

# OMAHA STORM CHASERS 2021 FINAL NOTES



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## OMAHA STORM CHASERS (73-56, 7-2), 2ND PLACE, TRIPLE-A EAST - MIDWEST DIVISION

**2021 IN REVIEW:** The Omaha Storm Chasers finished with a 73-56 overall record, which includes a 7-2 record during the Triple-A Final Stretch. It was the franchise's first season with a record over .500 since 2015 (80-64, .556) and the best winning percentage (.566) since 2012 (83-61, .576). Omaha's .566 winning percentage in 2021 is the eighth-best winning percentage in franchise history, with each of the seven better winning percentages resulting in a first place finish. After entering first place in the Midwest Division on May 25 and holding at least a share of first place for 78 consecutive days (May 25-Aug. 10), Omaha finished in second place in the division, 3.0 games behind the Toledo Mud Hens (DET). Omaha's 7-2 record during the Triple-A Final Stretch was the best in the Midwest Division and tied for fourth in Triple-A East.

**THANK YOU, POLEY:** Storm Chasers manager **Brian Poldberg** announced his retirement from managing on Sept. 23, managing his final game at Werner Park on Sept. 19 vs. Indianapolis and his final game overall on Oct. 3 at Iowa. Poldberg, 64, began his 33-year coaching career with the Appleton Foxes in 1987 before becoming the team's manager in 1988. An Omaha native and Carter Lake, Iowa resident, Poldberg became the 18th manager in Omaha franchise history in 2014, leading the Storm Chasers to a Triple-A National Championship. He also won championships with the Wilmington Blue Rocks (1998) and Northwest Arkansas Naturals (2010). In 21 seasons as a manager—all in the Kansas City Royals organization—Poldberg has a career record of 1,355-1,409 (.490), which includes a 480-495 (.492) record in seven seasons with Omaha. Poldberg trails only **Mike Jirschele**, who went 995-1,018 in 14 seasons, in wins and seasons as Omaha's manager. Prior to beginning his coaching career, Poldberg spent parts of six seasons as a player, including three with the Omaha Royals from 1983-1985, playing in 179 games for Omaha.

**PREPARE FOR TAKEOFF:** The Storm Chasers led Triple-A East and all of Minor League Baseball with 231 home runs, finishing the season as the only team in Minor League Baseball with 200+ home runs. The 231 home runs tied the franchise record for the most home runs in a single season, set by the 1999 Omaha Golden Spikes with 231 home runs in 141 games in 1999, and was the third 200+ home run season in franchise history (215 - 1998, 231 - 1999). The 2021 Storm Chasers' rate of 1.79 home runs/game (231 HR / 129 G) is the best single-season home run rate in franchise history. Omaha hit at least one home run in 104 of 129 games in 2021, recording a 68-36 record when hitting at least one home run and a 5-20 record when failing to hit a home run. The Chasers recorded 63 multi-homer games, including eight four-homer games, six five-homer games, and two seven-homer games. Omaha recorded four streaks in 2021 of homering in 10+ consecutive games, notching a home run in a season-long 13 consecutive games three times, including to end the season from Sept. 15-Oct. 3.

**BEST OF THE BEST: SS Bobby Witt Jr.**, the consensus No. 3 prospect in baseball and No. 1 prospect in the Kansas City Royals organization, was named *Baseball America* Minor League Player of the Year and USA TODAY Sports Minor League Player of the Year. He is the third player in franchise history (**Tom Gordon** - 1988, **Wil Myers** - 2012) to be named *Baseball America* Minor League Player of the Year and the fourth in Kansas City Royals history (T. Gordon - 1988, **Alex Gordon** - 2006, Myers - 2012). Witt Jr., 21, is the 12th player to earn *Baseball America* Minor League Player of the Year and USA TODAY Sports Minor League Player of the Year honors in the same season. He made his Triple-A debut on July 20, batting .285/.352/.581 with 55 runs scored, 24 doubles, 17 home runs, 46 RBIs, and 15 steals in 62 games with Omaha. In 123 total games between Double-A Northwest Arkansas and Triple-A Omaha, Witt Jr. hit .290/.361/.575 with 99 runs scored, 35 doubles, 33 home runs, 97 RBIs, and 29 stolen bases. He led Minor League Baseball with 72 extra-base hits, was second in runs (99), fourth in home runs (33) and RBIs (97), fifth in hits (144), and sixth in doubles (35). With 20+ home runs and 20+ stolen bases, he became the first Royals minor leaguer to record a 20-20 season since A. Gordon (29 HR / 22 SB) in 2006. He ended the season one stolen base shy of recording the third season since 1990 with 30+ home runs, 30+ stolen bases, and 30+ doubles. He recorded a stolen base—which would have been his 30th of the season—on Sept. 30 at Iowa before the game was canceled prior to becoming official, nullifying the statistic.

**THE HOME RUN CHAMP: C MJ Melendez** hit 41 home runs between Double-A (28) and Triple-A (13) in 2021, leading all of Minor League Baseball in home runs and hitting the most by a minor league player in a single season since 2014 (Kris Bryant, 43). Melendez is the first player since 2016 (Dylan Cozens, 40) to hit 40+ homers in a single Minor League season and the 14th player (17th instance) to do so since 1990. Melendez is the first primary catcher to record a 40+ homer season since 1995 (Todd Greene, 40). Of Melendez' 41 home runs, 30 came as a catcher, seven as a designated hitter, and four as a third baseman. He is the third Royals minor leaguer to record a 40+ homer season—joining **Chris Hatcher** (46, 1998) and **Brandon Berger** (40, 2001)—and the fifth—joining Hatcher, Berger, **Craig Brazell** (39, 2007), and **Mike Moustakas** (36, 2010)—to lead Minor League Baseball in home runs. He joins Brazell and Moustakas as a recipient of the Joe Bauman Home Run Award, given annually to Minor League Baseball's leader in home runs since 2002. In addition to leading Minor League Baseball in home runs (41), Melendez finished the season second in Minor League Baseball in RBIs (103), fourth in extra-base hits (66), fifth in OPS (1.011), and tied for seventh in runs scored (95).

**KING KOWAR: RHP Jackson Kowar** was named Triple-A East Pitcher of the Year in addition to earning Triple-A East All-Star honors as the league's top right-handed pitcher. He posted a 3.46 ERA across 17 games (16 starts) with Omaha in his first season at the Triple-A level, striking out 115 and walking 34 in 80.1 innings while compiling a 9-4 record. His 115 strikeouts led the league at the time of his promotion to Kansas City on Sept. 1. Among Triple-A East pitchers with a minimum of 80.0 innings, Kowar ranked first in strikeout percentage (34.0%), sixth in batting average against (.220), and eighth in ERA (3.46). He began the season by earning Triple-A East Pitcher of the Month honors for May, recording a 1.01 ERA in 26.2 innings across his first five starts. Also named Omaha's Pitcher of the Year, Kowar lowered his ERA to 0.85 following his sixth start before being called up by Kansas City for his Major League debut on June 7 at Los Angeles-AL. In two stints with Kansas City, Kowar posted an 11.27 ERA in 30.1 innings across nine appearances (eight starts) with 29 strikeouts and 20 walks.

**McBROOM GOES THE DYNAMITE: INF/OF Ryan McBroom** finished the season with a career-high 32 home runs, the most in Triple-A and a new Storm Chasers-era (2011-pres.) single-season record. It was the most home runs in a single season by an Omaha player since **Calvin Pickering** hit 35 in 2004 and 14 shy of tying the overall franchise record of 46, set by **Chris Hatcher** in 1998. McBroom hit seven home runs in May, a season-best eight home runs—including his first career three-homer game on June 13 at St. Paul—in June, three home runs in July, seven home runs in August, seven home runs in September, and zero in October. Omaha's Hitter of the Year, he also led the league in runs scored (78), finished second in the league in RBIs (88), tied for fourth in extra-base hits (48), seventh in slugging percentage (.524), and ninth in total hits (113) to earn Triple-A East All-Star honors at designated hitter. McBroom played a team-high 115 games, batting fourth in the lineup 96 times and hitting fifth 19 times. He started 50 games at designated hitter, 47 at first base, 10 in right field, and eight in left field.

**CALLED UP:** Five 2021 Storm Chasers made their Major League debuts in 2021, all with Kansas City: **C Sebastian Rivero** (May 8), **RHP Jackson Kowar** (June 7), **INF Emmanuel Rivera** (June 28), **RHP Dylan Coleman** (Sept. 21), and **LHP Angel Zerpa** (Sept. 30). 68 Omaha alumni have made their MLB debut with the Royals since 2011.

2021 OMAHA STORM CHASERS	
Record	73-56 (.566)
Home	37-28
Road	36-28
Place (Triple-A East MW)	2nd (- 3.0 G)
Triple-A Final Stretch	7-2 (T-4th)

RECORD BREAKDOWN			
	TOTAL	HOME	ROAD
<b>Overall Record</b>	<b>73-56</b>	<b>37-28</b>	<b>36-28</b>
vs. Columbus	9-9	2-4	7-5
vs. Iowa	24-16	9-9	15-7
vs. Indianapolis	12-5	9-2	3-3
vs. Louisville	4-2	4-2	--
vs. St. Paul	15-15	6-6	9-9
vs. Toledo	9-9	7-5	2-4
Day Games	12-11	3-5	9-6
Night Games	59-42	33-22	26-20
Day Game After Night Game	10-8	3-3	7-5
Omaha Scores First	49-19	24-6	25-13
Opponent Scores First	24-37	13-22	11-15
Come-From-Behind Wins	28	12	16
vs. RH Starters	58-42	34-21	24-21
vs. LH Starters	15-14	3-7	12-7
Omaha Starter 6.0+ IP	9-2	4-2	5-0
Omaha Starter 7.0+ IP	--	--	--
Omaha Starter 8.0+ IP	--	--	--
Hitting a Home Run	68-36	33-18	35-18
Not Hitting a Home Run	5-20	4-10	1-10
Outhit Opponent	47-7	25-3	22-4
Equal # of Hits	12-0	4-0	8-0
Outhit by Opponent	14-49	8-25	6-24
Commit 0 Errors	38-22	19-10	19-12
Commit 1 Error	26-23	14-13	12-10
Commit 2+ Errors	9-10	4-4	5-6
Leading After 7th	55-7	30-4	25-3
Trailing After 7th	6-41	1-21	5-20
Tied After 7th	10-4	5-2	5-2
Leading After 8th	53-2	30-2	23-0
Trailing After 8th	4-44	1-22	3-22
Tied After 8th	9-5	4-3	5-2
Extra-Inning Games	8-4	3-3	5-1
Doubleheader Games	5-3	1-1	4-2
One-Run Games	15-13	8-6	7-7
Two-Run Games	15-10	7-7	8-3
3+ Run Games	43-33	22-15	21-18
Shutout Record	3-6	3-3	0-3
May	16-7	10-2	6-5
June	16-10	9-3	7-7
July	12-14	5-6	7-8
August	14-13	5-8	9-5
September	12-12	8-9	4-3
October	3-0	--	3-0
Tuesday	8-11	5-4	3-7
Wednesday	10-14	3-9	7-5
Thursday	14-7	6-5	8-2
Friday	11-10	7-4	4-6
Saturday	15-7	7-3	7-4
Sunday	16-6	8-3	7-4
First Game of Series	11-11	6-4	5-7
Last Game of Series	15-7	8-3	7-4
Series Record	10-7-5	6-4-1	4-3-4

TRIPLE-A EAST STANDINGS		
MIDWEST DIVISION		
TEAM	RECORD	GB
y - Toledo Mud Hens	74-56 (5-5)	--
<b>Omaha Storm Chasers</b>	<b>73-56 (7-2)</b>	<b>0.5</b>
St. Paul Saints	67-63 (6-4)	7.0
Indianapolis Indians	61-67 (4-5)	12.0
Columbus Clippers	59-68 (3-6)	13.5
Louisville Bats	55-73 (4-5)	18.0
Iowa Cubs	51-78 (1-8)	22.5
NORTHEAST DIVISION		
TEAM	RECORD	GB
y - Buffalo Bisons	79-47 (8-1)	--
Scranton/W-B RailRiders	75-52 (7-3)	4.5
Worcester Red Sox	74-54 (8-2)	6.0
Lehigh Valley IronPigs	53-75 (1-9)	27.0
Syracuse Mets	50-75 (3-6)	28.5
Rochester Red Wings	49-77 (2-8)	30.0
SOUTHEAST DIVISION		
TEAM	RECORD	GB
z - Durham Bulls	86-44 (9-1)	--
Jacksonville Jumbo Shrimp	75-55 (6-4)	11.0
Gwinnett Strippers	71-58 (3-7)	14.5
Nashville Sounds	70-58 (7-2)	15.0
Memphis Redbirds	61-67 (4-4)	24.0
Norfolk Tides	52-78 (4-6)	34.0
Charlotte Knights	47-81 (2-6)	38.0



# 2021 SEASON SUMMARY (CONT.)

**CONSISTENCY:** The Storm Chasers had nearly identical home and road records, finishing the season 37-28 at Werner Park and 36-28 on the road. Offensively, Omaha hit .270/.345/.481 with 113 home runs and scored 5.6 runs/game at home while hitting .249/.338/.476 with 118 home runs and scoring 5.9 runs/game on the road. The Omaha pitching staff posted a 4.76 ERA in 588.0 innings at home and a 5.80 ERA in 540.1 innings in road games.

**BRAGGING RIGHTS:** The Omaha Storm Chasers recorded a winning or even record against each of their 2021 opponents. Omaha went 9-9 against Columbus, 12-5 against Indianapolis, 24-16 against Iowa, 4-2 against Louisville, 15-15 against St. Paul, and 9-9 against Toledo. 70 of Omaha's 129 games (54.3%) came against either Iowa or St. Paul, with the Storm Chasers recording a 39-31 combined record against the two teams.

**IT'S CALLED A STREAK:** The Storm Chasers longest winning streak of the season was nine games from May 22-June 1, while the season's longest losing streak was five games from Aug. 15-20. Overall, Omaha won three-or-more consecutive games seven times, including the season-best nine-game winning streak and a six-game winning streak from Aug. 25-31. The Storm Chasers lost three-or-more consecutive games eight times, including the season-long five-game losing streak, a four-game losing streak from July 18-22, and a four-game losing streak from Sept. 14-17.

**DUAL THREATS:** The Omaha Storm Chasers led Triple-A East in both home runs (231) and stolen bases (150), finishing the season as the only Triple-A team with 150+ home runs and 150+ stolen bases and joining Low-A Greensboro (188 HR / 173 SB), Double-A Northwest Arkansas (166 HR / 164 SB), and Double-A Somerset (175 HR / 186 SB) as one of four teams in Minor League Baseball to eclipse those marks. The Storm Chasers had four players who finished the season with double-digit home runs and double-digit steals at the Triple-A level: **INF/OF Gabriel Cancel** (14 HR / 12 SB), **OF Kyle Isbel** (15 HR / 22 SB), **OF Edward Olivares** (15 HR / 12 SB), and **INF Bobby Witt Jr.** (17 HR / 15 SB). Three other 2021 Storm Chasers—**OF Dairon Blanco** (14 HR / 41 SB), **OF Rudy Martin** (11 HR / 21 SB), and **1B/OF Nick Pratto** (36 HR / 12 SB)—recorded seasons with double-digit home runs and stolen bases between two levels in 2021.

**I-80 RIVALRY:** The Omaha Storm Chasers played only Midwest Division opponents in 2021, including 40 games against the Iowa Cubs. Omaha won its 500th all-time game over Iowa on May 22 at Iowa and played Iowa for the 1000th time in franchise history on Sept. 15 at Werner Park. The Storm Chasers hit .262/.345/.517 with 86 home runs and scored 6.5 runs/game while posting a 4.93 ERA in 348.1 innings against the I-Cubs in 2021, finishing the season series with a 24-16 record. Omaha owns a 523-485 (.519) edge over Iowa across the 1,007 games played in the history of the two franchises, which both date back to 1969.

**SALUTATIONS, ST. PAUL:** The Omaha Storm Chasers welcomed the St. Paul Saints, the Triple-A affiliate of the Minnesota Twins, to Minor League Baseball on Opening Day on May 4, defeating the Saints, 10-4, in their first game as a Twins affiliate. The Storm Chasers played 30 games against the Saints in 2021, going 15-15 overall and 6-6 at Werner Park. Omaha hit .267/.341/.469 with 48 home runs and averaged 5.3 runs/game against St. Paul while posting a 5.95 ERA in 263.0 innings against the Saints.

**EXTENDED STAY: RHP Grant Gavin**, who led the team with 48 appearances, and **LHP Jake Kalish**, who led the team with 96.0 innings pitched in 30 appearances (15 starts), were the only players to remain on the Omaha Storm Chasers roster from Opening Day on May 4 through the season finale on Oct. 3. Only two players—**1B/OF Ryan McBroom** (115) and **OF Kyle Isbel** (105) played more than 100 games with Omaha.

**OUTSTANDING OLIVARES: OF Edward Olivares** played 66 games with Omaha in 2021, batting .313/.397/.559 with 12 doubles, 15 home runs, 36 RBIs, and 12 stolen bases. He led the team in batting average (min. 150 PAs) while finishing fifth on the team in games played. While he did not have enough plate appearances to qualify for league leaderboards, among Triple-A East players with a minimum of 250 plate appearances, Olivares ranked fourth in average (.313), eighth in on-base percentage (.397), and 10th in slugging percentage (.559) to be the only player (min. 250 PAs) to rank in the top 10 in each category. Olivares played 39 total games with Kansas City in 2021 in six stints with the team, batting .238/.291/.697 with two doubles, five home runs, and 12 RBIs.

**POWERFUL PRATTO: 1B/OF Nick Pratto** played 63 games with Omaha following his debut on July 20 vs. St. Paul, batting .259/.367/.634 with 15 doubles, 21 home runs, and 55 RBIs. Between Double-A Northwest Arkansas and Triple-A Omaha, Pratto combined to hit .265/.385/.602 with 98 runs scored, 28 doubles, 36 home runs, 98 RBIs, and 83 walks. He finished the season second in Minor League Baseball in extra-base hits (71), tied for second in home runs (36), third in RBIs (98), tied for third in runs scored (98), fifth in walks (83), and seventh in slugging percentage (.602). Pratto finished the season with five home runs in his final seven games (Sept. 24-Oct. 3) and at least one RBI in seven of his final eight games.

**PLAYING CHESS: RHP Grant Gavin** led Omaha with 48 appearances—fifth-most in Triple-A East. He posted a 4.36 ERA in a career-high 74.1 innings, striking out a career-high 92 batters and walking 35. No pitcher in Minor League Baseball threw more innings without making a single start.

**TALE OF TWO SEASONS: OF Kyle Isbel** hit .228/.327/.363 with four doubles, five home runs, and a 43:18 strikeout-to-walk ratio through his first 43 games at the Triple-A level (May 4-June 26) while batting first, second, or third in the lineup. After hitting fifth in the lineup for the first time on June 29 at St. Paul, Isbel hit .300/.380/.507 with 14 doubles, 10 home runs, and a 48:27 strikeout-to-walk ratio in his final 62 games, batting fifth or sixth in the lineup in 57 of those 62 games and batting seventh in his last two games before being recalled on Sept. 12. Isbel played 28 games with Kansas City—12 prior to the beginning of the Storm Chasers' season and 16 after his promotion on Sept. 12—batting .276/.337/.434 with five doubles, two triples, and one home run.

**FINEST IN THE FIELD: 1B/OF Nick Pratto** was named the 2021 Minor League recipient of the *Rawlings* Gold Glove Award at first base, becoming the fourth player in franchise history to earn a *Rawlings* Gold Glove Award, joining **Luis Alcaraz** (2B, 1969), **Rudy Kinard** (SS, 1978), and **Derrick Robinson** (OF, 2012). In 63 games with Omaha, Pratto posted 375 putouts and 28 assists in 404 total chances at first base while helping turn 43 double plays. In 113 total games between Double-A Northwest Arkansas and Triple-A Omaha, Pratto committed two errors in 955.2 innings at first base for a .998 fielding percentage, the highest among the nine players to earn a Minor League *Rawlings* Gold Glove Award in 2021.

**ORGANIZATION ALL-STARS:** Six Storm Chasers were named MiLB.com Kansas City Royals Organization All-Stars in 2021: **MJ Melendez** (C), **Nick Pratto** (1B), **Bobby Witt Jr.** (SS), **Kyle Isbel** (OF), **Ryan McBroom** (OF), and **Jackson Kowar** (RHP).

**STORM CHASERS IN THE SHOW:** Of the 60 players to appear at least one game for Omaha in 2021, 23 players (not including rehab assignments) also played at least one game for a Major League team. **RHP Scott Blewett** (3), **RHP Ronald Bolaños** (3), **RHP Dylan Coleman** (5), **INF Kelvin Gutierrez** (38), **RHP Carlos Hernández** (24), **OF Kyle Isbel** (28), **RHP Jakob Junis** (16), **RHP Jackson Kowar** (9), **LHP Richard Lovelady** (20), **LHP Daniel Lynch** (15), **1B/OF Ryan McBroom** (7), **RHP Jake Newberry** (4), **1B/OF Ryan O'Hearn** (84), **OF Edward Olivares** (39), **RHP Joel Payamps** (15), **INF Emmanuel Rivera** (29), **C Sebastian Rivero** (17), **LHP Gabe Speier** (7), **RHP Anthony Swarzak** (7), **RHP Domingo Tapia** (32), **LHP Angel Zerpa** (1), and **RHP Tyler Zuber** (31) all made at least one appearance for the Kansas City Royals. **INF Alcides Escobar** played in 75 games for the Washington Nationals and **INF Kelvin Gutierrez** played an additional 47 games for the Baltimore Orioles.

## HIGHS AND LOWS

### TEAM MISCELLANEOUS

LONGEST WINNING STREAK .....	9 games, 5/22-6/1
LONGEST LOSING STREAK.....	5 games, 8/15-8/20
LARGEST MARGIN OF VICTORY .....	18, 10/01 @ IOW
LARGEST MARGIN OF DEFEAT.....	17, 9/11 @ STP
LARGEST SHUTOUT WIN .....	5-0, 6/5 vs. IOW
LARGEST SHUTOUT LOSS.....	10-0, 8/15 vs. IOW
LONGEST GAME, TIME.....	4:38 (-16), 8/3 @ COL
LONGEST 9-INNING GAME TIME .....	4:33, 7/28 @ TOL
SHORTEST 9-INNING GAME TIME.....	2:25, 5/11 @ COL
LONGEST 7-INNING GAME TIME.....	2:28, 2x, last - 9/1 (1) vs. TOL
SHORTEST 7-INNING GAME TIME.....	2:02, 7/17 (1) @ IND
LONGEST GAME, INNINGS.....	12, 7/14 @ IND
LONGEST HOME GAME, INNINGS.....	11, 5/6 vs. STP
LONGEST ROAD GAME, INNINGS.....	12, 7/14 @ IND
LARGEST CROWD, HOME.....	7,061, 8/14 vs. IOW
SMALLEST CROWD, HOME.....	2,001, 8/18 vs. COL
LARGEST CROWD, ROAD.....	10,100, 8/3 @ COL
SMALLEST CROWD, ROAD.....	2,117, 5/12 @ COL
MOST ERRORS .....	3, 6/19 vs. LOU
MOST ERRORS BY OPPONENT.....	3, 3x, last - 9/14 vs. IOW
MOST CONSECUTIVE GAMES WITHOUT AN ERROR .....	5, 6/23 (1)-6/27

### TEAM BATTING

MOST RUNS, GAME .....	22, 10/01 at IOW
MOST RUNS, INNING.....	8, 5th inning, 6/26 @ IOW
MOST HITS, GAME .....	21, 6/10 @ STP
MOST HITS, INNING.....	7, 3rd inning, 6/4 vs. IOW
MOST HOME RUNS, GAME.....	7, 2x, last - 10/01 @ IOW
MOST HOME RUNS, INNING .....	4, 9th inning, 5/21 @ IOW
MOST CONSECUTIVE GAMES WITH A HR .....	13, 3x, last - 9/15-10/3
MOST DOUBLES, GAME.....	6, 7/28 @ TOL
MOST TRIPLES, GAME.....	2, 2x, last - 9/29 @ IOW
MOST EXTRA-BASE HITS .....	10, 10/01 @ IOW
MOST STOLEN BASES .....	5, 5x, last - 8/25 @ IOW
MOST STRIKEOUTS, 9-INNING GAME.....	16, 6/29 @ STP
MOST STRIKEOUTS, ALL GAMES .....	18, 8/3 @ COL
MOST WALKS.....	11, 10/01 @ IOW
MOST LOB.....	14, 2x, last - 7/20 vs. STP
FEWEST LOB.....	1, 5/25 vs. IND

### TEAM PITCHING

MOST RUNS ALLOWED .....	21, 9/11 @ STP
MOST RUNS ALLOWED, INNING.....	8, 6th inning, 7/18 @ IND
MOST HITS ALLOWED.....	18, 3x, last - 8/20 vs. COL
MOST HITS ALLOWED, INNING.....	7, 2x, last - 2nd inning, 9/11 @ STP
MOST HOME RUNS ALLOWED, GAME.....	7, 2x, last - 9/5 vs. TOL
MOST HOME RUNS ALLOWED, INNING.....	3, 4x, last - 4th inning, 9/26 vs. IND
MOST CONSECUTIVE GAMES ALLOWING A HR .....	12, 2x, last - 9/3-9/16
MOST STRIKEOUTS, 9-INNING GAME.....	16, 5/22 @ IOW
MOST STRIKEOUTS, ALL GAMES .....	19, 5/6 vs. STP
MOST BASE ON BALLS ALLOWED.....	11, 7/6 vs. TOL
FEWEST BASE ON BALLS ALLOWED.....	0, 6x, last - 9/9 @ STP
MOST EXTRA-BASE HITS ALLOWED .....	9, 3x, last - 9/5 vs. TOL

### INDIVIDUAL BATTING

MOST RUNS SCORED .....	4, 4x, last - Lucius Fox and Edward Olivares, 10/1 @ IOW
MOST HITS .....	5, Sebastian Rivero, 6/10 @ STP
MOST EXTRA-BASE HITS .....	3, 7x, last - Bobby Witt Jr., 8/25 @ IOW
MOST DOUBLES.....	3, Bubba Starling, 6/30 @ STP
MOST TRIPLES.....	1, 23x, last - Erick Mejia, 9/29 @ IOW
MOST HOME RUNS.....	3, Ryan McBroom, 6/13 @ STP
MOST TOTAL BASES.....	12, 2x, last - MJ Melendez, 8/27 @ IOW
MOST RBI .....	6, 2x, last - Gabriel Cancel, 6/23 (1) @ IOW
MOST STOLEN BASES .....	3, Lucius Fox, 7/18 @ IND
MOST STRIKEOUTS .....	4, 3x, last - Gabriel Cancel, 10/2 @ IOW
LONGEST HITTING STREAK .....	14 games, Kyle Isbel, 7/11-7/28
LONGEST ON-BASE STREAK .....	24 games, Ryan McBroom, 8/21-9/19
LONGEST RBI STREAK .....	7 games, 2x, last - Nick Pratto, 9/23-10/2

### INDIVIDUAL PITCHING

MOST INNINGS PITCHED, STARTER .....	6.2, 2x, Jake Kalish, 9/12 @ STP
MOST INNINGS PITCHED, RELIEVER .....	6.0, Daniel Lynch, 5/19 @ IOW
MOST HITS ALLOWED, STARTER.....	12, Jake Kalish, 9/24 vs. IND
MOST HITS ALLOWED, RELIEVER.....	7, 2x, last - Brandon Barker, 8/20 vs. COL
MOST EARNED RUNS ALLOWED, STARTER.....	9, Jake Kalish, 9/24 vs. IND
MOST EARNED RUNS ALLOWED, RELIEVER.....	8, 2x, last - Andres Núñez, 9/11 @ STP
MOST STRIKEOUTS, STARTER.....	10, 2x, last - Jackson Kowar, 7/3 @ STP
MOST STRIKEOUTS, RELIEVER .....	7, Daniel Lynch, 5/19 @ IOW
MOST BASE ON BALLS, STARTER.....	6, Jake Kalish, 5/8 vs. STP
MOST BASE ON BALLS, RELIEVER.....	5, Jackson Kowar, 8/4 @ COL
MOST CONSECUTIVE SCORELESS IP.....	18.1, Jackson Kowar, 5/22-6/27





# MAY NOTES

**CHEERS TO 10 YEARS:** 2021 marked the 10th season of Storm Chasers baseball at Werner Park since the ballpark opened in 2011. Entering 2021, 63 players had gone from playing for the Storm Chasers to making their Major League debut with the Kansas City Royals, including seven members of the 2021 Storm Chasers Opening Day roster: **Jake Newberry** (2018), **Kelvin Gutierrez** (2019), **Bubba Starling** (2019), **Nick Dini** (2019), **Gabe Speier** (2019), **Erick Mejia** (2019), **Scott Blewett** (2019).

**BACK AT THE HELM:** 2021 marked **Brian Poldberg's** seventh season as the manager of the Omaha Storm Chasers and his 21st season as a manager overall. Entering 2021, the Carter Lake, IA, resident had a 1,286-1,354 (.487) all-time record as a manager, which included a 411-440 (.483) record with Omaha. Poldberg is one of two managers in Omaha franchise history to eclipse 400 wins, joining the franchise's all-time wins leader, **Mike Jirschele** (995), who managed the team for 14 seasons ('94-'97, '03-'13). During his playing career, Poldberg played 179 games over the course of three seasons as a catcher for the Omaha Royals from 1983-1985.

**THE NEXT WAVE:** Omaha's Opening Day roster included seven of the Kansas City Royals top 30 prospects, per *Baseball America*, including **RHP Jackson Kowar** (4), **OF Kyle Isbel** (6), **RHP Carlos Hernández** (15), **RHP Ronald Bolaños** (18), **OF Edward Olivares** (19), **INF Lucius Fox** (22), and **RHP Scott Blewett** (25). Four of the five members of the Storm Chasers Opening Day starting rotation (Kowar, Hernández, Blewett, Bolaños) were top-30 prospects.

**WELCOME TO TRIPLE-A EAST:** As a result of the reorganization of Minor League Baseball, the Omaha Storm Chasers became part of a newly-formed league, Triple-A East. The league, which combined teams from the previous Pacific Coast League, International League, Double-A Southern League, and independent American Association, is comprised of 20 teams split between three divisions: Midwest, Southeast, and Northeast. Omaha plays in the Midwest Division along with Columbus (CLE), Indianapolis (PIT), Iowa (CHC), Louisville (CIN), St. Paul (MIN), and Toledo (DET). There was limited inter-divisional play in 2021 to reduce travel. As a result, Omaha only faced teams in the Midwest Division in 2021.

**GOOD TO BE BACK:** After 610 days between games at Werner Park (Sept. 2, 2019-May 4, 2021), Omaha began the 2021 season with an 8-2 win over St. Paul in front of a reduced-capacity crowd of 3,261 at Werner Park. **RHP Jackson Kowar** dazzled in his Triple-A debut, tossing 5.1 shutout innings with a career-high-tying nine strikeouts while allowing two hits and issuing two walks. The Chasers offense scored all eight of their runs across the first five innings and scored at least one run in each inning, including a four-run second inning thanks to an RBI bunt single from **INF/OF Erick Mejia** and a three-run homer from **OF Edward Olivares**. Omaha added solo home runs in the third, fourth, and fifth innings from **INF/OF Ryan McBroom**, **OF Anderson Miller**, and **INF/OF Gabriel Cancel**. Of Omaha's nine total hits, seven were extra-base hits (four home runs, two triples, one double).

**EXTRA, EXTRA: READ ALL ABOUT IT:** The Omaha Storm Chasers played their first extra-inning game of the season on May 6 and defeated the St. Paul Saints, 4-3, in 11 innings on a walk-off single by **INF Kevin Merrell**. **INF/OF Gabriel Cancel** began the 11th inning as the placed runner, stole third, and subsequently scored on Merrell's opposite field single. It was Omaha's first walk-off win since **INF Kelvin Gutierrez** hit a walk-off single on Aug. 11, 2019 vs. Las Vegas. The Chasers were held scoreless until the seventh inning, when **OF Anderson Miller**—celebrating his 27th birthday—hit a solo home run to trim the deficit to 2-1. Then, after **OF Edward Olivares** singled with two outs, **OF Kyle Isbel** drove him in to tie the game with a double down the right-field line. **RHP Scott Blewett** allowed two runs in 5.0 innings on a pair of solo home runs in his first start of the season while striking out eight and walking three. He finished his outing with back-to-back strikeouts to strand the bases loaded in the fifth inning. **RHP Andrés Sotillet** stranded the bases loaded in the top of the 10th inning to maintain a one-run deficit before tossing a scoreless 11th inning to set the stage for the Chasers walk-off win.

**CHAMPION IN THE CLUBHOUSE:** **SS Alcides Escobar** was officially added to Omaha's roster on May 8 after signing with the Royals as a Minor League free agent. Escobar became the 17th member of the Kansas City Royals 2015 World Series roster to play for Omaha when he made his Storm Chasers debut on May 9, joining **OF Lorenzo Cain**, **INF Christian Colón**, **RHP Wade Davis**, **LHP Danny Duffy**, **OF Jarrod Dyson**, **OF Alex Gordon**, **RHP Kelvin Herrera**, **RHP Luke Hochevar**, **1B Eric Hosmer**, **RHP Kris Medlan**, **SS Adalberto Mondesi**, **INF Mike Moustakas**, **C Salvador Perez**, **OF Paulo Orlando**, **OF Alex Rios**, and **RHP Yordano Ventura**. Escobar was the 2015 ALCS MVP, batting .478 (11-for-23) with two doubles, a triple, and six runs scored in the 2015 ALCS.

**CLASHING WITH THE CLIPPERS:** Omaha and Columbus have never been in the same league until this season, but the two franchises faced each other 21 times between 1988-1991 as part of the Triple-A Alliance, when the American Association and International League played interleague games. May 11 at Columbus marked the first meeting between the two teams since Sept. 21, 2011, when they met at Isotopes Park in Albuquerque, N.M. in the 2011 Triple-A National Championship Game. After the Storm Chasers scored three runs in the top of the first inning, the Clippers scored eight unanswered runs to earn an 8-3 win and clinch their second consecutive Triple-A National Championship. Omaha went 9-9 against Columbus in 2021, bringing the all-time record against Columbus to 19-20.

**SEASON-OPENING STREAK:** **OF Edward Olivares** began the season on a nine-game hitting streak from May 4-13, batting .378 (14-for-37) with a double, triple, two home runs, eight runs scored, and eight RBIs. Despite his hitting streak ending after nine games, Olivares continued reaching base, ultimately reaching base in 14 consecutive games to begin the season. In that span, Olivares hit .382/.477/.691 with three doubles, one triple, four home runs, 12 RBIs, and five stolen bases, hitting safely in 13 of the 14 games and recording seven multi-hit games.

**FIRST MAJOR LEAGUE DEBUT IN 2021: C Sebastian Rivero**, who was on Omaha's preliminary roster before being recalled the day before Opening Day, became the first Storm Chasers alum to make his Major League debut with the Kansas City Royals in 2021. Rivero made his Major League debut on May 8 vs. Chicago (AL), going 0-for-4 with two strikeouts, starting at catcher and batting ninth. He went 0-for-6 across two games with Kansas City before being optioned to Omaha on May 14. Upon his 2021 debut with Omaha on May 19 @ Iowa, Rivero (22.49 years old) became the 10th-youngest player in Triple-A East.

**DANIEL'S DEBUT:** Following a postponement on May 18, **LHP Daniel Lynch** made his Triple-A debut and Omaha debut on May 19 at Iowa, pitching 6.0 innings in relief after **RHP Jesse Hahn** made the start in a rehab appearance. In addition to completing 6.0 innings in his Triple-A debut—also his only career relief appearance—Lynch struck out seven while allowing four runs on seven hits with three walks. Lynch, who entered 2021 as the No. 2 prospect in the Kansas City Royals organization and the No. 21 overall prospect in baseball per *Baseball America*, was on the Storm Chasers' preliminary roster before being recalled on May 3, when he allowed three runs on four hits in 4.2 innings vs. Cleveland in his Major League debut. Lynch was optioned to Omaha after posting a 15.75 ERA across 8.0 innings in three appearances with the Royals.

**NINTH-INNING BARRAGE:** The Omaha Storm Chasers scored five ninth-inning runs on four home runs—including back-to-back-to-back home runs from **OF Anderson Miller**, **C Sebastian Rivero**, and **INF/OF Gabriel Cancel**, before ultimately falling, 9-8, on May 21 at Iowa. It was the first time Omaha hit four home runs in a single inning since June 17, 2005 (11-4 win at Round Rock) and the first time hitting three consecutive home runs since **INF/OF Ryan O'Hearn**, **INF Kelvin Gutierrez**, and **C Nick Dini** hit back-to-back-to-back home runs on July 16, 2019 (9-8 win vs. New Orleans).

**REUNION IN DES MOINES:** Former Storm Chasers **INF Adalberto Mondesi** and **INF Hunter Dozier** joined Omaha for rehab assignments in May. Mondesi (right oblique strain) played his first game for Omaha since Aug. 30, 2019 on May 21 at Iowa. Prior to May 22 at Iowa, Dozier last played for Omaha in 2018, playing 35 games and batting .254 with one home run before being recalled by Kansas City. May 22 at Iowa marked the first time since May 8, 2018 (an 8-4 loss to Iowa at Werner Park) that both Mondesi and Dozier were in the lineup at the same time for Omaha.

**FINALLY 500:** With a 7-1 win at Iowa on May 22, Omaha secure its 500th all-time win over Iowa dating back to 1969, the first season for both franchises. Omaha had been stuck on 499 wins against Iowa since May 24, 2019, losing seven consecutive games to Iowa entering May 22 at Iowa. **RHP Jackson Kowar** struck out a career-best 10 batters in 6.0 innings of one-run ball to record the first quality start by a Storm Chaser in 2021 while **RHP Grant Gavin** and **LHP Gabe Speier** struck out six in a combined 3.0 perfect innings of relief to help the Storm Chasers record a season-best 16 strikeouts.

**AMERICAN ASSOCIATION RIVALRY RENEWED:** May 25 marked the first game between Omaha and Indianapolis since 1997, when both franchises were members of the American Association. Omaha defeated Indianapolis in the 1978 American Association Championship Series while Indianapolis claimed American Association Championship Series wins in 1982, 1988, and 1989. The Storm Chasers swept the Indians in a six-game series at Werner Park from May 25-30, split a six-game series at Victory Field from July 13-18, and won three of five games against Indianapolis at Werner Park from Sept. 22-26 during the Triple-A Final Stretch. Omaha went 12-5 against Indianapolis in 2021, bringing the franchise's all-time record against Indianapolis to 277-284.

**SWWWWWWEEP:** The Omaha Storm Chasers recorded the first six-game sweep in franchise history from May 25-May 30 at Werner Park against the Indianapolis Indians. The Storm Chasers went 54-for-190 (.274) during the series with 11 home runs, scoring 5.8 runs/game while posting a 2.33 team ERA in 54.0 innings (14 ER). It was the first time Omaha had won five straight games against the same opponent in the same series since Aug. 28-Sept. 1, 2014 vs. Colorado Springs, a five-game sweep at Werner Park.

**KING KOWAR: RHP Jackson Kowar** was named Triple-A East Pitcher of the Month for May. In five starts in May, Kowar went 5-0 with a 1.01 ERA in 26.2 innings, striking out 36 and walking nine. Kowar was also third in the league in innings (31.2), tied for first in strikeouts (41), and fifth in strikeout percentage (33.9%). He was also first in the league in FIP (1.94), third in K%-BB% (25.6%), and second in left-on-base percentage (90.0%). Following his start on June 2 vs. Iowa when he threw 5.0 shutout innings while striking out four, walking one, and allowing one hit, Kowar's ERA fell to 0.85, a mark that ranked first in the league. Kowar threw 15.1 consecutive scoreless innings between three starts (May 22-June 2), the longest scoreless streak by a Storm Chasers pitcher this season.

**OUTSTANDING OLIVARES: OF Edward Olivares** was recalled by Kansas City on May 30 after tearing up Triple-A East during the month of May. In 20 games in May, Olivares hit .395/.473/.654 with four doubles, one triple, five home runs, 16 RBIs, 19 runs scored, and seven stolen bases. At the time of his promotion, he ranked third in the league in average (.395), fourth in on-base percentage (.473), seventh in slugging percentage (.654), second in hits (32), third in runs scored (19), and tied for fourth in steals (7). Olivares hit leadoff in each of his 20 games in May, collecting 11 multi-hit games while hitting safely in 17 of his 20 games and reaching base safely in 18 of the 20 games.

**SPARKLING SPEIER: LHP Gabe Speier** began the season with 13 consecutive scoreless appearances, including 10 in the month of May. In May, Speier threw 11.1 scoreless innings, striking out 17, walking one, and allowing three hits. He faced 39 total batters in May, allowing six combined baserunners while posting a .083 opponent's batting average and 0.35 WHIP. Speier recorded four saves in May in four attempts.

**RBI RIVERA: INF Emmanuel Rivera** led the Storm Chasers and was tied for second in Triple-A East with 21 RBIs in May. He was also tied for sixth in the league in extra-base hits (12), tallying six doubles, one triple, and five home runs.

**HISTORIC START:** Omaha's 16-7 (.696) record through the month of May was the best start through the first month of a season in the Storm Chasers era (2011-pres.) and the first time since 2017 that the team had completed the first month of a season with more wins than losses. The Chasers won more total games through the first month of the 2012 season (17), but had a lower winning percentage (.680) with a 17-8 record. It was the 16th time since 2011 that Omaha won at least 16 games in a single month. The Chasers most recently won 16 games in a single month in August of 2018. The most wins in one month since 2011 is 20 wins in June of 2012. The 2012 team finished with an 83-31 (.576) record, the third-best record in franchise history behind the 1969 (85-55, .607) and 1990 (86-60, .589) teams.



# JUNE NOTES

**STREAKING INTO JUNE:** The Chasers finished off a season-best nine-game winning streak from May 22-June 1 with a walk-off, 5-3, win on June 1 vs. Iowa thanks to a walk-off home run by **INF/OF Ryan O'Hearn**. It was the first walk-off home run for Omaha since July 20, 2019, when **INF/OF Erick Mejia** hit a walk-off home run in a 6-5 win vs. Memphis. The nine-game winning streak included back-to-back wins over Iowa on May 22 and May 23, a six-game sweep of Indianapolis from May 25-May 30, and the walk-off win on June 1 in the series opener against Iowa. It marked the longest winning streak for Omaha since a 10-game winning streak from June 5-June 16 (1) in 2012, which is the longest winning streak in the Storm Chasers era (2011-pres.). During the nine-game winning streak, the Chasers outscored opponents 54-26, hit .284 (85-for-299) with 54 runs (6.0 runs/game), 85 hits (9.4 hits/game), 16 doubles, 16 home runs, 17 stolen bases in 18 attempts, a .354 on-base percentage, and a .512 slugging percentage. The pitching staff combined to post a 2.56 ERA in 81.0 innings with 95 strikeouts, 29 walks, and a .185 batting average against.

**HOME RUN HEROES:** The Chasers hit at least one home run in a season-best 13 consecutive games from May 16-June 1. It was Omaha's longest streak of games with at least one home run since May 8-May 23, 2019, when Omaha had 15 straight games with a home run. During the team's 13-game home run streak, Omaha hit 26 home runs.

**IMMACULATE ENDING:** **RHP Anthony Swarzak** retired Iowa with three strikeouts on nine pitches (all strikes) in the ninth inning on June 3, recording an immaculate inning to end an 8-5 win vs. Iowa. While the amount and frequency of immaculate innings in Minor League Baseball is unconfirmed, there have been 54 immaculate innings thrown in a Major League game since 2000, 13 of which were in the last inning of the game, per the *Elias Sports Bureau*. According to *Baseball Reference*, the most recent immaculate inning was by **RHP Kyle Finnegan** of the Washington Nationals on May 5, 2021, against the Atlanta Braves. The most recent immaculate inning to end a Major League game was thrown by **LHP Josh Hader** of the Milwaukee Brewers on March 30, 2019, against the St. Louis Cardinals.

**EXTENDING THE INNING:** The Omaha Storm Chasers defeated the Iowa Cubs, 13-8, on June 4 behind a then-season-high 13 runs on 16 hits. Of the 16 hits, seven came in third inning, when Omaha scored six runs on seven hits—all with two outs. After back-to-back singles from **INF Emmanuel Rivera** and **INF/OF Ryan O'Hearn**, **INF/OF Ryan McBroom** and **INF Gabriel Cancel** hit back-to-back home runs. **C Sebastian Rivero** followed with a double before **OF Anderson Miller** kept the inning going with an RBI single and **INF Alcides Escobar** capped the surge with an RBI double. It was the most runs and hits in a single inning through the first 27 games of the season and the first time Omaha had recorded more than five consecutive hits in a single inning since the 2nd inning on April 8, 2019 in a 14-3 win at Memphis.

**BUBBA BLASTS:** **OF Bubba Starling** recorded two-homer games on June 3 vs. Iowa and June 6 vs. Iowa, giving him a team-best three multi-homer games in 2021 after posting his first two-homer game of the year on May 16 at Columbus. Each of Starling's first eight hits of the season were extra-base hits—six home runs and two doubles—before tallying his first single of the season on June 9 at St. Paul. He hit three doubles in a 3-for-4 performance on June 30 at St. Paul, the first three-double game for a Storm Chaser since **Paulo Orlando** on May 28, 2018, in a 3-2 win vs. Round Rock. In 18 games across June, Starling hit .297/.324/.641 with five doubles, five home runs, 14 RBIs, and 13 runs scored.

**HOME COOKIN':** The Chasers' 11-1 homestand from May 25-June 6 was the best in Werner Park history. During the 12-game home stand, Omaha hit .281 (110-for-392) with 28 home runs while scoring 6.2 runs/game. On the mound, the Storm Chasers posted a 2.92 team ERA during the homestand, including a 2.55 ERA from starting pitchers.

**A NEW VENUE:** June 8 at St. Paul marked the first game at CHS Field in franchise history for Omaha and eighth all-time against the Saints after beginning the season with a six-game series against St. Paul at Werner Park. Prior to becoming the Triple-A affiliate of the Minnesota Twins in 2021, the St. Paul Saints played in the independent Northern League and later, independent American Association, from 1993-2020. A previous iteration of the franchise played in the affiliated American Association from 1901-1960. When the Washington Senators franchise moved to Minneapolis, Minn., and became the Twins in 1961, the Saints moved to Omaha and became the Omaha Dodgers, where they played in 1961 and 1962 before folding.

**FRIENDLY FACE:** Prior to playing for the Omaha Royals in 2008 and 2009, Storm Chasers hitting coach **Brian Buchanan** played for the St. Paul Saints in 2006, batting .292 with 11 home runs in 48 games. Buchanan also made his Major League debut with the Minnesota Twins on May 19, 2000, at Oakland. His first career home run came in his first game at the Humphrey H. Metrodome on May 23, 2000. Buchanan played for the Twins from 2000-2002, playing under former Twins manager Ron Gardenhire in 2001 and 2002. Gardenhire's son, Toby Gardenhire, was the manager of the St. Paul Saints in 2021.

**BEATING A BIG LEAGUER:** The Omaha Storm Chasers scored three runs in the ninth inning to come from behind and beat the St. Paul Saints, 5-2, on June 9 at St. Paul in a game started by rehabbing right-hander Kenta Maeda. **INF/OF Ryan O'Hearn** hit a solo home run against Maeda in the fourth inning before tying the game with a solo home run in the eighth. After **OF Bubba Starling** scored the go-ahead run on a wild pitch, **OF Kyle Isbel** brought in two more with a two-run triple.

**SEASON-HIGH IN HITS:** The Omaha Storm Chasers scored 16 runs on a season-high 21 hits in a 16-9 win over St. Paul on June 10 at CHS Field. Of the 16 runs on 21 hits, 10 runs and nine hits came in the first two innings when Omaha scored five runs in each inning. **INF/OF Ryan O'Hearn** went 4-for-5 with two home runs and six RBIs, **OF Bubba Starling** went 3-for-6 with a home run, triple, and two RBIs, and **C Sebastian Rivero** went 5-for-5 with a home run and four RBIs. It was the first game for Omaha with at least 15 runs scored since June 8, 2018, in a 16-1 win vs. Albuquerque and the first game with at least 20 hits since June 4, 2019, in a 14-3 win over Albuquerque.

**FIVE-FOR-FIVE:** **C Sebastian Rivero** went 5-for-5 with a home run and four RBIs on June 10, the most hits in a game by a Storm Chaser in 2021 and the first five-hit game for a Chaser since **INF Nicky Lopez** on July 27, 2018 in a 15-4 win at Fresno.

**RYAN O'HOMER:** **INF/OF Ryan O'Hearn** homered in three straight games from June 9-11, going 8-for-13 with five home runs and nine RBIs in that span. He recorded back-to-back two-homer games on June 9 and 10 and hit a solo home run in the first inning on June 11, giving him four home runs in a six at-bat span. O'Hearn became the first Omaha player to have two consecutive multi-homer games since **Brett Hayes** on Aug. 21 and 22, 2013, vs. New Orleans. He was named Triple-A East Player of the Week for June 7-13, going 9-for-21 (.429) with five home runs, nine RBIs, a .478 on-base percentage, and a 1.190 slugging percentage.

**CLEARED FOR TAKEOFF:** The Omaha Storm Chasers set a modern franchise record with seven home runs on June 13 at St. Paul en route to a 15-4 win, three of which came from **INF/OF Ryan McBroom**. **OF Edward Olivares** homered to lead off the game while **INF Alcides Escobar** and **INF Angelo Castellano** hit back-to-back home runs as part of a three-homer, seven-run, fourth inning. **INF/OF Gabriel Cancel** added a home run in the seventh before McBroom hit the team's final home run in the eighth for his third home run of the game. McBroom's three home runs were a career-high and the first three-homer game for Omaha since **Brett Eibner** hit three home runs on May 12, 2016, in a 15-5 win vs. Memphis.

**THE MOOSE IS LOOSE:** **INF Mike Moustakas** made a rehab appearance with Louisville on June 15 at Werner Park, marking his first appearance at Werner Park since May 26, 2014. Moustakas played for Omaha in 2010 (at Rosenblatt Stadium) and 2011 (at Werner Park), hitting 25 home runs in 107 games between the two seasons. Moustakas was a member of the inaugural Storm Chasers team in 2011, helping lead them to a Pacific Coast League Championship. June 15 marked the first time Moustakas and former Kansas City Royals teammate **INF Alcides Escobar** played on the same field since July 25, 2018, when Moustakas played third and Escobar played shortstop for the Royals vs. Detroit at Kauffman Stadium.

**ESKY EN FUEGO:** **INF Alcides Escobar** recorded his second career multi-homer game on June 15 vs. Louisville and first since July 14, 2012 in Kansas City's 6-3 win over Chicago (AL) at Kauffman Stadium. After a 2-for-23 start through his first eight games with Omaha, Escobar hit .419/.455/.758 with six doubles, five home runs, 13 RBIs, and 17 runs scored in his next 16 games, hitting safely in 15 of the 16 games including a season-best nine-game hitting streak from June 4-16.

**HUNTING THE FASTBALL:** **RHP Hunter Greene**, the No. 60 prospect in baseball at the time per *Baseball America*, made his Triple-A debut at Werner Park on June 17. Omaha hit four home runs against Greene in his 4.0 innings, including three in the first inning from **OF Kyle Isbel**, **INF/OF Ryan O'Hearn**, and **INF/OF Ryan McBroom**, en route to a 6-5 win over Louisville.

**BEST OF THE BEST:** Following a 5-1 win over Louisville on June 18, the Omaha Storm Chasers had a 28-11 (.718) record through 39 games, the best record in Minor League Baseball and the best winning percentage in affiliated baseball. Omaha also led the Midwest Division by 7.0 games, the largest lead in the division of the season for the Storm Chasers. Omaha became the first team in Minor League Baseball to reach the 30-win plateau on June 23 and climbed to a season-best 18.0 games above .500 after a June 26 win.

**CANCEL CRUSHED:** **INF Gabriel Cancel** went 3-for-4 with a double, triple, home run, and six RBIs on May 23 (1) at Iowa. It was one of seven games this season where a Storm Chaser had three extra-base hits in one game and one of two games with six RBIs (**INF/OF Ryan O'Hearn**, June 10 at STP).

**EIGHT-RUN RAMPAGE:** **OF Anderson Miller**, who hit the team's first grand slam of the season on June 24 at Iowa, scored two runs as part of Omaha's season-best eight-run inning on June 26 at Iowa in an eventual 13-2 win. Miller began the team's six-hit fifth inning with a single before capping the scoring with a three-run homer—his second home run of the game. He was the first Omaha player to record two hits and score two runs in a single inning since **Elier Hernandez** on April 8, 2019, in a 14-3 win at Memphis.

**BRY-ING ON BASE:** **C Meibrys Vilorio** reached base safely in 18 straight games from May 29-June 29, posting a .414 on-base percentage in that span. Vilorio ultimately reached base in 48 of his 54 games with Omaha, posting a .367 on-base percentage.

**RED-HOT RIVERA:** **INF Emmanuel Rivera** finished the series against Louisville 12-for-23 (.522) with five home runs and nine RBIs in six games, including a 4-for-4 performance with four runs scored on June 15 vs. Louisville. He hit safely in a season-high eight straight games from June 12-20, batting .484 (15-for-31) in that span with six home runs, 14 runs scored, 11 RBIs, and a .529 on-base percentage. Rivera was called up by Kansas City the following week on June 28 for his Major League debut, going 2-for-4 at Boston, including collecting his first Major League hit on the first pitch of his first plate appearance. At the time of his promotion, Rivera led Triple-A East in RBIs (40) and extra-base hits (26), was tied for first in home runs (14), ranked second in runs (36), third in hits (50), and fourth in slugging percentage (.593) while batting .282/.337/.593 in 44 games with Omaha.

**BROHEARN BARRAGE:** **INF/OF Ryan O'Hearn** was named Triple-A East Player of the Month for June after hitting .365 (25-for-65) with a league-leading 12 home runs, a team-best 24 RBIs, and a 1.452 OPS (.452 OBP / 1.000 SLG) in 17 games with Omaha. O'Hearn began the month with a walk-off, two-run homer on June 1 vs. Iowa en route to hitting five home runs in a six-game series against Iowa from June 1-6. He then hit five homers in a three-game span from June 9-11 at St. Paul—including back-to-back two-homer games on June 10 and 11—before hitting safely in five of six games against Louisville from June 15-20.

**JOYOUS JUNE:** The Storm Chasers went 16-10 in June to remain in first place in the Triple-A East Midwest Division. It was the 17th time since 2011 that Omaha won at least 16 games in a single month. Omaha held sole possession of first place for the entire month of June after taking sole possession of first place on May 26. In 26 games in June, the Chasers offense hit .280/.342/.540, averaged 6.7 runs/game, and hit 59 home runs. Omaha's 59 home runs in June were tied with the Reno Aces for the most home runs in June in affiliated baseball (MLB and MiLB). On the mound, the Chasers posted a team ERA of 5.35 with a starting pitching ERA of 6.12 and a bullpen ERA of 4.69. Entering July with a 32-17 (.653) record, Omaha was on pace to finish the 130-game season with 85 wins, which would have tied the 1969 Omaha Royals (85-55) for the most wins in franchise history while setting a new franchise record for winning percentage (.607, 1969).





# JULY NOTES

**ALL-STAR ALUM:** Storm Chasers alumnus **Salvador Perez** ('11-'12, '18) was named a 2021 American League All-Star on July 1, marking the seventh All-Star selection of his career and start at catcher in the MLB All-Star Game. His seven All-Star selections mark the second-most All-Star game selections by an Omaha alum, trailing **George Brett** ('73-'74), a 13-time All-Star. **INF Whit Merrifield** (2014-2017) and **RHP Liam Hendriks** (2014) were also named 2021 MLB All-Stars.

**RED, WHITE, AND BUBBA:** **OF Bubba Starling** was named to Team USA's roster on July 2 for the 2020 Olympic Games in Tokyo, Japan. Starling is one of 24 players selected to compete for Team USA and is one of two players on the roster to have played for Omaha. **OF Jack López** ('18), who played for Triple-A Worcester (BOS) in 2021, was also named to the Olympic Team roster. **INF Erick Mejia** was named to the Olympic roster for the Dominican Republic on July 9.

**FOURTH OF JULY FIREWORKS:** The Omaha Storm Chasers scored seven runs in the sixth inning on three home runs, ultimately beating the St. Paul Saints, 10-6, on July 4 at CHS Field. Trailing, 3-0, in the fifth inning, **OF Anderson Miller** threw out a runner at the plate and **OF Kyle Isbel** robbed a three-run homer. In the sixth inning, **OF Rudy Martin** hit a game-tying, two-run homer as part of a 4-for-5 game, Isbel smacked a go-ahead, three-run homer, and **C Meibrys Viloría** followed with a solo home run to cap the scoring in the inning. Viloría's home run was the 100th of the season for Omaha.

**TAKING ON TOLEDO:** Omaha and Toledo (Triple-A, Detroit) met for the first time in 2021 from July 6-11 and for the first time since 1991. From 1988-1991, Omaha and Toledo played 21 total games of interleague play between the American Association and International League as part of the Triple-A Alliance.

**MILLER MAGIC:** Omaha orchestrated a late-inning comeback on July 6 vs. Toledo, scoring six unanswered runs after the eighth inning to defeat the Mud Hens, 7-5 at Werner Park. **OF Anderson Miller** hit a solo home run in the eighth to bring the Storm Chasers within three before **INF/OF Ryan McBroom** hit a game-tying, three-run homer in the ninth to force extra innings. Following a scoreless 10th inning from **RHP Jake Newberry** to cap 6.0 scoreless innings from the Omaha bullpen, Miller smacked a walk-off, two-run home run in the bottom of the 10th.

**LIGHTS, \*CAM\*ERA, ACTION:** **C Cam Gallagher** joined the Storm Chasers on July 8 to begin a rehab assignment (right shoulder impingement), playing in five games. July 8 vs. Toledo marked his first game for Omaha since Aug. 16, 2018, vs. Oklahoma City. On July 11 vs. Toledo, Gallagher smacked a walk-off, solo home run on the second pitch of the bottom of the ninth inning to deliver a 6-5 win for the team's third of three walk-off home runs in 2021.

**STEALING THE SPOTLIGHT:** The Storm Chasers stole 65 bases in 76 attempts (85.5%) over the first 10 weeks of the season (May 4-July 11) while Triple-A East used experimental 18" x 18" bases. Omaha's 85.5% success rate was the best in the league while the team's 65 total steals were third-most through July 11.

**MARATHON IN INDI:** Omaha played a 12-inning game on July 14 at Indianapolis, one of Omaha's two 12-inning games during the season. With the game tied, 1-1, entering the eighth inning, the Storm Chasers scored a run only to give up the lead in the bottom of the eighth and fall behind, 3-2. Omaha re-tied the game in the ninth with a two-out, two-strike, RBI single from **INF/OF Lucius Fox** before scoring three runs in the 12th inning to come away with a 6-5 win in 4:01. Fox, who drove in the tying run in the ninth, scored the go-ahead run in the 12th.

**HELLO, MR. ANDERSON:** On July 17 at Indianapolis, **OF Anderson Miller** became the first player in the Storm Chasers era (2011-pres.) to homer in both ends of a doubleheader, hitting a solo homer in a 2-1 Game 1 win, and a three-run shot in a 4-3 Game 2 win. After batting .175/.259/.311 through his first 30 games from May 4-June 15—including a 4-for-58 (.091) slide from May 22-June 15—Miller hit .270/.365/.573 over his next 30 games from June 16-July 29.

**CHECKMATE:** **RHP Grant Gavin** recorded his longest scoreless streak of the season from July 2-July 17 (2), a span of 8.0 innings. Gavin struck out five and walked two during his scoreless streak, which included three appearances of 2.0+ innings. After earning a one-pitch save on July 17 (2) at Indianapolis, Gavin lowered his ERA to 2.90.

**QUICK LIKE A FOX:** **INF Lucius Fox** stole a career-high three bases on July 18 at Indianapolis, accounting for three of the team's five steals in the game. The Storm Chasers stole five bases in a single game five times in 2021, first on July 4 at St. Paul and last on Aug. 25 at Iowa. Fox was recalled by Kansas City on July 30 for the Royals' game at Toronto but did not appear in the game.

**THE FUTURE HAS ARRIVED:** **INF Bobby Witt Jr.** and **1B/OF Nick Pratto** were promoted to Triple-A Omaha from Double-A Northwest Arkansas on July 18 and made their Triple-A debuts on July 20 vs. St. Paul. Witt Jr., the No. 1 prospect in the Kansas City Royals organization and the No. 8 overall prospect at the time according to *Baseball America*, hit .295/.369/.570 in 61 games with the Naturals, leading Double-A Central in total bases (139) and RBIs (51) while tying for the league lead in hits (72), ranking second in home runs (16), and fourth in OPS (.939) at the time of his promotion. He became the highest-ranked position player prospect to play for Omaha since **OF Wil Myers** (2012)—who was ranked as the 28th-best prospect by *Baseball America* in 2012—and first player in franchise history born after Dec. 31, 1999. Pratto, the No. 10 prospect in the Royals organization and the No. 94 overall prospect at the time according to *Baseball America*, hit .271/.404/.570 in 61 games with the Naturals, leading the league in extra-base hits (32) and walks (46) while ranking second in OPS (.974), third in home runs (15), and fourth in RBIs (43). Both Witt Jr. (2nd overall, 2019) and Pratto (14th overall, 2017) were first-round picks by the Kansas City Royals in the MLB Draft and started for the American League in the 2021 SiriusXM All-Star Futures Game at Coors Field in Denver, Colo. on July 11.

**STAYING IN THE YARD:** **INF Bobby Witt Jr.** recorded his first career Triple-A home run on July 21 vs. St. Paul, a go-ahead, inside-the-park home run in the third inning against RHP Josh Winder. It was the first inside-the-park homer for Omaha since **Paulo Orlando** on June 26, 2014 at Oklahoma City. Orlando also hit the most recent inside-the-parker at Werner Park, which came on Sept. 1, 2013 vs. Round Rock. There have been three total inside-the-park home runs at Werner Park, the first by **Ruben Sosa** ('17) on July 24, 2013 for Oklahoma City against Omaha.

**PROSPECTS AT WERNER PARK:** With the additions of **INF Bobby Witt Jr.** (No. 8) and **1B/OF Nick Pratto** (No. 92), the Omaha Storm Chasers roster on July 23 included four of MLB's Top 100 overall prospects according to *Baseball America*, including **LHP Daniel Lynch** (No. 20) and **RHP Jackson Kowar** (No. 66). Throughout July, the Storm Chasers roster also included eight of the Royals organization's top 30 prospects per *Baseball America*, including Witt Jr. (No. 1), Lynch (No. 2), Kowar (No. 4), **OF Kyle Isbel** (No. 6), Pratto (No. 10), **OF Edward Olivares** (No. 19), **RHP Tyler Zuber** (No. 20), **INF/OF Lucius Fox** (No. 22), and **RHP Scott Blewett** (No. 25).

**LYNCH'S RETURN:** Despite posting a 9.72 ERA across 16.2 innings (four starts) in July, **LHP Daniel Lynch** was recalled by Kansas City on July 25 vs. Detroit for his first Major League start since May 13. Lynch allowed 15 runs on 18 hits in his first two starts with Omaha in July (7.2 IP) before allowing four runs (three earned) on eight hits in his last two starts in July (9.0 IP). The left-hander struck out 20 and walked three in 16.2 innings in July, including 12 strikeouts and no walks in his final two Triple-A starts. In his return to the Royals, Lynch tossed 8.0 shutout innings, scattering five hits while striking out four and not issuing a walk.

**IN GRAND STYLE:** After hitting one grand slam (**OF Anderson Miller** on June 24 at Iowa) through the team's first 69 games, the Omaha Storm Chasers hit three grand slams in a four-game span from July 25-29. **1B/OF Nick Pratto** hit a go-ahead grand slam in the seventh inning on July 25 vs. St. Paul in a 9-6 win and hit another go-ahead grand slam in the fifth inning on July 28 at Toledo in a 14-12 win. **INF/OF Angelo Castellano** hit his first of a team-high three grand slams in 2021 on July 29 at Toledo, a go-ahead grand slam in the fifth inning of an 8-5 win.

**STORM CHASER SINGER:** **RHP Brady Singer** made his Storm Chasers and Triple-A debut on July 30 at Toledo in a rehab start. He allowed four runs on five hits in 1.1 innings with one walk and zero strikeouts. Singer's other rehab start came on Aug. 4 at Columbus, when he allowed three runs on three hits in 3.1 innings with two strikeouts and zero walks.

**RUNNING ON EMPTY:** The Omaha Storm Chasers scored four total runs during a three-game losing streak from July 30-Aug. 1, which included a season-long 17.0-inning scoreless streak from July 30-July 31. After scoring in the first inning of an 11-1 defeat on July 30, Omaha was shut out, 3-0, on July 31. Omaha also failed to record a home run for a season-long three consecutive games during the skid.

**TIED AT THE TOP:** The Omaha Storm Chasers took over sole possession of first place in the Triple-A Midwest Division on May 26 following a win over Indianapolis and had sole possession of first place for more than two consecutive months, including all of June and July, a stretch that spanned 67 days. The Storm Chasers retained sole possession of first place through the end of July, but entered a tie for first in the Midwest Division on Aug. 1 following a loss to Toledo.

**OLIVARES' ODYSSEY:** **OF Edward Olivares** was recalled by Kansas City on July 31, marking the fifth time he was recalled in 2021. He was initially recalled on May 30 before being optioned on June 3, recalled on June 6 and optioned on June 9, recalled on June 14 and optioned on June 17, and recalled on June 30 and optioned on July 4 before being recalled on July 31. Through the end of July, Olivares was third in Triple-A East in average (.322) and slugging percentage (.572), and fifth in on-base percentage (.395) in 52 games with Omaha, while hitting 13 home runs and stealing 12 bases. He recorded at least two hits in 22 of his 52 games with Omaha through the end of July.

**METHODICAL MARTINEZ:** **LHP Marcelo Martinez** made six appearances (five starts) in July, posting a 3.08 ERA across 26.1 innings with 28 strikeouts and eight walks. He began the month with 5.2 innings of one-run ball on July 1 at St. Paul before recording his first career Triple-A quality start on July 7 vs. Toledo with 6.0 innings of one-run ball. He issued a season-high-tying four walks on July 24 vs. St. Paul, but allowed only two hits en route to throwing 5.0 shutout innings. Martinez did not allow more than three earned runs in any of his five outings in July, leading the team in innings (26.1).

**GET IZZY WITH IT:** **OF Kyle Isbel** was named Omaha's Hitter of the Month by Kansas City after batting .296/.420/.519 with nine doubles, three home runs, and more walks (18) than strikeouts (14) in a team-high 24 games in July. He began the month with a six-game on-base streak before hitting safely in a season-best 14 straight games from July 11-July 28. In that span, Isbel hit .400 (18-for-45) with seven doubles, two home runs, 10 RBIs, a 7:12 strikeout-to-walk ratio, and four stolen bases. While his hitting streak ended on July 29, he reached base safely in the month's final three games to record a season-best 17-game on-base streak from July 11-July 31. Isbel stole a base in three straight games from July 18-July 21 to record 16 consecutive successful stolen base attempts to begin the season before being caught stealing for the first time on July 22 vs. St. Paul. Isbel hit fifth in the lineup in each of his 24 games in July after batting fifth for the first time on June 29 at St. Paul.

**VINE(S) WHIP:** **RHP Jace Vines** was named Omaha's Pitcher of the Month by Kansas City after posting a 2.55 ERA in a bullpen-high 17.2 innings across 10 appearances. Vines recorded a season-best 9.0-inning scoreless streak from June 29-July 15, beginning the month of July with four consecutive scoreless outings. On July 8 vs. Toledo, he threw a season-high 3.2 scoreless innings, allowing two hits and issuing zero walks with one strikeout.

**ZEROS FOR ZUBER:** After posting a 4.50 ERA in 10.0 innings through his first eight appearances of the season with Omaha, **RHP Tyler Zuber** did not allow a run in July, throwing 7.2 scoreless innings with two hits allowed, four walks, and 10 strikeouts. Zuber finished the game in six of his eight July outings, earning saves on July 9 vs. Toledo and July 17 (1) at Indianapolis. His scoreless month was part of a 10.2-inning scoreless streak from June 23 (2)-Aug. 3, ending when he allowed one unearned run on Aug. 6 at Columbus without recording an out. Zuber did not allow an earned run from the end of his outing on June 23 (2)-Aug. 12, a stretch that spanned 13.1 innings.

**JULY SLIDE:** The Omaha Storm Chasers went 12-14 in 26 games in July, marking the team's first losing month of the season after going 16-7 in May and 16-10 in June. The Chasers hit .239/.327/.396 with 30 home runs in July while recording a 5.34 ERA that included a 6.40 ERA by starting pitchers and a 4.30 ERA by relievers. Omaha tied with Durham and Scranton-Wilkes-Barre for the most stolen bases in the league in July (32).



# AUGUST NOTES

**RUDY, RUDY, RUDY:** **OF Rudy Martin** hit a leadoff home run on Aug. 4 at Columbus against RHP Brad Peacock for his second Triple-A home run of the year and his career-high seventh home run of the season. Martin hit five home runs in August—the most home runs in a month in his career—to reach double-digit home runs in a single season for the first time in his career.

**DINI DEMOLITION:** **C Nick Dini** hit his first home run of the season on Aug. 6 at Columbus, a two-run homer against former Storm Chaser **RHP Heath Fillmyer**, en route to homering in three straight games from Aug. 6-8 at Columbus. In five games in August, Dini went 6-for-20 (.300) with three home runs and five RBIs. His appearances from Aug. 5-8 marked the only time in 2021 that Dini played in three-or-more consecutive games.

**CHASERS ON THE PODIUM:** The United States fell, 2-0, to Japan on Aug. 7 in the 2020 Tokyo Olympics Gold Medal Game to earn a silver medal while the Dominican Republic defeated South Korea, 10-6, in the Bronze Medal Game to earn bronze. **OF Bubba Starling** went 2-for-7 (.286) for Team USA to earn a silver medal while **OF Jack López** ('18) went 2-for-14 (.143). **INF/OF Erick Mejia** went 6-for-21 (.286) for the Dominican Republic and was named to the All-Olympic Baseball Team at third base. The silver medal for the United States is the country's first silver medal in baseball and fourth medal in baseball overall ('96 Bronze, '00 Gold, '08 Bronze). The bronze medal for the Dominican Republic is the first medal in baseball in the country's history.

**BOBBY'S BLASTS:** **INF Bobby Witt Jr.** capped a four-homer week from Aug. 3-8 with his first career grand slam on Aug. 7 at Columbus as part of a 13-10 win, tying his career-high with five RBIs. In six games against Columbus at Huntington Park, Witt Jr. went 8-for-27 (.296) with two doubles, four home runs, 11 RBIs, eight runs scored, and one stolen base to earn Triple-A East Player of the Week honors.

**MARVELOUS MELENDEZ:** **C/3B MJ Melendez** made his Triple-A debut on Aug. 11 vs. Iowa, going 1-for-5 with a two-run homer while throwing out a runner trying to steal third base. The No. 6 prospect in the Royals organization and the No. 94 in baseball per *Baseball America* at the time of his Triple-A debut, Melendez hit .285/.372/.628 in 79 games with Double-A Northwest Arkansas, leading all of Double-A with 28 home runs and 65 RBIs at the time of his promotion. With the addition of Melendez, the Omaha Storm Chasers became the only team in Minor League Baseball with four players that hit 20+ home runs in 2021: Melendez (28), **INF Bobby Witt Jr.** (24), **INF/OF Ryan McBroom** (21), and **1B/OF Nick Pratto** (21).

**THE NEW BLUE WAVE:** Aug. 11 vs. Iowa marked the first time the current top four position player prospects in the Kansas City Royals organization per *Baseball America*—**INF Bobby Witt Jr.** (1), **1B/OF Nick Pratto** (4), **C/3B MJ Melendez** (6), and **OF Kyle Isbel** (7)—played in the same Minor League game. Isbel hit leadoff, Witt Jr. batted second, Pratto hit third, and Melendez, who made his Triple-A debut, hit fifth. Isbel went 1-for-4, Witt Jr. went 1-for-4 with a walk and a stolen base, Pratto went 3-for-4 with a triple, two doubles, and a walk, and Melendez went 1-for-5 with a home run and two RBIs in Omaha's 12-7 loss.

**PACKED HOUSE:** The Omaha Storm Chasers welcomed a season-high 7,061 fans to Werner Park on Aug. 14 vs. Iowa as part of a stretch of four straight games with over 5,500 fans in attendance. **OF Kyle Isbel** homered in the second inning while **INF/OF Ryan McBroom** drove in three with an RBI single in the fourth and a two-run double in the fifth. **RHP Eddie Butler** tossed 5.1 shutout innings to help lead the Storm Chasers to a 6-2 win.

**TAKING OFF:** **OF Kyle Isbel** stole his 20th base of the season on Aug. 14 vs. Iowa, making him one of six players in Triple-A East with 20+ stolen bases at the time. In the same game, **INF/OF Lucius Fox** tied a career high with three stolen bases and **INF Bobby Witt Jr.** recorded a steal. Omaha tied a season high with five steals in the game, a mark matched four other times during the season.

**20-20 VISION:** With his stolen base on Aug. 14 vs. Iowa, **INF Bobby Witt Jr.** became one of three players in Minor League Baseball at the time (Romy Gonzalez - CWS, Anthony Volpe - NYY) with 20+ home runs and 20+ stolen bases in 2021. Witt Jr. became the first Kansas City Royals minor league player to record a 20/20 season since **OF Alex Gordon** hit 29 home runs and stole 22 bases for Double-A Wichita in 2006.

**FIRST TIME IN 30 YEARS:** Aug. 17 marked the 13th meeting between Omaha and Columbus in 2021, but the first meeting between the two teams at Werner Park, and the Clippers' first game at Werner Park in franchise history. Prior to Aug. 17-22, Columbus last traveled to Omaha from May 22-24, 1991—the final season of the Triple-A Alliance—for a three-game series at Rosenblatt Stadium. Omaha won the first game of the three-game set before Columbus took the final two games.

**BLANCO BOMB:** **OF Dairon Blanco** made his Triple-A debut on Aug. 18 vs. Columbus, going 1-for-3 with a home run, which came in his first career Triple-A at-bat. Blanco became the first Storm Chaser to homer in his first Omaha at-bat in Werner Park history (2011-pres.) and the first to homer in his first Omaha at-bat in franchise history since **Lucas May** on July 31, 2010. **Jorge Soler** also homered in his first Omaha at-bat after being optioned from Kansas City on June 5, 2017, but had made his Storm Chasers debut earlier in the season on a rehab assignment.

**AT THE QUARTER POLE:** Through 90 games—75% of the 120-game regular season—the Omaha Storm Chasers were on pace to finish 65-55 (.544), which would be the team's first winning record since 2015 (80-64, .556). The Omaha offense was on pace to hit 198 home runs in 120 games.

**OLD FRIEND ALERT:** **RHP Jakob Junis**, who was optioned to Omaha on June 7 and pitched for the Storm Chasers for the first time since August 1, 2017, made four starts in June before being placed on the Injured List. He returned from the Injured List on Aug. 19 vs. Columbus, tossing 3.0 scoreless innings. Junis took the mound again on Aug. 25 at Iowa, throwing 4.1 scoreless innings to bring his August scoreless streak to 7.1 innings. He was recalled by Kansas City on Aug. 31.

**LATE SUMMER SLIDE:** Omaha endured its longest losing streak of the season from Aug. 15-20, losing five straight games to bring the team's record in the month of August to 5-12. During the five-game slide, the Storm Chasers were outscored 44-15, bringing the season run differential to -13 while falling a season-high 2.5 games out of first place at the time.

**POWERFUL PRATTO:** **1B/OF Nick Pratto** hit .356/.408/.889 with one double, one triple, seven home runs, and 17 RBIs during an 11-game hitting streak from Aug. 18-28, his longest at the Triple-A level. Pratto homered in four consecutive games from Aug. 19-22, becoming the first Storm Chasers to homer in four straight games since **Carlos Peguero** from Aug. 17-20, 2014, before ultimately hitting seven home runs in a nine-game span from Aug. 19-27. While Pratto's hitting streak ended after 11 games, he reached base in each of his next six games to record a season-best 16-game on-base streak from Aug. 18-Sept. 2.

**NEARLY A CYCLE:** **C/3B MJ Melendez** reached base five times and came a double shy of hitting for the cycle on Aug. 27 at Iowa. After tripling in his first at-bat, Melendez drew a walk in his second plate appearance before homering in the fifth inning and singling in the seventh inning. Needing a double to complete Omaha's first cycle since **Jimmy Paredes** on May 12, 2014, Melendez came to the plate in the ninth inning and hit a two-run homer to record his first multi-homer game at the Triple-A level and cap an 11-5 win. Melendez played 17 games for Omaha in August following his Triple-A debut on Aug. 11 vs. Iowa, batting .259/.377/.603 with six home runs, 12 RBIs, 11 walks, and 13 strikeouts.

**ON THE MEND:** **INF Adalberto Mondesi** finished his final of three separate rehab assignments with the Omaha Storm Chasers in 2021 by homering in back-to-back games on Aug. 28 and 29 at Iowa. Mondesi played 14 games with Omaha across his three stints (May 21-23, Aug. 3-10, Aug. 19-29) while recovering from a right oblique strain and left oblique strain, going 10-for-49 (.204) with one double, two home runs, and five stolen bases.

**BUTLER SERVICE:** **RHP Eddie Butler** tossed 5.0 innings on Aug. 31 vs. Toledo, allowing three runs (one earned) to help lead the Storm Chasers to a 9-3 win over the Mud Hens. Butler posted a 4.94 ERA and threw a team-high 27.1 innings in August, completing at least 5.0 innings in each of his three starts and recording at least 3.0 innings in each of his two relief appearances.

**BROKEN-BAT BLAST:** **INF/OF Ryan McBroom** hit a three-run home run on Aug. 31 vs. Toledo, despite breaking his bat on the swing. McBroom, who recorded his league-leading 25th home run of the season, carried the handle of the broken base around the bases during his home run trot. Following a pitching change, **C/3B MJ Melendez**—who made his career debut at third base in the game—homered to go back-to-back with McBroom and give the Storm Chasers a five-run lead in an eventual 9-3 win. It was the second time in 2021 that McBroom and Melendez hit back-to-back home runs (Aug. 13 vs. Iowa) and the ninth of 12 instances of back-to-back home runs in 2021 for Omaha.

**BACK ON THE BUMP:** **LHP Foster Griffin** made three starts for Omaha in August, posting a 3.97 ERA across 11.1 innings with 11 strikeouts and six walks. He made his 2021 Triple-A debut on Aug. 18 vs. Columbus following nine rehab starts with the ACL Royals, Low-A Columbia, and Double-A Northwest Arkansas. Griffin made his Major League debut on July 27, 2020 and suffered a UCL injury leading to Tommy John surgery on Aug. 11, 2020.

**(K)ONSISTENT KALISH:** After rejoining the Storm Chasers starting rotation on July 25, **LHP Jake Kalish** made four starts in August, posting a 3.98 ERA in 20.1 innings. He began the month allowing three runs on five hits in 5.2 innings with six strikeouts and zero walks on Aug. 6 at Columbus before tying a season-high with seven strikeouts in 5.2 innings of one-run ball on Aug. 12 vs. Iowa. Kalish struck out at least six batters in each of his four August starts, finishing the month with 25 strikeouts and five walks.

**PANTHER PARENT PRIDE:** **C/3B MJ Melendez** hit six home runs with the Storm Chasers in August to bring his season total to 34, tied with Miami Marlins prospect Griffin Conine for the most in Minor League Baseball through the end of August. Melendez' father, Mervyl, is the head baseball coach at FIU while Conine's father, Jeff, is an associate head coach at FIU on Mervyl Melendez' coaching staff. **Jeff Conine** played for Omaha in 1991, 1992, and 1998, hitting 20 home runs in 110 games for Omaha in 1992.

**STIRRING UP A TRIPLE-A STORM:** After debuting at the Triple-A level together on July 20, **INF Bobby Witt Jr.** and **1B Nick Pratto** each played 37 games through the end of August and ranked among the league leaders in multiple offensive categories in that time span (July 20-Aug. 31). In that span, Witt Jr. was first in runs scored (35), tied for first in RBIs (34) and extra-base hits (26), second in doubles (14), tied for fourth in home runs (12) and hits (45), and sixth in slugging percentage (.613). Meanwhile, Pratto was tied for first in home runs (13), RBIs (34), extra-base hits (26), and triples (3), second in runs scored (33), and fifth in OPS (1.042).

**COLEMAN COOKIN':** **RHP Dylan Coleman** led the Storm Chasers bullpen with 24 strikeouts in August, posting a 2.93 ERA across 15.1 innings. Coleman faced 61 total batters, allowing nine hits, four walks, and hitting three batters. Opponents hit .170 (9-for-53) against him in August, the lowest opponent's batting average in the Omaha bullpen.

**FANTASTIC AUGUST FINISH:** After going 5-12 through their first 17 games in August (which followed a 12-14 month of July), the Omaha Storm Chasers won nine of their last 10 games in August, including six straight, to finish the month with a 14-13 record. Omaha hit .239/.325/.450 with 48 home runs as a team in August, including .267/.354/.525 with 22 home runs in the month's last 10 games. During the six-game winning streak to end the month, Storm Chasers pitching posted a 2.41 ERA (15 ER / 56.0 IP), including a 2.45 ERA from starters (8 ER / 29.1 IP) and a 2.36 ERA (7 ER / 26.2 IP) from relievers following a 12.0-inning bullpen scoreless streak from Aug. 28-31. At the plate, the Storm Chasers hit .263/.353/.562 with 17 home runs and averaged 7.3 runs/game during the winning streak.

**WUNDERKIND WITT:** **INF Bobby Witt Jr.** was named Triple-A East Player of the Month for August, batting .279/.342/.635 while leading the league in runs (25), RBIs (29), doubles (10), and total bases (66) and ranking second with nine home runs. He hit safely in 20 of his 26 games in August, tallying at least one extra-base hit in 15 games to record a league-best 19 extra-base hits during the month. He began August by hitting four home runs in a six-game span from Aug. 2-8 to earn Triple-A Player of the Week honors. The following week on Aug. 14 vs. Iowa, he stole his 20th base of the season to become the first Royals minor leaguer since **Alex Gordon** in 2006 to record a 20+ home run, 20+ stolen base season. Witt Jr. capped the month with a three homers in a seven-game span from Aug. 24-29.





# SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER NOTES

**SHINING STARS:** Per J.J. Cooper of *Baseball America*, Omaha's series vs. Toledo at Werner Park from Aug. 31-Sept. 5 marked the first time three of the publication's Top 5 overall prospects (**INF Bobby Witt Jr.** - 3, INF Spencer Torkelson - 4, OF Riley Green - 5) played on the same field in Minor League Baseball since the publication first released a "Top 100" in 1990. Including **1B/OF Nick Pratto** and **C/3B MJ Melendez**, five of *Baseball America*'s Top 100 prospects appeared in the series.

**SEPTEMBER CALL-UPS:** **RHP Jackson Kowar** was recalled by Kansas City on Sept. 1 while **INF Adalberto Mondesi** was activated from his rehab assignment and returned to the Royals. Elsewhere in Major League Baseball, the Boston Red Sox selected **OF Jack López** (18) from Triple-A Worcester for his MLB debut. López became the fourth of six Omaha alums to make their Major League debut in 2021.

**WALK-OFF SPLIT:** The Omaha Storm Chasers began September with a pivotal series against first-place Toledo, which entered the month with a 1.0-game lead in the division standings. After losing Game 1 of a doubleheader on Sept. 1, **OF Dairon Blanco** delivered an eighth-inning, walk-off slash in Game 2 to give the Storm Chasers a 4-3 win and their sixth and final walk-off win of the season.

**FOX FLEXING:** **INF/OF Lucius Fox** hit a leadoff home run in the bottom of the first inning on Sept. 2 vs. Toledo for his first career Triple-A home run. Fox hit two more home runs in September and another in October while also tallying nine doubles across his final 21 games of the season.

**BOLAÑOS IS BACK:** On Sept. 3 vs. Toledo, **RHP Ronald Bolaños** made his first appearance with Omaha since June 1 vs. Iowa as part of a rehab assignment before being optioned on Sept. 12. Bolaños allowed one run on four hits while striking out five in 5.0 innings in his return to Werner Park to help Omaha beat Toledo, 6-4. **OF Kyle Isbel** hit a tie-breaking, two-run homer in the eighth inning.

**SAVING THE DAY:** **RHP Dylan Coleman** earned his first career Triple-A save on Sept. 3 vs. Toledo, striking out two as part of a perfect ninth inning. Coleman earned saves in each of his next two appearances on Sept. 4 vs. Toledo and Sept. 9 at St. Paul, throwing 3.2 consecutive perfect innings with seven strikeouts. Prior to his promotion to Kansas City on Sept. 20 for his Major League debut, Coleman threw 7.2 consecutive scoreless innings across six appearances from Sept. 3-17, allowing two hits and three walks while striking out 14.

**RAISING THE BAR:** **1B/OF Ryan McBroom** hit two home runs on Sept. 4 vs. Toledo for his second multi-homer game of the season. His first of two home runs tied the game while also tying his career high. His second home run, a 453-foot blast in the eighth inning, was his 27th home run of the season to set a new career best. McBroom also recorded a multi-homer game on Sept. 10 at St. Paul to tie for the team lead with three multi-homer games in 2021.

**THREE IN A ROW:** **OF Kyle Isbel** homered in three straight games from Sept. 3-Sept. 5 to become the sixth of seven Storm Chasers to homer in three straight games in 2021. He joined **1B/OF Ryan McBroom** (May 26-28), **1B/OF Ryan O'Hearn** (June 8-10), **INF Emmanuel Rivera** (June 15-17), **C Nick Dini** (Aug. 5-7), and **1B/OF Nick Pratto** (2x - Aug. 19-22 [4], Aug. 25-27). **INF Bobby Witt Jr.** added himself to the club with homers in three straight games from Sept. 8-10.

**EXTRA-EXTRA:** Omaha scored five runs on eight hits on Sept. 7 at St. Paul, recording only extra-base hits in a 6-5, walk-off loss. The Chasers hit three home runs—one each from **INF/OF Erick Mejia**, **1B/OF Nick Pratto**, and **OF Dairon Blanco**—and five doubles, including two from **INF Bobby Witt Jr.** Witt Jr. recorded his 30th and 31st doubles of the season in the loss.

**STAYING IN THE YARD, AGAIN:** **INF Bobby Witt Jr.** gave Omaha a first-inning, 1-0 lead over St. Paul on Sept. 8 with an inside-the-park home run—his second of the season—at CHS Field. Witt Jr. is the first player in the Storm Chasers era (2011-pres.) to hit multiple inside-the-park home runs in the same season. He homered in the first inning in each of the next two game to record three straight games with a first-inning homer.

**SETTING DOWN THE SAINTS:** **LHP Marcelo Martinez** allowed two runs on five hits while tossing a career-high 6.2 innings on Sept. 9 at St. Paul to lead Omaha to a 4-2 win. Martinez allowed a first-inning homer and his only other run in the third inning before finishing his outing by retiring 12 of the final 13 batters he faced.

**ONE TO FORGET:** The Omaha Storm Chasers allowed a season-high 21 runs on a season-high-tying 18 hits on Sept. 11 at St. Paul, losing, 21-4, for the most lopsided loss of the season. Omaha allowed a run in the first, seven runs on seven hits in the second, three runs in the third, six runs in the fourth, and four runs in the sixth.

**CLAIMING THE CROWN:** **C/3B MJ Melendez** hit a solo home run in the second inning on Sept. 12 at St. Paul for his 37th home run of the season and ninth at the Triple-A level. His 37th home run broke a tie with Miami Marlins prospect Griffin Conine for the most home runs in Minor League Baseball.

**OUTFIELD EXPERIMENTS:** Four players made their career debuts at a new position in September, beginning with **INF/OF Lucius Fox**, who made his debut in centerfield on Sept. 14 vs. Iowa. Both **1B/OF Nick Pratto** (Sept. 15 vs. Iowa) and **INF/OF Angelo Castellano** (Sept. 18 vs. Iowa) made their career debuts in right field, with each recording an outfield assist in their first career game in right field. **INF/OF Gabriel Cancel** made his outfield debut on Sept. 24 vs. Indianapolis. Fox played eight games (six starts) in centerfield, Pratto played three games (three starts) in right field, Castellano played one game (one start) in right field, and Cancel played one game (one start) in right field.

**RECORD-BREAKING RYAN:** **1B/OF Ryan McBroom** blasted a 470-foot home run as part of back-to-back homers with **INF Emmanuel Rivera** on Sept. 15 vs. Iowa for his 30th home run of the season. The home run tied him with **Carlos Peguero** (30, 2014) for the most home runs in a single season in the Storm Chasers era (2011-pres.) and gave him the seventh 30+ homer season in franchise history, joining **Chris Hatcher** (46, 1998), **Kit Pellow** (35, 1999), **Calvin Pickering** (35, 2004), **Aaron Guiel** (30, 2005), **Craig Brazell** (32, 2007), and Peguero (30, 2014). McBroom hit his 31st home run of the season two games later on Sept. 17 vs. Iowa to break Peguero's Storm Chasers-era home run record before finishing the season with 32 home runs.

**FEELING GRAND:** The Omaha Storm Chasers hit four home runs—including two grand slams—on Sept. 18 vs. Iowa in a 14-3 win. It was the first time Omaha hit two grand slams in a single game since **INF/OF Erick Mejia** and **OF Jorge Bonifacio** each hit a grand slam on July 31, 2019 at Tacoma in a 14-11 win. **1B/OF Nick Pratto** homered in the fifth inning for the team's 200th home run of the season—marking the third 200+ homer season in franchise history. **INF/OF Angelo Castellano** hit a grand slam in the seventh inning as part of back-to-back home runs with **INF/OF Erick Mejia** before **C/3B MJ Melendez** capped the team's scoring with a grand slam in the eighth inning.

**ON-BASE MACHINE:** **1B/OF Ryan McBroom** went 1-for-5 on Sept. 19 vs. Iowa to extend his on-base streak to 24 games, the longest on-base streak by a Storm Chaser in 2021. In that span (Aug. 21-Sept. 19), McBroom hit .283/.371/.620 with four doubles, nine home runs, 19 RBIs, and a 17:13 strikeout-to-walk ratio.

**ENTERING THE FINAL STRETCH:** The Omaha Storm Chasers entered the Triple-A Final Stretch—a series of 10 games (two five-game series) against predetermined opponents from Sept. 22-Oct. 3—with a 66-54 (.550) record, 3.0 games behind the first-place Toledo Mud Hens (69-51).

**MANAGERIAL MILESTONE:** **Manager Brian Poldberg**, who announced his retirement from managing on Sept. 23, won his 1,350th career game as a manager on Sept. 22 vs. Indianapolis. The win was also his 475th as the manager of the Omaha Storm Chasers across seven seasons (2014-2021). The 18th manager in franchise history, Poldberg's 1,350 wins ranked sixth-most among active Minor League managers.

**PROSPECT POWER:** **INF Bobby Witt Jr.** hit his 33rd and final home run of the season on Sept. 24 vs. Indianapolis as part of back-to-back home runs with **1B/OF Nick Pratto**, marking the first time the two 2021 SiriusXM All-Star Futures Game participants hit back-to-back home runs at the Triple-A level. Pratto homered later in the game for his first multi-homer game at the Triple-A level.

**GRAND SLAMGEO:** **INF/OF Angelo Castellano** hit his team-high third grand slam of the season on Sept. 25 vs. Indianapolis to tie a career-high with eight home runs in 2021. His first grand slam came on July 29 at Toledo and his second grand slam came on Sept. 18 vs. Iowa. Castellano homered for the final time in 2021 on Oct. 1 at Iowa to set a new career high of nine home runs, which included one home run with Double-A Northwest Arkansas.

**40 AND COUNTING:** **C/3B MJ Melendez** hit two home runs on Sept. 26 vs. Indianapolis in Omaha's 2021 home finale to notch his 40th and 41st home runs of the season. His 41 home runs between Double-A (28) and Triple-A (13) marked the most since 2014 (Kris Bryant - 43), and the first 40+ homer season since 2016 (Dylan Cozens - 40). Melendez became the first primary catcher to record a 40+ home run season since 1995 (Todd Greene, 40). He also became the third Royals minor leaguer to record a 40+ homer season, joining **Chris Hatcher** (46, 1998) and **Brandon Berger** (40, 2001). Of Melendez' 41 home runs, 30 came as a catcher, seven as a designated hitter, and four as a third baseman.

**HISTORY WASHED AWAY:** **INF Bobby Witt Jr.** recorded his 30th stolen base of the season on Sept. 30 at Iowa to become the third player in Minor League Baseball since 1990 to record a season with 30+ doubles, 30+ home runs, and 30+ stolen bases (Grant Desme - 2009, Luis Robert - 2019). However, the game was suspended following the top of the third inning and ultimately canceled, nullifying Witt Jr.'s 30th stolen base. He was caught stealing on Oct. 2 at Iowa and was held off the basepaths on Oct. 3 at Iowa to finish the season with 29 steals.

**OCTOBER ONSLAUGHT:** The Omaha Storm Chasers set a modern franchise record with 22 runs scored and tied a modern franchise record with seven home runs in a 22-4 win on Oct. 1 at Iowa. **INF Lucius Fox** led off the game with a solo home run before **C/3B MJ Melendez** followed with a two-run double to notch his 100th and 101st RBIs of the season. Omaha added five runs in the second on a two-run homer by **INF/OF Angelo Castellano** and a three-run homer by **OF Edward Olivares** before scoring three more runs on four hits in the third inning. **C Nick Dini** added three runs with a three-run homer in the fourth and **1B/OF Nick Pratto** hit a solo shot in the fifth for the team's fifth home run in five innings. Olivares homered for the second time—a solo shot—in the seventh and **OF Dairon Blanco** capped the scoring with a grand slam in the eighth. It was the first time Omaha scored 20+ runs in a game since April 9, 2014 vs. Memphis (W, 20-3) and the first time Omaha recorded 10+ extra-base hits in a game since April 27, 2013 vs. Iowa (W, 13-2). It was the second time in modern franchise history (2011-pres.) and second time in 2021 that Omaha hit seven home runs in a single game, tying a mark set on June 13 at St. Paul (W, 15-4).

**MOVE OVER, GOLDEN SPIKES:** The Omaha Storm Chasers won their season finale on Oct. 3 at Iowa, 6-3, thanks to five runs over the final three innings. **INF/OF Erick Mejia** started the comeback with a solo home run in the seventh to record the team's 231st home run of the season, tying the 2021 Storm Chasers with the 1999 Omaha Golden Spikes for the most home runs in a season in franchise history. The 1999 Golden Spikes hit 231 home runs in 141 games (1.64 home runs / game) while the 2021 Storm Chasers hit 231 home runs in 129 games (1.79 home runs / game) to lead all of Minor League Baseball in home runs. Omaha was the only Minor League team to eclipse 200 home runs in 2021.

**FANTASTIC MR. FOX:** **INF/OF Lucius Fox** finished the season in the midst of a season-best 10-game hitting streak, batting .409/.490/.750 in that span with six doubles and three home runs. Fox hit .308/.372/.526 in 19 games in September after batting .195/.320/.234 through 36 games entering September.

**UNSTOPPABLE OLIVARES:** **OF Edward Olivares** reached base at least four times in each of his final three games, finishing the season by reaching base safely in 12 consecutive plate appearances from Oct. 1-3. Across his final three games, Olivares went 6-for-8 with one double, two home runs, seven RBIs, eight runs scored, six walks, and zero strikeouts.

**OCTOBER OFFENSE:** The Omaha Storm Chasers went 3-0 in October, batting .325 (37-for-114) with 12 doubles and 10 home runs while averaging 12.7 runs per game. Five players—**OF Dairon Blanco** (2 2B / 1 HR), **INF/OF Erick Mejia** (2 2B / 1 HR), **OF Edward Olivares** (1 2B / 2 HR), **1B/OF Nick Pratto** (1 2B / 2 HR), and **INF Emmanuel Rivera** (4 2B / 1 HR)—recorded at least three extra-base hits in October.



# 2021 GAME-BY-GAME

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME/RESULT	REC	PLACE	G (+/-)	WIN	LOSS	SAVE	TOG	GT TEMP	ATT.
5/4	St. Paul	W, 8-2	1-0	T-1st	+1.0	<b>J. Kowar (1-0)</b>	A. Albers (0-1)	--	2:41	63	3,261
5/5	St. Paul	L, 10-4	1-1	T-3rd	-1.0	C. Barnes (1-0)	<b>C. Hernández (0-1)</b>	--	3:06	63	2,129
5/6	St. Paul	W, 4-3 (11)	2-1	T-2nd	-0.5	<b>A. Sotillet (1-0)</b>	D. Couloumbe (0-1)	--	3:58	64	2,644
5/7	St. Paul	W, 4-2	3-1	T-1st	+1.0	<b>J. Vines (1-0)</b>	J. Minaya (0-1)	--	3:14	66	2,785
5/8	St. Paul	L, 8-2	3-2	T-1st	-1.0	S. Anderson (1-0)	<b>J. Kalish (0-1)</b>	--	3:36 (:52)	55	3,177
5/9	St. Paul	W, 6-1 (7)	4-2	2nd	-0.5	<b>J. Kowar (2-0)</b>	I. Gibaut (0-1)	--	2:20	55	2,607
5/11	@ Columbus	L, 2-0	4-3	3rd	-1.5	K. McCarty (2-0)	<b>J. Vines (1-1)</b>	DJ Johnson (2)	2:25	53	2,512
5/12	@ Columbus	W, 5-4	5-3	2nd	-0.5	<b>K. Zimmer (1-0)</b>	D. Young (0-1)	<b>G. Speier (1)</b>	3:23	60	2,117
5/13	@ Columbus	W, 8-6	6-3	1st	+0.5	<b>J. Vines (2-1)</b>	D. Siri (2-1)	--	3:38	63	2,512
5/14	@ Columbus	L, 10-7	6-4	2nd	-0.5	A. Gose (1-0)	<b>C. Snider (0-1)</b>	B. Parker (3)	3:10	68	3,714
5/15	@ Columbus	W, 4-2	7-4	1st	+0.5	<b>J. Kowar (3-0)</b>	E. Morgan (0-1)	<b>G. Speier (2)</b>	3:10	72	4,066
5/16	@ Columbus	W, 8-3	8-4	1st	+0.5	<b>C. Snider (1-1)</b>	K. Dowdy (1-1)	--	3:04	72	3,747
5/18	@ Iowa	PPD		T-1st	+1.0						
5/19	@ Iowa	L, 5-4	8-5	2nd	-0.5	J. Adam (1-0)	<b>D. Lynch (0-1)</b>	--	3:02	70	2,851
5/20	@ Iowa	L, 16-1	8-6	3rd	-1.0	K. Stewart (1-1)	<b>S. Blewett (0-1)</b>	--	2:45	69	2,487
5/21	@ Iowa	L, 9-8	8-7	3rd	-2.0	M. Rucker (1-0)	<b>R. Bolaños (0-1)</b>	R. Meisinger (2)	2:57	77	4,153
5/22	@ Iowa	W, 7-1	9-7	3rd	-2.0	<b>J. Kowar (4-0)</b>	J. Biagini (1-2)	--	3:02 (:11)	75	3,899
5/23	@ Iowa	W, 7-5	10-7	2nd	-1.0	<b>C. Hernández (1-1)</b>	A. Mills (0-1)	<b>G. Speier (3)</b>	3:05	78	4,018
5/25	Indianapolis	W, 3-1	11-7	T-1st	+1.5	<b>D. Lynch (1-1)</b>	M. Eckelman (0-2)	<b>A. Swarzak (1)</b>	2:31	84	2,822
5/26	Indianapolis	W, 10-7	12-7	1st	+1.0	<b>E. Butler (1-0)</b>	G. Hartlieb (0-1)	<b>G. Speier (4)</b>	3:25	83	2,547
5/27	Indianapolis	W, 6-5	13-7	1st	+2.0	<b>A. Swarzak (1-0)</b>	B. Ogle (0-1)	--	3:24	83	2,427
5/28	Indianapolis	W, 3-0	14-7	1st	+3.0	<b>J. Kowar (5-0)</b>	S. Wright (1-1)	<b>J. Newberry (1)</b>	2:47	52	2,397
5/29	Indianapolis	W, 6-2	15-7	1st	+3.5	<b>C. Snider (2-1)</b>	B. Sulser (2-2)	--	2:58	66	5,048*
5/30	Indianapolis	W, 7-2	16-7	1st	+3.5	<b>M. Shawayrn (1-0)</b>	C. Ponce (0-1)	--	3:10	63	3,371
<b>MAY TOTALS:</b> 16-71   .264 AVG, .343 OBP, .465 SLG, 122 R, 203 H, 36 HR, 213 K, 80 BB, 33 SB (5 CS)   4.19 team ERA, 4.24 starter ERA, 4.14 bullpen ERA, 235 K, 93 BB											
6/1	Iowa	W, 5-3	17-7	1st	+4.0	<b>G. Speier (1-0)</b>	R. Meisinger (1-1)	--	3:01	73	2,548
6/2	Iowa	L, 2-0	17-8	1st	+4.0	K. Ryan (1-0)	<b>J. Vines (2-2)</b>	J. Jewell (1)	2:37	80	3,829
6/3	Iowa	W, 8-5	18-8	1st	+5.0	<b>C. Hernández (2-1)</b>	R. Stock (0-3)	<b>A. Swarzak (2)</b>	2:50	85	4,035
6/4	Iowa	W, 13-8	19-8	1st	+4.5	<b>E. Butler (2-0)</b>	M. Swarmer (0-1)	--	3:31	91	3,105
6/5	Iowa	W, 5-0	20-8	1st	+5.0	<b>S. Blewett (1-1)</b>	S. Effross (0-1)	<b>G. Speier (5)</b>	2:33	90	4,682
6/6	Iowa	W, 8-3	21-8	1st	+6.0	<b>J. Vines (3-2)</b>	A. Sampson (0-1)	--	2:51	84	3,529
6/8	@ St. Paul	L, 4-1	21-9	1st	+5.0	I. Hamilton (2-0)	<b>T. Zuber (0-1)</b>	D. Coulombe (2)	2:52	94	5,043
6/9	@ St. Paul	W, 5-2	22-9	1st	+6.0	<b>A. Sotillet (2-0)</b>	J. Duran (0-2)	<b>A. Swarzak (3)</b>	3:07 (1:15)	78	4,778
6/10	@ St. Paul	W, 16-9	23-9	1st	+7.0	<b>D. Lynch (2-1)</b>	C. Shepherd (1-2)	--	3:20	96	4,852
6/11	@ St. Paul	W, 6-4	24-9	1st	+7.0	<b>S. Blewett (2-1)</b>	R. Whalen (0-2)	<b>A. Swarzak (4)</b>	3:04	88	5,887
6/12	@ St. Paul	L, 9-5	24-10	1st	+6.0	A. Albers (2-2)	<b>J. Junis (0-1)</b>	--	3:14	85	7,042
6/13	@ St. Paul	W, 15-4	25-10	1st	+6.0	<b>G. Gavin (1-0)</b>	C. Barnes (2-1)	--	3:01	90	5,209
6/15	Louisville	W, 11-5	26-10	1st	+7.0	<b>D. Lynch (3-1)</b>	B. Takahashi (1-3)	--	3:05	91	3,033
6/16	Louisville	L, 8-4	26-11	1st	+6.0	R. Sanmartin (1-1)	<b>E. Butler (2-1)</b>	--	3:01	93	2,576
6/17	Louisville	W, 6-5	27-11	1st	+6.0	<b>J. Vines (4-2)</b>	H. Greene (0-1)	<b>J. Newberry (2)</b>	2:47	100	3,048
6/18	Louisville	W, 5-1	28-11	1st	+7.0	<b>S. Blewett (3-1)</b>	M. Mariot (0-1)	--	3:05	87	3,389
6/19	Louisville	L, 12-2	28-12	1st	+6.0	R. O'Brien (2-2)	<b>M. Martinez (0-1)</b>	--	3:03	90	3,963
6/20	Louisville	W, 7-4	29-12	1st	+6.0	<b>G. Gavin (2-0)</b>	B. Takahashi (1-4)	<b>T. Zuber (1)</b>	3:08	80	3,426
6/22	@ Iowa	PPD		1st	+6.5						
6/23 (1)	@ Iowa	W, 12-4 (7)	30-12	1st	+7.0	<b>J. Kalish (1-1)</b>	M. Swarmer (0-4)	--	2:28	86	--
6/23 (2)	@ Iowa (5/18)	L, 8-6 (7)	30-13	1st	+7.0	A. Sampson (2-2)	<b>S. Blewett (3-2)</b>	J. Jewell (2)	2:19	86	4,680
6/24	@ Iowa	W, 8-5 (Rain/7)	31-13	1st	+7.0	<b>G. Speier (2-0)</b>	M. Hauschild (0-1)	<b>D. Tapia (1)</b>	2:59 (:32)	85	3,912
6/25	@ Iowa	L, 4-3	31-14	1st	+6.0	B. Leeper (1-0)	<b>J. Newberry (0-1)</b>	--	2:40	85	8,214
6/26	@ Iowa	W, 13-2	32-14	1st	+7.0	<b>D. Lynch (4-1)</b>	J. Biagini (1-3)	--	3:33 (:16)	75	7,283
6/27	@ Iowa	L, 6-1	32-15	1st	+7.0	K. Stewart (2-3)	<b>J. Kowar (5-1)</b>	--	2:41	80	7,239
6/29	@ St. Paul	L, 15-4	32-16	1st	+6.0	K. Barraclough (5-0)	<b>J. Junis (0-2)</b>	--	3:34	82	6,676
6/30	@ St. Paul	L, 7-4	32-17	1st	+5.0	A. Albers (3-3)	<b>S. Blewett (3-3)</b>	N. Vincent (2)	3:06	84	5,610
<b>JUNE TOTALS:</b> 16-10   .280 AVG, .342 OBP, .540 SLG, 173 R, 249 H, 59 HR, 232 K, 72 BB, 19 SB (3 CS)   5.35 team ERA, 6.12 starter ERA, 4.69 bullpen ERA, 217 K, 97 BB											
7/1	@ St. Paul	W, 6-1	33-17	1st	+5.0	<b>M. Martinez (1-1)</b>	M. Pineda (0-1)	--	2:59	84	6,012
7/2	@ St. Paul	L, 7-3	33-18	1st	+5.0	J. Winder (1-0)	<b>D. Lynch (4-2)</b>	--	2:36	85	8,002
7/3	@ St. Paul	L, 4-2	33-19	1st	+4.0	C. Barnes (4-2)	<b>J. Kowar (5-2)</b>	I. Hamilton (1)	2:30	88	8,609
7/4	@ St. Paul	W, 10-6	34-19	1st	+4.0	<b>E. Butler (3-1)</b>	J. Harvey (0-1)	--	3:08	94	9,317
7/6	Toledo	W, 7-5 (10)	35-19	1st	+5.0	<b>J. Newberry (1-1)</b>	R. Ross Jr. (2-6)	--	3:54	86	3,739
7/7	Toledo	L, 2-0	35-20	1st	+4.0	R. Pinto (4-1)	<b>M. Martinez (1-2)</b>	A. De Jesus (2)	2:29	75	3,350
7/8	Toledo	L, 12-5	35-21	1st	+3.0	N. Blackwood (1-0)	<b>D. Lynch (4-3)</b>	--	3:08	79	4,570
7/9	Toledo	W, 3-2	36-21	1st	+4.0	<b>G. Gavin (3-0)</b>	D. Hutchison (6-3)	<b>T. Zuber (2)</b>	2:56	90	4,174
7/10	Toledo	PPD		1st	+4.0						
7/11	Toledo	W, 6-5	37-21	1st	+5.0	<b>D. Tapia (1-0)</b>	B. Garcia (0-1)	--	3:43	80	5,538
7/13	@ Indianapolis	L, 3-2	37-22	1st	+4.0	M. Keller (1-0)	<b>M. Martinez (1-3)</b>	N. Mears (1)	2:34	78	6,888
7/14	@ Indianapolis	W, 6-5 (12)	38-22	1st	+4.0	<b>T. Zuber (1-1)</b>	M. Eckelman (0-4)	<b>D. Tapia (2)</b>	4:01	84	5,050
7/15	@ Indianapolis	L, 4-3 (Rain/5)	38-23	1st	+4.0	S. Miller (1-0)	<b>J. Vines (4-3)</b>	--	1:38 (1:40)	78	5,834
7/16	@ Indianapolis	PPD		1st	+3.5						
7/17 (1)	@ Indianapolis	W, 2-1	39-23	1st	+4.0	<b>J. Kowar (6-2)</b>	S. Brault (0-1)	<b>T. Zuber (3)</b>	2:02	80	--
7/17 (2)	@ Indianapolis	W, 4-3	40-23	1st	+5.0	<b>E. Butler (4-1)</b>	B. Sulser (4-3)	<b>G. Gavin (1)</b>	2:20	79	9,531
7/18	@ Indianapolis	L, 12-5	40-24	1st	+4.0	B. Ogle (2-2)	<b>G. Gavin (3-1)</b>	--	3:36	81	7,258
7/20	St. Paul	L, 6-4 (10)	40-25	1st	+4.0	A. Vazquez (4-0)	<b>G. Gavin (3-2)</b>	I. Hamilton (2)	3:38	78	5,005
7/21	St. Paul	L, 7-6	40-26	1st	+3.0	J. Moran (1-0)	<b>J. Kalish (1-2)</b>	N. Vincent (4)	3:39	83	3,229
7/22	St. Paul	L, 7-5	40-27	1st	+2.0	B. Burrows (2-1)	<b>J. Newberry (1-2)</b>	I. Hamilton (3)	3:06	86	4,326
7/23	St. Paul	W, 5-3	41-27	1st	+3.0	<b>J. Kowar (7-2)</b>	C. Barnes (5-3)	<b>J. Vines (1)</b>	3:07	91	5,552
7/24	St. Paul	L, 3-1	41-28	1st	+2.0	K. Barraclough (6-0)	<b>J. Newberry (1-3)</b>	J. Moran (1)	2:58	89	5,342
7/25	St. Paul	W, 9-6	42-28	1st	+2.0	<b>D. Coleman (1-0)</b>	I. Hamilton (2-1)	<b>J. Payamps (1)</b>	3:12	86	4,640
7/27	@ Toledo	L, 9-3	42-29	1st	+1.0	R. Pinto (6-1)	<b>B. Barker (0-1)</b>	--	2:47	86	4,159
7/28	@ Toledo	W, 14-12	43-29	1st	+2.0	<b>J. Payamps (2-1)</b>	R. Ross Jr. (2-8)	--	4:33	85	4,415
7/29	@ Toledo	W, 8-5	44-29	1st	+3.0	<b>J. Vines (5-3)</b>	A. De Jesus (3-1)	<b>J. Payamps (2)</b>	3:16	85	5,069
7/30	@ Toledo	L, 11-1	44-30	1st	+2.0	P. Payano	<b>B. Singer (0-1)</b>	--	3:06	77	6,819
7/31	@ Toledo	L, 3-0	44-31	1st	+1.0	M. Leiter Jr. (5-0)	<b>J. Kalish (1-3)</b>	W. Vest (1)	2:42	79	8,139
<b>JULY TOTALS:</b> 12-14   .239 AVG, .327 OBP, .396 SLG, 120 R, 202 H, 30 HR, 227 K, 104 BB, 32 SB (9 CS)   5.34 team ERA, 6.40 starter ERA, 4.30 bullpen ERA, 258 K, 94 BB											
8/1	@ Toledo	L, 6-3	44-32	T-1st	+0.0	A. Lange (1-1)	<b>J. Newberry (1-4)</b>	--	3:03	76	6,684
8/3	@ Columbus	W, 11-7 (11)	45-32	1st	+1.0	<b>D. Coleman (2-0)</b>	J. Mota (0-1)	--	4:38 (:16)	80	10,100
8/4	@ Columbus	L, 6-4	45-33	T-1st	+0.0	Kevin Herget (6-3)	<b>B. Singer (0-2)</b>	J. Stephens (5)	3:26	84	6,161
8/5	@ Columbus	W, 7-4	46-33	1st	+1.0	<b>M. Martinez (2-3)</b>	H. Fillmyer (1-5)	--	3:09	85	6,041
8/6	@ Columbus	L, 5-4 (10)	46-34	1st	+0.5	J. Stephens (1-0)	<b>T. Zuber (1-2)</b>	--	3:26	88	7,595
8/7	@ Columbus	W, 13-10	47-34	1st	+1.5	<b>B. Barker (1-1)</b>	S. Moss (1-5)	<b>T. Zuber (4)</b>	4:01 (:12)	68	8,331
8/8	@ Columbus	L, 4-0	47-35	1st	+1.5	L. Allen (2-3)	<b>E. Butler (4-2)</b>	--	2:31	90	6,504
8/10	Iowa	L, 10-2	47-36	1st	+0.5	M. Swarmer (2-5)	<b>J. Kowar (7-3)</b>	--	3:14	88	3,141
8/11	Iowa	L, 12-7	47-37	2nd	-0.5	E. Roberts (2-0)	<b>M. Martinez (2-4)</b>	--	4:03	88	2,968
8/12	Iowa	W, 2-1	48-37	T-1st	+0.0	<b>J. Kalish (2-3)</b>	M. Hauschild (0-6)	<b>T. Zuber (5)</b>	2:49	82	5,933
8/13	Iowa	L, 5-4	48-38	2nd	-1.0	T. Cingrani (1-0)	<b>T. Zuber (1-3)</b>	--	3:27	82	5,752
8/14	Iowa	W, 6-2	49-38	1st	+0.5	<b>E. Butler (5-2)</b>	J. Biagini (2-6)	--	3:04		



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## 2021 HITTING STATISTICS

Player	G	AB	PA	R	H	TB	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	IBB	SO	SB	CS	AVG	OBP	SLG	OPS	SAC	SF	HBP	GIDP	E
Blanco, D	38	131	148	21	33	54	6	0	5	15	11	0	31	9	5	.252	.329	.412	.741	2	0	4	3	0
Cancel, G	57	206	227	35	49	105	12	1	14	35	20	1	68	12	2	.238	.304	.510	.814	0	1	0	3	5
Castellano, A	80	252	284	29	57	88	7	0	8	32	20	0	63	8	2	.226	.289	.349	.638	3	4	4	6	6
Dini, N	26	89	98	10	27	44	5	0	4	16	5	0	18	1	0	.303	.357	.494	.852	0	1	3	0	0
Dozier, H	4	18	18	1	3	5	2	0	0	3	0	0	5	0	0	.167	.167	.278	.444	0	0	0	0	0
Escobar, A	35	124	133	23	34	56	7	0	5	16	6	0	29	2	0	.274	.311	.452	.762	1	1	1	2	3
Esposito, N	15	25	29	2	5	9	1	0	1	2	2	0	12	0	1	.200	.310	.360	.670	0	0	2	1	0
Fermin, F	4	13	16	4	3	4	1	0	0	2	2	0	6	0	0	.231	.333	.308	.641	1	0	0	0	3
Fox, L	57	215	252	41	52	78	14	0	4	21	33	0	61	19	2	.242	.347	.363	.709	1	1	2	6	7
Gallagher, C	7	27	32	4	6	9	0	0	1	3	5	0	4	0	0	.222	.344	.333	.677	0	0	0	3	1
Govern, J	7	26	27	1	7	12	2	0	1	3	1	0	3	1	0	.269	.296	.462	.758	0	0	0	1	1
Gutierrez, K	25	90	94	10	21	37	4	0	4	13	4	0	21	1	1	.233	.266	.411	.677	0	0	0	2	2
Gutierrez, K	9	36	38	1	11	16	3	1	0	4	2	0	7	0	1	.306	.342	.444	.786	0	0	0	0	0
Gutierrez, K	34	126	132	11	32	53	7	1	4	17	6	0	28	1	2	.254	.288	.421	.708	0	0	0	2	2
Isbel, K	105	394	451	62	106	175	18	3	15	55	45	2	91	22	5	<b>.269</b>	<b>.357</b>	.444	.801	0	2	10	7	2
Jones, T	35	75	92	14	15	22	1	0	2	5	14	0	27	1	1	.200	.348	.293	.641	0	0	3	2	4
Martin, R	46	148	176	23	33	57	4	1	6	20	24	0	60	11	0	.223	.333	.385	.718	2	1	1	0	3
McBroom, R	<b>115</b>	<b>433</b>	<b>489</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>227</b>	14	2	<b>32</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>109</b>	3	1	.261	.337	<b>.524</b>	<b>.862</b>	0	4	5	<b>12</b>	3
Mejia, E	55	203	228	22	50	83	10	1	7	30	22	1	41	1	2	.246	.317	.409	.726	1	2	0	4	<b>8</b>
Melendez, M	44	150	184	37	44	93	4	3	13	38	32	0	39	1	2	.293	.413	.620	1.033	0	2	0	0	5
Merrill, K	13	31	38	5	8	9	1	0	0	3	4	0	9	2	0	.258	.351	.290	.642	1	1	1	0	1
Miller, A	69	219	251	35	47	89	6	0	12	35	24	0	67	9	2	.215	.304	.406	.710	1	2	5	3	4
Mondesi, A	14	49	51	8	10	17	1	0	2	2	2	0	13	5	1	.204	.235	.347	.582	0	0	0	0	2
Mondesi, P	4	6	6	2	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	.333	.333	.333	.667	0	0	0	1	0
O'Hearn, R	19	72	82	22	27	67	4	0	12	25	9	1	15	3	0	.375	.451	.931	1.382	0	0	1	1	0
Olivares, E	66	256	292	54	80	143	12	3	15	36	29	1	46	12	4	.313	.397	.559	.956	0	0	7	6	4
Pratto, N	63	224	270	54	58	142	15	3	21	55	37	0	77	5	0	.259	.367	.634	1.001	0	5	4	0	1
Rivera, E	63	255	282	48	73	151	17	2	19	57	22	0	58	3	0	.286	.348	.592	.940	0	2	3	6	6
Rivero, S	42	150	163	18	39	57	7	1	3	26	10	1	45	2	1	.260	.319	.380	.699	0	0	3	3	2
Sotillet, A	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	.000	.000	.000	.000	0	0	0	0	1
Starling, B	27	97	105	18	25	54	6	1	7	17	7	0	25	1	0	.258	.305	.557	.862	0	1	0	2	1
Viloria, M	54	172	212	19	40	66	9	1	5	18	32	1	68	2	2	.233	.367	.384	.750	2	1	5	1	1
Witt Jr., B	62	253	285	55	72	147	<b>24</b>	0	17	46	26	<b>1</b>	64	15	3	.285	.352	.581	.933	1	3	2	0	4
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>4350</b>	<b>4960</b>	<b>746</b>	<b>1129</b>	<b>2081</b>	<b>213</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>231</b>	<b>708</b>	<b>493</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>1163</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>.260</b>	<b>.341</b>	<b>.478</b>	<b>.820</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>86</b>

**BOLD = Team Leader (min. 150 PA)**

## 2021 PITCHING STATISTICS

Player	W-L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	GF	HLD	SV	SVO	IP	H	R	ER	HR	HB	BB	IBB	SO	AVG	WP	BK	GIDP	TBF
Adams, C	0-0	27.00	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0.2	1	2	2	1	0	2	0	0	.333	0	0	0	5
Barker, B	2-3	7.79	15	11	0	0	1	0	0	0	52.0	76	47	45	13	5	18	0	46	.342	3	0	6	247
Blewett, S	6-3	6.39	23	10	0	0	2	1	0	0	69.0	80	54	49	19	3	31	0	64	.285	3	0	5	319
Bolaños, R	0-3	6.34	10	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	38.1	39	28	27	10	4	27	0	34	.271	10	0	<b>8</b>	177
Butler, E	7-3	6.01	27	13	0	0	1	1	0	2	79.1	97	56	53	14	3	33	0	55	.302	6	0	<b>8</b>	360
Coleman, D	4-0	3.55	27	0	0	0	10	4	3	5	33.0	19	16	13	2	3	17	1	56	.167	6	<b>1</b>	2	135
Cox, A	0-0	18.00	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	5.0	9	10	10	3	2	5	0	4	.375	0	0	1	31
Cuas, J	1-0	0.00	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5.0	2	0	0	0	1	1	0	4	.125	0	0	1	18
Dye, J	0-0	3.60	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	5.0	4	2	2	1	0	1	0	5	.222	0	0	1	19
Esposito, N	0-0	0.00	3	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	2.2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	.222	0	0	0	9
Gavin, G	5-3	4.36	<b>48</b>	0	0	0	15	3	4	8	74.1	59	40	36	11	5	<b>35</b>	2	92	<b>.219</b>	3	0	6	316
Griffin, F	0-0	3.60	6	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	25.0	29	12	10	1	4	10	0	19	.290	2	0	4	115
Hahn, J	0-0	5.40	3	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1.2	1	1	1	0	2	1	0	2	.167	0	0	0	9
Hernández, C	2-1	4.44	6	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	26.1	28	15	13	6	3	6	0	26	.272	1	0	1	113
Junis, J	0-2	5.60	6	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	17.2	22	14	11	4	1	8	0	18	.297	1	0	2	83
Kalish, J	3-6	6.94	30	15	0	0	0	1	0	1	<b>96.0</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>35</b>	0	106	.286	3	<b>1</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>425</b>
Kowar, J	<b>9-4</b>	3.46	17	16	0	0	1	0	0	0	80.2	66	31	31	7	4	34	0	<b>115</b>	.220	<b>14</b>	0	5	338
Lovelady, R	0-0	1.08	7	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	8.1	5	1	1	0	1	4	1	9	.179	1	0	0	33
Lynch, D	4-3	5.84	12	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	57.0	74	39	37	10	3	18	0	62	.318	4	0	6	257
Marquez, E	0-0	0.00	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	4
Martinez, M	<b>5-7</b>	5.12	18	<b>17</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	84.1	90	52	48	19	3	27	0	84	.268	2	0	5	368
Newberry, J	3-5	5.07	44	0	0	0	12	6	2	6	60.1	69	36	34	6	1	21	<b>3</b>	75	.292	5	0	6	263
Nunez, A	0-0	6.35	17	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	22.2	23	17	16	3	3	10	0	27	.267	2	0	3	101
Payamps, J	1-0	4.50	8	0	0	0	5	2	2	3	8.0	10	5	4	0	0	4	0	14	.286	0	0	0	39
Ramirez, R	0-0	24.00	3	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	3.0	5	8	8	0	1	5	0	5	.385	1	0	1	19
Sanabria, C	2-0	5.27	18	0	0	0	3	3	0	0	27.1	25	19	16	1	2	18	1	29	.245	8	0	2	123
Shawaryn, M	1-0	4.63	9	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	11.2	6	7	6	0	2	16	0	16	.154	1	0	1	59
Singer, B	0-2	13.50	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	4.2	8	7	7	1	1	1	0	2	.400	1	0	1	23
Snider, C	3-2	6.30	21	0	0	0	4	3	0	0	30.0	39	23	21	7	2	12	1	23	.312	0	0	4	139
Sotillet, A	2-0	6.75	13	1	0	0	0	5	0	0	14.2	21	15	11	0	0	16	1	18	.328	4	0	2	80
Speier, G	3-0	<b>2.98</b>	45	0	0	0	14	<b>12</b>	5	7	45.1	45	15	15	5	4	9	2	57	.253	3	0	4	191
Swarzak, A	1-0	2.89	9	0	0</																			

# OMAHA STORM CHASERS

## 2021 SEASON ROSTER



Manager: Brian Poldberg (27) | Pitching Coach: Dane Johnson (59) | Hitting Coach: Brian Buchanan (38) | Development Coach: Brandon Nelson (22)  
 Athletic Trainer: James Stone | Strength & Conditioning Coach: Yannick Plante | Home Clubhouse Manager: Mike Brown

### PITCHERS (36)

#	NAME	B/T	HT	WT	ACQUIRED	BORN	AGE	BIRTHPLACE
21	Chance ADAMS	R/R	6-1	215	Trade w/ NYY, 2019	8/10/94	27	Scottsdale, Ariz.
54	Brandon BARKER	R/R	6-3	210	MiLB FA, 2021	8/20/92	29	Panama City, Panama
40	Scott BLEWETT	R/R	6-6	245	2nd Round, 2014	4/10/96	25	Syracuse, N.Y.
57	Ronald BOLAÑOS	R/R	6-2	230	Trade w/ SDP, 2020	8/23/96	25	Santa Cruz del Norte, Cuba
33	Eddie BUTLER	R/R	6-2	180	MiLB FA, 2021	3/13/91	30	Chesapeake, Va.
47	Dylan COLEMAN	R/R	6-5	230	Trade w/ SDP, 2020	9/16/96	25	Potosi, Mo.
31	Austin COX	L/L	6-4	235	5th Round, 2018	3/28/97	24	Macon, Ga.
37	Jose CUAS	R/R	6-3	195	MiLB FA, 2021	6/28/94	27	Santo Domingo, D.R.
24	Josh DYE	L/L	6-5	180	23rd Round, 2018	9/14/96	25	DeLand, Fla.
17	Grant GAVIN	R/R	6-2	185	29th Round, 2016	7/10/95	26	Kansas City, Mo.
28	Foster GRIFFIN	L/L	6-3	200	1st Round, 2014	7/27/95	26	Orlando, Fla.
24	Jesse HAHN	R/R	6-5	205	MLB FA, 2019	7/30/89	31	Norwich, Conn.
43	Carlos HERNÁNDEZ	R/R	6-4	250	Intl. FA, 2016	3/11/97	24	Guayana, Venezuela
31	Jakob JUNIS	R/R	6-3	220	29th Round, 2011	9/16/92	29	Jacksonville, Ark.
18	Jake KALISH	L/L	6-2	210	32nd Round, 2015	7/9/91	30	Red Bank, N.J.
37	Jackson KOWAR	R/R	6-5	200	1st Round, 2018	10/4/96	25	Weddington, N.C.
55	Richard LOVELADY	L/L	6-0	185	10th Round, 2016	7/7/95	25	Hinesville, Ga.
52	Daniel LYNCH	L/L	6-6	200	1st Round, 2018	11/17/96	25	Newport News, Va.
55	Emilio MARQUEZ	L/L	5-8	170	MiLB FA, 2018	4/28/98	23	Upata, Venezuela
46	Marcelo MARTINEZ	L/L	6-2	190	Intl. FA, 2018	8/10/96	25	Reynoso, Mexico
36	Jake NEWBERRY	R/R	6-2	200	37th Round, 2012	11/20/94	27	San Diego, Calif.
41	Ándres NÚÑEZ	R/R	6-4	240	29th Round, 2018	9/20/95	26	Southwest Ranches, Fla.
34	Joel PAYAMPS	R/R	6-2	225	Trade w/ TOR, 2021	4/7/94	27	Santiago, D.R.
55	Ruben RAMIREZ	R/R	6-0	190	MiLB FA, 2021	11/14/98	23	Juncos, Puerto Rico
56	Carlos SANABRIA	R/R	6-3	200	MiLB FA, 2020	1/24/97	24	La Victoria, Venezuela
47	Michael SHAWARYN	R/R	6-2	240	MiLB FA, 2021	9/17/94	27	Carneys Point, N.J.
24	Brady SINGER	R/R	6-5	215	1st Round, 2018	8/4/96	25	Leesburg, Fla.
48	Collin SNIDER	R/R	6-4	195	12th Round, 2017	10/10/95	26	Murfreesboro, Tenn.
32	Andrés SOTILLET	R/R	6-1	215	Intl. FA, 2015	3/2/97	24	Cumaná, Venezuela
35	Gabe SPEIER	L/L	5-11	200	Trade w/ ARI, 2018	4/12/95	26	Santa Barbara, Calif.
34	Anthony SWARZAK	R/R	6-4	215	MiLB FA, 2021	9/10/85	36	Fort Lauderdale, Fla.
50	Domingo TAPIA	R/R	6-3	263	Trade w/ SEA, 2021	8/4/91	29	Santo Domingo, D.R.
19	Jace VINES	R/R	6-3	245	4th Round, 2016	9/4/94	27	Dallas, Texas
43	Angel ZERPA	L/L	6-0	220	Intl. FA, 2016	9/27/99	22	Valle de la Pascua, Venezuela
24	Kyle ZIMMER	R/R	6-3	225	MiLB FA, 2019	9/13/91	30	La Jolla, Calif.
58	Tyler ZUBER	R/R	5-11	190	6th Round, 2017	6/16/95	26	White Hall, Ark.

### NUMERICAL ROSTER

0	Rudy Martin
1	Lucius Fox
2	Alcides Escobar
2	MJ Melendez
3	Kyle Isbel
4	Adalberto Mondesi
4	Jimmy Govern
4	Kelvin Gutierrez
6	Sebastian Rivero
7	Bobby Witt Jr.
8	Nick Dini
9	Ryan McBroom
11	Bubba Starling
12	Dairon Blanco
13	Gabriel Cancel
13	Anderson Miller
14	Edward Olivares
15	Paúl Mondesi
16	Nathan Esposito
17	Grant Gavin
18	Jake Kalish
18	Kevin Merrell
19	Jace Vines
21	Chance Adams
21	Meibrys Viloria
24	Hunter Dozier
24	Josh Dye
24	Cam Gallagher
24	Jesse Hahn
24	Ryan O'Hearn
24	Brady Singer
24	Kyle Zimmer
25	Emmanuel Rivera
26	Erick Mejia
28	Foster Griffin
31	Austin Cox
31	Jakob Junis
32	Nick Pratto
32	Andrés Sotillet
33	Eddie Butler
34	Joel Payamps
35	Gabe Speier
36	Jake Newberry
37	Jose Cuas
37	Jackson Kowar
40	Scott Blewett
41	Andres Núñez
43	Carlos Hernández
43	Angel Zerpa
44	Angelo Castellano
44	Freddy Fermin
45	Travis Jones
46	Marcelo Martinez
47	Dylan Coleman
47	Mike Shawaryn
48	Collin Snider
50	Domingo Tapia
52	Daniel Lynch
54	Brandon Barker
55	Richard Lovelady
55	Emilio Marquez
55	Ruben Ramirez
56	Carlos Sanabria
57	Ronald Bolaños
58	Tyler Zuber

### CATCHERS (8)

#	NAME	B/T	HT	WT	ACQUIRED	BORN	AGE	BIRTHPLACE
8	Nick DINI	R/R	5-9	190	14th Round, 2015	7/27/93	28	Monroe, N.J.
16	Nate ESPOSITO	R/R	5-11	180	33rd Round, 2015	6/25/93	28	Granite Bay, Calif.
44	Freddy FERMIN	R/R	5-10	200	Intl. FA, 2015	5/16/95	26	Puerto Ordaz, Venezuela
24	Cam GALLAGHER	R/R	6-3	230	2nd Round, 2011	12/6/92	28	Lancaster, Pa.
2	MJ MELENDEZ	L/R	6-1	190	2nd Round, 2017	11/29/98	22	Daytona Beach, Fla.
15	Paúl MONDESI	R/R	6-0	240	MiLB FA, 2016	7/7/98	23	New York, N.Y.
6	Sebastian RIVERO	R/R	6-1	215	Intl. FA, 2015	11/16/98	23	Maracay, Venezuela
21	Meibrys VILORIA	L/R	5-11	235	Intl. FA, 2013	2/15/97	24	Cartagena, Columbia

### INFIELDERS (15)

#	NAME	B/T	HT	WT	ACQUIRED	BORN	AGE	BIRTHPLACE
13	Gabriel CANCEL	R/R	6-0	205	7th Round, 2015	12/8/96	24	Arecibo, Puerto Rico
44	Angelo CASTELLANO	R/R	6-0	165	Intl. FA, 2011	1/13/95	26	San Diego, Venezuela
24	Hunter DOZIER	R/R	6-4	220	1st Round, 2013	8/22/91	29	Wichita Falls, Texas
2	Alcides ESCOBAR	R/R	6-1	205	MiLB FA, 2021	12/16/86	34	La Sabana, Venezuela
1	Lucius FOX	S/R	6-1	185	Trade w/ TBR, 2020	7/2/97	24	Nassau, Bahamas
4	Jimmy GOVERN	R/R	5-10	185	30th Round, 2019	12/11/96	24	Libertyville, Ill.
4	Kelvin GUTIERREZ	R/R	6-2	215	Trade w/ WSH, 2018	8/28/94	26	San Francisco de Macoris, D.R.
45	Travis JONES	R/R	6-4	210	29th Round, 2017	9/29/95	26	Humble, Texas
9	Ryan MCBROOM	R/L	6-3	220	Trade w/ NYY, 2019	4/9/92	29	Fredericksburg, Va.
18	Kevin MERRELL	L/R	6-1	180	Trade w/ OAK, 2019	12/14/95	25	Odessa, Fla.
4	Adalberto MONDESI	S/R	6-1	200	Intl. FA, 2011	7/27/95	26	Los Angeles, Calif.
24	Ryan O'HEARN	L/L	6-3	220	8th Round, 2014	7/26/93	27	Dunedin, Fla.
32	Nick PRATTO	L/L	6-1	215	1st Round, 2017	10/6/98	23	Huntington Beach, Calif.
25	Emmanuel RIVERA	R/R	6-2	225	19th Round, 2015	6/29/96	25	Mayagüez, Puerto Rico
7	Bobby WITT JR.	R/R	6-1	200	1st Round, 2019	6/14/00	21	Bedford, Texas

### OUTFIELDERS (7)

#	NAME	B/T	HT	WT	ACQUIRED	BORN	AGE	BIRTHPLACE
12	Dairon BLANCO	R/R	6-0	190	Trade w/ OAK, 2019	4/26/93	28	Camagüey, Cuba
3	Kyle ISBEL	L/R	5-11	190	3rd Round, 2018	3/3/97	24	Fontana, Calif.
0	Rudy MARTIN	L/L	5-7	155	25th Round, 2014	1/31/96	25	Olive Branch, Miss.
26	Erick MEJIA	S/R	5-11	195	MiLB FA, 2020	11/9/94	27	Villa Mella, D.R.
13	Anderson MILLER	L/L	6-3	215	3rd Round, 2015	5/6/94	27	Lexington, Ky.
14	Edward OLIVARES	R/R	6-2	190	Trade w/ SDP, 2020	3/6/96	25	Caracas, Venezuela
11	Bubba STARLING	R/R	6-4	220	MiLB FA, 2020	8/3/92	29	Gardner, Kan.

### COACHING STAFF

22	Brandon Nelson (DC)
27	Brian Poldberg (MGR)
38	Brian Buchanan (HC)
59	Dane Johnson (PC)





# 2021 TRANSACTIONS

TOTAL ROSTER MOVES: 177 | MAJOR LEAGUE REHAB ASSIGNMENTS: 12

- 4/29 Kansas City Royals set preliminary roster for Omaha
- 5/1 **C Nathan Esposito** assigned to **Triple-A Omaha** from **Double-A Northwest Arkansas**  
LHP **Kris Bubic** recalled to **Kansas City**  
INF/OF **Ryan McBroom** optioned to **Triple-A Omaha**
- 5/3 LHP **Daniel Lynch** selected by **Kansas City**  
RHP **Jake Newberry** optioned to **Triple-A Omaha**  
**C Sebastian Rivero** recalled by **Kansas City**
- 5/4 **C Freddy Fermin** assigned to **Triple-A Omaha** from **Double-A Northwest Arkansas**
- 5/8 RHP **Eddie Butler** assigned to **Triple-A Omaha**  
**SS Alcides Escobar** assigned to **Triple-A Omaha**
- 5/9 RHP **Collin Snider** assigned to **Triple-A Omaha** from **Double-A Northwest Arkansas**
- 5/10 **OF Erick Mejia** placed on **7-day Injured List**
- 5/12 RHP **Kyle Zimmer** assigned to **Triple-A Omaha** (rehab assignment)
- 5/13 RHP **Jesse Hahn** assigned to **Triple-A Omaha** (rehab assignment)
- 5/14 RHP **Jake Newberry** recalled by **Kansas City**  
RHP **Ronald Bolaños** appointed to **Kansas City** as 27th man for doubleheader  
LHP **Daniel Lynch** optioned to **Triple-A Omaha**  
**C Sebastian Rivero** optioned to **Triple-A Omaha**  
INF **Kelvin Gutierrez** recalled by **Kansas City**  
RHP **Ronald Bolaños** returned to **Triple-A Omaha**
- 5/18 **SS Adalberto Mondesi** assigned to **Triple-A Omaha** (rehab assignment)  
RHP **Kyle Zimmer** returned to **Kansas City** from rehab assignment
- 5/19 RHP **Anthony Swarzak** assigned to **Triple-A Omaha**  
**SS Adalberto Mondesi** transferred to **Double-A Northwest Arkansas** (rehab assignment)
- 5/20 RHP **Jesse Hahn** returned from rehab assignment
- 5/21 **SS Adalberto Mondesi** assigned to **Triple-A Omaha** (rehab assignment)
- 5/22 INF **Hunter Dozier** assigned to **Triple-A Omaha** (rehab assignment)  
RHP **Domingo Tapia** optioned to **Triple-A Omaha**
- 5/23 RHP **Jake Newberry** optioned to **Triple-A Omaha**
- 5/25 **C Freddy Fermin** assigned to **Double-A Northwest Arkansas**  
RHP **Andrés Sotillet** placed on **Temporary Inactive List**  
**SS Adalberto Mondesi** returned to **Kansas City** from rehab assignment
- 5/28 INF **Hunter Dozier** returned to **Kansas City** from rehab assignment  
RHP **Carlos Hernández** recalled by **Kansas City**  
INF **Ryan O'Hearn** optioned to **Triple-A Omaha**
- 5/29 INF **Angelo Castellano** transferred to **Triple-A Omaha** from **Double-A Northwest Arkansas**  
**OF Edward Olivares** recalled by **Kansas City**  
RHP **Carlos Hernández** optioned to **Triple-A Omaha**
- 5/31 INF **Lucius Fox** placed on **Injured List**
- 6/3 RHP **Ronald Bolaños** recalled by **Kansas City**  
**OF Edward Olivares** optioned to **Triple-A Omaha**
- 6/6 **OF Edward Olivares** recalled by **Kansas City**  
RHP **Tyler Zuber** optioned to **Triple-A Omaha**  
LHP **Richard Lovelady** reinstated from **Injured List**  
INF **Kevin Merrell** placed on **Injured List**
- 6/7 RHP **Jackson Kowar** selected by **Kansas City**  
RHP **Jakob Junis** optioned to **Triple-A Omaha**  
RHP **Jake Newberry** designated for assignment
- 6/8 RHP **Collin Snider** transferred to **Double-A Northwest Arkansas** from **Triple-A Omaha**
- 6/9 RHP **Carlos Hernández** recalled by **Kansas City**  
**OF Edward Olivares** optioned to **Triple-A Omaha**  
RHP **Andrés Sotillet** activated from **Temporary Inactive List**
- 6/11 RHP **Jake Newberry** cleared waivers and outrighted to **Triple-A Omaha**
- 6/14 RHP **Edward Olivares** recalled by **Kansas City**  
RHP **Mike Shawarzyn** released
- 6/15 RHP **Marcelo Martinez** transferred to **Triple-A Omaha** from **Double-A Northwest Arkansas**
- 6/17 **OF Edward Olivares** optioned to **Triple-A Omaha**
- 6/18 **C Nick Dini** activated off **Injured List**  
RHP **Anthony Swarzak** selected by **Kansas City**
- 6/19 **C Sebastian Rivero** recalled by **Kansas City**
- 6/21 INF **Ryan O'Hearn** recalled by **Kansas City**
- 6/22 INF **Kevin Merrell** reinstated from **Injured List** and transferred to **Double-A Northwest Arkansas**
- 6/23 RHP **Jackson Kowar** optioned from **Kansas City**  
**OF Erick Mejia** reinstated from **Injured List**
- 6/28 INF **Emmanuel Rivera** selected by **Kansas City**
- 6/29 LHP **Richard Lovelady** recalled by **Kansas City**
- 6/30 **OF Edward Olivares** recalled by **Kansas City**  
**OF Rudy Martin** transferred to **Triple-A Omaha** from **Double-A Northwest Arkansas**
- 7/3 INF **Alcides Escobar** traded to **Washington** for cash considerations  
UTL **Travis Jones** transferred to **Triple-A Omaha** from **Double-A Northwest Arkansas**
- 7/4 **OF Edward Olivares** optioned to **Triple-A Omaha**
- 7/5 INF **Lucius Fox** reinstated from **Injured List**  
RHP **Dylan Coleman** transferred to **Triple-A Omaha** from **Double-A Northwest Arkansas**  
RHP **Andrés Sotillet** transferred to **Double-A Northwest Arkansas** from **Triple-A Omaha**
- 7/8 **C Cam Gallagher** assigned to **Triple-A Omaha** (rehab assignment)
- 7/9 RHP **Jakob Junis** placed on **Injured List**
- 7/10 RHP **Brandon Barker** signed to a Minor League contract and assigned to **Triple-A Omaha**
- 7/13 INF **Jimmy Govern** transferred to **Triple-A Omaha** from **High-A Quad Cities**
- 7/14 RHP **Scott Blewett** placed on **Injured List**  
INF **Gabriel Cancel** placed on **Injured List**  
INF/OF **Erick Mejia** placed on **Temporary Inactive List**  
**OF Bubba Starling** placed on **Temporary Inactive List**
- 7/16 **C Cam Gallagher** activated from **Injured List** and returned to **Kansas City** from rehab assignment  
**C Sebastian Rivero** optioned to **Triple-A Omaha**
- 7/18 INF **Bobby Witt Jr.** transferred to **Triple-A Omaha** from **Double-A Northwest Arkansas**  
**1B Nick Pratto** transferred to **Triple-A Omaha** from **Double-A Northwest Arkansas**
- 7/20 INF **Jimmy Govern** transferred to **Double-A Northwest Arkansas** from **Triple-A Omaha**  
INF **Ryan McBroom** recalled by **Kansas City**  
RHP **Tyler Zuber** recalled by **Kansas City**
- 7/21 RHP **Joel Payamps** acquired from **Toronto** for cash considerations and optioned to **Triple-A Omaha**  
RHP **Carlos Sanabria** transferred to **Triple-A Omaha** from **Double-A Northwest Arkansas**
- 7/22 INF **Ryan McBroom** optioned to **Triple-A Omaha**
- 7/23 RHP **Domingo Tapia** recalled by **Kansas City**
- 7/25 LHP **Daniel Lynch** recalled by **Kansas City**  
RHP **Tyler Zuber** optioned to **Triple-A Omaha**  
RHP **Andres Nuñez** transferred to **Triple-A Omaha** from **Double-A Northwest Arkansas**
- 7/28 LHP **Foster Griffin** reinstated from **Injured List** and transferred to **Double-A Northwest Arkansas**
- 7/30 RHP **Brady Singer** assigned to **Triple-A Omaha** (rehab assignment)  
INF **Lucius Fox** recalled by **Kansas City**
- 7/31 **OF Edward Olivares** recalled by **Kansas City**  
INF **Lucius Fox** optioned to **Triple-A Omaha**  
INF **Jimmy Govern** transferred to **Triple-A Omaha** from **Double-A Northwest Arkansas**
- 8/3 INF **Adalberto Mondesi** assigned to **Triple-A Omaha** (rehab assignment)  
INF **Emmanuel Rivera** transferred to **Triple-A Omaha** from **Double-A Northwest Arkansas** (rehab assignment)  
INF **Jimmy Govern** transferred to **Double-A Northwest Arkansas** from **Triple-A Omaha**
- 8/4 INF **Emmanuel Rivera** returned to **Kansas City** from rehab assignment
- 8/6 RHP **Scott Blewett** transferred to **ACL Royals** (rehab assignment)
- 8/7 RHP **Jakob Junis** transferred to **ACL Royals** (rehab assignment)
- 8/10 **C MJ Melendez** transferred to **Triple-A Omaha** from **Double-A Northwest Arkansas**  
**C Nate Esposito** transferred to **Double-A Northwest Arkansas** from **Triple-A Omaha**  
RHP **Joel Payamps** recalled by **Kansas City**  
**OF Edward Olivares** optioned to **Triple-A Omaha**
- 8/11 RHP **Brady Singer** reinstated from **Injured List** and returned to **Kansas City** from rehab assignment  
RHP **Joel Payamps** optioned to **Triple-A Omaha**  
RHP **Kyle Zimmer** assigned to **Triple-A Omaha** (rehab assignment)  
**C Nate Esposito** transferred to **Triple-A Omaha** from **Double-A Northwest Arkansas**  
**C Meibrys Viloría** transferred to **Double-A Northwest Arkansas** from **Triple-A Omaha**
- 8/13 RHP **Scott Blewett** reinstated from **Injured List**  
RHP **Carlos Sanabria** placed on **Development List**  
INF/OF **Erick Mejia** reinstated from **Temporary Inactive List**  
**OF Rudy Martin** placed on **Temporary Inactive List**
- 8/15 **SS Adalberto Mondesi** returned to **Kansas City** from rehab assignment
- 8/17 **OF Rudy Martin** reinstated from **Temporary Inactive List**  
**OF Anderson Miller** placed on **Injured List**  
**OF Dairon Blanco** transferred to **Triple-A Omaha** from **Double-A Northwest Arkansas**
- 8/18 LHP **Foster Griffin** transferred to **Triple-A Omaha** from **Double-A Northwest Arkansas**
- 8/19 RHP **Jakob Junis** activated from **Injured List**  
INF **Adalberto Mondesi** assigned to **Triple-A Omaha** (rehab assignment)
- 8/21 RHP **Carlos Sanabria** activated from **Development List**  
RHP **Andres Nuñez** transferred to **Double-A Northwest Arkansas** from **Triple-A Omaha**
- 8/23 RHP **Kyle Zimmer** activated from **Injured List** and returned to **Kansas City**
- 8/24 RHP **Collin Snider** transferred to **Triple-A Omaha** from **Double-A Northwest Arkansas**
- 8/25 RHP **Scott Blewett** recalled by **Kansas City**
- 8/27 **OF Edward Olivares** recalled by **Kansas City**
- 8/29 RHP **Tyler Zuber** recalled by **Kansas City**
- 8/31 RHP **Jakob Junis** recalled by **Kansas City**  
RHP **Scott Blewett** optioned to **Triple-A Omaha**  
RHP **Ronald Bolaños** transferred to **Triple-A Omaha** from **Double-A Northwest Arkansas** (rehab assignment)
- 9/1 RHP **Jackson Kowar** recalled by **Kansas City**  
**SS Adalberto Mondesi** activated from **Injured List** and returned to **Kansas City**
- 9/3 RHP **Chance Adams** transferred to **ACL Royals** (rehab assignment)
- 9/4 **C Sebastian Rivero** recalled by **Kansas City**  
RHP **Tyler Zuber** optioned to **Triple-A Omaha**
- 9/7 RHP **Eddie Butler** released
- 9/9 INF **Emmanuel Rivera** optioned to **Triple-A Omaha**  
INF **Gabriel Cancel** transferred to **ACL Royals** (rehab assignment)
- 9/10 RHP **Andres Nuñez** transferred to **Triple-A Omaha** from **Double-A Northwest Arkansas**
- 9/11 RHP **Scott Blewett** recalled by **Kansas City**
- 9/12 **OF Kyle Isbel** recalled by **Kansas City**
- 9/13 RHP **Scott Blewett** optioned to **Triple-A Omaha**  
RHP **Ronald Bolaños** returned from rehab assignment, reinstated from **Injured List**, and optioned to **Triple-A Omaha**
- 9/14 **OF Rudy Martin** placed on **Injured List**  
**C Paul Mondesi** transferred to **Triple-A Omaha** from **ACL Royals**  
LHP **Gabe Speier** selected by **Kansas City**
- 9/17 **C Cam Gallagher** transferred to **Triple-A Omaha** (rehab assignment)  
**OF Edward Olivares** optioned to **Triple-A Omaha**
- 9/18 INF **Gabriel Cancel** reinstated from **Injured List** and returned to **Triple-A Omaha** from rehab assignment
- 9/19 LHP **Emilio Marquez** transferred to **Triple-A Omaha** from **High-A Quad Cities**
- 9/20 RHP **Dylan Coleman** selected by **Kansas City Royals**  
RHP **Scott Blewett** optioned to **Triple-A Omaha**  
RHP **Tyler Zuber** optioned to **Triple-A Omaha**  
**OF Edward Olivares** appointed to **Kansas City** as 27th man for doubleheader  
**OF Edward Olivares** returned to **Triple-A Omaha**
- 9/21 **C Cam Gallagher** reinstated from **Injured List** and returned to **Kansas City**  
**C Sebastian Rivero** optioned to **Triple-A Omaha**  
RHP **Chance Adams** returned from rehab assignment and activated from **Injured List**  
LHP **Emilio Marquez** transferred to **High-A Quad Cities** from **Triple-A Omaha**  
RHP **Ruben Ramirez** transferred to **Triple-A Omaha** from **ACL Royals**
- 9/24 **OF Edward Olivares** recalled by **Kansas City**
- 9/25 RHP **Austin Cox** transferred to **Triple-A Omaha** to **Double-A Northwest Arkansas**  
RHP **Jose Cuas** transferred to **Triple-A Omaha** to **Double-A Northwest Arkansas**  
LHP **Josh Dye** transferred to **Triple-A Omaha** to **Double-A Northwest Arkansas**  
LHP **Angel Zerpa** transferred to **Triple-A Omaha** to **Double-A Northwest Arkansas**
- 9/28 **OF Edward Olivares** optioned to **Triple-A Omaha**
- 9/29 RHP **Tyler Zuber** recalled by **Kansas City**
- 9/30 LHP **Angel Zerpa** selected by **Kansas City**
- 10/1 **C Sebastian Rivero** recalled by **Kansas City**  
RHP **Tyler Zuber** optioned to **Triple-A Omaha**

## INJURED LIST (12)

PLAYER	INJURY	PLACED (RETRO)	REINSTATED	PLAYER	INJURY	PLACED (RETRO)	REINSTATED
LHP Foster Griffin	Elbow	5/4	7/28	INF Kevin Merrell	Hamstring	6/6	6/22
C Nick Dini	Back	5/4	6/18	RHP Jakob Junis	Shoulder stiffness	7/9	8/19
LHP Richard Lovelady	Right Oblique	5/4	6/6	INF Gabriel Cancel	Oblique	7/14	9/18
OF Erick Mejia	Left Oblique	5/10	6/23	RHP Scott Blewett	Arm soreness	7/14	8/13
RHP Chance Adams	Elbow	5/13	9/21	OF Anderson Miller	Ankle	8/17	10/5
INF Lucius Fox	Hamstring	5/31	7/6	OF Rudy Martin	Wrist sprain	9/14	10/6



# PITCHER NOTES

## 21 CHANCE ADAMS | RHP 2021: 0-0, 27.00 | 1 G / 0 GS | 0 SV / 1 SVO | 0.2 IP, 1 H, 2 R, 2 ER, 1 HR, 2 BB, 0 K

<b>FIRST APPEARANCE:</b> 9/22 vs. IND	<b>MOST IP:</b> 0.2, 9/22 vs. IND	<b>INHERITED/STRANDED:</b> --
<b>LAST APPEARANCE:</b> 9/22 vs. IND	<b>MOST H:</b> 1, 9/22 vs. IND	<b>FIRST BATTER RETIRED (RELIEF):</b> 0/1 (0%)
<b>STARTER:</b> --	<b>MOST R:</b> 2, 9/22 vs. IND	<b>SAVE OPPORTUNITIES:</b> 0/1 (0%)
<b>RELIEVER:</b> 1 G, 27.00 ERA, (2 ER / 0.2 IP)	<b>MOST BB:</b> 2, 9/22 v. IND	<b>PLACED RUNNERS STRANDED:</b> --
<b>TEAM RECORD WHEN PITCHING:</b> 1-0	<b>MOST K:</b> --	<b>ACQUIRED:</b> Trade w/ NYY, 2019

- Made lone appearance of the season with Omaha and Storm Chasers debut on Sept. 22 vs. Indianapolis, allowing two runs on one hit in 0.2 innings before exiting due to apparent injury
- Spent majority of the season on the Injured List following Tommy John surgery in October of 2020
- Pitched for the first time following Tommy John surgery on Sept. 3 vs. ACL Mariners as part of a rehab assignment with ACL Royals Blue and ACL Royals Gold
- Threw 4.2 innings across four rehab appearances (three starts) with ACL Royals, allowing three runs on five hits—including three home runs—while striking out eight and walking none
- Elected free agency on Nov. 7

## 54 BRANDON BARKER | RHP 2021: 2-3, 7.79 | 15 G / 11 GS | 0 SV / 0 SVO | 52.0 IP, 76 H, 47 R, 45 ER, 5 HR, 18 BB, 46 K

<b>FIRST APPEARANCE:</b> 7/11 vs. TOL	<b>MOST IP:</b> 6.1, 7/14 @ IND	<b>INHERITED/STRANDED:</b> --
<b>LAST APPEARANCE:</b> 10/3 @ IOW	<b>MOST H:</b> 9, 9/11 @ STP	<b>FIRST BATTER RETIRED (RELIEF):</b> 2/4 (50%)
<b>STARTER:</b> 11 GS, 6.56 ERA (35 ER / 48.0 IP)	<b>MOST R:</b> 8, 2x, last - 9/11 @ STP	<b>SAVE OPPORTUNITIES:</b> --
<b>RELIEVER:</b> 4 G, 22.50 ERA (10 ER / 4.0 IP)	<b>MOST BB:</b> 3, 8/1 vs. TOL	<b>PLACED RUNNERS STRANDED:</b> --
<b>TEAM RECORD WHEN PITCHING:</b> 6-9	<b>MOST K:</b> 6, 9/1 (2) vs. TOL	<b>ACQUIRED:</b> MiLB FA, 2021

- Tied for fifth on the team with 11 starts and ranked 10th on the team with 52.0 innings pitched
- Omaha went 4-7 in his 11 starts and 2-2 in games in which he appeared in relief
- Began 2021 with Southern Maryland Blue Crabs of the Atlantic League, recording a 2.88 ERA in seven starts with 34 strikeouts and 13 walks in 37.1 innings before signing with Kansas City
- Made Kansas City Royals organization and Storm Chasers debut in relief on July 11 vs. Toledo, allowing two runs on four hits in 0.1 innings in first appearance in affiliated baseball since April of 2018 with Double-A Jacksonville and first Triple-A appearance since Sept. 2, 2015 with Triple-A Gwinnett
- Tossed 6.1 innings of one-run ball on July 14 at Indianapolis in first start for Omaha, recording the team's longest start of the season to that point
- Allowed 6+ hits in six straight outings from July 27-Aug. 24, including allowing eight runs on seven hits in 1.0 inning of relief on Aug. 20 vs. Columbus
- Yielded career-high-tying eight runs on career-high-tying nine hits—including three home runs—in 1.1 innings in start on Sept. 11 at St. Paul
- Recorded second of two quality starts with 6.0 shutout innings on Sept. 17 vs. Iowa, striking out five and walking one while allowing three hits
- Posted a 4.67 ERA across five games (four starts) in September, striking out 16 and walking five in 17.1 innings
- Finished season with 1.2 innings of scoreless relief on Oct. 3 at Iowa after throwing 2.0 scoreless innings in a start on Oct. 1 vs. Iowa prior to a rain delay and subsequent game cancellation
- Elected free agency on Nov. 7

## 40 SCOTT BLEWETT | RHP 2021: 6-3, 6.39 | 23 G / 10 GS | 0 SV / 0 SVO | 69.0 IP, 80 H, 54 R, 49 ER, 19 HR, 31 BB, 64 K

<b>FIRST APPEARANCE:</b> 5/6 vs. STP	<b>MOST IP:</b> 6.0, 6/5 vs. IOW	<b>INHERITED/STRANDED:</b> 4/4 (100%)
<b>LAST APPEARANCE:</b> 10/3 @ IOW	<b>MOST H:</b> 8, 6/23 (2) @ IOW	<b>FIRST BATTER RETIRED (RELIEF):</b> 11/13 (85%)
<b>STARTER:</b> 10 GS, 6.75 ERA (34 ER / 45.1 IP)	<b>MOST R:</b> 9, 5/20 @ IOW	<b>SAVE OPPORTUNITIES:</b> --
<b>RELIEVER:</b> 13 G, 5.70 (15 ER / 23.2)	<b>MOST BB:</b> 3, 5/6 vs. STP	<b>PLACED RUNNERS STRANDED:</b> --
<b>TEAM RECORD WHEN PITCHING:</b> 16-7	<b>MOST K:</b> 8, 5/6 vs. STP	<b>ACQUIRED:</b> 2nd Round, 2014

- Prior to the Minor League season, was designated for assignment on April 1 before being outrighted to the Royals' Alternate Training Site on April 6
- Began season in Storm Chasers rotation before finishing season as a member of the bullpen following a stint on the Injured List
- Threw the sixth-most innings on the team (69.0) while allowing the fourth-most hits (80) and surrendering the second-most home runs (19)
- Of his 10 starts, Blewett completed at least 5.0 innings in six of them, including four straight starts of at least 5.0 innings from June 5-June 23 (2)
- Yielded two of the team's nine total grand slams allowed (May 20 at Iowa - Jose Lobaton, 3rd inning, July 6 vs. Toledo - Renato Nuñez, 3rd inning)
- Made a career-high 13 relief appearances after making four total relief appearances at the Minor League level in his first six professional seasons
- Struck out a season-high eight batters across 5.0 innings in first start of the season on May 6 vs. St. Paul
- Allowed career-high nine runs (five earned) on seven hits—including a grand slam following an inning-prolonging error—on May 20 at Iowa
- Pitched in relief on June 1 vs. Iowa after **Ronald Bolaños** exited start after 1.0 inning prior to being recalled on June 3
- Tossed a season-high 6.0 innings on four-days rest on June 5 vs. Iowa, holding the I-Cubs to zero runs and two hits with six strikeouts and no walks on 76 pitches (52 strikes)
- Threw a season-high 101 pitches on June 11 at St. Paul, allowing three runs on six hits while striking out six and walking one
- Allowed at least one home run in five consecutive outings from June 11-July 6, including three straight games with two home runs allowed from June 23 (2)-July 6
- Was placed on 10-day Injured List on July 14 with right shoulder soreness and returned to Omaha on Aug. 13 vs. Iowa following two rehab appearances with ACL Royals Gold
- Recalled by Kansas City on Aug. 28 but did not appear in a game before being optioned to Triple-A Omaha on Aug. 30
- Struck out *Baseball America* No. 5 overall prospect Riley Greene and No. 4 overall prospect Spencer Torkelson back-to-back to end scoreless inning on Sept. 2 (2) vs. Toledo
- Allowed career-high four home runs (all solo) on Sept. 5 vs. Toledo—one by Riley Greene, one by Spencer Torkelson, and two by Kody Clemens
- Recalled by Kansas City on Sept. 10 and was optioned to Triple-A Omaha on Sept. 13 without making an appearance
- Recalled by Kansas City on Sept. 15 and made first MLB appearance of 2021 on Sept. 15 vs. Oakland, throwing 2.0 scoreless innings of relief
- Allowed one run across 5.0 innings of relief between three appearances with the Royals before being optioned to Triple-A Omaha on Sept. 20
- Threw 2.1 perfect innings on Sept. 25 vs. Indianapolis
- Stranded bases loaded in final appearance of the season on Oct. 3 at Iowa to preserve one-run deficit before Omaha came-from-behind to win with five runs over the final three innings
- Cleared outright waivers and elected free agency on Oct. 29

## 57 RONALD BOLAÑOS | RHP 2021: 0-3, 6.34 | 10 G / 10 GS | 0 SV / 0 SVO | 38.1 IP, 39 H, 28 R, 27 ER, 10 HR, 27 BB, 34 K

<b>FIRST APPEARANCE:</b> 5/7 vs. STP	<b>MOST IP:</b> 5.1, 5/21 @ IOW	<b>INHERITED/STRANDED:</b> --
<b>LAST APPEARANCE:</b> 10/3 @ IOW	<b>MOST H:</b> 6, 9/14 vs. STP	<b>FIRST BATTER RETIRED (RELIEF):</b> --
<b>STARTER:</b> 10 GS, 6.34 ERA (27 ER / 38.1 IP)	<b>MOST R:</b> 7, 9/14 vs. STP	<b>SAVE OPPORTUNITIES:</b> --
<b>RELIEVER:</b> --	<b>MOST BB:</b> 5, 2x, last - 10/3 @ IOW	<b>PLACED RUNNERS STRANDED:</b> --
<b>TEAM RECORD WHEN PITCHING:</b> 7-3	<b>MOST K:</b> 8, 5/27 vs. IND	<b>ACQUIRED:</b> Trade w/ SDP, 2020

- Completed at least 5.0 innings in each of his first three starts with Omaha, posting a 3.52 ERA in 15.1 innings with 16 strikeouts and 10 walks
- Made Storm Chasers and Triple-A debut on May 7 vs. St. Paul, allowing two runs on five hits in 5.0 innings
- Issued a career-high-tying five walks on May 21 at Iowa, allowing four runs (three earned) on three hits in season-high 5.1 innings
- Struck out season-best eight batters on May 27 vs. Indianapolis, allowing one run on five hits in 5.0 innings
- Threw seven pitches in 1.0 scoreless inning in start on June 1 vs. Iowa prior to being recalled by Kansas City on June 3
- Made three relief appearances with Kansas City from June 4-June 12, allowing one run on four hits in 6.1 innings with 10 strikeouts and two walks to post a 1.42 ERA
- Placed on 60-day Injured List on June 18 with a right forearm strain
- Made first rehab appearance on Aug. 13 vs. ACL Brewers Gold, his first outing in just over two months
- Made two rehab appearances between ACL Royals Blue and ACL Royals Gold and three rehab appearances with Double-A Northwest Arkansas before joining Triple-A Omaha on Aug. 31 to continue his rehab assignment
- On Sept. 3 vs. Toledo, held Mud Hens to one run on four hits across 5.0 innings with five strikeouts and one walk in first Triple-A appearance since June 1 vs. Iowa
- Activated from Injured List and optioned to Triple-A Omaha on Sept. 12
- Recorded an 8.69 ERA in 19.2 innings with 16 strikeouts and 12 walks across five starts in September, allowing 19 runs on 24 hits, including eight home runs
- Started final game of the season on Oct. 3 at Iowa, yielding two runs on four hits in 2.1 innings while tying a career high with five walks

## 33 EDDIE BUTLER | RHP 2021: 7-3, 6.01 | 27 G / 13 GS | 0 SV / 2 SVO | 79.1 IP, 97 H, 56 R, 53 ER, 14 HR, 33 BB, 55 K

<b>FIRST APPEARANCE:</b> 5/12 @ COL	<b>MOST IP:</b> 5.1, 3x, last - 8/14 vs. IOW	<b>INHERITED/STRANDED:</b> 9/4 (44%)
<b>LAST APPEARANCE:</b> 9/5 vs. TOL	<b>MOST H:</b> 9, 2x, last - 8/3 @ COL	<b>FIRST BATTER RETIRED (RELIEF):</b> 8/14 (57%)
<b>STARTER:</b> 13 GS, 7.66 ERA (44 ER / 51.2 IP)	<b>MOST R:</b> 8, 7/28 @ TOL	<b>SAVE OPPORTUNITIES:</b> 0/2 (0%)
<b>RELIEVER:</b> 14 G, 2.93 ERA (9 ER / 27.2 IP)	<b>MOST BB:</b> 4, 2x, last - 8/3 @ COL	<b>PLACED RUNNERS STRANDED:</b> --
<b>TEAM RECORD WHEN PITCHING:</b> 18-9	<b>MOST K:</b> 5, 2x, last - 8/8 @ COL	<b>ACQUIRED:</b> MiLB FA, 2021

- Pitched fourth-most innings (79.1), made fourth-most starts (13), and recorded second-most wins (7) for Omaha in 2021
- Began tenure with Storm Chasers as a member of the bullpen, before joining rotation on July 11 and making starts in nine of his final 11 appearances
- Posted a 7.66 ERA as a starting pitcher across 13 starts (51.2 innings) with 38 strikeouts and 29 walks while recording a 2.93 ERA in 14 relief appearances (27.2 innings) with 17 strikeouts and four walks
- Opponents batted .324 against him as a starting pitcher compared to .257 against him as a reliever
- Signed with Kansas City as a Minor League free agent on May 5 in lieu of joining the independent Southern Maryland Blue Crabs
- Made organizational and Storm Chasers debut on May 12 at Columbus, throwing a 1-2-3 inning
- Did not allow a run over first six appearances, throwing 6.1 consecutive scoreless innings from May 12-26, striking out six and walking one in that span en route to recording a 1.08 ERA across seven outings in May
- Threw 12.1 consecutive scoreless innings of relief from June 1-July 4, including a pair of 3.0-inning appearances on June 4 vs. Iowa and June 19 vs. Louisville
- Made first Storm Chasers start on June 9 at St. Paul, allowing one run on one hit in 4.2 innings with five strikeouts and three walks
- Gave up six runs on seven hits across 1.2 innings in start on June 16 vs. Louisville
- Joined rotation on July 11 vs. Toledo and made seven consecutive starts from July 11-Aug. 14, posting a 6.75 ERA in 32.0 innings with 23 strikeouts and 15 walks in that span
- Set season high with 5.1 innings on July 17 (2) at Indianapolis, allowing one unearned run on five hits with four strikeouts and one walk
- Shaved mustache and buzzed hair following start on July 28 at Toledo when he allowed season-high eight runs on season-high nine hits in 3.0 innings
- Allowed five runs on season-high-tying nine hits across 5.0 innings on Aug. 3 at Columbus in first start following haircut
- Threw 5.1 shutout innings on Aug. 14 vs. Iowa, tossing a season-high 92 pitches
- Returned to bullpen on Aug. 19 vs. Columbus for first relief appearance since July 4 at St. Paul, allowing two runs on five hits in 3.1 innings
- Allowed seven runs on seven hits—including three home runs—in 3.0 innings in final start on Sept. 5 vs. Toledo
- Released on Sept. 8





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## 47 DYLAN COLEMAN | RHP 2021: 4-0, 3.55 | 27 G / 0 GS | 3 SV / 5 SVO | 33.0 IP, 19 H, 16 R, 13 ER, 2 HR, 17 BB, 56 K

<b>FIRST APPEARANCE:</b> 7/8 vs. TOL	<b>MOST IP:</b> 2.0, 4x, last - 9/12 vs. STP	<b>INHERITED/STRANDED:</b> 8/8 (100%)
<b>LAST APPEARANCE:</b> 9/17 vs. IOW	<b>MOST H:</b> 3, 2x, last - 9/1 (1) vs. TOL	<b>FIRST BATTER RETIRED (RELIEF):</b> 20/27 (74%)
<b>STARTER:</b> --	<b>MOST R:</b> 4, 8/11 vs. IOW	<b>SAVE OPPORTUNITIES:</b> 3/5 (60%)
<b>RELIEVER:</b> 27 G, 3.55 ERA (13 ER / 33.0 IP)	<b>MOST BB:</b> 2, 5x, last - 9/1 (1) vs. TOL	<b>PLACED RUNNERS STRANDED:</b> 3/4 (75%)
<b>TEAM RECORD WHEN PITCHING:</b> 17-10	<b>MOST K:</b> 4, 9/12 @ STP	<b>ACQUIRED:</b> Trade w/ SDP, 2020

- Led all Triple-A East pitchers (min. 30 innings) in K% (41.5%) and K/9 (15.27), striking out 56 batters in 33.0 innings across 27 appearances with the Storm Chasers
- Recorded a 2.57 FIP with Omaha, tied for ninth-lowest among Triple-A East pitchers with a minimum of 30.0 innings
- Recorded the second-lowest batting average against (.185) among Royals pitchers with at least 50.0 innings
- Did not allow a run in 20 of 27 appearances with Omaha, and struck out at least two batters in 20 of his 27 outings
- Began season with Double-A Northwest Arkansas, posting a 2.92 ERA in 18 relief appearances with 37 strikeouts and five walks in 24.2 innings
- Named Double-A Northwest Arkansas Pitcher of the Month by Kansas City in June after recording a team-best 1.42 ERA (2 ER / 12.2 IP) with 22 strikeouts and two walks
- Promoted to Triple-A Omaha on July 6 and made Triple-A debut on July 8 vs. Toledo, striking out two batters in a 1-2-3 inning
- Issued a four-pitch, leadoff walk and allowing tying and go-ahead runs on July 14 at Indianapolis, blowing first Triple-A save opportunity
- Struck out three batters in 1.0 inning in back-to-back appearances on July 30 at Toledo and Aug. 1 at Toledo
- Threw 101 mph fastball during appearance on Aug. 3 at Columbus while also allowing first Triple-A homer in extra-inning appearance
- Gave up season-high four runs (three earned) on three hits on Aug. 11 vs. Iowa
- Finished August with five consecutive scoreless outings from Aug. 18-29, striking out 12 and walking two in 8.0 innings
- Led Omaha bullpen with 24 strikeouts and a .170 (9-for-53) opponent's batting average in August, posting a 2.93 ERA in 151 innings while allowing 16 baserunners in 61 total batters faced
- Did not allow a run across six outings in September, throwing 7.2 consecutive scoreless innings with 14 strikeouts and three walks
- Recorded first career Triple-A save on Sept. 3 vs. Toledo with two strikeouts in scoreless inning
- Notched saves in three straight outings from Sept. 3-9, throwing 3.2 consecutive perfect innings with seven strikeouts
- Struck out season-high four batters in 2.0 innings on Sept. 12 at St. Paul
- Escaped bases-loaded, no-out jam in 10th inning on Sept. 17 vs. Iowa with a strikeout and 1-2-3 double play in final appearance with Omaha
- Selected by Kansas City on Sept. 20 and made Major League debut on Sept. 21 at Cleveland, throwing a scoreless inning
- Recorded first career MLB strikeout on Sept. 25 at Detroit, striking out Niko Goodrum
- Made five appearances for the Royals in 2021, allowing one run on five hits in 6.1 innings with seven strikeouts and one walk

## 31 AUSTIN COX | LHP 2021: 0-0, 18.00 | 2 G / 1 GS | 0 SV / 0 SVO | 5.0 IP, 9 H, 10 ER, 3 HR, 5 BB, 4 K

<b>FIRST APPEARANCE:</b> 9/26 vs. IND	<b>MOST IP:</b> 3.0, 10/2 @ IOW	<b>INHERITED/STRANDED:</b> --
<b>LAST APPEARANCE:</b> 10/2 @ IOW	<b>MOST H:</b> 5, 10/2 @ IOW	<b>FIRST BATTER RETIRED (RELIEF):</b> 1/1 (100%)
<b>STARTER:</b> 1 GS, 15.00 ERA (5 ER / 3.0 IP)	<b>MOST R:</b> 5, 2x, last - 10/2 @ IOW	<b>SAVE OPPORTUNITIES:</b> --
<b>RELIEVER:</b> 1 G, 22.50 ERA (5 ER / 2.0 IP)	<b>MOST BB:</b> 3, 10/2 @ IOW	<b>PLACED RUNNERS STRANDED:</b> --
<b>TEAM RECORD WHEN PITCHING:</b> 1-1	<b>MOST K:</b> 2, 2x, last - 10/2 @ IOW	<b>ACQUIRED:</b> 5th Round, 2018

- Made two appearances with Omaha, including Triple-A debut, during the Triple-A Final Stretch after spending most of the season with Double-A Northwest Arkansas
- Posted a 3.00 ERA in 15 starts for Double-A Northwest Arkansas, striking out 56 and walking 25 in 63.0 innings
- Began season with arm soreness and made 2021 debut on May 26 vs. San Antonio
- Exited game on Aug. 11 vs. Frisco in the third inning and did not pitch again until Sept. 10 at Wichita
- Final Double-A start was Game 1 of the Double-A Central Championship Series, when he allowed three runs on six hits in 4.0 innings vs. Wichita
- Made Triple-A debut on Sept. 26 vs. Indianapolis in home finale, recording his first Triple-A strikeout in scoreless innings before allowing five runs on three homers in second inngng of relief
- Allowed five runs on five hits while walking three, hitting two, and striking out two in 3.0 innings in first Triple-A start on Oct. 2 at Iowa

## 37 JOSE CUAS | RHP 2021: 1-0, 0.00 | 3 G / 0 GS | 0 SV / 0 SVO | 5.0 IP, 2 H, 0 R, 0 ER, 0 HR, 1 BB, 4 K

<b>FIRST APPEARANCE:</b> 9/29 at IOW	<b>MOST IP:</b> 2.1, 10/1 @ IOW	<b>INHERITED/STRANDED:</b> 5/5 (100%)
<b>LAST APPEARANCE:</b> 10/3 at IOW	<b>MOST H:</b> 1, 2x, last - 10/1 @ IOW	<b>FIRST BATTER RETIRED (RELIEF):</b> 3/3 (100%)
<b>STARTER:</b> --	<b>MOST R:</b> --	<b>SAVE OPPORTUNITIES:</b> --
<b>RELIEVER:</b> 3 G, 0.00 ERA (0 ER / 5.0 IP)	<b>MOST BB:</b> 1, 9/29 @ IOW	<b>PLACED RUNNERS STRANDED:</b> --
<b>TEAM RECORD WHEN PITCHING:</b> 3-0	<b>MOST K:</b> 3, 10/1 @ IOW	<b>ACQUIRED:</b> MiLB FA, 2021

- Finished season with Omaha after making 22 appearances for Double-A Northwest Arkansas
- Posted a 1.95 ERA in 32.1 innings with 32 strikeouts and seven walks across 22 outings with the Naturals after signing with Kansas City on June 17
- Began season pitching for independent Long Island Ducks, striking out 13 in 11.0 scoreless innings across five appearances while also going 1-for-2 at the plate
- Pitched in all three Double-A Central Championship games, recording two saves across 3.1 innings and recording final out of Game 3 with a strikeout to clinch title
- Promoted to Triple-A Omaha on Sept. 25 and made Triple-A debut on Sept. 29, tossing a scoreless inning with help from diving catch by **Bobby Witt Jr.**
- Earned first Triple-A win on Oct. 1 at Iowa with 2.1 scoreless innings
- Stranded bases loaded with 6-4-3 double play en route to 1.2 scoreless innings in final appearance of the season on Oct. 3 at Iowa

## 31 JOSH DYE | LHP 2021: 0-0, 3.60 | 2 G / 0 GS | 0 SV / 0 SVO | 5.0 IP, 4 H, 2 R, 2 ER, 1 HR, 1 BB, 5 K

<b>FIRST APPEARANCE:</b> 9/26 vs. IND	<b>MOST IP:</b> 3.0, 10/2 @ IOW	<b>INHERITED/STRANDED:</b> --
<b>LAST APPEARANCE:</b> 10/2 at IOW	<b>MOST H:</b> 2, 2x, last - 10/2 @ IOW	<b>FIRST BATTER RETIRED (RELIEF):</b> 2/2 (100%)
<b>STARTER:</b> --	<b>MOST R:</b> 1, 9/26 vs. IND	<b>SAVE OPPORTUNITIES:</b> --
<b>RELIEVER:</b> 2 G, 3.60 ERA (2 ER / 5.0 IP)	<b>MOST BB:</b> 1, 10/2 @ IOW	<b>PLACED RUNNERS STRANDED:</b> --
<b>TEAM RECORD WHEN PITCHING:</b> 1-1	<b>MOST K:</b> 3, 10/2 @ IOW	<b>ACQUIRED:</b> 23th Round, 2018

- Began season with Double-A Northwest Arkansas, posting a 2.52 ERA in 60.2 innings with 68 strikeouts and 16 walks across 38 appearances
- Did not allow a run in 16.0 consecutive innings from May 8-June 8, the longest scoreless streak in Double-A Central in 2021
- Recorded best overall ERA (2.60) among Kansas City Royals minor leaguers with at least 60.0 innings pitched
- Promoted to Triple-A Omaha on Sept. 25 and made Triple-A debut on Sept. 26 vs. Indianapolis, striking out the first two batters he faced in a scoreless innings before allowing a solo home run in the second inning of his appearance
- Retired eight consecutive batters on Oct. 2 at Iowa before allowing a run in 3.0-inning relief appearance

## 17 GRANT GAVIN | RHP 2021: 5-3, 4.36 | 48 G / 0 GS | 4 SV / 8 SVO | 74.1 IP, 59 H, 40 R, 36 ER, 11 HR, 35 BB, 92 K

<b>FIRST APPEARANCE:</b> 5/5 vs. STP	<b>MOST IP:</b> 3.1, 5/13 @ COL	<b>INHERITED/STRANDED:</b> 31/12 (39%)
<b>LAST APPEARANCE:</b> 10/3 @ IOW	<b>MOST H:</b> 4, 2x, last - 7/18 @ IND	<b>FIRST BATTER RETIRED (RELIEF):</b> 32/48 (67%)
<b>STARTER:</b> --	<b>MOST R:</b> 6, 9/8 @ STP	<b>SAVE OPPORTUNITIES:</b> 4/8 (50%)
<b>RELIEVER:</b> 48 G, 4.36 ERA (36 ER / 74.1 IP)	<b>MOST BB:</b> 3, 2x, last - 8/15 vs. IOW	<b>PLACED RUNNERS STRANDED:</b> 2/3 (66%)
<b>TEAM RECORD WHEN PITCHING:</b> 26-22	<b>MOST K:</b> 6, 5/13 @ COL	<b>ACQUIRED:</b> 29th Round, 2016

- Led team and was fifth in Triple-A East with 48 appearances, the most appearances for any pitcher with at least 70.0 innings
- Ranked fifth on the team in innings (74.1) and third in strikeouts (92), setting career highs in each category
- Pitched the most innings in Minor League Baseball (74.1) of any pitcher without at least one start
- Was one of two players, along with **Jake Kalish**, to remain on Omaha roster from Opening Day on May 4 through the season finale on Oct. 3
- Made Triple-A debut on May 5 vs. St. Paul, allowing two runs on two hits—including a home run—in 3.0 innings
- Started resumption of a suspended game on May 8 vs. St. Paul, throwing 3.0 scoreless innings
- Tossed season-high 3.1 innings on May 13 at Columbus after entering in the first inning and stranding the bases loaded, ultimately striking out a season-high six batters while allowing two runs on three hits with zero walks
- Made seven appearances of at least 3.0 innings, including each of first three
- Posted a 2.25 ERA in 16.0 innings across eight appearances in May, striking out 21 and walking four
- Broke OF Jayson Heyward's bat on a comebacker on June 2 vs. Iowa
- Struck out five of the eight batters he faced on June 10 at St. Paul, allowing one run on two hits—including a home run—in 2.0 innings
- Threw 3.0 scoreless innings on June 13 at St. Paul to lower ERA to season-low 1.82 through first 24.2 innings
- Allowed career-high four home runs—all solo home runs—on June 29 at St. Paul, including three home runs in one inning, in 15-4 loss
- Began July with 8.0 consecutive scoreless innings from July 2-17 (2), a streak that spanned five appearances
- Threw one pitch on July 17 (2) at Indianapolis to record final out, strand two runners on base, and earn save in Omaha's 40th win of the season
- Allowed five runs on four hits as part of eight-run inning on July 18 at Indianapolis, raising ERA from 2.90 to 3.98
- Allowed two runs in 10th inning on July 20 vs. St. Paul in extra-inning loss to begin series at Werner Park
- Allowed two inherited runners to score and gave up lead on two bases-loaded walks on July 28 at Toledo, issuing a season-high three walks in 1.0 inning
- Tied season-high with three walks and hit one batter on Aug. 15 vs. Iowa, allowing four runs without a hit in 0.1 inning
- Stranded placed runner in extra innings on Aug. 29 at Iowa to earn his second save of the season
- Stranded potential go-ahead runs on base on Sept. 1 (2) vs. Toledo and stranded placed runner in eighth inning ahead of walk-off, 4-3, win
- Struck out five of 10 batters he faced in 3.0 scoreless innings on Sept. 4 vs. Toledo
- Gave up season-high six runs on three hits—including a grand slam—on Sept. 8 at St. Paul
- Completed season with 7.0 scoreless innings with one hit allowed from Sept. 18-Oct. 3, striking out 10 and walking three in a streak that spanned five appearances
- Earned save in the final game of the season, striking out four in 2.0 scoreless innings on Oct. 3 at Iowa



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## 28 FOSTER GRIFFIN | LHP 2021: 0-0, 3.60 | 6 G / 6 GS | 0 SV / 0 SVO | 25.0 IP, 29 H, 12 R, 10 ER, 1 HR, 10 BB, 19 K

<b>FIRST APPEARANCE:</b> 8/18 vs. COL	<b>MOST IP:</b> 5.0, 9/16 vs. IOW	<b>INHERITED/STRANDED:</b> --
<b>LAST APPEARANCE:</b> 9/16 vs. IOW	<b>MOST H:</b> 7, 9/16 vs. IOW	<b>FIRST BATTER RETIRED (RELIEF):</b> --
<b>STARTER:</b> 6 GS, 3.60 ERA (10 ER / 25.0 IP)	<b>MOST R:</b> 4, 9/16 vs. IOW	<b>SAVE OPPORTUNITIES:</b> --
<b>RELIEVER:</b> --	<b>MOST BB:</b> 4, 8/18 vs. COL	<b>PLACED RUNNERS STRANDED:</b> --
<b>TEAM RECORD WHEN PITCHING:</b> 4-2	<b>MOST K:</b> 4, 4x, last - 9/10 @ STP	<b>ACQUIRED:</b> 1st Round, 2014

- Made six starts with Omaha in first action at the Triple-A level since having Tommy John surgery on Aug. 11, 2020
- Made four rehab starts with ACL Royals, two rehab starts with Low-A Columbia
- Made three starts for Double-A Northwest Arkansas, pitching no more than 4.1 innings in any outing
- Posted a 2.25 ERA in three road starts (12.0 innings) and a 5.11 ERA in four home starts (12.1 innings) with Omaha
- Allowed two runs on four hits in 3.1 innings with three strikeouts and four walks in return to Storm Chasers on Aug. 18, 2021, 53 weeks after undergoing Tommy John surgery
- Struck out four and did not walk a batter on Aug. 24 at Iowa, allowing one unearned run in 4.0 innings
- Threw at least 4.0 innings for the fourth straight start on Sept. 10 at St. Paul, holding the Saints scoreless while striking out four without issuing a walk
- Tossed a season-high 5.0 innings in final outing of the season on Sept. 16 vs. Iowa, allowing four runs (three earned) on a season-high seven hits with one walk and zero strikeouts

## 43 CARLOS HERNÁNDEZ | RHP 2021: 2-1, 4.44 | 6 G / 6 GS | 0 SV / 0 SVO | 26.1 IP, 28 H, 15 R, 13 ER, 6 HR, 6 BB, 26 K

<b>FIRST APPEARANCE:</b> 5/5 vs. STP	<b>MOST IP:</b> 5.1, 5/23 @ IOW	<b>INHERITED/STRANDED:</b> --
<b>LAST APPEARANCE:</b> 6/8 at STP	<b>MOST H:</b> 10, 5/5 vs. STP	<b>FIRST BATTER RETIRED (RELIEF):</b> --
<b>STARTER:</b> 6 GS, 4.44 ERA (13 ER / 26.1 IP)	<b>MOST R:</b> 8, 5/5 vs. STP	<b>SAVE OPPORTUNITIES:</b> --
<b>RELIEVER:</b> --	<b>MOST BB:</b> 2, 2x, last - 5/16 @ COL	<b>PLACED RUNNERS STRANDED:</b> --
<b>TEAM RECORD WHEN PITCHING:</b> 3-3	<b>MOST K:</b> 7, 5/16 @ COL	<b>ACQUIRED:</b> Intl. FA, 2016

- Began season with Kansas City, allowing four runs on six hits in 3.1 innings across three relief appearances (10.80 ERA) with five strikeouts and five walks
- Was named to Omaha's Opening Day roster and started second game of the season on May 5 vs. St. Paul, allowing a career-high eight runs (six earned) on a career-high 10 hits—including two home runs—while striking out five without issuing a walk in his Triple-A debut
- Tossed 5.0 shutout innings on May 11 at Columbus, striking out six and walking two
- Struck out season-best seven batters on May 16 at Columbus, allowing three runs on four hits in 5.0 innings
- Recalled by Kansas City on May 28, pitched 4.1 innings of relief with MLB career-best six strikeouts on May 29 at Minnesota, and was optioned to Triple-A Omaha on May 30
- Tossed 5.0 innings of one-run ball on June 3 vs. Iowa, tallying six strikeouts for fourth start with 5+ strikeouts in first five Triple-A starts
- Threw 2.0 perfect innings in start on June 8 at St. Paul before exiting the game and being recalled by Kansas City on June 9
- Posted a 3.68 ERA in 24 appearances (11 starts) with Kansas City, striking out 74 and walking 41 in 85.2 innings
- From being recalled on June 9 to the end of the season, recorded a 3.23 ERA in 78.0 innings across 20 appearances (11 starts)

## 31 JAKOB JUNIS | RHP 2021: 0-2, 5.60 | 6 G / 6 GS | 0 SV / 0 SVO | 17.2 IP, 22 H, 14 R, 11 ER, 4 HR, 8 BB, 18 K

<b>FIRST APPEARANCE:</b> 6/12 @ STP	<b>MOST IP:</b> 4.1, 8/25 @ IOW	<b>INHERITED/STRANDED:</b> --
<b>LAST APPEARANCE:</b> 8/25 @ IOW	<b>MOST H:</b> 9, 6/29 @ STP	<b>FIRST BATTER RETIRED (RELIEF):</b> --
<b>STARTER:</b> 6 GS, 5.60 ERA (11 ER / 17.2 IP)	<b>MOST R:</b> 8, 6/29 @ STP	<b>SAVE OPPORTUNITIES:</b> --
<b>RELIEVER:</b> --	<b>MOST BB:</b> 4, 6/29 @ STP	<b>PLACED RUNNERS STRANDED:</b> --
<b>TEAM RECORD WHEN PITCHING:</b> 3-3	<b>MOST K:</b> 5, 6/17 vs. LOU	<b>ACQUIRED:</b> 29th Round, 2011

- Began the season with Kansas City, posting a 5.19 ERA in 15 appearances (five starts) with 35 strikeouts and 11 walks in 34.2 innings
- Made 2021 Storm Chasers debut on June 12 at St. Paul after being optioned on June 7, allowing three runs (one earned) on three hits in 2.1 innings with four strikeouts and zero walks
- His start on June 12 at St. Paul marked his first appearance for Omaha since Aug. 1, 2017, the year he was named Omaha Pitcher of the Year
- Tossed 3.0 scoreless innings with five strikeouts and no walks on June 17 vs. Louisville, retiring nine of the 11 batters he faced
- Gave up season-high eight runs on a season-high nine hits—including three home runs—in 2.2 innings on June 29 at St. Paul, striking out one and issuing a season-high four walks
- Was placed on the 10-day Injured List on July 9 with right shoulder stiffness
- Made three rehab starts with ACL Royals from Aug. 7-14 before returning to the Storm Chasers on Aug. 19 vs. Columbus
- Totaled 7.1 consecutive scoreless innings with six strikeouts and three walks across two starts with Omaha following his return from the Injured List
- Recalled by Kansas City on Aug. 31 and made one start on Aug. 31 vs. Cleveland before being placed on the 10-day Injured List with right shoulder impingement syndrome on Sept. 1
- Elected free agency on Nov. 5

## 18 JAKE KALISH | LHP 2021: 3-6, 6.94 | 30 G / 15 GS | 0 SV / 1 SVO | 96.0 IP, 110 H, 75 R, 74 ER, 31 HR, 35 BB, 106 K

<b>FIRST APPEARANCE:</b> 5/7 vs. STP	<b>MOST IP:</b> 6.2, 9/12 @ STP	<b>INHERITED/STRANDED:</b> 14/7 (50%)
<b>LAST APPEARANCE:</b> 9/24 vs. IND	<b>MOST H:</b> 12, 9/24 vs. IND	<b>FIRST BATTER RETIRED (RELIEF):</b> 10/15 (66%)
<b>STARTER:</b> 15 GS, 5.80 ERA (46 ER / 71.1 IP)	<b>MOST R:</b> 9, 9/24 vs. IND	<b>SAVE OPPORTUNITIES:</b> 0/1 (0%)
<b>RELIEVER:</b> 15 G, 10.22 ERA (28 ER / 24.2 IP)	<b>MOST BB:</b> 6, 5/8 vs. STP	<b>PLACED RUNNERS STRANDED:</b> --
<b>TEAM RECORD WHEN PITCHING:</b> 14-16	<b>MOST K:</b> 7, 4x, last - 9/18 vs. IOW	<b>ACQUIRED:</b> 32nd Round, 2015

- Led team in innings (96.0), hits allowed (110), runs allowed (75), and home runs allowed (31) while ranking second on the team in strikeouts (106)
- Allowed a career-high 31 home runs in 96.0 innings, leading all Triple-A East pitchers with a minimum of 70.0 innings pitched in home runs allowed (31), HR/9 (2.91) and HR/FB (26.7%)
- Split season between bullpen and starting rotation, joining rotation on July 25 at St. Paul and making 11 consecutive starts to complete the season
- Posted a 5.80 ERA in 71.1 innings as a starter with 73 strikeouts and 23 walks while posting a 10.22 ERA in 24.2 innings as a reliever with 33 strikeouts and 13 walks
- Limited left-handed hitters to a .827 OPS with eight home runs and seven walks, while right-handed hitters recorded a 1.031 OPS with 23 home runs and 28 walks
- Pitched on Opening Day, allowing two runs on three hits—including a home run—in 2.2 innings of relief on May 4 vs. St. Paul while recording 400th career strikeout
- Tossed 3.0 innings in spot start on May 8 vs. St. Paul, allowing four runs on two hits—including a home run—while issuing a career-high six walks
- Yielded at least one home run in six consecutive outings to begin the season, including a grand slam on May 21 at Iowa
- Threw a season-high 4.1 innings of relief on June 16 vs. Louisville, tossing 3.2 scoreless innings before allowing a two-run homer
- Retired all eight batters he faced in 2.2 perfect innings on June 23 (1) at Iowa, striking out five
- Retired 16 consecutive batters across four appearances from June 16 vs. Louisville to June 30 at St. Paul, striking out 10 of the 16 batters he faced, to lower ERA by nearly three runs
- Started on Independence Day for the second consecutive season, allowing three runs on six hits—including a home run—with three strikeouts and one walk on July 4 at St. Paul
- Gave up a pair of two-run homers in three-batter span in eighth inning on July 8 vs. Toledo
- Allowed a pair of two-run homers in the seventh inning on July 21 at St. Paul, a game-tying two-run homer to Jose Miranda and a go-ahead, two-run homer to Keon Broxton
- Joined starting rotation on July 25 at St. Paul, giving up two runs on four hits—including a home run—in 3.0 innings with three strikeouts and one walk
- Yielded three home runs—all solo home runs—and set a season high with seven strikeouts on July 31 at Toledo in 4.1 innings after retiring the first seven batters of the game, including five consecutive strikeouts between the first and third innings
- Began August by setting a season-high with 5.2 innings on Aug. 6 at Columbus, striking out six and walking none while allowing three runs on five hits—including a home run
- Tied a season-high with seven strikeouts and 5.2 innings on Aug. 12 vs. Iowa, allowing one run on five hits
- Struck out at least six batters in each of his four starts in August, posting a 3.98 ERA in 20.1 combined innings with a 25:5 strikeout-to-walk ratio during the month
- Threw a season-high 6.2 innings on Sept. 12 at St. Paul, allowing two runs on two solo home runs—including a game-tying solo home run on a 3-2 pitch with two outs and the bases empty in the seventh inning to the final batter he faced—while striking out five and walking none
- Completed 6.0+ innings for the second consecutive start on Sept. 18 vs. Iowa, trying a season-best with seven strikeouts in 6.0 innings of two-run ball on a season-high 100 pitches
- Gave up five runs on five hits in the first inning en route to allowing a career-high nine runs on a career-high nine hits—including a career-high four home runs—in final start of the season on Sept. 24 vs. Indianapolis
- Elected free agency on Nov. 7

## 37 JACKSON KOWAR | RHP 2021: 9-4, 3.46 | 17 G / 16 GS | 0 SV / 0 SVO | 80.2 IP, 66 H, 31 R, 31 ER, 7 HR, 34 BB, 115 K

<b>FIRST APPEARANCE:</b> 5/4 vs. STP	<b>MOST IP:</b> 6.0, 3x, last - 8/21 vs. COL	<b>INHERITED/STRANDED:</b> --
<b>LAST APPEARANCE:</b> 8/27 @ IOW	<b>MOST H:</b> 7, 8/15 vs. IOW	<b>FIRST BATTER RETIRED (RELIEF):</b> 1/1 (100%)
<b>STARTER:</b> 16 GS, 3.40 ERA (29 ER / 76.2 IP)	<b>MOST R:</b> 5, 2x, last - 8/10 vs. IOW	<b>SAVE OPPORTUNITIES:</b> --
<b>RELIEVER:</b> 1 G, 4.50 ERA (2 ER / 4.0)	<b>MOST BB:</b> 5, 2x, last - 8/15 vs. IOW	<b>PLACED RUNNERS STRANDED:</b> --
<b>TEAM RECORD WHEN PITCHING:</b> 11-6	<b>MOST K:</b> 10, 2x, last - 7/3 @ STP	<b>ACQUIRED:</b> 1st Round, 2018

- Named Triple-A East Pitcher of the Year in addition to earning Triple-A East Postseason All-Star honors as the top right-handed pitcher in the league
- Named Paul Splittorf Pitcher of the Year, awarded annually to the organization's top pitcher, by the Kansas City Royals
- Named a Royals Organization All-Star at right-handed pitcher by MiLB.com
- Led Triple-A East with 115 strikeouts at time of his promotion to Kansas City on Sept. 1
- Led Triple-A East pitchers with a minimum of 80 innings in strikeout percentage (34.0%), while ranking sixth in batting average against (.220) and eighth in ERA (3.46) among that subset
- Made Triple-A debut as Omaha's Opening Day starter on May 4 vs. St. Paul, tying a career-high with nine strikeouts across 5.1 shutout innings
- Established new career-high with 10 strikeouts on May 22 at Iowa, recording a quality start with one run allowed over 6.0 innings
- Finished May with a 1.01 ERA in 26.2 innings, completing at least 5.0+ innings with no more than one run allowed in each of his five starts to earn Triple-A East Player of the Month honors
- Lowered ERA to league-leading 0.85 following 5.0 innings of shutout ball on June 2 vs. Iowa, allowing lone hit to Major League rehabber Jake Marisnick
- Made Major League debut with Kansas City on June 7 at Los Angeles (AL), allowing four runs on three hits in 0.2 innings with two walks and zero strikeouts
- Allowed 10 runs on 11 hits with five walks and two strikeouts in 5.0 combined innings across three appearances (two starts) in first stint with Kansas City before being optioned on June 23
- Recorded team-best 18.1-inning scoreless streak from May 22-June 27, a stretch that spanned four Triple-A starts
- Tied career-high with 10 strikeouts on July 3 at St. Paul, allowing four runs on four hits in 5.0 innings to raise Triple-A ERA to 2.23
- Struck out eight over 5.0 shutout innings on July 17 (1) at Indianapolis
- Notched second quality start of the season on July 23 vs. St. Paul, striking out eight and walking none across 6.0 innings of two-run ball
- Struck out eight batters in three consecutive starts from July 17 (1)-July 29 en route to recording a 38:9 strikeout-to-walk ratio across five starts in the month of July
- Made first career Minor League relief appearance on Aug. 4 at Columbus, issuing a career-high five walks in 4.0 innings in game started by **Brady Singer**
- Allowed five runs on five hits on Aug. 10 vs. Iowa in 1.2 innings, recording the second-shortest start of Minor League career
- Yielded five runs for the second consecutive start on Aug. 15 vs. Iowa, tying career high with five walks
- Rebounded with 6.0 shutout innings while striking out nine and walking two on Aug. 21 vs. Columbus to record third quality start of the season
- Recalled by Kansas City on Sept. 1, posting a 9.95 ERA across six starts with 27 strikeouts and 15 walks in 25.1 innings
- Went 0-6 with a 11.27 ERA in nine Major League appearances (eight starts), striking out 29 and walking 20 in 30.1 innings





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## 55 RICHARD LOVELADY | LHP 2021: 0-0, 1.08 | 7 G / 0 GS | 0 SV / 0 SVO | 8.1 IP, 5 H, 1 R, 1 ER, 0 HR, 4 BB, 9 K

<b>FIRST APPEARANCE:</b> 6/6 vs. IOW	<b>MOST IP:</b> 2.0, 6/8 @ STP	<b>INHERITED/STRANDED:</b> 3/3 (100%)
<b>LAST APPEARANCE:</b> 6/25 @ IOW	<b>MOST H:</b> 3, 6/6 vs. IOW	<b>FIRST BATTER RETIRED (RELIEF):</b> 4/7 (57%)
<b>STARTER:</b> --	<b>MOST R:</b> 1, 6/6 vs. IOW	<b>SAVE OPPORTUNITIES:</b> --
<b>RELIEVER:</b> 7 G, 1.08 ERA (1 ER / 8.1 IP)	<b>MOST BB:</b> 2, 6/8 @ STP	<b>PLACED RUNNERS STRANDED:</b> --
<b>TEAM RECORD WHEN PITCHING:</b> 3-4	<b>MOST K:</b> 3, 6/8 @ STP	<b>ACQUIRED:</b> 10th Round, 2016

- Reinstated from Injured List (right oblique) on June 6 vs. Louisville, allowing one run on three hits in season debut
- Threw season-high 2.0 innings on June 8 at St. Paul, striking out a season-high three batters and walking a season-high two batters while not allowing a run
- Did not allow a run over final six appearances while striking out nine and walking four in 8.0 combined innings
- Did not allow a hit over final five appearances while striking out six and walking two in 6.0 combined innings
- Recalled by Kansas City on June 29 and posted a 3.48 ERA in 20 relief appearances with 23 strikeouts and six walks
- Placed on 10-day Injured List on Aug. 29 with a left UCL sprain and transferred to 60-day Injured List on Sept. 15 before undergoing Tommy John surgery on Sept. 29

## 52 DANIEL LYNCH | LHP 2021: 4-3, 5.84 | 12 G / 11 GS | 0 SV / 0 SVO | 57.0 IP, 74 H, 39 R, 37 ER, 10 HR, 18 BB, 62 K

<b>FIRST APPEARANCE:</b> 5/19 @ IOW	<b>MOST IP:</b> 6.0, 5/19 @ IOW	<b>INHERITED/STRANDED:</b> --
<b>LAST APPEARANCE:</b> 7/20 vs. STP	<b>MOST H:</b> 10, 7/2 @ STP	<b>FIRST BATTER RETIRED (RELIEF):</b> --
<b>STARTER:</b> 11 GS, 5.82 ERA (33 ER / 51.0 IP)	<b>MOST R:</b> 8, 7/8 vs. TOL	<b>SAVE OPPORTUNITIES:</b> --
<b>RELIEVER:</b> 1 G, 6.00 ERA (4 ER / 6.0 IP)	<b>MOST BB:</b> 3, 3x, last - 7/8 vs. TOL	<b>PLACED RUNNERS STRANDED:</b> --
<b>TEAM RECORD WHEN PITCHING:</b> 7-5	<b>MOST K:</b> 7, 3x, last - 6/26 @ IOW	<b>ACQUIRED:</b> 1st Round, 2018

- Was named to Omaha's preliminary roster before being selected by Kansas City for Major League debut on May 3 vs. Cleveland
- Posted the third-highest BABIP (.390) and fourth-highest batting average against (.314) in Triple-A East among pitchers with a minimum of 50.0 innings
- Optioned to Omaha after posting a 15.75 ERA in 8.0 innings across three starts with Kansas City
- Made Triple-A debut and Storm Chasers debut in relief on May 19 at Iowa—marking his first and only career relief appearance—throwing season-high 6.0 innings with season-high seven strikeouts while allowing four runs on seven hits in game started by Major League rehabber **Jesse Hahn**
- Made first Triple-A start on May 25 vs. Indianapolis, striking out six and walking one in 5.2 innings of one-run ball
- Threw 5.0 shutout innings with season-high-tying seven strikeouts in start against Indianapolis on May 30, lowering Triple-A ERA to 2.70 through first three starts (16.2 IP)
- Allowed three home runs—including two to Major League rehabber Byron Buxton—en route to allowing seven runs on eight hits in 5.0 innings on June 10 at St. Paul
- Tied season-high with seven strikeouts while throwing 5.0 scoreless innings on June 26 at Iowa
- Yielded career-high 10 hits on July 2 vs. St. Paul, allowing seven runs in 5.1 innings with six strikeouts and no walks
- Recorded shortest start of the season on July 8 vs. Toledo, allowing career-high eight runs on eight hits in 2.1 innings with three walks and two strikeouts
- Struck out six and walked none in 3.2 innings in rain-shortened start on July 15 at Indianapolis, allowing one unearned run on two hits
- Posted a 20:3 strikeout-to-walk ratio in July across four starts, striking out at least six batters in three of his four outings
- Recalled by Kansas City on July 25 vs. Detroit and threw 8.0 shutout innings with four strikeouts and no walks to earn first career Major League win
- Recorded a 5.69 ERA across 68.0 innings in 15 starts with Kansas City, including a 4.35 ERA in 60.0 innings across 12 starts in his second stint

## 55 EMILIO MARQUEZ | LHP 2021: 0-0, 0.00 | 1 G / 1 GS | 0 SV / 0 SVO | 1.0 IP, 0 H, 0 R, 0 ER, 0 HR, 0 BB, 0 K

<b>FIRST APPEARANCE:</b> 9/19 vs. IOW	<b>MOST IP:</b> 1.0, 9/19 vs. IOW	<b>INHERITED/STRANDED:</b> --
<b>LAST APPEARANCE:</b> 9/19 vs. IOW	<b>MOST H:</b> --	<b>FIRST BATTER RETIRED (RELIEF):</b> 0/1 (0%)
<b>STARTER:</b> --	<b>MOST R:</b> --	<b>SAVE OPPORTUNITIES:</b> --
<b>RELIEVER:</b> 1 G, 0.00 ERA (0 ER / 1.0 IP)	<b>MOST BB:</b> --	<b>PLACED RUNNERS STRANDED:</b> --
<b>TEAM RECORD WHEN PITCHING:</b> 1-0	<b>MOST K:</b> --	<b>ACQUIRED:</b> MiLB FA, 2018

- Made Triple-A debut and threw scoreless inning with 14 pitches on Sept. 19 vs. Iowa, retiring three straight batters after first batter reached on an error
- Began season with Low-A Columbia and was named Columbia Pitcher of the Year by Kansas City after posting a 1.86 ERA in 20 appearances (five starts) with 87 strikeouts in 63.0 innings
- Among Low-A East pitchers with a minimum of 60.0 innings, ranked second in ERA (1.86) and third in batting average against (.170)
- Made four appearances (two starts) with High-A Quad Cities, recording a 10.13 ERA in 13.1 innings with 14 strikeouts and four walks
- One of 11 pitchers in Royals organization to eclipse 100 total strikeouts in 2021 (101), throwing the second-fewest innings of any pitcher with 100+ strikeouts in the Royals organization

## 46 MARCELO MARTINEZ | LHP 2021: 5-7, 5.12 | 18 G / 17 GS | 0 SV / 0 SVO | 84.1 IP, 90 H, 52 R, 48 ER, 19 HR, 27 BB, 84 K

<b>FIRST APPEARANCE:</b> 6/19 vs. LOU	<b>MOST IP:</b> 6.2, 9/9 @ STP	<b>INHERITED/STRANDED:</b> --
<b>LAST APPEARANCE:</b> 9/29 @ IOW	<b>MOST H:</b> 10, 7/13 @ IND	<b>FIRST BATTER RETIRED (RELIEF):</b> 1/1 (100%)
<b>STARTER:</b> 17 GS, 5.20 ERA (47 ER / 81.1 IP)	<b>MOST R:</b> 8, 2x, last - 8/11 vs. IOW	<b>SAVE OPPORTUNITIES:</b> --
<b>RELIEVER:</b> 1 G, 3.00 ERA (1 ER / 3.0 IP)	<b>MOST BB:</b> 4, 3x, last - 9/2 vs. TOL	<b>PLACED RUNNERS STRANDED:</b> --
<b>TEAM RECORD WHEN PITCHING:</b> 7-11	<b>MOST K:</b> 9, 9/15 vs. IOW	<b>ACQUIRED:</b> Intl. FA, 2018

- Led Omaha in total starts (17) and quality starts (5) while ranking second on the team in innings (84.1) and fourth in strikeouts (84)
- Combined for a system-leading 24 starts and 112.2 innings between Double-A and Triple-A
- Allowed a career-high 26 total home runs, including 19 in 84.1 innings with Omaha
- Went 5-1 with a 2.82 ERA across 44.2 innings in nine appearances (eight starts) on the road and 0-6 with a 7.71 ERA across 39.2 innings in nine starts at home
- Allowed nearly three times as many home runs at home (14) than on the road (5)
- Eclipsed 5.0 innings in 11 of 17 starts with Omaha and completed at least 6.0 innings a team-best six times
- Made Triple-A debut on June 19 vs. Louisville following five starts with Double-A Northwest Arkansas, allowing career-high eight runs on nine hits in 2.0 innings
- Rebounded with 5.0 innings of one-run ball on June 25 at Iowa, striking out six and walking one
- Recorded three straight starts of 5.0+ innings and one run allowed from June 25-July 7, including 6.0 innings of one-run ball on July 7 vs. Toledo for first quality start
- Allowed a career-high 10 hits on July 13 at Indianapolis, allowing three runs in 4.2 innings while striking out five and walking none
- Issued a season-high four walks on July 24 vs. St. Paul, striking out six across 5.0 shutout innings
- Made lone relief appearance of the season on July 30 at Toledo, allowing four runs (one earned) in 3.0 innings with four strikeouts and zero walks in game started by **Brady Singer**
- Posted a 3.08 ERA in team-high 26.1 innings in July, striking out 28 and walking eight across six appearances (five starts)
- Began August with career-high 6.1 innings on Aug. 4 at Columbus, allowing one run on three hits with six strikeouts and one walk to record second quality start of season
- Tied season-high with eight runs allowed on Aug. 11 vs. Iowa, tying a season high with four walks across 3.0 innings
- Allowed a season-high three home runs on Aug. 17 vs. Columbus, yielding five runs on seven hits in 5.0 innings
- Recorded third quality start of the season on Aug. 28 at Iowa, tossing 6.0 shutout innings with six strikeouts and two walks
- Completed 6.0+ innings four times in a five-start span from Aug. 28-Sept. 22, recording three quality starts in that span
- Established a new career high with 6.2 innings on Sept. 9 at St. Paul, allowing two runs on five hits with seven strikeouts and no walks
- Struck out season-high nine batters on Sept. 15 vs. Iowa, allowing four runs on six hits—with all four runs and five of the six hits occurring in the fifth inning—in 6.0 innings
- Threw 6.0 innings for the second consecutive start on Sept. 22 vs. Indianapolis, allowing one run on five hits with four strikeouts and zero walks
- Went 19.1 innings between Sept. 2 and Sept. 29 without issuing a walk, a streak that spanned his final five starts of the season
- Allowed at least one home run in eight of his last nine starts, including each of his final five

## 36 JAKE NEWBERRY | RHP 2021: 3-5, 5.07 | 44 G / 0 GS | 2 SV / 6 SVO | 60.1 IP, 69 H, 36 R, 34 ER, 6 HR, 21 BB, 75 K

<b>FIRST APPEARANCE:</b> 5/6 vs. STP	<b>MOST IP:</b> 3.0, 9/2 vs. TOL	<b>INHERITED/STRANDED:</b> 17/13 (76%)
<b>LAST APPEARANCE:</b> 10/2 @ IOW	<b>MOST H:</b> 6, 9/8 @ STP	<b>FIRST BATTER RETIRED (RELIEF):</b> 28/44 (64%)
<b>STARTER:</b> --	<b>MOST R:</b> 6, 9/8 @ STP	<b>SAVE OPPORTUNITIES:</b> 2/6 (33%)
<b>RELIEVER:</b> 44 G, 5.07 ERA (34 ER / 60.1 IP)	<b>MOST BB:</b> 2, 4x, last - 9/26 vs. IND	<b>PLACED RUNNERS STRANDED:</b> 3/5 (60%)
<b>TEAM RECORD WHEN PITCHING:</b> 22-22	<b>MOST K:</b> 5, 5/6 vs. STP	<b>ACQUIRED:</b> 37th Round, 2021

- Made third-most appearances (44) on team, trailing **Grant Gavin** (48) and **Gabe Speier** (45), while ranking third on the team in innings (60.1) among pitchers with one start or fewer
- Did not allow a run in 26 of 44 appearances with Omaha
- Led all Royals minor leaguers with a minimum of 60.0 innings in BABIP (.394) while recording the second-highest SwStr% (17.8%)
- Began season at Royals' Alternate Site before being recalled by Kansas City on April 12
- Recorded a 16.62 ERA across four appearances (4.1 IP) for Kansas City before being optioned on May 3
- Struck out season-high five batters in 2.0 scoreless innings on May 6 vs. St. Paul before allowing placed runner to score in 10th inning
- Recalled by Kansas City on May 14 and optioned to Omaha on May 24 without making a Major League appearance
- Designated for assignment on June 7 before clearing waivers and being outrighted to Omaha on June 11
- Allowed walk-off single on June 25 at Iowa
- Stranded tying and winning runs on base in ninth and 10th inning on July 14 at Indianapolis in eventual 6-5 (12) win
- Recorded 8.0-inning scoreless streak from June 30-July 17 (1), striking out 10 and walking two in that span
- Blew three consecutive save opportunities on July 20 vs. St. Paul, July 22 vs. St. Paul, and July 24 vs. St. Paul
- Allowed game-tying, solo home run with two outs in the ninth inning on July 20 vs. St. Paul in eventual 6-4 (10) loss
- Yielded three runs on four hits in ninth inning on July 22 vs. St. Paul in eventual 7-5 loss
- Gave up game-tying homer on July 24 vs. St. Paul and go-ahead runs in the seventh inning to blow third consecutive save in eventual 3-1 loss
- Tossed scoreless inning on July 27 at Toledo to snap streak of four consecutive outings with at least one run allowed
- Struck out seven across two consecutive scoreless appearances on Aug. 7 at Columbus and Aug. 11 vs. Iowa, tossing 3.1 combined innings
- Allowed three inherited runners to score and yielded game-tying hits on Aug. 24 (1) at Iowa in eventual 8-6 (8) win
- Threw season-high 3.0 scoreless innings on Sept. 2 vs. Toledo, facing 11 batters and allowing only two baserunners
- Struck out four batters in 1.2 scoreless innings on Sept. 5 vs. Toledo to extend scoreless streak to season-best 8.1 innings
- Allowed season-high six runs on a season-high six hits—including a grand slam and solo home run—on Sept. 8 at St. Paul
- Yielded go-ahead, three-run double in 12th inning on Sept. 17 vs. Iowa in eventual 6-5 (12) loss
- Allowed four straight batters to reach to begin outing on Sept. 26 vs. Indianapolis, allowing three runs on three hits in 2.0 innings
- Completed season with 2.0 scoreless innings on Oct. 2 at Iowa, striking out three while allowing one hit
- Elected free agency on Nov. 7



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## 41 ÁNDRES NÚÑEZ | RHP 2021: 0-0, 6.35 | 17 G / 1 GS | 0 SV / 0 SVO | 22.2 IP, 23 H, 17 R, 16 ER, 3 HR, 10 BB, 27 K

<b>FIRST APPEARANCE:</b> 7/25 vs. STP	<b>MOST IP:</b> 2.2, 2x, last - 10/1 @ IOW	<b>INHERITED/STRANDED:</b> 9/3 (33%)
<b>LAST APPEARANCE:</b> 10/1 @ IOW	<b>MOST H:</b> 3, 5x, last - 10/1 @ IOW	<b>FIRST BATTER RETIRED (RELIEF):</b> 12/16 (75%)
<b>STARTER:</b> 1 G, 3.38 ERA (1 ER / 2.2 IP)	<b>MOST R:</b> 8, 9/11 @ STP	<b>SAVE OPPORTUNITIES:</b> --
<b>RELIEVER:</b> 16 G, 6.75 ERA (15 ER / 20.0 IP)	<b>MOST BB:</b> 2, 8/10 vs. IOW	<b>PLACED RUNNERS STRANDED:</b> --
<b>TEAM RECORD WHEN PITCHING:</b> 6-11	<b>MOST K:</b> 4, 2x, last - 10/1 @ IOW	<b>ACQUIRED:</b> 29th Round, 2018

- Threw a career-high 74.2 innings, over 20.0 more innings than his previous career best (53.0, 2019), with a career-high 85 strikeouts in a career-high 47 total appearances
- One of 12 pitchers in Minor League Baseball with at least 70.0 innings-pitched and one start or fewer, ranking third among that group with 74.2 total innings
- Began season with Double-A Northwest Arkansas, posting a 3.83 ERA in 40.0 innings across 24 relief appearances with 45 strikeouts and 14 walks before earning promotion to Triple-A Omaha on July 25
- Made Triple-A debut on July 25 vs. St. Paul, allowing three runs on three hits in second inning of outing after 1-2-3 first inning
- Threw season-high 2.2 innings of relief on July 31 at Toledo, facing the minimum and striking out three
- Recorded season-best 7.2-inning scoreless streak from July 25-Aug. 7, a stretch that spanned first six Triple-A outings
- Gave up first Triple-A homer on Aug. 7 at Columbus to snap scoreless streak
- Faced four batters and gave up a run on three hits in 0.2 innings on Aug. 15 vs. Iowa
- Issued a bases-loaded walk to first batter he faced on Aug. 18 vs. Columbus
- Transferred to Double-A Northwest Arkansas on Aug. 21, earning four saves in four opportunities and throwing 12.0 scoreless innings with 13 strikeouts across six appearances before returning to Triple-A Omaha on Sept. 10
- Yielded a career-high eight runs on three hits—including a home run—one walk, and three hit batters in 1.2 innings on Sept. 11 at St. Paul
- Recorded three straight scoreless outings from Sept. 19-Sept. 26 to finish September, combining to throw 3.2 scoreless innings with six strikeouts and two walks
- Made spot start on Oct. 1 at Iowa in final appearance of the season, allowing one run on three hits with four strikeouts and one walk in 2.2 innings in first career start

## 34 JOEL PAYAMPS | RHP 2021: 1-0, 4.50 | 8 G / 0 GS | 2 SV / 3 SVO | 8.0 IP, 10 H, 5 R, 4 ER, 0 HR, 4 BB, 14 K

<b>FIRST APPEARANCE:</b> 7/23 vs. STP	<b>MOST IP:</b> 1.1, 7/28 @ TOL	<b>INHERITED/STRANDED:</b> 0/2 (0%)
<b>LAST APPEARANCE:</b> 8/12 vs. IOW	<b>MOST H:</b> 3, 8/7 @ COL	<b>FIRST BATTER RETIRED (RELIEF):</b> 5/8 (63%)
<b>STARTER:</b> --	<b>MOST R:</b> 3, 8/7 @ COL	<b>SAVE OPPORTUNITIES:</b> 2/3 (66%)
<b>RELIEVER:</b> 8 G, 4.50 ERA (4 ER / 8.0 IP)	<b>MOST BB:</b> 1, 4x, last - 8/12 vs. IOW	<b>PLACED RUNNERS STRANDED:</b> --
<b>TEAM RECORD WHEN PITCHING:</b> 7-1	<b>MOST K:</b> 3, 7/28 @ TOL	<b>ACQUIRED:</b> Trade w/ TOR, 2021

- Began season with Toronto Blue Jays organization before being designated for assignment and traded to Kansas City for cash considerations on July 21 and optioned to Triple-A Omaha
- Posted a 2.70 ERA in 30.0 innings across 27 appearances with Toronto with 22 strikeouts and 11 walks before being optioned to Triple-A Buffalo
- Allowed walk-off home run in the seventh inning to **Salvador Perez** on April 17 (2) at Kauffman Stadium
- Gave up three runs on seven hits—including two home runs—across 4.0 innings with Triple-A Buffalo in four outings from July 4-15
- Earned save in Omaha debut with scoreless inning on July 25 vs. St. Paul
- Yielded game-tying double in eighth inning to blow save before striking out side in ninth to earn win on July 28 at Toledo
- Struck out a pair in a scoreless ninth inning on July 29 at Toledo to earn save
- Allowed two runs on three hits on Aug. 5 at Columbus and three runs (two earned) on three hits on Aug. 7 at Columbus, combining to allowed four runs on six hits in 1.2 innings in back-to-back appearances
- Recalled by Kansas City on Aug. 10, optioned to Triple-A Omaha on Aug. 11, and recalled by Kansas City on Aug. 16
- Made 15 appearances for Kansas City, including one start, posting a 4.43 ERA in 20.1 innings with 16 strikeouts and three walks

## 55 RUBEN RAMIREZ | RHP 2021: 0-0, 24.00 | 3 G / 0 GS | 0 SV / 0 SVO | 3.0 IP, 5 H, 8 R, 8 ER, 0 HR, 5 BB, 5 K

<b>FIRST APPEARANCE:</b> 9/24 vs. IND	<b>MOST IP:</b> 2.0, 10/1 @ IOW	<b>INHERITED/STRANDED:</b> --
<b>LAST APPEARANCE:</b> 10/1 @ IOW	<b>MOST H:</b> 3, 10/1 @ IOW	<b>FIRST BATTER RETIRED (RELIEF):</b> 1/3 (33%)
<b>STARTER:</b> --	<b>MOST R:</b> 5, 9/26 vs. IND	<b>SAVE OPPORTUNITIES:</b> --
<b>RELIEVER:</b> 3 G, 24.00 ERA (3 ER / 2.0 IP)	<b>MOST BB:</b> 3, 10/1 @ IOW	<b>PLACED RUNNERS STRANDED:</b> --
<b>TEAM RECORD WHEN PITCHING:</b> 1-2	<b>MOST K:</b> 3, 10/1 @ IOW	<b>ACQUIRED:</b> MiLB FA, 2021

- Made three appearances, including Triple-A debut, during Triple-A Final Stretch after pitching primarily with ACL Royals and High-A Quad Cities
- Signed with Kansas City as a Minor League free agent on Aug. 10, striking out the side to earn a save in his professional debut on Aug. 14 at Royals Gold
- Earned NAAI Ball Reliever of the Year honors at Point Park University (PA), leading the league with a 1.35 ERA in a league-high 33 appearances
- Prior to signing with Kansas City, made 15 appearances with the Chillicothe Paints of The Prospect League and five appearances with the Billings Mustangs of the Pioneer League
- Struck out two batters in 1-2-3 inning in Triple-A debut on Sept. 24 vs. Indianapolis
- Allowed five runs on two hits with two walks and one hit batter without recording an out on Sept. 26 vs. Indianapolis
- Tossed a season-high 2.0 innings on Oct. 1 at Iowa, allowing three runs on three hits with three walks and three strikeouts

## 56 CARLOS SANABRIA | RHP 2021: 2-0, 5.27 | 18 G / 0 GS | 0 SV / 0 SVO | 27.1 IP, 25 H, 19 R, 16 ER, 1 HR, 18 BB, 29 K

<b>FIRST APPEARANCE:</b> 7/22 vs. STP	<b>MOST IP:</b> 2.2, 9/11 @ STP	<b>INHERITED/STRANDED:</b> 5/9 (56%)
<b>LAST APPEARANCE:</b> 10/1 @ IOW	<b>MOST H:</b> 6, 9/11 @ STP	<b>FIRST BATTER RETIRED (RELIEF):</b> 13/18 (76%)
<b>STARTER:</b> --	<b>MOST R:</b> 5, 9/11 @ STP	<b>SAVE OPPORTUNITIES:</b> --
<b>RELIEVER:</b> 18 G, 5.27 ERA (16 ER / 27.1 IP)	<b>MOST BB:</b> 3, 9/11 (1) vs. TOL	<b>PLACED RUNNERS STRANDED:</b> 1/1 (100%)
<b>TEAM RECORD WHEN PITCHING:</b> 7-11	<b>MOST K:</b> 3, 3x, last - 9/15 vs. IOW	<b>ACQUIRED:</b> MiLB FA, 2020

- Split season between Double-A Northwest Arkansas and Triple-A Omaha, striking out 59 and walking 36 in 58.1 combined innings with a 3.86 ERA in 38 relief appearances
- Did not allow a run in 14 of his 20 outings with the Naturals, posting a 2.61 ERA in 31.0 innings across 20 appearances
- Ranked third in the Royals organization in batting average against (.186) among pitchers with at least 50.0 innings
- Had the fifth-highest walk percentage (14.2%) among Royals pitchers with at least 50.0 innings
- Tossed a 1-2-3 inning in Omaha debut on July 22 vs. St. Paul in part thanks to home run robbery by **Kyle Isbel** and over-the-shoulder catch in shallow centerfield by **Bobby Witt Jr.**
- Entered game in third inning on July 27 at Toledo following six-run inning and recorded final out of the inning on one pitch en route to throwing 2.1 innings of one-run ball
- Placed on Development List on Aug. 13 and activated on Aug. 21
- Earned first Storm Chasers win on Aug. 22 vs. Columbus in return from Development List, throwing 1.1 scoreless innings
- Walked a season-high three batters on Sept. 1 (1) vs. Toledo, allowing four runs on two hits in 1.2 innings
- Gave up a season-high five runs on a season-high six hits in 2.2 innings on Sept. 11 at St. Paul
- Finished season with 3.2 consecutive scoreless innings over final three outings
- Elected free agency on Nov. 7

## 47 MIKE SHAWARYN | RHP 2021: 1-0, 4.63 | 9 G / 0 GS | 0 SV / 1 SVO | 11.2 IP, 6 H, 7 R, 6 ER, 0 HR, 16 BB, 16 K

<b>FIRST APPEARANCE:</b> 5/7 vs. STP	<b>MOST IP:</b> 2.1, 5/13 @ COL	<b>INHERITED/STRANDED:</b> 4/3 (75%)
<b>LAST APPEARANCE:</b> 6/10 @ STP	<b>MOST H:</b> 2, 2x, last - 5/27 vs. IND	<b>FIRST BATTER RETIRED (RELIEF):</b> 4/9 (44%)
<b>STARTER:</b> --	<b>MOST R:</b> 3, 2x, last - 6/4 vs. IOW	<b>SAVE OPPORTUNITIES:</b> 0/1 (0%)
<b>RELIEVER:</b> 9 G, 4.63 ERA (6 ER / 11.2 IP)	<b>MOST BB:</b> 4, 5/7 vs. STP	<b>PLACED RUNNERS STRANDED:</b> --
<b>TEAM RECORD WHEN PITCHING:</b> --	<b>MOST K:</b> 5, 5/8 vs. STP	<b>ACQUIRED:</b> MiLB FA, 2021

- Signed with Kansas City as a Minor League free agent on April 27 after being released by Boston on April 25, making nine appearances with Omaha prior to being released on June 14
- Posted a 2.38 ERA in 11.1 innings across seven appearances in May with 15 strikeouts and 11 walks
- Started Storm Chasers career with five consecutive scoreless appearances, combining for nine strikeouts and seven walks in 8.0 innings
- Issued a career-high (for a relief appearance) four walks on May 7 vs. St. Paul in Omaha and Royals organization debut
- Struck out five batters in 2.0 scoreless innings on May 8 vs. St. Paul
- Earned first Omaha win on May 30 vs. Indianapolis, allowing one unearned run in 2.0 innings with three strikeouts and two walks
- Walked three consecutive batters on June 4 vs. Iowa and was charged with three runs without recording an out, throwing 17 pitches (five strikes)
- Walked two batters and hit one batter on June 10 at St. Paul in scoreless outing
- Threw 34 pitches (12 strikes) over final two appearances, combining to issue five walks, hit one batter, and record one strikeout in 0.1 inning
- Struck out or walked 61% of 59 total batters faced, striking out 16 and walking 16 in 11.2 total innings

## 48 COLLIN SNIDER | RHP 2021: 3-2, 6.30 | 21 G / 0 GS | 0 SV / 0 SVO | 30.0 IP, 39 H, 23 R, 21 ER, 7 HR, 12 BB, 23 K

<b>FIRST APPEARANCE:</b> 5/9 vs. STP	<b>MOST IP:</b> 3.0, 9/14 vs. IOW	<b>INHERITED/STRANDED:</b> 3/8 (38%)
<b>LAST APPEARANCE:</b> 9/25 vs. IND	<b>MOST H:</b> 6, 5/14 @ COL	<b>FIRST BATTER RETIRED (RELIEF):</b> 13/21 (62%)
<b>STARTER:</b> --	<b>MOST R:</b> 7, 5/14 @ COL	<b>SAVE OPPORTUNITIES:</b> --
<b>RELIEVER:</b> 21 G, 6.30 ERA (21 ER / 30.0 IP)	<b>MOST BB:</b> 2, 3x, last - 9/7 @ STP	<b>PLACED RUNNERS STRANDED:</b> --
<b>TEAM RECORD WHEN PITCHING:</b> 13-9	<b>MOST K:</b> 3, 4x, last - 9/23 vs. IND	<b>ACQUIRED:</b> 12th Round, 2017

- Split season between Double-A Northwest Arkansas and Triple-A Omaha, making a career-high 48 appearances with a career-high 64 strikeouts and 26 walks
- Earned save in Double-A debut on May 4 at Arkansas before recording 1-2-3 inning in Triple-A debut on May 9 vs. St. Paul
- Yielded seven runs on six hits—including a go-ahead grand slam—without recording an out on May 14 at Columbus
- Gave up five runs on three hits—including two home runs—on May 20 at Iowa, ultimately allowing five home runs and 12 earned runs across three appearances from May 14-20
- Transferred to Double-A Northwest Arkansas on June 8, posting a 3.15 ERA in 25 appearances before returning to Triple-A Omaha on Aug. 24
- Allowed three-run homer on Aug. 24 (2) at Iowa in return to Storm Chasers
- Tossed 2.0 scoreless innings on Sept. 2 vs. Toledo
- Loaded bases with zero outs in ninth inning on a walk and two singles before allowing walk-off infield single on Sept. 7 at St. Paul
- Threw a season-high 3.0 innings on Sept. 14 vs. Iowa, allowing one run on two hits with three strikeouts and one walk
- Yielded at least one run in four straight outings from Sept. 7-17, combining to allow six runs (five earned) on 13 hits in 7.0 innings
- Finished season with three consecutive scoreless outings, including back-to-back appearances with 2.0 scoreless innings on Sept. 19 vs. Iowa and Sept. 23 vs. Indianapolis
- Added to Royals' 40-man roster on Nov. 19





# PITCHER NOTES

## 32 ANDRÉS SOTILLET | RHP

2021: 2-0, 6.75 | 13 G / 1 GS | 0 SV / 0 SVO | 14.2 IP, 21 H, 15 R, 11 ER, 0 HR, 16 BB, 18 K

**FIRST APPEARANCE:** 5/4 vs. STP  
**LAST APPEARANCE:** 6/30 @ STP  
**STARTER:** 1 G, 27.00 (2 ER / 0.2 IP)  
**RELIEVER:** 12 G, 5.79 (9 ER / 14.0 IP)  
**TEAM RECORD WHEN PITCHING:** 7-6

**MOST IP:** 2.0, 6/19 vs. LOU  
**MOST H:** 4, 2x, last - 6/19 vs. LOU  
**MOST R:** 4, 2x, last - 6/19 vs. LOU  
**MOST BB:** 3, 2x, last - 6/26 @ IOW  
**MOST K:** 3, 6/9 @ STP

**INHERITED/STRANDED:** 8/5 (63%)  
**FIRST BATTER RETIRED (RELIEF):** 7/12 (58%)  
**SAVE OPPORTUNITIES:** --  
**PLACED RUNNERS STRANDED:** 1/1 (100%)  
**ACQUIRED:** Intl. FA, 2015

- Began the season with Omaha before finishing the season with Double-A Northwest Arkansas, tying a career-high with 34 total appearances
- Recorded final three outs in win on Opening Day, striking out two in scoreless inning on May 4 vs. St. Paul
- Stranded bases loaded in 10th inning on May 6 vs. St. Paul, throwing 1.1 scoreless innings in walk-off win
- Issued a season-high three walks on May 8 vs. St. Paul, allowing four runs on two hits in 1.0 inning
- Made spot start on May 13 at Columbus, allowing two runs on four hits in 0.2 innings
- Allowed at least one run in four straight appearances from May 8-20, combining to allow eight runs on 10 hits in 3.1 innings in that span
- Pitched for Team Venezuela in the WBCS Baseball Americas Olympic Qualifying event in Port St. Lucie, Fla., returning to Storm Chasers on June 9
- Began June with four consecutive scoreless appearances from June 9-June 19, combining for 4.2 scoreless innings with six strikeouts and three walks in that span
- Allowed season-high-tying four runs (none earned) on four hits in season-high 2.0 innings on June 19 vs. Louisville
- Struck out looking (did not swing) in first career plate appearance on June 19 vs. Louisville, pinch-hitting for **Ryan O'Hearn** in lone plate appearance by a pitcher for Omaha in 2021
- Transferred to Double-A Northwest Arkansas on July 6, finishing the season with a 4.94 ERA across 31.0 innings in 21 appearances for Naturals

## 35 GABE SPEIER | LHP

2021: 3-0, 2.98 | 45 G / 0 GS | 5 SV / 7 SVO | 45.1 IP, 45 H, 15 R, 15 ER, 5 HR, 9 BB, 57 K

**FIRST APPEARANCE:** 5/6 vs. STP  
**LAST APPEARANCE:** 9/12 @ STP  
**STARTER:** --  
**RELIEVER:** 45 G, 2.98 ERA (15 ER / 45.1 IP)  
**TEAM RECORD WHEN PITCHING:** 30-15

**MOST IP:** 2.0, 2x, last - 7/7 vs. TOL  
**MOST H:** 5, 6/27 @ IOW  
**MOST R:** 2, 3x, last - 8/10 vs. IOW  
**MOST BB:** 2, 2x, last - 6/17 vs. LOU  
**MOST K:** 4, 5/6 vs. STP

**INHERITED/STRANDED:** 23/12 (52%)  
**FIRST BATTER RETIRED (RELIEF):** 31/45 (69%)  
**SAVE OPPORTUNITIES:** 5/7 (71%)  
**PLACED RUNNERS STRANDED:** --  
**ACQUIRED:** Trade w/ ARI, 2018

- Ranked second on the team and tied for seventh in Triple-A East with 45 appearances
- Led team with 12 holds and was second on the team with 14 games finished
- Limited left-handed hitters to a .207 average and .508 OPS, allowing three total extra-base hits to lefties in 97 plate appearances
- Posted a 2.14 ERA in 21.0 innings at home and a 3.70 ERA in 24.1 innings in road contests
- Struck out a season high four batters in 2.0 scoreless innings in season debut on May 6 vs. St. Paul
- Did not allow a hit in eight consecutive appearances from May 9-28, a streak spanning 8.1 innings
- Made a team-high 10 appearances in May, tossing 11.1 scoreless innings with 17 strikeouts and one walk, allowing six total baserunners (3 H, 1 BB, 1 HBP)
- Began season with 14.2-inning scoreless streak from May 6-June 5, allowing 10 total baserunners during stretch with five saves in five opportunities
- Allowed first run of the season on June 8 at St. Paul in 14th appearance of the season, giving up one run on two hits in 0.2 innings
- Gave up first home run of the season on June 24 at Iowa, allowing two runs on four hits in 1.2 innings
- Yielded a season-high five hits on June 27 at Iowa, giving up two runs in 1.1 innings to spike season ERA from 0.98 to 2.53 over final two outings of June
- Threw one pitch and recorded one out on July 1 at St. Paul
- Retired all five batters he faced on July 3 at St. Paul
- Gave up one run on three consecutive two-out singles on July 9 vs. Toledo
- Allowed one run on two hits in 0.2 innings on Aug. 6 at Columbus to raise ERA to 3.00 for first time during season
- Had season-high 3.41 ERA after allowing two runs on two hits—including a three-run homer—on Aug. 10 vs. Iowa in 0.2 innings
- Did not allow a run for seven straight outings from Aug. 11-29, finishing the month of August with 5.1 consecutive scoreless innings with nine strikeouts and one walk
- Allowed game-tying home run to Spencer Torkelson on Sept. 3 vs. Toledo
- Yielded back-to-back baserunners on Sept. 5 vs. Toledo before striking out three straight batters to end inning
- Selected by Kansas City on Sept. 15, allowing one run in 7.2 innings with the Royals across seven appearances with five strikeouts and zero walks
- Became only pitcher in MLB to appear in at least seven games without issuing a walk
- Collected first career pickoff on Sept. 16, erasing 2021 stolen base champion Starling Marte attempting to steal second base

## 34 ANTHONY SWARZAK | RHP

2021: 1-0, 2.89 | 9 G / 0 GS | 4 SV / 4 SVO | 9.1 IP, 7 H, 3 R, 3 ER, 2 HR, 0 BB, 14 K

**FIRST APPEARANCE:** 5/23 @ IOW  
**LAST APPEARANCE:** 6/11 @ STP  
**STARTER:** --  
**RELIEVER:** 9 G, 2.89 ERA (3 ER / 9.1 IP)  
**TEAM RECORD WHEN PITCHING:** 9-0

**MOST IP:** 1.1, 5/27 vs. IND  
**MOST H:** 2, 5/23 @ IOW  
**MOST R:** 2, 5/23 @ IOW  
**MOST BB:** --  
**MOST K:** 3, 2x, last - 6/9 @ STP

**INHERITED/STRANDED:** 2/2 (100%)  
**FIRST BATTER RETIRED (RELIEF):** 8/9 (89%)  
**SAVE OPPORTUNITIES:** 4/4 (100%)  
**PLACED RUNNERS STRANDED:** --  
**ACQUIRED:** MiLB FA, 2021

- Made Omaha debut on May 23 at Iowa after signing with Kansas City as a Minor League free agent on May 14 following being released by Arizona on April 23
- Struck out first two batters he faced in Omaha debut on May 23 at Iowa before allowing a single and two-run homer
- Earned first save with Storm Chasers on May 25 vs. Indianapolis, striking out one batter in a scoreless inning
- Threw an immaculate inning (three consecutive strikeouts on nine pitches, all strikes) to end game on June 3 vs. Iowa, the first immaculate inning to end a game in affiliated baseball (MLB and MiLB) since Milwaukee left-hander Josh Hader ended a game against St. Louis with an immaculate inning on May 30, 2019
- Threw 3.0 consecutive perfect innings across three appearances from June 3-9, striking out six in that span, including striking out the side on June 3 vs. Iowa and June 9 at St. Paul
- Did not allow a run across four appearances in June, earning three saves in three tries with 4.0 scoreless innings, seven strikeouts, zero walks, and one hit allowed
- Selected by Kansas City on June 18, posting a 9.39 ERA across 7.2 innings in nine outings with the Royals
- Designated for assignment on July 17, outrighted off 40-man roster on July 21, and elected free agency on July 22

## 50 DOMINGO TAPIA | RHP

2021: 1-0, 4.50 | 18 G / 0 GS | 2 SV / 2 SVO | 22.0 IP, 20 H, 12 R, 11 ER, 4 HR, 15 BB, 22 K

**FIRST APPEARANCE:** 6/1 vs. IOW  
**LAST APPEARANCE:** 7/21 vs. STP  
**STARTER:** --  
**RELIEVER:** 18 G, 4.50 ERA (11 ER / 22.0 IP)  
**TEAM RECORD WHEN PITCHING:** 13-5

**MOST IP:** 2.0, 3x, last - 7/11 vs. TOL  
**MOST H:** 3, 2x, last - 7/14 @ IND  
**MOST R:** 3, 3x, last - 7/18 @ IND  
**MOST BB:** 3, 2x, last - 7/18 @ IND  
**MOST K:** 3, 2x, last, 7/11 vs. TOL

**INHERITED/STRANDED:** 6/4 (66%)  
**FIRST BATTER RETIRED (RELIEF):** 9/18 (50%)  
**SAVE OPPORTUNITIES:** 2/2 (100%)  
**PLACED RUNNERS STRANDED:** 0/1 (0%)  
**ACQUIRED:** Trade w/ SEA, 2021

- Made Omaha debut on June 1 vs. Iowa after being acquired by Kansas City from Seattle on May 22 in exchange for cash considerations
- Made two relief appearances for Seattle, throwing 2.0 scoreless innings with one strikeout, one walk, and four hits allowed before being designated for assignment on May 17
- Struck out two and walked two in Storm Chasers debut on June 1 vs. Iowa
- Allowed three runs and one home run in back-to-back outings on June 13 at St. Paul and June 15 vs. Louisville
- Tossed 2.0 scoreless innings and struck out three to earn first Omaha win on July 11 vs. Toledo
- Began July with four consecutive scoreless appearances from July 1-11, striking out eight and walking five in a 5.2-inning stretch
- Allowed a season-high-tying three hits on July 14 at Indianapolis, yielding two runs (one earned)
- Gave up grand slam on July 18 at Indianapolis, ultimately being charged for three runs on one hit in 0.2 innings with a season-high-tying three walks and one strikeout
- Tossed 1.2 scoreless innings with one strikeout and zero walks in final outing with Omaha
- Recalled by Kansas City on July 23, posting a 2.84 ERA in 31.2 innings with the Royals across 32 appearances with 25 strikeouts and 14 walks
- Averaged a Royals-best 94.7 mph on his 485 total pitches with Kansas City

## 19 JACE VINES | RHP

2021: 6-4, 4.10 | 44 G / 1 GS | 2 SV / 3 SVO | 68.0 IP, 58 H, 32 R, 31 ER, 2 HR, 35 BB, 67 K

**FIRST APPEARANCE:** 5/5 vs. STP  
**LAST APPEARANCE:** 9/17 vs. IOW  
**STARTER:** 1 G, 4.50 ERA (1 ER / 2.0 IP)  
**RELIEVER:** 43 G, 4.09 ERA (30 ER / 66.0 IP)  
**TEAM RECORD WHEN PITCHING:** 25-19

**MOST IP:** 3.2, 7/8 vs. TOL  
**MOST H:** 4, 2x, last - 7/15 @ IND  
**MOST R:** 4, 8/24 @ IOW  
**MOST BB:** 3, 2x, last - 8/24 @ IOW  
**MOST K:** 3, 5x, last - 9/7 @ STP

**INHERITED/STRANDED:** 19/15 (79%)  
**FIRST BATTER RETIRED (RELIEF):** 31/43 (72%)  
**SAVE OPPORTUNITIES:** 2/3 (66%)  
**PLACED RUNNERS STRANDED:** 0/1 (0%)  
**ACQUIRED:** 4th Round, 2016

- Made a career-high 44 appearances (43 relief) in first season pitching primarily as a reliever, spending the entire season with Omaha
- Threw second-most relief innings among Storm Chasers bullpen (66.0), trailing only **Grant Gavin** (74.1)
- Tied for third with **Jake Newberry** for appearances (44)
- Posted a 2.88 ERA in 34.1 innings at home (20 appearances) while recording a 5.35 ERA in 33.2 innings (24 appearances) in road games
- Made season debut and Triple-A debut on May 5 vs. St. Paul, retiring all six batters he faced in first appearance in 706 days (since May 30, 2019) after season-ending injury in 2019
- Pitched at least 2.0 innings in each of his first four appearances, allowing three runs on five hits in 8.1 innings from May 5-13
- Made spot start on June 13 at St. Paul, allowing one run on one hit in 2.0 innings with two strikeouts and a season-high-tying three walks
- Allowed at least one run in six of eight appearances in June, including four straight outings from June 9-23, to post a 6.23 ERA in 13.0 innings in June
- Tied a season-high with three strikeouts on July 2 at St. Paul in 1.2 scoreless innings
- Threw a season-high 3.2 scoreless innings on July 8 vs. Toledo, allowing two hits
- Began July with four consecutive scoreless outings, striking out six and walking one in an 8.0-inning scoreless streak
- Allowed three runs on four hits in 1.1 innings on July 15 at Indianapolis, the final inning of a rain-shortened game
- Earned first career Triple-A save on July 23 vs. St. Paul despite allowing one run in ninth inning
- Finished July with a 2.55 ERA in a bullpen-high 17.2 innings, earning Omaha Pitcher of the Month honors from Kansas City
- Retired all four batters he faced on Aug. 1 at Toledo
- Forced extra innings on Aug. 3 at Columbus with three strikeouts in scoreless ninth inning
- Allowed first home run of the season on Aug. 10 vs. Iowa after beginning season with 49.0 consecutive homerless innings
- Allowed placed runner to score on Aug. 18 vs. Columbus in 10-inning loss
- Faced four total batters on Aug. 24 (1) at Iowa, walking the first two, hitting the third, and walking the final batter he faced to force in a run
- Finished August with 5.2 consecutive scoreless innings across three appearances, striking out six and walking one in that span
- Earned save on Sept. 10 at St. Paul with two strikeouts in a scoreless ninth inning



# PITCHER NOTES

## 43 ANGEL ZERPA | LHP

2021: 0-1, 20.25 | 1 G / 1 GS | 0 SV / 0 SVO | 11 IP, 2 H, 3 R, 3 ER, 1 HR, 1 BB, 1 K

**FIRST APPEARANCE:** 9/26 vs. IND  
**LAST APPEARANCE:** 9/26 vs. IND  
**STARTER:** 1 G, 20.25 ERA (3 ER / 11 IP)  
**RELIEVER:** --  
**TEAM RECORD WHEN PITCHING:** 0-1

**MOST IP:** 1.1, 9/26 vs. IND  
**MOST H:** 2, 9/26 vs. IND  
**MOST R:** 3, 9/26 vs. IND  
**MOST BB:** 1, 9/26 vs. IND  
**MOST K:** 1, 9/26 vs. IND

**INHERITED/STRANDED:** --  
**FIRST BATTER RETIRED (RELIEF):** --  
**SAVE OPPORTUNITIES:** --  
**PLACED RUNNERS STRANDED:** --  
**ACQUIRED:** Intl. FA, 2016

- Posted fifth-best K:BB (3.86) in Royals organization among pitchers with at least 70.0 innings
- Made Triple-A debut and lone appearance with Omaha on Sept. 26 vs. Indianapolis in final home game of season
- Allowed leadoff home run to Oneil Cruz before retiring final three batters of first inning
- Recorded first Triple-A strikeout to begin second inning before walking two, hitting one batter, and allowing two doubles before exiting game after 11 innings and 34 pitches
- Recalled by Kansas City to make his Major League debut on Sept. 30 vs. Cleveland, allowing two unearned runs on three hits with four strikeouts and one walk in 5.0 innings
- Struck out at least seven batters in seven of his eight starts with High-A Quad Cities to begin the season
- Went 4-0 with a 2.59 ERA in eight starts with the River Bandits, striking out 53 and walking eight in 41.2 innings
- Promoted to Double-A Northwest Arkansas on June 21 and made Double-A debut on June 22 vs. Arkansas, tying season-high with nine strikeouts in 4.2 innings
- Made 13 starts with the Naturals, recording a 5.93 ERA in 45.1 innings with 54 strikeouts and 19 walks
- Posted a 2.25 ERA in September with the Naturals following a 14.09 ERA in June, 5.16 ERA in July, and 6.00 ERA in August

## 58 TYLER ZUBER | RHP

2021: 1-3, 2.83 | 28 G / 0 GS | 8 SV / 9 SVO | 28.2 IP, 15 H, 10 R, 9 ER, 3 HR, 16 BB, 43 K

**FIRST APPEARANCE:** 6/8 @ STP  
**LAST APPEARANCE:** 9/26 vs. IND  
**STARTER:** --  
**RELIEVER:** 28 G, 2.83 ERA (9 ER / 28.2 IP)  
**TEAM RECORD WHEN PITCHING:** --

**MOST IP:** 2.0, 6/13 @ STP  
**MOST H:** 4, 8/6 @ IOW  
**MOST R:** 3, 2x, last - 8/19 vs. COL  
**MOST BB:** 2, 8/3 @ COL  
**MOST K:** 4, 8/26 @ IOW

**INHERITED/STRANDED:** 8/7 (88%)  
**FIRST BATTER RETIRED (RELIEF):** 22/28 (79%)  
**SAVE OPPORTUNITIES:** 8/9 (89%)  
**PLACED RUNNERS STRANDED:** 1/2 (50%)  
**ACQUIRED:** 6th Round, 2017

- Split season between Kansas City and Triple-A Omaha, making 31 appearances with the Royals and 28 appearances with the Storm Chasers
- Recorded a 6.26 ERA in 271 innings with Kansas City across four stints, striking out 25 and walking 17 in 31 appearances
- Began the season with Kansas City, posting a 6.35 ERA in 20 appearances with 16 strikeouts and 15 walks in 17.0 innings prior to being optioned on June 6
- Made Triple-A and Storm Chasers debut on June 8 at St. Paul, allowing three runs on two hits in 1.1 innings
- Struck out two on his 26th birthday in Werner Park debut on June 16 vs. Louisville
- Did not allow a run in four straight appearances from June 13-20 after yielding runs in his first two Omaha outings
- Earned first Triple-A save on June 20 vs. Louisville with scoreless ninth inning
- Got engaged to fiancée Ashton on July 5 at Werner Park, proposing in left field
- Stranded placed runner in 11th inning and earned first Triple-A win on July 14 at Indianapolis
- Pitched four times in six-game span during series at Indianapolis from July 13-18, combining to throw 4.0 scoreless innings, earn one win, earn one save, strike out five and walk one
- Did not allow a run across eight appearances in July, striking out 10 and walking four in 7.2 innings
- Did not allow an earned run at the Triple-A level from from June 23 (1)-Aug. 13, a stretch spanning 13 appearances and 12.0 consecutive innings
- Gave up go-ahead run in ninth inning on Aug. 13 vs. Iowa
- Tossed 1-2-3 ninth inning with two strikeouts to earn save and complete shutout on Aug. 21 vs. Columbus
- Struck out four in 11 innings to earn save on Aug. 26 at Iowa
- Posted a 5.40 ERA in 8.1 innings across nine outing with the Royals from Aug. 29-Sept. 19, striking out six and walking two in that span
- Struck out four across 2.0 scoreless innings in final two appearances with Omaha on Sept. 23 and Sept. 26 vs. Indianapolis

# PITCHING AND DEFENSE, MISCELLANEOUS

## SHUTOUTS BY OMAHA 3

DATE	SCORE	HITS	PITCHER(S)
5/17 vs. IND	3-0	2	J. Kowar, J. Vines, G. Speier, J. Newberry
6/5 vs. IOW	5-0	3	S. Blewett, G. Gavin, J. Newberry, G. Speier
8/21 vs. COL	3-0	4	J. Kowar, D. Coleman, T. Zuber

## SHUTOUTS BY OPPONENTS 6

DATE	SCORE	HITS	PITCHER(S)
5/11 at COL	2-0	4	K. McCarty, R. Broom, A. Gose, DJ Johnson
6/2 vs. IOW	2-0	3	A. Mills, K. Ryan, J. Jewell
7/7 vs. TOL	2-0	4	R. Pinto, A. De Jesus
7/31 @ TOL	3-0	5	M. Leiter Jr., J. Foley, W. Vest
8/8 @ COL	4-0	4	C. Morris, L. Allen
8/15 vs. IOW	10-0	1	K. Thompson, D. Mekkes, D. Maples, M. Swarmer

## GRAND SLAMS ALLOWED 9

GAME	INNING	PITCHER	BATTER	GAME RESULT
5/14 @ COL	7th	Collin Snider	Ryan Lavarnway	L, 10-7
5/20 @ IOW	3rd	Scott Blewett	Jose Lobaton	L, 16-1
5/21 @ IOW	7th	Jake Kalish	Patrick Wisdom	L, 9-8
6/29 @ STP	3rd	Jakob Junis	Jose Miranda	L, 15-4
7/6 vs. TOL	3rd	Scott Blewett	Renato Nuñez	W, 7-5
7/18 @ IND	6th	Domingo Tapia	Bligh Madris	L, 12-5
7/27 @ TOL	3rd	Brandon Barker	Christin Stewart	L, 9-3
9/8 @ STP	7th	Grant Gavin	David Bañuelos	L, 17-3
9/8 @ STP	8th	Jake Newberry	JT Riddle	L, 17-3

## AUTOMATIC BALLS CALLED ON OMAHA PITCHERS 6

DATE	INNING	UMPIRE	PITCHER	BATTER RESULT (COUNT)
5/19 @ IOW	1	Taka Matsuda	Jesse Hahn	Walk (4-1)
5/19 @ IOW	3	Taka Matsuda	Daniel Lynch	Walk (4-0)
5/21 @ IOW	3	Dave Martinez	Ronald Bolaños	Single (2-1)
5/21 @ IOW	6	Dave Martinez	Ronald Bolaños	Walk (4-1)
8/11 vs. IOW	2	Charlie Ramos	Marcelo Martinez	Flyout (1-1)
9/16 vs. IOW	1	Randy Rosenberg	Foster Griffin	Sacrifice bunt (2-0)

## EXTRA-INNING PLACED RUNNER STRANDED 12/19 - 61%

GAME	INNING	PITCHER	PLACED RUNNER	RESULT	GAME RESULT
5/6 vs. STP	10	Jake Newberry	Trevor Larnach	Scored	W, 4-3 (11)
5/6 vs. STP	11	Andrés Sotillet	Drew Maggi	Stranded	W, 4-3 (11)
7/6 vs. TOL	10	Jake Newberry	Cole Peterson	Stranded	W, 7-5 (10)
7/14 @ IND	10	Jake Newberry	Joe Hudson	Stranded	W, 6-5 (12)
7/14 @ IND	11	Tyler Zuber	Fabricio Macias	Stranded	W, 6-5 (12)
7/14 @ IND	12	Domingo Tapia	T.J. Rivera	Scored	W, 6-5 (12)
7/20 vs. STP	10	Grant Gavin	JT Riddle	Scored	L, 6-4 (10)
8/3 @ COL	10	Dylan Coleman	Tyler Krieger	Stranded	W, 11-7 (11)
8/3 @ COL	11	Dylan Coleman	Gabriel Arias	Scored	W, 11-7 (11)
8/6 @ COL	10	Tyler Zuber	Alex Call	Scored	L, 5-4 (10)
8/18 vs. COL	10	Jace Vines	Tyler Krieger (PR)	Scored	L, 7-5 (10)
8/24 (1) @ IOW	8	Dylan Coleman	Greg Deichmann	Stranded	W, 8-6 (8)
8/29 @ IOW	10	Carlos Sanabria	Zach Davis (PR)	Stranded	W, 4-3 (11)
8/29 @ IOW	11	Grant Gavin	Johneshwy Fargas	Stranded	W, 4-3 (11)
9/1 (2) vs. TOL	8	Grant Gavin	Aderlin Rodriguez	Stranded	W, 4-3 (8)
9/12 @ STP	10	Dylan Coleman	David Bañuelos	Stranded	W, 3-2 (10)
9/16 vs. IOW	10	Dylan Coleman	Trent Giambone (PR)	Out at home	L, 6-5 (12)
9/16 vs. IOW	11	Jake Newberry	Abiatel Avelino	Stranded	L, 6-5 (12)
9/16 vs. IOW	12	Jake Newberry	Tyler Ladendorf	Scored	L, 6-5 (12)

## CATCHERS CAUGHT STEALING .231 (24/104)

CATCHER	CAUGHT	ATTEMPTS	PERCENT	LAST CS
Nick Dini	2	17	12%	7/29 @ TOL
Nathan Esposito	0	5	0%	--
Freddy Fermin	2	6	33%	5/13 @ COL
Cam Gallagher	2	5	40%	7/15 @ IND
MJ Melendez	5	20	20%	9/23 vs. IND
Paul Mondesi	0	0	--	--
Sebastian Rivero	10	34	23%	9/7 @ STP (PO)
Meibrys Viloria	3	15	20%	5/23 @ IOW

## DEFENSIVE ERRORS & OUTFIELD ASSISTS BY POSITION

86 E / 29 A / 120 DP (T-2nd) | .981 (T-5th)

CATCHER		FIRST BASE		SECOND BASE		THIRD BASE	
E	PB	E	E	E	E	E	E
Nick Dini	-- 2	Kelvin Gutierrez	--	Gabriel Cancel	4	Gabriel Cancel	1
Nate Esposito	-- --	Travis Jones	--	Angelo Castellano	1	Angelo Castellano	1
Freddy Fermin	3 1	Ryan McBroom	2	Alcides Escobar	2	Hunter Dozier	--
Cam Gallagher	1 --	Nick Pratto	1	Lucius Fox	3	Alcides Escobar	--
MJ Melendez	2 4	Emmanuel Rivera	2	Jimmy Govern	1	Jimmy Govern	--
Sebastian Rivero	2 2	Meibrys Viloria	--	Erick Mejia	2	Kelvin Gutierrez	--
Meibrys Viloria	-- 1			Kevin Merrell	--	Travis Jones	4
						Erick Mejia	3
						MJ Melendez	2
						Emmanuel Rivera	4
SHORSTOP		LEFT FIELD		CENTER FIELD		RIGHT FIELD	
E	A	E	A	E	A	E	A
Angelo Castellano	4	Dairon Blanco	-- 1	Lucius Fox	-- 2	Gabriel Cancel	-- --
Alcides Escobar	2	Kyle Isbel	-- --	Kyle Isbel	2 3	Angelo Castellano	-- 1
Lucius Fox	3	Travis Jones	-- --	Rudy Martin	-- --	Hunter Dozier	-- --
Erick Mejia	1	Rudy Martin	3 5	Erick Mejia	1 --	Kyle Isbel	-- 3
Kevin Merrell	1	Ryan McBroom	1 --	Anderson Miller	-- --	Rudy Martin	-- 1
Adalberto Mondesi	2	Anderson Miller	-- 2	Edward Olivares	1 1	Ryan McBroom	-- 1
Bobby Witt Jr.	4	Edward Olivares	1 --	Bubba Starling	-- --	Erick Mejia	1 2
		Bubba Starling	-- --			Anderson Miller	4 4
						Ryan O'Hearn	-- --
						Edward Olivares	2 1
						Nick Pratto	-- 1
						Bubba Starling	1 1





# BATTER NOTES

## 12 DAIRON BLANCO | OF

2021: 38 G, 148 PA, .252/.329/.412, 21 R, 33 H, 6 2B, 0 3B, 5 HR, 15 RBI, 11 BB, 31 SO, 9 SB, 5 CS

**FIRST APPEARANCE:** 8/18 vs. COL  
**LAST APPEARANCE:** 10/3 @ IOW  
**STARTS (POSITION):** LF (33), RF (1)  
**STARTS (ORDER):** 7 (21), 8 (7), 9 (6)

**LONGEST HIT STREAK:** 6 games, 9/24-10/2  
**LONGEST ON-BASE STREAK:** 10 games, 9/18-10/2  
**MOST H:** 4, 9/25 vs. IND  
**MOST RBI:** 4, 10/1 @ IOW

**HOME:** 23 G, 76 AB, .250/.321/.355, 2 HR  
**ROAD:** 15 G, 55 AB, .255/.339/.491, 3 HR  
**MULTI-HIT GAMES:** 7  
**ACQUIRED:** Trade w/ OAK, 2019

- Split the season between Double-A Northwest Arkansas and Triple-A Omaha, combining to hit .277/.350/.441 with 17 doubles, 14 home runs, and 41 steals
- Ranked 12th in Minor League Baseball and second in the Royals organization with 41 total stolen bases, a career best
- One of 11 players in the Royals organization with 10+ home runs and 10+ steals in 2021
- Made Triple-A debut on Aug. 18 vs. Columbus, hitting a home run in his first Triple-A plate appearance to become the first player in franchise history to homer in his first Omaha at-bat since **Lucas May** on July 31, 2010 at Memphis
- At time of promotion to Triple-A, ranked seventh in Double-A in average (.289), fifth in total hits (84), first in runs scored (62), and first in stolen bases (32)
- Hit .121 (7-for-58) with Northwest Arkansas in May before posting the best average in Double-A from June 1-Aug. 15, hitting .330 (77-for-233) in 60 games
- Hit safely in 21 of 22 games with the Naturals from June 23-July 16, recording hitting streaks of 10 games (June 23-July 2) and 11 games (July 4-16)
- Recorded first multi-hit game at Triple-A level and first Triple-A steal on Aug. 24 (1) at Iowa
- Stole two bases in single inning on Aug. 25 at Iowa
- Drove in a run with bases-loaded hit-by-pitch on Aug. 31 vs. Toledo
- Hit game-winning slash on Sept. 1 (2) vs. Toledo to give Omaha a walk-off win in eighth inning
- Reached base three times and stole two bases on Sept. 3 vs. Toledo
- Stole 40th total base of the season on Sept. 10 at St. Paul
- Was caught stealing in five consecutive attempts from Sept. 15-Sept. 29, the only times he was caught stealing at the Triple-A level
- Threw out Brennen Davis at second base from left field on Sept. 17 vs. Iowa
- Doubled twice and scored three runs on Sept. 18 vs. Iowa
- Homered in back-to-back games on Sept. 29 at Iowa and Oct. 1 at Iowa
- Hit grand slam on Oct. 1 at Iowa for team's seventh home run of the game to tie modern franchise record as part of 3-for-5 performance

## 13 GABRIEL CANCEL | INF/OF

2021: 57 G, 227 PA, .238/.304/.510, 35 R, 49 H, 12 2B, 1 3B, 14 HR, 35 RBI, 20 BB, 68 SO, 12 SB, 2 CS

**FIRST APPEARANCE:** 5/4 vs. STP  
**LAST APPEARANCE:** 10/2 @ IOW  
**STARTS (POSITION):** 2B (35), 3B (14), RF (1), DH (3)  
**STARTS (ORDER):** 3 (6), 5 (7), 6 (26), 7 (9), 8 (3), 9 (2)

**LONGEST HIT STREAK:** 5, games, 6/10-6/18  
**LONGEST ON-BASE STREAK:** 6 games, 3x, last - 5/27-6/2  
**MOST H:** 3, 3x, last - 9/26 vs. IND  
**MOST RBI:** 6, 6/23 (1) @ IOW

**HOME:** 29 G, 103 AB, .243/.310/.553, 9 HR  
**ROAD:** 28 G, 103 AB, .233/.298/.466, 5 HR  
**MULTI-HIT GAMES:** 12  
**ACQUIRED:** 7th Round, 2015

- Spent the entire season with Triple-A Omaha with the exception of a six-game rehab assignment with ACL Royals Blue from Sept. 9-17
- One of 10 players in the Royals organization with 10+ home runs, 10+ doubles, and 10+ steals in 2021, doing so in the fewest total games among that group (63)
- Homered in Triple-A debut on May 4 vs. St. Paul, hitting the fourth of the team's four home runs in win over the Saints
- Stole third as placed runner in 11th inning on May 6 vs. St. Paul, later scoring the winning run on walk-off single by **Kevin Merrell**
- Drew two-out, 12-pitch walk against MLB rehabber Shelby Miller on May 21 at Iowa
- Hit third of back-to-back-to-back home runs with **Anderson Miller** and **Sebastian Rivero** on May 21 at Iowa
- Went 8-for-21 (.381) with four home runs during six-game series vs. Indianapolis from May 25-30, including two-homer game on May 28 vs. Indianapolis
- Recorded second multi-homer game of the season on June 6 vs. Iowa, going 2-for-4 with two home runs, four RBIs, and two runs scored
- Established season-high with three hits on June 13 at St. Paul, including a home run
- Went 3-for-4 with a two-run homer, two-run triple, and two-run double on June 23 (1) at Iowa to record a career-high six RBIs in a single game
- Drove in four in 2-for-5 game on June 26 at Iowa to finish series from June 23-27 at Iowa with 10 RBIs in six games
- Hit third in the lineup for first time on June 29 at St. Paul, going 3-for-5 with a double and a home run
- Stole at least one base in four consecutive games from July 1-4 without being caught, including two steals on July 4 at St. Paul, to record five steals in four-game span
- Scored winning run as placed runner on July 6 vs. Toledo, scoring on walk-off, two-run homer by **Anderson Miller** in 10th inning
- Placed on Injured List with left oblique injury on July 14
- Went 6-for-18 (.333) in six games with ACL Royals Blue on rehab assignment from Sept. 9-17, hitting safely in each of his first five games
- Returned to the Storm Chasers on Sept. 19 vs. Iowa and went 0-for-3 with two walks
- Homered in first game of Triple-A Final Stretch on Sept. 22 vs. Indianapolis
- Made first career start in right field on Sept. 24 vs. Indianapolis
- Hit two doubles as part of three-hit game on Sept. 26 vs. Indianapolis

## 44 ANGELO CASTELLANO | INF/OF

2021: 80 G, 284 PA, .226/.289/.349, 29 R, 57 H, 7 2B, 0 3B, 8 HR, 32 RBI, 20 BB, 63 SO, 8 SB, 2 CS

**FIRST APPEARANCE:** 5/30 vs. IND  
**LAST APPEARANCE:** 10/2 @ IOW  
**STARTS (POSITION):** 2B (43), 3B (12), SS (14), RF (1)  
**STARTS (ORDER):** 6 (1), 7 (4), 8 (26), 9 (39)

**LONGEST HIT STREAK:** 9 games, June 6/3-6/15  
**LONGEST ON-BASE STREAK:** 10 games, 6/20-7/7  
**MOST H:** 3, 3x, last - 9/24 vs. IND  
**MOST RBI:** 4, 4x, last - 9/25 vs. IND

**HOME:** 37 G, 124 AB, .202/.231/.315, 4 HR  
**ROAD:** 43 G, 128 AB, .250/.340/.383, 4 HR  
**MULTI-HIT GAMES:** 10  
**ACQUIRED:** Intl. FA, 2011

- Began season with Double-A Northwest Arkansas before playing the final five months of the season with Triple-A Omaha, hitting a career-best nine total home runs
- Hit three of the Storm Chasers' nine grand slams, including two in a seven-day span from Sept. 18-25
- Played 14 games for the Naturals to begin the season, batting .267 (12-for-45) with one home run
- Made Triple-A debut on May 30 vs. Indianapolis, going 0-for-4 with two strikeouts
- Collected first Triple-A hit on June 3 vs. Iowa, a single
- Went 2-for-4 with a double on June 11 at St. Paul to record first extra-base hit and first multi-hit game at Triple-A level
- Hit first career Triple-A homer on June 13 at St. Paul
- Hit .344 (11-for-32) during a season-best nine-game hitting streak from June 3-15
- Hit .308 (8-for-26) with a .367 on-base percentage during season-best 10-game on-base streak from June 20-July 7
- Made diving stop at second base to end ninth inning on July 14 at Indianapolis to force extra innings in eventual 12-inning win
- Hit go-ahead grand slam on July 29 at Toledo as part of five-run fifth inning, going 3-for-4 with a season-high-tying four RBIs
- Hit sixth in the lineup for only time on July 30 at Toledo
- Went 3-for-3 with a walk on Aug. 1 at Toledo to record second three-hit game of the series
- Broke up no-hitter in ninth inning with leadoff double on Aug. 15 vs. Iowa, the team's lone hit in the game
- Made first career start in right field and threw out Brennen Davis at the plate on Sept. 18 vs. Iowa while also going 2-for-4 with a grand slam as part of a five-run seventh inning
- Went 3-for-4 with a three-run homer on Sept. 24 vs. Indianapolis
- Homered in back-to-back games on Sept. 24 and Sept. 25 vs. Indianapolis, hitting third grand slam of the season on Sept. 25 vs. Indianapolis
- Hit two-run homer on Oct. 1 at Iowa as part of team's seven-homer output
- Finished season on five-game hitting streak from Sept. 24-Oct. 2, batting .381 (8-for-21) with three home runs and eight RBIs

## 8 NICK DINI | C

2021: 26 G, 98 PA, .303/.357/.494, 10 R, 27 H, 5 2B, 0 3B, 4 HR, 16 RBI, 5 BB, 18 SO, 1 SB, 0 CS

**FIRST APPEARANCE:** 6/19 vs. LOU  
**LAST APPEARANCE:** 10/3 @ IOW  
**STARTS (POSITION):** C (22), DH (3)  
**STARTS (ORDER):** 4 (1), 6 (7), 7 (2), 8 (13), 9 (2)

**LONGEST HIT STREAK:** 6 games, 2x, last - 8/5-9/8  
**LONGEST ON-BASE STREAK:** 10 games, 8/5-10/1  
**MOST H:** 3, 2x, last - 8/7 @ COL  
**MOST RBI:** 3, 10/1 @ IOW

**HOME:** 7 G, 21 AB, .333/.375/.381, 0 HR  
**ROAD:** 19 G, 68 AB, .294/.351/.529, 4 HR  
**MULTI-HIT GAMES:** 8  
**ACQUIRED:** 14th Round, 2015

- Began the season on the Injured List with a back injury before joining Triple-A Omaha in mid-June and finishing the season with the Storm Chasers
- Pinch-hit in first at-bat of the season on June 19 vs. Louisville, striking out swinging before catching final three innings
- Made first start of the season on June 20 vs. Louisville, going 2-for-4
- Hit safely in six straight games from June 24-July 6, batting .435 (10-for-23) with two doubles
- Hit bases-loaded, two-run double on July 29 at Toledo
- Smacked two-run homer off former Storm Chasers teammate **Heath Fillmyer** on Aug. 5 at Columbus for first home run of the season
- Homered in three straight games from Aug. 5-7 at Columbus, including going 3-for-5 with a home run and two runs scored on Aug. 7 at Columbus
- Did not play from Aug. 8-Sept. 4, returning to lineup on Sept. 5 vs. Toledo and going 2-for-3
- Went 2-for-4 on Sept. 8 to cap season-long-tying six-game hitting streak from Aug. 5-Sept. 8, batting .435 (10-for-23) with three home runs in that span
- Homered on Oct. 1 at Iowa as part of team's seven-homer output and drove in season-high three runs

## 2 ALCIDES ESCOBAR | INF

2021: 35 G, 133 PA, .274/.311/.452, 23 R, 34 H, 7 2B, 0 3B, 5 HR, 16 RBI, 6 BB, 29 SO, 2 SB, 0 CS

**FIRST APPEARANCE:** 5/9 vs. STP  
**LAST APPEARANCE:** 7/1 @ STP  
**STARTS (POSITION):** 2B (8), SS (24), 3B (2), DH (1)  
**STARTS (ORDER):** 1 (3), 2 (3), 7 (2), 8 (12), 9 (15)

**LONGEST HIT STREAK:** 9 games, 6/4-6/16  
**LONGEST ON-BASE STREAK:** 9 games, 6/4-6/16  
**MOST H:** 4, 5/26 vs. IND  
**MOST RBI:** 4, 5/26 vs. IND

**HOME:** 17 G, 60 AB, .350/.365/.617, 4 HR  
**ROAD:** 18 G, 64 AB, .203/.261/.297  
**MULTI-HIT GAMES:** 7  
**ACQUIRED:** MiLB FA, 2021

- Signed with Kansas City as a Minor League free agent on May 4, rejoining Royals organization for the first time since 2018
- Upon his Omaha debut on May 9 vs. St. Paul, became 17th member of the Royals 2015 World Series roster to play for Omaha
- Began tenure with Storm Chasers batting .087 (2-for-23) over first eight games from May 9-25
- Tied a career-high with four RBIs on May 26 vs. Indianapolis, going 4-for-4 with a homer
- Hit safely in seven straight at-bats between May 26 and May 27 vs. Indianapolis, going 7-for-7 with two doubles and one home run in that span
- Went 14-for-21 (.667) with four multi-hit games during six-game hitting streak from May 26-June 2
- Hit safely in season-best nine straight games from June 4-16, batting .324 (12-for-37) with three doubles, three home runs, and seven RBIs in that span
- Hit back-to-back home runs with **Angelo Castellano** on June 13 at St. Paul
- Hit two home runs on June 15 vs. Louisville in 2-for-4 performance, recording his second career multi-homer game (MLB and MiLB) and first since July 14, 2012 vs. Chicago (AL)
- Was traded to Washington in exchange for cash considerations on July 3
- Played 75 games with Washington, batting .288/.340/.404 with 21 doubles and four home runs
- Eclipsed 10 years of Major League service time as of Sept. 29



# BATTER NOTES

## 16 NATE ESPOSITO | C 2021: 15 G, 29 PA, .200/.310/.360, 2 R, 5 H, 1 2B, 0 3B, 1 HR, 2 RBI, 2 BB, 12 SO, 0 SB, 1 CS

<b>FIRST APPEARANCE:</b> 5/14 @ COL	<b>LONGEST HIT STREAK:</b> 2 games, 9/11-9/16	<b>HOME:</b> 7 G, 9 AB, .333/.455/.667, 1 HR
<b>LAST APPEARANCE:</b> 10/3 @ IOW	<b>LONGEST ON-BASE STREAK:</b> 2 games, 9/11-9/16	<b>ROAD:</b> 8 G, 16 AB, .125/.222/.188, 0 HR
<b>STARTS (POSITION):</b> C (4)	<b>MOST H:</b> 2, 9/16 vs. IOW	<b>MULTI-HIT GAMES:</b> 1
<b>STARTS (ORDER):</b> 9 (4)	<b>MOST RBI:</b> 2, 9/16 vs. IOW	<b>ACQUIRED:</b> 33rd Round, 2015

- Spent the entire season with Triple-A Omaha with exception of one-day assignment to Double-A Northwest Arkansas, serving primarily as bullpen catcher
- Made first appearance of the season as a pitcher on May 14 at Columbus, recording the final three outs of a seven-run inning in second career pitching appearance
- Pinch-hit for **Meibrys Viloria** on June 10 at St. Paul in ninth inning and struck out swinging in first plate appearance of the season
- Celebrated his 28th birthday and made first start of the season on June 25 at Iowa
- Recorded first hit of the season on July 8 vs. Toledo, a pinch-hit single, after beginning the year 0-for-9
- Made second pitching appearance of the season on Sept. 8 at St. Paul in 14-run game, striking out Mark Contreras looking for second out of the inning
- Homered off left-field foul pole and hit RBI single in 2-for-4 game on Sept. 16 vs. Iowa, hitting first home run since July 15, 2019 vs. New Orleans

## 44 FREDDY FERMIN | C 2021: 4 G, 16 PA, .231/.333/.308, 4 R, 3 H, 1 2B, 0 3B, 0 HR, 2 RBI, 2 BB, 6 SO, 0 SB, 0 CS

<b>FIRST APPEARANCE:</b> 5/5 vs. STP	<b>LONGEST HIT STREAK:</b> 2 games, 5/13-5/16	<b>HOME:</b> 2 G, 6 AB, .000/.250/.000, 0 HR
<b>LAST APPEARANCE:</b> 5/16 @ COL	<b>LONGEST ON-BASE STREAK:</b> 3 games, 5/8-5/16	<b>ROAD:</b> 2 G, 7 AB, .429/.429/.571, 0 HR
<b>STARTS (POSITION):</b> C (4)	<b>MOST H:</b> 2, 5/16 @ COL	<b>MULTI-HIT GAMES:</b> 1
<b>STARTS (ORDER):</b> 9 (4)	<b>MOST RBI:</b> 1, 2x, last - 5/13 @ COL	<b>ACQUIRED:</b> Intl. FA, 2015

- Played four games with Triple-A Omaha before spending the rest of the season with Double-A Northwest Arkansas
- Made Triple-A debut on May 5 vs. St. Paul and collected first Triple-A hit on May 13 at Columbus
- Went 2-for-4 with a double and two runs scored on May 16 at Columbus on 26th birthday
- Played 73 games for the Naturals, batting .279/.356/.446 with 13 doubles, 10 home runs, and 45 RBIs

## 1 LUCIUS FOX | INF/OF 2021: 57 G, 252 PA, .242/.347/.363, 41 R, 52 H, 14 2B, 0 3B, 4 HR, 21 RBI, 33 BB, 61 SO, 19 SB, 2 CS

<b>FIRST APPEARANCE:</b> 5/12 @ COL	<b>LONGEST HIT STREAK:</b> 10 games, 9/17-10/3	<b>HOME:</b> 30 G, 120 AB, .258/.346/.367, 2 HR
<b>LAST APPEARANCE:</b> 10/3 @ IOW	<b>LONGEST ON-BASE STREAK:</b> 10 games, 9/17-10/3	<b>ROAD:</b> 27 G, 95 AB, .221/.348/.358, 2 HR
<b>STARTS (POSITION):</b> 2B (32), SS (15), CF (6), DH (2)	<b>MOST H:</b> 3, 3x, last, 9/29 @ IOW	<b>MULTI-HIT GAMES:</b> 12
<b>STARTS (ORDER):</b> 1 (31), 2 (8), 5 (2), 6 (7), 7 (7)	<b>MOST RBI:</b> 3, 9/26 vs. IND	<b>ACQUIRED:</b> Trade w/ TBR, 2020

- Spent the entire season with Triple-A Omaha with the exception of a four-game rehab assignment with ACL Royals from June 28-July 2 and one-day stint on Kansas City roster on July 30
- Made Omaha and Royals organization debut on May 12 at Columbus, going 0-for-2 with a walk
- Exited game on May 22 at Iowa after stealing second base and was subsequently placed on the Injured List with a hamstring injury
- Went 4-for-13 (.308) in four games with ACL Royals Gold/Blue on a rehab assignment before returning to the Storm Chasers on July 7
- Drove in tying run in ninth inning and scored go-ahead run in 12th inning on July 14 at Indianapolis in 12-inning win
- Tied a career-high with three stolen bases on July 18 at Indianapolis
- Snapped an 0-for-18 slide from July 17-23 with 1-for-2 game on July 23 vs. St. Paul
- Was recalled by Kansas City on July 30 at Toronto and active, but did not appear in the game and was optioned to Triple-A Omaha on July 31
- Tied career-high with three stolen bases on Aug. 14 vs. Iowa
- Finished August with three multi-hit games in a four-game span from Aug. 20-31
- Hit first career Triple-A home run on Sept. 2 vs. Toledo, a leadoff home run in the bottom of the first inning
- Played outfield for the first time in his career on Sept. 14 vs. Iowa, starting in centerfield
- Hit first-pitch, leadoff home run in the bottom of the first inning on Sept. 19 vs. Iowa, going 2-for-4 with a double, home run, and two RBIs
- Went 3-for-5 with a season-high three RBIs on Sept. 26 vs. Indianapolis
- Recorded second straight three-hit game on Sept. 29 vs. Indianapolis, going 3-for-5 and finishing a triple shy of the cycle
- Doubled in four consecutive games from Sept. 23-29
- Hit .308/.372/.526 in 19 games in September after batting .195/.320/.234 in first 36 games played of the season from May-August
- Hit a leadoff home run and scored a season-high four runs on Oct. 1 at Iowa, going 2-for-5 in the Storm Chasers' 22-4 win
- Finished the season on a season-best 10-game hitting streak, batting .409 (18-for-44) with six doubles and three home runs in that span
- Claimed off waivers by Baltimore on Nov. 19

## 4 JIMMY GOVERN | INF 2021: 7 G, 27 PA, .269/.296/.462, 1 R, 7 H, 2 2B, 0 3B, 1 HR, 3 RBI, 1 BB, 3 SO, 1 SB, 0 CS

<b>FIRST APPEARANCE:</b> 7/14 @ IND	<b>LONGEST HIT STREAK:</b> 5 games, 7/14-7/18	<b>HOME:</b> --
<b>LAST APPEARANCE:</b> 8/1 @ TOL	<b>LONGEST ON-BASE STREAK:</b> 5 games, 7/14-7/18	<b>ROAD:</b> 7 G, 26 AB, .269/.296/.462, 1 HR
<b>STARTS (POSITION):</b> 2B (2), 3B (5)	<b>MOST H:</b> 3, 7/14 @ IND	<b>MULTI-HIT GAMES:</b> 1
<b>STARTS (ORDER):</b> 2 (1), 6 (5), 7 (1)	<b>MOST RBI:</b> 2, 7/14 @ IND	<b>ACQUIRED:</b> 30th Round, 2019

- Joined Triple-A Omaha during six-game series at Indianapolis from July 14-18 and returned to team for second stint during series at Toledo from July 27-Aug. 1
- Spent most of the season with High-A Quad Cities and Double-A Northwest Arkansas, combining to hit .265/.321/.442 with 23 doubles, 11 home runs, and 53 RBIs between three levels
- Went 3-for-5 with a home run and two RBIs in 2021 Triple-A debut on July 14 at Indianapolis, his third straight Triple-A game with a home run (Sept. 1, 2019 - Sept. 2, 2019 - July 14, 2021)
- Hit safely in five games played with the Storm Chasers from July 14-18, batting .389 (7-for-18) with two doubles and one home run
- Went 0-for-8 in two games with the Storm Chasers on July 31 and Aug. 1 at Toledo before returning to Double-A Northwest Arkansas to complete the season

## 4 KELVIN GUTIERREZ | INF 2021: 9 G, 38 PA, .306/.342/.444, 1 R, 11 H, 3 2B, 1 3B, 0 HR, 4 RBI, 2 BB, 7 SO, 0 SB, 1 CS

<b>FIRST APPEARANCE:</b> 5/4 vs. STP	<b>LONGEST HIT STREAK:</b> 4 games, 5/4-5/7	<b>HOME:</b> 6 G, 26 AB, .385/.385/.577, 0 HR
<b>LAST APPEARANCE:</b> 5/13 @ COL	<b>LONGEST ON-BASE STREAK:</b> 4 games, 5/4-5/7	<b>ROAD:</b> 3 G, 10 AB, .100/.250/.100
<b>STARTS (POSITION):</b> 1B (4), 3B (3), DH (2)	<b>MOST H:</b> 3, 5/9 vs. STP	<b>MULTI-HIT GAMES:</b> 4
<b>STARTS (ORDER):</b> 5 (9)	<b>MOST RBI:</b> 2, 5/9 vs. STP	<b>ACQUIRED:</b> Trade w/ WSH, 2018

- Began season with Triple-A Omaha before being recalled by Kansas City, finishing the season by splitting time between Baltimore and Triple-A Norfolk following a trade
- Went 2-for-4 with a double and a triple on Opening Day on May 4 vs. St. Paul
- Recorded four multi-hit games through first six games of the season, batting .385 (10-for-26) with three doubles and one triple in season-opening series from May 4-9 vs. St. Paul
- Recalled by Kansas City on May 14, ultimately batting .215/.254/.296 in 38 games with the Royals with four doubles, one triple, and one home run
- Designated for assignment on June 28 and traded to Baltimore in exchange for cash considerations on July 3
- Hit .248/.327/.336 in 47 games with Baltimore and hit .233/.266/.411 in 25 games with Triple-A Norfolk

## 3 KYLE ISBEL | OF 2021: 105 G, 451 PA, .269/.357/.444, 62 R, 106 H, 18 2B, 3 3B, 15 HR, 55 RBI, 45 BB, 91 SO, 22 SB, 5 CS

<b>FIRST APPEARANCE:</b> 5/4 vs. STP	<b>LONGEST HIT STREAK:</b> 14 games, 7/11-7/28	<b>HOME:</b> 54 G, 200 AB, .300/.374/.490, 10 HR
<b>LAST APPEARANCE:</b> 9/11 @ STP	<b>LONGEST ON-BASE STREAK:</b> 17 games, 7/11-7/31	<b>ROAD:</b> 51 G, 194 AB, .237/.339/.397, 5 HR
<b>STARTS (POSITION):</b> LF (18), CF (55), RF (26), DH (5)	<b>MOST H:</b> 3, 4x, last - 8/38 @ IOW	<b>MULTI-HIT GAMES:</b> 26
<b>STARTS (ORDER):</b> 1 (13), 2 (23), 3 (8), 5 (33), 6 (23), 7 (4)	<b>MOST RBI:</b> 4, 2x, last - 8/22 vs. COL	<b>ACQUIRED:</b> 3rd Round, 2018

- Began the season with Kansas City before spending the majority of the year with Triple-A Omaha and finishing the season with the Royals
- Set career-bests in games played (105), runs scored (62), hits (106), home runs (15), RBIs (55), and walks (45)
- Named a Royals Organizational All-Star as an outfielder by MiLB.com as one of two outfielders in Triple-A East with 15+ home runs (15) and 20+ stolen bases (22)
- Ranked second on the team in games played (105) while leading the team with 22 stolen bases, a mark that ranked 12th in Triple-A East
- Recorded five games with at least one home run and at least one stolen bases (May 25 vs. Indianapolis, June 23 (2) at Iowa, July 17 at Indianapolis, Aug. 14 vs. Iowa, Aug. 29 at Iowa)
- Entered 2021 as the No. 6 prospect and "Best Hitter for Average" in the Royals organization according to *Baseball America*
- Was Kansas City's Opening Day right fielder on April 1 vs. Texas, going 3-for-5 with two RBIs
- Hit .295 (9-for-34) with one triple and three RBIs in 12 games with the Royals before joining the Storm Chasers in time for Minor League Opening Day on May 4 vs. St. Paul
- Made Triple-A debut on May 4 vs. St. Paul and hit safely in first six games, batting .385 (10-for-26) in that span
- Hit first career Triple-A home run on May 25 vs. Indianapolis while also stealing two bases
- Delivered walk-off single in ninth inning on May 27 vs. Indianapolis
- Set season high with three hits in 3-for-5 game on May 29 vs. Indianapolis while also stealing two bases
- Robbed Iowa Cubs outfielder Trayce Thompson of a home run in centerfield on June 6 vs. Iowa, the first of three home run robberies in 2021
- Homered in back-to-back games on June 16 and 17 vs. Louisville
- Hit fifth in lineup for first time in 2021 on June 29 at St. Paul, going 2-for-5
- Recorded a .396 on-base percentage during 11-game on-base streak from June 16-29
- Hit .228/.322/.361 with five home runs and a 48:12 strikeout-to-walk ratio in first 45 games of the season from May 4-June 30
- Robbed home run from Keon Broxton in fifth inning on July 4 at St. Paul and hit go-ahead, three-run homer in sixth inning
- Went 2-for-2 with a home run, season-high four RBIs, two walks, and one stolen base on July 18 at Indianapolis
- Stole one base in three consecutive games from July 18-21 to begin season with 16 consecutive successful stolen base attempts
- Robbed Brent Rooker of potential game-tying home run in eighth inning on July 22 vs. St. Paul
- Recorded season-best 14-game hit streak from July 11-28, hitting .400/.526/.689 with seven doubles, two home runs, and 10 RBIs
- Posted a .493 on-base percentage during season-best 17-game on-base streak from July 11-31 with 15 walks and 10 strikeouts in that span
- Scored season-high three runs in 2-for-4 game on Aug. 7 at Columbus
- Hit leadoff in lineup with **Bobby Witt Jr.**, **Nick Pratto**, and **MJ Melendez** on Aug. 11 vs. Iowa, the first-ever game those four players were in the same lineup
- Smacked 10th home run of the season, a three-run home run, and tied a season-high with four RBIs on Aug. 22 vs. Columbus in 2-for-4 game
- Tied game with leadoff solo home run in ninth inning on Aug. 29 at Iowa to homer for the second straight game
- Recorded back-to-back three-hit games on Aug. 28 and 29 at Iowa
- Hit go-ahead, two-run homer in eighth inning on Sept. 3 vs. Toledo and go-ahead, solo homer in fourth inning on Sept. 4 vs. Toledo
- Homered in three straight games from Sept. 3-5 vs. Toledo
- Recalled by Kansas City on Sept. 12, batting .286/.362/.524 with five doubles, one triple, and one home run in 16 games to finish the season





# BATTER NOTES

## 45 TRAVIS JONES | INF/OF

2021: 35 G, 92 PA, .200/.348/.293, 14 R, 15 H, 1 2B, 0 3B, 2 HR, 5 RBI, 14 BB, 27 SO, 1 SB, 1 CS

<b>FIRST APPEARANCE:</b> 7/3 at STP	<b>LONGEST HIT STREAK:</b> 3 games, 9/8-9/12	<b>HOME:</b> 14 G, 29 AB, .241/.333/.483, 2 HR
<b>LAST APPEARANCE:</b> 10/1 @ IOW	<b>LONGEST ON-BASE STREAK:</b> 5 games, 7/30-8/10	<b>ROAD:</b> 21 G, 46 AB, .174/.356/.174, 0 HR
<b>STARTS (POSITION):</b> 1B (6), 3B (14)	<b>MOST H:</b> 3, 9/19 vs. IOW	<b>MULTI-HIT GAMES:</b> 2
<b>STARTS (ORDER):</b> 7 (3), 9 (17)	<b>MOST RBI:</b> 2, 9/19 vs. IOW	<b>ACQUIRED:</b> 29th Round, 2017

- Appeared in 35 games with Triple-A Omaha, including 20 starts, after beginning the season with Double-A Northwest Arkansas
- Hit .225/.363/.367 in 37 games with the Naturals, collecting four doubles, two triples, and three home runs
- Reached base six times on June 29 at Springfield, going 2-for-2 with four walks, becoming the fourth player in Northwest Arkansas history to reach base six times in one game
- Made Triple-A debut on July 3 at St. Paul, going 0-for-3 with a strikeout
- Had two hits, including first career Triple-A hit, on July 8 vs. Toledo
- Recorded first extra-base hit and RBI at Triple-A level on July 25 vs. St. Paul with an RBI double in the eighth inning
- Scored go-ahead run as pinch-runner and placed runner in 11th inning on Aug. 3 at Columbus
- Scored two runs and went 1-for-3 with an RBI single on Aug. 7 at Columbus
- Hit first two career Triple-A home runs on Sept. 19 vs. Iowa in 3-for-5 performance
- Released on Oct. 13

## 0 RUDY MARTIN | OF

2021: 46 G, 176 PA, .223/.333/.385, 23 R, 33 H, 4 2B, 1 3B, 6 HR, 20 RBI, 24 BB, 60 SO, 11 SB, 0 CS

<b>FIRST APPEARANCE:</b> 7/1 @ STP	<b>LONGEST HIT STREAK:</b> 4 games, 7/4-7/11	<b>HOME:</b> 20 G, 64 AB, .219/.320/.328, 2 HR
<b>LAST APPEARANCE:</b> 9/11 @ STP	<b>LONGEST ON-BASE STREAK:</b> 10 games, 7/22-8/7	<b>ROAD:</b> 26 G, 84 AB, .226/.343/.429, 4 HR
<b>STARTS (POSITION):</b> LF (26), CF (1), RF (13)	<b>MOST H:</b> 4, 7/4 @ STP	<b>MULTI-HIT GAMES:</b> 9
<b>STARTS (ORDER):</b> 1 (14), 2 (4), 8 (2), 9 (20)	<b>MOST RBI:</b> 3, 2x, last - 8/27 @ IOW	<b>ACQUIRED:</b> 25th Round, 2014

- Split season between Double-A Northwest Arkansas and Triple-A Omaha, setting career-bests in hits (74), home runs (11), RBIs (51), walks (52) in 89 total games
- One of 10 players in the Royals organization with 10+ home runs, 10+ doubles and 10+ steals in 2021
- Ranked 10th in the Royals organization with 22 total stolen bases and recorded the most steals (11) of any Storm Chaser without being caught
- Began season with the Naturals, batting .318/.450/.448 with five home runs and 10 steals in 43 games
- Hit first career grand slam in Naturals' home opener on May 11 vs. Tulsa
- Tied a career-high with five RBIs on May 30 vs. San Antonio
- Led Double-A Central in on-base percentage (.450) at time of his promotion to Triple-A Omaha while ranking fifth in batting average (.318)
- Made 2021 Triple-A debut on July 1 at St. Paul, doubling off Major League rehabber Michael Pineda in first at-bat and going 2-for-4 with a stolen base
- Went 4-for-5 with a game-tying homer on July 4 at St. Paul
- Reached base in seven consecutive plate appearances between July 4-6
- Made diving catch and turned a double play on July 20 vs. St. Paul while also going 3-for-4 with a bunt single
- Hit .500 (10-for-20) with a .630 on-base percentage during seven-game on-base streak from July 4-11
- Drew three walks, including a bases-loaded walk, on July 25 vs. St. Paul
- Hit leadoff home run on second pitch of the game on Aug. 4 at Columbus to set new career high with seventh total home run of the season
- Went 2-for-3 with a home run and three RBIs in return from Temporary Inactive List on Aug. 17 vs. Columbus
- Hit leadoff homer on the first pitch of the game on Aug. 24 (2) at Iowa for his fifth Triple-A homer and 10th total homer in 2021
- Went 3-for-4 with two RBIs, one walk, one stolen base, and two runs scored on Aug. 25 at Iowa while also throwing out a runner at second base from right field
- Made diving catch to rob Spencer Torkelson of a hit on Aug. 31 vs. Toledo
- Made lone start in centerfield on Sept. 1 (2) vs. Toledo
- Made diving catch in right-center field to rob Riley Greene of a hit on Sept. 4 vs. Toledo
- Excited game after sliding catch attempt on Sept. 11 at St. Paul and was subsequently placed on the Injured List on Sept. 14
- Elected free agency on Nov. 7

## 9 RYAN McBROOM | 1B / OF

2021: 115 G, 489 PA, .261/.337/.524, 78 R, 113 H, 14 2B, 2 3B, 32 HR, 88 RBI, 47 BB, 109 SO, 3 SB, 1 CS

<b>FIRST APPEARANCE:</b> 5/4 vs. STP	<b>LONGEST HIT STREAK:</b> 8 games, 7/4-7/14	<b>HOME:</b> 58 G, 208 AB, .279/.360/.548, 15 HR
<b>LAST APPEARANCE:</b> 9/29 @ IOW	<b>LONGEST ON-BASE STREAK:</b> 24 games, 8/21-9/19	<b>ROAD:</b> 57 G, 225 AB, .244/.316/.502, 17 HR
<b>STARTS (POSITION):</b> 1B (47), LF (8), RF (10), DH (50)	<b>MOST H:</b> 3, 4x, last - 7/9 vs. TOL	<b>MULTI-HIT GAMES:</b> 33
<b>STARTS (ORDER):</b> 4 (98), 5 (17)	<b>MOST RBI:</b> 5, 6/13 @ STP	<b>ACQUIRED:</b> Trade w/ NYY, 2019

- Spent entire season with Triple-A Omaha, earning Triple-A East Postseason All-Star honors at designated hitter and Omaha Hitter of the Year honors
- Led Triple-A East in home runs (32) and runs scored (78), ranked second in RBIs (88), tied for fourth in extra-base hits (48), seventh in slugging percentage (.524), and ninth in total hits (113)
- Tied for fifth in Minor League Baseball and led all of Triple-A in home runs (32)
- Set Storm Chasers-era (2011-pres.) single season record for home runs (32), the most in franchise history since 2004 (**Calvin Pickering**, 35)
- Led Omaha in games played (115), runs (78), hits (113), home runs (32), RBIs (88), walks (47), and strikeouts (109) while hitting cleanup in 76% (98/129) of the team's games
- Named a Royals Organizational All-Star as an outfielder by MiLB.com
- Played seven games with Kansas City, five in April and two in July, going 2-for-8 (.250) with one walk and six strikeouts
- Hit first homer of the season in Storm Chasers debut on Opening Day on May 4 vs. St. Paul
- Hit go-ahead, two-run single on May 7 vs. St. Paul
- Homered in back-to-back games on May 20 and May 21 at Iowa, including being one of five players to homer on May 21 at Iowa
- Had at least one RBI in seven consecutive games from May 20-28, tied for the longest RBI streak for a Storm Chaser in 2021
- Homered in three straight games from May 26-28 and hit five home runs in a seven-game span from May 20-28 to finish May with seven home runs
- Hit back-to-back home runs with **Gabriel Cancel** on June 4 vs. Iowa
- Recorded first career three-homer game on June 13 at St. Paul, going 3-for-5 with three home runs and a career-high-tying five RBIs
- Hit back-to-back home runs with **Ryan O'Hearn** on June 17 vs. Louisville
- Went 2-for-4 with a home run and four RBIs on June 20 vs. Louisville
- Snapped 10-day homerless streak with homer on June 30 at St. Paul to hit eight home runs in June and finish the month with 15 total home runs
- Took league lead in home runs on July 4 at St. Paul with 16th home run of the season
- Hit game-tying, three-run homer in the ninth inning on July 6 vs. Toledo, his second straight game with a home run
- Extended hitting streak to season-best eight games with a go-ahead RBI single in eighth inning on July 14 at Indianapolis before hitting go-ahead RBI single in 12th inning
- Played two games with Kansas City on July 20 and 21, recording a pinch-hit single, before being optioned to Triple-A Omaha on July 22
- Recorded his first triple since 2018 on July 24 vs. St. Paul, the fifth triple of his career
- Threw out a runner from right field on July 31 at Toledo
- Snapped longest homerless streak of the season (11 games) on Aug. 3 at Columbus, hitting first home run since July 17 (1) at Indianapolis
- Recorded two outfield assists from left field on Aug. 3 at Columbus
- Smacked 20th home run of the season on Aug. 5 at Columbus to tie for league lead
- Reclaimed league lead in home runs with 21st of the season on Aug. 7 at Columbus, his third home run in a five-game span
- Drove in three on Aug. 14 vs. Iowa to take league lead in RBIs (65)
- Hit solo home run against former teammate Jonathan Holder on Aug. 25 at Iowa
- Ripped broken-bat, three-run homer on Aug. 31 vs. Toledo and carried the handle of the broken bat around the bases with him
- Established new career high in home runs (27) with two home runs on Sept. 4 vs. Toledo, accounting for two of the team's four runs in a 4-2 win
- Recorded third multi-homer game of the season with two home runs on Sept. 10 at St. Paul
- Drove in go-ahead run in 10th inning on Sept. 12 at St. Paul with bloop single
- Collected team-best 30th multi-hit game of the season on Sept. 15 vs. Iowa
- Hit 470-ft. solo home run on Sept. 15 vs. Iowa for 30th home run of the season, tying him with **Carlos Peguero** for the most home runs in a single season in Storm Chasers era (2011-pres.)
- Broke Storm Chasers-era record for single-season home runs with sixth-inning homer on Sept. 17 vs. Iowa for 31st home runs of the season
- Reached base four times with a double, single, and two walks to extend on-base streak to 23 games on Sept. 18 vs. Iowa
- Hit final home run of the season on Sept. 25 vs. Indianapolis with his mom in attendance
- Hit .277/.361/.606 with four doubles and six home runs during season-best and team-best 24-game on-base streak from Aug. 21-Sept. 19
- Released on Nov. 1 to allow pursuit of opportunity to play in Asia

## 26 ERICK MEJIA | INF / OF

2021: 55 G, 228 PA, .246/.317/.409, 22 R, 50 H, 10 2B, 1 3B, 7 HR, 30 RBI, 22 BB, 41 SO, 1 SB, 2 CS

<b>FIRST APPEARANCE:</b> 5/4 vs. STP	<b>LONGEST HIT STREAK:</b> 6 games, 9/25-10/3	<b>HOME:</b> 30 G, 106 AB, .236/.311/.662, 1 HR
<b>LAST APPEARANCE:</b> 10/3 @ IOW	<b>LONGEST ON-BASE STREAK:</b> 13 games, 9/2-9/16	<b>ROAD:</b> 25 G, 97 AB, .258/.324/.515, 6 HR
<b>STARTS (POSITION):</b> 2B (7), 3B (13), SS (11), CF (10), RF (13)	<b>MOST H:</b> 2, 12x, last - 10/3 @ IOW	<b>MULTI-HIT GAMES:</b> 12
<b>STARTS (ORDER):</b> 1 (8), 2 (6), 5 (4), 6 (5), 7 (11), 8 (15), 9 (4)	<b>MOST RBI:</b> 3, 7/1 @ STP	<b>ACQUIRED:</b> Trade w/ LAD, 2018

- Played the entire season with Triple-A Omaha with exception of 2020 Tokyo Olympics, playing 40 of his 55 games from Aug. 13-Oct. 3 after returning from Olympics
- Only player on Storm Chasers roster to play five different positions and only player to make 10+ starts at three different positions
- Started at shortstop on Opening Day on May 4 vs. St. Paul and drove in a run with a bunt single before exiting game in fourth inning
- Placed on Injured List on May 10 with left oblique injury, returning from Injured List on June 23 (2)
- Singled in first at-bat in return from injury on June 24 at Iowa and hit first home run of the season on June 25 at Iowa
- Recorded three straight multi-hit games from July 1-3
- Reached base five times on two singles and three walks on July 8 vs. Toledo
- Played for the Dominican Republic in the 2020 Tokyo Olympics, winning a bronze medal while being named to the All-Olympic Baseball Team at third base after going 6-for-21 (.286)
- Returned from the Olympics on Aug. 13 vs. Iowa, going 1-for-3 with a walk
- Homered and doubled on Sept. 7 at St. Paul and homered for the second time of the series on Sept. 10 at St. Paul
- Thrown out at the plate to end game on Sept. 15 vs. Iowa on attempted double steal
- Posted a .321 on-base percentage during season-best 13-game on-base streak from Sept. 2-16
- Hit back-to-back home runs with **Angelo Castellano** on Sept. 18 vs. Iowa to hit lone home run at Werner Park in 2021
- Threw out runner from right field on Sept. 29 at Iowa
- Hit team's 231st and final home run of the season on Oct. 3 at Iowa to help team tie franchise record for home runs in a single season
- Finished season on season-best six-game hitting streak, batting .360 (9-for-25) with three doubles, one triple, and one home run
- Elected free agency on Nov. 7



# BATTER NOTES

**2 MJ MELENDEZ | C / 3B**      **2021: 44 G, 184 PA, .293/.413/.620, 37 R, 44 H, 4 2B, 3 3B, 13 HR, 38 RBI, 32 BB, 39 SO, 1 SB, 2 CS**

<b>FIRST APPEARANCE:</b> 8/11 vs. IOW	<b>LONGEST HIT STREAK:</b> 11 games, 9/17-10/2	<b>HOME:</b> 28 G, 95 AB, .305/.422/.632, 9 HR
<b>LAST APPEARANCE:</b> 10/3 @ IOW	<b>LONGEST ON-BASE STREAK:</b> 16 games, 9/11-10/3	<b>ROAD:</b> 16 G, 55 AB, .273/.397/.600, 4 HR
<b>STARTS (POSITION):</b> C (28), 3B (9), DH (6)	<b>MOST H:</b> 4, 8/27 @ IOW	<b>MULTI-HIT GAMES:</b> 11
<b>STARTS (ORDER):</b> 4 (1), 5 (25), 6 (16)	<b>MOST RBI:</b> 4, 2x, last - 8/27 @ IOW	<b>ACQUIRED:</b> 2nd Round, 2017

- Split the season between Double-A Northwest Arkansas and Triple-A Omaha, leading Minor League Baseball with 41 home runs, including 13 with the Storm Chasers
- In 123 total games, hit .288/.386/.625 with 95 runs scored, 22 doubles, 41 home runs, 103 RBIs, and 75 walks
- Threw out 22 of 71 would-be base-stealers in 2021 (31%), including five in 20 attempts in Triple-A
- Among Storm Chasers with a minimum of 150 plate appearances, led team in on-base percentage (.413) and OPS (1.033)
- Earned the 2021 Joe Bauman Award as the player with the most home runs in Minor League Baseball to become the first primary catcher to win the award and join **Craig Brazell** (39, 2007) and **Mike Moustakas** (36, 2010) as Omaha players to win the award
- Recorded the first 40+ home run season in Minor League Baseball since 2016 (Dylan Cozens, 40) and hit the most home runs in Minor League Baseball since 2014 (Kris Bryant, 43)
- Posted the first 40+ home run season by a primary catcher since 1995 (Todd Greene, 40) and the third 40+ home run season by a Royals minor leaguer, joining **Chris Hatcher** (46, 1998) and **Brandon Berger** (40, 2001)
- Of his 41 total home runs, 30 came as a catcher, seven as a designated hitter, and four as a third baseman
- Named the Top Offensive Player in Minor League Baseball as part of MiLB Award voting, earning 33 percent of a fan vote that included Anthony Volpe (28 percent), **Bobby Witt Jr.** (20 percent), José Marmolejos (11 percent), and Julio Rodríguez (8 percent) as finalists
- Named a Minor League All-Star at catcher by *Baseball America* and a Royals Organizational All-Star by MiLB.com
- Ranked second in Minor League Baseball in RBIs (103), fourth in extra-base hits (66), and fourth in OPS (1.011)
- Led Royals minor leaguers and tied for 10th in Minor League Baseball in wRC+ (162)
- Began the season with Double-A Northwest Arkansas, hitting two home runs on Opening Day on May 4 at Arkansas
- Recorded multi-homer games with the Naturals on May 4 at Arkansas, May 23 at Springfield, July 24 at Tulsa, and Aug. 4 at Arkansas
- Hit back-to-back-to-back home runs with **Bobby Witt Jr.** and **Nick Pratto** on May 30 vs. San Antonio
- Named Royals Double-A Co-Player of the Month for May with **Nick Pratto**, batting .324 with seven home runs and 18 RBIs
- Reached base in 27 consecutive games from June 19-July 18, hitting .299 (31-for-106) with a .385 on-base percentage in that span
- Named Double-A Central Player of the Month for July, batting .333 with 12 home runs and 29 RBIs, while setting Naturals' single-month records for home runs (12) and runs scored (28)
- Earned Double-A Central Player of the Week honors three times in four-week span (June 28-July 4, July 12-18, July 19-25)
- At time of promotion to Triple-A on Aug. 10, led Double-A in home runs (28), RBIs (65), slugging percentage (.628), extra-base hits (46), and total bases (187)
- Made Triple-A debut on Aug. 11 vs. Iowa, going 1-for-5 with a two-run homer while also throwing out a runner at third base as catcher
- Smacked game-tying homer on Aug. 13 vs. Iowa as part of back-to-back home runs with **Ryan McBroom** to record 30th home run of the season
- Hit 31st home run of the season on Aug. 18 vs. Columbus to tie Griffin Conine for Minor League lead in homers
- Drew a career-high four walks in a single game on Aug. 22 vs. Columbus
- Went 4-for-4 with two home runs, triple, four RBIs, and a walk on Aug. 27 at Iowa, hitting a two-run homer in final at-bat with chance to complete cycle with a double
- Scored go-ahead run as placed runner on Aug. 29 at Iowa in 11th inning on a sacrifice fly by **Bobby Witt Jr.**
- Hit back-to-back home runs with **Ryan McBroom** on Aug. 31 vs. Toledo for his 34th home run to move into a tie for first place in Minor League Baseball in home runs
- Made career debut at third base on Aug. 31 vs. Toledo
- Hit 35th home run of the season on Sept. 3 vs. Toledo to tie Minor League lead in home runs
- Hit .433 (13-for-30) with four home runs during a nine-game hitting streak from Aug. 27-Sept. 5
- Tied for Minor League lead in home runs with his 36th of the season on Sept. 9 at St. Paul
- Homered on Sept. 12 at St. Paul to take Minor League lead in homers
- Hit grand slam on Sept. 18 vs. Iowa for 10th Triple-A home run and team's second grand slam in as many innings
- Recorded second multi-homer game at Triple-A level in home finale on Sept. 26 vs. Indianapolis, hitting his 40th and 41st home runs of the season
- Went 3-for-5 and finished a home run shy of the cycle on Sept. 29 at Iowa
- Went 2-for-5 with a double and three RBIs to eclipse 100 RBIs on the season on Oct. 1 at Iowa
- Hit safely in season-best 11 straight games from Sept. 17-Oct. 2, batting .396 (17-for-43) with four doubles and four home runs in that span
- Finished the season in the midst of a season-best 16-game on-base streak from Sept. 11-Oct. 3, batting .345/.426/.655 with four doubles and four home runs in that span
- Added to Royals' 40-man roster on Nov. 19

**18 KEVIN MERRELL | INF**      **2021: 13 G, 38 PA, .258/.351/.290, 5 R, 8 H, 1 2B, 0 3B, 0 HR, 3 RBI, 4 BB, 9 SO, 2 SB, 0 CS**

<b>FIRST APPEARANCE:</b> 5/4 vs. STP	<b>LONGEST HIT STREAK:</b> 3 games, 2x, last - 5/13-5/20	<b>HOME:</b> 6 G, 16 AB, .250/.350/.313, 0 HR
<b>LAST APPEARANCE:</b> 5/21 @ IOW	<b>LONGEST ON-BASE STREAK:</b> 4 games, 5/5-5/8	<b>ROAD:</b> 7 G, 15 AB, .267/.353/.267, 0 HR
<b>STARTS (POSITION):</b> 2B (2), SS (6)	<b>MOST H:</b> 2, 2x, last - 5/13 @ COL	<b>MULTI-HIT GAMES:</b> 2
<b>STARTS (ORDER):</b> 8 (4), 9 (4)	<b>MOST RBI:</b> 1, 3x, last - 5/13 @ COL	<b>ACQUIRED:</b> Trade w/ OAK, 2019

- Began season with Triple-A Omaha before finishing season with Double-A Northwest Arkansas following injury
- Made Triple-A debut as defensive replacement at shortstop for **Erick Mejia** in fourth inning on Opening Day on May 4 vs. St. Paul
- Hit walk-off single on May 6 vs. St. Paul in 11th inning to deliver 4-3 win
- Went 2-for-4 with two runs scored on May 13 at Columbus
- Played final game with Omaha on May 23 at Iowa and was placed on Injured List with a hamstring injury on June 6
- Activated off Injured List on June 21 and transferred to Double-A Northwest Arkansas on June 22
- Hit .185/.271/.303 in 41 games with the Naturals with five doubles, three home runs, and five stolen bases
- Released on Oct. 13

**13 ANDERSON MILLER | OF**      **2021: 69 G, 251 PA, .215/.304/.406, 35 R, 47 H, 6 2B, 0 3B, 12 HR, 35 RBI, 24 BB, 67 SO, 9 SB, 2 CS**

<b>FIRST APPEARANCE:</b> 5/4 vs. STP	<b>LONGEST HIT STREAK:</b> 6 games, 6/17-6/26	<b>HOME:</b> 30 G, 95 AB, .179/.262/.337, 5 HR
<b>LAST APPEARANCE:</b> 8/13 vs. IOW	<b>LONGEST ON-BASE STREAK:</b> 6 games, 6/17-6/26	<b>ROAD:</b> 39 G, 124 AB, .242/.336/.460, 7 HR
<b>STARTS (POSITION):</b> LF (30), CF (3), RF (30), DH (2)	<b>MOST H:</b> 3, 7/6 vs. TOL	<b>MULTI-HIT GAMES:</b> 13
<b>STARTS (ORDER):</b> 1 (3), 2 (3), 6 (3), 7 (17), 8 (27), 9 (12)	<b>MOST RBI:</b> 4, 6/26 @ IOW	<b>ACQUIRED:</b> 3rd Round, 2015

- Spent the entire season with Triple-A Omaha before suffering a season-ending ankle injury on Aug. 13 vs. Iowa
- Tied with **Kyle Isbel** for the team lead in outfield assists (6), recording four outfield assists in centerfield and two in left field
- Homered in Triple-A debut on Opening Day on May 4 vs. St. Paul, one of four players to hit a home run in that game
- Hit solo home run on 27th birthday on May 6 vs. St. Paul
- Went 3-for-4 with a home run on May 14 at Columbus
- Hit first of back-to-back-to-back home runs with **Sebastian Rivero** and **Gabriel Cancel** on May 21 at Iowa
- Snapped 1-for-32 slide by reaching base four times in 2-for-3 game with two walks on June 4 vs. Iowa
- Threw out Brent Rooker at the plate on June 12 at St. Paul for fourth of six outfield assists during the season
- Hit Omaha's first of nine grand slams of the season on June 24 at Iowa
- Had two hits and scored two runs in eight-run fifth inning on June 26 at Iowa—leading off the inning with a single before capping the inning with three-run homer—to become the first Omaha player since **Elier Hernandez** on April 8, 2019, to record two hits and two runs in a single inning
- Hit two home runs on June 26 at Iowa, including three-run homer as part of eight-run fifth inning
- Batted .421 (8-for-19) with four home runs during season-best six-game hitting streak from June 17-26
- Hit two home runs on June 6 vs. Toledo, including walk-off, two-run home run in 10th inning against fellow Lexington, Ky., native Robbie Ross Jr.
- Became first player in Storm Chasers era (2011-pres.) to homer in both games of a doubleheader on July 17 at Indianapolis, a solo homer in Game 1 and a three-run homer in Game 2 in front of his dad, who was celebrating his birthday
- Went 2-for-5 with a double and two RBIs on July 28 at Toledo, with his double going through the right field fence at Fifth Third Field
- Reached base four times on Aug. 7 at Columbus, going 3-for-4 with two RBIs and a walk
- Exited game on Aug. 13 vs. Iowa with injury after attempting to make a catch against the left field fence and was placed on the Injured List on Aug. 17
- Elected free agency on Nov. 7

**15 PAÚL MONDESI | C**      **2021: 4 G, 6 PA, .333/.333/.333, 2 R, 2 H, 0 2B, 0 3B, 0 HR, 0 RBI, 0 BB, 1 SO, 0 SB, 0 CS**

<b>FIRST APPEARANCE:</b> 9/14 vs. IOW	<b>LONGEST HIT STREAK:</b> 2 games, 9/25-10/1	<b>HOME:</b> 3 G, 3 AB, .333/.333/.333, 0 HR
<b>LAST APPEARANCE:</b> 10/1 @ IOW	<b>LONGEST ON-BASE STREAK:</b> 2 games, 9/25-10/1	<b>ROAD:</b> 1 G, 3 AB, .333/.333/.333, 0 HR
<b>STARTS (POSITION):</b> --	<b>MOST H:</b> 1, 2x, last - 10/01 @ IOW	<b>MULTI-HIT GAMES:</b> --
<b>STARTS (ORDER):</b> --	<b>MOST RBI:</b> --	<b>ACQUIRED:</b> MiLB FA, 2016

- Played 16 total games in 2021, including two with High-A Quad Cities, 10 with ACL Royals, and four with Triple-A Omaha to finish the season
- Made Triple-A debut on Sept. 14 vs. Iowa, entering at catcher in the eighth inning and grounding into a double play in the ninth inning in first Triple-A at-bat
- Recorded first Triple-A hit on Sept. 25 vs. Indianapolis with pinch-hit single to right-center field
- Went 1-for-3 on Oct. 1 at Iowa after entering in the sixth inning, including a single off the top of the right field fence in the eighth inning
- Released on Oct. 13





# BATTER NOTES

## 24 RYAN O'HEARN | 1B / OF 2021: 19 G, 82 PA, .375/.451/.931, 22 R, 27 H, 4 2B, 0 3B, 12 HR, 25 RBI, 9 BB, 15 SO, 3 SB, 0 CS

<b>FIRST APPEARANCE:</b> 5/29 vs. IND	<b>LONGEST HIT STREAK:</b> 8 games, 6/3-6/11	<b>HOME:</b> 14 G, 51 AB, .353/.441/.824, 7 HR
<b>LAST APPEARANCE:</b> 6/20 vs. LOU	<b>LONGEST ON-BASE STREAK:</b> 12 games, 5/29-6/11	<b>ROAD:</b> 5 G, 21 AB, .429/.478/1.190, 5 HR
<b>STARTS (POSITION):</b> 1B (8), RF (8), DH (3)	<b>MOST H:</b> 4, 2x, last - 6/15 vs. LOU	<b>MULTI-HIT GAMES:</b> 5
<b>STARTS (ORDER):</b> 3 (12), 4 (7)	<b>MOST RBI:</b> 6, 6/10 @ STP	<b>ACQUIRED:</b> 8th Round, 2014

- Spent most of the season with Kansas City while playing 19 games with Triple-A Omaha between May and June
- Went 10-for-53 (190) in 16 games with Kansas City from April 23-May 27 with three home runs and six RBIs, including a decisive two-run homer on May 27 at Tampa Bay
- Optioned to Triple-A Omaha on May 28
- Went 8-for-24 (.333) with five home runs during six-game series vs. Iowa from June 1-6
- Hit two-run, walk-off home run in ninth inning on June 1 vs. Iowa to extend Omaha's winning streak to season-best nine games and home run streak to season-best 13 games
- Went 3-for-4 with two home runs, five RBIs, and four runs scored on June 4 vs. Iowa
- Hit two game-tying home runs on June 9 at St. Paul, including solo home run against Major League rehabber Kenta Maeda
- Hit two home runs for the second consecutive game on June 10 at St. Paul, recording a career-high six RBIs in 4-for-5 performance while also scoring three runs
- On June 9 and 10 at St. Paul, became the first Omaha player to record two consecutive multi-homer games since **Brett Hayes** on Aug. 21 and 22, 2013, vs. New Orleans
- Homered in three straight games from June 9-11, including four home runs in six at-bat span
- Earned Triple-A East Player of the Week honors for June 7-13, going 9-for-21 (.429) with five home runs, nine RBIs, a .478 on-base percentage, and a 1.190 slugging percentage
- Went 4-for-5 with two doubles, one home run, and three runs scored on June 15 vs. Louisville
- Hit 12th home run in 17-game span in June on June 17 vs. Louisville, a first-inning home run against Hunter Greene
- Named Triple-A East Player of the Month for June, hitting .365 (25-for-65) with league-leading 12 home runs, a team-best 24 RBIs, and 1.452 OPS (.452 on-base percentage and 1.000 slugging percentage) in 17 games
- Recalled by Kansas City on June 21, hitting .235/.274/.366 with six home runs in 64 games with the Royals to finish the season

## 14 EDWARD OLIVARES | OF 2021: 66 G, 292 PA, .313/.397/.559, 54 R, 80 H, 12 2B, 3 3B, 15 HR, 36 RBI, 29 BB, 46 SO, 12 SB, 4 CS

<b>FIRST APPEARANCE:</b> 5/4 vs. STP	<b>LONGEST HIT STREAK:</b> 9 games, 5/4-5/13	<b>HOME:</b> 31 G, 124 AB, .274/.338/.444, 4 HR
<b>LAST APPEARANCE:</b> 10/3 @ IOW	<b>LONGEST ON-BASE STREAK:</b> 14 games, 5/4-5/20	<b>ROAD:</b> 35 G, 132 AB, .348/.449/.667, 11 HR
<b>STARTS (POSITION):</b> LF (13), CF (39), RF (10), DH (4)	<b>MOST H:</b> 4, 5/23 @ IOW	<b>MULTI-HIT GAMES:</b> 27
<b>STARTS (ORDER):</b> 1 (45), 3 (11), 4 (6), 5 (3), 6 (1)	<b>MOST RBI:</b> 3, 5/4 vs. STP	<b>ACQUIRED:</b> Trade w/ SDP, 2020

- Spent most of the season with Triple-A Omaha while playing 39 games with Kansas City across six stints
- Led Storm Chasers in average (.313) among players with a minimum of 150 plate appearances and finished fifth in games played (66)
- Among Triple-A East hitters with a minimum of 250 plate appearances, ranked fourth in average (.313), eighth in on-base percentage (.397), and 10th in slugging percentage (.559) to be the only player to rank in the top 10 in each category
- One of 10 players in the Royals organization to finish the season with 10+ home runs, 10+ doubles, and 10+ stolen bases, doing so in the second-fewest games (66) behind **Gabriel Cancel**
- Played 21 of his 66 games with Omaha against Iowa, batting .370/.469/.679 with 22 runs, 30 hits, five doubles, six home runs, 15 RBIs, 13 walks, and five steals against the I-Cubs
- Made Omaha debut on Opening Day on May 4 vs. St. Paul, tripling in first at-bat to lead off the bottom of the first inning in 2-for-4 performance with a triple and home run
- Reached base in all five plate appearances on May 5 vs. St. Paul with three hits, one walk, and one hit-by-pitch
- Hit go-ahead, two-run homer in ninth inning on May 12 at Columbus
- Began season with nine-game hitting streak from May 4-13, batting .378 (14-for-37) with one double, one triple, two home runs, eight runs scored, and eight RBIs in that span
- Went 2-for-2 with a home run, two walks, a stolen base, and three runs scored on May 19 at Iowa
- Began season with season-best 14-game on-base streak from May 4-20, batting .382/.477/.691 with 21 hits, 14 runs scored, four home runs, five stolen bases, and 12 RBIs in that span
- Went 4-for-5 with a home run on May 23 at Iowa
- Hit leadoff in each of his 20 games in May, batting .395/.473/.654 with 11 multi-hit games
- Recalled by Kansas City for the first time on May 29 and went 4-for-11 (.364) in three games before being optioned on June 3
- Went 0-for-5 on June 4 vs. Iowa and was recalled by Kansas City on June 6 before being optioned on June 9 as the corresponding move for **Carlos Hernández** being recalled
- Played three games with Omaha from June 11-13, going 5-for-14 (.357) with one home run before being recalled on June 14 when Andrew Benintendi was placed on the Injured List
- Went 1-for-5 in two games with the Royals on June 14 and 15 vs. Detroit before being optioned to Triple-A Omaha on June 17
- Homered on June 23 (2) at Iowa for first home run in a month (since May 23 at Iowa)
- Finished a triple shy of the cycle in rain-shortened game on June 24 at Iowa, homering for the second straight game in a 3-for-4 performance
- Was removed from game on June 29 at St. Paul after one at-bat and recalled by Kansas City on June 30
- Hit first MLB home run of 2021 on June 3 vs. Minnesota before being optioned to Triple-A Omaha on July 4 following three games with the Royals from June 30-July 3
- Smacked solo home run on July 9 vs. Toledo for first home run at Werner Park since Opening Day on May 4 vs. St. Paul
- Hit game-tying, two-run homer on July 11 vs. Toledo
- Recorded two hits in three straight games from July 9-13 to notch 18th, 19th, and 20th multi-hit games of the season
- Hit fourth in lineup for first time on July 20 vs. St. Paul behind **Bobby Witt Jr.** (2) and **Nick Pratto** (3) in their Triple-A debuts
- Hit back-to-back home runs with **Bobby Witt Jr.** on July 27 at Toledo
- Homered for the second straight game on July 28 at Toledo, hitting a go-ahead, two-run homer in the ninth inning
- Recalled by Kansas City on July 31 and went 6-for-25 (.240) with three home runs in nine game with the Royals before being optioned on Aug. 10
- Threw out runner at the plate with relay from **Bobby Witt Jr.** on Aug. 14 vs. Iowa
- Went 0-for-6 across two games of doubleheader on Aug. 24 at Iowa to see average fall below .300 for first time in 2021
- Recalled by Kansas City on Aug. 27 and homered in return to Royals on Aug. 27 at Seattle
- Went 8-for-41 (.195) in 18 games with Kansas City from Aug. 27-Sept. 16 in longest MLB stint of the season before being optioned on Sept. 17
- Was appointed as 27th man for doubleheader on Sept. 20, optioned on Sept. 21, recalled on Sept. 24, went 2-for-3 on Sept. 25 at Detroit, and optioned on Sept. 28
- Played first game with Omaha since Aug. 24 at Iowa on Oct. 1 at Iowa, going 2-for-4 with two home runs, five RBIs, and four runs scored in 22-4 win that featured seven home runs
- Reached base five times and scored three runs on Oct. 2 at Iowa
- Reached safely in all five plate appearances for second straight game on Oct. 3 at Iowa, going 2-for-2 with three walks
- Reached safely in 12 consecutive plate appearances from Oct. 1-3 to end the season with one home run, one double, three singles, five walks, and two hit-by-pitches
- Went 6-for-8 (.750) with one double, two home runs, seven RBIs, six walks, and eight runs scored across three games in October from Oct. 1-3

## 32 NICK PRATTO | 1B / OF 2021: 63 G, 270 PA, .259/.367/.634, 54 R, 58 H, 15 2B, 3 3B, 21 HR, 55 RBI, 37 BB, 77 SO, 5 SB, 0 CS

<b>FIRST APPEARANCE:</b> 7/20 vs. STP	<b>LONGEST HIT STREAK:</b> 11 games, 8/18-8/28	<b>HOME:</b> 35 G, 128 AB, .281/.379/.656, 11 HR
<b>LAST APPEARANCE:</b> 10/3 @ IOW	<b>LONGEST ON-BASE STREAK:</b> 16 games, 8/18-9/2	<b>ROAD:</b> 28 G, 96 AB, .229/.350/.604, 10 HR
<b>STARTS (POSITION):</b> 1B (51), RF (3), DH (8)	<b>MOST H:</b> 3, 2x, last 8/11 vs. IOW	<b>MULTI-HIT GAMES:</b> 16
<b>STARTS (ORDER):</b> 3 (61), 4 (1)	<b>MOST RBI:</b> 5, 2x, last - 7/28 @ TOL	<b>ACQUIRED:</b> 1st Round, 2017

- Split the season between Double-A Northwest Arkansas (61 games) and Triple-A Omaha (63 games)
- In 124 total games between Double-A and Triple-A, hit .265/.385/.602 with 98 runs scored, 28 doubles, 36 home runs, 98 RBIs, and 83 walks
- Ranked second in Minor League Baseball in extra-base hits (71), tied for second in home runs (36), ranked third in RBIs (98), tied for third in runs scored (98), fifth in walks (83), and seventh in slugging percentage (.602)
- From his Triple-A debut on July 20 through the end of the season on Oct. 3, led Triple-A East in home runs (21) and RBIs (55), ranked second in slugging percentage (.634), extra-base hits (39) and runs scored (54), third in walks (37), and fourth in OPS (1.001)
- Ranked second in the Royals organization in wRC+ (156) among qualified hitters, tied for first with **MJ Melendez** in ISO (.337), and ranked second in walk rate (15.2%)
- Earned *Rawlings* Gold Glove Award at first base, becoming the fourth player in franchise history to be named a Minor League recipient of a *Rawlings* Gold Glove Award, joining **Luis Alcaraz** (2B, 1969), **Rudy Kinard** (SS, 1978), and **Derrick Robinson** (OF, 2012)
- Recorded 813 putouts and 64 assists in 879 total chances at first base in 113 total games, committing two errors in 955.2 innings for a .998 fielding percentage, the best fielding percentage among players to earn a Minor League *Rawlings* Gold Glove Award in 2021
- Named a Minor League All-Star at first base by *Baseball America* and a Royals Organizational All-Star by MiLB.com
- Entered the season as the No. 13 prospect in the Royals organization according to *Baseball America* and was listed as the "Best Defensive Infielder" among Royals minor leaguers
- Homered on Opening Day for Double-A Northwest Arkansas on May 4 at Arkansas
- Hit career-high three home runs with four runs scored and six RBIs in 4-for-5 game on May 21 at Springfield
- Reached base in 22 straight games from May 28-June 24
- Started at first base for the American League in the 2021 SiriusXM All-Star Futures Game on July 10 at Coors Field in Denver, Colo., going 0-for-1 with a walk
- Hit .271/.404/.570 in 61 games with Double-A Northwest Arkansas, leading the league in walks (46), ranking third in slugging percentage (.570), and fourth in on-base percentage (.404) at the time of his promotion to Triple-A Omaha on July 18
- Drew a walk in first career Triple-A plate appearance and collected first Triple-A hit in fourth plate appearance on July 20 vs. St. Paul in Triple-A debut, going 1-for-3 with two walks
- Hit first career Triple-A home run on July 23 vs. St. Paul, a two-run shot to centerfield that plated **Bobby Witt Jr.**
- Smacked go-ahead grand slam on July 25 vs. St. Paul as part of 2-for-5 game with five RBIs
- Reached base in 11 straight games from July 20-31 to being Storm Chasers career, recording a .367 on-base percentage in that span
- Hit go-ahead grand slam on July 28 at Toledo, his second go-ahead grand slam in three-game span, finishing the game 3-for-5 with two doubles, one home run, and five RBIs
- Homered for second straight game on July 29 at Toledo
- Scored three runs and drew three walks on Aug. 3 at Columbus
- Homered in back-to-back games on Aug. 5 and 6 at Columbus
- Notched three extra-base hits on Aug. 11 vs. Iowa with two doubles and one triple in 3-for-5 performance
- Turned bases-loaded double play with **MJ Melendez** (3u-2) to preserve shutout in seventh inning on Aug. 21 vs. Columbus
- Homered in four consecutive games from Aug. 19-22 vs. Columbus to become the first Storm Chaser to homer in four straight games since **Carlos Peguero** from Aug. 17-20, 2014
- Had multiple RBIs in four consecutive games from Aug. 19-22 vs. Columbus, including going 3-for-4 with a triple, home run, and four RBIs on Aug. 22 vs. Columbus
- Homered in three consecutive games from Aug. 25-27 at Iowa to record seven home runs in a nine-game span from Aug. 19-27
- Hit .356 (16-for-45) with one double, one triple, and seven home runs during season-best 11-game hitting streak from Aug. 18-28
- Drew at least two walks three times in a four-game span from Aug. 29-Sept. 2, including three walks on Sept. 1 (1) vs. Toledo and Sept. 2 vs. Toledo
- Batted .339/.417/.804 with seven home runs and 13 walks during season-best 16-game on-base streak from Aug. 18-Sept. 2
- Made first career appearance in the outfield on Sept. 15 vs. Iowa, starting in right field and recording an outfield assist by throwing out a runner at third base
- Became ninth player in Minor League Baseball in 2021 to record 30+ home runs with 30th homer of the season on Sept. 17 vs. Iowa
- Homered for the second straight game on Sept. 18 vs. Iowa to record team's 200th home run of the season, a fifth-inning solo shot
- Recorded first multi-home game in Triple-A on Sept. 24 vs. Indianapolis, going 2-for-4 with two home runs
- Hit solo home run on Oct. 1 at Iowa for 20th home run at Triple-A level as part of franchise-record-tying seven-homer game
- Homered for the fifth time in six games on Oct. 2 at Iowa to finish the season with 36 home runs, tied for second-most in Minor League Baseball
- Added to Royals' 40-man roster on Nov. 19



# BATTER NOTES

## 25 EMMANUEL RIVERA | INF 2021: 63 G, 282 PA, .286/.348/.592, 48 R, 73 H, 17 2B, 2 3B, 19 HR, 57 RBI, 22 BB, 58 SO, 3 SB, 0 CS

<b>FIRST APPEARANCE:</b> 5/4 vs. STP	<b>LONGEST HIT STREAK:</b> 8 games, 2x, last - 9/11-9/19	<b>HOME:</b> 33 G, 135 AB, .356/.395/.719, 13 HR
<b>LAST APPEARANCE:</b> 10/3 @ IOW	<b>LONGEST ON-BASE STREAK:</b> 15 games, 6/12-8/3	<b>ROAD:</b> 30 G, 120 AB, .208/.296/.450, 6 HR
<b>STARTS (POSITION):</b> 1B (9), 3B (45), DH (9)	<b>MOST H:</b> 4, 2x, last - 6/15 vs. LOU	<b>MULTI-HIT GAMES:</b> 19
<b>STARTS (ORDER):</b> 2 (10), 3 (28), 4 (17), 5 (5), 6 (3)	<b>MOST RBI:</b> 3, 4x, last - 10/2 @ IOW	<b>ACQUIRED:</b> 19th Round, 2015

- Spent most of the season with Triple-A Omaha while also playing 29 games with Kansas City
- Third of five 2021 Storm Chasers to make their Major League debut with Kansas City, going 2-for-4 in his Major League debut on June 28 at Boston, recording his first hit on first pitch of first Major League plate appearance
- Made Triple-A debut on Opening Day on May 4 vs. St. Paul, driving in Omaha's first run of the season with a sacrifice fly in the first inning
- Played first base for first time in his career on May 7 vs. St. Paul
- Hit first career Triple-A home run on May 9 vs. St. Paul
- Hit back-to-back home runs with **Meibrys Viloria** on May 12 at Columbus
- Hit go-ahead, two-run single in ninth inning on May 13 at Columbus
- Hit first of five Omaha home runs on May 21 at Iowa
- Hit go-ahead solo home run in seventh inning on May 26 vs. Indianapolis
- Recorded back-to-back games with a home run and a double on May 26 and 27 vs. Indianapolis
- Went 4-for-5 with two doubles and one triple on May 30 vs. Indianapolis
- Finished six-game series from May 25-30 vs. Indianapolis batting .476 (10-for-21) with a .500 on-base percentage, four doubles, and two home runs
- Went 14-for-32 (.438) during seven-game hitting streak from May 30-June 8 with four doubles, one triple, and two home runs
- Reached base in all five plate appearances and scored four runs in 4-for-4 game on June 15 vs. Louisville
- Homered in five of six games of six-game series vs. Louisville, including homering in three straight games from June 15-17, to finish series hitting .522 (12-for-23) with five home runs and nine RBIs
- Recorded season-best eight-game hitting streak from June 12-20, batting .484 (15-for-31) with a .529 on-base percentage and six home runs, 14 runs scored, and 11 RBIs
- Hit solo home run to break up no-hitter and shutout in seventh inning on June 27 at Iowa
- Selected by Kansas City on June 27, leading Triple-A East in RBIs (40), extra-base hits (26), total bases (105), tying for first in home runs (14), ranking second in runs scored (26), third in hits (50), and fourth in slugging percentage (.593) at time of promotion
- After making Major League debut on June 28, exited game on June 29 at Boston with injury and was placed on Injured List on June 30 with left hamate injury
- Joined Omaha on rehab assignment on Aug. 3 at Columbus, going 2-for-5 with a home run and two RBIs before returning to Kansas City on Aug. 4
- Hit .247/.312/.329 with four doubles, one home run, eight walks, and 20 strikeouts in 27 games with Kansas City after return from Injured List before being optioned on Sept. 9
- Hit two home runs—a 439-ft. home run and a 453-ft. home run—on Sept. 15 vs. Iowa
- Recorded third multi-hit game of series vs. Iowa from Sept. 14-19 and third home run of series on Sept. 19 vs. Iowa, going 2-for-4 with a home run and three RBIs
- Drew three walks and reached base four times on Sept. 25 vs. Indianapolis
- Hit go-ahead, three-run homer on Oct. 2 at Iowa
- Doubled for fourth straight game on Oct. 3 at Iowa, going 2-for-3 with two doubles and two walks

## 6 SEBASTIAN RIVERO | C 2021: 42 G, 163 PA, .260/.319/.380, 18 R, 39 H, 7 2B, 1 3B, 3 HR, 26 RBI, 10 BB, 45 SO, 2 SB, 1 CS

<b>FIRST APPEARANCE:</b> 5/19 @ IOW	<b>LONGEST HIT STREAK:</b> 5 games, 8/19-9/1	<b>HOME:</b> 27 G, 93 AB, .226/.301/.269, 0 HR
<b>LAST APPEARANCE:</b> 9/3 vs. TOL	<b>LONGEST ON-BASE STREAK:</b> 6 games, 2x, last - 8/17-9/1	<b>ROAD:</b> 15 G, 57 AB, .316/.350/.561, 3 HR
<b>STARTS (POSITION):</b> C (34), DH (5)	<b>MOST H:</b> 5, 6/10 @ STP	<b>MULTI-HIT GAMES:</b> 10
<b>STARTS (ORDER):</b> 6 (5), 7 (20), 8 (13), 9 (1)	<b>MOST RBI:</b> 4, 6/10 @ STP	<b>ACQUIRED:</b> Intl. FA, 2015

- Spent most of the season with Triple-A Omaha while playing 17 games with Kansas City across three stints
- Threw out 10 of 34 would-be base-stealers with the Storm Chasers, a 29% caught stealing rate
- Was named to Omaha's preliminary roster before being recalled by Kansas City on May 3
- Made Major League debut on May 8 vs. CWS, going 0-for-4 with two strikeouts while starting at catcher and batting ninth
- Upon Triple-A debut on May 19 at Iowa, became 10th-youngest player in Triple-A East at 22 years, 179 days old (22.49)
- Hit first career Triple-A home run on May 21 at Iowa, hitting the second of back-to-back-to-back home runs with **Anderson Miller** and **Gabriel Cancel**
- Homered for the second consecutive game on May 22 at Iowa, going 3-for-4 with a home run, triple, and three RBIs
- Homered in back-to-back games for the fourth time in his career on May 21 and 22 at Iowa
- Collected a career-high five hits in 5-for-5 performance on June 10 at St. Paul with a double, home run, and a season-best four RBIs
- Recalled by Kansas City on June 20 and played three straight games with the Royals from June 23-25, recording first MLB hit, extra-base hit, and RBI on June 24 at New York (AL)
- Went 2-for-12 (.167) with one double and two RBIs in six games with Kansas City from June 23-July 10 before being optioned on July 16
- Snapped 0-for-10 slide since return to Storm Chasers with back-to-back singles on July 20 vs. St. Paul, including go-ahead, two-run single, in 2-for-5 game
- Drove in three and went 2-for-4 on July 21 vs. St. Paul
- Doubled twice and drove in two on July 28 at Toledo
- Threw out a runner trying to steal in four of five games from July 21-28
- Hit go-ahead, two-run single in 11th inning on Aug. 3 at Columbus
- Combined with **Ándres Núñez** for strike 'em out, throw 'em out double play on Aug. 10 vs. IOW
- Recalled by Kansas City on Sept. 4
- Threw out first career MLB would-be base-stealer on Sept. 19 (2) at Cleveland

## 11 BUBBA STARLING | OF 2021: 27 G, 105 PA, .258/.305/.557, 18 R, 25 H, 6 2B, 1 3B, 7 HR, 17 RBI, 7 BB, 25 SO, 1 SB, 0 CS

<b>FIRST APPEARANCE:</b> 5/5 vs. STP	<b>LONGEST HIT STREAK:</b> 5 games, 6/9-6/16	<b>HOME:</b> 10 G, 35 AB, .229/.250/.657, 4 HR
<b>LAST APPEARANCE:</b> 7/8 vs. TOL	<b>LONGEST ON-BASE STREAK:</b> 5 games, 6/9-6/16	<b>ROAD:</b> 17 G, 62 AB, .274/.333/.500, 3 HR
<b>STARTS (POSITION):</b> LF (1), CF (15), RF (10)	<b>MOST H:</b> 3, 6/10 @ STP	<b>MULTI-HIT GAMES:</b> 5
<b>STARTS (ORDER):</b> 5 (4), 6 (9), 7 (11), 8 (2)	<b>MOST RBI:</b> 4, 6/3 vs. IOW	<b>ACQUIRED:</b> MiLB FA, 2020

- Spent first half of season with Triple-A Omaha before joining Team USA for 2020 Tokyo Olympics
- Went 1-for-5 with a double and a walk in season debut on May 5 vs. St. Paul
- Hit two homers on May 16 at Columbus, including go-ahead home in seventh inning
- Did not play from May 20-June 2 due to LASIK procedure and follow-up procedure
- Recorded multi-homer games on June 3 and June 6 vs. Iowa, tying for team lead with three multi-homer games during the season
- Each of first eight hits of the season were extra-base hits, including six home runs and two doubles
- Singled for the first time on June 9 at St. Paul
- Went 3-for-6 with a home run, triple, and two RBIs on June 10 at St. Paul
- Hit three doubles on June 30 at St. Paul to become first Storm Chaser to record three doubles in a game since **Paulo Orlando** on May 28, 2018
- Won silver medal in 2020 Tokyo Olympics with Team USA, going 2-for-7 (.286)
- Announced retirement from baseball on Oct. 26

## 21 MEIBRYS VILORIA | C 2021: 54 G, 212 PA, .233/.367/.384, 19 R, 40 H, 9 2B, 1 3B, 5 HR, 18 RBI, 32 BB, 68 SO, 2 SB, 2 CS

<b>FIRST APPEARANCE:</b> 5/4 vs. STP	<b>LONGEST HIT STREAK:</b> 8 games, 2x, last - 6/10-6/19	<b>HOME:</b> 24 G, 78 AB, .244/.348/.359, 1 HR
<b>LAST APPEARANCE:</b> 8/8 @ COL	<b>LONGEST ON-BASE STREAK:</b> 18 games, 5/29-6/29	<b>ROAD:</b> 30 G, 94 AB, .233/.381/.404, 4 HR
<b>STARTS (POSITION):</b> C (30), 1B (4), DH (18)	<b>MOST H:</b> 3, 6/15 vs. LO	<b>MULTI-HIT GAMES:</b> 8
<b>STARTS (ORDER):</b> 5 (16), 6 (18), 7 (17), 8 (1)	<b>MOST RBI:</b> 3, 6/15 vs. LO	<b>ACQUIRED:</b> Intl. FA, 2013

- Spent most of the season with Triple-A Omaha (54 games) before finishing the year with Double-A Northwest Arkansas (31 games)
- Reached base safely in 49 of 54 games played with Omaha
- Tied for fifth on the team with 32 walks, leading the team in walks at time of assignment to Double-A Northwest Arkansas on Aug. 11
- Started at catcher for Omaha on Opening Day on May 4 vs. STP, batting seventh
- Hit back-to-back home runs with **Emmanuel Rivera** on May 12 at Columbus
- Recorded season-best eight-game hitting streak from May 6-19, batting .400 (12-for-30)
- Posted a .436 on-base percentage during 14-game on-base streak to begin season from May 4-27
- Made first career appearance at first base on June 20 vs. Louisville
- Tallied a season-best 18-game on-base streak from May 29-June 29, posting a .414 on-base percentage in that span
- Reached base safely in 32 of first 33 games played from May 4-June 29
- Hit team's 100th home run of the season on July 4 at St. Paul, hitting back-to-back home runs with **Kyle Isbel**
- Posted third on-base streak of 10+ games from July 11-Aug. 6, a 14-game on-base streak
- Transferred to Double-A Northwest Arkansas on Aug. 11, the same day **MJ Melendez** made his Triple-A debut
- Hit .257/.369/.385 in 31 games with the Naturals with five doubles, three home runs, and 18 walks
- Won 2021 Double-A Central title with Northwest Arkansas
- Elected free agency on Nov. 7





# BATTER NOTES

**7 BOBBY WITT JR. | INF 2021: 62 G, 285 PA, .285/.352/.581, 55 R, 72 H, 24 2B, 0 3B, 17 HR, 46 RBI, 26 BB, 64 SO, 15 SB, 3 CS**

**FIRST APPEARANCE:** 7/20 vs. STP  
**LAST APPEARANCE:** 10/3 @ IOW  
**STARTS (POSITION):** 3B (9), SS (47), DH (5)  
**STARTS (ORDER):** 1 (12), 2 (49)  
**LONGEST HIT STREAK:** 8 games, 8/6-8/14  
**LONGEST ON-BASE STREAK:** 18 games, 7/25-8/14  
**MOST H:** 3, 6x, last - 9/22 vs. IND  
**MOST RBI:** 5, 8/7 @ COL  
**HOME:** 34 G, 137 AB, .314/.383/.533, 6 HR  
**ROAD:** 28 G, 116 AB, .250/.315/.638, 11 HR  
**MULTI-HIT GAMES:** 18  
**ACQUIRED:** 1st Round, 2019

- Split the season between Double-A Northwest Arkansas (61 games) and Triple-A Omaha (62 games) in first full professional season
- In 123 total games, batted .290/.361/.575 with 99 runs scored, 144 total hits, 35 doubles, four triples, 33 home runs, 97 RBIs, 51 walks, 131 strikeouts, and 29 stolen bases
- Named *Baseball America* Minor League Player of the Year, becoming the third player in franchise history (**Tom Gordon** - 1988, **Wil Myers** - 2012) to earn the honor
- Led Minor League Baseball in extra-base hits (72), ranked second in runs (97), fourth in home runs (33) and RBIs (97), fifth in hits (144), and tied for sixth in doubles (35)
- Named a Minor League All-Star at shortstop by *Baseball America* and a Royals Organizational All-Star by MLB.com
- Named to MLB Pipeline Prospect Team of the Year at designated hitter, while Yankess prospect Anthony Volpe earned honors at shortstop
- Named USA TODAY Sports Minor League Player of the Year, becoming the 12th player (and second in Omaha franchise history, joining **Wil Myers** in 2012) to earn USA TODAY Sports and *Baseball America* Minor League Player of the Year honors in the same year
- Named Prospect of the Year by *The Athletic*
- Named the "Most Exciting Player" in Triple-A East and Double-A Central in annual survey of Minor League managers by *Baseball America*
- Named George Brett Hitter of the Year by the Kansas City Royals
- Named Steve Pivovar Prospect of the Year and Omaha Fan Favorite for 2021
- Fell one stolen base shy of recording the third season of 30+ home runs, 30+ doubles, and 30+ stolen bases since 1990, finishing the season with 33 home runs, 35 doubles, and 29 stolen bases, getting caught stealing in final stolen base attempt of the season on Oct. 2 at Iowa
- Recorded 30th stolen base of the season on Sept. 30 vs. Iowa in third inning before game was delayed in fourth inning, suspended, and canceled, nullifying the statistic
- One of two players in Minor League Baseball (Anthony Volpe - 35 2B / 27 HR / 33 SB) with 25+ doubles, 25+ home runs, and 25+ stolen bases
- First Royals minor leaguer since **Alex Gordon** (29 HR / 22 SB) in 2006 with Double-A Wichita to record a season with 20+ home runs and 20+ stolen bases
- From Triple-A debut on July 20 through end of the season on Oct. 3, led Triple-A East in runs scored (55), extra-base hits (41), total bases (147), doubles (24), ranked third in hits (72) and home runs (17), fifth in slugging percentage (.581), sixth in RBIs (46), and eighth in OPS (.933)
- One of 10 players in Royals organization with 10+ home runs (33), 10+ doubles (35), and 10+ stolen bases (29) and only player in Royals organization with 20+ of each
- Entered the season as the No. 1 prospect in the Royals organization according to both *Baseball America* and MLB Pipeline
- Entered the season as the No. 7 overall prospect by MLB Pipeline and No. 16 overall prospect by *Baseball America*, finishing the season as the No. 3 overall prospect on both lists
- Appeared in 14 Cactus League games during Major League Spring Training, batting .289/.325/.526 with three home runs
- Hit first career Double-A home run on May 12 vs. Tulsa in 3-for-5 game
- Hit career-high three home runs on May 30 vs. San Antonio in 3-for-4 game
- Hit back-to-back-to-back home runs with **Nick Pratto** and **MJ Melendez** on May 30 vs. San Antonio as part of Northwest Arkansas franchise-record-tying seven-homer game
- Drove in a career-high five runs in career-best 4-for-4 game on June 26 vs. Arkansas
- Started at shortstop for the American League in the 2021 SiriusXM All-Star Futures Game at Coors Field in Denver, Colo., going 0-for-2 with two 100+ mph lineouts
- Hit .295/.369/.570 in 61 games with Double-A Northwest Arkansas, leading the league in total bases (139) and RBIs (51), tying for league lead in hits (72), and ranking second in home runs (16) at time of promotion to Triple-A on July 18
- Made Triple-A debut on July 20 vs. St. Paul to become first player in Omaha history born after Dec. 31, 1999
- Recorded first Triple-A hit in first Triple-A at-bat in Triple-A debut on July 20 vs. St. Paul with a single up the middle in a 2-for-6 game
- Went 3-for-5 with an inside-the-park home run on July 21 vs. St. Paul for his first career Triple-A home run, recording the first inside-the-park home run in franchise history since **Paulo Orlando** on June 26, 2014 and the first inside-the-park home run at Werner Park since Orlando on Sept. 1, 2013
- Recorded four consecutive multi-hit games to begin Triple-A career from July 20-23
- Hit solo home run on July 25 vs. St. Paul for first Triple-A home run that cleared fence
- Hit back-to-back home runs with **Edward Olivares** on July 27 at Toledo
- Hit three-run homer as part of six-run 11th inning on Aug. 3 at Columbus
- Hit leadoff for first time at Triple-A level on Aug. 3 at Columbus, batting in front of rehabbing **Adalberto Mondesi**
- Homered for second straight game as part of 3-for-5 game on Aug. 4 at Columbus
- Played third base for first time at Triple-A level on Aug. 5 at Columbus with rehabbing **Adalberto Mondesi** playing shortstop
- Hit go-ahead, two-run home run on Aug. 6 at Columbus for third home run in four-game span
- Smacked first career grand slam on Aug. 7 at Columbus and tied a career high with five RBIs
- Named Triple-A East Player of the Week for Aug. 2-8 after going 8-for-27 (.296) with two doubles, four home runs, and 11 RBIs in six-game series at Columbus from Aug. 3-8
- Hit fifth home run in seven-game span on Aug. 10 vs. Iowa
- Stole 20th base of the season on Aug. 14 vs. Iowa to clinch a 20+ home run, 20+ stolen base season
- Tied career-best with eight-game hitting streak from Aug. 6-14, batting .300 (9-for-30) with three doubles and three home runs in that span
- Recorded season-best 18-game on-base streak from July 25-Aug. 14, batting .257/.353/.622 with six doubles and seven home runs in that span
- Collected 10th double at Triple-A level on Aug. 21 vs. Columbus
- Hit 10th Triple-A home run on Aug. 24 (1) at Iowa
- Notched three extra-base hits on Aug. 25 at Iowa, going 3-for-5 with a home run, two doubles, three RBIs, and three runs scored
- Drove in go-ahead run with sacrifice fly in 11th inning on Aug. 29 at Iowa
- Went 8-for-27 (.296) with three home runs in seven-game series at Iowa from Aug. 24-29
- Tallied three RBIs on Aug. 31 vs. Toledo, including go-ahead two-run double in second inning
- Named Triple-A East Player of the Month for August—his first full month at Triple-A level—batting .279/.342/.635 while leading the league in runs (25), RBIs (29), doubles (10), and total bases (66) while ranking second in home runs (9)
- Collected three doubles between two games of a doubleheader on Sept. 1 vs. Toledo, going 3-for-3 with two doubles in Game One and 1-for-3 with a double in Game Two
- Doubled twice on Sept. 7 vs. St. Paul to record 30th and 31st doubles of the season
- Hit inside-the-park home run in first inning on Sept. 8 at St. Paul for second inside-the-park home run of the season to become first player in franchise history with multiple inside-the-park home runs in a single season
- Homered in the first inning for the third straight game on Sept. 10 at St. Paul
- Stole two bases on both Sept. 17 vs. Iowa and Sept. 22 vs. Iowa to bring season total to 28
- Recorded 70th extra-base hit of the season, a double, on Sept. 18 vs. Iowa
- Hit back-to-back home runs with **Nick Pratto** on Sept. 24 vs. Indianapolis, hitting a 425-ft. solo home run with a 110 mph exit velocity
- Made full-extension, diving catch in shallow left field on Sept. 29 at Iowa for play that was nominated for a MilBY Award for Top Play, earning 13 percent of the vote

## OFFENSE, MISCELLANEOUS

PLAYER	MULTI-HIT GAMES					MULTI-RBI GAMES					HOME RUNS				
	TOT	2H	3H	4H	5+H	TOT	2RBI	3RBI	4RBI	5+RBI	TOT	2R	3R	GS	LAST HR
Dairon Blanco	7	5	1	1	--	1	--	--	1	--	5	--	--	1	10/1 @ IOW
Gabriel Cancel	12	8	4	--	--	8	4	1	2	1	14	3	1	--	9/22 vs. IND
Angelo Castellano	10	7	3	--	--	8	4	--	4	--	8	2	1	3	10/1 @ IOW
Nick Dini	8	6	2	--	--	6	5	1	--	--	4	1	1	--	10/1 @ IOW
Hunter Dozier	1	1	--	--	--	1	1	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Alcides Escobar	7	4	2	1	--	4	2	1	1	--	5	2	--	--	6/15 vs. LOU
Nathan Esposito	1	1	--	--	--	1	1	--	--	--	1	--	--	--	9/16 vs. IOW
Freddy Fermin	1	1	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Lucius Fox	12	9	3	--	--	5	4	1	--	--	4	1	--	--	10/1 @ IOW
Cam Gallagher	1	1	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1	--	--	--	7/11 vs. TOL
Jimmy Govern	1	--	1	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1	--	--	--	7/14 @ IND
Kelvin Gutierrez	4	3	1	--	--	1	1	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Kyle Isbel	26	19	7	--	--	14	10	2	2	--	15	5	2	--	9/5 vs. TOL
Travis Jones	2	1	1	--	--	1	1	--	--	--	2	--	--	--	9/19 vs. IOW
Rudy Martin	9	6	2	1	--	5	2	3	--	--	6	1	2	--	8/27 @ IOW
Ryan McBroom	33	27	6	--	--	19	12	5	1	1	32	7	4	--	9/24 vs. IND
Erick Mejia	12	12	--	--	--	7	6	1	--	--	7	2	--	--	10/3 @ IOW
MJ Melendez	11	9	1	1	--	9	4	1	4	--	13	5	1	1	9/26 vs. IND
Kevin Merrell	2	2	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Anderson Miller	13	9	4	--	--	8	4	2	2	--	12	2	2	1	7/17 (2) @ IND
Adalberto Mondesi	2	1	1	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2	--	--	--	8/29 @ IOW
Paul Mondesi	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Ryan O'Hearn	5	1	2	2	--	6	3	1	--	2	12	4	2	--	7/6 vs. TOL
Edward Olivares	27	23	3	1	--	10	8	1	--	1	15	4	2	--	10/1 @ IOW
Nick Pratto	16	13	3	--	--	15	9	3	1	2	21	3	3	2	10/2 @ IOW
Emmanuel Rivera	19	13	4	2	--	15	10	5	--	--	19	6	2	--	10/2 @ IOW
Sebastian Rivero	10	8	1	--	1	8	5	2	1	--	3	1	--	--	6/10 @ STP
Bubba Starling	5	3	2	--	--	5	3	1	1	--	7	1	1	--	6/10 @ STP
Meibrys Vilorio	8	6	2	--	--	5	4	1	--	--	5	2	--	--	7/4 @ STP
Bobby Witt Jr.	18	11	7	--	--	9	4	3	1	1	17	3	2	1	9/24 vs. IND
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>283</b>	<b>210</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>171</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>231</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10/3 @ IOW</b>



# OFFENSE, MISCELLANEOUS (CONT.)

## MULTI-HOME RUN GAMES

20

PLAYER	HRs	GAME	PLAYER	HRs	GAME
Bubba Starling	2	5/16 @ COL	Anderson Miller	2	6/26 @ IOW
Gabriel Cancel	2	5/29 vs. IND	Anderson Miller	2	7/6 vs. TOL
Bubba Starling	2	6/3 vs. IOW	MJ Melendez	2	8/27 @ IOW
Ryan O'Hearn	2	6/4 vs. IOW	Ryan McBroom	2	9/4 vs. TOL
Bubba Starling	2	6/6 vs. IOW	Ryan McBroom	2	9/10 @ STP
Gabriel Cancel	2	6/6 vs. IOW	Emmanuel Rivera	2	9/15 vs. IOW
Ryan O'Hearn	2	6/9 @ STP	Travis Jones	2	9/19 vs. IOW
Ryan O'Hearn	2	6/10 @ STP	Nick Pratto	2	9/24 vs. IND
Ryan McBroom	3	6/13 @ STP	MJ Melendez	2	9/26 vs. IND
Alcides Escobar	2	6/15 vs. LOU	Edward Olivares	2	10/01 @ IOW

## BACK-TO-BACK HOME RUNS

12

PLAYERS	INNING	GAME
Emmanuel Rivera, Meibrys Viloría	2nd	5/12 @ COL
Anderson Miller, Sebastian Rivero, Gabriel Cancel	9th	5/12 @ IOW
Ryan McBroom, Gabriel Cancel	3rd	6/4 vs. IOW
Alcides Escobar, Angelo Castellano	4th	6/13 @ STP
Ryan O'Hearn, Ryan McBroom	1st	6/17 vs. LOU
Kyle Isbel, Meibrys Viloría	6th	7/4 @ STP
Edward Olivares, Bobby Witt Jr.	3rd	7/27 @ TOL
Ryan McBroom, MJ Melendez	8th	8/13 vs. IOW
Ryan McBroom, MJ Melendez	6th	8/31 vs. TOL
Emmanuel Rivera, Ryan McBroom	7th	9/15 vs. IOW
Angelo Castellano, Erick Mejia	7th	9/18 vs. IOW
Bobby Witt Jr., Nick Pratto	3rd	9/24 vs. IND

## 4+ HIT GAMES

29

PLAYER	RBI	GAME	PLAYER	RBI	GAME
Alcides Escobar	4	5/26 vs. IND	Angelo Castellano	4	7/29 @ TOL
Bubba Starling	4	6/3 vs. IOW	Bobby Witt Jr.	5	8/7 @ COL
Ryan O'Hearn	5	6/4 vs. IOW	MJ Melendez	4	8/18 vs. COL
Gabriel Cancel	4	6/6 vs. IOW	Kyle Isbel	4	8/22 vs. COL
Ryan O'Hearn	6	6/10 @ STP	Nick Pratto	4	8/22 vs. COL
Sebastian Rivero	4	6/10 @ STP	Bobby Witt Jr.	4	8/24 (1) @ IOW
Ryan McBroom	5	6/13 @ STP	MJ Melendez	4	8/27 @ IOW
Ryan McBroom	4	6/20 vs. LOU	Angelo Castellano	4	9/18 vs. IOW
Gabriel Cancel	6	6/23 (1) @ IOW	MJ Melendez	4	9/18 vs. IOW
Anderson Miller	4	6/24 @ IOW	Angelo Castellano	4	9/24 vs. IND
Gabriel Cancel	4	6/26 @ IOW	Angelo Castellano	4	9/25 vs. IND
Anderson Miller	4	6/26 @ IOW	MJ Melendez	4	9/26 vs. IND
Kyle Isbel	4	7/18 @ IND	Edward Olivares	5	10/01 @ IOW
Nick Pratto	5	7/25 vs. STP	Dairon Blanco	4	10/01 @ IOW
Nick Pratto	5	7/28 @ TOL			

## 4+ RBI GAMES

10

PLAYER	HITS	GAME	PLAYER	HITS	GAME
Edward Olivares	4	5/23 @ IOW	Ryan O'Hearn	4	6/15 vs. LOU
Alcides Escobar	4	5/26 vs. IND	Emmanuel Rivera	4	6/15 vs. LOU
Emmanuel Rivera	4	5/30 vs. IND	Rudy Martin	4	7/4 @ STP
Ryan O'Hearn	4	6/10 @ STP	MJ Melendez	4	8/27 @ IOW
Sebastian Rivero	5	6/10 @ STP	Dairon Blanco	4	9/25 vs. IND

## 10+ GAME HITTING STREAKS

4

PLAYER	# OF GAMES	DATES
Kyle Isbel	14	July 14-28
Nick Pratto	11	Aug. 18-28
MJ Melendez	11	Sept. 17-Oct. 2
Lucius Fox	10	Sept. 17-Oct. 3

## 15+ GAME ON-BASE STREAKS

8

PLAYER	# OF GAMES	DATES
Meibrys Viloría	18	May 29-June 29
Emmanuel Rivera	15	June 12-Aug. 3
Kyle Isbel	17	July 11-31
Bobby Witt Jr.	18	July 25-Aug. 14
Nick Pratto	16	Aug. 21-Sept. 19
Ryan McBroom	24	Aug. 21-Sept. 19
MJ Melendez	15	Aug. 24 (2)-Sept. 9
MJ Melendez	16	Sept. 11-Oct. 3

## EJECTIONS

4

PLAYER/COACH	DATE	UMPIRE	REASON
Brian Poldberg	6/13 @ STP (2nd)	Dave Martinez	Fair/foul HR, strike zone
Bubba Starling	6/13 @ STP (4th)	Dave Martinez	Fair/foul HR, strike zone
Alcides Escobar	6/29 @ STP (6th)	Clint Vondrak	Safe/out call at 2B on tag
Brian Poldberg	7/28 @ TOL (4th)	Clint Vondrak	Strike zone

# AWARDS AND ACCOLADES

## TRIPLE-A EAST PLAYER/PITCHER OF THE MONTH

3

PLAYER	AWARD	MONTH
Jackson Kowar	Pitcher of the Month	May
Ryan O'Hearn	Player of the Month	June
Bobby Witt Jr.	Player of the Month	August

## POSTSEASON AWARDS & ACCOLADES

28

PLAYER	AWARD
Kyle Isbel	MiLB.com Royals Organizational All-Star, OF
Jackson Kowar	Triple-A East Pitcher of the Year
Jackson Kowar	Triple-A East All-Star, RHP
Jackson Kowar	MiLB.com Royals Organizational All-Star, RHP
Jackson Kowar	Paul Splittorf Pitcher of the Year
Jackson Kowar	Omaha Pitcher of the Year
Ryan McBroom	Triple-A East All-Star, DH
Ryan McBroom	MiLB.com Royals Organizational All-Star, OF
Ryan McBroom	Omaha Hitter of the Year
MJ Melendez	Joe Bauman Home Run Award
MJ Melendez	Top Offensive Player, MiLB
MJ Melendez	Baseball America Minor League All-Star, C
MJ Melendez	MLB Pipeline Prospect Team of the Year, C
MJ Melendez	MiLB.com Royals Organizational All-Star, C

## WALK-OFF WINS

6

GAME	INNING	BATTER	PITCHER	HIT	FINAL SCORE
5/6 vs. STP	11th	Kevin Merrrell	Danny Coulombe	Single	W, 4-3 (11)
5/27 vs. IND	9th	Kyle Isbel	Braeden Ogle	Single	W, 6-5
6/1 vs. IOW	9th	Ryan O'Hearn	Ryan Meisinger	Home Run	W, 5-3
7/6 vs. TOL	10th	Anderson Miller	Robbie Ross Jr.	Home Run	W, 7-5 (10)
7/11 vs. TOL	9th	Cam Gallagher	Bryan Garcia	Home Run	W, 6-5
9/1 (2) vs. TOL	8th	Dairon Blanco	Angel de Jesus	Single	W, 4-3 (8)

## GRAND SLAMS

9

GAME	INNING	BATTER	PITCHER	FINAL SCORE
6/24 @ IOW	3rd	Anderson Miller	Mike Hauschild	W, 8-6
7/25 vs. STP	7th	Nick Pratto	Nick Vincent	W, 9-6
7/28 vs. STP	5th	Nick Pratto	Wladimir Pinto	W, 14-12
7/29 @ TOL	5th	Angelo Castellano	Angel de Jesus	W, 8-5
8/7 @ COL	2nd	Bobby Witt Jr.	Kevin Herget	W, 13-10
9/18 vs. IOW	7th	Angelo Castellano	Marcus Walden	W, 14-3
9/18 vs. IOW	8th	MJ Melendez	Bryan Hudson	W, 14-3
9/25 vs. IND	2nd	Angelo Castellano	Beau Sulser	W, 12-3
10/01 @ IOW	8th	Dairon Blanco	Scott Kobos	W, 22-4

## INSIDE-THE-PARK HOME RUNS

2

GAME	INNING	BATTER	PITCHER	FINAL SCORE
7/21 vs. STP	3rd	Bobby Witt Jr.	Josh Winder	L, 7-6
9/8 @ STP	1st	Bobby Witt Jr.	Drew Strotman	L, 17-3

## FIRST-INNING LEADOFF HOME RUNS

5

GAME	INNING	BATTER	PITCHER	FINAL SCORE
6/13 @ STP	1st	Edward Olivares	Charlie Barnes	W, 15-4
8/4 @ COL	1st	Rudy Martin	Brad Peacock	L, 6-4
8/24 (2) @ IOW	1st	Rudy Martin	Matt Swarmer	L, 8-1
9/19 vs. IOW	1st	Lucius Fox	Dakota Mekkes	W, 10-3
10/01 @ IOW	1st	Lucius Fox	Luis Rodriguez	W, 22-4

## EXTRA-INNINGS PLACED RUNNER SCORED

11/19 - 58%

GAME	INNING	PLACED RUNNER	RUNNER RESULT	FINAL SCORE
5/6 vs. STP	10	Emmanuel Rivera	Scored	W, 4-3 (11)
5/6 vs. STP	11	Gabriel Cancel	Scored	W, 4-3 (11)
7/6 vs. TOL	10	Gabriel Cancel	Scored	W, 7-5 (10)
7/14 @ IND	10	Anderson Miller	Stranded	W, 6-5 (12)
7/14 @ IND	11	Meibrys Viloría	Stranded	W, 6-5 (12)
7/14 @ IND	12	Lucius Fox	Scored	W, 6-5 (12)
7/20 vs. STP	10	Anderson Miller (PR)	Stranded	L, 6-4 (10)
8/3 @ COL	10	Rudy Martin	Stranded	W, 11-7 (11)
8/3 @ COL	11	Travis Jones (PR)	Scored	W, 11-7 (11)
8/6 @ COL	10	Meibrys Viloría	Stranded	L, 5-4 (10)
8/18 vs. COL	10	Lucius Fox	Scored	L, 7-5 (10)
8/24 (1) @ IOW	8	Adalberto Mondesi	Scored	W, 8-6 (8)
8/29 @ IOW	10	Rudy Martin	Stranded	W, 4-3 (11)
8/29 @ IOW	11	MJ Melendez	Scored	W, 4-3 (11)
9/1 (2) vs. TOL	8	Nick Pratto	Scored	W, 4-3 (8)
9/12 @ STP	10	Bobby Witt Jr.	Scored	W, 3-2 (10)
9/16 vs. IOW	10	Lucius Fox	Stranded	L, 6-5 (12)
9/16 vs. IOW	11	Nick Pratto	Thrown out at home	L, 6-5 (12)
9/16 vs. IOW	12	Lucius Fox	Scored	L, 6-5 (12)

## PINCH HITTERS

OVERALL: 4/31 (.129)

BATTER	STATS	LAST PINCH-HIT APP.
Gabriel Cancel	0-0, BB	9/29 @ IOW
Angelo Castellano	0-2, K	8/19 vs. COL
Nathan Esposito	2-7, 2B, 2 K	8/24 (2) @ IOW
Lucius Fox	0-0, BB	9/12 @ STP
Kyle Isbel	0-1	9/2 vs. TOL
Travis Jones	1-7, BB, K	9/26 vs. IND
Rudy Martin	0-3, BB 3 K	9/7 @ STP
Erick Mejia	0-1	9/1 (2) vs. TOL
MJ Melendez	0-1	8/24 (1) @ IOW
Anderson Miller	0-1, K	6/30 @ STP
Paúl Mondesi	1-3, K	9/25 vs. IND
Nick Pratto	0-1, K	9/12 @ STP
Andrés Sotillet	0-1, K	6/20 vs. LOU
Bubba Starling	0-1, RBI	6/18 vs. LOU
Meibrys Viloría	0-1, K	6/29 @ STP
Bobby Witt Jr.	0-1, K	8/29 @ IOW
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>4/31 (.129), 2B, RBI, 4 BB, 13 K</b>	<b>9/29 @ IOW</b>

## TRIPLE-A EAST PLAYER/PITCHER OF THE WEEK

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PLAYER	AWARD	WEEK
Ryan O'Hearn	Player of the Week	June 7-13
Bobby Witt Jr.	Player of the Week	Aug. 2-8

