



AKRON RUBBERDUCKS GAME NOTES

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Akron RubberDucks (18-18, 53-52)

vs

Harrisburg Senators (19-17, 50-54)

Cleveland Guardians Double-A

Washington Nationals Double-A

LHP Will Dion (2-3, 3.40 ERA)

LHP DJ Herz (0-1, 15.43 ERA)

Friday, August 11, 2023 • FNB Field • 7:00 p.m. EDT

Game 106, 2nd Half Game 37, Away Game 55, Night Game 78, Divisional Game 64

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August 10: Senators 5, RubberDucks 2: Juan Brito extended his season-long 23 game on-base streak with an RBI single and Aaron Bracho homered for the 11th time this season. But Harrisburg took the win behind Alemao Hernandez 7.2 innings.

Odor and Clark reach milestones: On June 18, the RubberDucks swept a doubleheader from the New Hampshire Fisher Cats. The win in the second game of the doubleheader was the 245th win for the RubberDucks with Rouglas Odor as manager, which passed Brad Komminsk for most in franchise history. Returning for a fourth season to Akron, Odor becomes the longest-tenured manager in franchise history. The RubberDucks also reached 2,500 as a franchise since moving to Ohio in 1989 (Canton 1989-1996, Akron 1997-present) with the sweep of the June 18 doubleheader. RubberDucks broadcaster Jim Clark is in his 30th season with the franchise. Clark joined the broadcast booth for the Canton-Akron Indians for the 1990 season and has been a mainstay on Indians, Akron Aeros and RubberDucks broadcasts ever since. On July 7, Clark called his 3,500th game for the franchise.

Hanner holds it down: After the promotion of then Eastern League saves leader Cade Smith to Columbus on June 6, the RubberDucks were in need of a new closer. Bradley Hanner has filled the role going a perfect six for six in saves in 16 appearances since Smith's departure. In those 16 games, Hanner has tossed 24.2 innings with a 1.46 ERA and 32 strikeouts to 12 walks. Overall this season, Hanner has seven saves, which is fifth most in Eastern League and fourth most in Guardians organization. Hanner's excellent work in the late innings has been a big reason why the RubberDucks bullpen has the lowest reliever ERA (3.33) in the Eastern League.

He gets on base: Juan Brito is in the midst of a long on-base streak for the second time this season. From April 11-May 5, Brito reached base in 17 straight games while playing for High-A Lake County. Now in Akron, Brito is on a 23-game on-base streak, which is longest by a RubberDuck since 2019 (Ka'ai Tom, 27 games). During this stretch that began on July 8, Brito is batting .333/.408/.524 with eight doubles, two homers and 17 RBI while walking 11 times and scoring 13 runs. The majority of this on-base streak also saw Brito record his longest hitting streak of the year, recording a base hit in 14 straight games from July 16-Aug. 1. Since being promoted to Akron on May 26, Brito is second on the team in batting average (.312), RBI (38), hits (62) and doubles (13), third in homers (6), and fourth in runs scored (30).

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

Saturday, Aug. 12 6:00 p.m. RHP Ross Carver (1-3, 7.39 ERA)
Sunday, Aug. 13 1:00 p.m. LHP Doug Nihzazy (4-6, 3.45 ERA)
Tuesday, Aug. 15 6:35 p.m. TBA
Wednesday, Aug. 16 6:35 p.m. TBA

RubberDucks travel to Harrisburg: Akron is playing the third series of the season against Harrisburg and first at FNB Field. The RubberDucks are 8-6 against the Senators this season. According to MLB.com, top prospects in this series include:

Guardians (MLB.com): #6 IF Juan Brito, #19 RHP Tanner Burns, #20 OF Petey Halpin, #26 LHP Doug Nihzazy, #27 LHP Will Dion, #29 IF Milan Tolentino

Nationals (MLB.com): #2 OF James Wood, #3 IF Brady House, #8 OF Robert Hassell III, #14 IF Trey Lipscomb, #16 LHP DJ Herz, #22 C Israel Pineda, #26 LHP Mitchell Parker,

Kokx steals into history: Connor Kokx accomplished a rare feat on Sunday, Aug. 6 by reaching on a fielder's choice in the bottom of the seventh and proceeded to steal second, third and home. This feat brought his stolen base total to five on the day, which is the most by a player in franchise history. This is also the second most steals in the Eastern League this season (Ceddanne Rafaela, 6) and third most in Minor League Baseball history (Rickey Henderson, 7).

Former RubberDucks make MLB debuts: 11 recent RubberDucks have made MLB debuts in 2023. Carlos Vargas (2022) debuted with the Arizona Diamondbacks on Mar. 30 against the Los Angeles Dodgers striking out two and allowing a run. Kevin Kelly (2022) debuted for the Rays on April 1 allowing one run over two innings against the Detroit Tigers. Tim Herrin (2021-2022) debuted for the Guardians on April 2 against the Seattle Mariners and struck out the first four batters he faced (first pitcher since 1893 to face at least four hitters and strike them all out in his MLB debut). On April 12, Peyton Battenfield (2021) debuted against the New York Yankees and struck out three over 4.2 innings, allowing just one run. Logan Allen (2021-2022) struck out eight over six innings in a win for the Guardians over the Miami Marlins on April 23 in his debut. Tanner Bibee (2022 Eastern League Pitcher of the Year) debuted for Guardians on April 26 against the Colorado Rockies (W, 5.2IP, 1R, 8K). Braynan Rocchio (2021-22) made his debut with Cleveland on May 16 recording a hit against the Chicago White Sox. Andrew Monasterio (2019-21) made his debut with the Milwaukee Brewers on May 28. Akron's 2023 Opening Day starter Gavin Williams (2022-23) made his debut with Cleveland tossing five and two third innings with four strikeouts against the Oakland A's on June 21. Jose Fermin (2021) made his debut with the St. Louis Cardinals against the White Sox on July 7. Jose Tena (2021-23) made his debut for Cleveland against the White Sox on Aug. 5 scoring a run.

2023 RUBBERDUCKS FIELD STAFF

#24 Rouglas Odor, *Manager (Fourth Season)* – Odor, 55, is in his 36th season with the Cleveland organization as a player, coach and manager. The 2023 season is Odor's fourth as RubberDucks manager, making him the longest-tenured Akron manager. Odor led Akron to a 79-59 record in 2022. He guided Akron to the Double-A Northeast championship and a 73-46 record in 2021 and was named Double-A Northeast Manager of the Year. Odor also led the RubberDucks to a 61-79 record in 2019. He enters the 2023 season 213-184 as RubberDucks manager. Odor enters 2023 ranked fourth all-time in franchise managerial wins.

Odor was the first member of the Guardians organization to be a member of the Canton-Akron Indians, Akron Aeros and RubberDucks. He was an infielder for Canton-Akron for parts of the 1991, 1993 and 1994 seasons. Odor served as the Aeros hitting coach in 2012 and served as the RubberDucks hitting coach in 2014.

A native of Maracaibo, Venezuela, Odor was a 32nd round selection by Cleveland in the 1988 draft out of the University of New Orleans. The former shortstop played in the minor leagues for Cleveland from 1988-94 and for the Milwaukee Brewers organization in 1995. The 2019 season was Odor's first as a manager since 2008. He managed San Felipe in the Venezuelan Summer League (1999-2000), the Burlington Indians (2001-2004), the Mahoning Valley Scrappers (2005-2006), and Gulf Coast League Indians (2007-2008). In 2009, Odor began serving as hitting coach for the Kinston Indians (2009-2010), Double-A Akron Aeros (2011-2012), High-A Carolina Mudcats (2013), Double-A Akron RubberDucks (2014), and Triple-A Columbus Clippers (2015-2017).

Odor resides in Winter Haven, Florida, with his wife, Milagros. He has three sons and is the uncle of major league infielder Rougneh Odor.

#30 Brad Goldberg, *Pitching Coach (First Season)* — Brad Golberg, 33, enters his second season with the Guardians and first with the RubberDucks. In 2022, Goldberg served as a pitching development coach on the Arizona Complex staff.

A native of Beachwood, Ohio, Goldberg pitched at the Ohio State University before being a 10th round selection of the Chicago White Sox in the 2013 draft. He spent six years between the White Sox and Diamondbacks systems, appearing in 200 games. Goldberg made his Major League debut with the White Sox in 2017 with 11 relief outings.

#28 Mike Mergenthaler, *Hitting Coach (Third Season, First as Hitting Coach)* — Mergenthaler, 34, enters his seventh year with the Guardians organization and third season with Akron. Mergenthaler spent 2022 as Akron's assistant hitting coach after serving as the bench coach for the RubberDucks in 2021.

Prior to coming to Akron, Mergenthaler was the bench coach with Lynchburg in 2019. In 2017 and 2018, Mergenthaler worked as a hitting coach for the Cleveland and Milwaukee joint Dominican Summer League team. The Thiells, New York, native was a 32nd round pick of the San Francisco Giants in the 2011 draft out of the University of Richmond. In two professional seasons, he hit .252 in 102 games.

#1 Ian Forster, *Assistant Hitting Coach (First Season)* — Forster enters his fourth season in the Guardians organization and first season with the RubberDucks. Prior to coming to Akron, Forster spent 2022 as the hitting development coach on the Arizona Complex staff.

A graduate of North Olmsted High School, Forster played four years at Baldwin Wallace University in Berea, graduating in 2018.

#4 Daniel Robertson, *Bench Coach (First Season)* – Robertson, 37, enters his second season in the Guardians organization and first season in Akron. Prior to joining the RubberDucks, Robertson spent 2022 as the bench coach for Single-A Lynchburg.

A native of West Covina, California, Robertson was a 33rd round pick in the 2008 draft by the San Diego Padres out of Oregon State University. Robertson played 12 professional seasons including 148 Major League games. He appeared in 32 games as an outfielder for Cleveland in 2017.

Jacob Legan, *Athletic Trainer (Third Season)* — Legan is in his 10th season in the Cleveland organization and third season in Akron. Prior to coming to Akron, Legan served as the athletic trainer for Lynchburg in 2019. He earned his bachelor's degree in Athletic Training from East Carolina, his master's degree in Exercise Physiology from the University of Akron and his Doctor of Athletic Training from Temple University.

Mo Cuevas, *Strength and Conditioning Coach (First Season)* – Cuevas enters his eighth season with the Guardians organization and first season in Akron. Prior to joining the RubberDucks, Cuevas served as the rehab strength and conditioning coach in 2022.

Zach Block, *Baseball Technology Fellow (Second Season)* – Block returns to Akron after serving in the same role in 2022. Since graduating with a bachelor's degree from the University of Miami in 2015, Block has worked in the Cincinnati Reds, Toronto Blue Jays, Los Angeles Angels and Washington Nationals organizations. He earned his master's degree in sports analytics and management in 2022.

We Are the RubberDucks

On October 29, 2013, team owner **Ken Babby** 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.

#39 BRYCE BALL IF, L/R **Dallas Baptist**
Twitter: @bryceball_05 **IG:** @bryceball_05 **2023 FA**
Last (8/9@HBG) 0-4, k **Streak** -2 (0-8, 3k)
Series 0-8, 3k **'23 Long Hit** 4 (multiple)
H-Stand 3-14, 2r, d, 2hr, 4bi, bb, k **'23 Long OBS** 16 (4/18-5/16)
'23/Career High: 3/3 H, 2/4 R, 2/2 2B, 0/1 3B, 1/2 HR, 4/6 RBI, 1/1 SB
4-yr MiLB Totals thru '22: 352 g, .253, 42 hr, 208 rbi, 2 sb, .783 ops
 • Played in four Cubs Spring Training games (2-for-6)...Played in 52 games between High-A South Bend and Double-A Tennessee batting .214 with one home run and 28 RBI...Released on July 4....Signed by Cleveland July 20.
 • **2022:** Played in two Cubs Spring Training games going 2-for-5....Played 131 games for Double-A Tennessee batting .265 with 11 homers and 76 RBI
 • **2021:** Played in 15 Atlanta Spring Training games going 5-for-21 with 2RBI...Opened season with Rome (Braves High-A) as Atlanta's No. 12 prospect (MLB Pipeline)...Appeared in 54 games batting .206 with six homers and 31 RBI...Traded to Chicago on July 15 for Joc Pederson...Played in 53 games for High-A South Bend after the trade batting .207 with seven homers and 21 RBI.
 • **2020:** Played in 10 Braves Spring Training games going 3-for-16 with one home run and one RBI.
 • **2019:** Drafted by Atlanta in 24th round out of Dallas Baptist...Made professional debut with Danville (Rookie-A) batting .324 with 13HR, 38RBI in 41 games...Earned Appy League Postseason All-Star honors and Baseball America Rookie Appy League All-Star honors...Finished season playing 21 games for Rome (Single-A) batting .337 with 4HR and 14RBI...Named 2019 MiLB.com Organization All-Star.
 • **Amateur:** Played in 63 games for Dallas Baptist in 2019 batting .325 with 18HR, 54RBI...Earned NCBWA First Team and ABCA Second Team All-American honors and 1st Team All-MVC honors...Two-time National Player of the Week in 2019...Spent first two college seasons at North Iowa Area CC earning NJCAA First Team All-Region and All-District Team honors as a freshman in 2017 batting .429 with 22 doubles before batting .294 with 14HR and 44RBI as a sophomore in 2018...Four-year high school letterman at Newman Catholic High School (IA)...Named Rawlings-Perfect Game Honorable Mention All-American after his senior season...Earned First Team All-State honors in 2015 and 2016.

#6 MICHAEL BERGLUND C, L/R **Texas Tech, Cisco JC**
Twitter: **IG:** @Mikebergg4 **2022 Rule 5 (TB)**
Last (8/9@HBG) 1-2, bb, k **Streak** +1 (1-2, bb, k)
Series 1-2, bb, k **'23 Long Hit** 3 (multiple)
H-Stand 3-13, 3r, d, hr, bi, bb, 3k, hp **'23 Long OBS** 12 (4/27-5/26)
'23/Career High: 2/3 H, 1/2 R, 1/2 2B, 0/1 3B, 1/1 HR, 2/3 RBI, 0/1 SB
3-yr MiLB Totals thru '22: 156 g, .226, 5 hr, 59 rbi, 7 sb, .679 ops
 • Originally drafted by Tampa Bay in the eighth round of the 2018 Draft.
2022 Highlights:
 • Began the season with 20 games for Single-A Charleston (.254, 4 RBI, .753 OPS)
 • Joined Double-A Montgomery for 2 games (1-for-4, 2K) before going to High-A.
 • For High-A Bowling Green, played 47 games (.224, 4 HR, 12 RBI, .724 OPS).
 • **2021:** After missing 2019 (injury) and 2020 (COVID), played 50 games for Single-A Charleston (.196, HR, 26 RBI, .581 OPS)...Hit first career home run July 10 at Columbia.
 • **2018:** Made pro debut with 34 games for GCL Rays (.257, 14 RBI, .722 OPS)...played 1 game for Princeton (rookie) (1-for-4, R, BB)...Played 2 games for short-season Hudson Valley (1-for-5, 2 R, 2 RBI, 4 BB).
 • **Amateur:** Played freshman season at Texas Tech and was an All-Big 12 Freshman (50 G, .307, 2 HR, 27 RBI, .760 OPS)...Transferred to Cisco (TX) College for his sophomore year (58 G, .387, 11 HR, 61 RBI, 1.146 OPS)...Had planned transfer to Arizona for junior year before signing with Tampa Bay...Attended Mary Carroll High School in Corpus Christi, TX.

#45 AARON BRACHO IF, L/R **El Tigre, VZ**
Twitter: **IG:** @aaronbracho3 **2017 FA**
Last (8/10@HBG) 1-4, r, hr, bi **Streak** +1 (1-4, r, hr, bi)
Series 1-11, r, hr, bi, 3k, hp **'23 Long Hit** 10 (7/23-8/3)
H-Stand 8-23, 4r, d, hr, 4bi, 3bb, 6k **'23 Long OBS** 12 (7/20-8/3)
'23/Career High: 5/5 H, 2/2 R, 2/2 2B, 1/1 3B, 2/2 HR, 5/5 RBI, 1/1 SB
3-yr MiLB Totals thru '22: 188 g, .201, 23 hr, 94 rbi, 6 sb, .670 ops
 • Career switch hitter until early this season...batting only left-handed since April 12.
 • Eastern League Player of the Week for Week 17 (12-24, 2D, T, HR, 7RBI) vs Erie.
2022: With High-A Lake County, posted 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 JUAN BRITO IF, S/R **Santo Domingo, DR**
Twitter: **IG:** @juan_m_brito **2022 Trade (COL)**
Last (8/10@HBG) 1-4, bi **Streak** +4 (6-16, 2d, t, 4bi, bb)
Series 4-11, d, 2bi, bb **'23 Long Hit** 14 (7/16-8/1)
H-Stand 3-12, r, d, t, 2bi, bb, k **'23 Long OBS** 23 (7/8-8/10) - active
'23/Career High: 4/4 H, 3/3 R, 2/2 2B, 0/1 3B, 1/1 HR, 4/6 RBI, 2/4 SB
3-yr MiLB Totals thru '22: 169 g, .295, 17 hr, 109 rbi, 34 sb, .875 ops
 • Hit safely in 14 straight games from July 16-Aug. 1 (18-for-51, 8R, 5D, HR, 10RBI).
 • Promoted to Akron from Lake County (High-A) on May 26 after batting .265 with 4 HR, 14 RBI, 24 BB, 21 K, .803 OPS...Entered Akron on a three-game hitting streak and proceeded to hit safely in first eight games with the Ducks to go 19-for-43, 4D, 2HR, 9RBI in those 11 games.
 • Played in 14 Guardians Spring Training games (2-for-14, 6R, D, 10BB, 1K).
2022 Highlights:
 • Played 107 games for Single-A Fresno batting .286 with 11 home runs, 72 RBI, 17 stolen bases, 78BB, 71K and .877 OPS...Named California League All-Star at second base...Ranked as #30 prospect for the Rockies during the season (MLB.com)...Acquired by Cleveland on Nov. 15, 2022 for Nolan Jones.
 • **2021:** Played 27 games with AZL Rockies batting .295 with 20 runs scored, 3 home runs, 11 RBI, 15BB, 21K and .838 OPS.
 • **2019:** Pro debut with DSL affiliate (35 G, .328, 3HR, 26 RBI, 17 SB, .403 OBP, 16 BB, 15K).
 • **2018:** Signed with the Colorado Rockies as an international free agent.

#13 JOE DONOVAN C, R/R **Michigan**
Twitter: **IG:** @yoyo_donovan **2020 FA**
Last (8/10@HBG) 1-4, 2k **Streak** +3 (3-10, d, 4k)
Series 1-4, 2k **'23 Long Hit** 4 (7/25-30)
H-Stand Did not appear **'23 Long OBS** 14 (7/3-30)
'23/Career High: 4/4 H, 4/4 R, 2/2 2B, 1/1 3B, 1/1 HR, 3/4 RBI, 0/1 SB
2-yr MiLB Totals thru '22: 153 g, .207, 15 hr, 64 rbi, 5 sb, .668 ops
 • Opened season with High-A Lake County...Transferred to Triple-A Columbus in mid-April appeared in one game for Clippers going 2-5 with a run...Transferred back to Lake County where he played in a total of 51 games (.241, 10D, 5HR, 24RBI)...Transferred to Akron on Aug. 8.
 • **2022:** Played 58 games for Single-A Lynchburg (.200, 10D, 6HR, 33RBI, 2SB).
 • **2021:** Played 43 games for High-A Lake County (.165, 3D, 4HR, 7RBI, 3SB).
 • **2020:** Signed as a Non-Drafted Free Agent with Cleveland out of Michigan.
 • **College:** Attended Michigan...Started 14 of 15 games behind the plate during COVID shortened 2020 season...All-Big Ten Third Team selection as a sophomore after playing 63 games with a .421 slugging average and .314 on-base percentage...Homered and scored twice in the CWS Finals opener against Vanderbilt in 2019...Played in 14 games as a freshman batting .250 with .333 on-base percentage.
 • **High School/Family:** Drafted by the Cubs in the 2017 MLB Draft (did not sign)...Attended Westmont High School (IL). Holds 47 career and singles season records at Westmont. Ranks top five Illinois High School baseball history in hits, doubles, runs scored; tied 10th in homers; 13th in RBI...Rawlings -Perfect Game Honorable mention All-American Central-All Region 1st Team...Won Dupage County Triple Crown in 2017 with 16HR, .523 BA and 49 RBI...Winningest Player in Westmont High School History...Father Jim played baseball at University of Illinois...Mother Karen swam for Northern Illinois University...Older brother Charlie was a star baseball recruit who committed to Michigan but passed away before enrolling ([Joe wore 0 in high school and college to honor Charlie](#)).

#11 PETEY HALPIN OF, L/R **Mira Costa (CA) HS**
Twitter: @peteyhalpin **IG:** @peteyhalpin **2020 (3rd round)**
Last (8/10@HBG) 0-4, k **Streak** -3 (0-11, r, bb, 4k)
Series 0-11, r, bb, 4k **'23 Long Hit** 6 (multiple)
H-Stand 8-21, 8r, 2d, t,hr,6bi,5bb,5k,cs **'23 Long OBS** 14 (7/23-8/8)
'23/Career High: 3/4 H, 2/4 R, 2/2 2B, 1/1 3B, 1/1 HR, 2/3 RBI, 2/2 SB
2-yr MiLB Totals thru '22: 159 g, .274, 7 hr, 54 rbi, 27 sb, .753 ops
 • Entered the season ranked as Cleveland's No. 17 prospect (MLB.com).
 • Played in six Guardians Spring Training games (2-for-10, double, 2 R, 3 RBI, 3 BB).
2022 Highlights:
 • Played 105 games with High-A Lake County...hit .262, 6 HR, 36 RBI, .346 OBP, .385 SLG, 68 runs (T-6th in MWL)...Led team with 4 triples, tied team leads with 100 hits and 21 doubles.
 • One of the youngest regulars in the Midwest League (turned 20 in May).
 • Reached base in 30 straight games June 24-Aug. 10, second-longest in the league.
 • Played 60 straight errorless games April 14-July 4
 • **2021:** Made pro debut with 54 games for Single-A Lynchburg...Hit .294 with 1 HR, 18 RBI, 34 runs, 14 doubles, six triples (T-4th in Low-A East), .363 OBP, .425 SLG.
 • **2020:** Signed with Cleveland...had been committed to Texas for college.
 • **High School:** Attended Mira Costa High School (Manhattan Beach, CA)...Played in the inaugural Prospect Development Pipeline League in 2019, leading the showcase with eight runs and six steals in nine games...Competed in the inaugural High School MLB All-Star Game in Cleveland in 2019...Native of San Mateo, CA.

#15 KOREY HOLLAND OF, R/R Langham Creek (TX) HS

Twitter: @holland_korey IG: 2018 (14th round)

Last (8/10@HBG) 1-4, 2k Streak +1 (1-4, 2k)

Series 1-10, bb, 5k '23 Long Hit 9 (5/5-20)

H-Stand 4-19, r, d, bi, bb, 4k, sb '23 Long OBS 9 (5/5-20)

'23/Career High: 3/4 H, 2/3 R, 2/2 2B, 1/1 3B, 1/1 HR, 5/5 RBI, 1/4 SB

4-yr MiLB Totals thru '22: 227 g, .230, 16 hr, 89 rbi, 28 sb, .678 ops

- Joined Akron from the Arizona Complex on May 5 and begun his Double-A career with a nine-game hitting streak (13 hits, 2 HR, 8 RBI).
- 2022: Played 80 games for High-A Lake County (.217, 15 2B, 3 3B, 9 HR, 32 RBI, 6 SB).
- 2021: Played 68 games for Single-A Lynchburg (.252, 7 2B, 3 3B, 6 HR, 24 RBI, 10 SB).
- 2019: Hit .212 with 4 doubles, 3 triples, 1 homer, 11 RBI in 48 games for Mahoning Valley.
- 2018: Drafted by Cleveland in the 14th Round...had been committed to Texas for college. Made pro debut in AZL, batting .245 with 3 doubles, 1 triple and 12 RBI in 31 games.
- High School: Attended Langham Creek High School...Named to USA Today's ALL-USA Texas Baseball Team...No. 2-ranked OF and 15th ranked overall player in Texas by Perfect Game...Native of Houston, TX.

#9 CESAR IDROGO OF, S/R San Antonio de Capaycuar, VZ

Twitter: IG: 2017 FA

Last (8/10@HBG) 2-3, r, d Streak +2 (3-6, 2r, d, bb)

Series 2-3, r, d '23 Long Hit 6 (4/8-23)

H-Stand 1-10, r, bb, 2k '23 Long OBS 7 (4/8-25)

'23/Career High: 2/3 H, 2/3 R, 1/3 2B, 0/1 3B, 1/1 HR, 434 RBI, 1/3 SB

5-yr MiLB Totals thru '22: 171 g, .274, 7 hr, 81 rbi, 18 sb, .712 ops

- Appeared in 29 games for High-A Lake County batting .238 with 2HR and 6RBI. Promoted to Akron on July 26.
- Played in one Cleveland Spring Training game going 1-for-2 with a RBI.
- 2022 Highlights:
 - Played in 27 games with Single-A Lynchburg batting .337 with 1HR and 16RBI. Promoted to Lake County (High-A) batting .292 with one HR and 5RBI in 8 games.
 - Played in three Cleveland Spring Training games going 1-for-3 with a RBI
 - 2021: Played 13 games for Single-A Lynchburg batting .184 with 3RBI
 - 2019: Appeared in 49 games for AZL Cleveland batting .243 with 23 RBI
 - 2018: Made professional debut with DSL Cleveland appearing in 45 games batting .309 with 3HR, 28RBI
 - 2017: Signed as an international free agent by Cleveland.

#10 CONNOR KOKX OF, R/R Long Beach State

Twitter: @connorkokx IG: @connorkokx 2021 (12th round)

Last (8/10@HBG) 1-2, bb Streak +1 (1-2, bb)

Series 3-8, r, hr, 2bi, bb, 2k, cs '23 Long Hit 4 (multiple)

H-Stand 4-16, 3r, 2d, 4bb, 2k, 7sb '23 Long OBS 10 (4/14-5/5)

'23/Career High: 3/4 H, 3/3 R, 1/1 2B, 0/1 3B, 1/1 HR, 2/3 RBI, 5/5 SB

2-yr MiLB Totals thru '22: 103 g, .235, 8 hr, 32 rbi, 17 sb, .729 ops

- Stole an Akron single-game franchise record five bases on Aug. 6 against Somerset, including swiping second, third and home in the seventh inning.
- Played in eight Guardians Spring Training games (3-for-10, double, 4 R, RBI, BB).
- 2022 Highlights:
 - Played 88 games with High-A Lake County...hit .234 with 7 HR, 28 RBI, 50 runs, 11 doubles, two triples, .350 OBP, .366 SLG...1 error all season, no errors in last 65 G.
 - Played for Peoria in the Arizona Fall League (18 G, .283, 3 doubles, 0 HR, 6 RBI).
 - 2021: Pro debut with ACL affiliate (15 G, .238, HR, 4 RBI, .429 OBP)
 - College: Drafted after his third-year redshirt freshman season at Long Beach State (injury-shortened 2019, COVID-shortened 2020)...Collegiate Baseball Freshman All-American who led team in average (.366, program's highest since 2010), OBP (.481, program's highest since 2008), runs (37), hits (59), BB (24), HBP (16) and SB (14), T-1st in total bases (92)... Named a 2021 All-Big West First Team member.
 - High School: Attended Aliso Niguel High School...Started 120 games over four years, starting at seven positions in high school (all except P & 1B)...Set school records for HBP (20) and SB (23) as a senior.

#8 MICAEL RAMIREZ C, R/R Miranda, VZ

Twitter: IG: @alejand_5 2017 FA

Last (8/8@HBG) 2-4, r Streak +1 (2-4, r)

Series 2-4, r '23 Long Hit 5 (7/1-14)

H-Stand 0-17, r, bb, 2k '23 Long OBS 9 (6/20-7/14)

'23/Career High: 2/4 H, 2/4 R, 1/3 2B, 0/1 3B, 1/1 HR, 3/6 RBI, 1/1 SB

5-yr MiLB Totals thru '22: 219 g, .266, 7 hr, 91 rbi, 7 sb, .709 ops

- Promoted to Akron on July 3...Appeared in 36 games with High-A Lake County batting .242 with three homers and 18 RBI while stealing two bases.
- 2022: Played in 73 games with High-A Lake County batting .210 with three homers and 22 RBI
- 2021: Split the season between AZL Cleveland and Single-A Lynchburg. Played in 17 games for AZL Cleveland batting .429 with no homers and 13 RBI...Appeared in 30 games for Lynchburg batting .225 with three doubles and 9 RBI.
- 2019: Appeared in 16 games for Cleveland Red of the AZL. Hit .313 with three doubles and six RBI.
- 2018: Appeared in 24 games for AZL Cleveland 2 batting .338 with a home run, 9 RBI and a stolen base.
- 2017: Signed as an amateur free agent on May 29...Made his professional debut for DSL appearing in 23 games batting .304 with eight doubles and 14 RBI.

#7 GABRIEL RODRÍGUEZ IF, R/R El Tejero, Monagas, VZ

Twitter: @Eldetejero IG: @gabrielrodriguez_oficial 2018 FA

Last (8/10@HBG) 0-4 Streak -1 (0-4)

Series 1-11, 4k '23 Long Hit 8 (5/9-21)

H-Stand 4-19, 2r, bi, bb, 7k, hp '23 Long OBS 9 (5/6-21)

'23/Career High: 2/4 H, 3/4 R, 1/2 2B, 1/1 3B, 1/1 HR, 4/4 RBI, 1/2 SB

3-yr MiLB Totals thru '22: 247 g, .248, 15 hr, 111 rbi, 11 sb, .677 ops

- 2022 Highlights:
 - Entered season ranked as Cleveland's No. 21/30 prospect (*Baseball America*/MLB.com)
 - In 94 games for High-A Lake County, had career highs in average (.272, fifth in Midwest League), HR (9), SLG (.416, second on team), runs (45), and OPS (.759)...had 15 doubles, 2 triples, 38 RBI, .343 OBP.
 - Did not play after Aug. 27 (shoulder surgery for a torn right labrum).
 - 2021: Ranked Cleveland's No. 15 prospect (MLB.com)...Played 97 games for Single-A Lynchburg (.236, 3 HR, 34 RBI, 18 doubles, .602 OPS).
 - 2019: Ranked Cleveland's No. 10 prospect (MLB.com & *Baseball America*)...Played 56 games for rookie affiliates (38 G in DSL, 18 G in AZL), totaling .231 average, 3 HR, 39 RBI, .682 OPS.
 - 2018: Signed with Cleveland as a 16-year-old in July, reportedly for franchise-record bonus for an international position player (\$2.1 million).

#2 MILAN TOLENTINO IF, L/R Santa Margarita Catholic (CA) HS

Twitter: @milantolentino IG: @milantolentino 2020 (4th round)

Last (8/10@HBG) 0-4 Streak -3 (0-12, 3k)

Series 0-12, 3k '23 Long Hit 11 (7/20-8/1)

H-Stand 4-13, r, 2d, 3bi, k '23 Long OBS 11 (7/20-8/1)

'23/Career High: 3/4 H, 3/4 R, 2/3 2B, 1/1 3B, 1/1 HR, 5/5 RBI, 2/2 SB

2-yr MiLB Totals thru '22: 161 g, .268, 11 hr, 94 rbi, 32 sb, .753 ops

- Promoted from Lake County (High-A) to Akron on Aug. 4...Played in 67 games with the Captains 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).
- Entered the season ranked as the No. 25 Guardians prospect by MLB Pipeline.
- 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.

#43 FRANCO ALEMAN Twitter: [Twitter](#) IG: [IG](#)
RHP: FB, SL, SI vs. 1st Batter (EL): 1-9 (.111), 3k Inherited Runners-Scored: 6-0 (0%)
1-yr MiLB Totals thru '22: 24/8 g/gs, 3-10, 6.31 ERA, 1/2 sv, 55.2 ip, 75 k, .292, 1.56 whip
 Opened season with Lake County (High-A) going 2-2 with a 5.52 ERA in 20 appearances. Two saves and 46 strikeouts over 31 innings pitched...Promoted to Akron on July 1.
2022: Spent season with Lynchburg (Single-A) making 24 appearances (8 starts) going 3-10 with a 6.31 ERA, one save, 75 strikeouts to just 18 walks over 55.2 innings pitched.
Amateur: 10th round pick by Cleveland (306th overall) out of Florida (third member of ['21 Gators](#) selected by Cleveland)...Made 23 appearances and 9 starts for Florida in 2021 going 2-4 with a 5.74 ERA and four saves over 69.0 innings pitched while striking out 65 and only walking 21...Went to St. Johns River State in 2020 making seven starts going 3-1, 3.26 ERA, 51SO over 38.1IP...Started college career at FIU making 12 starts and two relief appearances going 3-5 with a 3.97 ERA, 53SO over 65.2IP...Graduated from Alonzo High School (Tampa, FL) where he was All-State First Team after going 9-1 with a 0.59 ERA and 106SO over 72IP as a senior...Also attended Columbia HS (Lake City, FL) where he was All-State in baseball and soccer.
Personal: Born in Cuba. His father Omar was a dentist that chose to work in Venezuela as part of a Cuba-Venezuela Alliance. Father defected to the United States and was able to claim Franco and other immediate family members to come to the United States under a program. Franco was 11 when he came to Tampa, FL in 2011. His parents had him watch American TV and listen to American music to help learn American culture ([Tampa Bay Times](#)).

**Recent EL Outings (9 scoreless of 9 overall)
9 straight scoreless outings (13.1 innings)**

Date	Opp	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K	HR	IR-Sc
8/6	SOM	S	0.1	1	0	0	0	0	0-0
8/3	SOM		1.0	0	0	0	0	1	0-0
7/28	@ERI	W	2.0	0	0	0	0	2	0-0
7/26	@ERI		1.1	0	0	0	0	1	0-0
7/21	RIC	S	1.1	1	0	0	3	0	1-0

#38 TREY BENTON Twitter: [@TreyBenton12](#) IG: [@treybenton](#)
RHP: FB,SL,SW,CB vs. 1st Batter (EL): 8-29 (.276), hr,2bb,12k,hplnherited Runners-Scored: 14-5 (35.7%)
2-yr MiLB Totals thru '22: 57/0 g/gs, 3-5, 3.58 ERA, 13/18 sv, 60.1 ip, 76 k, .192, 1.59 whip
2022: Split the season between Single-A Lynchburg (13 G, 1-2, 4/6 saves, 1.13 ERA, 16 IP, 6 BB, 27 K, 0.69 WHIP, .094 avg) and High-A Lake County (26 G, 2-1, 8/11 saves, 2.63 ERA, 27.1 IP, 20 BB, 25 K, 1.61 WHIP, .231 avg).
2021: Appeared in 18 games for Lynchburg going 0-2 with a 7.41 ERA, 1/1 saves, 29BB, 24 K over 17 innings pitched.
2019: Had reconstructive surgery on right elbow (Tommy John surgery) during junior collegiate season, before being drafted by Cleveland in the 15th round out of East Carolina...Rehabbed with the Guardians organization.
Amateur: Pitched 49 games (26 starts) at East Carolina (2017-19)...Was 11-9 with a 3.72 ERA and 170 strikeouts over 164.2 innings pitched...Teammate with Gavin Williams at East Carolina (2018-19) and in summer of 2018 for the Bourne Braves in the Cape Cod League...Also a college teammate with Seth Caddell...Attended West Columbus (NC) High School.

**Recent EL Outings (20 scoreless of 32 overall)
0 straight scoreless outings (0.0 innings)**

Date	Opp	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K	HR	IR-Sc
8/9	@HBG		1.0	3	1	1	0	3	0-1
8/4	SOM		2.0	0	0	0	2	1	0-0
8/1	SOM		1.0	3	1	1	1	1	0-0
7/28	@ERI		1.2	1	0	0	0	4	0-0
7/25	@ERI		1.0	1	0	0	1	3	0-0

#32 TANNER BURNS Twitter: [@Tannerburns_7](#) IG: [@tannerburns_07](#)
RHP: FB, CH, CB, SL vs. 1st Batter (relief) 1-6 (.167), k Inherited Runners-Scored: 2-0 (0%)
2-yr MiLB Totals thru '22: 39/39 g/gs, 5-12, 3.56 ERA, 0/0 sv, 164.1 ip, 183 k, .228
 Entered the season as Cleveland's No. 22 prospect according to MLB Pipeline. Pitched his first career complete game as a rain shortened, 2-1, five-inning win in Richmond on May 16.
2022: Entered the season as Cleveland's No. 11 prospect (No. 4 pitching prospect) in Cleveland system according to MLB.com. Led RubberDucks in innings pitched (88.2). On the injured list May8-June 3 with a right shoulder strain.
2021: Entered the season as Cleveland's No. 16 overall prospect according to MLB.com. Made pro debut with Lake County making 18 starts. Was on the injured list July 20-Aug. 5 with elbow soreness.
Amateur: Named to 2020 Preseason All-American lists by Baseball America and Perfect Game, and named to the Golden Spikes Award preseason watch list. Posted a 2.86 ERA over three seasons at Auburn. Became the third Auburn player to be named a two-time All-American, joining Gregg Olson (1987-88) and Casey Mize (2017-18). As a sophomore in 2019, he helped Auburn reach the College World Series. He had 101 strikeouts (79.2 IP), joining Casey Mize (2017-18) as the only Auburn pitchers since 2000 to strike out 100 batters. He matched Auburn's single-game record of 15 strikeouts, joining five others, including Casey Mize (2018) and Tim Hudson (1997), Auburn's volunteer pitching coach since 2020. As a freshman in 2018, he was named a Freshman All-American by *Baseball America*, *Collegiate Baseball*, *D1 Baseball* and *Perfect Game/Rawlings*. He was second to Casey Mize on the Auburn staff in innings (86.2), strikeouts (77) and wins (7) while posting a 3.01 ERA. Played for the USA Baseball 2018 Collegiate National Team that featured 2019 No. 1 overall pick Adley Rutschman and 2020 No. 1 overall pick Spencer Torkelson.
Personal: Began "The 32 Foundation," a charity to raise money for families who need help paying for medical bills at the Children's Hospital of Alabama ([MLB.com, March 2022](#)). His father, Mike, played in the Houston Astros organization from 1991-1993 as a catcher, first baseman and third baseman. Mike later coached at [Decatur High School and at Calhoun Community College](#).

**Recent EL Outings (5 scoreless of 20 overall)
3 straight scoreless outings (4.2 innings) *start**

Date	Opp	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K	HR	IR-Sc
8/8	@HBG		1.0	0	0	0	1	1	0-0
8/5	SOM		0.2	0	0	0	0	0	0-0
8/1*	SOM		3.0	1	0	0	2	3	0-0
7/26	@ERI		2.2	4	2	2	1	1	0-0
7/20*	RIC		3.0	3	1	1	3	2	0-0

#34 BRADLEY HANNER Twitter: [@Bradleyhanner3](#) IG: [@bhanner99](#)
RHP: FB, SL, CH vs. 1st Batter (EL): 7-28 (.250),bi, bb, 7k, 3hb Inherited Runners-Scored: 18-5 (27.8%)
3-yr MiLB Totals thru '22: 76/2 g/gs, 11-8, 5.39 ERA, 5/8 sv, 127.0 ip, 144 k, .231, 1.42 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 (22 scoreless of 32 overall)
3 straight scoreless outings (3.2 innings)**

Date	Opp	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K	HR	IR-Sc
8/10	@HBG		1.0	2	0	0	0	1	0-0
8/6	SOM		1.0	0	0	0	1	1	0-0
8/2	SOM		1.2	1	0	0	1	2	0-0
7/27	@ERI		2.1	1	2	2	2	1	2-0
7/22	RIC		2.2	0	0	0	3	3	0-0

#44 MASON HICKMAN Twitter: [@HickmanMason](#) IG: [@masonhickman](#)
RHP: FB,CB,SL,CH vs. 1st Batter 3-27 (.111), bi, 4bb, 12k Inherited Runners-Scored: 19-7 (36.8%)
2-yr MiLB Totals thru '22: 49/30 g/gs, 11-14, 4.55 ERA, 6/6 sv, 170.0 ip, 213 k, .233, 1.32 whip
2022: Pitched 19 games (10 starts) for 59.1 IP, 2-5, 2/2 saves, 4.40 ERA, 28 BB, 87 K, .235 avg, 1.37 WHIP) for High-A Lake County...Transferred to Akron Aug. 16. Pitched 10 games (13.0 IP, 1-1, 4/4 saves, 2.77 ERA, 9 BB, 16 K, .196 avg, 1.38 WHIP)...Pitched 8 games (1-0, 9.2 IP, 5 ER, 6 BB, 15 K) for Peoria Javelinas (AZ Fall League) and named to Fall Stars Game.
2021: Made 20 starts for High-A Lake County...Finished T-2nd in the High-A Central in wins (8), fifth in opponents' avg (.237), eighth in IP (97.2), WHIP (1.29) and strikeouts (110)...Ranked fifth among qualifying Cleveland minor leaguers in ERA (4.88).
2020: Drafted by Cleveland in the fifth and final round of the 2020 MLB Draft.
College: Career record of 19-2 with a 3.13 ERA at Vanderbilt over 29 starts and 189.2 innings (221 SO, 10.5 SO/9.0IP, 2.9 BB/9.0IP)...Went 9-0 with a 2.05 ERA in 20 games (13 starts) as a sophomore in 2019 earned the College World Series-clinching victory over Michigan (6 IP, 1 R, 10 K)...In pandemic-shortened 2020 season, he was 2-0 with a 0.48 ERA in 3 starts (1ER/18.2IP), posting a 26-to-3 strikeout-to-walk ratio...First Team Preseason All-America by *Collegiate Baseball*.
High School: Attended Pope John Paul II High School (Hendersonville, TN)...2017 Tennessee Mr. Baseball finalist...Also lettered two years in basketball.
Personal: Born in Salt Lake City, UT...Hometown is Hendersonville, TN.

**Recent EL Outings (17 scoreless of 31 overall)
1 straight scoreless outings (1.0 innings)**

Date	Opp	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K	HR	IR-Sc
8/10	@HBG		1.0	0	0	0	0	2	0-0
8/6	SOM		1.0	1	1	1	1	0	0-0
8/2	SOM		2.1	3	0	0	0	2	0-0
7/30	@ERI		1.1	4	3	2	0	1	0-0
7/27	@ERI		1.1	1	1	1	2	2	0-0

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#36 JORDAN JONES Twitter: @JJ1s 9 IG: @jj1s 9

RHP: FB, CT, CH, CB, SL vs. 1st Batter 3-18 (.167), 9bb, 5k Inherited Runners-Scored: 15-8 (53.3%)

3-yr MiLB Totals thru '22: 65/24 g/gs, 11-12, 4.35 ERA, 4/8 sv, 180.0 ip, 179 k, .254, 1.40 whip

2022: Pitched 28 games (one start) for 47 IP, 3-2, 4/6 saves, 5.55 ERA, 25 BB, 46 K, .250 avg, 1.47 WHIP) for High-A Lake County...Transferred to Akron Aug. 13 and appeared in 3 games going 2-0 with a 4.26 ERA, 4 BB, 6 K, .182 avg, 1.26 WHIP before transferred back to Lake County to finish the season...Saved Lake County's Game 3 win at Great Lakes to clinch MWL East Division Series and Game 1 win at South Bend in MWL Championship Series...5 scoreless IP in 3 postseason games, although Lake County lost to South Bend 2-1 in championship round.

2021: Made 20 starts for Single-A Lynchburg (89.1 IP, 3-10, 4.63 ERA, 43 BB, 82 K, .272 avg, 1.52 WHIP)...Finished eighth in the Low-A East in innings pitched (89.1).

2019: Drafted by Cleveland in the 16th round from the University of Washington...Made professional debut with AZL (rookie) affiliate, working 14 games (three starts) for 37.1 IP, 3-0, 2.17 ERA, 0/2 saves, 9 BB, 45 K, .227 avg, 1.04 WHIP.

College: Pitched three seasons at Washington (2017-19)...52 games (43 starts) for 268.1 IP, 15-18, 4.39 ERA, 75 BB, 209 K...Finished his junior year (2019) ranked among UW's all-time career leaders in: strikeouts (6th - 209, innings (7th - 268.1) and starts (16th - 43)...is the seventh player in UW history with 200 IP/200 K...As a sophomore in 2018, tied Tim Lincecum (2004) for the UW single-season record of 18 starts on the mound.

High School: Graduated Kentwood (WA) High School in 2016...Was All-USA Today Washington Player of the Year as a senior in 2016...Lettered all four years and was 28-2 as a pitcher, including 19-0 over his final two seasons and 11-0, 1.12 ERA, 101 strikeouts in 68.2 IP as a senior...Helped Kentwood reach the state championship game...Played in 2015 Area Code Games with the Kansas City Royals.

Personal: Older brother (by four years) Taylor was drafted by the Houston Astros in 2016 (19th round) out of Gonzaga and is playing first base and third base for Triple-A Salt Lake Bees (Angels) in 2023...Taylor appeared in 43 major league games for Houston from 2020-2022.

Recent EL Outings (15 scoreless of 29 overall)

1 straight scoreless outings (1.0 innings)										
Date	Opp	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K	HR	IR	IR-Sc
8/9	@HBG	1.0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0-0
8/6	SOM	0.2	2	4	0	1	1	1	1	0-0
8/3	SOM	1.1	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	0-0
7/30	@ERI	1.0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0-0
7/23	RIC	0.0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0-0

#33 JACK LEFTWICH Twitter: @Jacklefty21 IG: @Jacklefty21

LHP: FB, SL, CH, CT vs. First Batter (relief): 0-5 (.000),bb,2k Inherited Runners-Scored: 1-0 (0%)

1-yr MiLB Totals thru '22: 24/15 g/gs, 8-2, 2.72, 0/0 sv, 109.1 ip, 140 k, .194, 0.91 whip

Eastern League Pitcher of the Week for Week 9 after tossing six hitless innings against Hartford on June 3.

2022: Led Guardians minor league system in WHIP (0.91), was second in opposing average (.194), fourth in ERA (2.72) and sixth in strikeouts (140)...was one of six pitchers in MiLB with a strikeout percentage over 30% (33%) and a walk rate below 6% (5.7%).Made eight relief appearances to start the year before his first start on May 31...Was a Full-time starter from June 11 until end of the season...Was unbeaten in his final 10 starts (July-Sept.) 49 IP, 4-0, 3.12 ERA, 14 BB, 56 K.

College: Attended University of Florida...ranked No. 86 on Baseball America's Preseason Top 150 players list in 2021...As a fourth-year junior in 2021, he ranked seventh in the SEC in opposing batting average (.208), tied ninth in ERA (3.36), and T-10 in saves (team-high five)...He went 7-4 with a 3.36 ERA in 24 games/6 starts (69.2 IP, 54H, 26ER), 22BB, 78SO)...Posted a career record of 20-14 with seven saves and a 4.25 ERA in 65 games (35 starts), 235.1 IP, 247K, 9.4K/9 IP, .233 opposing average, one career shutout...three-time SEC Academic Honor Roll, 2019-2021

Amateur: Attended TNXL Academy, a baseball academy in Ocoee, FL for his junior and senior years...As a senior, had a 0.63 ERA (45.1 IP) with just 17 hits allowed while striking out 76 batters. Ranked No. 45 in class of 2017 by Perfect Game and the No. 13 right-handed pitcher, ranked No. 7 overall in Florida and the No. 1 right-handed pitcher in Florida. Selected by the Detroit Tigers in the 39th round of the 2017 MLB Draft. Played at Winter Park HS through his 2015 sophomore season (8 games, 1.31 ERA, 32.0 IP, 31 K, 8 BB)

Recent EL Outings (3 scoreless of 13 overall)

0 straight scoreless outings (0.0 innings) *start										
Date	Opp	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K	HR	IR	IR-Sc
8/5	SOM	L 3.0	3	2	2	2	3	0	0	0-0
7/29	@ERI	4.0	4	0	0	1	3	0	1	0-0
7/22*	RIC	3.0	4	1	1	0	3	0	0	0-0
7/16*	@BOW	2.0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0-0
7/7*	HBG	2.0	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0-0

#40 ERIK SABROWSKI Twitter: @ErikSabrowski IG: @eriksabrowski

LHP: FB, CB, SL, CH vs. First Batter: 1-7 (.143), hr, 2bb, k Inherited Runners-Scored: 3-1 (33.3%)

1-yr MiLB Totals thru '22: 8/3 g/gs, 2-0, 1.86, 0/0 sv, 29.0 ip, 41 k, .182, 1.03 whip

On 7-day injured list from July 7-29 with a left oblique strain...Did not allow a run in his first eight Double-A outings (11 innings).

Missed the entire 2022 season while recovering from Tommy John surgery.

2021: Pitched in eight games (three starts) for Fort Wayne Tin Caps going 2-0 with a 1.86 ERA, 41 SO, 12 BB, .182 avg, 1.03 WHIP over 29.0 IP...Underwent season-ending reconstructive elbow surgery...Acquired by Cleveland in the Triple-A phase of the Rule 5 draft.

2019: Missed the entire 2019 season while recovering from Tommy John surgery.

2018: Drafted in the 14th Round by the San Diego Padres...Underwent Tommy John surgery after being drafted.

Amateur: Attended Cloud County CC in Kansas...Pitched one season at Cloud County going 7-2 with a 3.14 ERA, 117 strikeouts, 6 complete games over 66.0 innings pitched in 12 starts.

Personal: Born in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada...Story of his return from two Tommy John surgeries was detailed in the [Alberta Dugout Stories](#).

Recent EL Outings (8 scoreless of 9 overall)

0 straight scoreless outings (0.0 innings)										
Date	Opp	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K	HR	IR	IR-Sc
8/9	@HBG	1.0	3	3	3	1	1	1	1	0-0
8/6	SOM	W 1.0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0-0
8/1	SOM	W 1.0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0-0
6/23-2	BNG	2.0	1	0	0	0	3	0	0	0-0
6/21	BNG	1.0	0	0	0	3	1	0	1	1-1

#48 DAVIS SHARPE Twitter: @Dsharpe3 IG: @Davissharpe

RHP: FB, CT, SL vs. First Batter: 7-27 (.259), bi,2bb,6k,hp Inherited Runners-Scored: 10-6 (60%)

1-yr MiLB Totals thru '22: 38/0 g/gs, 8-3, 2.02, 4/6 sv, 71.1 ip, 87 k, .208, 0.91 whip

Pitched in four 2023 Major League Spring Training games in relief (1-0, 3 IP, 2 H, 1 R, 3 BB, 2 K).

2022: Pitched 15 games for Single-A Lynchburg (25.1 IP, 3-2, 1/1 save, 1.42 ERA, 5 BB, 39 K, 0.95 WHIP, .207 avg)...Promoted to High-A June 7...Pitched 23 games for Lake County (46 IP, 5-1, 3/5 saves, 2.35 ERA, 7 BB, 48 K, 0.89 WHIP, .209 avg).

2021: Drafted in the 13th round by Cleveland out of Clemson.

Amateur: Attended Clemson as a two-way player...Two-time ACC Academic Honor Roll member...In three seasons appeared in 29 games (24 starts) on the mound going 12-6 with a 3.89 ERA, .232 avg, 54 BB, 152 K...At the plate he appeared in 74 games (66 starts) with .256/.424/.369, 12 doubles, 10 HR, 40 RBI, 44 runs, 35 BB...Eighth in Clemson history in career strikeouts per nine innings pitched (9.87)...John Olerud Two-Way Player-of-the-Year award finalist as a freshman...Drafted in the 34th round by Pittsburgh out of high school...attended Mill Creek (GA) High School.

Recent EL Outings (17 scoreless of 31 overall)

2 straight scoreless outings (2.1 innings)										
Date	Opp	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K	HR	IR	IR-Sc
8/10	@HBG	1.0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0
8/6	SOM	H 1.1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0-0
8/3	SOM	1.0	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0-0
7/29	@ERI	W 1.1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0-0
7/27	@ERI	W,BS 2.0	3	3	1	0	3	1	0	0-0

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RHP: FB, SL vs. 1st Batter (EL): 0-0 (.000), hp Inherited Runners-Scored: 1-0 (0%)

1-yr MiLB Totals thru '22: 30/0 g/gs, 4-1, 3.63 ERA, 2/3 sv, 34.2 ip, 58 k, .126, 1.04 whip

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)...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 (1 scoreless of 1 overall)

1 straight scoreless outings (1.1 innings)										
Date	Opp	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K	HR	IR	IR-Sc
8/8	@HBG	1.1	0	0	0	2	3	0	1	0-0

RUBBERDUCKS 2023 SECOND HALF DAY-BY-DAY

#	Date	Opp.	Score	W/L	Record	Place	GB/A	Winner	Loser	Save	Time	Att.	Opening / Total (Avg)	
	6/28	@ERI	PPD		0-0 (35-34)	T-3rd	-0.5	Field Conditions – makeup scheduled for June 30					Road PPD #5	
70	6/29	@ERI	3-9	L	0-1 (35-35)	4th	-1.5	Montero (6-2)	Carver (0-2)	-	2:24	5,136		
71	6/30-1	@ERI	1-0 (8)	W	1-1 (36-35)	T-3rd	-1.0	Shapre (5-3)	Holub (0-2)	-	2:04		Road DH #4	
72	6/30-2	@ERI	2-6 (7)	L	1-2 (36-36)	4th	-2.0	Madden (2-1)	Hickman (3-3)	Wolf (2)	1:49	5,631		
73	7/1	@ERI	3-6	L	1-3 (36-37)	T-4th	-2.0	Hurter (4-3)	Stanley (3-6)	Magno (2)	2:45	4,781		
74	7/2	@ERI	1-2	L	1-4 (36-38)	T-5th	-3.0	Petit (2-1)	Dion (0-1)	Mattison (1)	2:15	3,681		
75	7/3	@ERI	6-0	W	2-4 (37-38)	T-4th	-3.0	Mace (1-2)	Gipson-Long (5-5)	-	2:12	6,888		
76	7/4	HBG	4-3	W	3-4 (38-38)	4th	-3.0	Hart (1-1)	Saenz (0-2)	Jones (1)	2:27	7,156	#32 / 114,385 (3,575)	
77	7/5	HBG	4-2	W	4-4 (39-38)	T-3rd	-3.0	Carver (1-2)	Parker (5-4)	Hanner (5)	2:46	2,095	#33 / 116,480 (3,530)	
78	7/6	HBG	6-3	W	5-4 (40-38)	3rd	-3.0	Aleman (1-0)	Cuevas (2-4)	-	2:41	2,548	#34 / 119,028 (3,501)	
79	7/7	HBG	2-3 (10)	L	5-5 (40-39)	T-3rd	-3.0	Javier (2-0)	Jones (1-3)	-	2:30	4,529	#35 / 123,557 (3,530)	
80	7/8	HBG	5-2	W	6-5 (41-39)	T-2nd	-2.0	Dion (1-1)	Hernandez (2-4)	-	2:40	5,333	#36 / 128,890 (3,580)	
81	7/9	HBG	5-1	W	7-5 (42-39)	2nd	-1.0	Mace (2-2)	Saenz (0-3)	-	2:26	3,181	#37 / 132,071 (3,569)	
					ALL-STAR BREAK									
82	7/14	@BOW	8-6	W	8-5 (43-39)	T-1st	0.0	Burns (3-3)	Burch (0-3)	Hanner (6)	2:56 (1:07)	3,593		
83	7/15	@BOW	0-1	L	8-6 (43-40)	T-2nd	-1.0	Long (1-0)	Nikhazy (2-5)	Loeprich (1)	2:21	5,823		
84	7/16	@BOW	5-6	L	8-7 (43-41)	3rd	-1.5	Moore (1-0)	Benton (1-1)	-	3:09	2,535		
85	7/18	RIC	8-17	L	8-8 (43-42)	T-3rd	-2.5	Bertrand (1-0)	Stanley (3-7)	-	3:27	6,142	#38 / 138,213 (3,637)	
86	7/19	RIC	2-1	W	9-8 (44-42)	T-3rd	-1.5	Dion (2-1)	Murphy (1-7)	Aleman (1)	2:15	4,118	#39 / 142,331 (3,650)	
87	7/20	RIC	2-3	L	9-9 (44-43)	T-3rd	-2.0	Seymour (2-2)	Turner (0-1)	Burgos (2)	2:08 (0:37)	3,834	#40 / 146,165 (3,654)	
88	7/21	RIC	5-3	W	10-9 (45-43)	T-3rd	-1.5	Nikhazy (3-5)	Zwack (5-6)	Aleman (2)	2:42	7,155	#41 / 153,320 (3,740)	
89	7/22	RIC	5-6 (11)	L	10-10 (45-44)	4th	-2.5	Sanchez (6-4)	Benton (1-2)	-	3:09	6,639	#42 / 159,959 (3,809)	
90	7/23	RIC	10-2	W	11-10 (46-44)	4th	-1.5	Hickman (4-3)	Bertrand (1-1)	-	2:43	5,075	#43 / 165,034 (3,838)	
91	7/25	@ERI	3-7	L	11-11 (46-45)	4th	-2.5	Wolf (3-2)	Dion (2-2)	Holub (3)	2:49	4,068		
92	7/26	@ERI	5-7	L	11-12 (46-46)	4th	-3.5	Hurter (5-5)	Carver (1-3)	Magno (7)	2:46	2,902		
93	7/27	@ERI	10-8 (11)	W	12-12 (47-46)	4th	-3.0	Sharpe (6-3)	Petit (2-2)	-	3:25	5,230		
94	7/28	@ERI	5-3	W	13-12 (48-46)	T-3rd	-2.0	Aleman (2-0)	Naughton (2-2)	-	2:35	3,874		
95	7/29	@ERI	9-2 (10)	W	14-12 (49-46)	3rd	-2.0	Sharpe (7-3)	De Jesus (1-4)	-	2:50	3,225		
96	7/30	@ERI	1-7	L	14-13 (49-47)	3rd	-3.0	Bergner (4-0)	Dion (2-3)	-	2:39	3,063		
97	8/1	SOM	6-1	W	15-13 (50-47)	3rd	-2.0	Sabrowski (2-0)	Abeyta (6-5)	-	2:31	3,543	#44 / 168,577 (3,831)	
98	8/2	SOM	4-2	W	16-13 (51-47)	2nd	-2.0	Nikhazy (4-5)	Hampton (1-1)	Hanner (7)	2:38	4,259	#45 / 172,836 (3,841)	
99	8/3	SOM	8-2	W	17-13 (52-47)	2nd	-1.0	Mace (3-2)	Gomez (0-1)	-	2:41	2,861	#46 / 175,697 (3,820)	
100	8/4	SOM	0-5	L	17-14 (52-48)	2nd	-1.0	Fitts (8-5)	Stanley (3-8)	-	2:29	6,681	#47 / 182,378 (3,880)	
101	8/5	SOM	0-2	L	17-15 (52-49)	T-3rd	-1.0	Mauricio (2-2)	Leftwich (4-5)	Watson (4)	2:36	5,548	#48 / 187,926 (3,915)	
102	8/6	SOM	10-8	W	18-15 (53-49)	2nd	-1.0	Sabrowski (3-0)	Abeyta (6-6)	Aleman (3)	4:17 (1:19)	4,721	#49 / 192,647 (3,932)	
103	8/8	@HBG	3-4	L	18-16 (53-50)	3rd	-2.0	Parker (8-4)	Nikhazy (4-6)	Walters (2)	2:36	4,890		
104	8/9	@HBG	0-8	L	18-17 (53-51)	T-3rd	-2.0	Knowles (4-0)	Mace (3-3)	-	2:23	2,784		
105	8/10	@HBG	2-5	L	18-18 (53-52)	T-4th	-3.0	Hernandez (5-6)	Stanley (3-9)	Schoff (5)	2:07	2,659		
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Akron Baseball: A Winning Tradition

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