

2025 Game Notes

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EASTERN LEAGUE CHAMPIONS
2010, 2017

DIVISION CHAMPIONS
2004, 2010, 2017, 2018

PLAYOFF APPEARANCES
2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2010,
2015, 2016, 2017, 2018

PLAYERS TO MLB
222



July 1, 2025 -- Game #75/7, Away Game #37
Harrisburg Senators (2-4, 36-39) vs. Altoona Curve (5-1, 35-39)
RHP Andry Lara vs. LHP Blake Townsend
6:00 p.m. | Peoples Natural Gas Field | Altoona, PA
Radio -- WRTA 98.5 & Fly Altoona Curve Radio Network | TV -- MLB.TV, Bally Sports Live

TODAY'S GAME / OPPOSING STARTER: The Curve open a split series with the Harrisburg Senators, the Curve are 4-2 against the Senators this year.

Andry Lara takes the ball for Harrisburg today. Lara has shuttled between High-A, Double-A and Triple-A this year and makes his second start of the season for Harrisburg. Last year, he went 9-7 with a 3.63 ERA in 19 starts for the Senators. Lara has made one start against the Curve, last July 4 he took the loss in a 1-0 game after throwing six innings. Lara works in the low-90's with a good slider.

A NEW FUTURE: Outfielder **Esmerlyn Valdez** was promoted to Altoona, along with C **Omar Alfonzo**, on July 1. Valdez, who leads the South Atlantic League in nearly every major hitting category, was also chosen to represent the organization in the MLB All-Star Futures Game on Saturday July 12 at Atlanta's Truist Park. Valdez is the 23rd Curve player to participate, joining **Bubba Chandler** (2024), **Henry Davis** (2022) and **Roansy Contreras** (2021) as recent selections.

CLOSE WINS: Altoona's last seven wins (since June 18) have all come in a save situation for the bullpen. 38 of the team's 74 games this year (51.3%) have been decided by two runs or fewer.

ROCK THROWERS: Since June 2, Altoona pitchers are 1st among Double-A teams with a 2.87 ERA. The team has allowed the fewest runs and earned runs (75, 62) and issued the 2nd-fewest walks (66) in 194.1 IP. **Alessandro Ercolani** (2.86 ERA, 8 ER / 22.0 IP) and **Blake Townsend** (1.13 ERA, 2 ER / 16.0 IP) have been two of the top performers of late with five others (**Brandon Bidois** (4.0 IP), **Beau Burrows** (11.1 IP), **Ryan Harbin** (3.0 IP), and **Justin Meis** (10.2 IP)) that are unscored upon in June.

A NEW GUY WHO THROWS HARD: Righty **Ryan Harbin** blew away the Baysox in his Double-A debut on Tuesday, June 24. Harbin, who has not allowed a run since May 13 set down all 5 men he faced in his team debut, earning 3 strikeouts. Since he last allowed a run on May 13, Harbin is 1-0 in 19.1 IP, 9 H, 11 BB, 32 K (.141 BAA). He has tossed a scoreless outing in 21-of-24 outings this season between Greensboro and Altoona.

Righty **Brandon Bidois** tossed two scoreless on Wednesday, June 25 at Chesapeake for his Double-A debut. Bidois struck out three of the 14 batters by Curve pitchers in the win. The Australian native has been unscored upon in 17-of-19 outings this season, going 1.0+ IP in 10 of his 19 outings this year, totaling 33 strikeouts in 27.0 innings this year.

CY YOUNG?: Lefty **Cy Nielson** has struck out 40 batters this season, third-most by an Eastern League reliever. Nielson has collected at least one strike out in 33-of-34 career outings with the Curve, racking up 72 in 53.0 IP.

THE TERMINATOR AGES: Infielder **Termarr Johnson**, who has not yet faced a pitcher younger than him in his professional career, turned 21 on June 11. Johnson played 67 games at Double-A, the third-most by a player under the age of 21 in franchise history. Andrew McCutchen (138 games) and Jose Tabata (83 games) are the only players in franchise history to play more games than Johnson before their 21st birthday.

In his last 18 games, Johnson is 22-for-72 (.306) with 3 2B, 1 HR and 4 RBI. He had his first 3-hit game of the season on June 20 against Richmond and has 7 multi-hit games in his last 18.

WEATHERFORD BOYS: The Curve roster features two Weatherford, TX natives in **Beau Burrows** and **Brenden Dixon**. Burrows, who signed with the Pirates on May 12 out of the Mexican League has tossed 6 scoreless outings with Altoona allowing just 1 hit and 2 walks with 10 strikeouts in 8.1 innings.

Dixon is batting .280/.431/.420/.851 OPS in his last 19 games, recording four multi-hit games since May 27. He's reached base safely in 16-of-19 games.

ITALIANISSIMO: Righty **Alessandro Ercolani** has dialed in throughout his first trip through the Eastern League. In 8 of his 14 outings this season, he's allowed 1 run or fewer. Held under an innings count in the first half of the year, Ercolani is working on the best walk rate of his career, walking only 16 in 53.2 IP. His 2.68 BB/9 innings is the best mark of his career.

WE'LL SEE THEM ALL: For the first time since the 2019 season and the creation of the six-game series, the Curve will face every team in the Eastern League this season. Altoona will face New Hampshire and Binghamton on the road only, while Hartford and Reading will only play the Curve at PNG Field.

TODAY IN CURVE HISTORY PRESENTED BY

2021 - Picking up a suspended game from the night before at Hartford, the Curve smash 4 home runs in a 15-7 win. Altoona matched a franchise record with 3 home runs in the 5th inning from Cal Mitchell, Oneil Cruz and Rodolfo Castro. Mitchell recorded his first career multi-homer game in the win.

2015 - Steven Brault earns his first AA win in a 2-0 victory at Trenton after he pitched a one-hit, seven-inning masterpiece. He sat down his first 12 hitters, allowed a double to Gary Sanchez before he retired his last nine hitters.

UPCOMING GAMES AND PROBABLE PITCHERS

Wed. July 2	Harrisburg	6:00 p.m.	RHP Po-Yu Chen vs. RHP Kyle Luckham
Thur. July 3	Harrisburg	7:00 p.m.	RHP Alessandro Ercolani vs. RHP Riley Cornelio
Fri. July 4	@ Harrisburg	7:00 p.m.	RHP Antwone Kelly vs. RHP Hyun-il Choi
Sat. July 5	@ Harrisburg	6:00 p.m.	RHP Wilber Dotel vs. Travis Sykora
Sun. July 6	@ Harrisburg	1:00 p.m.	TBA vs. RHP Andry Lara
Tues. July 8	@ Binghamton	6:07 p.m.	TBA vs. TBA
Wed. July 9	@ Binghamton	6:07 p.m.	TBA vs. TBA



SOUTHWEST DIVISION STANDINGS

Team	W-L (2nd/Ovr.)	GB	RESULT
Altoona	5-1, 35-39	--	6-4 W @ CHE
Akron	4-2, 47-27	1.0	7-5 W vs HBG
Erie*	4-2, 49-26	1.0	9-1 W @ SOM
Harrisburg	2-4, 36-39	3.0	7-5 L @ AKR
Richmond	2-4, 23-50	3.0	5-3 L vs REA
Chesapeake	1-5, 32-41	4.0	6-4 L vs ALT

NORTHEAST DIVISION STANDINGS

Team	W-L (2nd/Ovr.)	GB	RESULT
Hartford	5-1, 41-34	--	7-5 W vs NH
Binghamton*	4-2, 49-24	1.0	3-1 L vs POR
Reading	4-2, 29-44	1.0	5-3 W @ RIC
Portland	2-4, 36-37	3.0	3-1 W @ BNG
Somerset	2-4, 37-38	3.0	9-1 L vs ERI
New Hamp.	1-5, 30-45	4.0	7-5 L @ HFD

2025 CURVE AT A GLANCE

Overall Record	35-39
Home	20-18
Road	15-21
First Half	30-38
Second Half	5-1
Place (Southwestern Div)	1st
Games Ahead/Behind	+1.0
Streak	W2
Last 5	4-1
Last 10	6-4
All-time Record	1,796-1,766
'25 Home Attendance	140,712
Home Openings	36
Average Attendance	3,909
2025 vs. Harrisburg	4-2
at Altoona	4-2
at Harrisburg	0-0
All-time vs. Harrisburg	247-218
at Altoona	144-88
at Harrisburg	103-130

TOP 30 PROSPECTS


NAME	OUTLET (MLB/BA)
Termarr Johnson	4/5
Jack Brannigan*	11/14
Mitch Jebb	13/12
Anthony Solometo*	14/18
Omar Alfonzo	19/20
Wilber Dotel	-/16
Antwone Kelly	-/17
Esmerlyn Valdez	-/22
Alessandro Ercolani	-/26
Travis Sykora	1/1
Jarlin Susana*	2/2
Seaver King	4/8
Cayden Wallace	10/16
Tyler Stuart	14/19
Andry Lara	16/22
Kevin Made	25/-
Riley Cornelio	-/23

* - Injured List


RECENT MLB DEBUTS

RHP Thomas Harrington	4/1/25 (PIT)
LHP Omar Cruz	4/1/25 (SD)
INF Tsung-Che Cheng	4/9/25 (PIT)
INF/OF Matt Gorski	4/24/25 (PIT)
RHP Braxton Ashcraft	5/26/25 (PIT)

BROADCAST INFORMATION



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RADIO AFFILIATES
- Talk Radio 98.5 FM/1240 AM WRTA Altoona (Flagship)
- 96.1 FM/1370 AM Hank FM Altoona (11AM Games)
- KOOL 102.9 - WCRO (select weekend games)
- 95.3 WRSC - State College (select Saturday Night games)
- Online streaming at AltoonaCurve.com, WRTA.com, Bally Live and the MiLB First Pitch App

Jon Mozes and Preston Shoemaker will call the action of the 2025 season on the Fly Altoona Curve Radio Network, flown by Contour Airlines. Pregame coverage begins 15 minutes before all games.

RECORD BREAKDOWNS/HIGHS & LOWS

2025 SEASON HIGHS/LOWS

TEAM MISCELLANEOUS	
LONGEST WINNING STREAK.....	5, 4/19 vs SOM - 4/24 @ CHE
LONGEST LOSING STREAK.....	5, 2x, last 6/3 - 6/7 G2 @ NH
LARGEST MARGIN OF VICTORY.....	9 runs, 10-1, 4/16 vs SOM
LARGEST MARGIN OF DEFEAT.....	12 runs, 2x, last 13-1, 4/13 @ AKR
LARGEST SHUTOUT WIN.....	8-0, 5/14 vs HBG G1
LARGEST SHUTOUT LOSS.....	10-0, 5/24 @ AKR
LARGEST COMEBACK TO WIN.....	5 runs, 5/31 vs POR G2
LONGEST GAME, TIME.....	3:24, 5/7 @ ERI
LONGEST 9-INNING GAME TIME.....	3:20, 4/13 @ AKR
SHORTEST 9-INNING GAME TIME.....	2:01, 4/19 vs SOM
LONGEST 7-INNING GAME TIME.....	2:30, 5/31 vs POR G2
SHORTEST 7-INNING GAME TIME.....	1:30, 5/29 vs POR G1
LONGEST GAME, INNINGS.....	12 innings, 4/26 @ CHE
LONGEST HOME GAME, INNINGS.....	9 innings, 28x, last 6/18 vs RIC
LONGEST ROAD GAME, INNINGS.....	12 innings, 2x, last 5/7 @ ERI
LARGEST CROWD, HOME.....	8,273, 5/14 vs HBG
SMALLEST CROWD, HOME.....	2,436, 4/15 vs SOM
LARGEST CROWD, ROAD.....	8,128, 5/20 @ AKR
SMALLEST CROWD, ROAD.....	878, 5/6 @ ERI
MOST ERRORS.....	3, 2x, last 5/11 @ ERI
MOST ERRORS BY OPPONENT.....	4, 4/17 vs SOM
MOST CONSECUTIVE GAMES WITHOUT AN ERROR.....	5, 4/10 @ AKR - 4/15 vs SOM
MOST LOB.....	16, 4/16 vs SOM
FEWEST LOB.....	1, 5/27 vs POR

TEAM BATTING

MOST RUNS.....	11, 6/8 @ NH
MOST RUNS, INNING.....	9, 7th inning, 4/20 vs SOM
MOST HITS.....	17, 6/8 @ NH
MOST HITS, INNING.....	8, 7th inning, 4/20 vs SOM
MOST HOME RUNS, GAME.....	3, 6/12 vs ERI
MOST HOME RUNS, INNING.....	2, 2x, last 6th inning, 6/12 vs ERI
MOST CONSECUTIVE GAMES WITH A HOME RUN.....	7, 4/20 vs SOM - 4/27 @ CHE
MOST DOUBLES, GAME.....	5, 2x, last 6/29 @ CHE
MOST TRIPLES, GAME.....	3, 4/29 vs AKR
MOST EXTRA-BASE HITS.....	6, 3x, last 6/8 @ NH
MOST STOLEN BASES.....	7, 4/24 @ CHE
MOST STRIKEOUTS, 9-INNING GAME.....	15, 2x, last 4/27 @ CHE
MOST STRIKEOUTS, ALL GAMES.....	16, 5/7 @ ERI
MOST WALKS, ALL GAMES.....	11, 4/16 vs SOM

TEAM PITCHING

MOST RUNS ALLOWED.....	13, 2x, last 4/13 @ AKR
MOST RUNS ALLOWED, INNING.....	7, 8th inning, 5/24 @ AKR
MOST HITS ALLOWED.....	16, 4/13 @ AKR
MOST HITS ALLOWED, INNING.....	5, 3x, last 6th inning, 6/14 vs ERI
MOST HOME RUNS ALLOWED.....	3, 4x, last 6/1 vs POR
MOST HOME RUNS ALLOWED, INNING.....	2, 2nd inning, 4/26 @ CHE
MOST CONSECUTIVE GAMES ALLOWING A HOME RUN.....	4, 4/23 - 4/26 @ CHE
MOST STRIKEOUTS, 9-INNING GAME.....	16, 4/27 @ CHE
MOST STRIKEOUTS, ALL GAMES.....	16, 4/27 @ CHE
MOST BASES ON BALLS.....	10, 4/4 vs CHE
MOST EXTRA-BASE HITS ALLOWED.....	9, 4/9 @ AKR

INDIVIDUAL BATTING

MOST RUNS SCORED.....	4, Mitch Jebb, 5/15 vs HBG
MOST HITS.....	4, Kervin Pichardo, 5/10 @ ERI
MOST EXTRA-BASE HITS.....	3, Kervin Pichardo, 5/10 @ ERI
MOST DOUBLES.....	3, Kervin Pichardo, 5/10 @ ERI
MOST TRIPLES.....	2, Sammy Siani, 4/29 vs AKR
MOST HOME RUNS.....	1, 40x, last Jase Bowen & Termarr Johnson, 6/28 @ CHE
MOST TOTAL BASES.....	7, 4x, last Aaron McKeithan, 6/8 @ NH
MOST RBI.....	5, Nick Cimillo, 5/31 vs POR G2
MOST STOLEN BASES.....	3, 2x, last Mike Jarvis, 5/9 @ ERI
MOST BASES ON BALLS.....	3, 3x, last Mitch Jebb, 4/16 vs SOM
MOST TIMES REACHING BASE SAFELY.....	5, 2x, last Jack Brannigan & Mitch Jebb, 4/16 vs SOM
MOST STRIKEOUTS.....	4, 3x, last Aaron McKeithan, 6/28 @ CHE
LONGEST HITTING STREAK.....	7*, 5x, last Nick Cimillo*, 6/21 vs RIC - 6/29 @ CHE
LONGEST ON-BASE STREAK.....	23, Jack Brannigan, 4/23 @ CHE - 5/18 vs HBG
LONGEST RBI STREAK.....	6, Nick Cimillo, 6/15 vs ERI - 6/22 vs RIC

INDIVIDUAL PITCHING

MOST INNINGS PITCHED, STARTER.....	6.0, 5x, last Wilber Dotel, 6/24 @ CHE
MOST INNINGS PITCHED, RELIEVER.....	5.0, Alessandro Ercolani, 6/19 vs RIC
MOST HITS ALLOWED, STARTER.....	9, Wilber Dotel, 5/16 vs HBG
MOST HITS ALLOWED, RELIEVER.....	7, Fineas Del Bonta-Smith, 6/14 vs ERI
MOST STRIKEOUTS, STARTER.....	10, Wilber Dotel, 5/4 vs AKR
MOST STRIKEOUTS, RELIEVER.....	5, Beau Burrows, 6/10 vs ERI
MOST BASES ON BALLS, STARTER.....	5, 2x, last Po-Yu Chen, 6/13 vs ERI
MOST BASES ON BALLS, RELIEVER.....	4, 2x, last Fineas Del Bonta-Smith, 5/24 @ AKR
MOST EARNED RUNS ALLOWED, STARTER.....	6, 3x, last Po-Yu Chen, 6/20 vs RIC
MOST EARNED RUNS ALLOWED, RELIEVER.....	7, Fineas Del Bonta-Smith, 5/24 @ AKR
MOST CONSECUTIVE SCORELESS IP.....	25.2*, Hunter Barco, 4/4 vs CHE - 5/3 vs AKR

* - Active Streak, Bold - Franchise Record

2025 RECORD BREAKDOWN

	TOTAL	HOME	ROAD
Overall Record	35-39	20-18	15-21
vs. Southwest Division	27-29	13-13	14-16
vs. Northeast Division	8-10	7-5	1-5
vs. NL Affiliates	6-5	6-5	0-0
vs. AL Affiliates	29-34	14-13	15-21
First Half	30-38	20-18	10-20
Second Half	5-1	0-0	5-1
Day Games	13-8	7-5	6-3
Night Games	22-31	13-13	9-18
Day Game After Night	8-6	3-4	5-2
Curve Score 1st	23-8	11-4	12-4
Opponent Scores 1st	12-31	9-14	3-17
Come From Behind Wins	14	9	5
vs. RH Starters	28-32	14-14	14-18
vs. LH Starters	7-7	6-4	1-3
Curve Starter 5.0 + IP	8-14	5-6	3-8
Curve Starter 6.0 + IP	5-0	3-0	2-0
Curve Starter 7.0 + IP	0-0	0-0	0-0
When Hitting a HR	21-12	12-5	9-7
When Not Hitting a HR	14-27	8-13	6-14
Outhit Opponent	26-8	14-2	12-6
Equal # of Hits	2-3	1-3	1-0
Outhit by Opponent	7-28	5-13	2-15
Curve 10+ Hits	16-1	11-1	5-0
Commit 0 Errors	17-15	9-8	8-7
Commit 1 Error	15-19	10-10	5-9
Commit 2+ Errors	3-5	1-0	2-5
Leading After 7th	27-3	15-1	12-2
Trailing After 7th	0-22	0-10	0-12
Tied After 7th	4-4	2-2	2-2
Leading After 8th	31-0	17-0	14-0
Trailing After 8th	0-25	0-12	0-13
Tied After 8th	0-4	0-1	0-3
Extra-Inning Games	1-3	1-0	0-3
Double-headers	2-8	1-3	1-5
Series Record	4-6-3	2-2-3	2-4-0
One-Run Games	10-10	6-3	4-7
Two-Run Games	10-8	4-5	6-3
3+Run Games	15-21	10-10	5-11
Shutout Record	5-12	2-4	3-8
April Record	12-11	6-5	6-6
May Record	11-16	8-7	3-9
June Record	12-12	6-6	6-6
July Record	0-0	0-0	0-0
August Record	0-0	0-0	0-0
September Record	0-0	0-0	0-0
Monday Record	0-0	0-0	0-0
Tuesday Record	4-6	2-2	2-4
Wednesday Record	5-6	3-3	2-3
Thursday Record	6-5	3-3	3-2
Friday Record	4-10	3-5	1-5
Saturday Record	6-8	4-3	2-5
Sunday Record	10-4	5-2	5-2
1st Game of Series	6-7	4-3	2-4
Last Game of Series	9-4	5-2	4-2
Getaway Day	6-2	1-0	5-2
Red Alternate Hat	11-8	0-1	11-7
Black Keystone Hat	13-8	13-8	0-0
Gray Road Hat	3-5	0-0	3-5
Red/Bronze Engineer Hat	3-7	3-3	0-4
Peces Dorados Hat/Uniform	0-3	0-2	0-1
Rail Kings Hat/Uniform	3-2	3-2	0-0
Red Uniform	11-10	5-2	6-7
White Uniform	8-7	8-7	0-0
Gray Uniform	9-9	0-0	9-9
Bronze Uniform	3-7	3-3	0-4
Armed Forces Hat	2-5	1-1	1-4
Other Specialty Uniform/Hat	1-1	1-1	0-0

2025 VS. EASTERN LEAGUE OPPONENTS

OPPONENT	TOTAL	HOME	ROAD
vs. Akron	6-12	3-3	3-9
vs. Binghamton	0-0	0-0	0-0
vs. Chesapeake	10-5	1-2	9-3
vs. Erie	5-7	3-3	2-4
vs. Harrisburg	4-2	4-2	0-0
vs. Hartford	0-0	0-0	0-0
vs. New Hampshire	1-5	0-0	1-5
vs. Portland	3-3	3-3	0-0
vs. Reading	0-0	0-0	0-0
vs. Richmond	2-3	2-3	0-0
vs. Somerset	4-2	4-2	0-0
TOTALS	35-39	20-18	15-21

BATTERS BREAKDOWN

MULTI-HIT GAMES						MULTI-RBI GAMES					HOME RUN BREAKDOWN					
PLAYER	TOT	2H	3H	4H	5+	TOT	2BI	3BI	4BI	5+BI	TOT	2R	3R	GS	PH	LAST
Jase Bowen	6	5	1	--	--	1	1	--	--	--	4	1	--	--	--	6/28 @ CHE
Jack Brannigan	9	6	3	--	--	6	4	--	2	--	5	1	1	--	--	6/12 vs ERI
Nick Cimillo	9	9	--	--	--	4	3	--	--	1	5	1	--	1	--	6/27 @ CHE
Brenden Dixon	6	6	--	--	--	2	1	1	--	--	2	1	--	--	--	5/31 vs POR G2
Maikol Escotto	3	3	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Tres Gonzalez	8	6	2	--	--	2	2	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Duce Gourson	1	--	1	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Hudson Head	2	1	1	--	--	1	1	--	--	--	1	1	--	--	--	6/12 vs ERI
Wyatt Hendrie	--	--	--	--	--	2	2	--	--	--	2	2	--	--	--	6/25 @ CHE
Spencer Horwitz	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Mike Jarvis	8	6	2	--	--	3	1	2	--	--	1	1	--	--	--	5/17 vs HBG
Mitch Jebb	15	10	5	--	--	3	2	1	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Termarr Johnson	16	14	2	--	--	4	3	1	--	--	8	1	1	--	--	6/28 @ CHE
Aaron McKeithan	4	3	1	--	--	1	1	--	--	--	2	--	--	--	--	6/24 @ CHE
Kervin Pichardo	7	5	1	1	--	7	5	1	1	--	5	2	1	--	--	6/14 vs ERI
Shawn Ross	1	1	--	--	--	4	2	1	1	--	2	--	1	1	1	4/24 @ CHE
Sammy Siani	8	6	2	--	--	6	3	3	--	--	2	1	1	--	--	4/26 @ CHE
Imanol Vargas	3	2	1	--	--	3	3	--	--	--	1	1	--	--	--	6/12 vs ERI
Totals	106	83	22	1	--	49	34	11	3	1	40	13	5	2	1	6/28 @ CHE

OFFENSE BY INNING

INNING	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10+	TOTAL
CURVE	28	21	39	32	38	35	29	29	12	1	264
OPPONENT	36	31	40	29	32	39	29	34	20	5	295

SHUTOUTS BY CURVE - 5

Date	Score	Hits	Pitcher(s)
4/10 @ AKR	2-0	3	Barco, Linarez, Meis, Sanders
4/22 @ CHE	2-0	3	Barco, Linarez, Ramos, Sanders
5/14 vs HBG G1(7)	8-0	3	Ercolani, Nielson
5/25 @ AKR G1 (7)	1-0	1	Bayless, Chapman, Ramos
6/21 vs RIC	1-0	4	Townsend, Del Bonta-Smith, Meis, Burrows

EJECTIONS - 2

PLAYER/COACH	DATE	UMPIRE	REASON
Termarr Johnson	4/29 vs CHE	Elliott Melton	Arguing Balls & Strikes
Kahlil Watson	4/29 vs CHE	Stone Garver	Arguing a Fair Ball Call

2025 HOME-ROAD STATS

Home (20-18)			
Average:	.231	Home Runs:	22
Runs Per Game:	4.2	Stolen Bases:	42
Doubles:	39	Walks:	139
Triples:	11	Strikeouts:	272
Road (15-21)			
Average:	.207	Home Runs:	18
Runs Per Game:	2.9	Stolen Bases:	36
Doubles:	44	Walks:	137
Triples:	4	Strikeouts:	336

TEAM HITTING RANKINGS

Category.....	TOTAL	EL RANK	AA RANK
Average.....	.219.....	9th.....	24th.....
Runs Scored.....	264.....	9th.....	25th.....
Hits.....	501.....	10th.....	26th.....
Doubles.....	83.....	12th.....	T-28th.....
Triples.....	15.....	T-4th.....	T-9th.....
Home Runs.....	40.....	12th.....	29th.....
Walks.....	276.....	3rd.....	T-17th.....
Strikeouts.....	608.....	3rd.....	T-6th.....
Stolen Bases.....	78.....	8th.....	21st.....
RISP.....	.227.....	8th.....	T-22nd.....

SHUTOUTS BY OPPONENTS - 12

Date	Score	Hits	Pitcher(s)
4/5 vs CHE	2-0	3	Fruit, Van Loon, Heid
4/30 vs AKR	6-0	3	Davenport, Sharpe, Morehouse
5/6 @ ERI	3-0	2	Hamm, Petit, Smith
5/9 @ ERI	7-0	4	Petit, Bergner, Smtih, Magno
5/23 @ AKR G2 (7)	5-0	2	Spivey, Jacobs
5/24 @ AKR	10-0	3	Peterson, Sharpe
5/29 vs POR G2 (7)	3-0	3	Sandlin
6/3 @ NH	4-0	5	Watson, Gregory
6/4 @ NH	3-0	2	Harrison, Urbaez, Larkin
6/5 @ NH	2-0	3	Watts-Brown, Garkow, Amalfi
6/7 @ NH G1 (7)	4-0	0	Sanchez
6/10 vs ERI	3-0	4	Bergner, Marks, Magno, Guasch

2025 PINCH HITTERS

PLAYER	STATISTICS	LAST APP.
Nick Cimillo	1-1, 1B, RBI	5/14 vs HBG G2
Brenden Dixon	0-2, 2 K	4/29 vs AKR
Wyatt Hendrie	0-1	6/10 vs ERI
Mike Jarvis	1-2, 1B, BB	5/25 @ AKR G1
Termarr Johnson	1-1, 2B, 2 RBI	5/30 vs POR
Shawn Ross	1-1, Grand Slam	4/20 vs SOM
Imanol Vargas	0-2, K	6/13 vs ERI
2025 Totals:	4-10, 2 1B, 2B, HR, BB, 3K, 7 RBI	6/13 vs ERI

MAJOR LEAGUE REHAB ASSIGNMENTS - 1

Player	Dates	Notes
Spencer Horwitz - INF	4/27 @ CHE - 5/4 vs AKR	Went 2-16 with 2B, 2 BB in 5G

2025 STREAKS/OFFENSIVE SUPERLATIVES

10+ GAME HITTING STREAKS

15+ GAME ON-BASE STREAKS (2)

Mitch Jebb - 15 (4/19 vs SOM - 5/8 @ ERI)
Jack Brannigan - 23 (4/23 @ CHE - 5/18 vs HBG)

BACK-TO-BACK HOME RUNS

WALK-OFF WINNERS (2)

Mitch Jebb RBI-1B, 9th Inning - 5/4 vs AKR
Brenden Dixon 2-Run HR, 8th Inning, 5/31 vs POR G2

WINS TRAILING/TIED AFTER 8 INNINGS

MULTI-HOMER GAMES

5+ HIT GAMES

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FIRST-INNING LEAD-OFF HOME RUNS

4+ RBI GAMES (5)

Jack Brannigan (4) - 4/16 vs SOM
Shawn Ross (4) - 4/20 vs SOM
Kervin Pichardo (4) - 5/15 vs HBG
Nick Cimillo (5) - 5/31 vs POR G2
Jack Brannigan (4) - 6/12 vs ERI

GRAND SLAMS (2)

Shawn Ross - 4/20 vs SOM
Nick Cimillo - 5/31 vs POR G2

EASTERN LEAGUE PLAYER OF THE WEEK AWARDS

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2025 ALTOONA CURVE PITCHING & DEFENSIVE NOTES

ALTOONA CURVE STARTER BREAKDOWN												
ACTIVE ROTATION	LAST START	DEC	IP	H	R	ER	HR	BB	SO	RESULT	STARTS	TEAM RECORD
Wilber Dotel	6/29 @ CHE	--	2.2	4	4	4	1	3	3	6-4 W	15	10-5
Po-Yu Chen	6/26 @ CHE	W	5.0	3	1	1	0	4	5	3-2 W	13	4-9
Alessandro Ercolani	6/27 @ CHE	--	5.0	5	3	2	0	1	1	4-3 L (10)	13	4-9
Antwone Kelly	6/28 @ CHE	W	5.0	1	1	1	0	2	3	4-2 W	1	1-0
BULLPEN GAME OR USED AS OPENER												
Emmanuel Chapman	6/22 vs RIC	L	3.0	2	1	1	0	1	5	2-1 L	1	0-1
Cy Nielson	6/7 @ NH G2	--	2.0	2	1	1	0	2	2	5-2 L (7)	2	0-2
Blake Townsend	6/25 @ CHE	--	3.0	2	1	0	0	0	4	4-2 W	4	3-1
OTHER PITCHERS												
Hunter Barco	5/3 vs AKR	--	5.0	2	0	0	0	3	4	5-3 L	6	4-2
Jarod Bayless	6/19 vs RIC	L	2.0	2	2	2	0	1	4	2-1 L	8	3-5
Fineas Del Bonta-Smith	5/27 vs POR	--	2.0	1	0	0	0	2	0	4-2 W	1	1-0
Derek Diamond	4/18 vs SOM	L	2.2	7	5	5	0	1	4	12-1 L	1	0-1
J.C. Flowers	4/24 @ CHE	--	2.2	3	3	3	1	2	2	8-5 W	1	1-0
Garrett McMillan	5/29 vs POR G2	--	4.0	7	5	5	1	2	6	9-6 L (7)	4	1-3
Anthony Solometo	4/12 @ AKR	--	5.0	1	1	1	0	1	5	4-3 L	2	1-1
Sean Sullivan	5/17 vs HBG	--	3.0	0	0	0	0	0	4	8-4 W	2	2-0

CATCHER'S BOX						
Player	Caught	Att.	Percent	Last CS	CI	PB Pickoffs
Hendrie	4	21	19%	6/29	--	5 --
McKeithan	3	33	9%	6/12	--	-- --
Ross	9	16	56%	6/4	1	2 --

STARTING PITCHER RUN SUPPORT				
Active Rotation	GS	Team Runs	R/Start	Quality Starts
Dotel	15	60	4.0	4
Chen	13	41	3.2	0
Ercolani	13	53	3.9	0
Kelly	1	4	4	0
Bullpen Game or used as Opener				
Chapman	1	1	1	0
Nielson	2	6	3.0	0
Townsend	4	12	3.0	0
Other Pitchers				
Barco	6	23	3.8	0
Bayless	8	26	3.3	0
Del Bonta-Smith	1	4	4	0
Diamond	1	1	1	0
Flowers	1	8	8	0
McMillan	4	15	3.8	0
Solometo	2	5	2.5	0
Sullivan	2	11	5.5	0

TEAM PITCHING RANKS (EL/AA)									
TOTAL (EL, AA RANK)	ERA	WHIP	BAA	GIDP	SV	BB/9	SO/9	HR Allowed	
Starters	3.92 (6th/14th)	1.18 (3rd/4th)	.224 (3rd/5th)	18 (9th/T-22nd)	--	3.06 (8th/24th)	8.91 (5th/13th)	30 (5th/13th)	
Bullpen	3.69 (5th/13th)	1.24 (3rd/7th)	.221 (T-4th/T-9th)	19 (T4th/T-15th)	22 (T3rd/T-8th)	3.85 (10th/26th)	9.06 (11th/24th)	22 (5th/T-10th)	
Staff	3.80 (6th/14th)	1.21 (4th/T-4th)	.222 (4th/T-6th)	37 (8th/T22nd)	22 (T3rd/T-8th)	3.48 (9th/26th)	8.99 (7th/18th)	52 (6th/T-10th)	

2025 STREAKS/PITCHING SUPERLATIVES		
15+ INNING SCORELESS STREAKS	EASTERN LEAGUE PITCHER OF THE WEEK (1)	
Hunter Barco - 25.2*, 4/4 vs CHE - 5/3 vs AKR	Hunter Barco - April 21 - 27 @ CHE	
	EASTERN LEAGUE PITCHER OF THE MONTH (1)	
	Hunter Barco - April	

MISC. PITCHING		
PITCH CLOCK VIOLATIONS (31)	PITCH CLOCK VIOLATIONS (31)	PICKOFFS (4)
Wilber Dotel, 4/5 vs CHE - Not ready to pitch to Willems (1st)	Jack Choate, 6/19 vs RIC - Not ready to pitch to Escotto	Hunter Barco, 4/22 @ CHE - Jackson at 1st
Preston Johnson, 4/6 vs CHE - Not ready to pitch to Bowen (5th)	Seth Lonsway, 6/20 vs RIC - Not ready to pitch to Vargas	Po-Yu Chen, 4/25 @ CHE - Haskin at 1st
Adam Retzbach, 4/6 vs CHE - Not ready to hit vs Solometo (5th)	Tyler Myrick (2), 6/20 vs RIC - Not ready to pitch to Cimillo	Po-Yu Chen, 5/1 vs AKR - Watson at 1st
Jaden Woods, 4/8 @ AKR - Not ready to pitch to Kaylus (8th)	Fineas Del Bonta-Smith, 6/21 vs RIC - Not ready to pitch to Velasquez	Garret McMillan, 5/15 vs HBG - Romero at 1st
Cy Nielson, 4/9 @ AKR - Not ready to pitch to Lipscomb (3rd)	Valentin Linarez, 6/22 vs RIC - Not ready to pitch to	
Magnus Ellerts, 4/10 @ AKR - Not ready to pitch to Vargas (9th)		
Trenton Denholm 4/11 @ AKR - Not ready to pitch to Jebb (8th)		
Emmanuel Chapman, 4/24 @ CHE - Not ready to pitch to Josenberger (5th)		
Cy Nielson, 4/25 @ CHE - Not ready to pitch to Willems (7th)		
Wilken Ramos, 4/26 @ CHE - Not ready to pitch to Jackson (8th)		
Jaden Woods, 4/29 vs AKR - Not ready to pitch to Watson (3rd)		
Magnus Ellerts, 4/29 vs AKR - Not ready to pitch to Ross (6th)		
Emmanuel Chapman, 5/11 @ ERI - Not ready to pitch to Valencia (4th)		
Wyatt Hendrie, 5/14 vs HBG G1 - Not ready to hit vs Saenz (2nd)		
Erick Mejia, 5/15 vs HBG - Not ready to pitch to Johnson (7th)		
Holden Powell, 5/15 vs HBG - Not ready to pitch to Dixon (7th)		
Mitch Jebb, 5/25 @ AKR G1 - Not ready to hit vs Denholm (1st)		
Termarr Johnson, 5/25 @ AKR G2 - Not ready to hit vs Ellerts (3rd)		
Caden Rose, 5/27 vs POR - Not ready to hit vs Townsend (3rd)		
Reidis Sena, 6/1 vs POR - Not ready to pitch to Ross (7th)		
Fineas Del Bonta-Smith, 6/3 @ NH - Not ready to pitch to Harry (8th)		
Geison Urbaez, 6/4 @ NH - Not ready to pitch to Dixon (7th)		
Cy Nielson, 6/7 @ NH G2 - Not ready to pitch to Bohrofen (1st)		
Jace Bohrofen, 6/8 @ NH - Not ready to hit vs Ercolani (1st)		
Chris Meyers, 6/10 vs ERI - Not ready to hit vs Townsend (2nd)		

ERRORS BY POSITION (OUTFIELD ASSISTS)										52 E, (.979 - T-5TH), 44 DP (10TH)				
Left Field						Center Field						Right Field		
Player (G)	E (A)					Player (G)	E (A)					Player (G)	E (A)	
Bowen (6)	0 (0)					Bowen (9)	0 (0)					Bowen (11)	0 (0)	
Escotto (9)	1 (3)					Head (4)	0 (0)					Escotto (2)	0 (0)	
Gonzalez (27)	1 (0)					Jarvis (7)	0 (0)					Gonzalez (22)	0 (0)	
Head (5)	0 (0)					Jebb (45)	2 (0)					Head (20)	2 (0)	
Hendrie (4)	1 (1)					Siani (13)	1 (0)					Jarvis (4)	0 (1)	
Jarvis (11)	0 (2)											Siani (22)	0 (2)	
Siani (8)	0 (1)													
Vargas (20)	0 (0)													
			Shortstop						Second Base					
			Player (G)	E					Player (G)	E				
			Brannigan (42)	3					Brannigan (1)	0				
			Escotto (11)	1					Escotto (1)	0				
			Jarvis (7)	1					Jarvis (3)	0				
			Pichardo (15)	2					Jebb (15)	1				
			Ross (1)	0					Johnson (58)	10				
						Catcher			First Base					
						Player (G)	E (PB)					Player (G)	E	
						Hendrie (23)	1 (5)					Cimillo (39)	3	
						McKeithan (26)	0 (0)					Dixon (30)	1	
						Ross (30)	1 (2)					Gourson (1)	0	
												Horwitz (4)	1	
												Jarvis (2)	0	
												Vargas (9)	0	

ALTOONA CURVE PITCHER NOTES

#14 Brandon Bidois					RHP
Pitch Selection: Hometown: Acquired: Vitals: Curve Record:	FB (94-98), CT, SL, CH Brisbane, Australia Int'l FA (2021) 6-2, 179, 6/21/01 (24) 2-0	Trending: Unscored upon in 17-of-19 outings this year Held opponents to a .130 BAA in 19 outings this season			- 2025: Began the season on the IL and made 1 appearance with Bradenton on 4/26 before joining Greensboro on 4/30... Promoted to ALT on 6/24... - 2024: Spent the entire season with High-A Greensboro and made his final appearance of the season with Triple-A Indianapolis... Tossed three consecutive scoreless appearances four times during the season... Was unscored upon in four consecutive outings from June 27-July 5 where he struck out 11 batters in 5.0 innings before hitting the injured list on July 6... Returned on September 22 to make one appearance with Triple-A Indianapolis... After the season suited up for Surprise in the Arizona Fall League... - CURVE CUTS: Brandon Bidois... Entered the 2024 season rated as the No. 29 prospect in the system according to Baseball America... Signed by Pirates scout Tony Harris after an impressive performance with Team Australia at the WBSC U-18 Baseball World Cup in Korea in September of 2019, allowed two runs in 13 innings and hit 90 mph... <u>Is one of three Australian minor leaguers in the Pirates system entering the 2025 season, joining RHP Jackson Grounds and LHP Blake Townsend...</u> Would be the 9th player in franchise history from Australia, first since LHP Blake Townsend in 2024... Was slated to begin a collegiate career at Three Rivers Community College in Connecticut before signing... Was the first amateur signed by the Pirates from Australia since 2012... Played for his hometown Brisbane in the Australian Winter League... Lists his favorite food as "A Crispy Meat Pie"... His favorite player at age 10 was Grant Balfour... Has climbed the Great Wall of China...
RECENT APPEARANCES					
DATE	DEC.	IP, H, R/ER, BB/K	PITCHES/STRIKES	SCORELESS STREAK	NOTES
6/17 @ GVL	S (5)	1.0, 1, 0/0, 0/1	12/9	1.0	
6/19 @ GVL	W (3-0)	1.1, 0, 0/0, 1/4	29/20	2.1	
6/25 @ CHE	—	2.0, 1, 0/0, 1/3	30/19	3.1	WORKED AROUND BB AND 1B WITH 2 OUTS IN 1ST INNING OF RELIEF / 14 K'S BY CURVE
6/29 @ CHE	W (1-0)	2.0, 0, 0/0, 0/2	28/19	5.1	RETIRED ALL SIX MEN FACED
#12 Beau Burrows					RHP
Pitch Selection: Hometown: Acquired: Vitals: Curve Record:	Fastball (89-92), SL, CB, CH Weatherford, TX MiLB FA (2025) 6-2, 210, 9/18/96 (28) 5-2	Trending: 50G (43 starts) at Double-A prior to 2025 (Erie/Mississippi/Reading): 18-14, 4.15 ERA, 227.2 IP, 218 H, 97 BB, 220 K W/ ALT: 11.1 IP, 2 H, 0 R, 3 BB, 14 K, 4 saves			- 2025: Signed with the Pirates on 5/12/25 after beginning the season in the Mexican League where he made 8 relief appearances for Dos Laredos... Joined ALT on 6/6... - 2024: Made 16 appearances with Triple-A Lehigh Valley and Double-A Reading in the Phillies system going: 1-1 with a 6.45 ERA in 16 games... Finished the season with the Cleburne Railroaders of the independent American Association... Allowed 17 R in 20.2 IP with Cleburne... - CURVE CUTS: Was the 22nd overall selection in the 2015 draft out of Weatherford HS (TX) by the Detroit Tigers... <u>Has a long-term relationship with Chesapeake C Creed Willems, Willems is from Aledo, TX and has caught Burrows' off-season bullpen sessions for the last several years...</u> Was committed to play in college at Texas A&M... <u>First reached Double-A Erie in 2017, was called up on June 6, 2017 and joined the team in New Hampshire where they got rained out, made his Double-A debut on June 7, 2017, joined the Curve on 6/6/25 (team got rained out at NH), pitched at NH 8 years to the day after making AA Debut on same mound...</u> Made his MLB debut on 7/27/2020 with Detroit vs Kansas City (2.1 IP, 3 H, 3 R, 1 BB, 3 K)... Has pitched in 11 major league games (1 start) with Detroit (2020-21) and Minnesota (2021)... In 17.2 major league innings, allowed 24 H, 22 R (21 ER), 11 BB, 11 K... Missed extensive time in 2019 with a rash of injuries (shoulder inflammation, biceps tendinitis, oblique strain)... Has suited up for the Twins, Dodgers, Braves and Phillies since leaving the Tigers in 2021...
RECENT APPEARANCES					
DATE	DEC.	IP, H, R/ER, BB/K	PITCHES/STRIKES	SCORELESS STREAK	NOTES
6/21 VS RIC	S (2)	1.0, 1, 0/0, 1/0	18/12	10.1	INDUCED GAME-ENDING 6-3 DOUBLE PLAY
6/24 @ CHE	S (3)	1.1, 0, 0/0, 1/0	27/14	11.1	COMBINED WITH DETEL/HARBIN TO RETIRE 13-OF-14 HITTERS TO END GAME
6/26 @ CHE	S (4)	1.0, 0, 0/0, 1/1	8/5	12.1	INHERITED 2, 1 SCORED ON SAC BUNT/E1. JARVIS THREW OUT GM-TYING RUN AT HOME
6/29 @ CHE	—	2.0, 1, 0/0, 0/3	31/21	14.1	ALLOWED 2 BASERUNNERS, 1 HBP, 1 2B IN 8TH - WORKED THROUGH MIDDLE OF LINEUP
#34 Emmanuel Chapman					RHP
Pitch Selection: Hometown: Acquired: Vitals: Curve Record:	Fastball (92-96), SL, SPLIT Baguanos, Cuba MiLB FA (2023) 6-4, 281, 9/23/98 (27) 9-10	Trending: Has pitched 1.0 IP+ in 36-of-43 outings with Altoona Last 11G: 3-1 with a 1.96 ERA (23.0 IP/5 ER) and .169 BAA			- 2024: Finished the season T-8th on the Curve in Games Started (7), recorded a 3.28 ERA as a starting pitcher... Ranked third on the team in ERA (3.57, min. 50.0 IP)... Pitched 1.0 IP+ in 19-of-24 outings with Altoona, including 14 appearances that lasted 3.0 IP... Transferred to ALT on 5/28... Last 20 apps of the season (6/18 - 9/12): 2-2, 2.73 ERA (17 ER / 56.0 IP), 1.09 WHIP, 24 BB, 53 K... Tossed 14.0 consecutive hitless innings from July 28-August 18... Held opponents to a .103 BAA in the month of August... <u>Was on the mound on 7/24 at Erie when the Curve turned a triple play for the third time in franchise history...</u> With runners on first and second after a walk by and an error committed by Charles McAdoo, Erie's Julio Rodriguez hit a hard ground ball to third where McAdoo picked it up, touched third base and then threw to second where Kervin Pichardo made the quick turn for the triple play... - CURVE CUTS: Signed with the Pirates on 12/15/2023 after defecting from Cuba in April of 2023... Participated in a showcase for MLB teams in August... Established residency in Santo Domingo Centro in the Dominican Republic before signing with the Pirates for a bonus of \$200,000 according to Francys Romero... Does not bear a familial relation to former Pirates LHP Aroldis Chapman... Is taking 11-on-1 English lessons with Joe Shuta of WRTA radio during his time with the Curve...
RECENT APPEARANCES					
DATE	DEC.	IP, H, R/ER, BB/K	PITCHES/STRIKES	SCORELESS STREAK	NOTES
6/7 @ NH G2	—	2.0, 3, 1/0, 1/3	41/24	—	STRANDED 4 BASERUNNERS IN 2 INNINGS
6/12 VS ERIE	W (5-1)	2.1, 2, 1/1, 3/0	52/30	2.0	ALLOWED FIRST 4 BASERUNNERS TO REACH (3 BB, 2B) - RETIRED 7-OF-8 AFTER THAT
6/18 VS RIC	—	2.0, 2, 1/0, 0/0	27/15	—	SET DOWN SIDE IN ORDER IN 7TH, ALLOWED UNEARNED RUN IN 8TH OF 2-1 W OVER RIC
6/22 VS RIC*	L (5-2)	3.0, 2, 1/1, 1/5	53/35	2.0	SEASON-HIGH 5 K'S, STARTED BULLPEN DAY, LOST 2-1
6/27 @ CHE	—	2.0, 1, 0/0, 1/3	32/21	4.0	ALLOWED ONE BASERUNNER IN EACH INNING, KD 2 IN 2ND INNING
#39 Ryan Harbin					RHP
Pitch Selection: Hometown: Acquired: Vitals: Curve Record:	Fastball (94-97), SINK, SL, CH Bartow, FL 17th Round, 2019 (Bartow HS, FL) 6-4, 195, 8/6/01 (23) 2-0	Trending: Last 12 outings w/ GBO (5/17-Present): 1-0, 0.00 ERA, 3 saves, 19.2 IP, 9 H, 11 BB, 32 K, .141 BAA Holds the 6th-longest active scoreless streak in MiLB			- 2025: Was unscored upon in his first 7 appearances of the season with Greensboro, joined ALT on 6/24... - 2024: Began the season on the IL and eventually made 33 appearances between the FCL, Bradenton and Greensboro... Went 2-2 with a 4.98 ERA in 33 games, 1 start, earned 1 save... Struck out 65 batters in 43.1 IP with 28 BB... - CURVE CUTS: Ryan Thomas Harbin... Totaled just 41.1 innings in his first three professional seasons (2019-22) because of various injuries... Signed with the Pirates for a bonus of \$397,500... Was committed to the State College of Florida... Was named an MiLB Organizational All-Star in 2023 after splitting the season between Bradenton and Greensboro going 1-4 with a 3.15 ERA in 35 relief appearances, earning 4 saves... Is particularly passionate about mental health... Played for ____ in high school who threw to Andrew McCutchen in the 2012 Home Run Derby...
RECENT APPEARANCES					
DATE	DEC.	IP, H, R/ER, BB/K	PITCHES/STRIKES	SCORELESS STREAK	NOTES
6/17 @ GVL	—	0.1, 0, 0/0, 1/1	8/4	14.0	
6/19 @ GVL	—	2.2, 1, 0/0, 1/5	36/28	16.2	
6/24 @ CHE	H	1.2, 0, 0/0, 1/0	28/17	18.1	SET DOWN ALL 5 HITTERS IN ORDER
6/28 @ CHE	H	1.1, 0, 0/0, 0/3	11/10	19.2	CLEANED UP 6TH INNING FOR NIELSON
#17 Valentin Linarez					RHP
Pitch Selection: Hometown: Acquired: Vitals: Curve Record:	FB (94-97), SL, CH, SPLIT Palenque, D.R. Int'l FA (2018) 6-5, 226, 2/14/00 (25) 7-12	Trending: Allowed 8 runs in 9.0 innings in May (13 H, 6 BB, 9 K) Unscored upon in four straight outings (6/10 - Present)			- 2024: Split the season between Altoona and Greensboro... Went 1-2 with a 6.46 ERA in 17 appearances with the Curve, walked 19 batters and struck out 28 in 30.2 IP... Transferred to Greensboro on 6/25... Went 3-0 with a 3.20 ERA in 18 games and saved 2 games, struck out 43 batters in 25.1 IP... After the seasons played for Scottsdale in the Arizona Fall League and allowed just one run in 10.1 IP, 3 H, 8 BB, 11 K... - CURVE CUTS: Valentin Guillermo Linarez... Pitches with a high spin rate on all offerings, allowing for additional movement on fastball and slider... Saw an average velocity increase of nearly four mph on his fastball from 2022 to 2023...
RECENT APPEARANCES					
DATE	DEC.	IP, H, R/ER, BB/K	PITCHES/STRIKES	SCORELESS STREAK	NOTES
6/3 @ NH	—	1.2, 1, 2/2, 3/1	45/24	—	ALLOWED 2R IN 5TH INNING, ESCAPED INNING W/ 5-4-3 DP
6/10 VS ERIE	—	2.0, 1, 0/0, 1/2	34/21	2.0	FIRST 2.0 INNING SCORELESS OUTING SINCE 4/29 (8 OUTINGS)
6/15 VS ERIE	—	2.0, 0, 0/0, 0/0	15/8	4.0	NEEDED ONLY 4 PITCHES IN SCORELESS 8TH INNING
6/22 VS RIC	—	2.0, 1, 0/0, 1/2	30/18	6.0	RETIRED SIDE IN ORDER WITH 2 K'S IN 2ND INNING
6/27 @ CHE	—	2.0, 0, 0/0, 0/4	30/20	8.0	LONE BASERUNNER ALLOWED WAS E5 IN 8TH - WAS SITTING 96-98 WITH HIS FB

ALTOONA CURVE PITCHER NOTES

#47 Justin Meis

RHP

Pitch Selection: FB (93-96), CH, SL, Sweep, CT
Hometown: Bethel Park, PA
Acquired: 10th Round, 2021 (Eastern Mich.)
Vitals: 6-2, 175, 11/23/99 (25)
Curve Record: 13-8

Trending:
Unscored upon in 15-of-21 outings this year
June: 2-0, 1 SV, 0.00 ERA, 10.2 IP, 7 H, 0 R, 1 BB, 12 K, .179 BAA

- **2024:** Spent the entire season working out of the Altoona bullpen... Finished the season second on the team in appearances (37), 4th in strikeouts (72), 1st among relievers... Recorded a 2.45 ERA in 8 June appearances, had an ERA over 5.00 in each other calendar month... Recorded 1.0 IP+ in 24-of-37 appearances... His 72 strikeouts ranked 6th among Eastern League Relievers...
- **CURVE CUTS:** Justin Daniel Meis... Last name is pronounced "mice"... Signed for \$127,500... Is a 2018 graduate of Bethal Park High School located outside the city of Pittsburgh, where he was a four-time letterwinner and one-year captain on the baseball team... Was coached by Chris Tekulve at Bethel Park, son of Pirates Hall of Famer Kent Tekulve... Father, Jeff, played High School Basketball at Baldwin High School, Mom, Leigh, played Volleyball and Softball on WPIAL Championship Teams... Younger brother, Ryan Meis, played four years at Division-II Seton Hill University... Helped Pirates minor leaguer Nick Dombkowski develop his slider, and in return learned how to throw his changeup from Dombkowski (Rob Biertempfel, The Athletic) - the two have been throwing partners for their entire professional career... Meis learned how to throw his slider playing Little League at Bethal Park in Pittsburgh...

RECENT APPEARANCES

DATE	DEC.	IP, H, R/ER, BB/K	PITCHES/STRIKES	SCORELESS STREAK	NOTES
6/13 VS ERIE	--	1.0, 2, 0/0, 1/2	30/19	4.0	WORKED AROUND 2 1B AND BB TO START 7TH, CAME BACK W/ 2 K AND F8 TO PROTECT 4-1 LEAD
6/15 VS ERIE	--	2.0, 1, 0/0, 0/1	25/15	5.0	SET DOWN SIDE IN ORDER W/ 3 GROUND BALL OUTS IN A ROW
6/21 VS RIC	--	2.0, 1, 0/0, 0/3	26/17	7.0	COMBINED ON 1-0 4-HIT SHUTOUT
6/25 @ CHE	W (2-1)	1.2, 1, 0/0, 0/3	25/16	8.2	ALLOWED 1 OF 2 INHERITED RUNNERS TO SCORE, ALT RE-TOOK LEAD IN 8TH TO EARN 4-2 WIN
6/28 @ CHE	S (1)	2.0, 0, 0/0, 0/4	26/19	10.2	STRAIGHT UP ANNIHILATED THE SIDE IN THE 8TH, BAYSOX HAD NO CHANCE IN THE 9TH

#53 Cy Nielson

LHP

Pitch Selection: FB (92-95), SL, CH
Hometown: Spanish Fork, UT
Acquired: 8th Round, 2022 (BYU)
Vitals: 6-3, 210, 2/25/01 (24)
Curve Record: 9-10

Trending:
Has thrown 1.0 IP+ in 26-of-34 games in a Curve uniform
Has at least 1 K in 33-of-34 outings w/ ALT
40 K's is 4th-most by an EL reliever this season

- **2024:** Split the season between High-A Greensboro and Double-A Altoona... Was named a postseason All-Star in the South Atlantic League alongside Greensboro teammates LHP Dominic Perachi and INF Charles McAdoo... Went 3-1 with a 6.55 ERA (16 ER / 22.0 IP) in 13 appearances for the Curve... Struck out 28 batters and walked 14... Went 1.0 IP+ in 11-of-13 games for the Curve... Tossed 2.0 innings in each of his final five outings in September (2.70 ERA)... Made 44 total appearances, 4th-most by a PIT MiLB pitcher... Totaled 78 strikeouts, 7th-most by a PIT MiLB reliever... Also earned 7 saves, tied for 3rd-most among PIT MiLB...
- **CURVE CUTS:** Cy Ballard Nielson... Named the 2019 Gatorade Utah Player of the Year as a senior at Spanish Fork High School... Spanish Fork is part of the Orem-Provo metro area, about 50 minutes south of Salt Lake City... Father, Damian, played baseball at Southern Utah... Became the second BYU Cougar to be selected by the Pirates, joining INF Vance Law, who was taken in the 1978 MLB Draft by the Pirates and played in 11 Major League seasons... Married his wife, Lo, in the '24-25 off-season, the two have a golden retriever named Gibby... Lo was a left-handed pitcher on BYU's Softball team... The highlight of the wedding was a fountain tower of ranch which guests enjoyed with Chick-Fil-A chicken nuggets... Also enjoys hunting in the off-season...

RECENT APPEARANCES

DATE	DEC.	IP, H, R/ER, BB/K	PITCHES/STRIKES	SCORELESS STREAK	NOTES
6/15 VS ERIE	W (2-2)	2.0, 1, 0/0, 0/1	25/15	3.0	HAS EARNED WIN IN BULLPEN GAME
6/20 VS RIC	--	2.0, 3, 1/1, 0/3	25/20	1.0	K'D 3 AROUND 3 HITS IN 5TH, ONLY NEEDED 4 PITCHES IN 1-2-3 6TH
6/25 @ CHE	--	1.1, 1, 1/1, 0/3	21/12	--	LEFT AFTER 1B, HBP, K IN 7TH, MEIS STRANDED 1-OF-2 RUNS INHERITED
6/28 @ CHE	--	0.2, 2, 1/0, 1/1	19/11	--	ALLOWED 4 BASERUNNERS (1 ON ERROR, 1 HBP) - HARBIN CLEANED UP INNING

#37 Wilkin Ramos

RHP

Pitch Selection: FB (94-97), SINK, SL, CB
Hometown: Santo Domingo Centro, D.R.
Acquired: MiLB FA (2025)
Vitals: 6-5, 192, 10/31/00 (24)
Curve Record: 8-14

Trending:
W/ Bing ('22-'23): 1.59 ERA, 11 SVS in 35 EL (.197 BAA)
Last 7 outings (6/1 - Present): 2-0, 0.00 ERA (0 ER / 10.0 IP), 8 H, 1 BB, 8 K

- **2025:** Tossed 13.1 scoreless innings to begin season (ended on 5/3 w/ HR by T. Bazzana)...
- **2024:** Split the season between Binghamton and Syracuse with the New York Mets... Led all Mets farmhands with 11 saves and ranked among leaders in appearances (41, 3rd) and wins (6, T4th)... His nine saves for Binghamton were 4th-most in the Eastern League... Recorded a 1.65 ERA with Binghamton, 5.40 ERA with Syracuse...
- **CURVE CUTS:** Wilkin Daniel Ramos... Was selected by the Mets from the Pirates in the minor league phase of the Rule 5 Draft following the 2022 season... According to FanGraphs, he started throwing from a much lower arm slot when arrived with the Mets... His fastball began sitting in the low- to mid-90s with a great deal of tailing action, and he also threw a sweeping slider. The new motion left him very wild at times, but hitters didn't have much success getting the ball in the air against him; in 251.1 career IP, he's allowed only eight home runs... His 37 appearances were 2nd-most in the Florida State League in 2022 with Bradenton... In 2018, was acquired by Pittsburgh, from Oakland, to complete the trade of pitcher Tanner Anderson from 11/20... In 2017, was signed by Oakland as a non-drafted free agent...

RECENT APPEARANCES

DATE	DEC.	IP, H, R/ER, BB/K	PITCHES/STRIKES	SCORELESS STREAK	NOTES
6/14 VS ERIE	--	1.0, 0, 0/0, 1/0	13/8	1.0	ISSUED 1-OUT WALK
6/18 VS RIC	S (2)	1.0, 1, 0/0, 0/0	12/8	2.0	WORKED AROUND 2 OUT 1B IN 9TH, TOOK MOUND AFTER 1:34 RAIN DELAY IN MID-8 TO EARN SAVE
6/25 @ CHE	S (3)	1.0, 0, 0/0, 0/1	12/8	3.0	SET DOWN SIDE IN ORDER IN 9TH OF 4-2 WIN
6/27 @ CHE	L (2-2)	0.1, 1, 1/0, 0/0	3/3	--	ENTERED IN 10TH, SAC BUNT, BASE HIT TO END GAME
6/29 @ CHE	S (4)	1.0, 0, 0/0, 0/0	14/8	1.0	RETIRED SIDE IN ORDER

#23 Tyler Samanigo

LHP

Pitch Selection: FB (91-95), SI, SL, CH
Hometown: Huntsville, AL
Acquired: 15th Round, 2021 (South Alabama)
Vitals: 6-2, 226, 1/30/99 (26)
Curve Record: 2-0

Trending:
'22-24 w/ ALT: 5-4, 4.72 ERA (48 ER / 95.2 IP), 83 H, 39 BB, 99 K, .237 BAA, 1.28 WHIP

- **2025:** Made 10 rehab apps with FCL, BRD and GBO going 2-2 with a 6.00 ERA (8 ER / 12.0 IP), 12.0 IP, 11 H, 2 HRA, 5 BB, 14 K... Activated to ALT on 6/24
- **2024:** Went 0-0 with a 3.57 ERA in 13 appearances, struck out 22 batters in 17.2 IP... Placed on 7-Day IL on 4/16 (back)... Activated on 6/4... Earned his first save of the season on 6/8 at RIC... Struck out 6 in 2.0 IP on 6/29 vs. Akron... Struck out 16 batters and walked only 4 batters in 13.0 IP since return from IL (2.19 ERA)... Placed on 7-Day IL on 7/19... Underwent Tommy John surgery with internal brace...
- **CURVE CUTS:** Robert Tyler Samanigo (Tyler)... In 2022, was named an MiLB Organizational All-Star by MLB.com and took home the Kent Tekulve Minor League Reliever of the Year award... Earned 10 saves for the Curve in 2022 and recorded a 3.52 ERA with a .147 BAA... Spent two years at Northeast CC (MS) before spending his junior season at South Alabama... Same college at Pirates 1st round selection in 2019 OF Travis Swaggerty... Lettered five times in baseball at Lee (AL) High School, where he was a 2017 first-team Class 5A state selection... Attended same High School as Craig Kimbrel and his family, Tyler played under the same High School Coach, is represented by the same agency... Tyler's brother lived with Craig's brother in college, and Craig's younger brother, Matt, helped coach Samanigo in high school...

RECENT APPEARANCES

DATE	DEC.	IP, H, R/ER, BB/K	PITCHES/STRIKES	SCORELESS STREAK	NOTES
6/18 @ GVL	--	1.1, 0, 0/0, 1/0	20/11	3.0	
6/21 @ GVL	--	1.0, 0, 0/0, 0/2	12/8	4.0	
6/26 @ CHE	--	1.0, 0, 1/0, 2/1	21/10	--	SET DOWN SIDE IN ORDER ON 10 PITCHES IN 8TH, LEFT AFTER 2 BB'S TO START 9TH
6/29 @ CHE	--	1.1, 1, 0/0, 0/1	24/15	1.1	CLEANED UP 3RD INNING FOR DOTEL, RETIRED SIDE IN ORDER IN 4TH

#30 Blake Townsend

LHP

Pitch Selection: FB (87-91), SL, CH
Hometown: Traralgon, Australia
Acquired: MiLB FA, 2024
Vitals: 6-4, 245, 4/5/01 (24)
Curve Record: 4-2

Trending:
Last 13 apps (GBO/ALT): 3-1, 0.79 ERA (3 ER/34.0 IP), 10 BB, 37 K, .179 BAA

- **2025:** Opened the season at High-A Greensboro and went 2-0 with a 1.14 ERA in 11 games (23.2 IP, 18 H, 3 R, 5 BB, 28 K)... Transferred to ALT on 5/27... Transferred to GBO on 5/30, returned to ALT on 6/3...
- **2024:** Began the season with High-A Everett with the Seattle Mariners organization... 1-1, 2.45 ERA in 28 appearances, struck out 30 batters 29.1 IP (17 BB)... Released by Seattle on August 5, signed with the Pirates on August 22 and assigned to the FCL... Assigned to ALT on 8/31... Went 1-0 with a 2.00 ERA in 5 games, struck out 6 batters in 9.0 IP...
- **CURVE CUTS:** Blake Townsend... Hails from Traralgon, Victoria in Australia... Became the 8th player in franchise history from Australia when he joined the Curve in 2024... Pitched for Team Australia at the 2023 World Baseball Classic, was the second-youngest pitcher on the team... Shared the field at the WBC with former Curve INF Robbie Glendinning... Pitches in the Australian Baseball Winter League with the Melbourne Aces... Appeared for 4 Mariners affiliates in 2022, reaching Triple-A Tacoma for 2.2 innings pitched... Had Tommy John surgery following the 2019 season...

RECENT APPEARANCES

DATE	DEC.	IP, H, R/ER, BB/K	PITCHES/STRIKES	SCORELESS STREAK	NOTES
6/10 VS ERIE	L (1-1)	3.0, 4, 2/2, 1/2	51/35	--	STARTED BULLPEN DAY, K'D 2 W/ 2 RISP IN 1ST, ALLOWED HR TO M. ANDERSON IN 3RD
6/17 VS ERIE*	--	4.0, 1, 0/0, 0/5	47/31	4.0	LONGEST OUTING SINCE 2021 IN COMPLEX, RETIRED 11 STRAIGHT BEFORE 1B, K TO END 4TH
6/21 VS RIC*	--	3.0, 0, 0/0, 2/2	49/30	7.0	WALKED D. VELASQUEZ TWICE, RETIRED EVERY OTHER HITTER
6/25 @ CHE*	--	3.0, 2, 1/1, 0/4	51/34	9.0 (ENDED)	ALLOWED RBI 1B IN 3RD, K'D BACK TO BACK HITTERS TO END OUTING

ALTOONA CURVE PITCHER NOTES

#32 Jaden Woods			LHP
Pitch Selection:	FB (93-95), SL, CH	- 2024: Went 3-3 with a 4.93 ERA in 20 games, 1 start with the Curve... Struck out 43 batters in 34.2 IP with the Curve... Ranked 7th among Eastern League relievers in strikeouts (42) from his debut on June 21 through the end of the season... Went 1-0 with a 2.13 ERA, 1 save in 20G with Greensboro to start the season... - CURVE CUTS: Jaden Chance Woods... Signed with the Pirates for a bonus of \$271,300... Born in Macon, GA, raised in Alpharetta, GA and moved to Warner Robins, GA when he was in 8th grade... Told Andrew Destin of the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette that he didn't begin playing baseball until he was in 8th grade after he moved to Warner Robins, GA and they didn't have a lacrosse team he could join so he had to find a new sport to play. Played football, basketball, soccer and baseball and liked baseball the most and stuck with it... Was convinced by a friend of his, Jeremy White, to pick up a baseball after noticing how strong his arm was playing quarterback... Began playing travel ball as a sophomore in high school and earned a scholarship offer from Georgia State where he was committed to until his junior year when he committed to Georgia... Earned a degree in Sport Management in just three years, an area that his parents harped on while he was growing up: to be a good student...	
Hometown:	Warner Robins, GA		
Acquired:	7th Round, 2023 (Georgia)		
Vitals:	6-2, 205, 2/1/02 (23)		
Curve Record:	11-13		
Trending: Struck out at least 1 batter in 17-of-24 appearances Ranks 5th in EL w/ 24 appearances Has struck out 75 batters in 65.1 innings since joining the Curve... most by an EL reliever since 6/22/24			
RECENT APPEARANCES			
DATE	DEC.	IP, H, R/ER, BB/K	PITCHES/STRIKES
6/10 VS ERIE	--	2.0, 1, 1/1, 2/1	32/19
6/13 VS ERIE	--	1.1, 0, 0/0, 0/1	15/9
6/15 VS ERIE	--	1.0, 1, 1/1, 0/0	7/5
6/20 VS RIC	--	1.0, 0, 0/0, 1/0	15/9
6/26 @ CHE	--	2.0, 1, 0/0, 0/2	28/18
		SCORELESS STREAK	NOTES
		--	SET DOWN SIDE IN ORDER IN 7TH, STRANDED BASES LOADED IN 7TH AFTER BASES LOADED WALK
		1.1	FINISHED 5TH FOR PO-YU CHEN, SET DOWN SIDE IN ORDER IN 6TH
		--	ALLOWED SOLO HR TO BIGBIE, THEN RETIRED NEXT 3 HITTERS ON 4 PITCHES
		1.0	WORKED AROUND 2 OUT WALK IN 7TH INNING OF 7-4 LOSS
		3.0	PICKED UP 1 K IN BOTH INNINGS

ALTOONA CURVE POSTION PLAYER NOTES

#50 Omar Alfonso			C
Hometown:	Minneapolis, MN	DATELINENOTES	RECENT NOTEABLE PERFORMANCES
Acquired:	MiLB FA (2019)		
Vitals:	6-1, 235, 8/3/03 (21)		
Bat/Throw	R/R		
Multi-Hit Games (ALT):	0 (15)		
Multi-RBI Games (ALT):	0 (9)		
Trending: Last 8G w/ GBO: .357 (10-28), 3 2B, 2 HR // 5 HR in June were tied for 2nd-most in the SAL			
<p>- 2025: At the time of his promotion to ALT on 7/1, ranked 7th in the SAL in HR (11), 10th in OBP% (.389), 4th in BB (44) in 67G... Ranks 4th among PIT MiLB in HR (11)...</p> <p>- 2024: Split the season between Bradenton and Greensboro, batted .252 with 17 2B, 1 3B, 13 HR, 46 RBI, 61 BB and 117 K in 110G...</p> <p>- CURVE CUTS: Omar Eliezar Alfonzo... Father Eliezer played 6 major league seasons with San Francisco, San Diego, Seattle and Colorado from 2006-11... Older brother, Eliezer, is a catcher in the Tigers minor league system and has played against Altoona with Erie... Omar was born while his father was playing for the St. Paul Saints in the Northern League in 2003... Father nearly 2000 career games between the majors, affiliated minors, independent leagues and various winter leagues... His father, Eliezer, is a second cousin of former Met Edgardo Alfonzo... Eliezer is now a coach with Leones de Yucatan in the Mexican League...</p>			
#10 Jase Bowen			OF
Hometown:	Northwood, OH	DATELINENOTES	RECENT NOTEABLE PERFORMANCES
Acquired:	11th Round, 2019 (Toledo Central Catholic, OH)		
Vitals:	6-1, 205, 9/2/00 (24)		
Bat/Throw	R/R		
Multi-Hit Games (ALT):	6 (1 w/ GBO)		
Multi-RBI Games (ALT):	1 (1 w/ GBO)		
Trending: Batted .317/.378/.537/.915 OPS with 3 2B, 2 HR, 3 RBI in his final 12G before injury // Returned to action on 6/12, went 6-22 with 2 2B, 1 HR, 3 RBI in 6G w/ BRD and GBO			
<p>- 2025: Placed on 7-Day IL on 5/2 (left hand fracture)... Activated on 6/19</p> <p>- 2024: Named to the Pirates Spring Breakout roster, where he led the team with a 2-for-3 performance... Spent the entire season with Altoona and finished the season second on the team in games played (110), HR (10), 2B (17), and 3rd in RBI (43), led the team with 22 stolen bases... Batted .241/.298/.366 with 17 2B, 2 3B, 10 HR, 43 RBI and 22-30 SB... Was 1 of 23 in PIT MiLB to hit 10+ HR... Made a sliding catch and threw out a runner at home for a game-ending Double Play on July 13 against Bowie, earned SportsCenter's #6 Top Play on July 14...</p> <p>- CURVE CUTS: Jase Callaway Bowen... Signed with the Pirates for a bonus of \$395,000... Was committed to play Baseball and Football at Michigan State University... Was the first player drafted out of Toledo Central Catholic HS (Toledo, OH) since Clayton Stidham in 1982 (36th round, New York Yankees)... Toledo Central Catholic is just a 7 minute drive from Fifth Third Park, home of the Toledo Mud Hens (Detroit Tigers, AAA)... Started collecting baseball cards growing up in Northwood, Ohio, and has owned approximately 100,000 cards in his life... His favorite is a Topps triple threads Dustin Pedroia jersey card autograph... Jase's favorite player growing up was Dustin Pedroia (he has approximately 25-30 different variations of Pedroia's cards and around 100 all together)... Jase also has his own baseball card, which was done by Topps in 2023... The first time signing his cards he actually kept a few and gave them to his parents, brother, fiancée, and kept some for himself... Bowen has been going after his own cards since they have hit eBay... His goal is to get one of every color to show his own kids some day... Is an avid Fantasy Football Player and loves to play Trivia games...</p>			
#22 Nick Cimillo			INF
Hometown:	Suffern, NY	DATELINENOTES	RECENT NOTEABLE PERFORMANCES
Acquired:	16th Round, 2022 (Rutgers)		
Vitals:	6-3, 220, 2/23/00 (25)		
Bat/Throw	R/R		
Multi-Hit Games (ALT):	8		
Multi-RBI Games (ALT):	4		
Trending: Batted .282/.878 OPS in May with 5 2B, 1 3B, 4 HR, 13 RBI in 22G // Has a hit in 13 of last 15G (13-60), 5 2B, HR, 10 RBI			
<p>- 2025: Drove in a career-high 5 runs on 5/31 vs Portland, including his second career Grand Slam (6/28/24 @ JS)...</p> <p>- 2024: Split the season between Greensboro and Altoona... Finished the season tied for third-most in HR (21) and second in RBI (71) among Pirates minor leaguers... Began the season on the Development List with High-A Greensboro and batted .293/.419/.619 with 8 2B, 17 HR, 48 RBI in 52G... Made his team debut on 7/19 at Somerset, went 0-for-3... Somerset's TD Bank Bankpark is just 15 miles from Bainton Field, Rutgers' home ballpark...</p> <p>- CURVE CUTS: Nicholas William Cimillo... Signed with the Pirates for bonus of \$100,000... Grew up playing catcher and moved to first base full-time during the 2024 season... Has drawn attention for his 106 mpg average exit velocity, a mark that ranked him in the 90th percentile among professional players and one of the top hitters in the Pirates system... His father, William, went to St. John's University, where he played football and was named to the school's hall-of-fame in 2020... William was a firefighter in the Bronx while Nick was growing up and the two would regularly attend Yankee games after his shift at the firehouse... Attended Suffern HS in Suffern, NY... Began his collegiate career at Manhattan University where he was named the 2019 MAAC Rookie-of-the-Year... Was a Second-Team All-Big 10 Selection in 2022 in his lone season at Rutgers... Led the Big 10 in batting average (.385), slugging percentage (.707) and OPS (1.199) in 2022...</p>			

ALTOONA CURVE POSTION PLAYER NOTES

#44 Brenden Dixon

INF

Hometown: Weatherford, TX
Acquired: 20th Round, 2021 (Weatherford JC)
Vitals: 5-11, 205, 11/20/00 (24)
Bat/Throw R/R
Multi-Hit Games (ALT): 6
Multi-RBI Games (ALT): 3

DATE	LINE	RECENT NOTEABLE PERFORMANCES NOTES
4/4 VS CHE	2-4, HR, RBI, SB	SWATTED ALTOONA'S FIRST HR OF THE SEASON ON OPENING DAY
5/31 VS POR	2-4, HR, 2 RBI	HIT 2ND WALK-OFF HR W/ ALT IN B8 OF 7-INNING GAME
6/4 @ NH	1-1, 2 BB	REACHED IN ALL 3 PA'S ACCOUNTING FOR HALF OF ALTOONA'S BASERUNNER IN 3-0 LOSS
6/8 @ NH	3-5, 2 2B, 3 RBI	HAD GAME-BREAKING 2B IN 6-RUN 5TH INNING FOR ALT AT NH IN 11-5 WIN

Trending: Last 19G: .280 (14-50), 4 2B, 1 HR, 7 RBI, 13 BB (.431 OBP) // Has reached base safely in 8 straight games (6/13 - Present)

- **2025:** Changed his number from #5 to #44 on 5/27...

- **2024:** Spent the majority of the season with Altoona, with a short stint at Triple-A Indianapolis... Batted .188 with 6 2B, 8 HR, 30 RBI and 6 SB in 64G with the Curve... Recorded 2 walk-off hits and finished the season T-3rd on the team with 8 HR... Underwent surgery to repair an injured hamate bone after the season...

- **CURVE CUTS:** Brenden Reese Dixon... Hit .335 with 12 doubles, 10 home runs, 39 RBI and seven stolen bases in 2021 at Weatherford College... Played in 14 games for the University of Texas during the abbreviated 2020 season... Hit .353 and recorded 48 RBI while being named a second-team all-state selection in 2019 for Argyle (TX) High School... Helped Argyle to back-to-back state and national championships in 2018 and 2019... Was also a four-year letterman in football where he was named second team All-State as a senior and earned All-District honors in each of his four seasons... Was also named Argyle's Defensive Back of the Year... Is an avid hunter and fisherman in his freetime... One of the highlights of his '24-25 off-season was hunting with Nick Gonzales and Rowdy Tellez... Enjoys cooking for himself and teammates at the apartments in Altoona... His father is one of the most well-known Chiropractor's in Weatherford, TX, Beau Burrows knows him...

#5 Maikol Escotto

INF

Hometown: Boca Chica, D.R.
Acquired: Trade, NY (2021)
Vitals: 5-11, 180, 6/4/02 (22)
Bat/Throw R/R
Multi-Hit Games (ALT): 4 (1 w/ GBO)
Multi-RBI Games (ALT): 0 (5 w/ GBO)

DATE	LINE	RECENT NOTEABLE PERFORMANCES NOTES
6/1 VS POR	2-3, RBI	HIT GAME-TYING 1B IN 7TH INNING OF 7-5 WIN OVER PORTLAND
6/12 VS ERIE	2-4, RBI	CHASED STARTER J. HAMM FROM GAME IN 3RD WITH 2-STRIKE RBI 1B
6/18 VS RIC	2-4, 2B	SCORED GAME'S FIRST RUN ON RBI 1B FROM CIMILLO IN 2-1 WIN OVER RICHMOND

Trending: Cut his K% from 33.6% in 2024 to 21.8% in 2025 before his promotion from GBO... Recorded a 1.163 OPS in 21 home games w/ GBO, .627 in 17 road games

- **2025:** Began the season with High-A Greensboro and batted .319/.370/.525 with .895 OPS, with 9 2B, 1 3B, 6 HR, 20 RBI, 18-22 SB... Stole 4 bases on 4/6 vs. Asheville... Was suspended for 5 games from April 9-15 after fighting Winston-Salem's Sam Antonacci who intentionally stepped on his first... Batted .380 in 14 April games with a .976 OPS... Promoted to Altoona on 5/30...

- **2024:** Spent the entire season with Greensboro and batted .215/.257/.355 with 6 2B, 8 HR, 31 RBI in 68G...

- **CURVE CUTS:** Maikol Jose Escotto (Maikol)... Name is pronounced "Michael es-coat-oh"... Resides now in Santo Domingo Este... Acquired by the Pirates along with RHP Miguel Yajure, RHP Roansy Contreras and OF Canaan Smith-Njigba, in exchange for RHP Jameson Taillon... Was ranked as a Top-30 prospect in the Yankees minor league system at the time of the trade according to Baseball America (No. 27)... Was also ranked in the Pirates Top-30 in 2021 and 2022...

#24 Duce Gourson

INF

Hometown: San Diego, CA
Acquired: 9th Round, 2024 (UCLA)
Vitals: 6-0, 200, 9/20/02 (22)
Bat/Throw L/R
Multi-Hit Games (ALT): 1
Multi-RBI Games (ALT): 0

DATE	LINE	NOTES	RECENT NOTEABLE PERFORMANCES
6/25 @ CHE	1-4		FIRST DOUBLE-A HIT WAS GROUND BALL OFF 3RD BASE BAG
6/28 @ CHE	3-4, RBI		

Trending: Since returning from IL on 5/31 w/ GBO: 14G: .296/.350/.537, .887 OPS 4 2B, 3 HR, 10 RBI, 6-7 SB // 4-19, 5 K in first 5G w/ ALT

- **2025:** Assigned to Greensboro to begin the season, batted .261/.367/.440 with an .807 OPS in 38 games, earning 9 2B, 5 HR, 17 RBI and 20-22 SB... Was on the IL from May 11-May 30...

- **2024:** Played 22 games with Bradenton and Greensboro, finishing his pro debut with a .203/.379/.270 with 5 2B, 8 RBI and 4-5 SB...

- **CURVE CUTS:** Ethan Royal Gourson (Duce)... Attended Point Loma HS in San Diego... Signed with the Pirates for a bonus of \$187,500... Has played 1B, 2B and 3B since signing with Pittsburgh... Suited up for the Team USA's Collegiate National Team and participated in the Stars vs. Stripes intersquad, reached in 11-of-20 plate appearances in the summer of 2023... Was UCLA's primary second baseman from 2022-24, and posted a career .300/.435/.482 slash line over 168 career games with 49 2B, 21 HR, 119 RBIs, 117 BB, and 37 HBPs ... Was a Freshman All-American in 2022 after collecting 23 doubles, a program record for a freshman ... Named to the All-Pac-12 Team in 2023 after recording career highs in batting (.319), slugging (.515), and home runs... His favorite player at age 10 was Troy Tulowitzki... His hidden talent is that he can juggle...

#54 Mike Jarvis

INF/OF

Hometown: San Diego, CA
Acquired: 6th Round, 2021 (San Diego St.)
Vitals: 5-10, 180, 5/12/98 (26)
Bat/Throw R/R
Multi-Hit Games (ALT): 6
Multi-RBI Games (ALT): 3

DATE	LINE	NOTES	RECENT NOTEABLE PERFORMANCES
5/8 @ ERIE	2-4, SB, R	STARTED AT SS ON SAME DAY HIS YOUNGER BROTHER JIM PLAYED SS FOR ERIE	
5/17 VS HBG	3-4, HR, 3 RBI	HIT 1ST HR OF SZN	
6/26 @ CHE	2-4, SB	THREW OUT GAME-TYING RUN AT HOME WITH THROW FROM RF IN 9TH INNING	
6/29 @ CHE	2-4, 2 2B, 3 RBI, BB	CONTRIBUTED TO 4-RUN 3RD, PLATED INSURANCE RUN IN 7TH OF 6-4 WIN	

Trending: Ranked 4th in EL in SB (12) when he was promoted to Triple-A on 5/26 // Has 2 outfield assists in the series with Chesapeake

- **2025:** Opened the season with Indy, went 1-for-4 with a stolen base in his lone game, was placed on Development List on 4/12... Transferred to ALT on 4/15... Picked up an RBI 1B in his first AB with Curve on 4/16 vs Somerset... Transferred to IND 5/26, played 2G and went 1-6 in 2G, placed on Development List on 6/10, transferred to ALT on 6/14

- **2024:** Spent the season shuttling between Altoona and Indianapolis... Batted .103 (9-for-99)/.194/.172 in 27G with Altoona, stole 4 bases in 5 tries... Opened the season on IL with a shoulder injury... Batted .210/.296/.355 in 30 games with Triple-A Indianapolis, 1 2B, 1 3B, 1 HR, 7 RBI, 4-6 SB... Transferred to ALT on 7/31...

- **CURVE CUTS:** Michael Robert Jarvis (Mike)... Is known as one of the fastest baserunners in the Pirates minor league system... Hit .367 with 17 doubles, five home runs, 32 RBI and 16 stolen bases in 46 games as a red-shirt senior at San Diego State in 2021... Majored in Economics... Was the first of 5 Aztecs drafted in 2021, collegiate teammate Wyatt Hendrie was Pittsburgh's 7th round selection in 2021 and shared the field with Jarvis at Greensboro in 2023... Collegiate teammate Matt Rudick was a 13th round selection by the New York Mets in 2021 and suited up against Altoona with Binghamton... Was a second-team All-Mountain West Conference selection in 2021 while leading the Mountain West in hits (79); also ranked second in runs scored (58) and stolen bases (16), fourth in total bases (117) and fifth in doubles (17)... Ranked fifth among NCAA Division I players in hits per game (1.72) in 2021...His brother, Luke, played baseball at Auburn University and was drafted by the Miami Marlins in the 25th round of the 2018 First-Year Player Draft, he played 48 games with short-season Batavia in 2018 and batted .217... His father, Chip, played football at the University of San Diego... His younger brother, Jim, played 4 years at the University of Alabama and was drafted in the 11th round of the 2023 draft by Detroit...

ALTOONA CURVE POSTION PLAYER NOTES

#19 Mitch Jebb

INF/OF

Hometown: Saginaw, MI
Acquired: 2nd Round, 2023 (Michigan St.)
Vitals: 6-1, 185, 5/13/02 (22)
Bat/Throw L/R
Multi-Hit Games (ALT): 14
Multi-RBI Games (ALT): 2

DATE	LINE	NOTES	RECENT NOTEABLE PERFORMANCES
4/26 @ CHE	3-4, SAC BUNT	3ND 3-HIT GAME OF WEEK VS CHESAPEAKE	
5/4 VS AKR	2-4, RBI	WALK-OFF RBI 1B TO SCORE SIANI AND SECURE 3-2 WIN + SERIES WIN 4-2 VS AKR	
5/15 VS HBG	3-4, 4R, BB	REACHED IN FIRST 4 PA'S - STOLE 3RD IN 5TH INNING	
5/16 VS HBG	3-4, 2B, 3 RBI	2ND STRAIGHT 3-HIT GAME VS HBG	

Trending: Has reached base safely in 10-of-last-14G, ranks 9th among PIT MiLB with a .358 OBP

- **2025:** Earned 3 BB on 4/16 vs Somerset, matching career-high for 7th time in career... Picked up a walk-off 1B on 5/4 vs AKR...
- **2024:** Spent the entire season with High-A Greensboro... Picked up 25 extra base hits and stole 43 bases in 113G... Led Pirates MiLB in SB, T-18th most among all minor league players... Named to the Pirates Spring Breakout roster, where he went 0-for-2 with an RBI as the designated hitter... Batted .218 through play on June 30 before becoming one the South Atlantic League's most productive hitters, ranking fifth in batting average (.297), and OBP (.383), fourth in hits (57), tied fir first in triples (five) and first in runs scored (35) and stolen bases (27)... Hit .330/.381/.420 with 8 RBI and 12-16 SB in 23 August games...
- **CURVE CUTS:** Mitchell Louis Jebb... Became the earliest Spartan taken in the draft since Mark Mulder went No. 2 overall in 1998 to the Oakland Athletics... Became Michigan State's first selection by the Pirates since LHP Cam Vieaux was selected in the 6th round of the 2016 draft... Signed with the Pirates for an under-slot bonus of \$1,647,500... Has spent the majority of his amateur and collegiate career as an infielder, is playing outfield on a regular basis for the first time in his career with the Curve... Is known as one of the fastest baserunners in the Pirates minor league system... Says music is one of his biggest hobbies off the field...

#2 Termarr Johnson

INF

Hometown: Atlanta, GA
Acquired: 1st Round, 2022 (Mays HS (GA))
Vitals: 5-8, 175, 6/11/04 (20)
Bat/Throw L/R
Multi-Hit Games (ALT): 18
Multi-RBI Games (ALT): 3

DATE	LINE	NOTES	RECENT NOTEABLE PERFORMANCES
4/8 @ AKR	1-4, HR, 3 RBI, BB	3R HR IN 4TH HAD EXIT VELO OF 108, ESTIMATED 392 FEET	
4/12 @ AKR	2-5, RBI	1ST MULTI-HIT GAME OF THE SEASON	
4/20 VS SOM	2-5, 2B	SINGLED DURING 9-RUN 7TH INNING	
6/1 VS POR	2-3, HR, 2 RBI, BB	SMASHED 2R HR (424 FT / 112 EXIT) IN 6TH INNING	

Trending: Last 18G: .306 BA hits in 13-of-18... Reached base safely in 65-of-83 G with ALT, has a hit in 48-of-69 games this year... Scored a run in 7 straight games (5/10-18)

- **2025:** Ranked as the No. 87 prospect in baseball according to MLB Pipeline... Has not faced a pitcher younger than him in professional baseball... Opened as the youngest position player in the Eastern League at 20 years old, just two days younger than Reading's Aidan Miller the 7th-youngest player at the level... Picked up a hit in 7 straight games to begin the year, has two 7-game hit streaks this season... Played in 67 games with Altoona before turning 21 on 6/11, 3rd-most games played in Altoona's franchise history by a player younger than 21 years old (McCutchen 138, J. Tabata 83)...
- **2024:** Split the season between Greensboro and Altoona... Became the 3rd-youngest player to suit up for Altoona in team history at 20 years, 2 months and 16 days... Among PIT MiLB, ranked 4th in SB (22) and games played (124)... Entered the season as the No. 1 2B prospect in the game according to MLB Pipeline...
- **CURVE CUTS:** Termarr Johnson... Was rated as the No. 4 prospect in the 2022 MLB Draft according to MLB Pipeline and the "Best Hitter" in the draft class... Was committed to play collegiately at Arizona State... Drafted by the Pirates in the 1st round (4th overall) of the 2022 First-Year Player Draft out of Mays High School (GA)... Signed on July 29, 2022 and received a bonus of \$7,219,000... Is the youngest of four brothers, each of whom have baseball backgrounds... His brother Tervell played baseball at Georgia Tech (21-22), Arizona State (2022), and Compton (Junior) College in 2023 for the Frederick Keys in the MLB Draft League where he posted a .356/.443/.525 batting line with one homer and seven doubles in 16 games... Tervell has since played for UT-Rio Grand Valley and is slated to play the 2025 season at Seattle University... His older brother, Terrenz, composed the song Twin Time (performed under the artist name Levels) which Termarr used as his walk-up song while playing for Single-A Bradenton in 2023... His oldest brother, Tervont, played collegiately at Eastern Kentucky, Georgia State and Georgia Tech and coached for the Frederick Keys of the MLB Draft league in 2023... His mother, Kim, was a track & field athlete at Georgia Tech, running the 200-meter dash...

#13 Aaron McKeithan

C

Hometown: Ashville, NC
Acquired: MiLB Rule 5 2024 (STL)
Vitals: 6-1, 225, 12/13/99 (25)
Bat/Throw R/R
Multi-Hit Games (ALT): 3
Multi-RBI Games (ALT): 1

DATE	LINE	NOTES	RECENT NOTEABLE PERFORMANCES
4/23 @ CHE	2-3, RBI, BB	PICKED UP GO-AHEAD RBI 1B IN 8TH INNING OF 3-2 WIN OVER CHESAPEAKE	
6/8 @ NH	3-5, HR, 2B, RBI	3-3 TO START GAME, 2B IN 6-RUN 5TH INNING, HOMERED IN 6TH INNING IN 11-5 WIN AT NH	
6/11 VS ERIE	1-3, BB	REACHED IN EACH OF FINAL 2 PA'S AND SCORED RUNS BOTH TIMES IN 10-6 W VS ERIE	

Trending: Last 12G (6/8 - Present): 10-32 (.294), 2B, 2 HR, 4 RBI, 3 BB, 6 K

- **2025:** Placed on Development List on 5/1 after Akron went 9-9 SB on 4/30 with him catching... Activated on 5/16...
- **2024:** Spent the entire season at Double-A Springfield as their second catcher... Springfield won a franchise record 78 games and struck out a franchise record 1,279 batters... Caught a combined no-hitter on June 20 at Corpus Christi, the first in franchise history... Batted .264 with 5 2B, 1 3B, 1 HR, 16 RBI, .356 OBP in 55G...
- **CURVE CUTS:** Aaron McKeithan... Drafted by the St. Louis Cardinals in the 16th round (481st overall) of the 2021 First-Year Player Draft out of Charlotte... Selected by the Pirates in the minor league phase of the Rule 5 draft... Attended TC Roberson HS in Asheville, NC... Began his collegiate career at Tulane in 2019, spent one season at State College of Florida and was named 2nd Team All Conference USA in his lone season at UNC Charlotte in 2021... His college teammate at Charlotte, Nate Furman was a 4th round selection of the Cleveland Guardians in 2022 and later was traded to San Francisco in a deal for RHP Alex Cobb, Furman played 13 Eastern League Games for Akron before the trade... Has three older siblings, Joel, Tim and Lydia... His older brother, Joel McKeithan, is the Assistant Hitting Coach for the Chicago White Sox after spending four seasons on staff for the Cincinnati Reds - Joel played at Vanderbilt and NC State, began his coaching career with the Phillies in 2019 and was named the Detroit Tigers Hitting Coordinator for the 2021 season... His older brother, Tim, works for Pirates Player Development beginning in 2017, and is currently the team's Assistant Director of Hitting for a second season after five seasons as a Major League Staff Assistant... His Grandfather, Jerry Sr. played in the minor leagues for the Cardinals from 1951-58... Aaron's Great Uncle, Tim McKeithan, pitched two seasons for the Philadelphia Athletics from 1932-34... Is engaged to his fiance Erin, popped the question in the 2024-25 baseball off-season...

#15 Kervin Pichardo

INF

Hometown: Bronx, NY/Santo Domingo Norte, D.R.
Acquired: Trade - SD (2024)
Vitals: 5-11, 195, 10/15/01 (23)
Bat/Throw R/R
Multi-Hit Games (ALT): 5
Multi-RBI Games (ALT): 6

DATE	LINE	NOTES	RECENT NOTEABLE PERFORMANCES
5/10 @ ERIE	4-4, 2 2B, 2 RBI	SECOND CAREER 4-HIT GAME	
5/15 VS HBG	3-4, HR, 4 RBI, 4 R	SET CAREER-HIGH WITH 4 RUNS, HIT 2R HR IN 1ST INNING. REACHED IN 4-OF-5 PA'S (SAC FLY, BB, 3 H)	
5/17 VS HBG	2-5, HR, RBI	COMBINED WITH JEBB FOR 5 HITS OUT OF T-2 SPOTS IN BATTING ORDER	
6/11 VS ERIE	2-3, 2B, BB	REACHED IN FIRST 3 PA'S, ACCOUNTED FOR 3-OF-7 BASERUNNERS FOR ALT IN 5-2 LOSS TO ERIE	

Trending: Reached in 14-of-20 games in June month, 22 K's

- **2025:** Placed on 7-Day IL with a right thumb sprain on 4/9... It was the first time in his career that he has missed time with an injury... Activated on 4/23, homered in his first at-bat off Orioles LHP Trevor Rogers... Matched his career-high with 4 hits (4-4, 2 2B, 2 RBI) on 5/10 at Erie... Scored a career-high 4 runs on 5/15 vs Harrisburg...
- **2024:** Spent the entire season with Altoona and was named the Team's Most Valuable Player... Led the club with 11 HR (tied with Tsung-Che Cheng) and 106 hits... Recorded career-highs in every major offensive category... Finished the season 5th among PIT MiLB in hits (105), was 1 of 23 players to hit at least 10 HR... Batted .252/.306/.373 with 14 2B, 2 3B, 11 HR, 49 RBI with 8-12 SB...
- **CURVE CUTS:** Kervin Francisco Pichardo... Last name pronounced peach-are-doe... Signed with the Philadelphia Phillies as a non-drafted free agent on June 24, 2019... Traded by the Philadelphia Phillies to the San Diego Padres on March 30, 2022 in exchange for RHP James Norwood... Traded by the San Diego Padres to the Pittsburgh Pirates on March 30, 2024 in exchange for LHP Jackson Wolf... Was born in the Bronx, NY and attended Monroe HS, who's alumni list includes Hall of Famer Hank Greenberg '29 (2x AL MVP)... Also played for the Long Island Tigers travel ball program... Moved to the Dominican Republic at age 15 and trained at the Mejia y Neno Baseball Academy... Has a supreme handle on the english language after growing up in the U.S... Was known for having one of the strongest infield arms in the Padres minor league system...

ALTOONA CURVE POSTION PLAYER NOTES

#7 Sammy Siani OF

Hometown:	Glenside, PA			RECENT NOTEABLE PERFORMANCES	
Acquired:	CB-A Round (2019)				
Vitals:	5-10, 195, 12/14/00 (24)	DATE	LINE	NOTES	
Bat/Throw	L/L	4/6 VS CHE	1-4, HR, 2 RBI	ACCOUNTED FOR ONLY RUNS IN 2-1 W VS CHE - GF JOANNA WAS CELEBRATING B'DAY ON SUN., 4/6	
Multi-Hit Games (ALT):	7	4/26 @ CHE	1-4, HR, 3 RBI	ROCKED 3R HR IN 3RD INNING	
Multi-RBI Games (ALT):	5	4/29 VS AKR	2-3, 2 3B, 3 RBI, BB	BASES CLEARING 3B IN 6TH INNING GAVE CURVE 9-2 LEAD AT TIME, ALSO HAD SAC BUNT	
		5/4 VS AKR	3-4, R	SCORED GAME-WINNING RUN ON JEBB WALK-OFF 1B	

Trending: Has reached base safely in 32-of-45 games this season (includes 4 rehab games)

- **2025:** Placed on 7-Day IL with a L Hamstring injury on 5/15... Returned to the field on June 9 and played 4 rehab games with the FCL (1G) and Bradenton (3G): 2-12, 2B, 2 BB, 1 K... Activated on 6/17...

- **2024:** Was named Altoona's Unsung Hero... Batted .254/.325/.368 with 13 2B, 6 3B, 5 HR, 36 RBI and 14-19 SB in 96G with Altoona... Ranked T-2nd in the Eastern League with 6 3B... Finished the season 3rd among PIT MiLB with 112 hits, was also T-6th in the organization with 16 SB... Suited up in the Arizona Fall League after the year... Batted .375 with a 1.007 OPS in 22 games in Fall League play and was named a Fall Star... Faced former high school teammate LHP Brenden Cellucci on 5/30 vs. Portland...

- **CURVE CUTS:** Samuel James "Sammy" Siani... Was committed to playing baseball at Duke before signing with the Pirates for \$2,150,000... Was ranked by both Baseball America (No. 44) and MLB.com (No. 43) as one of the top draft prospects in the 2019 draft... Was ranked as the No. 1 prospect in the state of Pennsylvania by Baseball America... His older brother Mike was drafted in the 4th round in 2018 by Cincinnati and made his major league debut with the Reds on September 22, 2022 and has since played 141 total games for the Reds and St. Louis Cardinals ... His younger brother, Jake, is an outfielder for Johns Hopkins (Division III)... All three Siani brothers are die-hard fans of the two-time Super Bowl Champion Philadelphia Eagles...

#27 Esmerlyn Valdez OF

Hometown:	San Juan La Maguana, D.R.			RECENT NOTEABLE PERFORMANCES	
Acquired:	Int'l FA (2021)				
Vitals:	6-2, 181, 1/27/04 (21)	DATE	LINE	NOTES	
Bat/Throw	R/R				
Multi-Hit Games (ALT):	0 (25)				
Multi-RBI Games (ALT):	0 (16)				

Trending:

- **2025:** At the time of his promotion to ALT on 7/1, ranked 1st in the SAL in BA (.303), HR (20), RBI (57), SLG% (.592), OPS (.977), Hits (84), 2B (18), XBH (39) in 72G... Leads PIT MiLB in HR (20), and RBI (57)

- **2024:** Played the full season with Single-A Bradenton and batted .226 with 17 2B, 1 3B, 22 HR, 61 RBI in 107G... Was one of four Pirates minor leaguers to hits 20+ HR... Was named an FSL Post-season All-Star by MiLB.com... Ranked among all Pirates farmhands in home runs (3rd), extra-base hits (40, T-3rd), walks (5th), RBI (6th), slugging (7th), OPS (.816, 8th) and total bases (166, 8th)... Also led the Florida State League in home runs and OPS, while also ranking among league leaders in slugging (2nd), extra-base hits (T3rd), RBI (4th), total bases (4th), OBP (5th) and walks (5th)...

- **CURVE CUTS:** Esmerlyn Valdez... Born in Bani in the Dominican Republic... Was signed by Victor Santana on 1/15/2021... Entering his time with Altoona, has played 115G in RF, 64 in LF, 79G at 1B and 54 as DH...

MISCELLANEOUS TEAM INFORMATION

TRANSACTIONS

April - 15 Moves

April 4 Pirates set 28-man roster
 April 9 RHP **Alessandro Ercolani** activated to Altoona
 INF **Kervin Pichardo** placed on 7-Day IL (retro 4/8)
 April 15 C **Shawn Ross** transferred from ALT to IND
 INF **Mike Jarvis** transferred from IND to ALT
 April 17 RHP **Cristofer Melendez** placed on 7-Day IL
 April 18 LHP **Anthony Solometo** placed on 7-Day IL
 C **Shawn Ross** transferred from IND to ALT
 RHP **J.C. Flowers** transferred from FCL to ALT
 April 19 INF **Imanol Vargas** placed on Development List
 RHP **Fineas Del Bonta-Smith** transferred from FCL Pirates to ALT
 April 23 C **Wyatt Hendrie** placed on Development List
 INF **Kervin Pichardo** activated from 7-Day IL
 April 24 RHP **Jarod Bayless** transferred from GBO to ALT
 LHP **Nick Dombkowski** transferred from ALT to IND
 April 27 INF **Spencer Horwitz** begins Major League rehab

May - 18 Moves

May 1 C **Wyatt Hendrie** reinstated from Dev. List
 C **Aaron McKeithan** placed on Dev. List
 May 2 OF **Jase Bowen** placed on 7-Day IL
 RHP **Derek Diamond** placed on 7-Day IL
 INF **Imanol Vargas** reinstated from Dev. List
 May 6 LHP **Hunter Barco** transferred from ALT to IND
 RHP **Garrett McMillan** transferred from GBO to ALT
 RHP **Sean Sullivan** reinstated from 7-Day IL
 INF **Spencer Horwitz** rehab transferred to IND
 RHP **Cristofer Melendez** moved to 60-Day IL
 LHP **Anthony Solometo** moved to 60-Day IL
 May 8 OF **Sammy Siani** placed on 7-Day IL
 May 16 C **Aaron McKeithan** reinstated from Dev. List

May 26 RHP **Po-Yu Chen** transferred from ALT to IND
 May 27 INF **Mike Jarvis** transferred from ALT to IND
 LHP **Blake Townsend** transferred from GBO to ALT
 May 28 RHP **Po-Yu Chen** transferred from IND to ALT
 LHP **Blake Townsend** transferred from ALT to GBO
June - 23 Moves
 June 1 RHP **Garrett McMillan** placed on 7-Day IL
 June 3 LHP **Blake Townsend** transferred from GBO to ALT
 June 6 RHP **Fineas Del Bonta-Smith** transferred from ALT to IND
 RHP **JC Flowers** transferred from ALT to IND
 RHP **Beau Burrows** transferred from GBO to ALT
 C **Shawn Ross** transferred from ALT to IND
 June 8 RHP **Cam Sanders** transferred from ALT to IND
 June 10 RHP **Sean Sullivan** transferred from ALT to IND
 RHP **Fineas Del Bonta-Smith** transferred from IND to ALT
 June 14 INF **Jack Brannigan** placed on 7-Day IL
 INF **Mike Jarvis** transferred from IND to ALT
 June 17 OF **Sammy Siani** activated from 7-Day IL
 LHP **Tyler Samaniego** returned from rehab, transferred from ALT to GBO
 June 19 OF **Jase Bowen** activated from 7-Day IL
 June 22 INF **Imanol Vargas** released from contract
 RHP **Fineas Del Bonta-Smith** released
 June 24 RHP **Brandan Bidois** transferred from GBO to ALT
 RHP **Ryan Harbin** transferred from GBO to ALT
 LHP **Tyler Samaniego** transferred from GBO to ALT
 RHP **Antwone Kelly** transferred from GBO to ALT
 INF **Duce Gourson** transferred from GBO to ALT
 RHP **Jarod Bayless** transferred from ALT to GBO

June 24 OF **Hudson Head** placed on Dev. List

July - 2 Moves

July 1 OF **Esmerlyn Valdez** transferred from GBO to ALT
 C **Omar Alfonzo** transferred from GBO to ALT

UNIVERSITY ORTHOPEDICS INJURY REPORT

Player	Injury	Placed (Retro)	Reinstated
Carlson Reed	Back	April 4	--
Dominic Perachi	Oblique	April 4	--
Tyler Samaniego	Elbow	April 4	June 17
Sean Sullivan	Shoulder	April 4	May 6
Kervin Pichardo	Thumb	April 9 (April 8)	April 23
Cristofer Melendez	R. Elbow	April 17 (April 16)	--
Anthony Solometo	L. Shoulder	April 18 (April 16)	--
Jase Bowen	L. Hand	May 2	June 19
Derek Diamond	Shoulder	May 2	--

Player	Injury	Placed (Retro)	Reinstated
Sammy Siani	Hamstring	May 16 (May 15)	June 17
Garrett McMillan	Elbow	June 1 (May 31)	--
Jack Brannigan	Shoulder	June 14	--

ALTOONA CURVE COACHING STAFF

Andy Fox
Manager (1st Season)
Career Record: 45-94

Andy Fox is the 16th manager in Curve history. Fox's coaching career has seen him serve in several roles, including time with the Rangers, Mariners, Marlins, and Red Sox. He spent the last 14 years in Boston's system, serving as the team's infield coordinator and first base coach. Prior to his time in Boston, Fox served as a first base coach for the Marlins and managed the Rangers Single-A Clinton team in 2006. Fox was drafted in the 2nd round of the 1989 Draft by the Yankees and won two World Series in his nine-year Major League career with New York (1996) and the Florida Marlins (2003) as an infielder.

Matt Ford
Pitching Coach
1st season/12th overall

Ford joins the Curve in 2025 after serving as the Pitching Coach for Low-A Bradenton in 2024. This is his 12th season serving as an instructor in the Pirates system, previously serving in the FCL (2022), Greensboro (2021), as the team's Rehab Pitching Coordinator (2019-20), Bradenton (2017-18), both West Virginia clubs (2015-2016) as well as with Bristol (2014). Ford was Toronto's third round pick in 1999 and made his Major League debut with the Brewers in 2003. He pitched in 25 games and made four starts in his lone Major League season. He began his coaching career at the University of Akron in 2012.

Scott Seabol
Hitting Coach
1st season/10th overall

Seabol comes to Altoona after spending the 2024 season as the Hitting Coach in Bradenton. This is his second season as a Pirates minor league instructor. He joined the Pirates after four seasons as a hitting instructor in the Miami Marlins system (2020-2023) and the New York Yankees (2016-2019). Seabol was drafted by the Yankees in 1996 out of West Virginia University and played 60 Major League games with New York (2001) and the St. Louis Cardinals (2005). His 14-year playing career wrapped up in 2009 after a season in Korea and two seasons in Japan. He is a native of McKeesport, PA.

Casey Harms
Hitting Coach
1st season/11th overall

Harms begins his fifth season as a Pirates instructor in 2025 and joins Altoona after serving as Greensboro's Bench Coach in 2024. Harms joined the Pirates in 2021 as the Hitting Coach in the FCL. He played outfield at Division III Occidental College in Los Angeles and went on to coach in the collegiate ranks at UC Santa Barbara (2013-2018) and Santa Barbara City College (2019-2021). He also spent two seasons as the Manager for the Waterloo Bucks in the Northwoods League (2019-20) and led the team to a 28-13 record and a league championship in 2020.

Gary Green
Bench Coach
4th season/20th overall

Green returns for a fourth season in Altoona and his 20th season as a minor league instructor with the Pirates. He has previously served as the Bench Coach in Indianapolis (2022) as well as the Minor League Infield Coordinator/Roving Field Instructor for the Pirates (2011-2021). A Pittsburgh native, Green's father, Fred, won a World Series with the Pirates in 1960. Green spent 11 seasons managing in the Tigers minor league system (99-10). A former Major League infielder for parts of five seasons, Green was drafted 27th overall by the Padres in 1984 and played on Team USA in the 1984 Olympic Games.

PIRATES ORGANIZATIONAL REPORT



MLB/PIITSBURGH

Record/Place: 36-50/5th NL Central
Yesterday: 7-0 W vs St. Louis

Today: vs St. Louis at 6:40 p.m. - RHP Paul Skenes

Notes:

- **Spencer Horwitz** went 2-for-4 with a double and his second home run of the season last night in a 7-0 win over the Cardinals.
 - **Andrew Heaney** earned the win, tossing 6.2 scoreless innings in the start, allowing three hits with one walk and seven strikeouts.
 - **Chase Shugart** tossed the final 2.1 innings with a strikeout.



AAA/INDIANAPOLIS

Record/Place: 4-2, 46-34 /T-1st IL West
Yesterday: 3-2 W vs Omaha (Sun)

Today: @ Louisville at 6:35 p.m. - RHP Drake Fellows

Notes:

- **Ji-Hwan Bae** had two hits with an RBI and a run scored in a 3-2 win over Omaha on Sunday.
 - **Nick Yorke** had two RBI with a base hit in the win.
 - **Hunter Barco** tossed six innings in the start, allowing one run on one hit with no walks and seven strikeouts.
 - **Michael Darrell-Hicks** earned the win with a scoreless inning in relief.



HIGH-A/GREENSBORO

Record/Place: 7-2, 52-22 /T-1st SAL North
Yesterday: 7-0 W vs Winston-Salem (Sun)

Today: vs Aberdeen at 6:30 p.m. - RHP Carlson Reed

Notes:

- **Javier Rivas** went 2-for-5 with his 16th home run of the season in a 7-0 win for Greensboro on Sunday.
 - **Esmerlyn Valdez** hit his 20th home run of the season in the win.
 - **Connor Wietgreffe** tossed three scoreless innings in the start with three strikeouts.
 - **Jake Shirk** earned the win with a scoreless inning in relief.



LOW-A/BRADENTON

Record/Place: 5-3, 35-39 /2nd FSL West
Yesterday: 3-3 SUSP @ Dunedin (Sun)

Today: vs Fort Myers at 6:30 p.m. - TBD

Notes:

- **Edward Florentino** went 2-for-3 with a double and an RBI in a 5-4 loss to Dunedin on Saturday.
 - **Richard Ramirez** had two RBI in the loss.
 - **Matt Ager** tossed four scoreless innings in the start with two strikeouts.
 - **Joshua Loenschorn** tossed a scoreless inning in relief.

MISCELLANEOUS STATS

2025 STARTS BY POSITION

Player	C	1B	2B	3B	SS	LF	CF	RF	DH
Bowen	--	--	--	--	--	5	8	11	2
Brannigan	--	--	--	14	41	--	--	--	4
Cimillo	--	39	--	--	--	--	--	--	22
Dixon	--	21	--	20	--	--	--	--	7
Escotto	--	--	1	--	10	8	--	2	--
Gonzalez	--	--	--	--	--	21	--	21	5
Gourson	--	1	--	4	--	--	--	--	--
Head	--	--	--	--	--	5	4	15	3
Hendrie	22	--	--	--	--	4	--	--	1
Horwitz	--	4	--	--	--	--	--	--	1
Jarvis	--	--	1	6	7	7	7	3	--
Jebb	--	--	15	--	--	--	45	--	7
Johnson	--	--	57	--	--	--	--	--	11
McKeithan	25	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1
Pichardo	--	--	--	28	15	--	--	--	3
Ross	27	--	--	2	1	--	--	--	--
Siani	--	--	--	--	--	8	10	22	--
Vargas	--	9	--	--	--	16	--	--	7

2025 STARTS BY BATTING ORDER

Player	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th
Bowen	--	5	1	1	4	5	6	1	3
Brannigan	--	1	7	44	5	2	--	--	--
Cimillo	--	--	4	19	27	6	5	--	--
Dixon	--	--	--	4	3	5	14	9	13
Escotto	1	10	--	--	--	5	1	1	3
Gonzalez	--	--	--	--	7	14	12	12	2
Gourson	--	--	--	--	--	2	3	--	--
Head	--	--	--	--	--	--	2	13	12
Hendrie	--	--	--	--	--	1	3	10	13
Horwitz	2	3	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Jarvis	1	9	--	--	1	5	7	4	4
Jebb	41	17	--	--	--	1	3	2	3
Johnson	29	9	30	--	--	--	--	--	--
McKeithan	--	--	--	--	--	1	2	10	13
Pichardo	--	18	--	3	10	6	3	3	3
Ross	--	--	--	2	3	7	7	8	3
Siani	--	2	31	--	5	2	--	--	--
Vargas	--	--	1	1	9	12	6	1	2

OUTFIELD ASSISTS

Player	Total	Last Assist
Maikol Escotto	3	6/19 vs RIC
Wyatt Hendrie	1	5/29 vs POR G2
Mike Jarvis	3	6/27 @ CHE
Sammy Siani	3	5/11 @ ERI
Imanol Vargas	1	5/16 vs HBG

THE LAST TIME...

Altoona scored 10 or more runs (game)..... 10, 6/12/25 vs Erie
 Altoona scored 10 or more runs (inning).....10, 8/7/10 at Harrisburg
 Altoona scored 15 or more runs (game)..... 19*, 5/22/22 vs Richmond
 Opponent scored 10 or more runs (game)..... 10, 5/24/25 at Akron
 Opponent scored 10 or more runs (inning) 10, 6th inning, 8/10/24 at Portland
 Opponent scored 15 or more runs (game).....15, 6/24/23 vs Bowie

Altoona collected 15+ hits in a game 17, 6/8/25 at New Hampshire
 Altoona collected 20+ hits in a game.....20, 8/24/21 vs. Richmond
 Opponent collected 15+ hits in a game 16, 4/13/25 at Akron
 Opponent collected 20+ hits in a game 20, 9/3/18 at Bowie

Altoona hits an inside-the-park HR.....Carter Bins 4/23/22 vs. New Hampshire
 Altoona hits a walk-off HR..... Matt Fraizer, 3-run home run, 8/30/24 vs. New Hampshire
 Altoona hits a pinch-hit HR.....Shawn Ross, Grand Slam, 4/20/25 vs. Somerset
 Altoona hits a grand slam Nick Cimillo, 5/31/25 vs. Portland
 Altoona hits back-to-back HRs..... Jase Bowen/Eli Wilson, 9/15/24 vs Richmond
 Altoona hits HRs from both sides of plate..... Endy Rodriguez, 9/1/22 vs Akron
 Altoona hits leadoff HR to start game Tsung-Che Cheng, 6/6/24 at Richmond
 Altoona pitcher hits a HR.....Beau Sulser, 5/14/19 at Binghamton (2)
 Altoona hits Multi-HR.....Dustin Peterson (2), 6/9/24 at Richmond

Opponent hits an inside-the-park HR Daniel Cabrera / Eric De La Rosa, 9/10/21 vs. Erie
 Opponent hits a walk-off HR.....Jake Holton, Two-Run HR in 12th, 5/7/25 at Erie
 Opponent hits a pinch-hit HR.....Art Charles, 6/11/15 at Reading
 Opponent hits a grand slam.....Cayden Wallace, 5/18/25 vs. Harrisburg
 Opponent hits back-to-back HRs Alex Binelas/Phillip Sikes, 8/10/24 at Portland
 Opponent hits leadoff HR to start gameTravis Bazzana, 4/29/25 vs. Akron
 Opponent hits Multi-HR.....Caden Rose (2), 5/29/25 vs. Portland (1)

Altoona batter hits for the cycle 4/9/13, Andrew Lambo at Akron
 Altoona batter records 5+ hits in a game.....5, 16x, last - Cal Mitchell, 8/24/21 vs.Richmond
 Altoona batter has 5+ RBI in a game..... 5, Nick Cimillo, 5/31/25 vs. Portland

Opponent batter hits for the cycle..... Lou Montanez, 8/1/08 vs. Bowie
 Opponent batter records 5+ hits in a game Juan Perez, 4/20/12 vs. Richmond
 Opponent batter has 5+ RBI in a game.....5, Juan Brito, 8/27/23 vs Akron

Altoona threw a no-hitter (9 IP) (one pitcher) N/A
 Altoona threw a no-hitter (9 IP) (combined).....
 E. Hollingsworth/J. Townsend/J. Ramos/R. Beckman, 7/25/13 at New Hampshire
 Altoona threw a no-hitter (7 IP) (combined)..... N/A

Opponent threw a no-hitter (9 IP)Casey Mize, 4/29/19 vs. Erie
 Opponent threw a no hitter (9 IP) (combined).....
 C. McDermott, N. Hoffman, E. Lucas 5/19/23 at Bowie
 Opponent threw a no-hitter (7 IP)Rafael Sanchez, 6/7/25 at New Hampshire (1)
 Opponent threw a no-hitter (7 IP) (combined)
C. James/C. Kimball/Z. Zinicola, 6/10/10 vs. Harrisburg (2)

Altoona threw a complete-game shutout (9 IP) Domingo Robles, 8/26/19 vs. Akron
 Altoona threw a complete-game shutout (7 IP) Domingo Robles, 6/8/19 vs. Akron (1)
 Altoona threw back-to-back shutouts (team) 7/3/24 - 7/4/24 vs. Harrisburg

Opponent threw a complete-game shutout (9 IP).....Casey Mize, 4/29/19 vs. Erie
 Opponent threw a complete-game shutout (7 IP) David Sandlin, 5/29/25 vs. Portland (1)
 Opponent threw back-to-back shutouts (team).... 6/3, 6/4, 6/5, 6/7/25 (1) at New Hampshire

Altoona wins in last at bat.....Brenden Dixon 2-Run HR, 8th inning, 5/31/25 vs Portland (2)
 Opponent wins in last at bat.....Reed Trimble RBI -1B, 10th inning, 6/27/25 at Chesapeake

Altoona swept doubleheader 6/21/23 vs. Bowie
 Opponent swept doubleheader 6/20/25 vs. Richmond

Altoona pitcher strikes out:
 10..... Wilber Dotel, 5/4/25 vs Akron
 11 Thomas Harrington, 7/10/24 vs Bowie
 12+ 12, Braxton Ashcraft, 6/6/24 at Richmond

Opponent pitcher strikes out:
 10 Parker Messick, 6/29/24 vs Akron
 11 Alex Pham, 4/22/25 vs Chesapeake
 12+ 12, Cade Cavalli, 7/30/21 vs. Harrisburg

Altoona turns a triple playCharles McAdoo/Kervin Pichardo/Nick Cimillo (5-4-3), 7/24/24 at Erie
 Opponent turns a triple playKellin Deglan/Kyle Holder (2-6), 7/15/19 vs. Trenton

2025 GAME-BY-GAME

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME/RESULT	REC	PLACE	G (+/-)	WINNER	LOSER	SAVE	TIME	GT TEMP	ATT.
7/13	@ Binghamton	1:05 PM									
In-Season All-Star Break July 14-17											
7/18	Akron	6:30 PM									
7/19	Akron	6:00 PM									
7/20	Akron	6:00 PM									
7/22	Chesapeake	6:30 PM									
7/23	Chesapeake	12:05 PM									
7/24	Chesapeake	6:00 PM									
7/25	Chesapeake	6:00 PM									
7/26	Chesapeake	6:30 PM									
7/27	Chesapeake	1:00 PM									
7/29	@ Portland	6:00 PM									
7/30	@ Portland	6:00 PM									
7/31	@ Portland	12:05 PM									
Curve in July: 0-0, Team BA: .000 (T-1st), Team ERA 0.00 (T-1st)											
8/1	@ Portland	6:00 PM									
8/2	@ Portland	6:00 PM									
8/3	@ Portland	1:00 PM									
8/5	Hartford	6:30 PM									
8/6	Hartford	6:00 PM									
8/7	Hartford	6:00 PM									
8/8	Hartford	6:00 PM									
8/9	Hartford	6:30 PM									
8/10	Hartford	1:00 PM									
8/12	@ Richmond	6:35 PM									
8/13	@ Richmond	6:35 PM									
8/14	@ Richmond	6:35 PM									
8/15	@ Richmond	6:35 PM									
8/16	@ Richmond	6:05 PM									
8/17	@ Richmond	5:05 PM									
8/19	Reading	6:00 PM									
8/20	Reading	6:00 PM									
8/21	Reading	6:00 PM									
8/22	Reading	6:00 PM									
8/23	Reading	6:00 PM									
8/24	Reading	6:00 PM									
8/26	@ Harrisburg	6:30 PM									
8/27	@ Harrisburg	6:30 PM									
8/28	@ Harrisburg	6:30 PM									
8/29	@ Harrisburg	7:00 PM									
8/30	@ Harrisburg	6:00 PM									
8/31	@ Harrisburg	1:00 PM									
Curve in August: 0-0, Team BA: .000 (T-1st), Team ERA 0.00 (T-1st)											
9/2	Richmond	6:00 PM									
9/3	Richmond	6:00 PM									
9/4	Richmond	6:00 PM									
9/5	Richmond	6:00 PM									
9/6	Richmond	6:00 PM									
9/7	Richmond	1:00 PM									
9/9	@ Erie	6:05 PM									
9/10	@ Erie	6:05 PM									
9/11	@ Erie	6:05 PM									
9/12	@ Erie	6:05 PM									
9/13	@ Erie	6:05 PM									
9/14	@ Erie	1:35 PM									
Curve in September: 0-0, Team BA: .000 (T-1st), Team ERA 0.00 (T-1st)											

2025 ALTERNATE IDENTITIES

LOS PECES DORADOS



BACK in 2025 is the return of our Copa de la Diversión brand, Los Peces Dorados! "Copa de la Diversión™" or "Fun Cup™" is a season-long event series specifically designed to embrace the culture and values that resonate most with Minor League Baseball™ teams' local U.S. Hispanic communities. When deciding on an Altoona Curve Copa de la Diversión identity, "Peces Dorados" made the biggest splash. Translating to "Gold Fish," this rebranded identity pays homage to a fan-favorite mascot in Curve, PA, Al Tuna. Los Peces Dorados will suit up for six home dates in 2025 with our players wearing specialty uniforms as we acknowledge the rich history of Hispanic culture in baseball! The six Tuesday dates include April 15, May 13, June 10, July 1, August 19, and September 2.

ALL HAIL THE RAIL KINGS



The Altoona Rail Kings were a former independent baseball team who played at Veterans Field in Altoona for two seasons from 1996-1997. The team participated in the North Atlantic League in 1996, finishing 36-42, and in the Heartland League in 1997, making the playoffs with an even 36-36 record. The Rail Kings relocated to Huntington, West Virginia when Altoona was awarded the Pirates Double-A affiliate in 1998. We have recreated the brand for the first time with fresh white uniforms and green caps that resemble their original look. The Rail Kings will be in action every Thursday at PNG Field this season!