



Lansing Lugnuts (26-38, 62-68)

High-A Affiliate, Athletics

RH Tzu-Chen Sha (45 IP | 5.60 ERA)

at



Dayton Dragons (29-32, 50-76)

High-A Affiliate, Cincinnati Reds

RH Luke Hayden (96 IP | 4.31 ERA)

GAME 131 ♦ **DAY AIR BALLPARK** ♦ **SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2025** ♦ **7:05 PM**

History vs. Dayton

The Nuts are 237-190 all-time vs. the Dragons, 123-97 in Lansing, 114-93 in the Water Street District. Last season, Lansing went 10-11 vs. Dayton overall, with a 4-5 record at Day Air Ballpark

Meetings	Score	Meetings	Score
1. 6/3 at DAY	W, 5-4	13. 8/13 at LAN	W, 4-3
2. 6/4 at DAY	W, 6-3	14. 8/14 at LAN	W, 3-2 (7)
3. 6/5 at DAY	L, 3-2 (10)	15. 8/14 at LAN	W, 4-0 (7)
4. 6/6 at DAY	W, 5-1	16. 8/15 at LAN	W, 11-6
5. 6/7 at DAY	W, 3-1	17. 8/16 at LAN	W, 3-0
6. 6/8 at DAY	W, 12-6	18. 8/17 at LAN	L, 4-1
7. 6/24 at LAN	L, 13-8	19. 9/2 at DAY	L, 4-3
8. 6/25 at LAN	L, 9-4	20. 9/3 at DAY	L, 11-6
9. 6/26 at LAN	W, 9-7	21. 9/4 at DAY	W, 5-4
10. 6/27 at LAN	L, 19-4	22. 9/5 at DAY	L, 6-2
11. 6/28 at LAN	W, 4-3	23. 9/6 at DAY	
12. 6/29 at LAN	W, 6-1	24. 9/7 at DAY	

Tonight: The Lansing Lugnuts play the fifth of a six-game series at the Dayton Dragons and the penultimate game of the 2025 season, the Nuts' 29th season in the Midwest League. Lansing is 14-8 vs. Dayton this year, 8-4 at Jackson Field and 6-4 at Day Air Ballpark, but has lost three of four games to begin the series.

Last Night: Dragons 6, Lugnuts 2. After **Jake Garland** fired four scoreless innings and **Johnathan Harmon** twirled five scoreless innings in response, the Dragons won a bullpen duel, scoring one in the 6th, two in the 7th and three in the 8th for the victory.

On Deck: The Nuts and Dragons close out the season tomorrow with a matinee. The next Lugnuts home game is 209 days away (or, if you prefer, six months and 28 days), opening the club's 30th season in the Midwest League on Thursday, April 2, at Jackson Field against these same Dayton Dragons.

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

1:05 p.m., Sunday, September 7 LH Ryan Magdic, Lugnuts at RH Jose Montero, Dragons

— End of the Midwest League Regular Season —

LUG•NOTES

¡Feliz Cumpleaños / Happy 22nd Birthday to OF Pedro Pineda!

Promotions: Among players who've played for the 2025 Lugnuts, OF **Ryan Lasko**, C **Nick Schwartz**, P **Gustavo Rodriguez** and P **Yunior Tur** are now with Triple-A Las Vegas, while pitchers **Diego Barrera**, **Gage Jump** and **Wei-En Lin**; catchers **Cole Conn** and **CJ Rodriguez**; infielders **Leo De Vries**, **Joshua Kuroda-Grauer**, **T.J. Schofield-Sam**, **Sahid Valenzuela** and **Tommy White**; and outfielders **Jared Dickey**, **Clark Elliott** and **Nate Nankil** have all been promoted to Double-A Midland. That's 17 players moved up the ladder!

Opening Day to Today: Comparing the current Lugnuts to the Opening Day roster, all three catchers have moved up, four of six infielders have moved up (with **Darlyn Montero** on IL), and three of five outfielders have moved up (with **Rodney Green, Jr.** moved down to Stockton while **Jonny Butler** was released). **Casey Yamauchi** is the sole remaining position player from the initial roster. Pitching has been a different story, with 11 hurlers — **Jake Garland**, **Steven Echavarria**, **Kyle Robinson**, **Blaze Pontes**, **Hunter Breault**, **Yehizon Sanchez**, **Corey Avant**, **Mark Adamiak**, **Tom Reisinger**, **Henry Gómez** and **Jake Christianson** — beginning and finishing the season with the Nuts. Of those, Robinson did have a stint in Double-A while Garland had a stint on the Injured List.

Mark it Down: **Mark Adamiak** stands alone atop Minor League Baseball with 21 saves, one more than Chattanooga's Trevor Kuncil. Adamiak also leads the Midwest League with 43 appearances.

Sha vs. Dayton: Starting pitcher **Tzu-Chen Sha** made his High-A debut against the Dragons at home on June 25 and was given a tough welcome to the Midwest League (3 IP, 7 H, 6 R, 5 ER, 1 BB, 1 K), allowing a two-run HR to Carlos Sanchez... his rematch with the Dragons came in relief in Game 1 of a doubleheader on August 14, and things went far better (Save, 4 IP, 3 H, 0 R, 1 BB, 2 K).

Hayden vs. Lansing: The Indiana State product entered his first appearance against Lansing flying high with a 2.13 ERA, but couldn't escape the 2nd inning vs. the Nuts on June 3 (1 2/3 IP, 2 H, 1 R, 3 BB, 0 K on 50 pitches)... took the loss on June 8 (3 2/3 IP, 7 H, 3 R, 1 HBP, 3 BB, 1 K)... ran into trouble again on June 27 (4 1/3 IP, 6 H, 4 R, 1 HBP, 1 BB, 1 K)... lost again in Game 1 on August 14 (4 IP, 5 H, 3 R, 4 BB, 2 K)... all things considered, he's 0-2 in 4 GS, 7.24 ERA, 13 2/3 IP, 20 H, 11 R, 2 HBP, 11 BB, 4 K, .377 avg. allowed.

Walking with Dragons: **Davis Diaz**, idle yesterday, has six walks in three games in this series and 14 walks drawn in 17 games vs. Dayton this season. Diaz is batting .316 with a .444 OBP overall vs. Dragons pitching.

3... 2... 1... Contact: Lansing is the hardest team to strike out in MiLB, averaging a scant 7.15 strikeouts per game (930 in 130 games), the lowest MiLB K rate since the 2019 South Bend Cubs. The offense is on track for its first sub-1,000 strikeout season since 2006.

Roll Call: The 2025 Lugnuts have had 51 different players, 27 position players and 24 pitchers (plus one position player pitching). 24 players have stolen a base, 19 players have homered, 12 pitchers have started a game and seven pitchers have recorded a save.

Prospecting: The Lugnuts' roster has four of MLB Pipeline's Top 30 Athletics prospects: No. 14 **Steven Echavarria**, No. 18 **Ryan Lasko**, No. 22 **Carlos Pacheco** and No. 24 **Kenya Huggins**. Additionally, No. 1 **Leo De Vries**, No. 3 **Gage Jump**, No. 8 **Tommy White**, No. 11 **Joshua Kuroda-Grauer**, No. 20 **Nate Nankil** and No. 21 **Wei-En Lin** played for the Lugnuts earlier this season and are now with Double-A Midland, with Jump scheduled to start tonight.

IN A NUTSHELL

36-30 | 25-38 | Lost 1

Home: 35-31 Night: 42-49
Road: 27-37 Day: 20-19

vs. LHP: 19-27 vs. RHP: 43-41

White unis: 17-13
Black unis: 26-27
Retro Gray unis: 7-10
Lansing Locos unis: 4-9
Green & Gold unis: 0-3
Special unis: 8-6

Tuesday: 7-13
Wednesday: 11-9
Thursday: 12-10
Friday: 10-14
Saturday: 10-13
Sunday: 12-9

Series wins: 6
Series losses: 8
Series splits: 8

Scored 1st: 38-23
Opponent scored 1st: 24-45

Doubleheaders (W-L-S): 2-0-2
Shutouts: 8-9

More hits than opp.: 48-11
Fewer hits than opp.: 13-50
Equal hits: 1-7
Games decided by 1 run: 16-15

Comeback wins: 26
Final at-bat wins: 13
Walk-offs: 4
Extra Innings: 5-5

9-IP Leading Trailing Tied
After 6: 31-6 15-51 6-8
After 7: 40-5 9-57 3-3
After 8: 43-3 6-57 3-5

OVERVIEW



Luggie's Nuggets

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

Colors	red and black
Mascot Logo	Big Lug, a river dragon Luggie the Lugnut
Ballpark	Jackson® Field™
First Game at Ballpark	April 3, 1996: Michigan vs. Michigan St.
Total Capacity	11,000
Lugnugs Seasons	29; 1996-present
Lugnugs Championships	1997, 2003
All-Star Games Hosted	1997, 1999, 2002, 2018
Total Lugnuts Games	3,968
All-Time Lugnuts Won-Lost Record	1,983-1,985, .499
Franchise Seasons	70; 1955-present
Franchise Championships	1958, 1959, 1960, 1975, 1976, 1980, 1986
Total Franchise Games	9,301
Franchise Won-Lost Record	4,782-4,519, .514

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

- 72 Lugnuts alumni debuted with the Toronto Blue Jays
- 32 with the Chicago Cubs
- 25 with the A's
- 22 with the Kansas City Royals
- 11 with the Florida/Miami Marlins
- 4 with the Seattle Mariners and San Diego Padres
- 3 with the Baltimore Orioles, Boston Red Sox and St. Louis Cardinals
- 2 with the Chicago White Sox, Colorado Rockies, Detroit Tigers,
- Pittsburgh Pirates, San Francisco Giants and Tampa Bay Rays
- 1 with the Atlanta Braves, L.A. Angels, L.A. Dodgers, Milwaukee Brewers, New York Mets, Texas Rangers, and Washington Nationals

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Major League Nuts

A's: Brady Basso (2021, 2023), Lawrence Butler (2021-22), Hogan Harris (2022), Luis Morales (2023-24), Max Muncy (2022-23), Tyler Soderstrom (2022), Colby Thomas (2023), Jacob Wilson (2023)

Arizona Diamondbacks: Anthony DeSclafani (2012), Kendall Graveman (2013-14), Gabriel Moreno (2019)

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

Boston Red Sox: Josh Winckowski (2019)

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

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

Kansas City Royals: Rich Hill (2003)

Los Angeles Angels: assistant pitching coach Sal Fasano (2010 manager), infield coach Ryan Goins (2009-10)

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

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

Milwaukee Brewers: Danny Jansen (2015)

New York Mets: Danny Young (2016)

New York Yankees: Marcus Stroman (2015 rehab)

Pittsburgh Pirates: Ryan Borucki (2016), Tim Lincecum (2015)

San Diego Padres: Mason Miller (2022)

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

Toronto Blue Jays: Bo Bichette (2017), Vladimir Guerrero, Jr. (2017), Leo Jiménez (2019), Alejandro Kirk (2019), manager John Schneider (2016 manager), third base coach Carlos Febles (1996), bullpen catcher Luis Hurtado (2011)

Washington Nationals: Drew Millas (2021)

MIDWEST LEAGUE MATCHUPS

Opponents	Home	Road	Total
Beloit	3-3		3-3
Cedar Rapids	3-3		3-3
Dayton	8-4	6-4, September 6-7	14-8, 2 left
Fort Wayne	6-3	2-4	8-7
Great Lakes	3-3	6-6	9-9
Lake County	6-6	3-9	9-15
Quad Cities		3-3	3-3
South Bend	5-1		5-1
West Michigan	1-8	2-10	3-18
Wisconsin		5-1	5-1
Totals	35-31	27-37, 2 games left	62-68, 2 left

THE A's SYSTEM

Athletics - MLB



64-77

American League West

Yesterday: beat the Angels, 10-4
Mason Barnett: 5 IP, 3 H, 4 R, 8 K

Midland RockHounds



62-68

Double-A Texas League

Yesterday: beat Frisco, 5-4
Joshua Kuroda-Grauer: 3-5, 2B

Las Vegas Aviators



77-59

Triple-A Pacific Coast League

Yesterday: beat Sacramento, 2-1
Mitch Spence: 6 IP, 6 H, 1 R, 5 K

Stockton Ports



56-74

Single-A California League

Yesterday: defeated Visalia, 8-5
Cole Miller: 3 IP, 4 H, 1 ER, 2 BB, 7 K

SEPTEMBER 6TH IN LUGNUTS HISTORY

• **2016:** Bo Bichette and Vladimir Guerrero, Jr., made their unofficial Lugnuts debuts, competing in the pregame Home Run Derby at the 10th annual Crosstown Showdown presented by Auto-Owners Insurance (where they were outthundered by eventual champion Connor Panas, who hit 14 homers in the 1st round and 14 more in the championship round to best MSU's Dan Durkin). Then Bichette supplied an RBI triple in the game itself, Christian Williams hit a two-run homer, and the Lugnuts beat the Spartans, 4-1, before a crowd of 8,432. Cavan Biggio went 2-for-3 with two stolen bases and a run scored.

• **2018:** The Bowling Green Hot Rods won their first playoff series in franchise history (en route to their first MWL title in franchise history), holding off the Lugnuts, 4-3, to win Game 2 of the first-round series at Bowling Green Ballpark, clinching the series, 2 games to 0. The two teams had driven eight hours through the night after the previous evening's game. Trailing 4-1 entering the 9th, the Lugnuts scored runs on a Ryan Noda sacrifice fly and a Brandon Grudzielanek RBI single to keep hope alive, but Ryan Gold flied out to center field against Tyler Day, ending the game and the season. Moises Gomez hit a two-run homer and an RBI single, driving in Vidal Brujan twice, to lift the Hot Rods' offense. Nuts starter Graham Spraker pitched seven innings in defeat, allowing three runs, and leadoff hitter Samad Taylor singled, doubled and scored a run. On the same day, Nuts groundskeeper Zach Severns was named Midwest League Groundskeeper of the Year.

CATCHING STATS

	Diaz	Gómez	Newton
W-L (ShO)	18-25	4-7	0-1
ERA	4.77	5.04	4.50
Innings	373.0	94.2	8.0
R (ER)	228 (196)	55 (53)	4 (4)
E	5	-	1
PB	8	1	1
CS%	11-46, 24%	1-18, 6%	1-3, 33%
Pickoffs	-	-	-

#29 • RH • **Tzu-Chen Sha** • 6-3, 190 • age 21

Profile

Name Tzu-Chen Sha
 Birthday October 15, 2003
 Born Taipei, Taiwan
 School National Taiwan Sport University
 Acquired International Free Agent, 2/15/23
 Bats / Throws Right / Right

Pronounce Tzu-Chen Sha's name as "Shah Tsu-Chun"

Longest Outing: 6 IP, 3x | Most K: 9, April 12, 2025, vs. Rancho Cucamonga

Personal: Tzu-Chen initially gained notice as a soccer star, earning a spot on the Taiwanese National Team before reaching high school... undrafted out of high school, debuted in college in 2022 with four perfect innings / nine strikeouts at National Taiwan Sport University (the same university attended by former Lugnut Chen Zhong-Ao Zhuang)... named Best Pitcher at the 2022 MeiHuaQi College National Tournament... signed with the Athletics a few months later for \$370,000 plus \$30,000 to be put toward scholarship... part of the same A's international signing class as former Lugnut Luis Morales, now in the Majors.

Family Highlight: On July 5, with his father and brother watching him pitch in the Minor Leagues for the very first time, earned first High-A victory with five innings of two-hit, one-run ball vs. Fort Wayne (Brandon Butterworth solo HR in 3rd inning).

Last Game: Started August 31 vs. Lake County and suffered his third straight loss... 4 2/3 IP, 9 H, 6 R, 1 BB, 1 K... 84 pitches, 54 strikes... gave up three runs in the 2nd inning, one in the 4th, and two in the 5th... the Nuts went on to lose, 12-4.

Pro Ball: Debuted with the Arizona Complex League A's in 2023 (June 6, 3 IP, 4 H, 0 R, 0 BB, 4 K at ACL Reds), earning way to Stockton for a July 26 California League debut (4 IP, 2 H, 0 R, 2 BB, 3 K vs. Lake Elsinore)... spent all of 2024 with Stockton, piggybacking Will Johnston on the second day of the season... returned to Stockton to open this season and debuted as part of a combined no-hitter at Fresno, following Jefferson Jean's five hitless innings with three perfect innings/six strikeouts before yielding to Wilfrid Alvarado for a perfect ninth in a 2-0 win... promoted to Lansing to replace Nathan Dettmer in the starting rotation on June 23.

Players from Taiwan in MLB: The only Taiwanese players to see time in the Majors this season are Kai-Wei Teng (SF) and Tsung-Che Cheng (PIT)... there have been 18 Major Leaguers all-time from Taiwan, the first being Chin-Feng Chen of the Dodgers, who played from 2002-2005... the Yankees' Chien-Ming Wang (2005-09, 2011-13, 2016) has the most career wins (68), the Orioles/Marlins' Wei-Yin Chen (2012-19) has the most career innings pitched (1,064 2/3), and Cleveland's Yu Chang (2019-23) has the most offensive records, from games played (235) to runs (72) to hits (121) to homers (20).

Players from Taiwan in Lansing: The first Taiwanese Lugnuts are franchise record-holders – Po-Hsuan Keng, who pitched primarily out of the bullpen for the Nuts from 2005-2007, and Chi-Hung Cheng, who served as a starting pitcher in 2005-06 and 2008... in 2024, Brock Whittlesey broke Keng's franchise record of most career appearances; Whittlesey pitched in 103 games from 2021-23, while Keng appeared in 94... Chi-Hung Cheng owns the Lugnuts' franchise record for most career innings pitched (374), with Keng ranking second (202); Cheng also ranks first in games started (67), career wins (23), losses (20), starts (67), strikeouts (367), runs (188), hits (360), and walks (189). Last season, the Lugnuts had Chen Zhong-Ao Zhuang, who sparked with a 2.56 ERA in nine appearances, six starts, spanning 31 2/3 innings, posting a 29.3 K:BB ratio.

YR	CLUB	W-L	ERA	G	GS	CG	ShO	SV	IP	AB	H	R	ER	HR	HB	BB	IBB	K	WP	BK	AVG
2023	ACL Athletics	2-3	4.01	7	0	0	0	0	24.2	99	28	12	11	2	0	3	0	38	4	1	.283
	Stockton	0-1	5.00	7	7	0	0	0	27.0	109	31	17	15	4	3	5	0	15	7	1	.284
2024	Stockton	2-6	6.33	24	12	0	0	0	85.1	349	104	74	60	20	6	27	0	64	5	3	.298
2025	Stockton	3-3	2.70	12	7	0	0	1	50.0	186	43	19	15	1	4	9	0	59	5	0	.231
	Lansing	1-5	5.60	11	9	0	0	0	45.0	173	45	31	28	6	8	18	0	26	1	2	.260
	TOTALS	8-18	5.00	61	35	0	0	1	232.0	916	251	153	129	33	21	62	0	202	22	7	.274

IN THE BULLPEN

21 MARK ADAMIAK • RH • Age 24 • "uh-DAHMe-ee-ack" • MWL: 2
FB, CUT, SL, CH | 2024: Stockton, 5-5, 4.90, 45 G, 2 SV, 60 2/3 IP, 62 H, 7 HR, 28 BB, 75 K, 12 WP
 1 day rest
 • Born in Des Plaines, IL... lives in Shawnee, Kansas... 454th overall, 15th rd., 2022, Arkansas.
 • \$125,000... at Shawnee Mission Northwest H.S., ranked the No. 1 RHP in Kansas in 2019.
 • Drafted after r-soph. year: Acad. Honor Roll; 9 G, 3 GS, 3.95, 13 2/3 IP, 14 H, 6 R, 8 BB, 18 K.
 • Four relief appearances with Lansing to end 2023: 5 IP, 4 H, 3 R, 1 HR, 2 BB, 7 K.

15 HUNTER BREAUT • RH • Age 26 • "BRO" • MWL seasons: 3
FB, CU, SL, SPL | 2024: Lansing, 4-3, 6.08, 36 G, 6 SV, 40 IP, 5 HR, 30 BB, 42 K, 5 WP
 1 day rest
 • Kapolei, HI... \$35,000... drafted 608th, 20th round, 2021, from the University of Oregon.
 • 2019 California Collegiate League top prospect by Perfect Game (12 G, 16 IP, 1 ER).
 • Perfect Game's No. 1 HS recruit in Hawai'i... high school teammates with Blaze Pontes.
 • Four yrs. at Oregon: 50 G, 4.68, 57.2, 44 K... 19 G w/ LAN in 2023, spent 2024 with Nuts.

13 JAKE CHRISTIANSON • RH • 25 • MWL season: 1
FB, CU, SL, SPL | 2024: Bowling Green, 4-1, 3.74, 31 G, 2 SV, 53 IP, 41 H, 6 HR, 4 HBP, 19 BB, 56 K
 2 days rest
 • St. Paul, MN... drafted by TB 464th, 15th round, 2022, Feather River College... \$50,000.
 • Converted from catcher to closer at FRC... signed by Rays away from So. Illinois commit.
 • Released by Tampa on March 21, 2025... signed as free agent by the A's on March 22.
 • Drafted 10 picks after Mark Adamiak, 20 picks ahead of Blaze Pontes... enjoys cornhole.
 • Attended Northern Iowa Area CC for one year... business & biomechanics major.

17 HENRY GÓMEZ • RH • Age 23 • MWL season: 1
FB, SINK, CU, SL, CH | 2024: Palm Beach, 6-3, 3.03, 39 G, 12 SV, 62 1/3, 1 HR, 26 BB, 44 K
 2 days rest
 • Born in Maracaibo, lives in Zulia, Venezuela... signed by STL as an int'l free agent, 7/28/18.
 • Acquired by the Athletics in the Triple-A portion of the Rule 5 draft, 12/11/24.
 • Spent 2019, 2021, 2022 in Dominican Summer League, converting from starter to reliever.
 • Pitched in 2023 and 2024 in the Florida State League, lowering ERA from 4.91 to 3.03.

31 WANDER GUANTE • RH • Age 26 • MWL seasons: 2
FB, SL, CH | 2024: Lansing, 1-3, 5.22, 14 G, 7 GS, 50 IP, 8 HR, 22 BB, 35 K, .268 avg.
 0 days rest
 • Santo Domingo, DR... signed by the Athletics as an international free agent on 3/22/19.
 • "Guante" in English means glove... uncle Cecilio Guante pitched in MLB, 1982-1990.
 • Promoted to Midland 5/14, returned 7/19, promoted to Las Vegas 8/31/24 (6 G, 18 2/3, 5.79).
 • 2024 Arizona Fall League: 9 G, 7.84, 10 1/3 IP, 10 R, 5 BB, 8 K... rejoined LAN May 13, 2025.

20 JACK MAHONEY • LH • Age 26 • MWL season: 1
FB, SINK, SL, CH | 2024: Windy City, 5-4, 3.45, 52 G, 60 IP, 57 H, 4 HR, 24 BB, 61 K, 1.35 WHIP
 2 days rest
 • Appleton, WI... undrafted out of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, earned way to MiLB through indy ball.
 • Attended Appleton West, same high school as Lugnuts / MLB catcher Danny Jansen.
 • Independent experience: 2022-23 Milwaukee, '24 Windy City, '25 Staten Island FerryHawks.
 • 2025: 6 GS with Staten Island, 5.45 ERA, 33 IP, 12 BB, 41 K... purchased by A's on June 9.

16 BLAZE PONTES • RH • Age 25 • "PAHN-tez" • MWL seasons: 2
FB, SINK, CU, SL, CH | 2024: Lansing, 3-9, 7.36, 26 G, 10 GS, 88 IP, 113 H, 76 R, 11 HR, 40 BB, 44 K
 0 days rest
 • Mililani, HI... drafted 484th overall, 16th rd., 2022, University of Hawai'i... signed for \$75,000.
 • 1st Team All-State as a high school junior (0.95)... Jr. year at Hawai'i: 1st Team All Big West
 • One year younger than teammate Hunter Breault at Kamehameha-Kapālama High School.
 • 2021: played for Waterloo (Northwoods League), where Lugs franchise used to be located.

33 TOM REISINGER • RH • 24 • "RICE-ing-er" • MWL season: 1
FB, SINK, CU, SWEEP, CH | 2024: Stockton, 9.05, 21 G, 5 GS, 62 2/3, 93 H, 8 HR, 7 HBP, 41 BB, 53 K
 0 days rest
 • Kulpmont, PA... 286th overall, 10th rd., 2023, East Stroudsburg University (ESU) Warriors.
 • Signed for \$125,000... Mount Carmel Area H.S. quarterback... also played basketball.
 • Drafted following Jr. year: led PSAC in K (97 in 71 2/3 IP)... 2022-23 total: 185 K in 140 2/3.
 • Made pro debut in 2023 in ACL: 4 G/2 GS, 6 IP, 10 K... spent 2024 in Stockton, IL: May 1-30.

30 YEHIZON SANCHEZ • RH • 24 • "YAY-ih-son" • MWL seasons: 3
SINK, SL, CH | 2024: Lansing, 2-6, 6.18, 37 G, 1 SV, 51 IP, 63 H, 3 HR, 5 HBP, 31 BB, 44 K
 1 day rest
 • La Romana, DR... signed at age 18 as an international free agent on July 2, 2019.
 • In same signing class as James González and Wander Guante, who are in Midland.
 • Others from La Romana: Edwin Encarnación, Félix Pié and Miguel Castro.
 • 2023 Stockton Ports Opening Day starter... pitched in four games with Lansing in 2023.



fastball, curve, slider, change-up

THE BATSMEN

1	ALI CAMARILLO • R/R • SS • Age 22 • 1st season with Lugnuts			
2024 - did not make pro debut... 2025 in Stockton: 80 G, .254 / .329 / .318, 36 R, 79 H, 15 2B, 1 3B, 1 HR, 34 RBI, 15-for-18 SB, 32 BB, 62 K, 99 TB, 10 GiDP, 5 HBP, 1 S, 5 SF, 1 IBB, 13 E (all at shortstop)				
Last Game: -		at DAY: 2-11, 2 BB, 2 K, CS	LC: 5-14, 3 R, 2B, RBI, 3 BB, 2 K, 3 SB	Current Hit Streak: +2 (2-9) On-Base Streak: +7 (7-22, 5 BB)
- Jorge Ali Camarillo... Chula Vista, CA... 346th overall, 12th round, Texas A&M... \$250,000. - Played in 2016 Little League World Series (dad Jorge was manager) with Park View Little League. - Little League team lost first game to Iowa 5-1, eliminated Texas 5-0, then lost to Tennessee 4-2 (7). - Played at Cal State Northridge in 2022 and 2023, transferring to Texas A&M for the 2024 season. - In high school: two years at Montgomery High School, then two years at Otay Ranch High School. - Missed 23 games as a freshman at CSUN due to injuries, starting 29 games as a true freshman. - As a sophomore, All-Big West First Team, ranking 2nd in Big West in avg. (.371), 4th in OPS (1.032). - As a junior at A&M, had 34-game on-base streak... on Stockton IL, April 28-June 3... to Lansing, Aug 18.				
4	DAVIS DIAZ • R/R • C/INF • Age 22 • 1st season with Lugnuts			
2024: Stockton, 14 G, .226 / .397 / .283, 12-for-53, 12 R, 3 2B, 0 3B, 0 HR, 6 RBI, 8 BB, 9 K, 7 HBP, 0 SB, 0 E				
Last Game: -		at DAY: 3-8, R, 6 BB, K, PB, E	vs. LC: 2-13, 2B, RBI, 2 BB, 2 K	Current Hit Streak: +2 (3-7) On-Base Streak: +10 (6-31, 11 BB)
- Pittsburg, CA... signed for \$250,000 as the 226th pick, 8th round, 2024, Vanderbilt University. - Joined Lugnuts on June 3 from Stockton, replacing the promoted Cole Conn (Double-A Midland). 3x gold medalist, Team USA (2015, 2017, 2018), Perfect Game's No. 12 prospect in California. 2025 in Stockton: 42 G, .250 / .384 / .355, 10 2B, 3 3B, 0 HR, 21 RBI, 6-for-9 SB, 29 BB, 28 K, 6 HBP.				
25	CESAR FRANCO • L/R • OF • Age 23 • 1st season with Lugnuts			
2024 totals: did not play professionally... 2025 in Arizona Complex League: 33 G, .253 / .372 / .343, 4 2B, 1 3B, 1 HR, 1-3 SB, 19 BB, 30 K ... in Stockton: 28 G, .105 / .289 / .163, 9-for-86, 3 2B, 1 3B, 22 BB, 38 K				
Last Game: 0-4, RBI, 2 K		at DAY: 0-8, RBI, 5 K	vs. LC: -	Current Hit Streak: -2 (0-8) On-Base Streak: -2 (0-8)
- Born in Caracas, Venezuela... lives in Weston, Florida... signed as undrafted free agent, 7/24/24. - Chipola College (2021-22), Florida International (2023), and Western Illinois (Leathernecks, 2024). - Played for Florida in Mesa, AZ, at 2018 Under Armour Baseball Preseason Tourn. ... UA All-American. - First committed to FIU but switched to Chipola for two years (Cam Collier, Kenya Huggins teammate).				
9	MARIO GÓMEZ • L/R • C • Age 22 • 1st season with Lugnuts			
2025 totals: 24 G, .174 / .275 / .261, 1 2B, 1 3B, 1 HR, 0-for-2 SB... in Arizona Complex League: 12 G, .225 / .304 / .300, 1 HR... Stockton: 3 G, 0-for-11, 1 BB... Midland: 8 G, 3-for-15, 2B, 3B... Vegas: 1 G, 0-3				
Last Game: 1-4		at DAY: 1-11	vs. LC: 3-15, 2 R, 2B, RBI, BB, 3 K	Current Hit Streak: +2 (2-8) On-Base Streak: +2 (2-8)
- Aguascalientes, Mexico... signed as an international free agent on February 19, 2020 (age 17). - Joined Lugnuts on July 29, replacing Nick Schwartz (promoted to Las Vegas); RBI 1B in 1st AB. - Played for one team in 2021, two teams in 2023, three teams in 2024, and now five teams in 2025. - Has played one game for Caneros de Los Mochis in each of last two winter ball seasons (0-for-2, 2 K).				
12	GUNNER GOULDSMITH • S/R • INF • Age 23 • 1st season with Lugnuts			
2025 totals: 59 G, .171 / .314 / .221, 7 2B, 1 3B, 35 BB, 45 K, 7-for-11 SB... ACL A's: 17 G, 8-for-44, 2B, 3B, .182 / .397 / .250... Stockton: 40 G, .159 / .268 / .205, 5-for-5 SB... Midland: 2 G, 2-for-5, 2 BB, 2 K				
Last Game: 0-4, K		at DAY: 1-10, 2 R, RBI, 2 BB, 2 K	vs. LC: 5-12, 2 R, 2 2B, SB	Current Hit Streak: -2 (0-7) On-Base Streak: -1 (0-4)
- Reno, Nevada... 556th overall selection, 19th round, 2025, Sacramento State (\$20,000). - Brought four gloves to Lansing; plays all infield positions... only Hornet to start all 57 gms. in 2024. - Father Buddy - UNLV head coach, 2003-2010; Nevada-Reno associate head coach 2011-2013; area supervisor for Kansas City Royals... spent one year at Washington State, three years at Sac State.				
3	CAMERON LEARY • L/L • OF • Age 23 • 1st season with Lugnuts			
2024 with Stockton: 20 G, .222 / .309 / .395, 5 2B, 3 HR, 4 SB, 10 BB, 19 K... 2025 with Stockton: 93 G, .266 / .386 / .433, 66 R, 27 2B, 2 3B, 9 HR, 52 RBI, 44-for-49 SB, 66 BB, 98 K				
Last Game: 0-4, 2 K		DAY: 4-17, 3 R, 3 RBI, 2 BB, 5 K, 2-3 SB	LC: 9-24, 4 R, 2B, 3 RBI, 2 BB, 5 K, 4-5 SB	Hit Streak: -1 (0-4) On-Base Streak: -1 (0-4)
- Bethpage, NY... selected 286th overall, 10th round, 2024 draft from Boston College (\$50,000). - High school: 3 years, St. Anthony's (NY), finished at P27 Academy (Lexington, SC)... finance major. - Promoted from Stockton riding a 10-game hitting streak and a 30-game on-base streak. - Slugged 2nd most HR in Boston College history (43)... only Eagle to have 40+ HR and 40+ steals.				
19	BEN NEWTON • S/R • C/INF • Age 23 • 1st season with Lugnuts			
2025 with Las Vegas: 4 G, 1-for-8, 1 R, 1 2B, 0 BB, 3 K... 2025 with Arizona Complex A's: 16 G, 17-for-52, .327/.438/.462, 5 2B, 1 3B, 10 BB, 13 K... 2025 with Midland: 5 G, 2-for-9, 5 R, 1 HR, 4 RBI, 1 BB, 4 K				
Last Game: 1-3, R, BB		DAY: 5-14, 3 R, 2 2B, RBI, 2 BB, 4 K, SF	vs. LC: 5-19, 2 R, BB, 8 K, HBP, CS	Current Hit Streak: +5 (7-18) On-Base Streak: +5 (7-18, 2 BB)
- Albany, CA... signed as undrafted free agent, January 22, 2025, Fresno State. - Business major... 3x Mountain West Scholar Athlete, 3x Academic All-Mountain West. - According to college bio: "enjoys basketball, drawing and poker in his free time." - Also from Albany High School: Ron Hansen, the last rookie to start the ASG at SS before Jacob Wilson.				
8	CARLOS PACHECO • R/R • OF • Age 20 • 1st season with Lugnuts • MLB Pipeline's No. 23 A's prospect			
2025 with ACL A's: 12 G, .235 / .460 / .265, 8-for-34, 11 R, 1 2B, 2 RBI, 9 BB, 11 K, 5-for-6 SB... 2025 with Stockton: 39 G, .174 / .326 / .235, 20-for-115, 2 2B, 1 3B, 1 HR, 13 RBI, 21 BB, 41 K, 11-for-12 SB, 1 E				
Last Game: 1-3, RBI, sacrifice		DAY: 2-10, 2 R, 2 RBI, 3 BB, K, SB, HBP	vs. LC: 1-6, R, 2 RBI, BB, 3 K, SF	Current Hit Streak: +1 (2-3) On-Base Streak: +4 (2-10, 3 BB, HBP)
- Miranda, Venezuela... signed as an international free agent, January 15, 2022. - Signed for \$1.2 million as the A's top position-player target in 2022 international free agency - Pipeline grades: hit 45, power 40, run 60, arm 50, field 50... played in DSL in 2022 (.183) & 2023 (.244). - Playing at third different level in 2025, replacing the injured Pedro Pineda in Lansing on August 6.				
7	PEDRO PINEDA • R/R • OF • Age 22 • 1st season with Lugnuts			
2025 with Stockton: 53 G, .253 / .356 / .458, 35 R, 5 2B, 2 3B, 10 HR, 37 RBI, 2-for-3 SB, 27 BB, 65 K, 4 HBP				
Last Game: 0-4, 2 K		at DAY: 5-18, 2 R, 2B, HR, 3 RBI, 6 K	LC: 6-23, 2 R, 3B, RBI, 2 BB, 8 K, SB	Current Hit Streak: -1 (0-4) On-Base Streak: -1 (0-4)
- Santo Domingo Norte, DR... signed as an international free agent, January 15, 2021. - Friends with Dayton center fielder Carlos Jorge since they were teenagers. - Rose as high as MLB Pipeline's No. 11 A's prospect in 2022... signed for \$2.5 million. - Grew up admiring Alex Rodriguez and cheering for the NY Yankees.				
10	C.J. PITTARO • L/R • INF/OF • Age 23 • 1st season with Lugnuts			
2024 in Penn State: 2 G, 0-2, 1 K... 2025 in Stockton: 92 G, .246 / .358 / .323, 46 R, 16 2B, 4 3B, 1 HR, 36 RBI, 6-for-9 SB, 52 BB, 85 K, 6 GiDP, 10 HBP				
Last Game: 2-3, R, BB		at DAY: 4-16, 2 R, BB, 2 K, SB	vs. LC: 3-14, R, BB, 4 K	Current Hit Streak: +1 (2-3) On-Base Streak: +1 (2-3, BB)
- Hamilton, NJ... 2021 Vanderbilt, 2022-24 Penn State... 2025 undrafted free agent, Penn State. - Christopher John Pittaro... grandfather played in the minors from 1960-62, then coached at Rider. 1B, 2B, 3B, LF, RF at Penn State... 1B, 3B, LF, CF, RF at Stockton (42 games in LF, 48 games at 1B). - Father, Chris, played 53 G in MLB (1985 DET, 1986-87 MIN), currently A's Special Assistant to the GM.				
5	CASEY YAMAUCHI • R/R • INF • Age 25 • 3rd season with Lugnuts			
2024 in Stockton: 35 G, .316 / .389 / .404, 36 H, 18 R, 6 2B, 2 3B, 0 HR, 12 RBI, 5 HBP, 10 BB, 13 K, 7-10 SB, 10 E... Lansing: 52 G, .236 / .306 / .258, 24 R, 4 2B, 13 RBI, 7 HBP, 11 BB, 14 K, 13-15 SB, 5 E				
Last Game: 0-4, E		at DAY: 2-17, R, 2 RBI, 2 K, CS, HBP, E	LC: 8-24, 2 R, 2B, 5 RBI, 3 K, SB, SF, HBP	Hit Streak: -2 (0-8) On-Base Streak: -1 (0-4)
- Hilo, HI... signed as an undrafted free agent with the Athletics from Hawai'i at Hilo, July 12, 2023. 5 years... graduated w/ bachelor degrees in Communications and Kinesiology & Exercise Sciences. - Owns Hawai'i Hilo records in runs (147), hits (240), doubles (49), steals (74-for-85); only 27 K in 167 G. - Joined Nuts for the final three games of 2023 at LC (6-9, 2 BB, 1 HBP), replacing Jacob Wilson at SS.				

ADDITIONAL LUG•NOTES

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

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

Get to Know These Names: If the past is any indication, the Athletics' 2025 draft picks will be making a Midwest League impact sooner rather than later. This year, the A's selected Florida State southpaw **Jamie Arnold** with the 11th overall pick, following up with a pair of impact slugging outfielders: Indiana Hoosier **Devin Taylor** (the No. 30 prospect) at pick 48 and Oregon State Beaver **Gavin Turley** (the No. 78 prospect) at pick 110. Both outfielders are playing for Single-A Stockton.

The Mutant Cycle: The best individual performance of the season was achieved against the Lugnuts by now former Nut **Leo De Vries**, who went 5-for-5 on April 22nd for Fort Wayne, with a single, a double, two home runs, a sacrifice fly, and - in the top of the ninth inning – a go-ahead two-run triple to both give the TinCaps the win and culminate the third cycle in Fort Wayne franchise history. De Vries finished the game with eight RBIs, tying the Fort Wayne single game franchise record. De Vries also is the only player in Fort Wayne history to have two four-walk games.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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