

QUAD CITIES RIVER BANDITS GAME NOTES

High-A Affiliate of the Kansas City Royals | April 9, 2024

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LAST GAME (4/7)

F/9 (2:31)	R	H	E
South Bend	0	5	3
Quad Cities	4	9	1

W: Owen (1-0)
1.0 IP, 0 R, 1 H, 0 BB, 2 SO

L: Moreno (0-1)
2.2 IP, 3 R, 3 ER, 4 H, 2 BB, 1 SO

S:

Quad Cities:

Johnson: 2-3, 3B, BB, SB
Squires: 2-3, 2 BB
Roccaforte: 1-5, 3B, 2 RBI

South Bend:

Long: 2-3, 2 2B, BB
Ramirez: 2-3
Pertuz: 1-4

VS. WEST MICHIGAN

2024	0-0
at Modern Woodmen Park	0-0
at LMCU Ballpark	0-0
2023	0-0

STREAKS

Current Streak	W2
Last 10 Games	2-1
Long Winning Streak:	
2G (4/6-4/7)	
Long Losing Streak:	
1G (4/5)	

LEAGUE RANKINGS

River Bandits Batting	
AVG:	.208 (5th)
OBP:	.328 (4th)
SLG:	.297 (5th)
OPS:	.625 (5th)
Runs:	8 (T-5th)
Doubles:	3 (T-6th)
Triples:	3 (T-1st)
Home Runs:	0 (T-9th)
Steals:	7 (2nd)
River Bandits Pitching	
ERA:	1.29 (2nd)
BAA:	.175 (5th)
WHIP:	1.14 (4th)
Shutouts:	1 (T-1st)
Runs Allowed:	5 (T-2nd)
Strikeouts:	35 (4th)
Walks Allowed:	14 (T-6th)
Home Runs Allowed:	1 (T-2nd)
Saves:	0 (T-11th)

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Time (Local)	Quad Cities Starter	Opponent Starter
Wednesday, April 10	at West Michigan	6:35pm	LHP Hunter Owen (1-0, 0.00)	RHP Carlos Marcano (0-1, 40.50)
Thursday, April 11	at West Michigan	12:05pm	RHP Ben Kudrna (0-1, 4.91)	RHP Garrett Burhenn (0-0, 0.00)
Friday, April 12	at West Michigan	6:35pm	RHP Steven Zobac (0-0, 2.25)	RHP Jaden Hamm (0-0, 0.00)
Saturday, April 13	at West Michigan	2:00pm	RHP Henry Williams (0-0, 0.00)	LHP Carlos Pena (0-1, 5.40)
Sunday, April 14	at West Michigan	2:00pm	RHP Shane Panzini (0-0, 0.00)	TBD

QUAD CITIES RIVER BANDITS (2-1) vs. WEST MICHIGAN WHITECAPS (1-2)

Tuesday, April 9, 2024 - 6:35pm - LMCU Ballpark - Comstock Park, Michigan - Game 4 of 132

RHP Shane Panzini (0-0, 0.00) vs. RHP Colin Fields (0-0, 0.00)

THINKIN' BOUT LAST WEEK: The River Bandits won Sunday's rubber match against the South Bend Cubs to claim the three-game Opening Weekend series at Modern Woodmen Park ... the series win marks Quad Cities' first since May 2023, when the Bandits swept the Beloit Sky Carp as part of their season-best 12-game win streak.

IT'S BEEN A MINUTE: This week's six-game set is Quad Cities' first meeting with West Michigan since July 2019, back when the River Bandits were still an affiliate of the Houston Astros ... Quad Cities took two out of three against the Whitecaps at Fifth Third Ballpark, including a 1-0 shutout win on July 11th ... the series included future Major Leaguers Andre Lipcius and Parker Meadows for the Whitecaps and Grae Kessinger, Cesar Salazar, and David Hensley for the River Bandits.

WHAT A RELIEF: Over their first three games of the season, the River Bandits bullpen has posted a 0.59 ERA over 15.1 innings, the third-best mark in High-A to open the year ... Quad Cities relievers have totaled 24 strikeouts to 5 walks, held opposing batters to a .190 average, and notched a 1.04 WHIP.

HAT TRICK OF TRIPLES: With Justin Johnson, Carson Roccaforte, and Jack Pineda all collecting a three-bagger on Sunday, Quad Cities hit three triples in a game for the first time since 2022 and for just the second time since the team became a Royals affiliate in 2021 ... going into Tuesday, QC is the only club in the Midwest League win at least one triple and just one of five teams in Single, High, or Double-A with 3.

MADE OUT LIKE BANDITS: Quad Cities is 7-for-7 stealing bases to begin the year and one of just four teams in High-A with seven or more stolen bases who have yet to be caught this season (Fort Wayne, Hillsboro, Rome).

HOW IT'S MADE: 18 members of the River Bandits roster return to Davenport after having spent some time with Quad Cities previously in their career ... 18 are former Royals draft picks, 5 were signed as undrafted free agents, 3 were signed as international free agents, and 3 were acquired by Kansas City via trade.

A BANDIT IN THE HALL: During the offseason, former River Bandit Joe Mauer became just the third catcher in baseball history to become a first-ballot Hall of Famer and was inducted alongside Adrian Beltre and Todd Helton as part of the Class of 2024 ... prior to a 15-year Major League career with Minnesota (which included 6 All-Star selections, 5 gold gloves, 5 Silver Slugger Awards, and 3 batting titles) the 2009 American League MVP spent four seasons in the minor leagues after being selected by the Twins first overall in the 2001 Draft ... with the River Bandits in 2002--his age 19 season--Mauer batted .302 with 23 doubles, 62 RBIs, and a team-high 61 walks, while also throwing out 42% of baserunners who attempted to steal with him behind the plate.

2023 MIDWEST LEAGUE STANDINGS

West	W-L	PCT	GB	DIFF
CR	82-50	.621	--	125
PEO	69-63	.523	13.0	14
WIS	62-68	.477	19.0	-3
SB	57-73	.438	24.0	25
BEL	56-75	.427	25.5	-124
QC	55-77	.417	27.0	-94
East	W-L	PCT	GB	DIFF
GL	76-55	.580	--	96
WM	68-62	.523	7.5	45
FW	69-63	.523	7.5	41
DAY	67-65	.508	9.5	9
LC	65-64	.504	10.0	-63
LAN	60-71	.458	16.0	-71

PROSPECTING THE RIVER: The River Bandits Opening Night roster features eight of the Royals top 30 prospects (MLB Pipeline): Ben Kudrna (4), Frank Mozzicato (5), Carter Jensen (11), Carson Roccaforte (17), Trevor Werner (20), Hunter Owen (23), Steven Zobac (25), and Henry Williams (29), the largest number of organizational top 30 prospects on the River Bandits' Opening Day roster in the team's four-year history as a Royals affiliate.

A CENTURY AND COUNTING: The 2024 season marks the 101st year of professional baseball in Davenport, dating back to the 1897 Davenport Brown Stockings of the Northwestern League ... since then, the franchise has been part of nine different leagues, affiliated with 12 different Major League clubs, and sported 18 different monikers.

THE ROYAL FAMILY: 2024 marks the River Bandits fourth season as an affiliate of the Kansas City Royals ... since joining the Royals organization, nine River Bandits have made their Major League debuts with Kansas City: Angel Zerpa (21), Michael Massey (21), Vinnie Pasquantino (21), Nate Eaton (21), Maikel Garcia (21), John McMillon (23), Nick Loftin (21), Logan Porter (21), and Anthony Veneziano (21).

YOUR HOME FOR BANDITS BASEBALL: All 132 Quad Cities River Bandits games can be heard live at riverbandits.com with all home games also available on Bally Live and MiLB.TV.

UPCOMING PROMOTIONS

Tue. 4/16	Wed. 4/17	Thur. 4/18
• Pennant Giveaway #1	• Copa de la Diversión	• Pint Glass Giveaway #1 • \$2 Domestic Draft Beers

MIDWEST LEAGUE STANDINGS

West	W-L	PCT	GB
BEL	2-0	1.000	--
QC	2-1	.667	0.5
WIS	2-1	.667	0.5
PEO	1-2	.333	1.5
SB	1-2	.333	1.5
CR	0-2	.000	2.0
East	W-L	PCT	GB
DAY	2-1	.667	--
GL	2-1	.667	--
LC	2-1	.667	--
FW	1-2	.333	1.0
LAN	1-2	.333	1.0
WM	1-2	.333	1.0

RECORD BREAKDOWN

Overall	2-1
Home	2-1
Road	0-0
Day	1-0
Night	1-1
West Division	2-1
East Division	0-0
Extra Innings	1-0
Doubleheaders	0-0
Shutout W/L	1-0
Walk-Off W/L	1-0
Score First	1-0
Score Second	1-1
1-Run Games	1-0
2-Run Games	0-1
3-Run Games	0-0
+3-Run Games	1-0
April	2-1
May	0-0
June	0-0
July	0-0
August	0-0
September	0-0
On Monday	0-0
On Tuesday	0-0
On Wednesday	0-0
On Thursday	0-0
On Friday	0-1
On Saturday	1-0
On Sunday	1-0
Series Opener	0-1
Series Finale	1-0
Leading after 6	1-0
Leading after 7	1-0
Leading after 8	1-0
Tied after 6	1-0
Tied after 7	1-0
Tied after 8	1-0
Trailing after 6	0-1
Trailing after 7	0-1
Trailing after 8	0-1
With HR	0-0
Without HR	2-1
Allow HR	0-1
Allow no HR	2-0
With Error	2-0
Without Error	0-1
vs. RH Starter	2-0
vs. LH Starter	0-1

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MANAGER BROOKS CONRAD

Brooks Conrad manages the River Bandits for the third-consecutive season, his eighth (seventh managerial) in the Royals organization, after managing the Columbia Firefiles in their first year as a Royals affiliate in 2021. The 44-year-old led the Lexington Legends to a South Atlantic League Title and was honored with the Dick Howser Award, which is given annually to one Royals player development employee for outstanding contributions to the organization. Conrad was slated to lead Lexington again in 2020 before the MiLB season was canceled. He joined the Royals organization as First Base Coach at Burlington in 2017, before serving as Manager there in 2018.

Conrad's Managerial Career	Year	Games	W-L	PCT	Playoffs
Quad Cities (High-A)	2023	132	55-77	.417	--
Quad Cities (High-A)	2022	132	54-78	.409	--
Columbia (Low-A)	2021	119	48-71	.403	--
*Lexington (Low-A)	2020	--	--	--	--
Lexington (Low-A)	2019	138	68-70	.493	5-1
Burlington (Rookie)	2018	68	25-43	.368	--
		589	250-339	.424	5-1

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EJECTIONS (0)

Player/Coach	Date/Inning	Umpire

TEAM DEFENSE (7-7th IN MIDWEST LEAGUE)

PCT	G	TC	PO	A	E	DP	TP
.973	3	110	84	23	3	1	0
Catchers	SB	CS	ATT	PCT	PB	W-L	
Hernandez, Omar	0	0	0	.000	0	1-0	
Jensen, Carter	5	1	6	.800	1	1-1	
Total:	5	1	6	.800	1	2-1	

Outfield Assists (0):

Pitcher Pickoffs (0):

Catcher Pickoffs (0):

LAST AT-BAT WINS (0)

Date/Opponent	Score	Game-Winning Play (*Walk-Off)
4/6 vs SB	3-2 (10)	* Kale Emshoff bases loaded walk

STARTS

By Batting Order

1:	Roccaforte (3)
2:	Jensen (3)
3:	Werner (3)
4:	Squires (3)
5:	Nivens (2), Hernandez (1)
6:	Emshoff (2), Pineda (1)
7:	Dickey (2), Johnson (1)
8:	Pineda (2), Ramirez (1)
9:	Dickerson (2), Nadal (1)

By Position

C:	Jensen (2), Hernandez (1)
1B:	Squires (3)
2B:	Pineda (2), Johnson (1)
3B:	Werner (3)
SS:	Dickerson (2), Pineda (1)
LF:	Nivens (2), Nadal (1)
CF:	Roccaforte (3)
RF:	Dickey (2), Ramirez (1)
DH:	Emshoff (2), Jensen (1)

PLAYERS USED (26 in 2024)

Pitchers (13)	Position (13)
Block, A.J.	Dickerson, Dustin
Garabitos, Natanael	Dickey, Jared
Harm, Parker	Emshoff, Kale
Johnson, Brandon	Hernandez, Omar
Kudrna, Ben	Jensen, Carter
Martinez, Chazz	Johnson, Justin
McKeehan, Cooper	Nadal, Deivis
Owen, Hunter	Nivens, Spencer
Ramsey, Ryan	Pineda, Jack
Sears, Ben	Ramirez, Jean
Wallace, Chase	Roccaforte, Carson
Williams, Henry	Squires, Brett
Zobac, Steven	Werner, Trevor

REHAB ASSIGNMENTS (0 in 2024)

Player	Rehab Dates	Notes

29 Shane Panzini

B/T: R/R **BORN:** Spring Lake, New Jersey

HT: 6-3 **ACQUIRED:** Selected in the 4th round of the 2021 MLB Draft from Red Bank

WT: 220 Catholic High School (New Jersey)

2023: Pitched to a 4.47 ERA (45 ER in 90.2 IP) in 20 starts for Columbia (A) prior to his promotion to Quad Cities (A+) on August 28 ... led the Fireflies with 98 strikeouts and finished second in innings pitched, logging 90.2.

2022: Made his professional debut with Columbia (A), starting 17 games with the Fireflies and collecting 66 strikeouts in 63.0 innings.

2021: Went 9-0 with a 0.91 ERA in 61.2 innings as a senior at Red Bank Catholic High School (New Jersey) and recorded a single-season record 115 strikeouts ... he became the highest-drafted player out of Red Bank Catholic High School, surpassing Ryan Kalish, who was selected by Boston in the 9th round in 2006 ... was committed to play baseball at the University of Virginia, prior to signing with Kansas City.

OVERALL STATS

Year	Team	W-L	IP	ERA	G/GS	HR	BB	SO	BAA	WHIP
2024	Quad Cities (A+)	0-0	0.0	0.00	0/0	0	0	0	.000	0.00
MiLB Career:		3-15	160.0	5.18	39/39	20	94	171	.281	1.65

2024 SPLITS (WITH QUAD CITIES)

Home:	0-0, 0.00 ERA (0G)	Road:	0-0, 0.00 ERA (0G)
Starter:	0-0, 0.00 ERA (0G)	Reliever:	0-0, 0.00 ERA (0G)
Vs. LHB:	.000, 0 HR	Vs. RHB:	.000, 0 HR

VS. WEST MICHIGAN

	W-L	ERA	G/GS	IP	H	ER	HR	BB	SO	BAA
2024 w/QC	0-0	0.00	0/0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	.000
2023 w/QC	0-0	0.00	0/0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	.000

HIGHS & LOWS

Season	Career (All Levels)
IP:	6.0 (3x, last: 8/24/23, COL at CAR)
SO:	10 (6/24/23, COL vs FBG)
BB:	5 (7/20/23, COL at MB)
H:	10 (8/10/23, COL vs CSC)
ER:	9 (2x, last: 9/6/23, QC at SB)
Low-Hit CG:	--
Low-ER CG:	--

2024 STARTS (WITH QUAD CITIES)

Date	Opponent	Result	IP	H	R	ER	HR	BB	SO	NP-S	Opposing Starter	Final	Notes

RIVER BANDITS STARTING PITCHERS (QUAD CITIES START STATS ONLY) (3 in 2024)

Pitcher	W-L	ERA	GS	QS	Team W-L	Run Support	Last Quad Cities Start	Final Line
Kudrna, Ben	0-1	4.91	1	0	0-1	1.00 RPG (1 Tot.)	4/5 vs SB (L)	3.2 IP, 2 R, 2 ER, 3 H, 3 BB, 4 SO (74p/43s)
Williams, Henry	0-0	0.00	1	0	1-0	4.00 RPG (4 Tot.)	4/7 vs SB (ND)	5.0 IP, 0 R, 1 H, 4 BB, 3 SO (78p/45s)
Zobac, Steven	0-0	2.25	1	0	1-0	3.00 RPG (3 Tot.)	4/6 vs SB (ND)	4.0 IP, 1 R, 1 ER, 3 H, 2 BB, 4 SO (79p/55s)

Total: 0-1 2.13 3 0 2-1 2.66 RPG (8 Tot.)

RIVER BANDITS PITCHING BREAKDOWN

	W-L	ERA	IP	R	ER	HR	BB	SO	BAA
Starters:	0-1	2.13	12.2	3	3	1	9	11	.156
Relievers:	2-0	0.59	15.1	2	1	0	5	24	.190
Total:	2-1	1.29	28.0	5	4	1	14	35	.175

Saves/Opp: 0/0 (0.0%) Holds: 1 IR/Scored: 1/0 (0.0%)

PITCHING BY MONTH

	W-L	ERA	IP	R	ER	HR	BB	SO	BAA
April:									
May:									
June:									
July:									
August:									
September:									

RELIEF SUMMARY (QUAD CITIES RELIEF STATS ONLY)

Pitcher	W-L	ERA	G	GF	HLD	SV/OPP	IR/RS	Last Quad Cities Relief Outing	Scoreless Streak (Relief)
Block, A.J.	0-0	0.00	1	0	0	0-0	0/0	4/5 vs. SB: 2.0 IP, 0 R, 0 H, 0 BB, 2 SO	1G (2.0 IP)
Garabitos, Natanael	0-0	0.00	1	1	0	0-0	0/0	4/5 vs. SB: 1.0 IP, 0 R, 0 H, 1 BB, 1 SO	1G (1.0 IP)
Harm, Parker	0-0	0.00	1	1	0	0-0	0/0	4/6 vs. SB: 1.0 IP, 0 R, 0 H, 0 BB, 2 SO	1G (1.0 IP)
Johnson, Brandon	1-0	0.00	1	1	0	0-0	0/0	4/6 vs. SB: 2.0 IP, 0 R, 0 H, 0 BB, 2 SO	1G (2.0 IP)
Martinez, Chazz	0-0	0.00	1	0	0	0-0	1/0	4/5 vs. SB: 1.1 IP, 0 R, 1 H, 2 BB, 3 SO	1G (1.1 IP)
McKeehan, Cooper	0-0	9.00	1	0	0	0-0	0/0	4/5 vs. SB: 1.0 IP, 1 R, 1 ER, 2 H, 0 BB, 3 SO	-1G
Owen, Hunter	1-0	0.00	1	0	0	0-0	0/0	4/7 vs. SB: 1.0 IP, 0 R, 1 H, 0 BB, 2 SO	1G (1.0 IP)
Ramsey, Ryan	0-0	0.00	1	0	0	0-0	0/0	4/6 vs. SB: 3.0 IP, 1 R, 0 ER, 4 H, 1 BB, 4 SO	1G (3.0 IP)
Sears, Ben	0-0	0.00	1	1	0	0-0	0/0	4/7 vs. SB: 1.0 IP, 0 R, 1 H, 1 BB, 2 SO	1G (1.0 IP)
Wallace, Chase	0-0	0.00	1	0	1	0-0	0/0	4/7 vs. SB: 2.0 IP, 0 R, 2 H, 0 BB, 3 SO	1G (2.0 IP)

SCORELESS INNINGS STREAKS (10-Plus Innings)

Pitcher	Length	Dates	Stats

PITCHER AWARDS & HONORS

Pitcher	Award/Dates	Stats

35 AJ Block (Anthony Jacob)

LHP | 25 YRS | Born: Salt Lake City, Utah | Acquired: UDFA, June 23, 2020 (Washington State)

2022-23: Missed back-to-back seasons due to left arm injury.

2021: Posted a 3.30 ERA (37 ER in 101.0 IP) in his first professional season with competition, the fourth-best among Royals farmhands, making 4 appearances for Columbia (A) and 19 (16 starts) for Quad Cities (A+) ... among Royals minor leaguers, his 124 strikeouts ranked second only to Anthony Veneziano's 127 ... got the start and threw 3.2 one-hit, shutout innings in title-clinching Game 5 of the High-A Central Championship Series for the River Bandits.

2020: Went 2-0 with a 3.25 ERA (10 ER in 27.2 IP) and 34 strikeouts (11.1 K/9) to just 5 walks (1.6 BB/9) in 4 starts at Washington State, prior to the season being suspended due to the COVID-19 pandemic ... led all Pac-12 pitchers in innings, tied for second in strikeouts, and had double-digit strikeout performances in each of his last 3 starts, becoming the first Cougar to accomplish that feat in at least 33 seasons.

2019: Was selected by the Detroit Tigers in the 17th round of the MLB Draft, but returned to Washington State for his senior season.

2016: Graduated from Newport High School (Washington) and was selected by the Chicago Cubs in the 39th round of the MLB Draft, but did not sign.

17 Natanael Garabitos

RHP | 23 YRS | Born: Bani, Dominican Republic | Acquired: Trade w/ Mariners, March 15, 2024

2024: Acquired by Kansas City from Seattle as the player-to-be-named-later in the Samad Taylor trade (January 30).

2023: Made 39 appearances (1 start) for Modesto (A) and posted a 4.02 ERA (18 ER in 40.1 IP) with 54 strikeouts, while holding opposing batters to a .175 average ... his 12.05 SO/9 was tops among all Nuts arms with a minimum of 40.0 IP ... from June 29 to August 31, allowed earned runs in just 1 of his 19 appearances and struck out 29 batters in 19.1 innings.

2022: Worked exclusively out of the bullpen in his full-season debut, making 35 relief appearances for Modesto (A) ... was teammates with former River Bandit hurler William Fleming, who was traded to Kansas City and assigned to Quad Cities (A+) in June.

2021: Posted a career-best 12.60 SO/9 in his state-side debut for the ACL Mariners (R), pitching 40.2 innings.

2019: Pitched to a 3.10 ERA (7 ER in 20.1 IP) in his professional debut with the DSL Mariners.

24 Parker Harm

LHP | 27 YRS | Born: Mandan, North Dakota | Acquired: UDFA, July 25, 2021

2023: Spent the entire season with Quad Cities (A+), making 33 relief appearances and totaling 44 strikeouts in 38.0 innings ... held opposing hitters to a .204 batting average.

2022: Made 2 appearances with the ACL Royals (R) before making 15 relief appearances with Quad Cities (A+) where held opposing hitters to a .187 batting average across 21.2 innings ... pitched in 11 games and posted a 3.21 ERA (5 ER in 14.0 IP) for the Brisbane Bandits in the Australian Winter League where he was teammates with former River Bandits infielder Tyler Tolbert.

2016-21: Played five seasons at North Dakota State University, posting a 3.73 ERA (67 ER in 161.2 IP) with 189 strikeouts ... as a senior in 2021, he recorded a 1.70 ERA with 62 strikeouts in 37.0 innings and earned All-Summit League First Team honors as a relief pitcher ... was named to the Summit League Championship All-Tournament Team, voted to the ABCA/Rawlings All-Central Region First Team, and named to the ABCA/Rawlings All-America Third Team, becoming the first baseball player of NDSU's NCAA Division I era to earn All-American honors and the fourth overall in program history ... appeared in 10 games with the ACL Royals (R) in his professional debut.

2015: Graduated from Mandan High School (North Dakota), where he was named All-State and All-Conference as a senior after hitting .430 with 47 hits, 12 doubles, 5 triples, 1 home run, and 20 RBIs ... he went 8-1 and posted a 0.98 ERA in 24.1 IP on the mound, helping his team to a 24-9-1 overall record and state title as a senior ... also played football.

34 Brandon Johnson

RHP | 24 YRS | Born: Tuscaloosa, Alabama | Acquired: 9th round, 2022 Draft (University of Mississippi)

2023: Appeared in 40 games for Quad Cities (A+), the second-most among all River Bandits pitchers (Wander Arias, 45) ... his 11.87 SO/9 ranked the highest among Quad Cities relievers with at least 30.0 IP.

2021-22: Played two seasons at Ole Miss, punctuated by a national title as a senior in 2022, in which he threw the title-clinching pitch of the College World Series to Hayden Dunhurst, who the Royals selected in the 6th round of the 2022 Draft ... recorded 12 saves in 24 outings for the 2022 College World Series champion Rebels and racked up 71 strikeouts in 41.2 innings (15.3 K/9) ... pitched 6.0 innings between the ACL Royals (R) and Columbia (A) in his professional debut.

2019-20: Attended Columbia State Community College (Tennessee).

2018: Attended the University of Alabama Huntsville, but did not play.

2017: Graduated from Brookwood High School (Alabama), where he was a four-year letter-winner in baseball, football, and basketball and was named All-Region in both baseball and football as a senior.

28 Ben Kudrna

RHP | 21 YRS | Born: Shawnee Mission, Kansas | Acquired: 2nd round, 2021 Draft (Blue Valley Southwest High School, Kansas)

2024: Opened the season ranked No. 4 on MLB Pipeline's list of top 30 Kansas City Royals prospects.

2023: Began the season with Columbia (A), pitching to a 3.56 ERA (27 ER in 68.1 IP) in 14 appearances (13 starts) with 70 strikeouts ... led the Fireflies and ranked fourth in the Carolina League in innings pitched (68.1) prior to his promotion to Quad Cities ... was part of a Columbia pitching staff that posted a 3.19 first-half ERA, the top mark in Minor League Baseball ... struck out 6 and tossed 6.0 shutout innings in his Quad Cities (A+) debut on July 20 at Beloit ... made 8 starts for the River Bandits to close out the season, going 5.0 or more innings in all but one ... along with former River Bandit Luinder Avila, pitched 108.2 total innings, the most of any Royals farmhand 21 or younger.

2022: Shined in his first season of professional ball, earning the Columbia Pitcher of the Year award and MiLB.com Organization All-Star honors after posting a 3.48 ERA (28 ER in 72.1 IP) with 61 strikeouts and a .239 opponent batting average in 17 starts for the Fireflies ... started in his pro debut on May 21 vs. Myrtle Beach, allowing just 1 run on 1 hit over 3.2 innings with 5 strikeouts and followed with 4.0 shutout, one-hit innings on May 27 at Lynchburg ... over his 17 starts, surrendered no more than 4 hits 13 times, and no more than 3 runs 14 times, finishing with 3 quality starts.

2021: Graduated from Blue Valley Southwest High School (Kansas) where he led the Timberwolves to a 22-3 record as senior, going 9-1 with a 0.99 ERA, .130 opponent batting average, and 100 strikeouts to just 11 walks in 57.1 innings ... was named Gatorade State High School Player of the Year for Kansas and pitched a 3-hit shutout in the Kansas 5-A state championship game ... recorded 3 shutouts, did not allow an earned run in 12.0 postseason innings, and was committed to Louisiana State University prior to signing with Kansas City.

27 Chazz Martinez

RHP | 24 YRS | Born: San Pedro, California | Acquired: 17th round, 2022 Draft (University of Oklahoma)

2023: Spent the full season working out of the bullpen for Columbia (A) and led Fireflies relievers in appearances (39) and strikeouts (86), while posting a 4.08 ERA (29 ER in 64.0 IP).
2022: He went 4-3 with 1 save in 22 appearances (8 starts) during his lone season with the Sooners and was named the Dick Howser Trophy National Pitcher of the Week and Big 12 Pitcher of the Week after recording 14 strikeouts vs. Northwestern State on February 27, the most strikeouts by a Sooner since 2019 ... made his professional debut with the ACL Royals (R) before appearing in 4 games with Quad Cities (A+) ... his brother, Renae, was a 33rd-round pick by Arizona in 2017 and reached Triple-A as a catcher in the Diamondbacks organization in 2021. Renae hit .333 and played in 44 games in the Midwest League with Kane County in 2018.
2021: Transferred to Orange Coast College (California) where he hit .279 with 8 home runs, while holding opponents to a .189 average on the mound with 44 strikeouts in 38.0 innings ... was selected by Pittsburgh in the 12th round of the 2021 MLB Draft, but chose to transfer to the University of Oklahoma.
2019-20: Attended UC Santa Barbara, but only appeared in 4 games as a freshman in 2019.
2018: Graduated from Corona Del Mar High School (California) where he was a four-year letter-winner and was named to the Pacific Coast League First Team as a junior and senior.

32 Cooper McKeehan

LHP | 23 YRS | Born: Ann Arbor, Michigan | Acquired: 16th round, 2022 Draft (Brigham Young University)

2023: Was named a Carolina League All-Star as a reliever after posting an 8-1 record in 31 appearances and a 1.08 ERA (6 ER in 50.0 IP) with Columbia (A) ... allowed just 29 hits, 10 walks and recorded 53 strikeouts (9.5 K/9, 29.3 K%) while finishing a team-high 23 games ... among pitchers who threw at least 50.0 innings, his ERA was the lowest in all of Low-A, while his 11 saves ranked tied for second in the Carolina League and his 8 wins ranked tied for fifth ... was promoted to Quad Cities (A+) on August 2, and went 2-2 with 14 strikeouts in 10 outings for the River Bandits.
2022: Recorded a 1.57 ERA (4 ER in 23.0 IP) and 41 strikeouts (16.0 K/9) in 23 relief appearances as a junior at Brigham Young University prior to being selected by the Royals in the 16th round of the MLB Draft.
2018: Had a 1.31 ERA and 102 strikeouts as a senior at Weddington High School (South Carolina) where he graduated summa cum laude and was an All-State selection.

30 Frank Mozzicato

LHP | 20 YRS | Born: Hartford, Connecticut | Acquired: 1st round (7th), 2021 Draft (East Catholic High School, Connecticut)

2024: Opened the season ranked No. 5 on MLB Pipeline's list of top 30 Kansas City Royals prospects.
2023: Posted a 3.04 ERA (19 ER in 56.1 IP) across 12 starts with Columbia (A) in his sophomore season, earning a promotion to Quad Cities (A+) on July 2 ... was part of a Columbia pitching staff that posted a 3.19 first-half ERA, the top mark in Minor League Baseball ... made 9 starts with the River Bandits and struck out 45 batters in 36.2 innings (11.1 K/9) ... his 130 strikeouts ranked fourth among Royals farmhands.
2022: Spent his first professional season with Columbia (A), where he recorded 89 strikeouts over 69.0 innings (19 starts).
2021: Graduated from East Catholic High School (Conn.) where as a senior, he led the Eagles to the 2021 Class M State Championship with a 17-strikeout performance in the title game ... recorded 30.1 consecutive innings without allowing a hit during his senior season, including 4 consecutive no-hitters ... became the fifth Connecticut high school player selected in the first round of the Draft, and was committed to the University of Connecticut before signing with Kansas City and also became the second-highest Connecticut-based prep player selected in the history of the draft, following Bobby Valentine (5th overall to Dodgers in 1968) ... he was the second-youngest player selected in the first round, 6 days older than infielder Carson Williams (28th overall by Tampa Bay).

39 Hunter Owen

LHP | 22 YRS | Born: Edgewood, Kentucky | Acquired: 4th round, 2023 Draft (Vanderbilt University)

2024: Opened the season ranked No. 23 on MLB Pipeline's list of top 30 Kansas City Royals prospects.
2021-23: Attended Vanderbilt University (Tennessee) and went 4-0 with a 3.52 ERA (25 ER in 64.0 IP), 76 strikeouts (10.7 K/9), and 17 walks (2.4 BB/9) in 12 starts for the Commodores as a junior ... on March 17, 2023 vs. No. 3 Ole Miss, he recorded a 96-pitch, two-hit shutout with a career-high 11 strikeouts, earning SEC Co-Pitcher of the Week ... a devoted member of his church community, he volunteered locally on behalf of youth baseball programs and maintained a 3.9 GPA ... did not pitch professionally while he dealt with an injury.
2020: Graduated from South Portland HS (Maine) where he was named a Perfect Game Preseason All-American ... as a junior in 2019, he was Gatorade State Player of the Year after going 5-0 with a 0.17 ERA in 40.0 innings and 76 strikeouts, leading South Portland to a regular season title.

29 Shane Panzini

RHP | 22 YRS | Born: Spring Lake, New Jersey | Acquired: 4th round, 2021 Draft (Red Bank Catholic High School, New Jersey)

2023: Pitched to a 4.47 ERA (45 ER in 90.2 IP) in 20 starts for Columbia (A) prior to his promotion to Quad Cities (A+) on August 28 ... led the Fireflies with 98 strikeouts and finished second in innings pitched, logging 90.2.
2022: Made his professional debut with Columbia (A), starting 17 games with the Fireflies and collecting 66 strikeouts in 63.0 innings.
2021: Went 9-0 with a 0.91 ERA in 61.2 innings as a senior at Red Bank Catholic High School (New Jersey) and recorded a single-season record 115 strikeouts ... he became the highest-drafted player out of Red Bank Catholic High School, surpassing Ryan Kalish, who was selected by Boston in the 9th round in 2006 ... was committed to play baseball at the University of Virginia, prior to signing with Kansas City.

41 Ryan Ramsey

LHP | 23 YRS | Born: Gaithersburg, Maryland | Acquired: 13th round, 2022 Draft (University of Maryland)

2023: Made 14 appearances (10 starts) between the ACL Royals (R), Columbia (A), and Quad Cities (A+), but spent most his season with the Fireflies, allowing just 2 earned runs over 33.1 innings in the Carolina League for a 0.54 ERA with 38 strikeouts and a 0.81 WHIP ... posted a Columbia franchise record 30.2 consecutive innings without allowing an earned run.
2020-22: Spent parts of three seasons at the University of Maryland ... in 2022, he went 11-1 with a 3.22 ERA (33 ER in 92.1 IP) in 16 outings (15 starts), finishing with the second-most wins in a single season in school history ... on April 29, 2022 vs. Northwestern, he threw the second perfect game in school history and the 20th 9-inning no-hitter in NCAA history ... in 2021, made 6 appearances for the Martha's Vineyard Sharks of the NECBL where he was teammates with Royals 2022 10th-round pick Levi Usher.
2019: Selected by Cleveland in the 36th round of the 2019 Draft out of Pascack Hills High School (New Jersey), but did not sign ... was named the New Jersey Pitcher of the Year as a senior and led his school to back-to-back state titles, recording 255 strikeouts in 142.0 innings. (16.2 K/9).

16 Oscar Rayo

LHP | 22 YRS | Born: Managua, Nicaragua | Acquired: Intl. FA, January 15, 2021

2023: Made 23 appearances (6 starts) for Columbia (A) and posted a 3.15 ERA (25 ER in 71.1 IP) with a 1.08 WHIP and 66 strikeouts ... his 5.50 SO/BB ranked second among Fireflies relievers ... allowed just 1 home run (August 12 vs. Charleston) ... made 9 appearances in the Nicaraguan Winter League.
2022: Posted a 2.25 ERA (11 ER in 44.0 IP) across the DSL Royals Glass, ACL Royals (R), and Columbia (A) ... allowed just 1 earned run in 17.0 innings in the Dominican Summer League where he began the year.
2021: Appeared in 9 games for DSL Royals Blue in his professional debut, and struck out 10.9 batters per 9 innings while posting a 1.01 WHIP.

31 Sears Ben

RHP | 23 YRS | Born: Providence, Rhode Island | Acquired: 14th round, 2022 Draft (University of Houston)

2023: Ranked tied for fourth in the Royals system with 9 saves (also Steven Cruz), all of which he earned with Columbia (A) with whom he went 3-1 with a 3.21 ERA (22 ER in 61.2 IP) across 31 outings with 62 strikeouts and 9 walks ... made 5 appearances with Quad Cities (A+) after earning a promotion on August 22.

2021-22: Transferred to the University of Houston (Texas) where he led the AAC with 12 saves in 2022—3 more than any other player in the conference—after starting 13 games in 2021, which were second on the team.

2019-20: Began his college career at Community College of Rhode Island, where he was the team captain in 2020 and had 23 strikeouts in 11.1 innings.

2018: Was the Gatorade Player of the Year at East Providence High School (Rhode Island) where he went 8-2 with a 1.07 ERA as a senior and also lettered in basketball.

25 Chase Wallace

RHP | 25 YRS | Born: Carrolton, Georgia | Acquired: UDFA, June 23, 2020

2023: Split the season between Columbia (A) and Quad Cities (A+), combining to go 3-1 with a 3.18 ERA (14 ER in 39.2 IP) with 42 strikeouts (9.5 K/9) and just 12 walks (2.7 BB/9).

2022: Spent the majority of the season with Quad Cities (A+) appearing in 22 games (34.1 IP) with the River Bandits ... made 4 appearances in Columbia (A).

2021: Made his professional debut with Columbia (A), totaling 46.0 innings over 25 relief appearances.

2018-20: Made 29 appearances over 3 seasons at the University of Tennessee, posting a 2.89 ERA (17 ER in 53.0 IP) ... missed most of his sophomore college season due to injury, but posted a 2.74 ERA (7 ER in 23.0 IP) over 14 relief outings in the Cape Cod League in the summer of 2019.

2017: Graduated from Sevier County High School (Tennessee) where he led his team to its first ever state tournament appearance as a junior ... named Rawlings/Perfect Game Honorable Mention All-American as a senior.

38 Henry Williams

RHP | 22 YRS | Born: Greenwich, Connecticut | Acquired: Trade w/ Padres, August 1, 2023

2024: Opened the season ranked No. 29 on MLB Pipeline's list of top 30 Kansas City Royals prospects.

2023: Began the season with Lake Elsinore (A) where he made 12 starts before being acquired by Kansas City on August 1 with RHP Jesus Rios for RHP Scott Barlow ... reported to Columbia (A) and made 5 starts before the end of the year, registering 23 strikeouts in 24.0 innings.

2020-22: Attended Duke University (North Carolina) where he pitched just one full season (2021) due to the COVID-19 pandemic shortening his freshman campaign and injury derailing his 2022 season ... was selected in the 3rd round of the 2022 Draft by San Diego but did not pitch due to injury.

2019: Graduated from Darien High School (Connecticut) where he was captain of the baseball team and lettered in 4 seasons in basketball.

18 Steven Zobac

RHP | 23 YRS | Born: San Jose, California | Acquired: 4th round, 2022 Draft (University of California Berkeley)

2024: Opened the season ranked No. 25 on MLB Pipeline's list of top 30 Kansas City Royals prospects.

2023: Split time between both Columbia (A) and Quad Cities (A+) and completed his first professional season with a 3.47 ERA (35 ER in 90.2 IP) across 22 games (18 starts) with 98 strikeouts (9.7 K/9) to just 24 walks (2.4 BB/9) ... won the Carolina League Pitcher of the Month award for April after he allowed just 1 hit and 1 walk with 18 strikeouts across 8.0 innings in 3 games ... was part of a Columbia pitching staff that posted a 3.19 first-half ERA, the top mark in Minor League Baseball ... his twin sister, Kacey, played softball at Cal and led the team with 12 doubles in 2022 while serving as the team's primary catcher.

2022: Went 4-4 with a 4.09 ERA (28 ER in 61.2 IP) and 72 strikeouts (10.5 K/9) in 20 appearances (10 starts) during his junior season at Cal.

2020-21: Attended the University of California (Berkeley), where he was a two-way player and combined for 19 pitching appearances while also playing regularly on offense as an outfielder ... played for the 2021 National Baseball Congress World Series Champion Santa Barbara Foresters, who won the title game in Wichita, Kansas.

2019: Graduated from Valley Christian High School (California), where he earned CCS Player of the Year and WCAL Player of the Year, Rawlings All-American honors, and was a part of 3 CCS championship teams.

2 Dustin Dickerson

Last Series: 1-7

Hit Streak: 1G (1-3)

INF | 23 YRS | Born: Laurel, Mississippi | Acquired: 8th round, 2023 Draft (University of Southern Mississippi)

2020-23: Started in 208 of 209 games during his four-year career at Southern Mississippi where he was named First-Team All-Sun Belt Conference at shortstop as a senior ... hit a career-best .328 (88-for-268) in 2023 with a .971 OPS and 11 home runs after hitting 2 home runs in his first 3 seasons ... earned a spot on the Sun Belt All-Tournament Team and was named the NCAA Auburn Region Regional Most Outstanding Player in 2023 prior to being drafted ... reported to the Arizona Complex League for 4 games before finishing the season with Quad Cities (A+), playing in 27 games for the River Bandits ... his father, Bobby Dickerson, is an infield coach on the Philadelphia Phillies' coaching staff and played in the minors from 1987-93.

2019: Graduated from West Jones HS (Mississippi), where he batted .314 with 26 RBI as a senior and went 8-1 with a 1.80 ERA on the mound.

8 Jared Dickey

Last Series: 0-4

Hit Streak: -1G (0-4)

OF | 22 YRS | Born: Hermitage, Tennessee | Acquired: 11th round, 2023 Draft (University of Tennessee)

2021-23: Redshirted his freshman season at Tennessee then hit .343 (118-for-344) in 103 games during his sophomore and junior seasons, including 12 home runs and 52 RBIs in 63 games in 2023 en route to All-SEC Second Team honors ... started all 10 of Tennessee's postseason games ... he had shoulder surgery during his junior season in high school and had his senior year wiped out due to the pandemic ... his weight ballooned to 265 pounds that year, so he redshirted his freshman year at Tennessee, lost 60 pounds, and posted a 1.174 OPS in his collegiate debut in 2022 ... reported to the Arizona Complex League after being selected in the 11th round for 4 games before being promoted to Columbia (A), where he slashed .347/.434/.463 (33-for-95, .897 OPS) with 19 RBI in just 28 games.

2020: Graduated from Friendship Christian High School (Tennessee) after batting .455 during his 2019 junior season and leading his team to a district title.

21 Kale Emshoff

Last Series: 1-5, RBI, 4 BB

Hit Streak: 1G (1-3)

C | 25 YRS | Born: Robstown, Texas | Acquired: UDFA, June 23, 2020

2023: Collected 10 or more homers (10) and 40-plus RBIs (44) for the second-straight season as a River Bandit, playing in 89 games for Quad Cities (A+), including 44 at first base ... enters the season having played in 197 Midwest League games, the third-most of any Royals farmhand since the River Bandits became a Royals affiliate in 2021 (Herard Gonzalez, 207, Juan Carlos Negret, 202) ... appeared in five games with Omaha (AAA).

2022: Played in 100 games with Quad Cities (A+), notching 12 home runs and 19 doubles while serving a team-high 58 games at catcher ... homered off Brandon Woodruff during the all-stars' rehab assignment with the Wisconsin Timber Rattlers on June 23 ... received his first invitation to Major League Spring Training.

2021: Spent majority of the season with Columbia (A), but appeared in 8 games for Quad Cities (A+) during the club's High-A Central Championship run ... slashed .273/.380/.505 with 10 home runs and 43 RBIs with the Fireflies and led the team in OPS ... reached in 12 of his first 13 games as a professional ... launched an apparel company, Seams Apparel, which is an athletic brand that unites athletes and fans built on the pillars of hard work and determination to achieve success.

2017-20: Attended the University of Arkansas-Little Rock where he hit .417 (25-for-60) with 7 home runs in 17 games prior to the cancellation of the 2020 season ... led the Sun Belt Conference in home runs and slugging percentage (.800) and ranked second in batting average, while starting 13 games at catcher and four as the designated hitter.

2016: Graduated from Calallen High School (Texas), where he earned Texas 5A First Team honors and was the class president as a senior.

12 Omar Hernandez

Last Series: 0-4, HBP

Hit Streak: -1G (0-4)

C | 22 YRS | Born: La Habana, Cuba | Acquired: Intl. FA, August 17, 2018

2023: Spent the majority of the season with Columbia (A), starting a team-high 73 of his 81 games behind the plate ... stole 26 bases for the Fireflies, the most among all minor league catchers and the eighth most in the Royals system overall ... played for Team Spain in the EuroBaseball 2023 Tournament in September/October, and led the championship tournament with 4 home runs and 10 runs scored ... also appeared in 3 games for the Mesa Solar Sox in the Arizona Fall League.

2021-22: Spent 2 full season with Columbia (A), making his full-season debut at 19 in 2021 ... played in 154 total games for the Fireflies over the 2 campaigns.

2019: Made his professional debut with the AZL Royals (R) at just 17 years old and batted .290 (39-for-131) in 36 games.

11 Carter Jensen

Last Series: 4-15, 2B, 3 RBI, SB

Hit Streak: 3G (4-15)

C | 20 YRS | Born: Kansas City, Missouri | Acquired: 3rd round, 2021 Draft (Park Hill High School, Missouri)

2024: Opened the season ranked No. 11 on MLB Pipeline's list of top 30 Kansas City Royals prospects.

2023: Caught a team-high 68 games for Quad Cities (A+) and tied for the most walks in the Midwest League and the third-most among all minor league catchers (92) ... his 18.5% walk rate ranked first among all Royals full-season minor leaguers and was the top mark for any full-season minor league player age 19 or younger.

2022: Earned Carolina League All-Star and Columbia (A) Player of the Year honors in his second professional season, slashing .226/.363/.382 (89-for-393) while recording 66 runs scored, 24 doubles, 11 home runs, 50 RBIs, 83 walks (ranked third in the Carolina League), and 8 stolen bases ... per FanGraphs, became the first 18-year-old in the minors since 2006 (since data is available) to record at least 10 home runs and at least 80 walks in a single season.

2021: Graduated from Park Hill Senior High School (Missouri) where he was named a Perfect Game Preseason All-American as a senior ... was committed to play baseball at Louisiana State University before signing with Kansas City ... at the time, was the highest-drafted catcher by the Royals since MJ Melendez was selected in the second round (52nd overall) in 2017 out of Westminster High School (Florida) ... played in 19 games in the Arizona Complex League, batting .281 (16-for-57) with 4 extra-base hits, 7 RBIs, and 4 stolen bases ... connected for a walk-off, three-run home run in his professional debut on August 10 vs. the ACL Rangers.

9 Justin Johnson

Last Series: 2-3, 3B, BB, SB

Hit Streak: 1G (2-3)

INF | 24 YRS | Born: Flemington, New Jersey | Acquired: 10th round, 2023 Draft (Wake Forest University)

2023: Hit .324 (77-for-238) with career highs across the board in his only season at Wake Forest in 2023, with 35 extra-base hits (16 HR), 76 RBI, and a 1.042 OPS ... named First Team All-ACC, Winston-Salem Regional Most Outstanding Player, and Winston-Salem Regional All-Tournament Team ... reported to the Arizona Complex League for 3 games before being promoted to Quad Cities (A+) for the final 30 games of the season.

2019-22: Spent his first three collegiate seasons at Lafayette, where he was an All-Patriot League First Team selection in 2021 but missed 2022 due to injury.

2018: Graduated from North Hunterdon High School (New Jersey) where he earned three varsity letters and won the league batting title during his senior season.

4 Deivis Nadal

Last Series: 0-3

Hit Streak: -1G (0-3)

INF | 22 YRS | Born: San Pedro de Macoris, Dominican Republic | Acquired: Trade w/ Pirates, December 15, 2023

2023: Played in 101 games for Bradenton (A) and slashed .212/.344/.377 (55-for-260, .721 OPS) with 51 runs scored, 15 doubles, 8 home runs, 39 RBIs, and 33 stolen bases (tied for sixth-most in the Florida State League) ... was acquired by Kansas City from Pittsburgh for OF Edward Olivares on December 15.

2022: Made his full-season debut with Bradenton (A), playing in 56 games for the Marauders.

2019-21: Debuted state-side debut with FCL Pirates Gold (R) in the Florida Complex League in 2021 after making his professional debut in the with DSL Pirates 2 (R) in 2019 ... was just 17 when he batted .294 (57-for-194) with a .394 OBP in the Dominican Summer League.

6 Spencer Nivens

Last Series: 1-8, 2B

Hit Streak: 1G (1-4)

OF | 22 YRS | Born: Columbia, Missouri | Acquired: 5th round, 2023 Draft (Missouri State University)

2023: Named Missouri Valley Conference Player of the Year as a redshirt sophomore when he hit .341 with 14 home runs and 45 RBIs and reached safely in 53 of 56 games ... ranked among the MVC league leaders in average (3rd, .341), slugging (2nd, .650) and OBP (8th, .437), en route to being named to the MVC All-Defensive team, the A.E. "Ted Willis" Team MVP and MVC Scholar-Athlete First Team ... hit for the cycle on February 24 vs. Central Arkansas—the eighth cycle in school history—and ranked 11th nationally for the season with 6 triples ... his father Matt played baseball at Missouri from 1994-97 and still ranks among the school's top 10 in many season and career offensive categories.

2021-22: Redshirted his first year at Missouri State University, then earned spot on the roster in his second season and earned Freshman All-America honors ... in the summer of 2022, played 13 games in the Prospect League for the former Midwest League and Royals Low-A affiliate Burlington Bees.

2020: Graduated from Columbia Rock Bridge High School (Missouri) where he hit .381 as a senior and earned first team MHSBCA Class 5 All-State honors.

7 Jack Pineda

Last Series: 2-9, 3B, 2B, BB, SB

Hit Streak: 1G (2-3)

INF | 24 YRS | Born: Sierra Vista, Arizona | Acquired: 12th round, 2022 Draft (Baylor University)

2023: Made his professional debut with Quad Cities (A+), playing in 62 games before suffering a season-ending injury ... played for the Brisbane Bandits in the Australian Winter League and batted .254 (30-for-118) over 32 games.

2021-22: In two seasons at Baylor, slashed .313/.410/.498 with 108 runs and 50 extra-base hits in 105 games, including a .327 (67-for-205) average in 2021 ... was planning to transfer to Louisiana State University for his senior season, but signed with the Royals instead.

2019-20: Played at the College of Southern Nevada where he was First-Team All-Conference and hit .350 as a freshman and .369 as a sophomore.

2018: Graduated with a 4.2 GPA from La Cueva High School (New Mexico), the same school that produced catcher Mitch Garver.

3 Jean Ramirez

Last Series: 0-3

Hit Streak: -1G (0-3)

OF | 23 YRS | Born: Mao, Dominican Republic | Acquired: Intl. FA, June 14, 2018

2023: Opened the season with Columbia (A) and batted .298 (88-for-295) with 5 home runs and 28 stolen bases across 81 for the Fireflies before being promoted to Quad Cities (A+) ... played in 22 games for the River Bandits ... appeared in 12 games for the Águilas Cibaenas of the Dominican Winter League.

2021-22: Played 93 combined games between Columbia (A) and ACL Royals (R) ... stole 37 bases for the Fireflies in 2022, fifth-best among all Royals farmhands.

2018-19: Made his professional debut in the Dominican Summer League in 2018 before being named DSL Royals 1 (R) Player of the Year in 2019 after leading the team in hits (53) and RBIs (28) ... his 29 steals ranked sixth in the Dominican Summer League ... played in 10 postseason games, batting .351 (13-for-37) with a team-high 10 runs and 5 steals en route to a DSL championship.

14 Carson Roccaforte

Last Series: 3-14, 2B, 3B, 3 RBI, BB, SB

Hit Streak: 3G (3-14)

OF | 22 YRS | Born: Beaumont, Texas | Acquired: CB round B, 2023 Draft (University of Louisiana at Lafayette)

2024: Opened the season ranked No. 17 on MLB Pipeline's list of top 30 Kansas City Royals prospects.

2021-23: Hit .318 (75-for-236) with 35 extra-base hits and 22 stolen bases in 65 games during his junior season at Louisiana-Lafayette where he led his team to back-to-back NCAA Tournament appearances in 2022 and 2023 ... named First-Team All-Sun Belt Conference as a sophomore in 2022 ... reported to the Arizona Complex League for 4 games before being promoted to Columbia (A), where he slashed .257/.377/.356 (26-for-101) with 8 extra-base hits and 11 stolen bases in 27 games.

2020: Graduated from Port Neches Groves High School (Texas), where he was twice named the school's offensive MVP and was an All-State honoree.

19 Brett Squires

Last Series: 3-9, 5 BB, SB

Hit Streak: 2G (3-6)

INF | 24 YRS | Born: Fort Worth, Texas | Acquired: UDFA, July 24, 2022

2023: Spent his first professional season with Columbia (A) and slashed .263/.381/.430 (110-for-419, .811 OPS) with 21 doubles and 15 home runs, en route to MiLB.com Organization All-Star honors as a first baseman ... he ranked top-five in the Royals minor league system in RBIs (69, 5th) and stolen bases (32, T-5th) ... former Major League pitcher, Bobby Witt Sr., is his agent.

2022: Slashed .310/.432/.516 (39-for-126, .948 OPS) with 7 home runs and 33 RBIs over 46 games for Oklahoma before being signed by Kansas City as an undrafted free agent in July.

2021: Transferred to the University of Oklahoma where he earned honorable mention All-Big 12 after batting .275 (36-for-131) with 13 doubles, 6 home runs and 28 RBIs.

2019-20: Attended McLennan College (Texas) where he earned second-team North Texas Junior College Athletic Conference honors in 2019.

2018: Graduated from Grapevine High School (Texas).

22 Trevor Werner

Last Series: 2-13, BB

Hit Streak: 1G (1-5)

INF | 23 YRS | Born: Tomball, Texas | Acquired: 7th round, 2023 Draft (Texas A&M University)

2024: Opened the season ranked No. 20 on MLB Pipeline's list of top 30 Kansas City Royals prospects.

2023: Reported to the Arizona Complex League for 4 games before being promoted to Columbia (A) where he slashed .354/.459/.699 (40-for-113, 1.158 OPS) across 31 games ... was named Carolina Player of the Week in back-to-back weeks from Aug. 21-27 and Aug. 28-Sept. 3 and hit .478 (11-for-23) and .429 (9-for-21) respectively ... following his August 1 promotion, he led the Carolina League in slugging (.699), OPS (1.158), runs (32), and extra-base hits (21) ... was named Carolina League Player of the Month for September as he slashed .417/.523/.806 (15-for-36) with 3 home runs and 14 RBIs.

2020-23: Attended Texas A&M University and was named Preseason All-SEC Second Team in 2023 when he recorded 14 homers and 52 RBIs in 57 games, including a three-homer game vs. Alabama ... hit .343/.368/.571 (12-for-35) with 6 extra-base hits, 7 runs, 11 RBIs, and 2 stolen bases in 10 games with Brewster during the 2023 Cape Cod League season.

2019: Graduated from Klein High School (Texas) where he was a Texas Sports Writers Association Class 6A All-State Honorable Mention as a senior.

33 Brooks Conrad

Manager

Season with Quad Cities: 3rd

Season in Royals Organization: 8th

Brooks Conrad leads the River Bandits for the third consecutive season after managing the Columbia Fireflies in their first season as a Royals affiliate in 2021. He managed the Royals' Lexington affiliate to a South Atlantic League title in 2019. Following the 2019 season, he was honored with the Dick Howser Award, which is given annually to one player development employee for outstanding contributions to the organization. Conrad was slated to lead Lexington again in 2020 before the season was canceled. He joined the Royals organization as first base coach at Burlington in 2017, before serving as manager there in 2018. His coaching career follows a playing career in which he spent parts of six seasons in the Majors with Oakland (2008), Atlanta (2009-11), Milwaukee (2012), Tampa Bay (2012), and San Diego (2014). He was selected in the 8th round of the 2001 Draft by Houston, where he played seven seasons in the minors before making his Major League debut with Oakland. The infielder also played a season (2013) in Japan for the Hanshin Tigers and played for the Mets Triple-A affiliate in 2015. Conrad and his wife, Jessie, reside in Gilbert, Arizona with four children: Jax, Reese, Tate and Britt.

43 Derrick Lewis

Pitching Coach

Season with Quad Cities: 2nd

Season in Royals Organization: 5th

Derrick Lewis is in his fifth year with the Royals organization and second as pitching coach at Quad Cities after spending the previous three seasons in the same role with Northwest Arkansas. Before his time with the Royals, Lewis spent 16 seasons in the Atlanta Braves organization, including the last two as the pitching coordinator. He played seven seasons in the Braves system from 1997-2003 after being selected in the 20th round of the 1997 Draft. Lewis and his wife, Roslyn, reside in Charlotte, North Carolina, with their daughter, Skye, and son, Lake.

23 Ryan Powers

Hitting Coach

Season with Quad Cities: 3rd

Season in Royals Organization: 4th

Ryan Powers is in his fourth season with the Royals and his second as the hitting coach for the River Bandits. He spent the 2022 season as the assistant hitting coach in Omaha and the 2021 season as the video intern for Quad Cities. Prior to joining the Royals, Powers spent two seasons with the Miami Marlins as a player development analyst in 2019 and their minor league video coordinator in 2018. He has also held minor league video intern roles with the Texas Rangers (2017) and the Los Angeles Angels (2015). Powers graduated from Wartburg College in Waverly, Iowa in 2014 with a degree in business administration with a concentration in sports management and a leadership minor. At Wartburg he was a four-year starter at third base for the Knights and was a two-time All-Conference selection, two-time All-Region selection, and was named to the ABCA/Rawlings All-America team in 2013. He currently resides in Davenport, Iowa with his wife, Jackie, and their dog, Burreaux.

15 Taylor Bloye

Assistant Pitching Coach

Season with Quad Cities: 1st

Season in Royals Organization: 2nd

Taylor Bloye returned to the Royals as Columbia's assistant pitching coach in 2023 and will serve in the same role for Quad Cities in 2024. Bloye played in Independent Leagues from 2018-20 before signing as a minor league free agent with the Royals in 2021. He pitched in 13 games for the ACL Royals (5) and Columbia (8) before returning to the Independent League ranks in 2022.

40 Christopher Corbett

Assistant Hitting Coach

Season with Quad Cities: 1st

Season in Royals Organization: 1st

Christopher Corbett joins the Royals as an assistant hitting coach at Quad Cities. Previously, he spent two years as the assistant baseball coach/recruiting coordinator at Randolph-Macon College (Virginia) (Dec. 2021-Dec. 2023), served as a hitting and catching instructor for Between The Lines (2018-23), and as an assistant baseball coach at North Carolina Wesleyan College (2020-21), where he received a master's degree in business administration. Prior to coaching, Corbett played three seasons as a catcher in the San Francisco Giants organization 2017-20, reaching as high as High-A San Jose in 2018-19. He graduated from Rollins College with a bachelor's degree in computer science and a minor in business management.

Nevan Dominguez

Athletic Trainer

Season with Quad Cities: 1st

Season in Royals Organization: 8th

Nevan Dominguez joins the Quad Cities staff as the team's athletic trainer after two seasons in the same role for Columbia. He previously served in that role for the Surprise Royals (2020-21) and the Royals Dominican Academy (2018-19). Dominguez was the Major League Athletic Training Intern in 2017 and previously worked professional extreme sports events with the Red Bull Rampage and Red Bull Crashed Ice. He is a 2016 graduate of the University of New Mexico and is a certified athletic trainer through the BOC and a certified strength & conditioning specialist through the NSCA. He resides in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Chad Gravenorst

Strength and Conditioning Coach

Season with Quad Cities: 1st

Season in Royals Organization: 1st

Chad Gravenorst joins the Royals in 2024 as Quad Cities' strength & conditioning coach. Prior to joining the Royals, he worked as a biokineticist for Virgin Active South Africa, and as a consultant for Major League Baseball. Chad was slated to be a coach for Team South Africa in the 2020 World Baseball Classic qualifiers before the COVID-19 pandemic eliminated the tournament.

Matt Resar

Coordinator of Clubhouse Operations

Season with Quad Cities: 4th

Season in Royals Organization: 12th

Matt Resar enters his fourth season as the coordinator of clubhouse operations for Quad Cities after spending the previous eight seasons as the home clubhouse attendant for the Lexington Legends. Prior to joining the Royals organization, he worked for three years as the director of operations for the Florence Freedom. Resar has a master of education degree in sports administration from Xavier University and an MBA from East Carolina University.

TEAM HIGHS & LOWS

OFFENSE

Most Runs, Game	4 (4/7 vs SB)
Most Runs, Inning	3 (4/7 vs SB)
Fewest Runs, Game	1 (4/5 vs SB)
Most Hits, Game	9 (4/7 vs SB)
Fewest Hits, Game	6 (2x, last: 4/6 vs SB)
Most Doubles, Game	2 (4/5 vs SB)
Most Triples, Game	3 (4/7 vs SB)
Most Home Runs, Game	
Most Home Runs, Inning	
Most Extra-Base Hits, Game	3 (4/7 vs SB)
Most Stolen Bases, Game	3 (2x, last: 4/6 vs SB)
Most Caught Stealing, Game	
Most Left on Base, Game	13 (4/7 vs SB)
Most Hits with RISP, Game	3 (4/7 vs SB)
Most Strikeouts, Game	16 (4/5 vs SB)
Most Walks, Game	8 (4/6 vs SB)

PITCHING

Most Strikeouts, Game	13 (4/5 vs SB)
Most Walks, Game	6 (4/5 vs SB)
Most Runs Allowed, Inning	1 (multiple times)
Most Runs Allowed, Game	3 (4/5 vs SB)
Fewest Runs Allowed, Game	0 (4/7 vs SB)
Most Hits Allowed, Game	7 (4/6 vs SB)
Fewest Hits Allowed, Game	5 (4/7 vs SB)
Most Home Runs Allowed, Game	1 (4/5 vs SB)
Most Hit Batsmen, Game	
Most Wild Pitches, Game	

DEFENSE

Most Double Plays Turned, Game	1 (4/6 vs SB)
Most Triple Plays Turned, Game	
Most Errors, Game	2 (4/6 vs SB)
Most Stolen Bases Allowed, Game	4 (4/5 vs SB)
Most Caught Stealing, Game	1 (4/5 vs SB)

TEAM MISCELLANEOUS

Most Games Above .500	1 (4/7 vs SB)
Most Games Below .500	1 (4/5 vs SB)
Largest Margin of Victory	4 (4/7 vs SB)
Largest Margin of Defeat	2 (4/5 vs SB)
Largest Comeback Win	1 (4/6 vs SB)
Largest Blown Lead (Loss)	
Longest Game, Innings	10 (4/6 vs SB)
Longest Game, Time	2:56 (4/6 vs SB)
Longest 9.0-Inning Game, Time	2:49 (4/5 vs SB)
Shortest 9.0-Inning Game, Time	2:31 (4/7 vs SB)
Largest Home Attendance	1,492
Largest Road Attendance	
Longest Total Delay	

ALL-TIME NO HITTERS (12)

Pitcher(s)	Opponent	Score	Date	Notes
Dennis Ribant	Clinton	1-0	July 2, 1961	Perfect Game
Vernon Geishert	Fox Cities	7-0	May 6, 1966	
Isidro Monge	Cedar Rapids	6-0	May 4, 1971	
Lamar Wright	Danville	2-0	August 21, 1974	7 Innings
James Dorsey	Clinton	4-0	May 20, 1975	7 Innings
Donald Mraz	Wisconsin Rapids	3-0	May 31, 1976	7 Innings
Ralph Botting	Wausau	3-0	July 26 1976	7 Innings
T. Joel Crisler	Wausau	1-0	July 9, 1977	7 Innings
Tim Sturdy	Cedar Rapids	1-0	May 19, 2000	7 Innings, Game 2 of DH
Brian Wolfe	Dayton	2-0	August 12, 2001	
Hector Cardenas (5 IP) / Kevin Thomas (2 IP)	Beloit	3-0	April 15, 2009	7 Innings, Game 1 of DH
Zach Haake (6 IP) / Dante Biasi (3 IP)	Wisconsin	9-0	June 18, 2021	

INDIVIDUAL HIGHS & LOWS

HITTING (GAME):

Hits	2 (multiple players)
Runs	1 (multiple players)
Doubles	1 (multiple players)
Triples	1 (multiple players)
Home Runs	
Extra-Base Hits	1 (multiple players)
Total Bases	4 (2x, last: Johnson/Pineda, 4/7 vs SB)
RBI's	2 (2x, last: Roccaforte, 4/7 vs SB)
Strikeouts	3 (2x, last: Jensen/Nivens, 4/5 vs SB)
Walks	2 (multiple players)
Hit-by-Pitch	1 (Hernandez, 4/7 vs SB)
Stolen Bases	2 (Werner, 4/5 vs SB)
Caught Stealing	

PITCHING (GAME):

Innings (Start)	5.0 (Williams, 4/7 vs SB)
Innings (Relief)	3.0 (Ramsey, 4/6 vs SB)
Strikeouts (Start)	4 (2x, last: Zobac, 4/6 vs SB)
Strikeouts (Relief)	4 (Ramsey, 4/6 vs SB)
Walks (Start)	4 (Williams, 4/7 vs SB)
Walks (Relief)	2 (Martinez, 4/5 vs SB)
Hits (Start)	3 (2x, last: Zobac, 4/6 vs SB)
Hits (Relief)	4 (Ramsey, 4/6 vs SB)
Earned Runs (Start)	2 (Kudrna, 4/5 vs SB)
Earned Runs (Relief)	1 (McKeehan, 4/5 vs SB)
Home Runs (Start)	1 (Kudrna, 4/5 vs SB)
Home Runs (Relief)	
Low-Hit 9.0 IP CG	
Low-Run 9.0 IP CG	

DEFENSE (GAME):

Outfield Assists	
Errors	1 (multiple players)
Pickoffs	
Caught Stealing	

STREAKS

OFFENSIVE

Hitting Streak	3 (2x, last: Jensen/Roccaforte, 4/5-4/7)
On-Base Streak	3 (multiple players)
RBI Streak	2 (Jensen, 4/6-4/7)
Homer Streak	
Multi-Hit Game Streak	

PITCHING

Consecutive Starts with Win	
Consecutive Starts with Loss	
Consecutive Scoreless Innings	
Consecutive Quality Starts	
Converted Saves Streak	

2023 TROPHY CASE

Player / Coach	Award / Accolade	Date(s)
Cross, Gavin	Midwest League Player of the Week	5/15-5/21
Guerrero, Tyson	Midwest League Pitcher of the Week	4/17-4/23
Champlain, Chandler	Midwest League Pitcher of the Week	5/1-5/17
Cerantola, Eric	Midwest League Pitcher of the Week	8/7-8/13
Barnett, Mason	MiLB.com Royals Organization All-Star	
McMillon, John	MiLB.com Royals Organization All-Star	
Vaz, Javier	MiLB.com Royals Organization All-Star	
Wallace, Cayden	Quad Cities Player of the Year	
Barnett, Mason	Quad Cities Pitcher of the Year	

DATE / OPP.	RESULT	TOG	ATT	RECORD	PLACE	WIN / LOSS / SAVE
4/5 vs SB	L, 3-1	2:49	1,492	0-1	T-4th	Santana / Kudrna / Romero
4/6 vs SB	W 3-2 (10)	2:56	1,158	1-1	T-2nd	Johnson / Cabrera / ---
4/7 vs SB	W, 4-0	2:31	629	2-1	T-2nd	Owen / Moreno / ---
4/8						
4/9 @ WM						
4/10 @ WM						
4/11 @ WM						
4/12 @ WM						
4/13 @ WM						
4/14 @ WM						
4/15						
4/16 vs PEO						
4/17 vs PEO						
4/18 vs PEO						
4/19 vs PEO						
4/20 vs PEO						
4/21 vs PEO						
4/22						
4/23 @ SB						
4/24 @ SB						
4/25 @ SB						
4/26 @ SB						
4/27 @ SB						
4/28 @ SB						
4/29						
4/30 @ BEL						
APRIL						
5/1 @ BEL						
5/2 @ BEL						
5/3 @ BEL						
5/4 @ BEL						
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6/28 @ PEO						
6/29 @ PEO						
6/30 @ PEO						
JUNE						
7/1 vs CR						
7/2 vs CR						
7/3 vs CR						
7/4 @ CR						
7/5 @ CR						
7/6 @ CR						
7/7						

DATE / OPP.	RESULT	TOG	ATT	RECORD	PLACE	WIN / LOSS / SAVE
7/8						
7/9 vs PEO						
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7/12 vs PEO						
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7/29						
7/30 @ PEO						
7/31 @ PEO						
JULY						
8/1 @ PEO						
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AUGUST						
9/1 @ WIS						
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9/6 vs BEL						
9/7 vs BEL						
9/8 vs BEL						

END OF REGULAR SEASON

SERIES BREAKDOWN

Series Won	1
Series Lost	
Series Split	
Series Sweeps	
Series Swept	