

CLEARWATER THRESHERS

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Clearwater Threshers (18-30, 53-60) VS. Tampa Tarpons (27-19, 54-58)

Tuesday, August 23, 2022

**Game #114 | Home Game #55 | 6:30 PM | BayCare Ballpark, Clearwater, FL
RHP Victor Vargas (MiLB Rehab) vs. TBD**

LAST TIME OUT: The Clearwater Threshers powered past the Daytona Tortugas 9-6 in front of 2,190 on Sunday night at Jackie Robinson Ballpark, securing four wins in the six-game series. Left-hander Matt Osterberg made his 12th start of the season on the mound for Clearwater, allowing one unearned run on three hits with three strikeouts in three innings of work. After Alexeis Azuaje was hit by a pitch to begin the game, the Threshers (18-30, 53-60) opened the scoring in the first inning on an RBI double by Leandro Pineda to make it 1-0. Pineda finished the game 2-for-3 with an RBI and three walks. The Tortugas (15-31, 44-67) evened the game 1-1 on two errors by Osterberg in the second, before the Threshers pushed home three runs in the fifth. Clearwater made it a 4-1 game on an RBI single by Caleb Ricketts, a Daytona error and an RBI base knock by Micah Yonamine. With the Threshers leading 4-1 in the bottom of the fifth, the Tortugas responded with three runs of their own to tie the contest again 4-4. All three runs were charged to right-handed reliever Alex McKenney. Tied 4-4, the Threshers exploded for another big inning in the sixth with four runs on three hits to make it 7-4. RBI singles by Hao Yu Lee and Yonamine, as well as a two-run wild pitch gave the Threshers an 8-4 advantage. It was Lee's team-leading 50th RBI of the season. After righty reliever Alex Garbrick entered in the sixth for the Threshers and allowed two runs on a wild pitch and RBI double to trim the lead to 8-6, Clearwater tacked on an insurance run in the eighth on three walks and three wild pitches from Daytona right-hander Luis Mey to make it 9-6. As the game entered the bottom of the ninth, right-hander Jack Dallas entered on the mound for Clearwater and despite allowing a leadoff walk, worked a 1-2-3 scoreless frame to secure the first save of his professional career and a 9-6 victory. The Threshers also finished the season series against the Tortugas with a 9-3 advantage.

FOR STARTERS: Right-hander **Victor Vargas** is scheduled to make his second rehab start with the Threshers on Tuesday night...Holds a 2-2 record with 3.62 ERA in 10 games in 2022 with High-A Jersey Shore, Florida Complex League (rehab) and Threshers (rehab)...Last outing: August 16 @ Daytona, allowed three runs on seven hits with one walk and three strikeouts in five innings of work, no decision...Overall in professional career: 14-12 with 4.73 ERA in 53 games, 39 starts...Placed on Injured List by Jersey Shore on May 18...Pitched in 13 games with Clearwater in 2021, held 4-1 record with 3.62 ERA. Struck out 54 hitters in 49.2 innings of work



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SHARK BITES: vs. Tampa in 2022: 13-5, this marks the fourth and final meeting between the Threshers and Tarpons in 2022, Clearwater split a six-game series in Tampa on August 2-7... **KNOW THE FOE:** The Tarpons have surged in the second half, holding a 27-19 record and are only two games out of the final playoff spot in the FSL West. Tampa is 54-58 overall under MiLB's only female manager Rachel Balkovec ... **HOME SWEET HOME:** The Threshers lead the Florida State League in attendance, welcoming in more than 180,000 fans through the BayCare Ballpark gates so far in 2022, including a league-high 8,017 for the July 3 contest... **FUN FACT:** Despite missing nearly two months on the injured list, INF Hao Yu Lee is now 6th in the FSL in RBI with 50 ... **NOT SO FUN FACT:** Clearwater has had six losing streaks of three games or more in the second half, **the Threshers are also 5-16 at home in the second half of the season**... **WHO'S HOT:** Newcomer Cade Fergus, a 13th round draft pick of the Phillies in 2022 out of George Washington, crushed the Threshers' first grand slam of the season in Saturday's game one victory. It was Fergus' third home run in 46 at bats this season. Fergus also has 9 RBI ... **SERIES STRUGGLES:** With the win on Sunday evening in Daytona, the Threshers secured only their second series win of the second half. The Threshers taking $\frac{2}{3}$ against Bradenton on July 22-24 is the only other... **WELCOME BACK:** INF Alexeis Azuaje has reached base at least once in every game since returning from the Injured List (placed on Injured List May 24, returned August 5) the streak continued for Azuaje on Sunday, as he walked and scored one run... **ON DECK:** Following this six-game set with the Tarpons, the Threshers will travel to Lakeland to battle the Flying Tigers in the final road series of the season August 30-Sept 4

Inside the Numbers:

Current Streak: W1
Last 10: 5-5
VS. Tampa: 13-5
At Home: 24-30
On Road: 29-30
In August: 9-9 (7-17 July)
On Tuesday's: 6-10
Team hitting at home: .224
Team hitting on road: .225
Night games: 44-39
Day games: 9-21
Team hitting in August: .225
Team ERA in August: 5.08
Team hitting vs. LHP: .216
Team hitting vs. RHP: .227
Following a win: 28-23
Following a loss: 24-35
Starters ERA: 4.29
Bullpen ERA: 3.45



Diving Deeper - #17 Victor Vargas

VARGAS, VÍCTOR DANIEL... RHP... B-T: R-R... HT: 6-1; WT: 200... BORN: September 3, 2000, Cartagena, Colombia... RESIDES: Cartagena... HOW OBTAINED: Signed by Phillies as an amateur free agent, 7/2/17... SIGNED BY: Rómulo Oliveros... 2021: His 8 wins overall were T-1st among all Phillies minor league pitchers... Began season with Clearwater (A)... Named Phillies Minor League Co-Pitcher of the Month for June... Posted a 2.11 ERA (5 ER, 21.1 IP) and 1.03 WHIP with 2 saves in 5 June games (3 starts)... Made 1 start with Lehigh Valley (AAA), 7/25... Joined Jersey Shore (A), 7/31... Participated in Florida Instructional League... 2020: Participated in FIL... 2019: Began season with Gulf Coast League Phillies East (R)... Promoted to Williamsport (A) on 8/9 for remainder of the season... In his 8 starts overall, posted a 0.91 ERA (3 ER, 29.2 IP)... Allowed 1 ER or none in 9 of 11 appearances... 2018: Began professional career with GCL Phillies West... Participated in FIL... 2017: Participated in FIL.



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CLEARWATER THRESHERS LATEST TRANSACTIONS

- 2-Aug OF Chad Castillo activated and assigned to Clearwater Threshers (retroactive to 8/1)
- 2-Aug OF Cade Fergus activated and assigned to Clearwater Threshers (retroactive to 8/1)
- 2-Aug C Ryan Letich activated and assigned to Clearwater Threshers (retroactive to 8/1)
- 2-Aug C Caleb Ricketts activated and assigned to Clearwater Threshers (retroactive to 8/1)
- 2-Aug OF Troy Schreffler activated and assigned to Clearwater Threshers (retroactive to 8/1)
- 2-Aug C Arturo De Freitas assigned to Jersey Shore from Clearwater Threshers (retroactive to 8/1)
- 2-Aug OF Marcus Lee Sang assigned to Jersey Shore from Clearwater Threshers (retroactive to 8/1)
- 2-Aug RHP Rodolfo Sanchez assigned to Jersey Shore from Clearwater Threshers (retroactive to 8/1)
- 2-Aug INF Nicolas Torres assigned to Jersey Shore from Clearwater Threshers (retroactive to 8/1)
- 2-Aug INF Albert Jerez released from organization (retroactive to 7/31)
- 2-Aug INF McCarthy Tatum on MiLB Rehab assigned to Clearwater Threshers
- 5-Aug INF Matt Alifano activated and assigned to Clearwater Threshers
- 5-Aug INF Alexeis Azuaje reinstated from 7-Day Injured List, activated by Clearwater Threshers
- 5-Aug C Andrick Nava assigned to Jersey Shore from Clearwater Threshers
- 5-Aug INF Kendall Simmons assigned to Jersey Shore from Clearwater Threshers



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- 12-Aug RHP Daniel Harper assigned to Clearwater Threshers from Florida Complex League
- 12-Aug RHP Cam Wynne reinstated from 7-Day Injured List, activated by Clearwater Threshers
- 12-Aug RHP Jean Cabrera placed on Development List (retroactive to 8/11)
- 12-Aug RHP Eiberson Castellano placed on Development List (retroactive to 8/11)
- 12-Aug LHP Gabriel Cotto placed on Development List (retroactive to 8/11)
- 12-Aug RHP Buddy Hayward transferred to 60-Day Injured List (retroactive to 8/11)
- 12-Aug LHP Keylan Killgore on MiLB Rehab assigned to Clearwater Threshers
- 12-Aug C Anthony Quirion on MiLB Rehab assigned to Clearwater Threshers
- 12-Aug LHP Josh Hendrickson on MiLB Rehab assigned to Clearwater Threshers
- 16-Aug RHP Jack Dallas assigned to Clearwater Threshers from Florida Complex League (retroactive to 8/15)
- 16-Aug RHP Victor Vargas on MiLB Rehab assigned to Clearwater Threshers (retroactive to 8/15)
- 16-Aug LHP Samuel Aldegheri reinstated from 60-Day Injured List, assigned to Florida Complex League (retroactive to 8/15)
- 17-Aug C Nick Matera on MiLB Rehab assigned to Clearwater Threshers
- 23-Aug LHP Jordan Fowler placed on Development List (retroactive to 8/21)



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