of his father’s help while he was learning baseball. “There was a lot of studying game, a lot of watching baseball, lots of time in the garage swinging the bat and switch hitting.” Kehden began hitting as a lefty, but his skills were so advanced at a young age that his father told him to try from the other side. There didn’t seem to be much of a difference in his swing, and it was clear from early on that Kehden Hettiger could have a future as a switch hitter.

By the time Hettiger reached high school, he could hit well from both sides of the plate and was a capable fielder all over the diamond. He played in both the infield and the outfield frequently, showing great athleticism and a strong arm at whatever position he played. By his junior season, Kehden had started gaining the attention of many scouts, and he was starting to get recruited to colleges across the country.

His vision and contact skills from both sides of the plate were a huge draw as a hitter, and his athleticism in the field made him almost positionless. But as he went from high school and recruiting circuit to the college and professional ranks as more of a utility

player, Kehden and his coaches knew that his bat and fielding skills would get him a spot somewhere.

Eventually, Hettiger decided that he needed to stick to one position more consistently. “From junior year on, I realized that I could probably catch instead of playing any other position,” Hettiger said of his decision to make catcher his primary position. “Playing all those other positions helped me in the long run, because you have to be somewhat athletic to play outfield or infield, and it makes catching a lot easier.” Hettiger primarily played third base and right field before his junior season, and it was only after that when he made his catcher switch more permanent. He still played all over the diamond in his senior season, and he committed to the University of Oregon as a catcher.





Once he knew he would catch, his status as a switch-hitter made him even more appealing to MLB scouts. “You don’t see a lot of switch-hitting catchers nowadays, and I’m glad to be able to do that,” Hettiger said of his ability to hit righty and lefty. “But it’s a lot of work because you have to put in double the swings, double the reps and everyone around you has to put in twice the amount of work.” The hard work had clearly paid off, as he was ticketed to play at one of the top Division I baseball programs in the country at Oregon, but after a strong summer Hettiger came back for his senior year of high school looking like a new player, and MLB Scouts started attending his games.

As kids, most of us are taught that school always comes first. However, certain jobs do not need a full background of education. Guys like Tom Glavine and Derek Jeter have gone up through the minor leagues to the majors without playing college baseball and Hettiger thought he was ready to do that as well. “I always had baseball as my priority,” Hettiger recalls of his decision to get out of his Oregon commitment once he was drafted.

“I’d rather focus on the thing I love and put my all into it and see what I can do. Philly gave me that opportunity to be able to do that and I ran with it.” For some players, baseball is not just the goal, it is the only goal. Kehden felt that he’d be better able to hone his skills in the pros and decided to join the Phillies in 2023 after being taken in the eleventh round of the MLB Draft.

Hettiger started out in the Florida Complex League as a catcher for the first ten games of his professional career, the summer after he got drafted in 2023. He began 2024 with the Threshers, getting two hits including a home



run in his first game with Clearwater. Similar to high school, Kehden faced significantly more right-handers than left-handers, with more than triple his at-bats as a left-handed hitter (173) compared to his at-bats as a right-handed hitter (53) in his first full season of affiliated baseball.

With more experience and better stats as a lefty stemming from even his high school days, Hettiger and his coaches felt that there could be some adjustments made ahead of the 2025 season. “I got together with the hitting staff, and we came to a decision to only go left-handed from here and see how that works,” recalls Hettiger of his decision to drop his right-handed swing. “It was tough making that decision, but I’m going to do whatever it takes to help the team win and make myself better.”

It was certainly not an easy decision, but Kehden admitted that he had thought about switching over at points during the season. Sometimes comfort is key, especially when it comes to how a young player begins their

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career. Furthermore, Hettiger has even switched the frequency of which he plays catcher, his primary position in the field.

The offseason leading to his third professional season with the Threshers was not easy and brought about plenty of changes in Hettiger's game. Through the first month of the season, Hettiger has seen a reduction in time as a catcher, serving as one of Clearwater's primary first basemen to begin the campaign in addition to dropping his right-handed swing. With slightly less work to do in the batting cages, Hettiger can focus on other positions in the field defensively as well.

"The coaches in high school threw me at first base, third base, left and right field, and catcher, so I'm pretty comfortable at every position," Hettiger says of moving around the field on defense as a pro. "If I had to go play outfield right now, I can definitely go do that, so I feel that my experience in high school ball really got me ready." Hettiger has played catcher, first and third base in the field in the professional ranks. Most of the pitchers Kehden has faced since high school were righties, so the switch to lefty only at the plate may be less difficult than one would expect.

Regardless of where he hits or what position he plays, Kehden Hettiger can guarantee hard work and dedication to the team wherever he is in the lineup, in the field, or whatever batter's box he enters to face his opponent. The hard work has clearly begun to pay off, as Hettiger was called up to the High-A Jersey Shore BlueClaws in mid-April.





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DATE	TIME	OPPONENT	DATE	TIME	OPPONENT
April 9	6:30 p.m.	Daytona	July 9	6:30 p.m.	Fort Myers
April 23	12 p.m.	Fort Myers	July 23	12 p.m.	Bradenton
May 14	6:30 p.m.	Lakeland	August 13	6:30 p.m.	Lakeland
May 28	6:30 p.m.	Dunedin	August 20	6:30 p.m.	Jupiter
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April 24	6:30 p.m.	Fort Myers	July 24	6:30 p.m.	Bradenton
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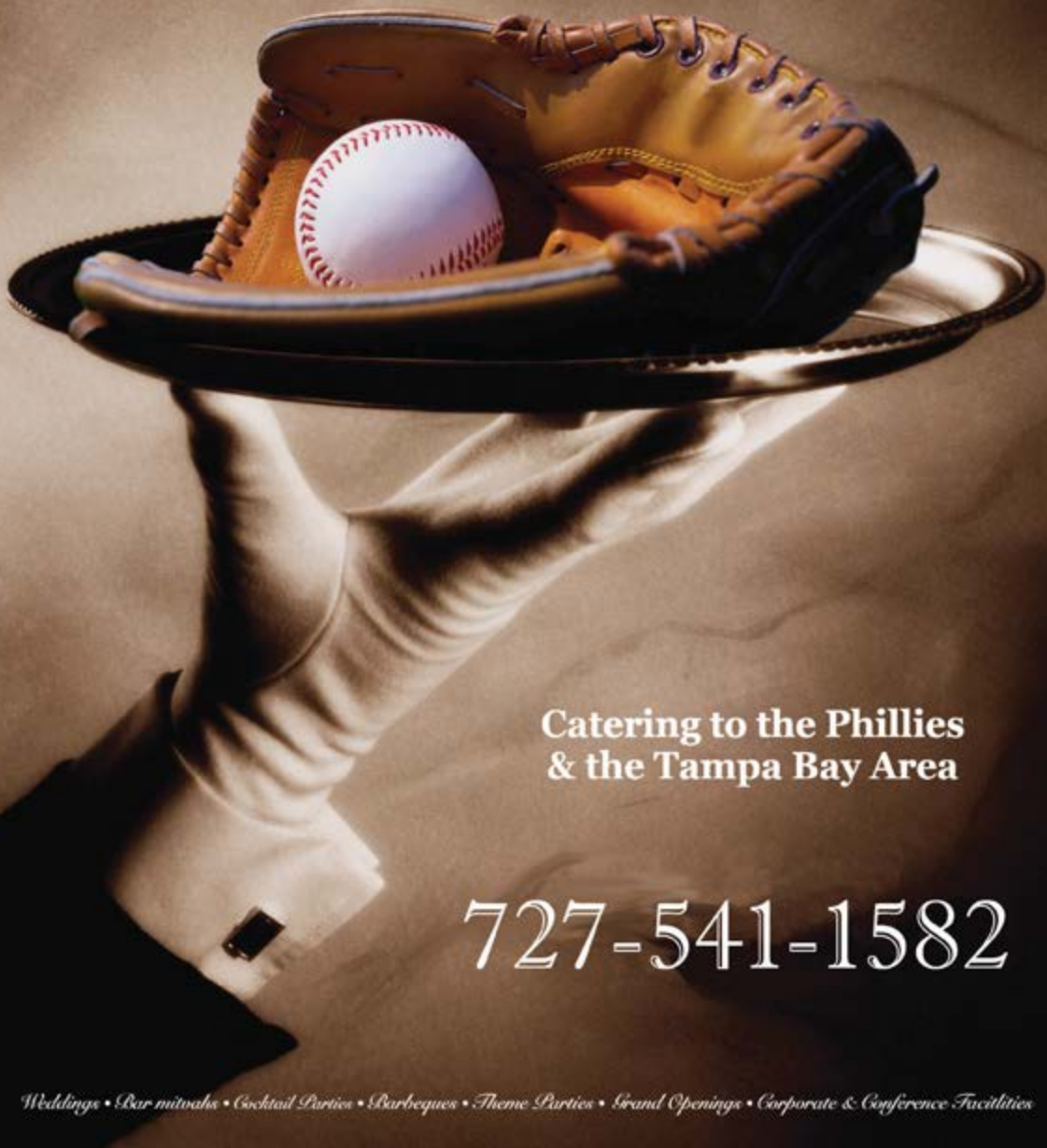
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