

## West Michigan Whitecaps (14-8, 58-29)

High-A Affiliate, Detroit Tigers

RH Preston Howey (32 IP | 2.53 ERA)

at



## Lansing Olive Burgers (11-11, 47-41)

High-A Affiliate, Athletics

RH Grant Judkins (88 IP | 4.40 ERA)

GAME 89 → JACKSON® FIELD™ → SATURDAY, JULY 19TH, 2025 → 7:05 PM

**History vs. West Michigan**The Nuts are 235-250 all-time vs. the Caps,

The Nuts are 235-250 all-time vs. the Caps, 122-117 in Lansing and 113-132 in Comstock Park. Last season, the Lugnuts went 9-15 vs. the Whitecaps with a 4-8 record in West Michigan

Meetings	Score	Meetings	Score
1. 5/6 at WM	L, 2-0	13. 7/18 at LAN	L, 5-2
2. 5/7 at WM	W, 3-1	14. 7/19 at LAN	
3. 5/8 at WM	W, 4-2	15. 7/20 at LAN	
4. 5/9 at WM	L, 7-6	16. 8/19 at WM	
5. 5/10 at WM	L, 6-3	17. 8/20 at WM	
6. 5/11 at WM	L, 6-2	18. 8/21 at WM	
7. 6/10 at LAN	L, 6-2	19. 8/22 at WM	
8. 6/11 at LAN	W, 4-3	20. 8/23 at WM	
9. 6/12 at LAN	L, 7-1	21. 8/24 at WM	
10. 6/13 at LAN	L, 20-6		
11. 6/14 at LAN	L, 3-2		
12. 6/15 at LAN	L, 13-1		

Today: The Lansing Lugnuts, High-A affiliate of the A's, return from the All-Star Break with the middle game of a three-game mini-series vs. the West Michigan Whitecaps, High-A affiliate of the Detroit Tigers. The Nuts are 3-10 against West Michigan this season and 1-6 vs. the Whitecaps in Lansing.

Off the Field: It's a culinary celebration, as the Lugnuts will be playing as the Lansing Olive Burgers with American eating champion Joey Chestnut in attendance, plus LAFCU Fireworks!

Last Night: Whitecaps 5, Lugnuts 2. Tommy White ripped a two-run double in the first inning, but Izaac Pacheco answered with a two-run homer in the third to lift West Michigan.

On Deck: Bluey Day | Capital City Market Kids Day. Bring the kiddos for a Meet & Greet with Bluey on a special Capital City Market Kids Day, plus inflatables, face-painting, balloon-twisting and more, followed by postgame Kids Run the Bases and an Extra Inning of ice cream, music and Big Lug at Capital City Market across Michigan Avenue.

### **UPCOMING SCHEDULE**

1:05 p.m., Sunday, July 20 Li

LH Andrew Sears, Whitecaps

at RH Sha Tzu-Chen, Lugnuts

### Lug•Notes

Report From Atlanta: 2025 Nuts Opening Day starter Gage Jump needed only four pitches last Saturday in the All-Star Futures Game, striking out Padres No. 1 prospect Leo De Vries on three pitches and retiring Cubs No. 1 prospect Owen Caissie on a first-pitch groundout to Lugnuts third baseman Tommy White. Great Lakes Loons outfielder Josue De Paula crunched a three-run go-ahead home run to win the Larry Doby MVP Award. helping the National League prevail. 4-2.

Ladies and Gentlemen...: The Nuts have won their last seven weekend games, including sweeps the last three weekends against Dayton, Fort Wayne and West Michigan. The Nuts' 11-3 Sunday record marks their best record of any day of the week.

**Transactions:** On July 16, outfielder **Jonny Butler** was given his release, infielder **Elvis Rijo** was transferred to the Arizona Complex League, and the Lugnuts welcomed back infielders **T.J. Schofield-Sam** and **Sahid Valenzuela** from Double-A Midland.

Get to Know These Names: The 2025 MLB Draft was held this past Monday and Tuesday and if the past is any indication, the Athletics' draft picks will be making a Midwest League impact sooner rather than later. Last year, third-rounder Joshua Kuroda-Grauer finished the season in Lansing before starring for the Nuts thus far this year. In 2023, the Lugnuts received first-rounder Jacob Wilson for 23 games in August; two years later, Wilson started the All-Star Game for the American League at shortstop. This year, the A's selected Florida State southpaw Jamie Arnold, Pipeline's No. 4 prospect entering the draft, 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.

**We Have Contact:** No team in Minor League Baseball strikes out fewer times than the Lansing Lugnuts, who fanned only seven times yesterday and whose total of 600 whiffs is the best in MiLB by 16 over the next closest team, the Erie Moon Mammoths. The Nuts average a scant 6.82 strikeouts per game. Toledo, in contrast, has struck out 943 times this year and averages 10.14 K's per game.

Mark it Down: Last Sunday marked save No. 15 for Lansing closer Mark Adamiak, most in High-A and tied for 1st in all of Minor League Baseball with Colorado Rockies Futures Game representative Welinton Herrera of the Hartford Yard Goats. Adamiak entered this season with just two saves in all of his baseball career, comprising high school, college, summer ball and MiLB action.

League Leaderboard, Hitters: T.J. Schofield-Sam is 1st in the league in batting average (.333), followed by Nate Nankil at 2nd (.317); Schofield-Sam is tied for 2nd in OPS (.905), 3rd in OBP (.415) and 7th in slugging (.490); Nankil is 5th in OBP (.406) and Tommy White is 5th in slugging (.493); Nankil is 4th in base hits (91), Schofield-Sam is 6th (87) and Joshua Kuroda-Grauer is tied for 7th (85).

League Leaderboard, Pitchers: Grant Judkins leads the Midwest League in innings pitched (88.0) and is tied for 2nd in starts (17). Steven Echavarria is tied for 8th in innings (74 1/3). Blaze Pontes leads the league with 30 appearances, while Mark Adamiak is 2nd with 29 appearances (29), followed by teammate Yehizon Sanchez's 28 appearances.

At the Plate: The Lugnuts are 2nd in the Midwest League in batting average (.257), 2nd in at-bats (2914), 2nd in base hits (749), 2nd in doubles (167) and 3rd in HBPs (78).

On the Mound: The Lugnuts are 1st in holds (35), tied for 3rd in saves (23), 3rd in innings (762.0), 1st in fewest hit batsmen (31), 3rd in fewest walks (325), 1st in fewest balks (5) and 2nd in double play grounders (68).

In the Field: The Nuts are tied for 1st in most double plays (88) in the MWL while allowing the 2nd fewest stolen bases (77), and SS Joshua Kuroda-Grauer leads the league in assists.

### IN A NUTSHELL

36-30 | 11-11 | Lost 1

Home: 24-22 Night: 29-30
Road: 23-19 Day: 18-11
vs. LHP: 11-16 vs. RHP: 36-25
White unis: 13-10
Black unis: 21-15
Retro Gray unis: 7-5
Lansing Locos unis: 3-6

Special one-off unis: 3-5
Tuesday: 5-9
Wednesday: 9-4
Thursday: 8-6

Friday: 6-11
Saturday: 8-8
Sunday: 11-3
Series wins: 5
Series losses: 4

Series splits: 6
Scored 1st: 29-13
Opponent scored 1st: 18-28

Doubleheaders (W-L-S): 1-0-2 Shutouts: 4-5

More hits than opp.: 36-5
Fewer hits than opp.: 10-32
Equal hits: 1-4
Games decided by 1 run: 11-9

Comeback wins: 19
Final at-bat wins: 11
Walk-offs: 4
Extra Innings: 4-3

9-IP Leading Trailing Tied After 6: 24-5 11-28 6-5 After 7: 31-3 7-32 3-3 After 8: 34-3 4-32 3-3



## 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
Seasons	29
Championships	1997, 2003
All-Star Games Hosted	1997, 1999, 2002, 2018
Total Games	3,927
All-Time Won-Lost Record	1,969-1,958, .501

969 total players have played for the Lugnuts all time, with 208 (21%) also playing in the Majors - nine rehabbers and 199 earning their ticket up the ladder. The most recent was Colby Thomas, who debuted June 30 for the A's.

- 72 Lugnuts alumni debuted with the Toronto Blue Jays
- 32 with the Chicago Cubs
- 24 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: Lawrence Butler (2021-22), Denzel Clarke (2022), Hogan Harris (2022), Grant Holman (2022-23), Mason Miller (2022), Max Muncy (2022-23), Jack Perkins (2023), Max Schuemann (2021), Tyler Soderstrom (2022), Jacob Wilson (2023)

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

Gabriel Moreno (2019).

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)

Cleveland Guardians: Lane Thomas (2015-16) Kansas City Royals: Cavan Biggio (2016)

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)

New York Mets: Danny Young (2016)

New York Yankees: Marcus Stroman (2015 rehab) Pittsburgh Pirates: Ryan Borucki (2016), Tim Mayza (2015)

Seattle Mariners: Casey Lawrence (2010-11), Rowdy Tellez (2014-15)

Tampa Bay Rays: Danny Jansen (2015)

Texas Rangers: assistant hitting coach Seth Conner (2013-14)

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	July 29-Aug 3		6 games							
Dayton	<b>3-3</b> , Aug 12-17	5-1, Sept 2-7	8-4, 12 left							
Fort Wayne	6-3	2-4	8-7							
Great Lakes	3-3	4-2, August 5-10	7-5, 6 left							
Lake County	<b>3-3</b> , Aug 26-31	2-4, July 22-27	5-7, 12 left							
Quad Cities		3-3	3-3							
South Bend	5-1		5-1							
West Michigan	1-6, July 19-20	2-4, August 19-24	3-10, 8 left							
Wisconsin		5-1	5-1							
Totals	24-22, 20 games left	23-19, 24 games left	47-41, 44 left							

### THE A'S SYSTEM

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Pickoffs

### Athletics - MLB



## **American League West**

Yesterday: lost to Cleveland, 8-6 Brent Rooker: 2-4, 3B, HR, 2 RBI

## Las Vegas Aviators



Triple-A Pacific Coast League Yesterday: lost to Round Rock, 6-5 Ken Waldichuk: 3 1/3, 2 R, 5 BB, 5 K

### Midland RockHounds



## Double-A Texas League

Yesterday: edged Arkansas, 7-6 Gage Jump: 3 IP, 2 H, R, BB, 6 K

### **Stockton Ports**



### 39-49 Single-A California League

Yesterday: defeated Fresno, 9-4 Cameron Leary: 3-5, 2B, 3B, 3 RBI

## **JULY 19TH IN LUGNUTS HISTORY**

2017: Ronnie Dawson homered twice in a nine-run second inning, Josh Rojas also homered twice, and the Quad Cities River Bandits opened up a three-game home series by steamrolling the Lugnuts, 20-3, at Modern Woodmen Park. The Bandits led 15-0 after the third inning and 18-0 after the fifth. The game set Lansing's franchise record with a 17-run margin of defeat and tied franchise records with 20 runs allowed and six home runs allowed. Rodrigo Orozco singled, walked and doubled before getting robbed by first baseman Troy Seiber on a line drive down the line, ending a streak of eight straight plate appearances reaching base.

2024: Alejandro Kirk (catcher) and Vladimir Guerrero, Jr. (first base) start for the American League in the MLB All-Star Gam, each going 0-for-2. Kirk, the first Mexican catcher to ever be an All-Star starter catches the ceremonial first pitch from Fernando Valenzuela.

Happy Birthday, Yan Gomes (1987), Ajay Meyer (1987), Jackson McClelland (1994), Jalen Greer (2001)

#### **CATCHING STATS** Diaz Rodriguez Schwartz W-L (ShO) 7-9 19-11 13-9 ERA 5.34 3.48 4.35 140.0 264.0 182.0 R (ER) 88 (83) 124 (102) 105 (88) 3 2 1 ΡВ 3 5 4 CS% 2-17, 12% 10-39, 26% 3-19, 16%

# #22 • RHP • Grant Judkins • 6-3, 215 • age 27

**Profile** Full Name..... .....Grant William Judkins Signed ...... undrafted free agent, July 7, 2020 Born.....August 6, 1997, in Grinnell, Iowa Alma Mater.....University of lowa Resides ......Pella, lowa Bats / Throws.....Left / Right

Longest Outing: 6 IP, 5x | Most K: 10, July 19, 2021, at Fresno

In a Nutshell: In second season in the Midwest League... started Lugnuts' third game of the year, April 6 at Fort Wayne, and fanned eight TinCaps in four hitless innings... April 19 at Wisconsin: tossed the first complete game of the season in the Midwest League, firing six innings in the series finale, a 2-0 loss.

Splits: 3.51 ERA in day games | 5.17 ERA at night... 5.08 ERA at home | 3.71 on the road .877 OPS / 9 HR vs. left-handers | .740 OPS / 6 HR vs. right-handers

Last Game: July 12 vs. Great Lakes, tossed five scoreless innings to earn fifth win... allowed three hits, walked one, struck out seven... 85 pitches, 55 strikes... the Nuts scored three in the 1st, one in the 5th, three in the 6th, and two in the 8th for a 9-2 victory.



4-seam fastball, curve, slider, sweeper, change

No-No History: Facing the Cedar Rapids Kernels on June 13, 2024, relieved Jake Garland to open the 6th inning and tossed 2 2/3 hitless innings, walking one and striking out three, as part of the Lugnuts' 8-0 combined no-hitter of the Kernels... it was the 4th no-hitter in franchise history as well as the first home no-hitter since 2003.

At Pella High School: 2016 lowa Gatorade Player of the Year as a senior... Des Moines Register's All-lowa Baseball Player of the Year as both a junior and a senior, 2015 and 2016... 2015 Perfect Game Underclass High Honorable Mention... as a senior: 10-1, 0.64 ERA, 123 K, batting .421 with six homers and 12 steals... as a junior: 11-1, 0.56 ERA, 74 IP, 112 K, 10 BB, batting .520 with 14 doubles, nine triples, 13 homers, 57 RBIs, 51 runs, 15 steals... won 28 career games and totaled 337 career strikeouts.

Onward to Des Moines: Entered the 2017 Big Ten season ranked by Baseball America as the No. 8 freshman... two-way player, hitting .270 in 31 starts as a DH (and three starts as a pitcher hitting for himself)... 2018 Academic All-Big Ten... No. 3 starter in 2019; 2019 Collegiate Baseball Player National Pitcher of the Week (Feb. 18), tossing six no-hit innings with 11 strikeouts; ranked 7th in the Big Ten in ERA (2.72)... No. 2 starter in 2020 before season was halted early due to the pandemic: 2-0, 3.00, 4 GS, 21 IP, 24 K, 5 BB.

International Stage: With Iowa, took part in the 2017 World University Games in Taipei City, winning a silver medal (fell to Japan in the gold medal contest)... part of the first American team to ever advance to the gold medal game as well as the first American team to ever medal, period... team finished 5-2, losing only to Japan... started five games, four at first base, one at pitcher.

YR	CLUB	W-L	ERA	G	GS	CG	ShO	sv	IP	AB	Н	R	ER	HR	НВ	ВВ	IBB	K	WP	BK	AVG
2021	Stockton	0-6	6.29	14	11	0	0	0	48.2	194	55	40	34	11	4	21	0	63	4	0	.284
2022	Stockton	3-4	5.43	15	13	0	0	0	66.1	266	72	44	40	12	5	35	0	66	4	0	.271
2023	DNP																				
2024	Lansing	4-5	3.56	25	12	0	0	3	83.1	311	71	36	33	10	3	27	0	75	2	0	.228
2025	Lansing	5-5	4.40	17	17	1	0	0	88.0	345	88	50	43	15	1	31	0	71	4	0	.255
	TOTALS	12-20	4.71	71	53	1	0	3	286.1	1116	286	170	150	48	13	114	0	275	14	0	.256

## IN THE BULLPEN

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## MARK ADAMIAK • RH • Age 24 • "uh-DAHM-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

- Born in Des Plaines, IL... lives in Shawnee, Kansas... 454th overall, 15th rd., 2022, Arkansas 5 \$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. days rest
  - Four relief appearances with Lansing to end 2023: 5 IP, 4 H, 3 R, 1 HR, 2 BB, 7 K

## HUNTER BREAULT • 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

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.

## JAKE CHRISTIANSON • RH • 25 • MWL season: 1

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days rest

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

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. days rest

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.

## HENRY GOMEZ • 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

Born in Maracaibo, lives in Zulia, Venezuela... signed by StL as an int'l free agent, 7/28/18.

0 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. days rest Pitched in 2023 and 2024 in the Florida State League, lowering ERA from 4.91 to 3.03.

## 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.

Santo Domingo, DR... signed by the Athletics as an international free agent on 3/22/19. 0 "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)

days rest 2024 Arizona Fall League: 9 G, 7.84, 10 1/3 IP, 10 R, 5 BB, 8 K... rejoined LAN May 13, 2025.

#### JACK MAHONEY • LH • Age 26 • MWL season: 1 20

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

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. days rest

2025: 6 GS with Staten Island, 5.45 ERA, 33 IP, 12 BB, 41 K... purchased by A's on June 9.

### JAKE PFENNIGS • RH • Age 25 • "FENN-igs" • MWL season: 1 FB, SINK, CU, SL, CH | 2024: Stockton, 1-2, 4.87, 8 G, 2 GS, 20 1/3, 21 H, 1 HR, 7 BB, 26 K, 5 WP

Born in Coeur d'Alene, lives in Post Falls, ID... 394th, 13th rd., 2022, Oregon St. ... \$125,000. 2018 Idaho Gatorade HS Player of the Year... 18 ppg, 12 rpg on Post Falls basketball team.

2018 Baseball Northwest's top-ranked prospect for the full Idaho/Montana/Wyoming region. davs rest Has battled injuries: 27 G across three pro seasons... 2-IP cameo for Triple-A LV in 2024.

### 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

Mililani, Hl... 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 Hawa'i: 1st Team All Big West

One vear vounger than teammate Hunter Breault at Kamehameha-Kapālama High School. days rest 2021: played for Waterloo (Northwoods League), where Lugs franchise used to be located.

#### TOM REISINGER • RH • 24 • "RICE-ing-er" • MWL season: 1 33

FB, CU, SWEEP, CH | 2024: Stockton, 1-5, 9.05, 21 G, 5 GS, 62 2/3, 93 H, 8 HR, 7 HBP, 41 BB, 53 K

- Kulpmont, PA... 286th overall, 10th rd., 2023, East Stroudsburg University (ESU) Warriors.
- 8 Signed for \$125,000... Mount Carmel Area H.S. guarterback... 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. days rest Made pro debut in 2023 in ACL: 4 G/2 GS, 6 IP, 10 K... spent 2024 in Stockton, IL: May 1-30.

## YEHIZON SANCHEZ • RH • 24 • "YAY-ih-sone" • 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

La Romana, DR... signed at age 18 as an international free agent on July 2, 2019

- 5 In same signing class as James González and Wander Guante, who are in Midland. Others from La Romana: Edwin Encarnacion, Félix Pié and Miguel Castro.
- days rest 2023 Stockton Ports Opening Day starter... pitched in four games with Lansing in 2023.

#### DAVIS DIAZ • R/R • C • 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 GL: 6-18, 2 R, 2 2B, HR, 5 RBI, 2 BB, K Current Hit Streak: -2 (0-6) On-Base Streak: -1 (0-3) Last Game: 0-3, K vs. WM: 0-3, K Pittsburg, CA... signed for \$250,000 as the 226th pick, 8th round, 2024, Vanderbilt University. 3x gold medalist, Team USA (2015, 2017, 2018), Perfect Game's No. 12 prospect in California. Joined the Lugnuts June 3 from Stockton, replacing the promoted Cole Conn (Double-A Midland). 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. JARED DICKEY • L/R • OF • Age 23 • 2nd season with Lugnuts 2024 Quad Cities: 81 G, .269 / .360 / .424, 39 R, 12 2B, 3 3B, 9 HR, 40 RBI, 32 BB, 64 K, 9 HBP, 8-for-12 SB... with Lansing: 34 G, .237 / .299 / .298, 31 H, 3 2B, 1 3B, 1 HR, 15 RBI, 3 SF, 10 BB, 23 K, 2 SB Last Game: 1-4, K GL: 2-13, 4 R, 5 BB, 3 K, 1-2 SB, 2 F vs. WM: 1-4. K Current Hit Streak: +2 (2-8) On-Base Streak: +2 (2-7, 2 BB) Mt. Juliet, TN... signed for \$572,500 as the 319th pick, 11th round, 2023, University of Tennessee. Majored in recreation and sport management at UT... won 2020 Perfect Game 18U World Series title. Acquired from KC by the A's on July 30, 2024, w/ Will Klein and Mason Barnett for Lucas Erceg. 2023 All-SEC 2nd Team: 63 G, .328/.392/.525, 12 HR... had batted .380/.484/.690 in 40 G in 2022. RODNEY GREEN, JR. • L/L • OF • Age 22 • 1st season with Lugnuts • MLB Pipeline's No. 16 A's prospect 2024 with California: 55 G, .267 / .409 / .549, 55 H, 56 R, 14 2B, 1 3B, 14 HR, 46 RBI, 7 HBP, 43 BB, 72 K, 15-for-19 SB... with Stockton: 24 G, .289 / .368 / .464, 28 H, 19 R, 8 2B, 3 HR, 21 RBI, 9-for-10 SB GL: 2-14, 2 R, 3 RBI, 3 BB, 8 K, HBP vs. WM: 0-3, 2 K On-Base Streak: -1 (0-3) Last Game: 0-3, 2 K Current Hit Streak: -1 (0-3) Born in Berkeley, lives in Richmond, CA... 104th overall pick, 4th round, 2024, Cal... \$1,000,000. Crushed first two home runs of the year vs. Great Lakes, April 8... 2-strike, 2-out GS in 9th vs. GL, 4/13. Ranked ninth all-time at Cal with 34 homers, totaling 144 runs / 105 RBIs / 45 steals in 151 games. • El Cerrito H.S. alumni: John Fogerty, Phil Lesh, Pumpsie Green, Drew Gooden, Ernie Broglio. JOSHUA KURODA-GRAUER • R/R • INF • Age 22 • 2nd season with Lugnuts • MLB Pipeline's No. 8 A's prospect 2024 with Rutgers: 53 G, .428 / .492 / .590, 54 R, 95 H, 19 2B, 1 3B, 5 HR, 45 RBI, 23 BB, 18 K, 24-27 SB... combined pro debut (Stockton/Lansing/Vegas): 28 G, .324 / .421 / .343, 2 2B, 12 BB, 9 K, 5-7 SB Last Game: 1-4, 2B GL: 3-18, 3 R, 4 BB, 4 K, HBP, 5 SB vs. WM: 1-4, 2B Current Hit Streak: +3 (4-13) On-Base Streak: +4 (4-15, 3 BB, HBP) Somerset, New Jersey... signed for \$1,043,900 as the 75th pick, 3rd round, 2024, Rutgers. Led NCAA D-I with 95 hits in the 2024 regular season... 2nd in NCAA with .428 average (1st - Condon). 2024 Big Ten Player of the Year... 2024 All-Big Ten First Team... First Team All-America PGUSA. Promoted to Lugnuts August 27: 12 G, .286 / .400, 2 2B, 5 BB, 3 K... Las Vegas: 4 G, 2-for-12, 1 RBI. RYAN LASKO • R/R • OF • Age 22 • 2nd season with Lugnuts • MLB Pipeline's No. 15 A's prospect 2024 with Stockton: 82 G, .225 / .359 / .322, 72 H, 48 R, 19 2B, 0 3B, 4 HR, 29 RBI, 9 HBP, 59 BB, 103 K, 20-26 SB, 2 E... with Lansing: 41 G, .245 / .341 / .342, 7 2B, 1 3B, 2 HR, 18 RBI, 20 BB, 35 K, 13-14 SB GL: 4-15, 3 R, HR, 4 RBI, 2 BB, 4 K, 2 HBP, SB Last Game: 1-4, K, CS vs. WM: 1-4. K. CS Current Hit Streak: +1 (1-4) On-Base Streak: +1 (1-4) Jackson, New Jersey... 2nd round, 41st overall, 2023, from Rutgers... signed for \$1.7 million. · Led Big Ten in base hits (90) and runs scored (81) in 2022... criminal justice major. First Scarlet Knight in Big Ten era to be All-American, 2021... tied RU 2B record (24) in 2022. • Rated California League's Best Outfield Arm by Baseball America in 2024... Injured List, 4/4-5/12/25. DARLYN MONTERO • L/R • INF • Age 23 • 1st season with Lugnuts 2024 with Stockton: 95 G, .256 / .318 / .353, 93 H, 43 R, 15 2B, 1 3B, 6 HR, 29 RBI, 1 Sac., 1 SF, 10 HBP, 24 BB, 104 K, 9-for-9 SB, 8 E Last Game: -GL: 3-13, R, 2B, 2 RBI, BB, 7 K, HBP vs. WM: Current Hit Streak: +2 (2-7) On-Base Streak: +5 (5-17, BB, HBP) Azua, Dominican Republic... signed as an international free agent on November 7, 2018. Played in DSL in 2019 (55 G, .213 avg.) and 2021 (40 G, .217 avg.), ACL in 2022 and 2023 NATE NANKIL R/R OF • Age 22 • 2nd season with Lugnuts • MLB Pipeline's No. 26 A's prospect 19 2024 in Stockton: 83 G, .285 / .401 /.460, 20 2B, 1 3B, 10 HR, 56 RBI, 44 BB, 64 K, 3-5 SB... Lansing, 28 G, .356 / .414 / .452, 37 H, 14 R, 7 2B, 0 3B, 1 HR, 14 RBI, 1 SF, 3 HBP, 8 BB, 25 K, 0-1 SB, 2 E Last Game: 1-3, R. 2B, BB, K GL: 6-18. 7 R. 2 3B. 6 RBI. 4 BB. 2 K. HBP. 2 SB vs. WM: 1-3, R, 2B, BB, K Current Hit Streak: +2 (2-6) On-Base Streak: +4 (3-12, 4 BB, HBP) Born in San Diego, resides in Chula Vista, CA... 7th round, 2023, Cal State Fullerton... \$300,000. Joins Sahid Valenzuela and A's manager Mark Kotsay as Fullerton Titans in the organization Grew up a Padres / Fernando Tatis. Jr. fan ... born w/ one functioning kidney... 5 RBI, 4/9/25 vs. GL. • Batted .379 with .960 OPS in June, reaching base in all but one of 22 games played in the month. CJ RODRIGUEZ • R/R • C • Age 25 • 3rd season with Lugnuts 2024 with Lansing: 70 G, .201 / .320 / .236, 46 H, 21 R, 6 2B, 1 3B, 0 HR, 18 RBI, 2 SF, 3 HBP, 38 BB, 48 K, 4 E Last Game: at GL: 0-8. K Current Hit Streak: -2 (0-8) On-Base Streak: -2 (0-8) Carlos, Jr. ... Newport Beach, CA., 58th pick, 5th round, 2021, Vanderbilt... signed for \$400,000 Has collected two hits in the same inning 2x for the Lugnuts: 7/19/23 vs. GL and 7/30/24 vs. Dayton. T.J. SCHOFIELD-SAM • L/R • INF • Age 24 • 3rd season with Lugnuts 2024 with ACL A's: 7 G, 12-for-28, .429 / .484 / .607... with Stockton: 59 G, .280 / .325 / .386, 71 H, 30 R, 11 2B, 2 3B, 4 HR, 38 RBI, 5-6 SB... with Lansing: 32 G, .231 / .331 / .343, 6 2B, 2 HR, 10 RBI, 7 HBP Last Game: 0-3, R, K, HBP at GL: vs. WM: 0-3, R, K, HBP Current Hit Streak: -1 (0-3) On-Base Streak: +1 (0-3, HBP) Tyrell James... Brampton, ON... 374th pick, 12th rd., 2019, North Park S.S. ... signed for \$320,000. Promoted to Midland July 1, returned July 17... Double-A stats: 9 G, 5-36, .139/.162/.139, 1 BB, 6 K, 2 SB. Bronze Medalist w/ Canada Junior National Team in Panama... father is from Saint Vincent (SVG). Has enjoyed marvelous 2025 with Lugnuts... 5-for-5 vs. Fort Wayne on April 24... batted .371 in April. 2018 - won the Tournament 12 title, the Marucci World Series title and U-21 Canadian Baseball title. • May 31 vs. Beloit, blasted go-ahead grand slam in the 7th ("The Schofield-Slam"), leading to 8-2 win. NICK SCHWARTZ • R/R • C • Age 24 • 1st season with Lugnuts 2024 with Stockton: 46 G, .207 / .323 / .266, 35 H, 28 R, 4 2B, 2 HR, 19 RBI, 28 BB, 60 K, 2-2 SB, 3 E... 2024 with ACL A's: 13 G, .244 / .340 / .268, 10 H, 4 R, 1 2B, 3 RBI, 6 BB, 14 K, 0 E at GL: 2-3, K, SB Current Hit Streak: +1 (2-3) On-Base Streak: +1 (2-3) · Massapegua, NY... signed as undrafted free agent, July 17, 2023, Southern New Hampshire. • SNHU's record-holder in career avg. (.398) and single-season RBI (71 in 2023)... only 1 E in 2023. SAHID VALENZUELA • S/R • INF • Age 27 • 4th season with Lugnuts 2024 in Midland: 35 G, .183 / .231 / .211, 9 R, 3 2B, 5 RBI, 7 BB, 22 K, 1-for-2 SB, 1 sac, 1 SF, 5 GiDP... 2024 with Lansing: 30 G, .173 / .246 / .192, 18 H, 12 R, 1 3B, 7 RBI, 10 BB, 23 K, 2-for-2 SB, 3 E Last Game: at GI: vs. WM: -Current Hit Streak: -On-Base Streak: -2025 Opening Day w/ Nuts, May 23 to LV, May 28 to MID, June 4 to LV, June 11 to MID, July 17 to LAN. Somerton, AZ... signed for \$100,000 as the 404th pick, 13th round, 2019, Cal State Fullerton (JR). 2017: Big West Freshman of Year, Big West 1st Team, Collegiate Baseball Freshman All-America. 2025 Opening Day w/ Nuts, May 23 to LV, May 28 to MID, June 4 to LV, June 11 to MID, July 17 to LAN. 16 games with Class-AA Midland: .304/.350/.321... 6 games with AAA Las Vegas: 2-16, .125/.250. TOMMY WHITE • R/R • INF • Age 22 • 1st season with Lugnuts • MLB Pipeline's No. 5 A's prospect 2024 with LSU: 66 G, .330 / .401 / .638, 92 H, 61 R, 12 2B, 1 3B (only college triple), 24 HR, 70 RBI, 27 BB, 38 K... Stockton: 25 G, .224 / .303 / .299, 15 R, 24-for-107, 2 2B, 2 HR, 14 RBI, 9 BB, 21 K, 1 E Last Game: 2-3, 2 2B, 2 RBI, BB at GL: 2-10, 3 R, RBI, 3 K vs. WM: 2-3, 2 2B, 2 RBI, BB Current Hit Streak: +1 (2-3) On-Base Streak: +1 (2-3, BB) St. Pete Beach, Florida... signed for \$3,000,000 as the 40th pick, 2nd round, 2024, LSU. Transferred to LSU and led Tigers to 2023 national championship, topping nation w/ 105 RBI in 66 gms. Transferred Calvary Christian H.S. to IMG Academy for senior year: nation's No. 1 3B prospect. College totals: 187 G, 179 R, 279 H, 48 2B, 75 HR, 249 RBI, 73 BB, 129 K, .355 / .419 / .704, 1.123 OPS Crushed nine HRs in first eight games at NC State... finished with 27, most ever for a freshman No. 8 in NCAA history for career HR (75)... hit opposite-field HR in 2025 Spring Breakout vs. Padres.

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

Hillo, Hl... signed as an undrafted free agent with the Athletics from Hawai'i at Hillo, July 12, 2023.
 Owns Hawai'i Hillo records in runs (147), hits (240), doubles (49), steals (74-for-85); only 27 K in 167 G.
 5 years... graduated w/ bachelor degrees in Communications and Kinesiology & Exercise Sciences.
 Joined Nuts for the final three games of 2023 at LC (6-9, 2 BB, 1 HBP), replacing Jacob Wilson at SS.

Current Hit Streak: -1 (0-4)

On-Base Streak: -1 (0-4)

vs. WM: 0-4, GiDP

CASEY YAMAUCHI

Last Game: 0-4, GiDP

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GL: 8-25, 4 R, 2 2B, 3B, 2 RBI, 2 SB, 3 K, HBP

## 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 stops 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.

Prospecting: The Lugnuts' current roster boasts eight of MLB Pipeline's Top 30 Athletics prospects in No. 5 Tommy White, No. 8 Joshua Kuroda-Grauer, No. 10 Steven Echavarria, No. 15 Ryan Lasko, No. 16 Rodney Green, Jr., No. 26 Nate Nankil, No. 29 Tzu-Chen Sha and No. 30 Wei-En Lin. 22 of the Top 30 overall have seen action in Lansing.

**Roll Call:** The 2025 Lugnuts have featured 39 different players, 17 position players and 22 pitchers (plus one position player pitching). 14 different players have hit a home run, 13 different players have stolen a base, 10 different pitchers have started a game and five different pitchers have recorded a save.

Walk-Off Wonders: The Nuts have 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

From The 517 to The Show: Six former Lugnuts players have made the Major Leagues this season, most recently Colby Thomas on June 29, bringing the total to 199 Lugnuts all-time who've reach the Majors. Thomas joined Max Muncy, Gunnar Hoglund, Jack Winkler, Denzel Clarke, Jack Perkins and broadcaster Adam Jaksa to debut this season in MLB.

All-Star Representation, Futures Edition: Tommy White and 2025 Opening Day starter Gage Jump (now in Double-A) 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). 22 years later, Hill is working his way back to the Majors with Omaha, the Royals' Triple-A affiliate. 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 High-A this season except for a West Michigan Whitecaps gate of 9,049 on June 7.