

## 2023 Reading Fightin Phils End of Season Supplementary Notes

### Team

- Reading's total attendance of 384,563 was its highest total since the 2019 (406,307) season. When factoring in just regular season, it is the highest since 2018 (388,511).
- Reading's average attendance of 5,916 marked its highest since 2017 (6,054).
- Overall, the R-Phils ranked fourth in the Eastern League in average home attendance, and fourth in total attendance.
- Reading had 65/69 scheduled openings in 2023. Factoring in the average of 5,916, if the R-Phils played all 69 openings, they would have an estimated attendance of 408,227, which would rank second in the Eastern League
- Reading ranked fourth in Double-A in average attendance and total attendance. They ranked 21/120 in all MiLB for average and 25/120 in total.
- Reading's most attended game in 2023 was May 27 against Harrisburg at 8,959. It was the Saturday of Memorial Day Weekend.
- Just five Eastern League players hit 20+ home runs in 2023, and Reading had two of them in Dunn and De La Cruz
- No R-Phil recorded a shutout for the sixth-straight season. The last was Nick Pivetta in 2016. Also, no one had a complete game for fourth-straight year, with the last being Elniery Garcia in 2018
- Reading set a team record in strikeouts for the second-straight year with 1,364. Topping last year's mark of 1,242. That mark also led the Eastern League in 2023
- Reading pitching allowed 166 home runs in 2023, which came three shy of the record of 169 in 1997
- Reading finished the season tied for fifth in hitting at .240. They led the league in hitting at .267 in the first half, and was last in the league at .212 in the second half
- Reading's 601 runs this season is their most since scoring 642 in 2017. Their 1,082 hits are the most since 1,104 in 2018
- Reading's 159 home runs are their most since hitting 185 back in 2016. The R-Phils have hit 150+ home runs just four times in their history (2023, 2017, 2016, 2004). They ranked third in the Eastern League in home runs in 2023
- Reading hitters got hit 86 times this season, which is their most since 99 in 2002. This year's total ranks third in team history, with 2002 the most and 88 in 1996 ranking second. They were second in the league in hit by pitches this season
- Reading's 529 walks this season were their most since 533 in 2008
- Reading ranked second in the Eastern League with 229 doubles and was third in the league with a .406 slugging percentage
- Reading grounded into the second most double plays in the league this season at 92 and left the second most runners on base with 1,009 (one-of-three over 1,000)
- Reading's 119 stolen bases this season were their most since swiping 130 bags in 2010. Since 2009, Reading has only stolen 115+ bases four times (2009, 10, 19, 23)

- Reading's .406 SLG% is their most since .422 in 2017 and their .329 OBP is their most since .344 in 2016
- Reading pitching had 29 saves, their fewest since 28 in 2008
- Reading's 166 home runs allowed this season are the second most in team history, with the most being 169 in 1997. Their 599 walks issues is the most since 617 in 1999. Their 1,285 strikeouts is the second-most in team history, with the record of 1,310 coming last season
- Reading's 110 errors was their most since 114 in 108. They went from 2019-21 without committing over 100 errors in a season
- Reading finished 59-77, falling two wins shy of their 2022 total, but matching their loss total. The R-Phils played 136 out of a scheduled 138 games this season, with two cancelled.
- The Fightin Phils are 79 wins away from 4,000 wins as a Phillies' affiliate (since 1967). They're 126 wins away from 5,000 as a Minor League organization (since 1952)
- In total, 61 different players played for the R-Phils in 2023. 24 hitters and 37 pitchers. Two made an MLB debut (Johan Rojas and Orion Kerkering) and three started with Reading and played a big-league game (Drew Ellis/Rojas/Kerkering). Nine in total had big league service time (Kerkering, Rojas, Ellis, Crouse, Uelmen, Moore, Alvarado, Suarez, Nelson). Alvarado, Suarez, and Nelson were all big-league rehab assignments. Noah Song made a rehab assignment as well, but does not big-league service time. It was considered a big-league rehab since he was a Rule Five Pick.
- 37 of the 61 players to suit up for the R-Phils were either drafted or signed by the Phillies originally
- Of the current Top 30 Phillies Prospects (via MLB Pipeline), six played for Reading in 2023 (Abel, McGarry, De La Cruz, Kerkering, Wilson and McCollum)
- In total, 17 R-Phils were called up to Triple-A in 2023
- Reading finished three wins better in the second half than the first (31-37 to 28-40)
- Reading was 36-33 on the road and 23-44 at home in 2023
- Reading won seven series this season, lost 13 and split four. They were swept once, a three-game series at Richmond in April, and won at least won game in the other 23 series this year
- Fridays were Reading's best day of the season, going 12-10. Sundays were its worst at 9-14
- August was the R-Phils best month of the season as they went 13-12. It was also the only month in 2023 Reading was above .500
- Reading's most-winning uniforms were their road grays with a 25-23 record. They were also over .500 in Navy, going 6-5. They went 6-10 in Pinstripe and 4-9 in hot dogs.
- When scoring first, Reading was 35-30 in games
- Reading had a starting pitcher going 6+ innings 29 times this season, and had a 16-13 record in such games. A starter went 7+ innings three times (McGarry, Abel, Osterberg) and they were 2-1 in those games

- Five runs were Reading's magic number this season. When scoring more than five runs, the R-Phils were 39-18. But, when scoring less than five runs, Reading was just 19-60.
- When outhitting opponents this season, Reading went 47-16. When being outhit, or having the same amount of hits, Reading was 10-60.
- Reading was just 2-59 when trailing after eight innings this season. Their two wins were May 26 at home and August 25 on the road. Both came against Harrisburg
- Reading went 46-58 against the Northeast Division and 13-19 against the Southwest side. The R-Phils best record vs an opponent was 14-10 vs Hartford. They also owned winning records against Portland (11-9) and Somerset (10-8).
- Reading went 6-5 in its 11 extra-inning games this season. They went 2-4 at home and 4-1 on the road, including winning four-straight on the road. The R-Phils went 4-1 in their final five extra-inning games.
- Reading had five walk-off wins and five walk-off losses in 2023. Their walk-off home runs came from Max McDowell on May 26 vs Harrisburg and from Ethan Wilson on July 16 vs Portland
- Reading's most starts by spot in the batting order:
  - Stokes (64), De La Cruz (106), Rojas (58), Ortiz (34), Wilson (43), Wilson (35), Martin (34), McDowell (34), Martinez (33)
- Reading's most starts by position
  - C: McDowell (66), 1B: De La Cruz (49), 2B: Dunn (89), SS: Martin (58), 3B: Kroon (45), LF: Wilson (58), CF: Rojas (70), RF: Wilson (40), DH: De La Cruz (26)
- Reading had 14 ejections this season. Manager Al Pedrique was ejected three times. Other coaches were ejected three times (Henson x2, Bergesen). Players were ejected eight times: Ortiz (3), McDowell (2), Phillips, Wilson, Moore
- Reading scored 601 runs this season, and allowed 685, for a -84-run differential. That was second-worst in the league, ahead of Hartford, who was at -228.
- Reading's best inning was the fifth, where they outscored opponents 84-66 (+18), their only other inning with a positive run differential was the fourth (79-75, +4).
- Reading's worst inning was the ninth as they were outscored 63-33 (-30). They were outscored by 24 runs in both the third and seventh innings this season.
- Reading starters finished the season with a 4.39 ERA and had a 25-39 record. Relievers had a 4.80 ERA and 34-38 record, with 29 saves.
- Home runs: Reading had eight players with multi-homer games. Oliver Dunn was the lone player with two (June 16 and August 2). Reading hit back-to-back homers on five instances. Carlos De La Cruz was one-half of three of the instances. Reading had four leadoff home runs, with Matthew Kroon having two. Their only grand slam came from Cam Cannon on April 25 vs Altoona. Reading had six game-winning home runs this season, with Ethan Wilson and Max McDowell each having two.
- Reading batted around six times this season, which included 14 to the plate on June 13 vs Hartford in the bottom of the fourth, scoring ten runs.
- Opponents batted around ten times against Reading this season.

- Reading had three-shutout wins this season and five-shutout losses.
- Reading finished the season with 110 errors and a .977 fielding percentage, which was eighth in the Eastern League. The R-Phils turned 98 double plays, which was also eighth in the league.
- Casey Martin led the team in errors, with 12.
- Reading had 37 pitch timer violations this season.

### **Phillies Organizational Ranks**

- Carlos De La Cruz led the Phillies organization in plate appearances with 582. Marcus Lee Sang (535) was third, Oliver Dunn (505) sixth, Nick Ward (484) seventh, Rixon Wingrove (473) eighth and Ethan Wilson (462) 10<sup>th</sup>.
- Carlos De La Cruz ranked second in the organization in hits with 132. Matthew Kroon (121) was third, Marcus Lee Sang (116) sixth, Oliver Dunn (113) eighth, Ethan Wilson (105) ninth and Nick Ward (102) was 10<sup>th</sup>.
- Carlos De La Cruz ranked third in the organization with 80 runs. Nick Ward (80) was tied for third and Marcus Lee Sang (77) was fifth.
- Matthew Kroon was tied for the organizational lead in doubles with 31. Oliver Dunn (27) was fourth, Marcus Lee Sang (26) fifth, Carlos De La Cruz (25) sixth, Ethan Wilson (24) seventh and Madison Stokes (21) was 10<sup>th</sup>.
- Carlos De La Cruz ranked second in the organization in home runs with 24. Oliver Dunn (21) was third, Ethan Wilson (17) seventh and Rixon Wingrove (16) was tied for ninth.
- Oliver Dunn was second in the organizational in RBI with 78. Carlos De La Cruz (67) was fourth, Rixon Wingrove (66) sixth and Ethan Wilson (61) was eighth.
- Carlos De La Cruz ranked second in the organization in total bases with 231. Oliver Dunn (211) was third, Matthew Kroon (195) fifth, Marcus Lee Sang (189) seventh, Ethan Wilson (186) eighth and Rixon Wingrove (168) was ninth.
- Oliver Dunn led the organization in walks with 82. Marcus Lee Sang (69) was third, Nick Ward (64) fifth, Madison Stokes (64) also fifth and Carlos De La Cruz (54) was tenth.
- Johan Rojas ranked fifth in the organization in stolen bases with 30. Nick Ward (28) was eighth and Matthew Kroon (26) was ninth.
- Matthew Kroon led all qualifiers in the organization in on-base percentage at .399. Oliver Dunn (.396) was third, Nick Ward (.375) fifth and Johan Rojas (.361) was ninth.
- Matthew Kroon was second in the organization in slugging percentage at .526. Oliver Dunn (.505) was fourth, Johan Rojas (.484) sixth, Carlos De La Cruz (.454) was eighth and Ethan Wilson (.443) finished tenth.
- Matthew Kroon was second in the organization in batting average at .326. Johan Rojas (.306) was fourth, Oliver Dunn (.271) sixth and Carlos De La Cruz (.259) was tenth.
- Matthew Kroon was second in the organization in OPS at .925. Oliver Dunn (.902) was third. Johan Rojas (.854) sixth and Carlos De La Cruz (.797) was ninth.

- Taylor Lehman led the organization in appearances with 50. Orion Kerkering was second with 49, as was Carlos Francisco. Tyler McKay (48) was fifth, Jordi Martinez (47) sixth, Tristan Garnett (46), Keylan Killgore (46) and Brett Schultze (46) were all eighth.
- Tyler Phillips was tied with Nick Nelson for most starts in the organization with 25. Matt Osterberg (24) was third, Mick Abel (23) fourth, David Parkinson (22) fifth and Josh Hendrickson (21) was sixth.
- David Parkinson and Matt Osterberg were both second in the organization in wins with 9. Taylor Lehman (7) was seventh and Carlos Francisco (6) was ninth.
- Orion Kerkering led the organization in saves with 14. Tyler McKay (8) was third, Tommy McCollum (8) was also third. Brett Schulze (6) was eighth.
- David Parkinson led the organization in strikeouts with 135. Mick Abel (132) was a close second. Tyler Phillips (110) was third, Matt Osterberg (106) fifth and Josh Hendrickson (91) was tenth.
- Andrew Baker ranked second in the organization in strikeouts per nine innings at 14. Tommy McCollum (13.6) was third, Orion Kerkering (13.2) fifth, Brett Schulze (12.6) seventh and Griff McGarry (12.2) was tenth.
- Orion Kerkering led the organization in strikeout-to-walk ratio with 6.58. Matt Osterberg (4.24) was second.
- David Parkinson led the organization in innings pitched by starters with 130.1. Tyler Phillips (122.2) was second, Matt Osterberg (122.2) was also second, Mick Abel (113.1) fifth and Josh Hendrickson (108) was sixth.
- Adam Leverett ranked fourth in the organization in innings pitched by relievers with 64. Carlos Francisco (60.1) was eighth and Brett Schulze (57) was tenth.
- Matt Osterberg had the best ERA amongst starting pitcher in the organization with a 3.52 ERA. David Parkinson (3.80) was third, Mick Abel (4.13) sixth and Tyler Phillips (4.92) was tenth.
- Orion Kerkering was second in the organization in ERA by relievers with a 1.51 ERA. Tristan Garnett (1.94) was fourth, Tyler McKay (2.60) sixth and Tommy McCollum (2.64) was seventh.
- Matt Osterberg has the best WHIP amongst the organization's starters with a 1.11 WHIP. Mick Abel (1.26) was second, David Parkinson (1.39) seventh, and Tyler Phillips (1.52) was tenth.
- Orion Kerkering had the best WHIP amongst the organization's relievers with a 0.89 WHIP. Tristan Garnett (1.04) was third, Tommy McCollum (1.17) eighth and Carlos Francisco (1.24) was tenth.

### **Oliver Dunn**

- Oliver Dunn's .271 average led all qualifiers (383 PA minimum) and topped last season's best of .266 from Wendell Rijo. Matthew Kroon (.319) and Johan Rojas (.306) fell 39 and 29 plate appearances respectively from qualifying
- Dunn finished fifth in the Eastern League with 21 home runs.

- Oliver Dunn's 78 RBI in 2023 are the most by an R-Phil since Dylan Cozens had 125 (franchise record) in 2016. He finished second in the league, three behind the leader Billy Cook at 81.
- Oliver Dunn's 27 doubles are the most since Darick Hall had 38 in 2019 and finished second in the Eastern League
- Oliver Dunn's 82 walks are the most since Anderson Machado walked 108 times in 2003. Dunn is just the second R-Phil to draw 80+ walks since 2000 and seventh since 1967. He led the Eastern League in walks as well
- Selected to Eastern League All-Star Team as second baseman
- Selected to Participate in Arizona Fall League
- Carlos De La Cruz led the R-Phils with 36 multi-hit games in 2023. Matthew Kroon was second with 32, and Oliver Dunn and Johan Rojas each had 31. Rojas had his 31 all prior to being called up to the Phillies on July 14. Ethan Wilson was the other R-Phil over 30 with exactly 30.
- Oliver Dunn led the R-Phils with 23 multi-RBI games this season. Carlos De La Cruz was second with 18. Ethan Wilson (13) and Johan Rojas (11) were the only others with more than 10
- Oliver Dunn had three games with more than four RBI, and nine with more than three RBI
- Oliver Dunn had a 22-game on-base streak from May 26 to June 23. He also had a 19-game on-base streak from August 22 to September 14.
- Other double-digit hit streaks for Reading this season were Johan Rojas (11, 6/10-22), Matthew Kroon (10, 6/13-28) and Oliver Dunn (10, 7/27-8/6)
- Of Oliver Dunn's 21 home runs, just eight were solo. He had eight two-run homers and five three-run home runs. The most three-run shots on the team.

### **Matthew Kroon**

- Matthew Kroon led all league qualifiers in batting average at .319
- Matthew Kroon's eight sacrifice flies are the most since Rhys Hoskins had nine in 2016. It also was tied for the league lead in sac flies
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### **Carlos De La Cruz**

- Carlos De La Cruz's 24 home runs are the most by a R-Phil since Mitch Walding hit 25 in 2017. De La Cruz fell one home run short of becoming 20<sup>th</sup> player in Reading history to hit 25 home runs in a season
- De La Cruz finished tied for third in the league with 24 homers
- Carlos De La Cruz's 509 at bats is the most since Dylan Cozens had 521 in 2016. De La Cruz fell 31 at bats short of being the fifth player in Reading history to have 540+ at bats in a season. His 509 at bats were most in the Eastern League in 2023. His 129 games played also was most in the league
- Carlos De La Cruz's 132 hits are the most in a season since Carlos Tocci in 2017, who also had 132. His 132 also led the Eastern League, with second-place Nick Yorke having 119.
- De La Cruz's 80 runs scored is the most since Dylan Cozens scored 106 in 2016. It marks just the third time (Darin Ruf, 93-2012) an R-Phil has scored more than 80 runs in a season
- De La Cruz's 231 total bases is the most since Dylan Cozens had 308 in 2016. He is just the third R-Phil with over 230 total bases since 2013. De La Cruz led the league in total bases, with Oliver Dunn second at 211
- Carlos De La Cruz struck out 160 times this season, which ranks as the third-most all time. He trails 2016 Dylan Cozens (186) and 2022 Jhailyn Ortiz (165). His 160 strikeouts this season also led the Eastern League
- Carlos De La Cruz and Max McDowell were each hit by 14 pitches this season, which is the most since Darick Hall was hit 14 times in 2018. They were each one HBP away from ranking in the top-10 all time in HBP and becoming just the 11<sup>th</sup> all time to have 15+ HBPs in a season. Their 14 HBP's in 2023 was tied for most in the Eastern League
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- Johan Rojas led Reading with three four-hit games. Matthew Kroon had two. Carlos De La Cruz had 10 three-hit games, which led the team.
- Carlos De La Cruz owned the longest R-Phil on-base streak in 2023 at 38 games from May 12 to June 25. It is the longest on-base streak by an R-Phil dating back to 2009.
- Carlos De La Cruz had the longest hit streak by a R-Phil in 2023, with 15-straight from May 23 to June 9
- Of Carlos De La Cruz's 24 home runs, 15 were solo, and the remaining nine were all two-run shots.

## **Johan Rojas**

- Johan Rojas led Reading with five triples for the second-straight season. Rojas did it in just 60 games in 2022 and 76 in 2023. He was called up to Philadelphia on July 14. He ranked tied for second with five. The leader, Corey Rosier, had six in 104 games and Nick Yorke, who was tied with Rojas, had five in 110 games.
- Johan Rojas' 30 stolen bases marks the second-straight season he led the team in stolen bases. He had 29 in 60 games last year and played in 76 games this season. It is the first 30-stolen base season since Luke Williams in 2019. Since 2011, only three R-Phils have stolen 30+ bases: Rojas (2023), Williams (30, 2019) and Roman Quinn (31, 2016). Rojas finished tied for sixth in the Eastern League in stolen bases. Over a 138-game season, Rojas was on pace for 56, which would have led the league and ranked fifth in Reading history.
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### **David Parkinson**

- David Parkinson's nine wins are the most since he had 10 for Reading in 2019. His nine wins ranked tied for fourth in the Eastern League and led the R-Phils.
- Parkinson is the first R-Phil to qualify for the team lead in ERA since himself in 2019, when he had a 4.08 ERA. His 3.56 ERA ranked fourth in the Eastern League
- Parkinson is the first R-Phil to pitch over 100 innings in a season since himself in 2019, when he had 119. His 126.1 IP in 2023 is the most since Harold Arauz on 2018 (131.1).



2021 and 2022 were the first years in franchise history no pitcher threw over 100 innings in a season. His 126.1 IP in 2023 were fourth in the Eastern League

- Parkinson's 131 strikeouts are the most since Jesse Biddle had 154 in 2013. He also led the team in strikeouts with 118 in 2019. His 131 strikeouts ranked seventh in the league

### **Mick Abel**

- Mick Abel's 126 strikeouts were tied for ninth in the Eastern League
- Mick Abel was called up to Triple-A Lehigh Valley on Sept. 22. In total, 17 R-Phils were called up to Triple-A in 2023

### **Keylan Killgore**

- Keylan Killgore's 46 appearances are the most since Addison Russ had 55 in 2019. Noah Skirrow had 45 in 2022, so it marks back-to-back seasons with a pitcher having over 45 appearances. Killgore's 46 appearance led the Eastern League

### **Orion Kerkering**

- Orion Kerkering's seven saves mark the first time no R-Phil had 10+ saves since Victor Arano led the team with nine in 2017
- Won 2023 Paul Owens Award, given annually to top pitcher in Phillies organization
- Orion Kerkering was called up to the Phillies on Sept. 22, marking the third player called up to the Phillies that played in Reading in 2023 (Ellis, Rojas, Kerkering)
- Orion Kerkering was named a Minor league All-Star by Baseball American

### **Pedro Martinez**

- Shortstop Pedro Martinez is the second player with that name to play for Reading. Hall of Fame Pitcher Pedro Martinez made a start with Reading in 2009

### **Jake Thompson**

- Pitcher Jake Thompson is also the second player to hold that name to play for Reading. Another Pitcher Jake Thompson played for Reading in 2015. The latter Thompson was acquired in the 2015 trade that sent Cole Hamels to Texas

### **Dominic Pipkin**

- Selected to Participate in Arizona Fall League

### **Andrew Baker**

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### **Ethan Wilson**

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- Ethan Wilson led the team in outfield assists, with nine.

### **Nick Podkul**

- Nick Podkul owned a 19-game on-base streak from April 20 to June 1.

### **Matt Osterberg**

- Matt Osterberg won his first Reading start on Aug. 13 at New Hampshire. He was the first R-Phil to win their first start since Andrew Painter on Aug. 21, 2022 vs Portland.