

# Cedar Rapids Kernels (18-15, 58-41)

High-A Affiliate, Minnesota Twins
RH Jose Olivares (63 2/3 | 4.10 ERA)





# **Lansing Lugnuts** (14-20, 50-50)

**High-A Affiliate, Athletics** 

RH Kyle Robinson (40 1/3 IP | 3.35 ERA)

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**Today:** The Lansing Lugnuts, High-A affiliate of the A's, play the fifth of a six-game series against the Cedar Rapids Kernels, High-A affiliate of the Minnesota Twins. These are the only meetings of the year between the two squads; they have split the first four games of the series.

Yesterday: Lugnuts 10, Kernels 7. Though Cedar Rapids scored seven runs for the third straight game, Casey Yamauchi delivered three hits, scored three runs, and knocked in a pair of runs to lead a balanced attack, helping Lansing take an early 9-1 lead en route to the Friday night win in front of a crowd of 7,889.

Off the Field: Tonight is Harry Potter Night with a special Hogwarts House Hat Giveaway and a postgame LAFCU Fireworks Spectacular! Tomorrow, closing out the homestand, is a Capital City Market Kids Day featuring postgame Kids Run the Bases and an Extra Inning of free ice cream at Capital City Market across Michigan Ave.

## UPCOMING SCHEDULE

1:05 p.m., Sunday, August 3 RH Chase Chaney, Kernels

at RH Kenya Huggins, Lugnuts

## Lug•Notes

Prospecting: The Lugnuts' current roster boasts six of MLB Pipeline's Top 30 Athletics prospects in No. 1 Leo De Vries, No. 14 Steven Echavarria, No. 19 Ryan Lasko, No. 23 Wei-En Lin, No. 27 Kenya Huggins and No. 30 Tzu-Chen Sha.

200 to The Show: Seven former Lugnuts players have made the Major Leagues this season, most recently 2023-24 Lugnuts right-hander Luis Morales last night for the Athletics, bringing the total to 200 Lugnuts all-time who've reach the Majors. Morales joined Max Muncy, Gunnar Hoglund, Jack Winkler, Denzel Clarke, Jack Perkins, Colby Thomas and broadcaster Adam Jaksa to debut this season in MLB.

At the Deadline: The Lugnuts' roster includes two prospects acquired by the Athletics at the MLB Trade Deadline: top prospect shortstop Leo De Vries (picked up with a trio of pitchers from San Diego for 2022 Lugnut Mason Miller with starter JP Sears) and pitcher Kenya Huggins (received from Cincinnati in exchange for Miguel Andújar).

Roll Call: The 2025 Lugnuts have featured 46 different players, 23 position players and 23 pitchers (plus one position player pitching). 18 different players have stolen a base, 15 different players have hit a home run, 11 different pitchers have started a game and five different pitchers have recorded a save. The 47th player of the season and 977th player in team history is C.J. Pittaro, who receives the start today at designated hitter after getting called up from Stockton yesterday; the 48th / 978th all-time will be Kenya Huggins, starting tomorrow's finale.

**The Mutant Cycle:** The best individual performance of the season was achieved *against* the Lugnuts by one of the newest Nuts, **Leo De Vries**, who went 5-for-5 on April 22nd against the Lugnuts with a single, a double, two home runs, a sacrifice fly, and - in the top of the ninth inning – a go-ahead two-run triple to both give the TinCaps the win and culminate the third cycle in Fort Wayne franchise history. De Vries finished the game with eight RBIs. MLB Pipeline ranks De Vries as the No. 3 prospect in all of professional baseball.

Wild Times Against the West: This series vs. Cedar Rapids marks the Lugnuts' final meetings with a West Division team this season. The results: 2-2 vs. Cedar Rapids, 5-1 at Wisconsin, 5-1 vs. South Bend, 3-3 vs. Beloit and 3-3 at Quad Cities, giving the Nuts a 18-10 record for the year against the West compared to 32-40 vs. the East.

We Have Contact: No team in Minor League Baseball strikes out fewer times than the Lugnuts, whose total of 685 whiffs is the best in MiLB by 26 over the next closest team, Erie. The Nuts average a scant 6.85 strikeouts per game. Toledo, in contrast, has struck out 1062 times this year and averages 10 K's per game.

Mark it Down: Lansing closer Mark Adamiak notched his 16th save last week, putting him one save back of Colorado Rockies Futures Game representative Welinton Herrera (Hartford Yard Goats) for the Minor League Baseball saves lead. Adamiak entered this season with just two saves in all of his baseball career, comprising high school, college, summer ball and MiLB action.

Black and Blue: T.J. Schofield-Sam has been hit by 25 pitches this year to put him in second place in Minor League Baseball, three behind Arkansas's Michael Arroyo. The Midwest League record is held by Luke Adams, who was hit by 40 pitches last year with Wisconsin.

**League Leaderboard: T.J. Schofield-Sam** is 1st in the Midwest League in batting average (.312), 6th in on-base percentage (.395) and 7th in OPS (.848). **Grant Judkins** leads the Midwest League in innings pitched (102 2/3) and is tied for 1st in starts (20) and complete games (1). **Blaze Pontes** and **Mark Adamiak** lead the league with 33 appearances.

The Lugnuts are 78-92 all-time vs. the Kernels, 48-42 at home and 30-50 in Cedar Rapids.

**History vs. Cedar Rapids** 

The Nuts have made only one trip to the City of Five Seasons in the last four years: 2023 with new shortstop Jacob Wilson (a 2025 A.L. All-Star), when they went 1-5.

Last year, the Lugnuts lost four of six home games to the Kernels, fitting an uncomfortable pattern: for three consecutive seasons entering 2025, the Nuts have gone 2-4 vs. Cedar Rapids at home.

Meetings	Score	Notes
1. 7/29 at LAN	W, 6-2	J. Mahoney (W): 3 IP, 0 H, 0 R
2. 7/30 at LAN	L, 7-3	Winokur 3-R HR in 1st inning
3. 7/31 at LAN	L, 7-4	Kernels score 4 in 6th inning
4. 8/1 at LAN	W, 10-7	Nuts build 9-1 lead by 4th inn.
5. 8/2 - 7:05 p.m.		
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# IN A NUTSHELL

36-30 | 14-20 | Won 1

Home: 26-26 Night: 32-36 Road: 24-24 Day: 18-14 vs. LHP: 12-20 vs. RHP: 37-30

13-12

22-19

White unis:

Black unis:

Retro Gray unis: 7-7 Lansing Locos unis: 4-6 Special unis: 3-6 Tuesday: 6-10 Wednesday: 9-6 Thursday: 8-8 Friday: 7-11 Saturday: 8-10 Sunday: 11-5 5 Series wins:

 Series losses:
 6

 Series splits:
 6

 Scored 1st:
 30-16

 Opponent scored 1st:
 19-34

Doubleheaders (W-L-S): 1-0-2 Shutouts: 4-7

More hits than opp.: 38-6
Fewer hits than opp.: 10-40
Equal hits: 1-4
Games decided by 1 run: 11-10

Comeback wins: 20 Final at-bat wins: 11 Walk-offs: 4

Extra Innings: 4-3
9-IP Leading Trailing Tied
After 6: 26-5 11-35 6-7

After 6: 26-5 11-35 6-7 After 7: 33-3 7-41 3-3 After 8: 36-3 4-41 3-3



# **Luggie's Nuggets**

Kansas City Royals Chicago Cubs Toronto Blue Jays Athletics 1996-1998 1999-2004 2005-2020 2021-present

Colors	red and black
Mascot   Logo	Big Lug, a river dragon   Luggie the Lugnut
Ballpark	Jackson® Field™
First Game at Ballpark	April 3, 1996: Michigan vs. Michigan St.
Total Capacity	11,000
Lugnuts Seasons	29; 1996-present
Lugnuts Championships	1997, 2003
All-Star Games Hosted	1997, 1999, 2002, 2018
Total Lugnuts Games	3,938
All-Time Lugnuts Won-Lost Rec	ord1,971-1,967, .501
Franchise Seasons	70; 1955-present
Franchise Championships	1958, 1959, 1960, 1975, 1976, 1980, 1986
Franchise Won-Lost Record	4,770-4,501, .515

**976 total players** have played for the Lugnuts all time, with 209 (21%) also playing in the Majors – nine rehabbers and 200 earning their ticket up the ladder. The most recent was **Luis Morales**, who debuted August 1 for the A's.

- 72 Lugnuts alumni debuted with the Toronto Blue Jays
- 32 with the Chicago Cubs
- 25 with the A's
- 22 with the Kansas City Royals
- 11 with the Florida/Miami Marlins
- 4 with the Seattle Mariners and San Diego Padres
- 3 with the Baltimore Orioles, Boston Red Sox and St. Louis Cardinals
- 2 with the Chicago White Sox, Colorado Rockies, Detroit Tigers,

Pittsburgh Pirates, San Francisco Giants and Tampa Bay Rays

- 1 with the Atlanta Braves, L.A. Angels, L.A. Dodgers, Milwaukee Brewers, New York Mets, Texas Rangers, and Washington Nationals

All-Star nods: Carlos Beltrán (9x), Vladimir Guerrero, Jr. (5), Carlos Zambrano (3), Bo Bichette (2), rehabber Ryan Dempster (2), Alejandro Kirk (2), Jordan Romano (2), rehabber Marcus Stroman (2), Henderson Álvarez (1), rehabber Kevin Appier (1), Matt Boyd (1), Lance Carter (1), Yan Gomes (1), Carlos Mármol (1), Mason Miller (1), rehabber Mark Prior (1), Aaron Sanchez (1), Noah Syndergaard (1), Jacob Wilson (1).

**World Series titles (as a player):** Jeremy Affeldt (3), Ryan Theriot (2), rehabber Kevin Appier (1), Carlos Beltrán (1), rehabber Ryan Dempster (1), Chad Durbin (1), Yan Gomes (1), 2011 manager Mike Redmond (1), Marc Rzepczynski (1).

**World Series titles (as a coach):** rehabber Mark Prior (2), Seth Conner (1), 2010 manager Sal Fasano (1), 2008-09 manager Clayton McCullough (1).

MLB No-Hitters: pitchers - Carlos Zambrano (9/14/08); Henderson Álvarez III (9/29/13); Taylor Cole (combined, 7/12/19); Aaron Sanchez (combined, 8/3/19); Ryan Tepera (combined, 6/24/21); catcher - Robinson Chirinos (Justin Verlander, 9/1/19).

Hit for the Cycle: Félix Pié (8/14/09); Cavan Biggio (9/17/19).

Rookie of the Year: Carlos Beltrán (A.L., 1999).

Comeback Player of the Year: Casey McGehee (N.L., 2014).

Gold Gloves: Carlos Beltrán (3), Vladimir Guerrero Jr. (1), Marcus Stroman (1).

Silver Sluggers: Carlos Beltrán (3), Carlos Zambrano (3), Vladimir Guerrero Jr. (2), Yan Gomes (1).

# **Major League Nuts**

A's: Lawrence Butler (2021-22), Max Muncy (2022-23), Jack Perkins (2023), Max Schuemann (2021), Tyler Soderstrom (2022), Colby Thomas (2023)

Arizona Diamondbacks: Anthony DeSclafani (2012), Kendall Graveman (2013-14),

Gabriel Moreno (2019).

Baltimore Orioles: bench coach Robinson Chirinos (2003-04)

Boston Red Sox: Josh Winckowski (2019)

Chicago Cubs: Jon Berti (2012), Matthew Boyd (2013), Nate Pearson (2018)

Chicago White Sox: Ryan Noda (2018), Joshua Palacios (2016-17), Vinny Capra (2018)

Kansas City Royals: Rich Hill (2003)

Los Angeles Angels: assistant pitching coach Sal Fasano (2010 manager),

infield coach Ryan Goins (2009-10)

Los Angeles Dodgers: pitching coach Mark Prior (2004 rehab)

Miami Marlins: Otto López (2019), Clayton McCullough (2008-09 manager)

Milwaukee Brewers: Danny Jansen (2015) New York Mets: Danny Young (2016)

New York Yankees: Marcus Stroman (2015 rehab)
Pittsburgh Pirates: Ryan Borucki (2016), Tim Mayza (2015)

San Diego Padres: Mason Miller (2022)

Texas Rangers: assistant hitting coach Seth Conner (2013-14), Rowdy Tellez (2014-15)

Toronto Blue Jays: Bo Bichette (2017), Vladimir Guerrero, Jr. (2017), Leo Jiménez (2019), Alejandro Kirk (2019), manager John Schneider (2016 manager), third base coach Carlos

Febles (1996), bullpen catcher Luis Hurtado (2011) **Washington Nationals:** Drew Millas (2021)

Midwest League Matchups											
Opponents	Home	Road	Total								
Beloit	3-3		3-3								
Cedar Rapids	2-2, August 2-3		2-2, 2 left								
Dayton	<b>3-3</b> , Aug 12-17	5-1, Sept 2-7	8-4, 12 left								
Fort Wayne	6-3	2-4	8-7								
Great Lakes	3-3	4-2, August 5-10	<b>7-5</b> , 6 left								
Lake County	<b>3-3</b> , Aug 26-31	3-9	6-12, 6 left								
Quad Cities		3-3	3-3								
South Bend	5-1		5-1								
West Michigan	1-8	2-4, August 19-24	3-12, 6 left								
Wisconsin		5-1	5-1								
Totals	26-26, 14 games left	24-24, 18 games left	50-50, 32 left								

## THE A'S SYSTEM

## Athletics - MLB



#### 49-63 American League West

Yesterday: beat Arizona, 5-1 Luis Morales: debut, 2 IP, 3 H, 1 R

# Las Vegas Aviators



# 62-44 Triple-A Pacific Coast League

Yesterday: beat Reno, 10-9 Daniel Susac: 3-5, R, 2B, K

## Midland RockHounds



#### 53-47 Double-A Texas League

Yesterday: lost to Tulsa, 7-3 Jared Dickey: 2-4, 2B, 2 RBI, K

# Stockton Ports



## 41-59 Single-A California League

Yesterday: lost to San Jose, 11-2 Cole Miller: 4 IP, 2 H, 1 UER, 0 BB, 3 K

**CATCHING STATS** 

# **AUGUST 2ND IN LUGNUTS HISTORY**

**2010:** The Bowling Green Hot Rods scored six runs in the bottom of the 8th inning to seize a 9-7 lead, and then closer Alex Koronis retired the first two batters in the ninth. With two strikes, Brad Glenn homered. With two strikes, A.J. Jimenez singled. And then Kevin Ahrens homered as well, catapulting the Lugnuts to an unexpected 10-9 victory at Bowling Green Ballpark. Sean Ochinko finished the game 4-for-5 with a three-run HR and five total RBIs. By the way: It was a sweltering day, 94 degrees at first pitch.

**2022:** Denzel Clarke beat out an inside-the-park home run to left field and Cooper Bowman homered in his first Lugnuts game, but the Nuts were outslugged by West Michigan, 15-8, at Jackson Field. Earlier in the day, 20-year-old Tyler Soderstrom was promoted to Double-A Midland. In 89 games with the Nuts, Soderstrom hit .260/.323/.513 with 19 doubles, three triples, 20 homers and 71 RBIs, departing as the MWL leader in RBIs and tied for first in homers.

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Happy Birthday, Craig Conklin (1962), Joe Dillon (1975), Manuel Bernal (1976), Jonathan Jones (1989)

# STARTING PITCHER

# #27 · RHP · Kyle Robinson · 6-6, 210 · age 21

Profile			
Name	Kyle Robinson	School	Texas Tech University
Birthday	July 17, 2003	Acquired	316th overall, 11th round, 2024
Born	Amory, Mississippi	Bats / Throws	Right / Right

In a Nutshell: One of five 2024 draft picks on the Lugnuts' 2025 Opening Day roster, joining Tommy White (2nd round), Gage Jump (2nd round compensatory), Joshua Kuroda-Grauer (3rd round) and Rodney Green, Jr. (4th round)... the other four have since been reassigned elsewhere (Green to Stockton, the other three to Midland), but is now accompanied by 2024 draft picks Cameron Leary (10th round), Ryan Magdic (14th round), and Gunner Gouldsmith (19th round)... made his Lugnuts debut in relief on April 6 at Fort Wayne, tossing two scoreless innings with three strikeouts to earn first professional win in Lansing's 5-3 victory... made first MWL start on April 10 vs. Great Lakes... promoted to Double-A Midland on May 20th, returning on August 1st.

Worth Noting: - quality start (6 IP, 1 R) vs. FW on April 24 - attempted base-stealers are 6-for-10

- tossed six hitless innings vs. Lake County on April 30
- 2.35 ERA in 23 IP in Lansing this season



fastball, curve, slider, kick change, splitter

High School: Played four years on varsity for George C. Marshall High School (Falls Church, Virginia)... named All-Conference First Team as sophomore, junior and senior... named Conference First Team as sophomore, junior and senior... named Conference First Team as sophomore, junior and senior... named Conference First Team as sophomore, junior and senior... named Conference First Team as sophomore, junior and senior... named Conference First Team as sophomore, junior and senior... named Conference First Team as sophomore, junior and senior... named Conference First Team as sophomore, junior and senior... named Conference First Team as sophomore, junior and senior... named Conference First Team as sophomore, junior and senior... named Conference First Team as sophomore, junior and senior... named Conference First Team as sophomore, junior and senior... named Conference First Team as sophomore, junior and senior... named Conference First Team as sophomore, junior and senior... named Conference First Team as sophomore, junior and senior... named Conference First Team as sophomore, junior and senior and seni ence Pitcher of the Year and Conference Player of the Year as a senior: 66 2/3 IP, 1.49 ERA, 60 K... George C. Marshall is best known for the Marshall Plan, which saw the United States give \$13.3 billion to help rebuild Western European economies; it earned Marshall the 1953 Nobel Peace Prize... Marshall's nickname is the Statesmen... other notable Marshall alumni include the first woman to officially run the Boston Marathon, Kathrine Switzer; safety and current Dallas Cowboys special teams coordinator Nick Sorensen; defensive end Michael McCrary; table tennis legend Sean O'Neill; and pitcher Pete Schourek.

Texas Tech: Robinson opened up his time in Lubbock as a reliever in 2022, appearing in 12 games (including nine appearances without allowing an earned run)... as a sophomore, was named to the 2023 Collegiate National Team; posted 5.36 ERA in 45 1/3 innings before finishing strong, posting five scoreless innings with eight strikeouts in the Big 12 Tournament against Oklahoma State to earn a nod on the All-Tournament Team, then limited No. 2 Florida to two ER in five innings in the NCAA Tournament... as a junior, led the Red Raiders with 76 IP in 15 starts, with a 5.09 ERA; struck out 11 in six innings at Oklahoma State on May 11, 2024... drafted following junior year... notable Texas Tech pros include Josh Tomlin, Danny Coulombe, Josh Jung, and the inimitable Dallas Braden

Welcome to Pro Ball: Signed for \$150,000 after being selected with the first pick of Day 3 by the A's... made pro debut for Stockton on August 23, 2024 (2 IP, 3 H, 2 R, 1 BB, 2 K)... made three starts in total before Stockton's season ended, allowing exactly two earned runs in each outing... lefties hit .333 (6-for-18) with 1 BB / 6 K, while righties hit .273 (3-for-11) with 2 BB, 3 K... basestealers went 2-for-2... pitched in the 2025 Crosstown Showdown, tossing two scoreless innings against Michigan State in relief of Yunior Tur.

Quality x 3: Posted a quality start in three straight outings for the Lugnuts... April 24 vs. Fort Wayne, allowing one run on five hits and one walk in six innings, one strikeout; 81 pitches, 53 strikes... April 30 vs. Lake County, pitched six hitless innings, walking three and striking out four; 90 pitches, 53 strikes... May 6 at West Michigan in the series opener, with a career high 6 2/3 innings, allowing two runs with three strikeouts: 89 pitches, 55 strikes

YR	CLUB	W-L	ERA	G	GS	CG	ShO	sv	IP	AB	Н	R	ER	HR	НВ	ВВ	IBB	K	WP	вк	AVG
2024	Stockton	0-0	7.71	3	2	0	0	0	7.0	29	9	7	6	1	1	3	0	9	4	0	.310
2025	Lansing	4-3	3.35	8	7	0	0	0	40.1	158	42	17	15	2	0	11	0	27	2	0	.266
	Midland	1-6	5.29	11	10	0	0	0	51.0	196	56	31	30	4	1	31	0	37	5	0	.286
	TOTALS	5-9	4.67	22	19	0	0	0	98.1	383	107	55	51	7	2	45	0	73	11	0	.279

## IN THE BULLPEN

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# MARK ADAMIAK • RH • Age 24 • "uh-DAHM-ee-ack" • MWL: 2

FB, CUT, SL, CH | 2024: Stockton, 5-5, 4.90, 45 G, 2 SV, 60 2/3 IP, 62 H, 7 HR, 28 BB, 75 K, 12 WP

- Born in Des Plaines, IL., lives in Shawnee, Kansas., 454th overall, 15th rd., 2022, Arkansas \$125.000.... at Shawnee Mission Northwest H.S., ranked the No. 1 RHP in Kansas in 2019. Drafted after r-soph. year: Acad. Honor Roll; 9 G, 3 GS, 3.95, 13 2/3 IP, 14 H, 6 R, 8 BB, 18 K.
- days rest Four relief appearances with Lansing to end 2023: 5 IP, 4 H, 3 R, 1 HR, 2 BB, 7 K

# HUNTER BREAULT • RH • Age 26 • "BRO" • MWL seasons: 3 FB, CU, SL, SPL | 2024: Lansing, 4-3, 6.08, 36 G, 6 SV, 40 IP, 5 HR, 30 BB, 42 K, 5 WP

Kapolei, Hl., \$35,000, drafted 608th, 20th round, 2021, from the University of Oregon. 2019 California Collegiate League top prospect by Perfect Game (12 G, 16 IP, 1 ER).

- days rest Perfect Game's No. 1 HS recruit in Hawai'i... high school teammates with Blaze Pontes.
  - Four yrs. at Oregon: 50 G, 4.68, 57.2, 44 K... 19 G w/ LAN in 2023, spent 2024 with Nuts.

# JAKE CHRISTIANSON • RH • 25 • MWL season: 1

FB, CU, SL, SPL | 2024: Bowling Green, 4-1, 3.74, 31 G, 2 SV, 53 IP, 41 H, 6 HR, 4 HBP, 19 BB, 56 K

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- St. Paul, MN... drafted by TB 464th, 15th round, 2022, Feather River College... \$50,000. Converted from catcher to closer at FRC... signed by Rays away from So. Illinois commit. Released by Tampa on March 21, 2025... signed as free agent by the A's on March 22.
- Drafted 10 picks after Mark Adamiak, 20 picks ahead of Blaze Pontes... enjoys cornhole.
- Attended Northern Iowa Area CC for one year... business & biomechanics major.

# HENRY GÓMEZ • RH • Age 23 • MWL season: 1

FB, SINK, CU, SL, CH | 2024: Palm Beach, 6-3, 3.03, 39 G, 12 SV, 62 1/3, 1 HR, 26 BB, 44 K

- Born in Maracaibo, lives in Zulia, Venezuela... signed by StL as an int'l free agent, 7/28/18. Acquired by the Athletics in the Triple-A portion of the Rule 5 draft, 12/11/24.
  - Spent 2019, 2021, 2022 in Dominican Summer League, converting from starter to reliever. Pitched in 2023 and 2024 in the Florida State League, lowering ERA from 4.91 to 3.03.

# WANDER GUANTE • RH • Age 26 • MWL seasons: 2

FB, SL, CH | 2024: Lansing, 1-3, 5.22, 14 G, 7 GS, 50 IP, 8 HR, 22 BB, 35 K, .268 avg.

- Santo Domingo, DR... signed by the Athletics as an international free agent on 3/22/19. "Guante" in English means glove... uncle Cecilio Guante pitched in MLB, 1982-1990.
- 0 Promoted to Midland 5/14, returned 7/19, promoted to Las Vegas 8/31/24 (6 G, 18 2/3, 5.79).

days rest

2024 Arizona Fall League: 9 G, 7.84, 10 1/3 IP, 10 R, 5 BB, 8 K... rejoined LAN May 13, 2025.

#### JACK MAHONEY • LH • Age 26 • MWL season: 1 20

FB, SINK, SL, CH | 2024: Windy City, 5-4, 3.45, 52 G, 60 IP, 57 H, 4 HR, 24 BB, 61 K, 1.35 WHIP

- Appleton, Wl... undrafted out of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, earned way to MiLB through indy ball. Attended Appleton West, same high school as Lugnuts / MLB catcher Danny Jansen.
- Independent experience: 2022-23 Milwaukee, '24 Windy City, '25 Staten Island FerryHawks. days rest 2025: 6 GS with Staten Island, 5.45 ERA, 33 IP, 12 BB, 41 K... purchased by A's on June 9.

## BLAZE PONTES • RH • Age 25 • "PAHN-tez" • MWL seasons: 2 FB, SINK, CU, SL, CH | 2024: Lansing, 3-9, 7.36, 26 G, 10 GS, 88 IP, 113 H, 76 R, 11 HR, 40 BB, 44 K

- Mililani, Hl... drafted 484th overall, 16th rd., 2022, University of Hawai'i... signed for \$75,000.
- 1st Team All-State as a high school junior (0.95)... Jr. year at Hawa'i: 1st Team All Big West One year younger than teammate Hunter Breault at Kamehameha-Kapālama High School.
- day rest 2021: played for Waterloo (Northwoods League), where Lugs franchise used to be located.

#### TOM REISINGER • RH • 24 • "RICE-ing-er" • MWL season: 1 33 FB, CU, SWEEP, CH | 2024: Stockton, 1-5, 9.05, 21 G, 5 GS, 62 2/3, 93 H, 8 HR, 7 HBP, 41 BB, 53 K

- Kulpmont, PA... 286th overall, 10th rd., 2023, East Stroudsburg University (ESU) Warriors. 2 Signed for \$125,000... Mount Carmel Area H.S. quarterback... also played basketball.
- Drafted following Jr. year: led PSAC in K (97 in 71 2/3 IP)... 2022-23 total: 185 K in 140 2/3. davs rest Made pro debut in 2023 in ACL: 4 G/2 GS, 6 IP, 10 K... spent 2024 in Stockton, IL: May 1-30.

#### YEHIZON SANCHEZ • RH • 24 • "YAY-ih-sone" • MWL seasons: 3 30

- SINK, SL, CH | 2024: Lansing, 2-6, 6.18, 37 G, 1 SV, 51 IP, 63 H, 3 HR, 5 HBP, 31 BB, 44 K La Romana, DR... signed at age 18 as an international free agent on July 2, 2019.
- 2 In same signing class as James González and Wander Guante, who are in Midland.
- Others from La Romana: Edwin Encarnacion, Félix Pié and Miguel Castro. days rest
  - 2023 Stockton Ports Opening Day starter... pitched in four games with Lansing in 2023.

# THE BATSMEN

#### LEO DE VRIES • S/R • SS • Age 18 • 1st season with Lugnuts • MLB Pipeline's No. 1 A's prospect, No. 3 Minor League Baseball prospect overall 2024 in Lake Elsinore: 75 G, .237 / .361 / .441, 63 R, 22 2B, 3 3B, 11 HR, 13-15 SB, 50 BB, 84 K, 9 HBP... 2025 in Fort Wayne: 82 G, .245 / .357 / .410, 46 R, 19 2B, 4 3B, 8 HR, 46 RBI, 8-15 SB, 52 BB, 72 K at LC: vs. CR: 2-8, 2 R, RBI, 3 K, HBP, SF Current Hit Streak: +2 (2-8) Last Game: 1-4, R, RBI, K, SF On-Base Streak: +2 (2-8, HBP) Azua, DR... signed for \$4.2 million as the No. 1 international prospect, January 15, 2024. • Youngest player in 2024 Arizona Fall League... youngest to homer in AFL since Bryce Harper, 2010. • "El Mutante"... hit for the cycle, April 22, 2025: 5-for-5, 2 HR, SF, 8 RBI... played point guard growing up. Acq. with Eduarniel Nuñez / Braden Nett / Henry Baez for Mason Miller / JP Sears, July 31, 2025 DAVIS DIAZ • R/R • C/INF • Age 22 • 1st season with Lugnuts 2024: Stockton, 14 G, .226 / .397 / .283, 12-for-53, 12 R, 3 2B, 0 3B, 0 HR, 6 RBI, 8 BB, 9 K, 7 HBP, 0 SB, 0 E Last Game: 1-3, R, BB at LC: 2-11, 2 R, RBI, 2 BB, 3 K Current Hit Streak: +1 (1-3) On-Base Streak: +1 (1-3, BB) Pittsburg, CA... signed for \$250,000 as the 226th pick, 8th round, 2024, Vanderbilt University. 3x gold medalist, Team USA (2015, 2017, 2018), Perfect Game's No. 12 prospect in California. 2025 in Stockton: 42 G, .250 / .384 / .355, 10 2B, 3 3B, 0 HR, 21 RBI, 6-for-9 SB, 29 BB, 28 K, 6 HBP. Joined Lugnuts on June 3 from Stockton, replacing the promoted Cole Conn (Double-A Midland). MARIO GOMEZ • L/R • C • Age 22 • 1st season with Lugnuts 2025 totals: 24 G, .174 / .275 / .261, 1 2B, 1 3B, 1 HR, 0-for-2 SB... in Arizona Complex League: 12 G, .225 / .304 / .300, 1 HR... Stockton: 3 G, 0-for-11, 1 BB... Midland: 8 G, 3-for-15, 2B, 3B... Vegas: 1 G, 0-3 Last Game: vs. CR: 1-4. RBI. K Current Hit Streak: +1 (1-4) On-Base Streak: +1 (1-4) Aguascalientes, Mexico... signed as an international free agent on February 19, 2020 (age 17). · Played for one team in 2021, two teams in 2023, three teams in 2024, and now five teams in 2025. **GUNNER GOULDSMITH** S/R • INF • Age 23 • 1st season with Lugnuts 2025 totals: 59 G, .171 / .314 / .221, 7 2B, 1 3B, 35 BB, 45 K, 7-for-11 SB... ACL A's: 17 G, 8-for-44, 2B, 3B, .182 / .397 / .250... Stockton: 40 G. .159 /.268 / .205. 5-for-5 SB... Midland: 2 G. 2-for-5. 2 BB. 2 K Last Game: 1-3, R, BB, CS at LC: vs. CR: 1-6, 2 R, 2 BB, 2 K, CS Current Hit Streak: +1 (1-3) On-Base Streak: +2 (1-6, 2 BB) Reno, Nevada... 556th overall selection, 19th round, 2025, Sacramento State (\$20,000). Brought four gloves to Lansing; plays all infield positions... only Hornet to start all 57 gms. in 2024 RYAN LASKO • R/R • OF • Age 22 • 2nd season with Lugnuts • MLB Pipeline's No. 15 A's prospect 2024 with Stockton: 82 G, .225 / .359 / .322, 72 H, 48 R, 19 2B, 0 3B, 4 HR, 29 RBI, 9 HBP, 59 BB, 103 K, 20-26 SB, 2 E... with Lansing: 41 G, .245 / .341 / .342, 7 2B, 1 3B, 2 HR, 18 RBI, 20 BB, 35 K, 13-14 SB vs. CR: 1-4, R, 2B, RBI, BB Current Hit Streak: +2 (2-7) Last Game: 1-4, R. 2B, RBI, BB at LC: 1-6, R, HR, 3 RBI, 2 BB, K, CS On-Base Streak: +5 (3-17, 4 BB) Jackson, New Jersey... 2nd round, 41st overall, 2023, from Rutgers... signed for \$1.7 million. Led Big Ten in base hits (90) and runs scored (81) in 2022... criminal justice major. First Scarlet Knight in Big Ten era to be All-American, 2021... tied RU 2B record (24) in 2022. Rated California League's Best Outfield Arm by Baseball America in 2024... Injured List, 4/4-5/12/25. L/L OF • Age 23 • 1st season with Lugnuts 2024 with Stockton: 20 G, .222 / .309 / .395, 5 2B, 3 HR, 4 SB, 10 BB, 19 K... 2025 with Stockton: 93 G, .266 / .386 / .433, 66 R, 27 2B, 2 3B, 9 HR, 52 RBI, 44-for-49 SB, 66 BB, 98 K Last Game: 1-3, R, RBI, K, SB, SF CR: 2-13, R, 3 RBI, BB, 4 K, 3 SB, HBP Current Hit Streak: +1 (1-3) On-Base Streak: +4 (2-13, BB, HBP) Bethpage, NY... selected 286th overall, 10th round, 2024 draft from Boston College (\$50,000). Promoted from Stockton riding a 10-game hitting streak and a 30-game on-base streak. DARLYN MONTERO • L/R • INF • Age 23 • 1st season with Lugnuts 2024 with Stockton: 95 G, .256 / .318 / .353, 93 H, 43 R, 15 2B, 1 3B, 6 HR, 29 RBI, 1 Sac., 1 SF, 10 HBP, 24 BB, 104 K, 9-for-9 SB, 8 E Last Game: at LC: 2-9, BB, 4 K vs. CR: 1-6. R. 2 RBI. K Current Hit Streak: +1 (1-4) On-Base Streak: +4 (3-12, BB, HBP) Azua, Dominican Republic... signed as an international free agent on November 7, 2018 Played in DSL in 2019 (55 G, .213 avg.) and 2021 (40 G, .217 avg.), ACL in 2022 and 2023 BEN NEWTON • S/R • C/INF • Age 23 • 1st season with Lugnuts 2025 with Las Vegas: 4 G, 1-for-8, 1 R, 1 2B, 0 BB, 3 K... 2025 with Arizona Complex As: 16 G, 17-for-52, .327/.438/.462, 5 2B, 1 3B, 10 BB, 13 K... 2025 with Midland: 5 G, 2-for-9, 5 R. 1 HR. 4 RBI. 1 BB. 4 K Last Game: 2-4, R, RBI, K at LC: vs. CR: 5-10, 2 R, 2 RBI, 3 K, SB, SF Current Hit Streak: +3 (5-10) On-Base Streak: +3 (5-10) · Albany, CA... signed as undrafted free agent, January 22, 2025, Fresno State. · Business major... according to college bio: "enjoys basketball, drawing and poker in his free time. PEDRO PINEDA • R/R • OF • Age 21 • 1st season with Lugnuts 2025 with Stockton: 53 G, .253 / .356 / .458, 35 R, 5 2B, 2 3B, 10 HR, 37 RBI, 2-for-3 SB, 27 BB, 65 K, 4 HBP Last Game: 1-4, 3B, RBI, K, E CR: 6-13, 3 R, 2B, 3B, 3 RBI, 2 BB, 4 K, 2 SB, E Current Hit Streak: +4 (6-13) On-Base Streak: +4 (6-13, 2 BB) at LC: -Santo Domingo Norte, DR... signed as an international free agent, January 15, 2021. · Rose as high as MLB PIpeline's No. 11 A's prospect in 2022... signed for \$2.5 million. C.J. PITTARO L/R • INF/OF Age 23 • 1st season with Lugnuts 2024 in Penn State: 2 G, 0-2, 1 K... 2025 in Stockton: 92 G, .246 / .358 / .323, 46 R, 16 2B, 4 3B, 1 HR, 36 RBI, 6-for-9 SB, 52 BB, 85 K, 6 GiDP, 10 HBF Last Game: at LC: vs. CR: · Current Hit Streak: -On-Base Streak: -Hamilton, NJ... 2021 Vanderbilt, 2022-24 Penn State... 2025 undrafted free agent, Penn State. 1B, 2B, 3B, LF, RF at Penn State... 1B, 3B, LF, CF, RF at Stockton (42 games in LF, 48 games at 1B). Christopher John Pittaro... grandfather played in the minors from 1960-62, then coached at Rider. Father, Chris, played 53 G in MLB (1985 DET, 1986-87 MIN), currently is A's Special Asst. to the GM. T.J. SCHOFIELD-SAM • L/R • INF • Age 24 • 3rd season with Lugnuts 2024 with ACL A's: 7 G, 12-for-28, .429 / .484 / .607... with Stockton: 59 G, .280 / .325 / .386, 71 H, 30 R, 11 2B, 2 3B, 4 HR, 38 RBI, 5-6 SB... with Lansing: 32 G, .231 / .331 / .343, 6 2B, 2 HR, 10 RBI, 7 HBP Last Game: 1-4, R, RBI, K at LC: 2-15, R, 2B, BB, 4 K, HBP vs. CR: 3-15, R, 3 RBI, 2 BB, 4 K, SF Current Hit Streak: +3 (3-13) On-Base Streak: +5 (4-19, 2 BB) Tyrell James... Brampton, ON... 374th pick, 12th rd., 2019, North Park S.S. ... signed for \$320,000. • Promoted to Midland July 1, returned July 17... Double-A stats: 9 G, 5-36, .139/.162/.139, 1 BB, 6 K, 2 SB Bronze Medalist w/ Canada Junior National Team in Panama... father is from Saint Vincent (SVG). • Has enjoyed marvelous 2025 with Lugnuts... 5-for-5 vs. Fort Wayne on April 24... batted .371 in April. 2018 - won the Tournament 12 title, the Marucci World Series title and U-21 Canadian Baseball title. • May 31 vs. Beloit, blasted go-ahead grand slam in the 7th ("The Schofield-Slam"), leading to 8-2 win. CASEY YAMAUCHI • R/R • INF • Age 24 • 3rd season with Lugnuts 2024 in Stockton: 35 G, .316 / .389 / .404, 36 H, 18 R, 6 2B, 2 3B, 0 HR, 12 RBI, 5 HBP, 10 BB, 13 K, 7-10 SB, 10 E... Lansing: 52 G, .236 / .306 / .258, 24 R, 4 2B, 13 RBI, 7 HBP, 11 BB, 14 K, 13-15 SB, 5 E LC: 0-11, RBI, BB, 2 K, SF, GiDP, HBP, E Last Game: 3-5. 3 R. 2 RBI. SB On-Base Streak: +5 (5-19, 2 BB) Hilo, HI... signed as an undrafted free agent with the Athletics from Hawai'i at Hilo, July 12, 2023. Owns Hawai'i Hilo records in runs (147), hits (240), doubles (49), steals (74-for-85); only 27 K in 167 G. 5 years... graduated w/ bachelor degrees in Communications and Kinesiology & Exercise Sciences. • Joined Nuts for the final three games of 2023 at LC (6-9, 2 BB, 1 HBP), replacing Jacob Wilson at SS.

# Additional Lug•Notes

**DK at the Helm:** The 19th manager in Lugnuts history is **Darryl Kennedy**, entering his second year in the A's organization. Kennedy distinguished himself as a catcher at Manatee Community College before starring at the University of North Florida and was named an NCAA All-American in 1991 en route to North Florida's Hall of Fame, inducted in 2017. Kennedy played in the Minor Leagues for seven seasons, including parts of four seasons in Triple-A. Following his 1997 retirement, he immediately began managing, leading the Gulf Coast League Rangers to the 1998 GCL Championship. Kennedy won a second title with the GCL Rangers in 2000, moving on to stops in the Florida State League, Northwest League and Texas League through 2006. Upon joining the Royals' organization, Kennedy managed in the Appalachian League, Carolina League, Pioneer League, Arizona League and Texas League through 2020. He served as bench coach for the KBO's Hanwha Eagles from 2021 through 2023 before joining the A's as Double-A Midland's assistant hitting coach in 2024.

Filling Out the Staff: Dave Burba, the Lugnuts' pitching coach, walked on at Ohio State, pitched in the Big Ten Championship game as a freshman, was drafted by the Mariners one round after Ken Griffey, Jr. in 1987, and won 115 games in 15 MLB seasons before spending 13 seasons as a pitching coach in the Colorado Rockies' organization. Rubén Escalera is in his second year as hitting coach and his 30th season in the A's organization; he simultaneously serves as a scout for the A's in Puerto Rico. And the pride of Yuba City, Calif., Cooper Goldby comes to the Lugnuts after two seasons serving as the Dominican Summer League A's manager. The catcher/utilityman was drafted out of Lewis-Clark State in the 35th round in 2017.

Get to Know These Names: If the past is any indication, the Athletics' 2025 draft picks will be making a Midwest League impact sooner rather than later. Last year, third-rounder Joshua Kuroda-Grauer finished the season in Lansing before starring for the Nuts thus far this year. In 2023, the Lugnuts received first-rounder Jacob Wilson for 23 games in August; two years later, Wilson started the All-Star Game for the American League at shortstop. This year, the A's selected Florida State southpaw Jamie Arnold with the 11th overall pick, following up with a pair of impact slugging outfielders: Indiana Hoosier Devin Taylor (the No. 30 prospect) at pick 48 and Oregon State Beaver Gavin Turley (the No. 78 prospect) at pick 110.

Walk-Off Wonders: The Nuts have walked off with a win on four different occasions this year:

- Jared Dickey's two-run single in the 12th inning to beat Great Lakes, 12-11, April 13th
- Sahid Valenzuela's RBI single in the 10th inning to beat Lake County, 1-0, May 4th
- Rodney Green, Jr.'s RBI single in the 10th inning to beat South Bend, 7-6, May 13th
- Jared Dickey's RBI fielder's choice in the bottom of the 9th to beat West Michigan, 4-3, June 11th

All-Star Representation, Futures Edition: Tommy White and 2025 Opening Day starter Gage Jump epresented the Athletics' organization at the 2025 All-Star Futures Game on July 12th at Truist Park. White went 0-for-1 with a strikeout while Jump needed only four pitches to strike out Padres No. 1 prospect Leo De Vries and induce a groundout from Cubs No. 1 prospect Owen Caissie – coincidentally to White at third. White, the A's No. 6 prospect, joined Luis Morales (2024), Denzel Clarke (2022), Vladimir Guerrero Jr. and Bo Bichette (2017) and Angel Perdomo (2016) as active Lugnuts to play in the Futures Game.

All-Star Representation, Present Tense: Four Lugnuts were named Major League All-Stars – American League starting shortstop Jacob Wilson (2023), A.L. starting first baseman Vladimir Guerrero, Jr. (2017), A.L. reserve catcher Alejandro Kirk (2019), and N.L. starting pitcher Matthew Boyd (2013). It was Vladdy's fifth All-Star appearance, Kirk's second, and the first apiece for Wilson and Boyd. Wilson was the first A's starting shortstop in an All-Star Game since Bert Campaneris (1974) and the first rookie starting shortstop in an All-Star Game since Ron Hansen in 1960.

Still Shoving: 45-year-old Rich Hill pitched for the Lugnuts in 2003 (0-1, 2.76, 15 G, 4 GS, 29 1/3 innings, 14 H, 36 walks, 50 strikeouts, 9 wild pitches). On July 13, Hill struck out 10 Toledo Mud Hens in five innings, becoming the first 45-year-old to strike out at least 10 batters in a game since the Texas Rangers' Nolan Ryan whiffed double-digit Athletics on August 6, 1992. Hill is in his 20th professional season and with his 14th different MLB organization.

The Butler Did What?!: 2021-2022 Lugnut Lawrence Butler led off July 8th's game for the A's vs. Atlanta with an inside-the-park home run, the Athletics' first inside-the-park homer since Mark Kotsay achieved the feat on October 4, 2006; the first leadoff inside-the-park home run for the A's since Elmer Valo in 1943; and the first A's player to have both an inside-the-park home run and an over-the-fence home run in the same game since Billy Williams on August 23, 1975. When the Giants' Patrick Bailey delivered a walk-off inside-the-park home run to end the night in baseball, it was the first time in Major League Baseball history that a leadoff inside-the-parker and a walk-off inside-the-parker were hit on the same day.

**Dubious History:** 2018 Lugnut **Vinny Capra** was former Great Lakes Loon Clayton Kershaw's 3,000th strikeout victim on July 2. Capra, a 20th-rounder from Richmond in 2018, had been claimed off waivers by the White Sox from the Milwaukee Brewers on May 15.

Simply Electric: 2022 Lugnut Denzel Clarke won the MLB Chevrolet Electric Play of the Week each of his first four weeks in the Majors.

Happy Trails: 2012 Nut Kevin Pillar announced his retirement on July 2 following a 13-year playing career with 10 different teams. A 32nd-round selection in 2011, Pillar went 6-for-6 with a grand slam in a 6-RBI night at the Dayton Dragons on May 13, 2012, and found a fire extinguisher in his locker after the game. He went on to be the 2012 Midwest League Most Valuable Player.

What a Crowd! The Lugnuts' July 4 crowd of 10,527 was...

- · Larger than any crowd drawn by the Tampa Bay Rays this season.
- · 18th largest crowd in Minor League Baseball this season.
- Larger than 15 Triple-A teams (Round Rock, Lehigh Valley, Scranton/Wilkes-Barre, Gwinnett, Jacksonville, Reno, Omaha, El Paso, Worcester, Louisville, St. Paul, Memphis, Salt Lake, Tacoma, Sugar Land).
- · Larger than 29 Double-A teams (everyone except Frisco).
- Largest crowd in High-A. (No one else drew over 9,000.)
- · Larger than 29 Single-A teams (everyone except Fresno, which used to be in Triple-A and edged Lansing by four: 10,531).
- The 2nd largest crowd in Lansing since 2020, beaten only by 2023's July 4.

What a Crowd, Part II: The Nuts drew 8,863 for Grand Slam School Day III on May 28 vs. Beloit, an attendance that ranks the 31st largest crowd in Minor League Baseball this year. If Lansing's July 4 crowd is excluded, the May 28 attendance would rank larger than any crowd in High-A this season except for a West Michigan Whitecaps gate of 9,049 on June 7.