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## **2021 SCHEDULE**

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#### SEPTEMBER

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19 @LHV 1:35P	20	21	22	23	24	25
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#### 2021 Triple-A Northeast Opponents

BUF/	Buffalo Bisons
TRN	Trenton Thunder (Toronto Blue Jays)

LHV Lehigh Valley IronPigs (Philadelphia Phillies

ROC Rochester Red Wings (Washington Nationals)

WOR Worcester Red Sox (Boston Red Sox)



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RailRiders pitcher Nick Green was acquired by the Yankees in 2016 as part of the Carloes Beltran trade.

He has now reached Triple-A and is learning how to use his best assets to rise through the system.

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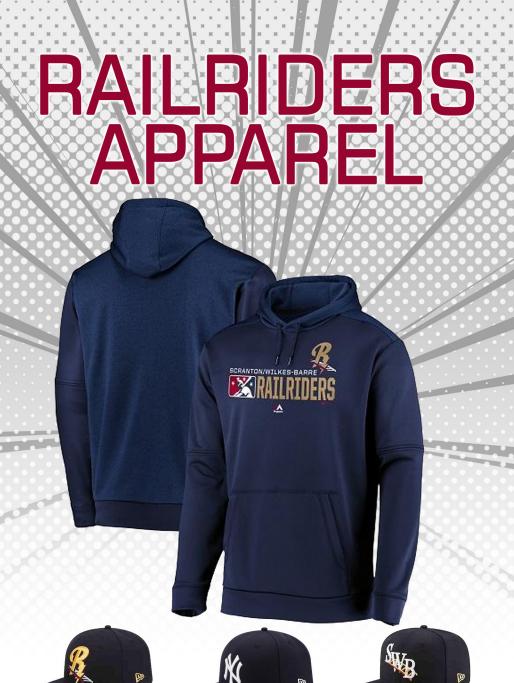
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## **DOUG DAVIS**

BORN: SEPTEMBER 24, 1962 RESIDES: BLOOMSBURG, PA YEARS WITH NYY: 4

DID YOU KNOW?: DAVIS' FIRST MANAGER IN THE MINOR LEAGUES WAS HAZLETON, PA NATIVE JOE MADDON, WHO EVENTUALLY LED THE CHICAGO CUBS TO THE 2016 WORLD

It was announced January 27, 2020, that Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania native and Central Columbia High School graduate Doug Davis will manage the RailRiders for the 2021 season. He is the 13th manager in SWB franchise history, and just the fifth in Yankees-era history (2007-Present). He joins Dave Miley (2007-15), Al Pedrique (16-17), Bobby Mitchell (2018) and Jay Bell (2019) as SWB skippers to serve under the Yankees affiliation.

Davis enjoyed an 11-year professional career, which included spending parts of two years in Major League Baseball. He spent three seasons coaching with the RailRiders under three different managers, serving as the Defensive Coach in 2017 under Pedrique, the Bullpen Coach in 2018 under Mitchell and the Bench Coach in 2019 under Bell.

Davis, 58, has been in coaching since 1995, serving as a minor league manager for eight seasons. As a manager, he owns a career 515-484 record including championships with Pittsfield in the NY-Penn League in 1997 and Capital City (Columbia, SC) in the South Atlantic League in 1998. From 2007-2016 he was on staff in the Toronto Blue Jays system and before that he spent two seasons in the big leagues as the Florida Marlins bench coach from 2003-04, winning the World Series against the Yankees in 2003 with former SWB Pitching Coach Tommy Phelps on the roster.

In between coaching stints, Davis served as the Minor League Field Coordinator for the Montreal Expos (2001), Florida Marlins (2002, 2005), and Toronto Blue Jays (2009-2016).



Selected in the ninth round of the 1984 MLB Draft out of

NC State, the former catcher played professionally for 11 seasons between 1984 and 1994 in the minor league systems of California, Kansas City and Texas. He made it to the big leagues on two separate occasions, scoring one run in six games with the Angels in 1988 and he collected a hit in his only MLB at-bat with the Rangers in 1992.

#### **DOUG DAVIS - MINOR LEAGUE MANAGERIAL RECORD**

YEAR	TEAM	LEAGUE	RECORD	FINISH	ORGANIZATION	PLAYOFFS
1996	Pittsfield Mets	New York-Penn League	46-29	2nd McNamara Div.	New York (NL)	Lost in 1st round
1997	Pittsfield Mets	New York-Penn League	42-32	1st McNamara Div.	New York (NL)	League Champions
1998	Capital City Bombers	South Atlantic League	90-51	1st Central Div.	New York (NL)	League Champions
1999	Binghamton Mets	Eastern League	54-88	6th Northern Div.	New York (NL)	
2000	Binghamton Mets	Eastern League	82-58	1st Northern Div.	New York (NL)	Lost in 1st round
2006	New Hampshire Fisher Cats	Eastern League	68-73	4th Northern Div.	Toronto	
2007	Syracuse Chiefs	International League	64-80	5th IL North	Toronto	
2008	Syracuse Chiefs	International League	69-73	4th IL North	Toronto	
MiLB CAREER (8 Years)		515-484 (.515)				



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#### **DUSTIN GLANT- PITCHING COACH**

Born: July 20, 1981 Resides: Tampa, FL

Glant enters his second year within the Yankees system, having been tabbed as the Pitching Coach for Staten Island last year prior to the season's cancelation. He was originally selected by Arizona in the seventh round of the 2003 First-Year Player Draft and pitched in 264 games over six seasons in the Diamondbacks organization, reaching Triple-A in his final two campaigns.





#### **CASEY DYKES- HITTING COACH**

Born: January 27, 1990 Resides: Wesley Chapel, FL

Dykes joined the Yankees organization last year after spending 2019 with Indiana University as their hitting coach. Prior to his time with Indiana, Dykes was the hitting coach and recruiting coordinator at Virginia Military Institute (2015-18) and spent two seasons as an assistant at his alma mater, Western Kentucky University (2013-14).

#### **RAUL DOMINIGUEZ- COACH**

Born: July 25, 1980

Resides: Panama City, Panama

Dominguez begins his first season with Scranton/Wilkes-Barre and his 14th in the Yankees organization in 2020. He spent the last two seasons as the defensive coach for Double-A Trenton, and served in the same role for A-Advanced Tampa in 2017. Dominguez was signed by the Yankees as a non-drafted free agent in 2001.





#### CAONABO COSME- COACH

Born: March 18, 1979 Resides: La Vega, Dominican

Cosme enters his 10th season in the Yankees organization and his first with the RailRiders. He was scheduled to serve as a defensive coach for the Yankees' former Double-A Trenton affiliate before the 2020 season was cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.



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#### 1- ANDREW VELAZQUEZ INF

Height: 5-8 Weight: 170 Bats: Switch Throws: Right

Born: July 14, 1994 in Bronx, NY

Acquired: Signed as a Minor League Free Agent on December 23, 2020

#### 2020 TOTALS

AVG AB R **3B** HR RBI BB SO SB CS OBP .159 40 63 11 10 3 10 23 2 .274 0



#### 2- BRADEN BRISTO RHP

Height: 6-0 Weight: 180 Bats: Right Throws: Right

Born: November 1, 1994 in West Monroe, LA

Acquired: Selected in the 23<sup>rd</sup> round of the 2016 Draft from Louisiana Tech University

#### 2020 TOTALS



#### 3- ARMANDO ALVAREZ INF

Height: 6-1 Weight: 205 Bats: Right Throws: Right

Born: July 14, 1994 in Miami, FL

Acquired: Selected in the 17<sup>th</sup> round of the 2016 Draft from Eastern Kentucky University

2020 TOTALS

AVG G AB R H 2B 3B HR RBI BB SO SB CS OBP E

Did Not Play



#### 4- ROB BRANTLY C

Height: 6-0 Weight: 191 Bats: Left Throws: Right

Born: July 14, 1989 in San Diego, CA

Acquired: Signed as a Minor League Free Agent on December 20, 2020

2020 TOTALS

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#### 5-TREY AMBURGEY OF

Height: 6-2 Weight: 210 Bats: Right Throws: Right

Born: October 10, 1994 in Lake Worth, FL

Acquired: Selected in the 13th round of the 2015 Draft from St. Petersburg College (FL)

#### 2020 TOTALS

AVG G AB R H 2B 3B HR RBI BB SO SB CS OBP E

Did Not Play





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#### 6- DEIVI GARCÍA RHP

Height: 5-9 Weight: 163 Bats: Right Throws: Right

Born: May 19, 1999 in Bonao, Dominican Republic

Acquired: Signed as a Non-Drafted Free Agent on July 2, 2015

#### 2020 TOTALS

W-L ERA G GS SV ΙP H R ER HR SO WP OPPAVG BB 3-2 4.98 6 0 34.1 35 20 19 6 6 33 0 .254



#### 7- SOCRATES BRITO OF

Height: 6-2 Weight: 205 Bats: Left Throws: Left

Born: September 6, 1992 in Azua, Dominican Republic Acquired: Signed as a Minor League Free Agent on December 31, 2020

#### 2020 TOTALS

AVG G AB R H 2B 3B HR RBI BB SO SB CS OBP I Did Not Play



#### 10-TREVOR LANE LHF

Height: 5-11 Weight: 185 Bats: Left Throws: Left

Born: April 26, 1994 in Redmond, VA

Acquired: Selected in the 10th round of the 2016 Draft from University of Illinois at Chicago

#### 2020 TOTALS

W-L ERA G GS SV IP H R ER HR BB SO WP OPPAVG

Did Not Play



#### 12- DEREK DIETRICH INF

Height: 6-2 Weight: 205 Bats: Left Throws: Right

Born: July 18, 1989 in Cleveland, OH

Acquired: Signed as a Minor League Free Agent on February 13, 2021

#### 2020 TOTALS

AVG G AB R Н 2B **3B** HR RBI BB SO SB CS OBP E .197 25 61 9 12 0 5 21 1 .347 1



#### 15- NICK GREEN RHP

Height: 6-1 Weight: 175 Bats: Right Throws: Right

Born: March 25, 1995 in Fountain, CO

Acquired: Trade with the Houston Astros on August 1, 2016

#### 2020 TOTAL

W-L ERA G GS SV IP H R ER HR BB SO WP OPPAVG

Did Not Play

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#### 16- CRISTIAN PÉREZ INF

Height: 5-10 Weight: 170 Bats: Right Throws: Right

Born: October 26, 1998 in Cagua, Venezuela

Acquired: Trade with the Kansas City Royals on December 23, 2019

#### 2020 TOTALS

AVG G AB R H 2B 3B HR RBI BB SO SB CS OBP E

Did Not Play



#### 17- NICK GOODY RHP

Height: 5-11 Weight: 200 Bats: Right Throws: Right

Born: July 6, 1991 in Orlando, FL Acquired: Signed as a Minor League Free Agent on February 15, 2021

2020 TOTALS

IP R ER WP OPPAVG W-L ERA G GS SV Н HR BB SO 0 - 29.00 17 11.0 14 12 11 3 13 1 .304



#### 18- MAX MCDOWELL C

Height: 6-1 Weight: 208 Bats: Right Throws: Right

Born: January 12, 1994 in Pittsburgh, PA

Acquired: Signed as a Minor League Free Agent on June 28, 2020

2020 TOTALS

AVG G AB R H 2B 3B HR RBI BB SO SB CS OBP E

Did Not Play



#### 19- ADDISON RUSS RHF

Height: 6-2 Weight: 202 Bats: Right Throws: Right

Born: October 29, 1994 in Amarillo, TX

Acquired: Trade with the Philadelphia Phillies on August 21, 2020

#### 2020 TOTALS

W-L ERA G GS SV IP H R ER HR BB SO WP OPPAVG

Did Not Play



#### 20- KELLIN DEGLAN C

Height: 6-2 Weight: 205 Bats: Left Throws: Right Born: May 3, 1992 in Langley, British Columbia, Canada

Acquired: Signed as a Minor League Free Agent on December 12, 2016

#### 2020 TOTALS

AVG G AB R H 2B 3B HR RBI BB SO SB CS OBP E

Did Not Play



#### 22- ADAM WARREN RHP

Height: 6-1 Weight: 225 Bats: Right Throws: Right

Born: August 25, 1987 in Birmingham, AL

Acquired: Signed as a Minor League Free Agent on December 18, 2019

#### 2020 TOTALS



#### 24- ZACK ZEHNER OF

Height: 6-4 Weight: 215 Bats: Right Throws: Right

Born: August 8, 1992 in San Diego, CA

Acquired: Selected in the 18th round of the 2015 Draft from Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo

#### 2020 TOTALS

AVG G AB R H 2B 3B HR RBI BB SO SB CS OBP E

Did Not Play



#### 25- BRIAN KELLER RHP

Height: 6-3 Weight: 190 Bats: Right Throws: Right

Born: June 21, 1994 in Milwaukee, WI

Acquired: Selected in the 39th round of the 2016 Draft from University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

#### 2020 TOTALS

W-L ERA G GS SV IP Did Norplaner HR BB SO WP OPPAVG



#### 28- ROBINSON CHIRINOS C

Height: 6-1 Weight: 220 Bats: Right Throws: Right

Born: June 5, 1984 in Punto Fijo, Venezuela

Acquired: Signed as a Minor League Free Agent on February 13, 2021

#### 2020 TOTALS

AVG G AB R H 2B 3B HR RBI BB SO SB CS OBP E 0 .162 26 74 12 3 0 21 .232



#### 31- ESTEVAN FLORIAL OF

Height: 6-1 Weight: 195 Bats: Left Throws: Right Born: November 25, 1997 in Barahona, Dominican Republic

Acquired: Signed as a Non-Drafted Free Agent on March 19, 2015

#### 2020 TOTALS

AVG G AB R H 2B **3B** HR **RBI** BB SO SB CS OBP E .333 1 3 0 0 0 2 .333 0



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#### 33- KYLE BARRACLOUGH RHP

Height: 6-3 Weight: 229 Bats: Right Throws: Right

Born: May 23, 1990 in Santa Clara, CA

Acquired: Signed as a Minor League Free Agent on February 2, 2021

#### 2020 TOTALS

W-L ERA G GS SV IP H R ER HR BB SO WP OPPAVG

Did Not Play



#### 34- CHRIS GITTENS INF

Height: 6-4 Weight: 250 Bats: Right Throws: Right

Born: February 4, 1994 in Sherman, TX

Acquired: Selected in the 12th round of the 2014 Draft from Grayson County College (TX)

#### 2020 TOTALS

AVG G AB R H 2B 3B HR RBI BB SO SB CS OBP E

Did Not Play



#### 35- LUIS GARCÍA RHP

Height: 6-2 Weight: 240 Bats: Right Throws: Right Born: January 30, 1987 in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic Acquired: Signed as a Minor League Free Agent on December 18, 2020

#### 2020 TOTALS

SV IP Н WP OPPAVG W-L ERA G GS R ER HR BB SO 0-2 7.56 9 2 0 8.1 10 q 11 2 .278



#### 36- ALBERT ABREU RHP

Height: 6-2 Weight: 190 Bats: Right Throws: Right Born: September 26, 1995, in Guayubin, Dominican Republic Acquired: Trade with the Houston Astros on November 17, 2016

#### 2020 TOTALS

W-L ERA G GS SV IP R ER HR BB SO WP OPPAVG 0-120.25 0 1.1 4 3 2 .500 0 2



#### 39- REGGIE MCCLAIN RHP

Height: 6-2 Weight: 180 Bats: Right Throws: Right Born: November 16, 1992 in Duluth, GA

Acquired: Selected in the Triple-A Phase of the 2020 Rule 5 Draft

#### 2020 TOTALS

W-L ERA G GS IP H R ER HR BB SO WP OPPAVG 0 - 05.06 5 5.1 9 6 3 1 3 2 .360



#### 41- HOY PAR

**Bats: Left** Height: 6-1 Weight: 175 Throws: Right

Born: April 7, 1996 in Seoul, South Korea

Acquired: Signed as a Non-Drafted Free Agent on July 2, 2014

#### 2020 TOTALS

AVG AB R H 2B 3B HR RBI BB SO SB CS OBP E Did Not Play



#### 46- MIKE FORD

Height: 6-0 Weight: 225 Throws: Right

Born: July 4, 1992 in Belle Mead, NJ Acquired: Signed as a Non-Drafted Free Agent on July 17, 2013

2020 TOTALS

AVG G Н 2B **3B** HR RBI BB AB R SO SB CS OBP .135 29 74 5 10 0 2 11 16 0 0 .226 2



#### 48- BRANDON WAGNER

Weight: 210 Throws: Right Height: 6-0

Born: August 24, 1995 in Princeton, NJ

Acquired: Selected in the 6th round of the 2015 Draft from Howard College (TX)

#### 2020 TOTALS

AVG G 2B 3B HR RBI BB SO SB CS OBP Did Not Play



#### 50-SAL ROMANO

Height: 6-5 Weight: 255 **Bats: Left** Throws: Right

Born: October 12, 1992 in Syosset, NY

Acquired: Signed as a Minor League Free Agent on May 19, 2021

#### 2020 TOTALS

W-L ERA GS SV IP H R ER HR BB SO WP OPPAVG 2

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#### **54-BRODY KOERNE**

**Bats: Right** Weight: 220 Throws: Right Height: 6-2

Born: October 18, 1993 in Winchester, VA

Acquired: Selected in the 17th round of the 2015 Draft from Clemson University

W-L ERA G GS SV IP Н R ER HR BB SO WP OPPAVG Did Not Play

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#### 57- THOMAS MILONE OF

Height: 6-0 Weight: 205 Bats: Le Born: January 26, 1995 in Monroe, CT

Acquired: Signed as a Minor League Free Agent on December 13, 2019

2020 TOTALS

AVG G AB R H 2B 3B HR RBI BB SO SB CS OBP Did Not Play

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# GIVING BACK: CHIRINOS USING BIG LEAGUE CAREER TO HELP OTHERS

RailRiders catcher Robinson Chirinos grateful for the opportunity to give back and is using his baseball career as his chance to do so.

**By Joe Vasile** 



RailRiders catcher Robinson Chirinos has experienced a lot in his 21 years of being a professional baseball player, but a season without fans is something he hopes to never see again. Chirinos played in 26 games with the Texas Rangers and New York Mets, but things didn't really feel right.

"Last year it felt more like a practice game to me," Chirinos said about playing in front of empty stadiums. "Last year we didn't have the interaction with the fans and it was really hard. So thank god we have some fans in the ballpark [this year]. I know they're really happy to be back and we're super happy to have them back in the ballpark."

More than his big league career which has spanned nine seasons and taken him to the World Series, Chirinos takes pride in his connection to the fans and the community. While warming up, he usually takes a few extra baseballs to toss to kids in the crowd and will stop to sign autographs. Making those memories for fans is what makes being a professional baseball player special for him.



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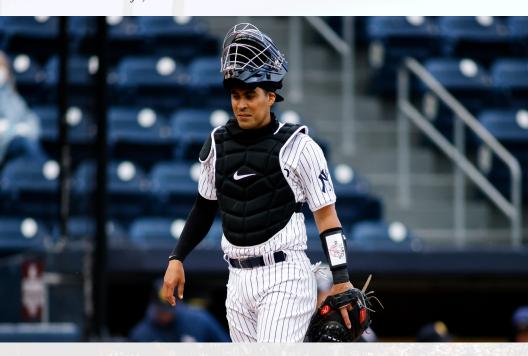
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The 36-year-old catcher has come a long way since he was signed by the Chicago Cubs in July 2000, less than a month after his 16th birthday. He began to play in the US next year, and for the next 10 seasons, he toiled in the Cubs minor league system. Chirinos caught hundreds of games for teams in Boise, Idaho, Lansing, Michigan, and Knoxville, Tennessee – all far cries from his hometown of Punto Fijo, Venezuela.



In all that time Chirinos only played 15 games in Triple-A, but after the 2010 season he got his big break and was traded to the Tampa Bay Rays organization. Finally, 11 years after signing his first professional contract, he made his MLB debut on July 18 against the New York Yankees. He doubled against A.J. Burnett in his first big league at-bat and played in 20 games total that season with the Rays, hitting .218.

It wasn't until the 2014 season with the Texas Rangers that Chirinos established himself as a full-time major leaguer. He spent six years with the Rangers before signing as a free agent with the Houston Astros for the 2019 season. After the stint with Houston, Chirinos returned to Texas prior to the 2020 campaign.

In that time Chirinos has established himself as a solid player both offensively and defensively. Since the start of the 2011 season, Chirinos' .755 OPS is 12th among all big league catchers and puts him in the same tier as seven-time all-star Brian McCann and nine-time all-star Yadier Molina. Chirinos has gotten even better as time has gone on and his role has grown, posting a .798 OPS in 315 games from the start of 2017 through 2019.

For Chirinos, baseball has always been about more than just the games and the stats. It is about using his platform as a professional athlete to make a difference in the lives of others. That's why in addition to making his big league debut in 2011 Chirinos also founded The Robinson Chirinos Foundation.

"It was a dream my dad had when I signed," Chirinos said. "He told me that one day when I make it to the big leagues, he wanted me to start a foundation to give back to the community, especially my hometown Punto Fijo, where I grew up."

It started out small. Chirinos began donating baseball equipment to kids in need in Venezuela. He wanted the next generation to play and have the opportunities that he has had, but the foundation has morphed into something more.

In 2014, the Texas Rangers began to assist Chirinos in his charitable efforts and helped him host fundraisers. Rangers teammates like Elvis Andrus, Martin Perez, Yovani Gallardo and Jayce Tingler all showed up to Foundation events to help others.

Chirinos now uses the foundation to provide, food, clothing, medicine and school supplies to those in need both in Venezuela and the United States. Until the pandemic made it impossible, he hosted dinners every year in Texas which were well attended by his teammates and Rangers officials to raise money.

Robinson has received multiple awards for his charity work from the Rangers and the Dallas-Fort Worth Chapter of the Baseball Writers Association of America, but he doesn't do it for the recognition. His motivation is purely to use the blessings he has received to lift up others.

"God has been so good to me and I'm just trying to help people in need and use what I have to use what I have around myself to help people. That's what my goal has been in everything. I've been trying to make people aware of what's going on in their community and help people really going through a struggle in life."

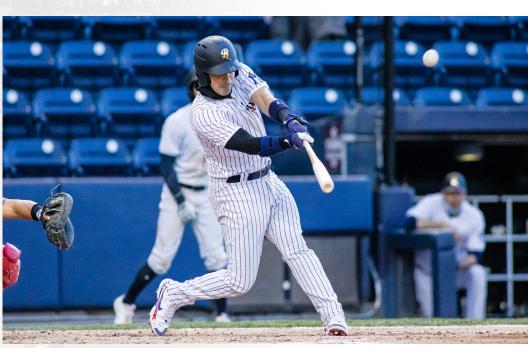


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# FUN ON THE WAY: SWB SETS 2021 SUMMER PROMOS

Single-Game Tickets fot remainder of 2021 season available now!



With capacity at PNC Field expanding to 100% next month, the Scranton/Wilkes-Barre RailRiders are pleased to put single-game tickets for the remainder of the 2021 season on sale now online at swbrailriders.com. In conjunction with single-game tickets and in addition to the giveaways already slated for the season, the RailRiders will have three legendary bobblehead giveaways, eight additional giveaway dates, four custom jerseys and plenty of fan-favorite theme nights this summer.

The RailRiders are pleased to add Seltzer Saturdays to their daily promotions. Get \$2 Bud Light Seltzers for two hours after gates open each Saturday home game this season, courtesy of Northeast Eagle.

We start next month with a bang as Jack Williams Tire presents our June 4 post game fireworks blast off. On Saturday, June 5, the first 2,500 fans through the gates get a free hat before the RailRiders host the Lehigh Valley IronPigs at 4:05 P.M.

On Thursday, June 17, the RailRiders transform into the Vejigantes, their Copa de la Diversion identity, for the first of three times this summer. The Vejigantes return on July 22 and August 12 as well to help celebrate Latin heritage across baseball and NEPA.

The forces of good and evil will battle for supremacy on June 18 on Heroes & Villains Night. After the final out, NEPA's best fireworks show will send everyone home with a WHAM! and a KER-POW! courtesy of ShurSave.

On Saturday, June 19, the first 2,500 fans through the gates at PNC Field will receive a RailRiders 32 oz. beer howler. On July 10, FOX 56 and SWB team up for an umbrella giveaway.

The RailRiders are on the road on July 4 this year and we will celebrate America's independence a few days later. Join us July 9 for an extended fireworks show and custom jerseys honoring our great nation, which will be auctioned off to benefit the SWB Pinstripes Foundation. After the final out, post gamer fireworks presented by the PA Lottery.

At the end of July, Yankee Legend Derek Jeter enters the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Scranton/Wilkes-Barre will celebrate "The Captain." On Friday, July 23, the RailRiders will wear 2013 throwback vests to honor the Hall of Famer's stint in SWB and the jerseys will be auctioned after the final out. July 24 is the Derek Jeter bobblehead giveaway, presented by Casey Dental, paying tribute to the accomplishments of one of the game's greats!

On July 25, the club will celebrate Christmas in July with an Aaron Judge ornament giveaway, presented by Geisinger.

Faith and Family Night is slated for Friday, August 6. Head to the ballpark for a fun evening of fellowship and post game fireworks presented by the PA Lottery. August 7 is Back to School Night at PNC Field and the first 2,500 fans get a RailRiders insulated lunch bag courtesy of Giant.

Paradise hits PNC Field on August 13 as the RailRiders go tropical. The first 2,500 fans will receive a RailRiders beach towel courtesy of Dickson City Hyundai and the club will wear custom Hawaiian-style jerseys that will be auctioned off after the final out. Stick around for another great fireworks show courtesy of Jack Williams Tire.

On Saturday, August 14, our first of two Legends Race dual bobblehead giveaways will find their way to the gates at PNC Field. Mantle and Munson start the sprint on this two-part collectible series, presented by PNC Bank.

Dunder Mifflin fans unite! Scranton/Wilkes-Barre will once again pay tribute to our lovable friends from The Office on September 3. You can't miss it... and that is what she said.

Our Legends Racers hit the finish line on September 4 when a DiMaggio and Martin dual bobblehead complete the jaunt home, courtesy of Geisinger. On Sunday, September 5, the first 500 kids aged 12 and younger will receive a RailRiders autograph book, presented by Hyundai.

On Friday, September 10, make your way to PNC Field for a RailRiders fleece headband, brought to fans by Times-Shamrock. With one week to go before the rescheduled 2021 Parade Day, Scranton/Wilkes-Barre will also don St. Paddy's Day-themed jerseys that will be auctioned off and are sure to be a mid-March hit for years to come. Plus... stick around after the game for our final fireworks extravaganza of the season. September 10 is also Boy Scout Night.

Fan Appreciation Day is slated for Sunday, September 12, as Scranton/Wilkes-Barre brings its 2021 home schedule to a close with a random promo item giveaway for the first 2,500 fans.

All major giveaways will be handed out to the first 2,500 fans. All promotions and giveaway dates are subject to change.

The RailRiders will operate with six-foot social distancing for the remainder of May but expand to 100% on June 1 per guidelines from the state of Pennsylvania. For more information on the 2021 season, please visit swbrailriders.com or call (570) 969-2255.



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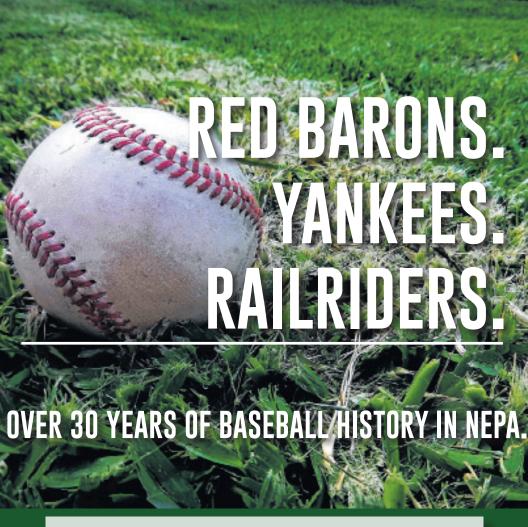
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# GREEN'S DAY COMING: PITCHER EXCELLING IN RISE TO TRIPLE-A

Nick Green was acquired from the Texas Rangers in 2016 and has reached Triple-A for the first time in his career.

by Joe Vasile

When he is at his best, RailRiders pitcher Nick Green is a throwback pitcher. His fastball doesn't reach the upper 90s and he has never really tallied up strikeouts at a prodigious rate. To get batters out he relies on deception, movement and one of the top groundball rates in the game of baseball.

Perhaps it shouldn't be a surprise that Green has always been a good groundball pitcher. He grew up in Fountain, Colorado, about an hour and a half south of Denver. With baseballs famously flying in the thin mountain air, inducing hitters to pound it into the ground is more than sound strategy – it's a survival technique.

"Since I grew up there ... it's just normal for me, you know?" said Green. "Everybody's like all the ball flies there and the ball you

know, goes crazy there and I'm like, no, it's normal there you know, but it does fly there. It absolutely goes."

Nestled in the Rocky Mountains 5,545 feet above sea level, Fountain is locally famous for being the site of a massive train wreck in the late 19th century and for being the hometown of former Yankees third baseman Chase Headley. Green and Headley are the only two professional baseball players to come out of Fountain-Fort Carson High School.

Green's path to pinstripes has taken some twists and turns. He was originally drafted out of high school by the Yankees in the 36th round of the 2013 MLB Draft, but decided not to sign. Instead he attended Indian Hills Community College in Iowa – a powerful junior college program. After going 3-1 with a 2.97 ERA with IHCC in 2014, the Texas Rangers drafted the right-hander in the 7th round of the 2014 draft. This time he signed, and at just 19 years old began his professional career.

He pitched well enough in the Arizona League to earn a promotion to Spokane in 2015, and was pitching there again in 2016 when his baseball world was turned upside



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down. The Rangers were in first place and looking to solidify their lineup for a playoff push on August 1. The Yankees, on their way to a fourth-place finish were looking to trade outfielder Carlos Beltran.

Yankees GM Brian Cashman worked out a deal with Texas to trade the veteran Beltran for three minor league pitchers – Dillon Tate, Erik Swanson and Green. Getting traded for the first time can be a shocking and sad experience for players, but now with some hindsight Green has a positive take.

"I think anytime some team shows interest in you, it's just a really good feeling in general, just because that it happens to very little people," he said. "You always you always have like those guys on the team that you really care about. And obviously, the [Rangers] took care of me while I was young. So you have those

moments, but over time, you just kind of move forward with it and you understand."

After a lost year in 2020 with the COVID-19 pandemic, Green is happy to be back on the field competing. Like most players who were not part of the Alternate Training Site at PNC Field last year, Green stayed in shape by playing catch and pitching with his mom and dad in Colorado. While nothing is a substitute for real game action, Green has found the transition back to baseball relatively easy, even with the transition to Triple-A for the first time.

"I think there's not too much of an adjustment. It goes back to getting back into routines and stuff just because you know, every level you move up, it's kind of the same thing," he said. "You get used to the team, you get used to the players and over time, you just kind of get used to the atmosphere. So I think it just goes back to like getting through the routines and all that stuff. It was awesome. I mean, I'm super pumped up to start [here]. It's definitely been a lot of fun. The team is awesome, great group of guys."

Green knows that to take the next step he needs to work on limiting walks, something that has become an issue as he has risen through the Yankees minor league system. If he can do that while maintaining his groundball prowess, he could be earning himself a ticket to the Bronx soon.

"I tell you what, I put myself in so many situations that I don't need to be in," said Green. "I want to say it's an easy fix, but you know, it's one of those things. It's not easy, but it is easy. So obviously, that's the biggest thing for me. I think in general I want to maintain the game that I'm playing right now. Just kind of clean it up a little bit over time and grow from each game."

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#### RAILRIDERS RADIO NETWORK

The flagship of the RailRiders Radio Network is The Mothership; Bold Gold's oldies station that hit the airwaves in 2020 and added a frequency to expand the coverage. Scranton/Wilkes-Barre games can be heard locally on 1400 AM, 1440 AM, 93.5 FM, 106.7 FM and 107.9 FM. This array of frequencies for The Mothership gives the RailRiders coverage across both Lackawanna and Luzerne Counties, as well as into Wayne and Pike Counties in the Pocono Lake Region.

Bold Gold Media Group's family of stations has been the home of RailRiders radio broadcasts since 2007.

Scranton/Wilkes-Barre RailRiders broadcasts

are also available online at swbrailriders.com and with the video feed on MiLB.tv when the team plays at PNC Field. In addition to the over-the-air broadcast, MiLB.tv and the webstream, broadcasts will be streamed through Bold Gold's state-of-the-art RadioBOLD Mobile App, available for free in the Apple and GooglePlay Marketplace and at RadioBOLD. com.

Adam Marco and Joe Vasile will serve as the broadcast voices of the Scranton/Wilkes-Barre RailRiders during the 2021 season.





# NEED TO KNOW: ADDITIONAL UPDATES TO PNC FIELD PROTOCOLS

RailRiders updating several guidelines and policies as PNC Field returns to 100% capacity on June 1, 2021.



PNC Field will soon return to full capacity for the first time this season.

Due to additional changes in CDC and state guidelines last week, the Scranton/Wilkes-Barre RailRiders have updated several policies for fans attending games at PNC Field this season. Masking policies will change during the team's next homestand and capacity restrictions will change next month.

PNC Field returns to 100% capacity on June 1 and single-game tickets for the remainder of the 2021 home schedule will go on sale tomorrow, May 21, at 10 A.M. online at swbrailriders.com.

Updated Policies and Guidelines are as follows:

#### Mask Policy (Beginning May 25)

- Vaccinated fans do not need to wear a mask unless they choose to do so.
- Unvaccinated fans must continue to mask at all times.

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#### Entrance/ Seating/ Capacity Restrictions (Beginning June 1)

- Due to Major League Baseball requirements, social distancing will remain in place during entrance and exit at PNC Field as well as in concession lines throughout the ballpark.
- A special "pod seating" section will remain in place for fans wishing to maintain safe social distancing. Masking will be required in this section.
- The Season Ticket Holder early entrance policy will be reinstated (15 minutes before gates open via the SWB Station Team Store).
- The designated smoking areas will be reinstated.
- The Geisinger Kids Zone will be open.
- The SWB Station Team Store capacity restrictions will be lifted.
- Ballpark re-entry will now be permitted.

#### The RailRiders will keep several existing policies in place. They are as follows:

- RailRiders and Legends staff will continue to wear masks at PNC Field.
- Digital Ticketing will remain in place for the entire 2021 season.
- PNC Field will remain cashless for the entire 2021 season.
- Players will not be able to sign autographs until further notice.
- The Clear Bag Policy remains in effect for the entire 2021 season.
- Enhanced cleaning and sanitization efforts will stay in place for the entire 2021 season.

In addition, due to MLB guidelines, the RailRiders will continue to utilize pod seating for player families to assist with social distancing and safety.

Protocols and procedures remain subject to change this season per Major League Baseball, state and CDC guidance.

For more information on all 2021 policies, visit the Health and Safety page at swbrailriders. com or call (570) 969-2255.



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