



GAME NOTES

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FREDERICKSBURG NATIONALS (0-0) at CAROLINA MUDCATS (0-0)

Friday, April 4 | 6:30 p.m. | Five County Stadium | Game 1 of 132 | Broadcast: FredNats B.N./MiLB.tv/Bally Live

RHP Bryan Polanco vs. RHP Jack Hostetler

UPCOMING GAMES AND PROBABLE STARTERS

DATE	OPPONENT	PROBABLE PITCHERS	FIRST PITCH (ET)
Saturday, April 5	at Carolina	RHP Alexander Meckley vs. RHP Bryce Meccage	6:30 p.m.
Sunday, April 6	at Carolina	RHP Yoel Tejada Jr. vs. RHP Travis Smith	1:00 p.m.
Monday, April 7	OFF		

LET'S RUN IT BACK: The fifth season of Fredericksburg Nationals baseball begins tonight in Zebulon, N.C. at Five County Stadium against the Carolina Mudcats, Single-A affiliate of the Milwaukee Brewers. This opening weekend matchup is a rematch of the 2024 North Divisional playoffs, where Fredericksburg swept Carolina two games to none en route to the league championship. These two teams had the top two records in the entire Carolina League in 2024 as well. Returning FredNat Bryan Polanco gets the Opening Day nod for Fredericksburg on the mound. Polanco made 22 appearances and 17 starts for the FredNats in 2024, which is the most of any returning FredNat on the Opening Day roster. Polanco has excelled in road starts in his career, posting a career 2.43 ERA in starts away from home, the vast majority of those starts coming in 2024. He faces Carolina righty Jack Hostetler, who will be making his professional debut after signing with the Brewers in late July 2024. Hostetler pitched collegiately at Division III Whitman College in Walla Walla, Washington.

ROSTER BREAKDOWN: While the FredNats don't have a ton of Top-30 prospect talent on this Opening Day roster, the team does have a wealth of experience returning, with 20 players out of 30 on the Opening Day roster having played for the FredNats before, and eight returners who played in the 2024 playoffs. Additionally, nine members of Washington's 2024 draft class appear on the Opening Day roster. Opening Day roster players that participated in the 2024 playoffs include Merritt Beeker, Adam Bloebaum, Robert Cranz, Alexander Meckley, Kevin Bazzell, Jorgelys Mota, Nate Ochoa and Cristhian Vaquero.

NOT TOO FLASHY: In a departure from the last three seasons where the FredNat Opening Day rosters were littered with Top-30 prospects, this year's FredNat Opening Day roster only has two of MLB Pipeline's Top-30 Nationals prospects, No. 14 Kevin Bazzell and No. 27 Cristhian Vaquero. Both are returners from 2024, and both played roles in the 2024 championship. The most returners are on the pitching staff, with 10 returning pitchers - primarily relief pitchers - from the team that had the third best bullpen ERA in the Carolina League, the second most saves, and protected 93% of leads after seven innings and 98% of leads after eight innings.

OPENING DAY HISTORY: Since becoming the Fredericksburg Nationals, the team is 2-2 on Opening Day, winning the last two after dropping the first two Opening Day games after the move from Potomac. The FredNats have lost the two Opening Day games away from home in 2021 at Lynchburg and 2022 at Delmarva, but won the last two Opening Days at home against the Hillcats in 2023 and against the Shorebirds in 2024. This is the first time since the 2014 championship season in Potomac that the franchise has played Carolina on Opening Day. That year, the P-Nats lost 6-3 on Opening Day at Five County Stadium.

AGAINST THE MUDCATS: Fredericksburg ended Carolina's penultimate season at Five County Stadium in the Divisional Playoffs last season, sweeping the Mudcats two games to none on the way to the 2024 league title. Including the playoffs, since the team has been in Fredericksburg, the FredNats are 23-15 against Carolina...the series has been very close with FXBG holding a 157-145 advantage in the run column. After 2025, the Mudcats will move 30 minutes east to Wilson, N.C., where they will rebrand and become the Wilson Warbirds. A new stadium is being built in downtown Wilson and the team will continue to be affiliated with the Brewers in the Carolina League.

THIS DAY IN FREDNAT HISTORY: This is the earliest Opening Day since the franchise moved to Fredericksburg, so this is the first time the FredNats have ever played on April 4.

2024 CHAMPIONS: The 2024 Fredericksburg Nationals won the franchise's sixth total Carolina League championship last September, defeating the Kannapolis Cannon Ballers two games to one to capture the crown. It was the franchise's first since moving to Fredericksburg in 2020, and the first since the Potomac Nationals won the Carolina League in 2014. The FredNats broke the Charleston RiverDogs' run of three titles in a row, and became the first non-Charleston team to win the league since MiLB realigned to its current leagues in 2021.

NEW SKIPPER IN TOWN: After Jake Lowery's third season as Manager of the FredNats ended in a Carolina League championship in 2024, the FredNats welcome Billy McMillon as the third Manager in Fredericksburg franchise history. McMillon, 53, has spent the last three seasons in the Nationals organization as the Development Coach for Triple-A Rochester. Prior to joining the Nationals, he coached for over a decade in the Boston organization, managing at all four full-season levels and also spending three seasons (2016-18) as the organization's base running and outfield coordinator. He also played parts of six seasons in the Major Leagues with Oakland, Detroit, Philadelphia and Florida. He's joined on the staff by returning Pitching Coach Justin Lord, returning Hitting Coach Mike Habas, Development Coach Luis Ordaz, returning Athletic Trainer Jacob Meyer, Strength & Conditioning Coach Mike Reiskind, and Performance Analyst Samantha Unger.

A LASTING LEGACY: The Fredericksburg Nationals adopt the franchise history of their predecessors in the Carolina League dating back to 1978...the Alexandria Dukes (1978, 1980-83) and Alexandria Mariners (1979) played at Four Mile Run Park in Alexandria, Virginia...the Prince William Pirates (1984-1986), Prince William Yankees (1987-1988), Prince William Cannons (1989-1998), Potomac Cannons (1999-2004) and Potomac Nationals (2005-2019) played at G. Richard Pfitzner Stadium in Woodbridge, Virginia...the franchise has won six Carolina League championships, as the Dukes in 1982, as the Yankees in 1989, and as the Nationals in 2008, 2010 and 2014. The franchise won its first league title as the Fredericksburg Nationals in 2024.

BY THE NUMBERS

Overall.....	0-0
Home.....	0-0
Road.....	0-0
vs. Carolina.....	0-0
Last 10 games.....	0-0
Record in series.....	0-0
Series openers.....	0-0
Series finales.....	0-0
Doubleheaders.....	0-0
April.....	0-0
May.....	0-0
June.....	0-0
July.....	0-0
August.....	0-0
September.....	0-0
Day games.....	0-0
Night games.....	0-0
vs. North.....	0-0
vs. South.....	0-0
vs. LH starter.....	0-0
vs. RH starter.....	0-0
Scoring first.....	0-0
Scoring last.....	0-0
Up after 7/8.....	0-0/0-0
Extra innings.....	0-0
1-run games.....	0-0
Shutouts.....	0-0
Walk-offs.....	0-0
+/-.....	-- (0-0)
Most over .500.....	(--)
Most under .500.....	(--)
Longest W streak.....	(--)
Longest L streak.....	(--)
White jerseys.....	0-0
Gray jerseys.....	0-0
Navy jerseys.....	0-0
Red jerseys.....	0-0
Military jerseys.....	0-0
'Burg jerseys.....	0-0
Copa jerseys.....	0-0

BRYAN POLANCO - RHP

#24

Height: 6-2 Weight: 230 B/T: R/R Age: 23 (9/12/2001 in Santo Domingo, DR) Acquired: International Free Agent, 2021

2024: 7-4, 4.06 ERA

CAREER: 15-8, 4.40 ERA

REPERTOIRE: FB, SNK, CUT, CH, SL

GETTING THE BALL: Bryan Polanco got the nod to start on Opening Day this year after making 22 appearances and 17 starts for the FredNats in 2024. His 17 games started tied for the 3rd most by any Fredericksburg pitcher last year and the most of any returning FredNat on the Opening Day roster this year.

TOUGH TO PICK UP: Polanco gave up 89 hits in 93.0 innings pitched last year, fewer than a hit an inning. Opponents hit .255 against the FredNat righthander.

STELLAR START: Polanco's seasons have consistently gotten off to strong starts. The righty owns a 2.81 career ERA in the month of April across 16.0 career IP. Between April, May and June, Polanco has posted a career 2.97 ERA in 63.2 IP.

ROAD WINNER: Polanco has done his best work across his career when he has pitched on the road. In 55.2 career innings on the road, he has spun a miniscule 2.43 ERA, allowing just 43 hits in the process.

AGAINST THE MUDCATS: Polanco has made four career appearances against Carolina over the years. He has pitched the most innings (14.1) against the Mudcats of any pitcher on the FredNats' Opening Day roster, owning a 1-1 record with a 6.28 ERA. Only Merrick Baldo (5) and Matthew Bollenbacher (5) have made more appearances against the Mudcats than Polanco among pitchers on the current Fredericksburg pitching staff.

Recent Appearances ('24)

DATE	OPP.	DECISION	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K	HR
6/19	vs DE	W	6.0	4	1	1	1	8	0
6/25	@ SAL	L	5.0	7	2	2	1	6	1
6/30	@ SAL	W	6.0	1	0	0	0	7	0
7/6	@ DEL	ND	5.0	6	2	2	2	1	0
7/13	vs CAR	W	5.0	2	0	0	3	2	0
7/24	vs DEL	L	1.1	7	7	7	1	1	1
7/30	@ LYN	ND	6.0	5	3	3	1	9	1
8/6	vs CAR	L	2.0	7	7	7	3	3	1
8/11	vs CAR	ND	2.0	2	2	2	1	1	0
8/17	vs SAL	ND	4.0	3	0	0	1	4	0
8/23	@ COL	ND	4.0	1	0	0	4	2	0

Career Highs:

IP: 6.0, 7/30/24 @ LYN

SO: 9, 7/30/24 @ LYN

NP: 94, 7/30/24 @ LYN

	Dec.	IP	H	R	ER	K	BB	HR	ERA
APRIL TOTALS (Career)	3-0	16.0	10	5	5	13	11	2	2.81
MAY TOTALS (Career)	1-0	21.1	20	12	11	13	11	4	4.64
JUNE TOTALS (Career)	2-2	26.1	26	6	5	25	7	2	1.71
JULY TOTALS (Career)	1-1	17.1	20	12	12	13	7	2	6.23
AUG. TOTALS (Career)	0-1	12.0	13	9	9	10	9	1	6.75
SEPT. TOTALS (Career)	0-1	6.0	6	3	3	3	0	2	4.50
HOME GAMES (Career)		43.1	52	31	30	37	21	7	6.23
AWAY GAMES (Career)		55.2	43	16	15	40	24	6	2.43
DAY GAMES (Career)		32.0	26	15	15	24	14	6	4.22
NIGHT GAMES (Career)		67.0	69	32	30	53	31	7	4.03
VS LEFT (Career)		49.1	48	-	-	35	17	6	-
VS RIGHT (Career)		49.1	47	-	-	42	28	7	-

NEXT GAME'S STARTER: RHP Alexander Meckley (0-0, 0.00)

Nationals' 12th round pick in the 2024 MLB Draft - Did not allow a run in 9.1 innings out of the FredNat bullpen last year



BILLY MCMILLON - MANAGER

#41

1st Season | Previously: Development Coach, Triple-A Rochester

McMillon, 53, joined Washington in 2022 and has spent the last three seasons as the Development Coach for Triple-A Rochester. McMillon played parts of six Major League seasons with four different organizations, including the Oakland Athletics (2001-04), Detroit Tigers (2000-01), Philadelphia Phillies (1997), and Florida Marlins (1996-97). The former Clemson Tiger was a three-time International League All-Star and the 1996 IL Rookie of the Year with Charlotte, earning him induction into the IL Hall of Fame in 2019 and Charlotte's Round Table of Honor in 2022. McMillon was initially selected in the eighth round of the 1993 MLB Draft by Florida. He replaces Jake Lowery, who managed the FredNats the last three seasons, culminating in a championship last year. Lowery will manage High-A Wilmington in 2025.

Prior to joining Washington, McMillon coached in the Boston Red Sox organization for over a decade. He managed the Worcester Red Sox (Triple-A) in their inaugural season in 2021 after managing Boston's former Triple-A affiliate Pawtucket in 2019. He was set to lead the PawSox again in 2020 before the cancellation of the MiLB season. Prior to managing at the Triple-A level, McMillon was the Minor League Outfield and Baserunning Coordinator for Boston from 2016-18 after managing for six seasons in the organization with Double-A Portland (2014-15), High-A Salem (2012-13), and Single-A Greenville (2010-11). His coaching career began in 2008 when he was Greenville's Hitting Coach.



JUSTIN LORD - PITCHING COACH

#33

3rd Season | Previously: Pitching Coach, Double-A Harrisburg

Lord, 45, returns to Fredericksburg for a third season in 2025 after leading the FredNats' championship pitching staff last season, including the 2024 Carolina League Pitcher of the Year Travis Sykora.

This is Lord's fifth total season coaching in the Washington organization after a six-year professional playing career and several seasons coaching in the Baltimore system. The Alabama native and Florida State alum was scheduled to be the Fredericksburg Pitching Coach in the canceled 2020 season, and was the Pitching Coach for one season in Double-A Harrisburg prior to joining the FredNats in 2023.



MIKE HABAS - HITTING COACH

#47

2nd Season | Previously: Hitting Coach, ACL Brewers

Habas, 34, returns to Fredericksburg from the 2024 championship staff for his second season with Washington after leading the FredNat offense to a highly successful season, finishing in the top third of the league in virtually every meaningful offensive category.

Prior to joining the Nationals, he spent the previous four seasons coaching in the Milwaukee Brewers organization, most recently as the Hitting Coach for the ACL Brewers in 2022 and 2023. Prior to joining Milwaukee, he was an Assistant Coach for the independent Gary SouthShore RailCats. While coaching with Gary, he was also the Head Coach at Prairie State College, a Junior College in the Chicago area.



LUIS ORDAZ - DEVELOPMENT COACH

#3

1st Season | Previously: Manager, FCL Nationals

Ordez, 49, joins the FredNat coaching staff in the Development Coach role after managing the Florida Complex League Nationals in 2024.

He played parts of seven seasons in the Major Leagues, appearing in 206 career games with the St. Louis Cardinals, Kansas City Royals and Tampa Bay Devil Rays. Ordez has coached in the Washington organization for over a decade, and was the Hitting Coach for the Potomac Nationals for four seasons from 2016-19. He replaces Carmelo Jaime, who will manage the FCL Nationals in 2025 after three seasons in Fredericksburg.

FULL ROSTER

#	PLAYER
2	Elijah Nunez
3	Luis Ordez
4	Kevin Bazzell
5	Everett Cooper III
7	Christian Fagnant
8	Randal Diaz
10	Erik Tolman
11	Roismar Quintana
12	Jackson Ross
13	Nate Ochoa
14	Moises Gallardo
15	Yoander Rivero
16	Kevin Dowdell
17	Merrick Baldo
18	Gavin Bruni
21	Davian Garcia
22	Cristhian Vaquero
23	Carlos Tavares
24	Bryan Polanco
25	Nick Peoples
26	Merritt Beeker
27	Ryan Minckler
28	Matt Bollenbacher
29	Jorgelys Mota
30	Angel Roman
31	Adam Bloebaum
32	Erick Mejia
33	Justin Lord
34	Austin Amaral
35	Yoel Tejada Jr.
36	Robert Cranz
37	Alexander Meckley
38	Nate Rombach
41	Billy McMillon
47	Mike Habas

#34

- Austin Bergevine Amaral...returns to Fredericksburg after playing at three different levels of the Nationals organization last year...13 total appearances with four in the FCL, nine in FXBG and four in A+ Wilmington...posted a 4.03 total ERA in 38.0 IP with 34 K's and 24 BB...his 3.09 ERA in FXBG was his best at any level last year (23.1 IP)...promoted to Wilmington in mid-August before his first appearance August 22nd
- Pitched collegiately at Stetson for three seasons with a career 3.15 ERA across 142.2 IP for the Hatters...was a All-ASUN Second Team selection in 2023...started as a reliever in his first two seasons with three starts in 28 appearances before becoming a 15-game starter in 2023 as a junior...second-most starts in the ASUN...led the Hatters in ERA both his sophomore and junior seasons
- Made four consecutive appearances without allowing an ER for the FredNats last July, including one of three starts he made in FXBG...a total of 9.1 IP

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#17

- Played with the FredNats from wire to wire last season, twirling a 4.20 ERA across 45.0 IP with 56 strikeouts...his 37 appearances were the second-most by any FredNat pitcher...finished third on the team with six saves, going 6/7 on SVO...pitched the 9th inning in FXBG's first nine-inning no hitter on 8/9 vs Carolina, struck out the last two batters to finish the game
- Pitched three seasons at Loyola Marymount (LMU), almost exclusively as a reliever with two starts in 39 total appearances...had a 3.87 ERA in 79.0 IP with 73 strikeouts to 18 walks (4.06 K:BB ratio)
- Made one appearance in the FCL in 2023 before joining the FXBG bullpen for his debut on 8/11 @ LYN...proved to be a valuable piece out of the bullpen during the FredNats' late-season playoff push, allowed just three ER in 17 IP (1.59 ERA)...did not allow an ER in seven of his nine appearances in '23
- Would be a herpetologist (Study of reptiles/amphibians) if he wasn't a baseball player

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#26

- Merritt Erastus Beeker...promoted to Fredericksburg on 8/20 last year...made pro debut the next day @ COL...finished his first pro season allowing 8 ER in 6.1 IP for the FredNats...made five appearances with the last two of his season both being scoreless
- Spent his first two college seasons playing for East Carolina, then transferred to Ball State for 2024...covered 18.1 innings with the Pirates in 19 appearances but had a bigger role for Ball State...made 15 starts for the Cardinals, winning the MAC Pitcher of the Year award with a 4.11 ERA in 81.0 innings and 128 K's against 32 BB
- Pitched for the Cotuit Kettleers in the historic Cape Cod League last summer, allowing 1 ER in 11.1 IP
- Cousin Clark Beeker played in the Twins organization from 2016-18

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#31

- Adam Bryce Bloebaum, pronounced "Blue-Baum"...signed as a free agent with the Nationals last season after beginning the summer with the Gateway Grizzlies (Frontier League)
- Made 16 relief appearances in the FCL last year with a 2.00 ERA in 18.0 IP and 22 K's...was promoted to FXBG in late-August and made four appearances for the FredNats down the stretch of the regular season (2 ER in 7.0 IP, 15 K's) and two in the postseason (1.1 scoreless IP)
- Started his collegiate career at Pittsburgh in 2020, made four appearances before the season was canceled...transferred to Washington where he split time as the Sunday starter and a reliever (16/34 GS)... had a 4.59 ERA in 102.0 IP (93 K's - 30 BB)
- Majored in bioengineering and worked for Driveline in computer vision prior to signing back in pro ball

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- Matthew David Bollenbacher...returns to FXBG after making 35 appearances for the FredNats last year, notching a 3.39 ERA in 58.1 IP with 65 K's to 13 BB...had a few dominant months with a 1.56 ERA in May (17.1 IP) and a 0.84 ERA in July (10.2 IP)
- Began his collegiate career at East Tennessee State, where he made 36 appearances for the Bucs over three seasons, named to the Southern Conference All Freshman team in 2021 after leading the team with six saves, with five of those outings being 2+ innings struck out 22 and walked six in 25.2 IP
- Finished third on ETSU with 46 K's in 2022, made 19 appearances with one start, coming on Opening Day
- Transferred to DBU in 2023, made 19 appearances with three starts, struck out 32 and walked 7 in 30.0 IP
- Made three professional appearances in the FCL in 2023, allowing 1 ER in 3.2 IP

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GAVIN BRUNI - LHP

#18

Height: 6-3 Weight: 205 B/T: R/R Age: 22 (10/12/2002 in Canton, OH) Acquired: Round 17, 2024
Series: 0-0, 0.00 (0.0 IP, 0 ER) 0 K, 0 BB, 0-0 SV Repertoire: FB, CH, SL vs. Left: -- vs. Right: --

- Gavin David Bruni...was selected by the Nationals with the 500th overall pick in the 2024 MLB Draft (17th Rd)...pitched three collegiate seasons at Ohio State but has not pitched at the pro level yet
- Was a reliever for the Buckeyes as a freshman across 9.2 IP before jumping into the starting rotation as a sophomore and junior...both years tallied over 55 IP and 70 K's with a 4.87 ERA in 2023 and a 5.21 ERA in 2024

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ROBERT CRANZ - RHP

#36

Height: 6-3 Weight: 210 B/T: R/R Age: 21 (5/28/2003 in Keller, TX) Acquired: Round 7, 2024
Series: 0-0, 0.00 (0.0 IP, 0 ER) 0 K, 0 BB, 0-0 SV Repertoire: FB, SPL, SL, CB vs. Left: -- vs. Right: --

- Robert Thomas Cranz...was selected by the Nationals with the 200th overall pick in the 2024 MLB Draft...promoted to FXBG on 8/20 last year...pitched 10.1 scoreless innings between the end of the regular season and the postseason, gave up just 2 hits and struck out 12...didn't give up a single postseason hit (4.1 IP)...got the final four outs for his first career save in the FredNats' first postseason game, a 7-6 win over Carolina
- Played two collegiate seasons at Wichita State before transferring to Oklahoma State...excelled as a sophomore for the Shockers with a 3.98 ERA and 43 K's in 31.2 innings as a reliever
- Made 30 relief appearances for the Cowboys last year, posting a 1.63 ERA in 49.2 innings of work...struck out 59 batters and walked 12 for a 4.92 K:BB ratio

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KEVIN DOWDELL - LHP

#16

Height: 6-0 Weight: 240 B/T: L/L Age: 25 (12/03/1999 in Montevallo, AL) Acquired: Free Agent, 2024
Series: 0-0, 0.00 (0.0 IP, 0 ER) 0 K, 0 BB, 0-0 SV Repertoire: FB, CH, SPL, SL vs. Left: -- vs. Right: --

- Kevin Andrew Dowdell...was picked up by the Nationals on May 10, 2024...pitched in the FCL last year, with a 5.00 ERA in 9.0 IP...struck out seven, walked nine
- Spent 2023 in the Angels organization and gave up 6 ER in 3.1 IP...was released on April 30, 2024
- Was a two-way player for two years at West Virginia after two years at the community college level...pitched in 21 games and played in 62 as a hitter with the Mountaineers...had a 6.35 career ERA in 11.1 IP with 11 K's to 13 BB...had 12 hits in 60 at-bats - 3 HR, 15 RBI

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ERICK MEJIA - RHP

#32

Height: 6-0 Weight: 195 B/T: S/R Age: 30 (11/09/1994 in Villa Mella, DR) Acquired: Free Agent, 2022
Series: 0-0, 0.00 (0.0 IP, 0 ER) 0 K, 0 BB, 0-0 SV Repertoire: vs. Left: -- vs. Right: --

- Erick Augusto Mejia...played a combined 17 games in MLB with the Royals between 2019 and 2020 as a utility infielder/outfielder...made his MLB debut on 9/5/2019...had six hits in 36 career MLB at-bats...since signing with the Seattle Mariners in 2012 as an international free agent, has played in the Dodgers, Royals and Nationals organizations as well
- After 12 seasons and nearly 1,000 games in the minor leagues as a hitter (mainly a shortstop), transitioned to a pitcher this offseason...hit .192 in a 66 games at AAA Rochester last season...pitched the last inning in a 13-2 loss to the Syracuse Mets on 7/19 and struck out one in a scoreless frame, topping out at 90 mph...was up to 98 mph on his fastball this offseason

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RYAN MINCKLER - RHP

#27

Height: 6-2 Weight: 205 B/T: R/R Age: 22 (10/1/2002 in Bangkok, Thailand) Acquired: Round 19, 2024
Series: 0-0, 0.00 (0.0 IP, 0 ER) 0 K, 0 BB, 0-0 SV Repertoire: FB, CH, FRK, SW vs. Left: -- vs. Right: --

- Ryan Woraphan Minckler...was selected by the Nationals with the 560th overall pick in the 2024 MLB Draft...pitched two seasons at Niagara University, notching a 4.21 ERA in 51.1 IP with 53 K's...transferred to the Purple Eagles from Virginia where he did not appear as a true freshman...was committed to Arizona State out of the transfer portal before being drafted and signing with the Nationals
- Pitched for the Sanford Mainers in the New England Collegiate League last summer, posting a 3.21 ERA in 14.0 IP with 18 K's
- Came to America as a sophomore in high school from the International school of Bangkok (Thailand)...settled in Portsmouth, VA

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ERIK TOLMAN - LHP

#10

Height: 6-2 Weight: 195 B/T: L/L Age: 25 (6/03/1999 in Irvine, CA) Acquired: Round 14, 2021
Series: 0-0, 0.00 (0.0 IP, 0 ER) 0 K, 0 BB, 0-0 SV Repertoire: FB, CH, SL, CB vs. Left: -- vs. Right: --

- Spent last-season on the 60-day injured list and did not pitch...made 9 appearances between the FCL and the FredNats in 2023 with a 2.57 ERA in 28.0 IP
- Played at Arizona State for three seasons, dominating to the tune of a 3.29 ERA across 79.1 IP (31 APP/10 GS)...struck out 93 including 49 as a true freshman in 2019

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KEVIN BAZZELL - C

#4

Height: 6-1	Weight: 215	B/T: R/R	Age: 21 (3/29/03 in Dallas, TX)	Acquired: Round 3, 2024
2025 Average: --	2025 OPS: --	Streak (long): 0g (0g)	Last Series (NA):	Home Runs: 0

- Kevin Chet Bazzell...returning FredNat from the 2024 championship team...Washington's 14th prospect according to MLB Pipeline, one of two Top-30 players on the Opening Day roster...drove in four runs in the playoffs and had an RBI in 3 of 5 playoff games...Hit .273 with an .819 OPS in 14 regular season games...had more walks (13) than strikeouts (12) and also had four extra base hits.
- Drafted in the 3rd round (79th overall) out of Texas Tech in 2024...started 111/112 games for the Red Raiders over two seasons, hit .330/.431/.530/.961 with 16 home runs and 94 RBI in those two years...First team Big-12 in 2023, 2nd team in '24, also named Collegiate Baseball and NCBWA Freshman All-American for '23, plus Big 12 All-Freshman team...played 3B his first season at Texas Tech, switched back to his natural catching spot in '24.
- Committed to Dallas Baptist originally out of HS but did not play for the Patriots, transferring to Texas Tech in Spring 2022.

EVERETT COOPER III - INF

#5

Height: 6-1	Weight: 200	B/T: L/R	Age: 21 (7/31/2003 in Baltimore, MD)	Acquired: Round 16, 2022
2025 Average: --	2025 OPS: --	Streak (long): 0g (0g)	Last Series (NA):	Home Runs: 0

- Everett Melvin Cooper III...returning FredNat from 2024 (71 games) before a shoulder injury while diving for a ball ended his season prematurely on August 17...hit .225 with a .629 OPS and 11 XBH in those 71 games playing exclusively 2nd base...had the same number of walks and strikeouts (39)...also stole 13 bases and was only caught twice
- Drafted in the 16th round in 2022 out of Pro5 Baseball Academy (Apex, N.C.)...moved to North Carolina for baseball in high school from Baltimore...hit .373 across 75 FCL AB's in 2023 with an .860 OPS...also had more walks (10) than strikeouts (9)

RANDAL DIAZ - INF

#8

Height: 6-0	Weight: 215	B/T: R/R	Age: 21 (5/20/2003 in Bayamon, Puerto Rico)	Acquired: Round 5, 2024
2025 Average: --	2025 OPS: --	Streak (long): 0g (0g)	Last Series (NA):	Home Runs: 0

- Making professional debut in 2025 with FXBG...drafted 141st overall in 2024 by Washington out of Indiana State, where he enjoyed a decorated three-year career and was the highest draft pick for the Sycamores since 2015...hit .322 in his career with a .949 OPS, 35 homers and 128 RBI...2024 and 2023 MVC Baseball All-Conference First Team selection, also won the 2023 MVC Tournament MVP...led ISU to the NCAA Regionals in 2024 where he was All-Regional in Lexington, KY...also led the Sycamores to the Super Regional in 2023
- Finished the 2024 college season on a 32-game hitting streak and a 38-game on-base streak

MOISES GALLARDO - OF

#14

Height: 6-1	Weight: 205	B/T: R/R	Age: 21 (4/23/2003 in Caracas, Venezuela)	Acquired: Rule 5 Draft, 2023
2025 Average: --	2025 OPS: --	Streak (long): 0g (0g)	Last Series (NA):	Home Runs: 0

- Moises Eduardo Gallardo...selected by the Nationals in the Minor League portion of the 2023 Rule 5 draft from the Athletics...2025 is his full-season debut after he missed all of '24 due to injury
- Has yet to appear in a game in the Washington org...hit .280 with an .828 OPS in 31 Arizona Complex League games with the Athletics in 2023...had 11 XBH and 24 RBI
- Primarily a corner outfielder, has a handful of appearances in CF in his pro career

JORGELYS MOTA - INF

#29

Height: 6-4	Weight: 215	B/T: R/R	Age: 19 (6/03/2005 in Sabana Grande de Boya, DOM)	Acquired: International Free Agent, 2022
2025 Average: --	2025 OPS: --	Streak (long): 0g (0g)	Last Series (NA):	Home Runs: 0

- Jorgelys Ariel Mota...returning FredNat from 2024 championship team...promoted to FXBG from Complex in September 2023 (7 games) and then again in July 2024 and played exclusively third base...hit .255 with .648 OPS in 29 FredNat games with 6 XBH.
- Slashed .318/.398/.459/.857 in the FCL in 2023...signed with the Nats in January 2022 as an international free agent

ELIJAH NUNEZ - OF

#2

Height: 5-10	Weight: 180	B/T: L/L	Age: 23 (12/06/2001 in Coleman, TX)	Acquired: Round 14, 2023
2025 Average: --	2025 OPS: --	Streak (long): 0g (0g)	Last Series (NA):	Home Runs: 0

- Elijah Lee Nunez...returning FredNat from 2023 after being drafted in the 14th round that year out of TCU...appeared in 24 FredNat games after the '23 draft and played well, hitting .282 with a .719 OPS and 19 stolen bases...made the ESPN SportsCenter Top-10 plays segment with a leaping catch crashing against the wall in FXBG in late August 2023
- Limited to just 41 total games in 2024 due to injury, 33 with High-A Wilmington and eight FCL rehab games
- Helped lead TCU to the 2023 College World Series in Omaha where he recorded five hits in four games...in 174 total games with TCU hit .270 with a .773 OPS, 85 RBI, 61/69 stolen bases

NATE OCHOA - OF

#13

Height: 6-4	Weight: 225	B/T: R/R	Age: 21 (10/15/2003 in Burlington, ON, Canada)	Acquired: Round 6, 2022
2025 Average: --	2025 OPS: --	Streak (long): 0g (0g)	Last Series (NA):	Home Runs: 0

- Nathaniel Ochoa Leyva...returning FredNat from 2024 Championship team...appeared in 90 games and saw action at all four infield positions and in left field...primarily a third baseman, playing 54 games at the hot corner...drove in a crucial run in game 1 of the championship series and had a key outfield assist in the clinching game 3 after being forced to LF due to an injury
- Hit .214 with a .592 OPS with 3 home runs and drove in 32 on the year...drafted in the 6th round in 2022 out of Burlington, Ontario, signing for 375K to forgo a commitment to Alabama, was also previously committed to Purdue.
- Played 31 games in the 2022 MLB Draft League with the Trenton Thunder...mother Kerrie is Canadian and father Mariano is Cuban and a former Cuban national ping pong champion

NICK PEOPLES - OF

#25

Height: 6'5	Weight: 245	B/T: S/R	Age: 20 (7/24/2004 in Camp Pendleton, CA)	Acquired: Round 12, 2022
2025 Average: --	2025 OPS: --	Streak (long): 0g (0g)	Last Series (NA):	Home Runs: 0

- Nicholas Sandow Peoples...returning FredNat from 2024, hit .188 with a .652 OPS in 48 games, including four homers...back injury ended his year at the end of August, finished with three homers in his last 9 games...homered in his second FredNat at-bat after promotion to FXBG in June...hit game-winning HR in the top of the 9th on 8/25/24 at Columbia
- Drafted out of Northview High School in Covina, CA, in 2022...was #3 ranked OF in California, signed for \$175K instead of playing at New Mexico State...holds many school records in basketball at Northview HS

ROISMAR QUINTANA - INF

#11

Height: 6-1	Weight: 240	B/T: R/R	Age: 22 (2/06/2003 in Caracas, Venezuela)	Acquired: International Free Agent, 2019
2025 Average: --	2025 OPS: --	Streak (long): 0g (0g)	Last Series (NA):	Home Runs: 0

- Roismar Enrique Quintana...returning FredNat...spent all of 2023 with Fredericksburg (full season debut) and half of 2024 with FXBG before a July promotion to Wilmington...has bounced back and forth between first base and corner outfield throughout his time in the organization.
- Hit .250 with a .712 OPS in 64 FredNat games last year to earn the promotion...played 14 games for the Blue Rocks before going on the injured list in August...overall still hit .250 last year with 16 XBH including four homers...hit .255 with a .695 OPS in 92 FredNat games in '23.
- Former Top-30 prospect that has fallen out of the rankings as of Opening Day 2025...hit for the first and so far only cycle in FredNat history on 5/19/24 at Myrtle Beach, a true cycle where he did it in order (1B, 2B, 3B, then HR)...Had a 19 game on-base streak in the first half of 2024 (4/23-5/22)...hit the third of back-to-back-to-back home runs in Salem in June 2024 (Elijah Green and Brandon Pimentel).
- Named Nats' Player Development FXBG Hitter of the Month for May in 2024...hit .273 with a .822 OPS, 24 R, 14 RBI, 9 XBH (2 HR)

YOANDER RIVERO - INF

#15

Height: 5'10	Weight: 180	B/T: R/R	Age: 23 (11/22/2001 in Barquisimeto, Venezuela)	Acquired: International Free Agent, 2018
2025 Average: --	2025 OPS: --	Streak (long): 0g (0g)	Last Series (NA):	Home Runs: 0

- Yoander Alberto Rivero...returning FredNat from both 2022 (67 G) and 2023 (19 G)...has a career .216 batting average and .623 OPS in 86 career FXBG games and 299 PA...has bounced between the FCL, Wilmington and Fredericksburg the last three years...played 41 FCL games last year and hit .167/.544
- Versatile infielder that can play 2B, SS or 3B and has done all three with FXBG...best month of his professional career came in July '22 with FXBG where he slashed .317/.431/.417/.848

NATE ROMBACH - C

#38

Height: 6-5	Weight: 260	B/T: R/R	Age: 24 (11/26/2000 in Mansfield, TX)	Acquired: Round 18, 2023
2025 Average: --	2025 OPS: --	Streak (long): 0g (0g)	Last Series (NA):	Home Runs: 0

- Nathan Andrew Rombach (pronounced rom-BACK)...returning FredNat from 2024 championship team...hit .261 with a .680 OPS in 30 games and 111 at-bats...drafted in the 18th round out of Dallas Baptist University, one of two Patriots on FXBG Opening Day roster (Matt Bollenbacher)...made pro debut in the FCL in 2024, slashed .287/.368/.475/.843 over 29 games (101 AB) before being promoted to the FredNats on July 1
- Career .261 hitter over two seasons (2022-23) with DBU, .835 OPS with 19 HR and 57 RBI...played two years at Texas Tech prior to transferring, also spent two summers with the Santa Barbara Foresters in the California Collegiate League, also played for the St. Cloud Rox (Northwoods) in 2020
- Initially drafted by Miami in the 19th round in 2019 out of Mansfield Legacy High School, opted to attend college

JACKSON ROSS - INF

#12

Height: 6-2	Weight: 210	B/T: R/R	Age: 24 (April 5, 2000 in Winter Haven, FL)	Acquired: Round 9, 2024
2025 Average: --	2025 OPS: --	Streak (long): 0g (0g)	Last Series (NA):	Home Runs: 0

- Haskell Jackson Ross...Washington's 9th round (260th overall) selection in 2024 out of Mississippi...making his professional debut in 2025 with FXBG...Ole Miss was his third collegiate stop after two years at Florida Atlantic and two years at JUCO Pasco-Hernando State College...has a talent for hitting home runs in bunches, going deep five times in a four-game stretch for Ole Miss, and homering six times in his final eight games while at FAU, including twice in the C-USA Tournament.
- Was the only player to start all 56 games in '24 for the Rebels, starting 35 games at first base, 12 in left field, five in right field, and four as DH ... Led the team in runs scored (52) and walks (55), which was fourth-most walks by a Rebel in a single season.
- Two-year letterwinner for the FAU Owls...started in 115 games in 116 appearances...earned 144 hits and 91 runs during his time at FAU...brought in 90 RBI overall...posted 21 home runs with a career slugging average of .540...named to the C-USA First Team All-Conference for his senior year performance

CARLOS TAVARES - INF

#23

Height: 6-3	Weight: 215	B/T: L/L	Age: 19 (9/17/2005 in New York, NY)	Acquired: International Free Agent, 2023
2025 Average: --	2025 OPS: --	Streak (long): 0g (0g)	Last Series (NA):	Home Runs: 0

- Carlos Guillermo Tavares...making full-season debut with FXBG in 2025 after playing in the Dominican Summer League in 2023 and the Florida Complex League in 2024...has a .266 average and .766 OPS in 76 career professional games, has two career homers and 17 doubles
- Has played first base and both corner outfield positions in his professional career...started at first base for the Nationals in the 2025 Spring Breakout against the Mets...signed with Washington as an international free agent in January 2023 and debuted in the DSL later that year

CHRISTIAN VAQUERO - OF

#22

Height: 6-3	Weight: 205	B/T: S/R	Age: 20 (9/13/2004 in Havana, Cuba)	Acquired: International Free Agent, 2022
2025 Average: --	2025 OPS: --	Streak (long): 0g (0g)	Last Series (NA):	Home Runs: 0

- Cristhian Ivan Vaquero...returning FredNat...Washington's 27th prospect according to MLB Pipeline, one of two Top-30 prospects on 2025 Opening Day roster...recovered from off-season shoulder surgery after injuring it in the Championship Game of the 2024 Carolina League Playoffs diving back to first base...overall in 103 FredNat games last year, hit .190 with a .593 OPS with 25 XBH, 29 stolen bases and 51 runs scored...had an OPS of .582 as a left-handed batter and .641 as a righty in 2024.
- Signed in January 2022 for \$4.925 million, the most in that entire international signing class for any team at the time and the most ever for the Nationals...known as "The Phenomenon" when he signed, moved to the Dominican Republic from Cuba to train for most of his youth
- Comes from a very athletic family, mother was a swimmer on the Cuban National team, father competed nationally in Judo in Cuba

HOME RUN DATA

<u>Multi-HR games:</u>	<u>Walk-off:</u>	<u>Furthest:</u>
<u>Inside-the-park:</u>	<u>Leadoff:</u>	
<u>Grand Slams:</u>	<u>Hardest Hit:</u>	
<u>Back-to-back:</u>		

PLAYER	INJURY	DATE ON	RETRO	GAMES MISSED
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PLAYER	LEVEL	INJURY	DATE ON	DATE OFF	STATS
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DATE	PLAYER	RECOGNITION	STATS
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DATE	SCORE	NOTES

PLAYER	CS	SB	ATT	CS%	PB
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HOT: COLD: WIND:

PLAYER	SV	SVO	SV%	IRScored%	HR
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Date	Opp.	Score	W/L	Rcd.	Pos.	GA/GB	Att.	Winner/Loser/Save
APRIL (0-0)		Batting:		Pitching:				
4.....	at CAR							
5.....	at CAR							
6.....	at CAR							
7.....	OFF DAY							
8.....	SAL							
9.....	SAL							
10.....	SAL							
11.....	SAL							
12.....	SAL							
13.....	SAL							
14.....	OFF DAY							
15.....	at FAY							
16.....	at FAY							
17.....	at FAY							
18.....	at FAY							
19.....	at FAY							
20.....	at FAY							
21.....	OFF DAY							
22.....	CHS							
23.....	CHS							
24.....	CHS							
25.....	CHS							
26.....	CHS							
27.....	CHS							
28.....	OFF DAY							
29.....	at SAL							
30.....	at SAL							
MAY (0-0)		Batting:		Pitching:				
1.....	at SAL							
2.....	at SAL							
3.....	at SAL							
4.....	at SAL							
5.....	OFF DAY							
6.....	LYN							
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10.....	LYN							
11.....	LYN							
12.....	OFF DAY							
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24.....	CAR							
25.....	CAR							
26.....	OFF DAY							
27.....	at LYN							
28.....	at LYN							
29.....	at LYN							
30.....	at LYN							
31.....	at LYN							
JUNE (0-0)		Batting:		Pitching:				
1.....	at LYN							
2.....	OFF DAY							
3.....	DEL							
4.....	DEL							
5.....	DEL							
6.....	DEL							
7.....	DEL							
8.....	DEL							
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11.....	at FAY							
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15.....	at FAY							
16.....	OFF DAY							
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28.....	KAN							
29.....	KAN							
30.....	OFF DAY							
JULY (0-0)		Batting:		Pitching:				
1.....	at DEL							
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7.....	OFF DAY							
8.....	at CAR							
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27.....	FAY							
28.....	OFF DAY							
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31.....	at COL							
AUGUST (0-0)		Batting:		Pitching:				
1.....	at COL							
2.....	at COL							
3.....	at COL							
4.....	OFF DAY							
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27.....	at LYN							
28.....	at LYN							
29.....	at LYN							
30.....	at LYN							
31.....	at LYN							
SEPTEMBER (0-0)		Batting:		Pitching:				
1.....	OFF DAY							
2.....	CAR							
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4.....	CAR							
5.....	CAR							
6.....	CAR							
7.....	CAR							

2025 FREDNATS TRANSACTIONS

DATE	+/-	PLAYER	POS	TRANSACTION	DATE	+/-	PLAYER	POS	TRANSACTION
3/31		Opening day roster announced							

2025 COMPLETE ROSTER

Pitchers (16): Austin Amaral, Merrick Baldo, Merritt Beeker, Adam Bloebaum, Matthew Bollenbacher, Gavin Bruni, Robert Craz, Kevin Dowdell, Davian Garcia, Alexander Meckley, Erick Mejia, Ryan Minckler, Bryan Polanco, Angel Roman, Yoel Tejeda Jr., Erik Tolman

Position Players (15): Kevin Bazzell, Christian Fagnant, Nate Rombach, Everett Cooper III, Randal Diaz, Jorgelys Mota, Roismar Quintana, Yoander Rivero, Jackson Ross, Carlos Tavares, Moises Gallardo, Elijah Nunez, Nate Ochoa, Nick Peoples, Cristhian Vaquero