



Dayton Dragons (13-29, 34-73)

High-A Affiliate, Cincinnati Reds

RH Jose Montero (80 IP | 4.28 ERA)

at



Lansing Lugnuts (20-25, 56-55)

High-A Affiliate, Athletics

RH Corey Avant (86 2/3 IP | 3.74 ERA)

History vs. Dayton

The Nuts are 234-186 all-time vs. the Dragons, 121-96 in Lansing, 113-90 in the Water Street District. Last season, Lansing went 10-11 vs. Dayton overall, with a 4-5 record at Day Air Ballpark

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

GAME 112 ♦ JACKSON® FIELD™ ♦ FRIDAY, AUGUST 15, 2025 ♦ 7:05 PM

Tonight: The Lugnuts and Dragons play the fourth game in their six-game series, following up last night's doubleheader. Lansing is 11-4 this season vs. Dayton, 6-3 at home and 5-1 at Day Air Ballpark. A vintage baseball will precede the game from 5-6 p.m., the Michigan Baseball Hall of Fame Class of 2025 plaques will be revealed at 6:25 p.m., the Nuts are going to wear Sandlot-themed uniforms with Chauncey "Squints" Leopardi in attendance, and LAFCU Fireworks will follow the game.

Yesterday: Game 1 - Lugnuts 3, Dragons 2. The Nuts scored one run apiece in the 1st, 2nd and 3rd to counteract a **Carter Graham** 2-R HR in the 1st, taking the opener. **Game 2 - Olive Burgers 4, Dragons 0.** Kyle Robinson fired six scoreless innings and **Mario Gómez** swatted a two-run homer to help complete the twinbill sweep.

On Deck: Tomorrow night is Pink Out the Park Night with Susan G. Komen and LAFCU Fireworks, plus a Mason Miller Bobblehead Giveaway!

THE CLASS OF 2025

Joining the **Michigan Baseball Hall of Fame** this year, as decided via vote by a nine-member select committee (Joe Block, Gary Gillette, Fred Heumann, Mario Impemba, Bill Killian, Geoff Kimmerly, Rich Maloney, Tim Staudt, Mark Uyl)

- **Dave Bergman** - played the final nine years of his 17-year MLB career for the Tigers, founded the 13U-18U Grosse Pointe Baseball Organization Redbirds after retiring, leading to hundreds of college baseball scholarships.
- **Terry "Coach Bo" Bocian** - the first college coach in Michigan to win 1,000 games in a single sport, steered Aquinas College to 30 winning seasons, 27 straight seasons with at least 30 wins, and seven NAIA state championships.
- **Frank Deak** - led the DeWitt Panthers to 16 league titles, 13 district titles, 5 regional titles, and the 1983 and 1993 state championships, compiling a .782 winning percentage at DeWitt High School before going on to establish the LCC baseball program.
- **Jim Kaat** - Zeeland native spent one year at Hope College before MLB scouts came calling, going on to pitch 25 years in the Major Leagues, win 283 games and earn 16 Gold Gloves; he was inducted into the National Baseball Hall of Fame in 2022.

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

7:05 p.m., Saturday, August 16	RH Nestor Lorant, Dragons	at	RH Steven Echavarria, Lugnuts
1:05 p.m., Sunday, August 17	LH Nick Sando, Dragons	at	LH Ryan Magdic, Lugnuts

LUG•NOTES

Prospecting: The Lugnuts' roster has six of MLB Pipeline's revamped Top 30 Athletics prospects: No. 1 **Leo De Vries**, rated the No. 3 prospect in all of Minor League Baseball, No. 15 **Steven Echavarria**, No. 19 **Ryan Lasko**, No. 22 **Wei-En Lin**, No. 23 **Carlos Pacheco** and No. 25 **Kenya Huggins**. Additionally, No. 3 **Gage Jump**, No. 9 **Tommy White**, No. 12 **Joshua Kuroda-Grauer** and No. 21 **Nate Nankil** played for the Lugnuts earlier this season and are now with Double-A Midland.

Powering On: **Mario Gómez's** two-run homer yesterday ended a stretch of 487 consecutive at-bats without a home run dating back to July 26 at Lake County, and it was Lansing's first HR at home since a **Tommy White** roundtripper on July 19 vs. West Michigan. Gómez was an unlikely suspect to end the homerless streak, entering the day with only nine career home runs in 149 games.

Black and Blue: **T.J. Schofield-Sam** was struck by a Graham Osman pitch in Game 2 last night, his league-leading 28th HBP. (In contrast, MLB leaders Randy Arozarena and Ty France have been hit 20 times.) Schofield-Sam trails Arkansas's Michael Arroyo by one for the Minor League lead.

Mark it Down: **Mark Adamiak** recorded his league-leading 18th save of the season on Wednesday and trails only Fresno's Nathan Blasick (19 saves) for the MiLB lead. Adamiak leads the MWL with 37 appearances, one more than teammate **Blaze Pontes**.

The Mighty Casey: Infielder **Casey Yamauchi** enters tonight on a 16-game on-base streak, going 0-for-2 with a walk in Game 1 and 1-for-3 with a single in Game 2. Yamauchi leads the Nuts with a .364 batting average (16-for-44) in August.

On Iowa! **Grant Judkins** leads the Midwest League in innings (116 1/3, 5th in MiLB) and is tied for the league lead in starts (22) and complete games (1). The former Hawkeye is tied for 2nd in wins (8) and ranks 5th in strikeouts (97), 5th in opponent average (.243), 4th in WHIP (1.26) and 5th in ERA (4.02).

3... 2... 1... Contact: The Nuts are the hardest team to strike out in Minor League Baseball, averaging a scant 7.1 strikeouts per game (788 in 111 games). The easiest team to strike out in MiLB is Salt Lake, which averages 10.2 whiffs per game.

IN A NUTSHELL

36-30 | 20-25 | Won 3

Home:	30-27	Night:	36-40
Road:	26-28	Day:	20-15

vs. LHP: 15-22 vs. RHP: 40-33

White unis:	16-12
Black unis:	24-21
Retro Gray unis:	7-8
Lansing Locos unis:	4-7
Special unis:	4-7

Tuesday:	7-10
Wednesday:	11-6
Thursday:	10-9
Friday:	7-12
Saturday:	8-12
Sunday:	12-6

Series wins:	5
Series losses:	7
Series splits:	7

Scored 1st:	32-19
Opponent scored 1st:	23-36

Doubleheaders (W-L-S):	2-0-2
Shutouts:	5-7

More hits than opp.:	42-7
Fewer hits than opp.:	12-42
Equal hits:	1-6
Games decided by 1 run:	14-11

Comeback wins:	25
Final at-bat wins:	12
Walk-offs:	4
Extra Innings:	5-4

9-IP	Leading	Trailing	Tied
After 6:	27-6	14-39	6-7
After 7:	36-4	8-45	3-3
After 8:	39-3	5-45	3-4

OVERVIEW



Luggie's Nuggets

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

Colors red and black
Mascot | Logo Big Lug, a river dragon | Luggie the Lugnut
Ballpark Jackson® Field™
First Game at Ballpark April 3, 1996: Michigan vs. Michigan St.
Total Capacity 11,000
Lugnugs Seasons 29; 1996-present
Lugnugs Championships 1997, 2003
All-Star Games Hosted 1997, 1999, 2002, 2018
Total Lugnuts Games 3,949
All-Time Lugnuts Won-Lost Record 1,977-1,972, .501
Franchise Seasons 70; 1955-present
Franchise Championships 1958, 1959, 1960, 1975, 1976, 1980, 1986
Total Francise Games 9,282
Franchise Won-Lost Record 4,776-4,506, .514

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Major League Nuts

A's: Lawrence Butler (2021-22), Hogan Harris (2022), Max Muncy (2022-23), Jack Perkins (2023), Max Schuemann (2021), Tyler Soderstrom (2022), Colby Thomas (2023)

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

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

Boston Red Sox: Josh Winckowski (2019)

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

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

Kansas City Royals: Rich Hill (2003)

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

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

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

Milwaukee Brewers: Danny Jansen (2015)

New York Mets: Danny Young (2016)

New York Yankees: Marcus Stroman (2015 rehab)

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

San Diego Padres: Mason Miller (2022)

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

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

Washington Nationals: Drew Millas (2021)

MIDWEST LEAGUE MATCHUPS

Opponents	Home	Road	Total
Beloit	3-3		3-3
Cedar Rapids	3-3		3-3
Dayton	6-3, August 15-17	5-1, September 2-7	11-4, 9 left
Fort Wayne	6-3	2-4	8-7
Great Lakes	3-3	6-6	9-9
Lake County	3-3, Aug 26-31	3-9	6-12, 6 left
Quad Cities		3-3	3-3
South Bend	5-1		5-1
West Michigan	1-8	2-4, August 19-24	3-12, 6 left
Wisconsin		5-1	5-1
Totals	30-27, 9 games left	26-28, 12 games left	56-55, 21 left

THE A's SYSTEM

Athletics - MLB



54-69
American League West
 Yesterday: idle

Las Vegas Aviators



67-50
Triple-A Pacific Coast League
 Yesterday: beat Tacoma, 7-6
 HR: Z. Gelof, A. Lopez, J. Perez

Midland RockHounds



56-55
Double-A Texas League
 Yesterday: lost to Frisco, 4-1
 Gage Jump: 3 2/3 IP, 1 UER, 3 K

Stockton Ports



44-67
Single-A California League
 Yesterday: lost to Fresno, 4-3
 Jose Dicochea: 6 2/3 IP, 1 ER, 2 K

AUGUST 15TH IN LUGNUTS HISTORY

2018: On the very first pitch of the game at West Michigan, Reggie Pruitt hit a fly ball to deep left. Whitecaps left fielder Dylan Rosa leaped to make a spectacular catch, only to lose both his glove and the ball over the wall for a leadoff home run. The Nuts fell, 7-6, however, losing leads of 4-0, 5-1 and 6-4.

2024: In front of 6,628 Lanstronauts, the Cap City Olive Burgers overcame a constant rain to grill the West Michigan Whitecaps, 6-5, on a Lansing Facts Thursday night at Jackson® Field™. It was the second win in as many years for the Olive Burgers, who treated Joey Chestnut to a 7-4 victory over Fort Wayne on August 10, 2023. On this night, the Olive Burgers tallied in the second, third, fourth, fifth and eighth innings, just enough to hold off a Whitecaps squad that trimmed the deficit to one run on a Max Clark home run in the ninth, but could come no closer. Right fielder Nate Nankil went 4-for-4 and center fielder Ryan Lasko went 3-for-5 to lead a 14-hit Olive Burgers attack.

CATCHING STATS

	Diaz	Gomez	Newton
W-L (ShO)	13-17	3-2	0-1
ERA	4.95	4.12	4.50
Inn.	260.0	43.2	8.0
R (ER)	165 (143)	21 (20)	4 (4)
E	3	-	1
PB	5	-	1
CS%	9-31, 29%	1-12, 8%	1-3, 33%
Pickoffs	-	-	-

#32 • RHP • **Corey Avant** • 6-4, 215 • age 23

Profile

Name Corey Jacob Avant
 Birthday November 6, 2001
 Born Burlington, North Carolina

School Wingate University
 Acquired 256th overall, 9th round, 2023
 Bats / Throws Right / Right

Corey's last name rhymes with "WAVE-ant"
 Longest Outing: 7 IP, 6/21/25 at QC | Most K: 8, 6/21/25 at QC

Last Time Out: Suffered the loss on August 9 at Great Lakes... 4 IP, 4 H, 2 R, 2 BB, 5 K... blanked the Loons over the first three innings, but allowed two runs in the 4th on two walks, a groundout, a wild pitch, and a fielder's choice... 76 pitches, 45 strikes... the Lugnuts went on to lose, 6-1.

Home: 1-4, 5.84, 37 IP, 2 HR, 16 BB, 36 K, .288 avg. | **Road:** 3-2, 2.17, 49 2/3 IP, 1 HR, 24 BB, 53 K, .207 avg.
vs. LH: .231 / .328 / .346, 1 HR, 23 BB, 44 K, 2 GiDP | **vs. RH:** .256 / .326 / .329, 2 HR, 17 BB, 45 K, 5 GiDP

Starting Out: Avant's first start of the season came due to unusual circumstances: April 25 vs. Fort Wayne, the start time was pushed back an hour due to worry of inclement weather, so Avant's number was called instead of the scheduled starter, Gage Jump. Avant pitched two innings, allowing one run, before yielding to Jump, who struck out 13 batters in 6 2/3 scoreless innings in a 3-1 Lugnuts win... fully joined the rotation on May 13 vs. South Bend... set career highs for most innings (7.0) and most strikeouts (8) in a terrific start at Quad Cities on June 21, allowing four hits, three walks and one run.

High School: Avant attended Sun Valley H.S., the Spartans, whose fight song is the Michigan State University fight song, Victory for MSU... the school's colors are maroon and gold, a la Central Michigan University... Sun Valley also produced NFL QB Sam Howell... Avant graduated Class of 2020.

College: Onward to Wingate University (named for Washington Manly Wingate, the fourth president at Wake Forest), the Bulldogs, colors: navy and gold... Avant majored in Math Business... redshirted the 2021 season, in which Wingate went 39-13, earned the No. 1 seed, and won the Division II National Championship in Cary, North Carolina, at the USA Baseball National Training Complex... in 2022, the Bulldogs set a program record for wins, going 48-10 with a 29-3 home record (first in the nation in both wins and winning percentage), but lost in the Southeast Regionals; redshirt freshman Avant went 3-1 with a 3.41 ERA in 26 relief appearances / 29 IP: 1 HR, 15 BB, 51 K... followed up in 2023 as a redshirt sophomore, striking out 57 batters in 39 innings (5.31, 23 G, 2 GS, 27 BB), as the Bulldogs finished 32-18, 18-6 in conference, but were eliminated in the SAC Tourney... excelled off the field with a 4.00 GPA, named two-time Academic All-America and served as Commencement Marshal at 2023 graduation

Personal: From Avant's Wingate baseball profile: Mike Trout was his favorite athlete, but the Braves were his favorite team... his favorite movie is Star Wars, Episode IV: A New Hope, and his favorite TV show is The Mandalorian... his favorite non-baseball sport is golf, which he plays left-handed... his favorite food is steak, while his favorite artist is Luke Combs... his nickname is Cool Breeze... his favorite quote is "Failure is not the opposite of success, it's part of success"... father is a golf pro, mother won two national championships in golf, sister played basketball and currently works as a model.

Pro Ball: Avant was the first D-II player drafted in 2023 and was the highest pick ever for Wingate as a D-II university when he was selected in the ninth round by the A's and signed for \$185,100... debuted in 2023 in the Complex League before spending the majority of 2024 in Class-A Stockton, finishing with ten relief appearances for Triple-A Las Vegas.

YR	CLUB	W-L	ERA	G	GS	CG	ShO	SV	IP	AB	H	R	ER	HR	HB	BB	IBB	K	WP	BK	AVG
2023	ArizCL A's	0-1	6.75	3	0	0	0	0	4.0	15	6	3	3	0	0	5	0	3	2	0	.400
2024	Stockton	2-6	7.26	24	6	0	0	2	57.0	246	81	54	46	7	3	39	1	68	11	0	.329
	Las Vegas	1-0	7.90	10	0	0	0	0	13.2	51	13	12	12	0	2	9	0	12	1	0	.255
2025	Lansing	4-6	3.74	25	17	0	0	0	86.2	320	78	38	36	3	2	40	0	89	11	1	.244
	TOTALS	7-13	5.41	62	23	0	0	2	161.1	632	178	107	97	10	7	93	1	172	25	1	.282

IN THE BULLPEN

21 MARK ADAMIAK • RH • Age 24 • "uh-DAHME-ee-ack" • MWL: 2
FB, CUT, SL, CH | 2024: Stockton, 5-5, 4.90, 45 G, 2 SV, 60 2/3 IP, 62 H, 7 HR, 28 BB, 75 K, 12 WP

1 day rest

- Born in Des Plaines, IL... lives in Shawnee, Kansas... 454th overall, 15th rd., 2022, Arkansas.
- \$125,000... at Shawnee Mission Northwest H.S., ranked the No. 1 RHP in Kansas in 2019.
- Drafted after r-soph. year: Acad. Honor Roll; 9 G, 3 GS, 3.95, 13 2/3 IP, 14 H, 6 R, 8 BB, 18 K.
- Four relief appearances with Lansing to end 2023: 5 IP, 4 H, 3 R, 1 HR, 2 BB, 7 K.

15 HUNTER BREALT • RH • Age 26 • "BRO" • MWL seasons: 3
FB, CU, SL, SPL | 2024: Lansing, 4-3, 6.08, 36 G, 6 SV, 40 IP, 5 HR, 30 BB, 42 K, 5 WP

7 days rest

- Kapolei, HI... \$35,000... drafted 608th, 20th round, 2021, from the University of Oregon.
- 2019 California Collegiate League top prospect by Perfect Game (12 G, 16 IP, 1 ER).
- Perfect Game's No. 1 HS recruit in Hawai'i... high school teammates with Blaze Pontes.
- Four yrs. at Oregon: 50 G, 4.68, 57.2, 44 K... 19 G w/ LAN in 2023, spent 2024 with Nuts.

13 JAKE CHRISTIANSON • RH • 25 • MWL season: 1
FB, CU, SL, SPL | 2024: Bowling Green, 4-1, 3.74, 31 G, 2 SV, 53 IP, 41 H, 6 HR, 4 HBP, 19 BB, 56 K

4 days rest

- St. Paul, MN... drafted by TB 464th, 15th round, 2022, Feather River College... \$50,000.
- Converted from catcher to closer at FRC... signed by Rays away from So. Illinois commit.
- Released by Tampa on March 21, 2025... signed as free agent by the A's on March 22.
- Drafted 10 picks after Mark Adamiak, 20 picks ahead of Blaze Pontes... enjoys cornhole.
- Attended Northern Iowa Area CC for one year... business & biomechanics major.

17 HENRY GÓMEZ • RH • Age 23 • MWL season: 1
FB, SINK, CU, SL, CH | 2024: Palm Beach, 6-3, 3.03, 39 G, 12 SV, 62 1/3, 1 HR, 26 BB, 44 K

5 days rest

- Born in Maracaibo, lives in Zulia, Venezuela... signed by STL as an int'l free agent, 7/28/18.
- Acquired by the Athletics in the Triple-A portion of the Rule 5 draft, 12/11/24.
- Spent 2019, 2021, 2022 in Dominican Summer League, converting from starter to reliever.
- Pitched in 2023 and 2024 in the Florida State League, lowering ERA from 4.91 to 3.03.

31 WANDER GUANTE • RH • Age 26 • MWL seasons: 2
FB, SL, CH | 2024: Lansing, 1-3, 5.22, 14 G, 7 GS, 50 IP, 8 HR, 22 BB, 35 K, .268 avg.

0 days rest

- Santo Domingo, DR... signed by the Athletics as an international free agent on 3/22/19.
- "Guante" in English means glove... uncle Cecilio Guante pitched in MLB, 1982-1990.
- Promoted to Midland 5/14, returned 7/19, promoted to Las Vegas 8/31/24 (6 G, 18 2/3, 5.79).
- 2024 Arizona Fall League: 9 G, 7.84, 10 1/3 IP, 10 R, 5 BB, 8 K... rejoined LAN May 13, 2025.



fastball, curve, slider, change

20 JACK MAHONEY • LH • Age 26 • MWL season: 1
FB, SINK, SL, CH | 2024: Windy City, 5-4, 3.45, 52 G, 60 IP, 57 H, 4 HR, 24 BB, 61 K, 1.35 WHIP

7 days rest

- Appleton, WI... undrafted out of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, earned way to MiLB through indy ball.
- Attended Appleton West, same high school as Lugnuts / MLB catcher Danny Jansen.
- Independent experience: 2022-23 Milwaukee, '24 Windy City, '25 Staten Island FerryHawks.
- 2025: 6 GS with Staten Island, 5.45 ERA, 33 IP, 12 BB, 41 K... purchased by A's on June 9.

16 BLAZE PONTES • RH • Age 25 • "PAHN-tez" • MWL seasons: 2
FB, SINK, CU, SL, CH | 2024: Lansing, 3-9, 7.36, 26 G, 10 GS, 88 IP, 113 H, 76 R, 11 HR, 40 BB, 44 K

1 day rest

- Mililani, HI... drafted 484th overall, 16th rd., 2022, University of Hawai'i... signed for \$75,000.
- 1st Team All-State as a high school junior (0.95)... Jr. year at Hawai'i: 1st Team All Big West
- One year younger than teammate Hunter Breault at Kamehameha-Kapālama High School.
- 2021: played for Waterloo (Northwoods League), where Lugs franchise used to be located.

33 TOM REISINGER • RH • 24 • "RICE-ing-er" • MWL season: 1
FB, SINK, CU, SWEEP, CH | 2024: Stockton, 9.05, 21 G, 5 GS, 62 2/3, 93 H, 8 HR, 7 HBP, 41 BB, 53 K

7 days rest

- Kulpmont, PA... 286th overall, 10th rd., 2023, East Stroudsburg University (ESU) Warriors.
- Signed for \$125,000... Mount Carmel Area H.S. quarterback... also played basketball.
- Drafted following Jr. year: led PSAC in K (97 in 71 2/3 IP)... 2022-23 total: 185 K in 140 2/3.
- Made pro debut in 2023 in ACL: 4 G/2 GS, 6 IP, 10 K... spent 2024 in Stockton, IL: May 1-30.

30 YEHIZON SANCHEZ • RH • 24 • "YAY-ih-son" • MWL seasons: 3
SINK, SL, CH | 2024: Lansing, 2-6, 6.18, 37 G, 1 SV, 51 IP, 63 H, 3 HR, 5 HBP, 31 BB, 44 K

0 days rest

- La Romana, DR... signed at age 18 as an international free agent on July 2, 2019.
- In same signing class as James González and Wander Guante, who are in Midland.
- Others from La Romana: Edwin Encarnación, Félix Pié and Miguel Castro.
- 2023 Stockton Ports Opening Day starter... pitched in four games with Lansing in 2023.

24	LEO DE VRIES • S/R • SS • Age 18 • 1st season with Lugnuts • MLB Pipeline's No. 1 A's prospect, No. 3 Minor League Baseball prospect overall				
2024 in Lake Elsinore: 75 G, .237 / .361 / .441, 63 R, 22 2B, 3 3B, 11 HR, 13-15 SB, 50 BB, 84 K, 9 HBP... 2025 in Fort Wayne: 82 G, .245 / .357 / .410, 46 R, 19 2B, 4 3B, 8 HR, 46 RBI, 8-15 SB, 52 BB, 72 K					
G1: 0-2, R, BB G2: 0-3		GL: 2-20, R, 3 RBI, 2 BB, 8 K, SB, HBP, E	vs. DAY: 1-9, 2 R, BB	Current Hit Streak: -2 (0-5)	On-Base Streak: -1 (0-3)
- First name: Leodalis... Azua, DR... \$4.2 million bonus - No. 1 international prospect, Jan. 15, 2024. - Acq. with Eduarniel Nuñez / Braden Nett / Henry Baez for Mason Miller / JP Sears, July 31, 2025 - Youngest active player in 2024 MiLB... youngest player to spend full season in High-A in 2025 - Youngest player in 2024 Arizona Fall League; youngest to homer in AFL since Bryce Harper, 2010. "El Mutante"... hit for the cycle, April 22, 2025: 5-for-5, 2 HR, SF, 8 RBI, finishing with 2-R 3B in the 9th. - Pipeline Top 100: No. 1 Konnor Griffin, No. 2 Chase Burns, No. 3 De Vries, No. 4 Sebastian Walcott. - Highest ever ranked Lugnut (Vladimir Guerrero, Jr. was No. 34 in 2017)... played point guard in DR. - Only player in Fort Wayne history with two four-walk games... K'ed vs. Gage Jump in Futures Game.					
4	DAVIS DIAZ • R/R • C/INF • Age 22 • 1st season with Lugnuts				
2024: Stockton, 14 G, .226 / .397 / .283, 12-for-53, 12 R, 3 2B, 0 3B, 0 HR, 6 RBI, 8 BB, 9 K, 7 HBP, 0 SB, 0 E					
G1: 2-3, R, RBI G2: -		GL: 4-19, R, 2B, 2 RBI, 2 BB, 6 K, HBP	vs. DAY: 3-6, 2 R, RBI, BB	Current Hit Streak: +3 (4-10)	On-Base Streak: +3 (4-10, BB)
- Pittsburg, CA... signed for \$250,000 as the 226th pick, 8th round, 2024, Vanderbilt University. - Joined Lugnuts on June 3 from Stockton, replacing the promoted Cole Conn (Double-A Midland). 3x gold medalist, Team USA (2015, 2017, 2018), Perfect Game's No. 12 prospect in California. 2025 in Stockton: 42 G, .250 / .384 / .355, 10 2B, 3 3B, 0 HR, 21 RBI, 6-for-9 SB, 29 BB, 28 K, 6 HBP.					
9	MARIO GÓMEZ • L/R • C • Age 22 • 1st season with Lugnuts				
2025 totals: 24 G, .174 / .275 / .261, 1 2B, 1 3B, 1 HR, 0-for-2 SB... in Arizona Complex League: 12 G, .225 / .304 / .300, 1 HR... Stockton: 3 G, 0-for-11, 1 BB... Midland: 8 G, 3-for-15, 2B, 3B... Vegas: 1 G, 0-3					
G1: - G2: 2-2, R, HR, RBI, BB		at GL: 1-8, R, 3B, 2 RBI, 3 K	vs. DAY: 2-2, R, HR, RBI, BB	Current Hit Streak: +2 (3-6)	On-Base Streak: +2 (3-6, BB)
- Aguascalientes, Mexico... signed as an international free agent on February 19, 2020 (age 17). - Joined Lugnuts on July 29, replacing Nick Schwartz (promoted to Las Vegas); RBI 1B in 1st AB. - Played for one team in 2021, two teams in 2023, three teams in 2024, and now five teams in 2025. - Has played one game for Caneros de Los Mochis in each of last two winter ball seasons (0-for-2, 2 K).					
12	GUNNER GOULDSMITH • S/R • INF • Age 23 • 1st season with Lugnuts				
2025 totals: 59 G, .171 / .314 / .221, 7 2B, 1 3B, 35 BB, 45 K, 7-for-11 SB... ACL A's: 17 G, 8-for-44, 2B, 3B, .182 / .397 / .250... Stockton: 40 G, .159 / .268 / .205, 5-for-5 SB... Midland: 2 G, 2-for-5, 2 BB, 2 K					
G1: - G2: 1-3, K		at GL: 1-10, R, 3 K, CS, HBP, 2 E	vs. DAY: 1-3, K	Current Hit Streak: +1 (1-3)	On-Base Streak: +1 (1-3)
- Reno, Nevada... 556th overall selection, 19th round, 2025, Sacramento State (\$20,000). - Brought four gloves to Lansing; plays all infield positions... only Hornet to start all 57 gms. in 2024. - Father Buddy - UNLV head coach, 2003-2010; Nevada-Reno associate head coach 2011-2013; area supervisor for Kansas City Royals... spent one year at Washington State, three years at Sac State.					
26	RYAN LASKO • R/R • OF • Age 22 • 2nd season with Lugnuts • MLB Pipeline's No. 19 A's prospect				
2024 with Stockton: 82 G, .225 / .359 / .322, 72 H, 48 R, 19 2B, 0 3B, 4 HR, 29 RBI, 9 HBP, 59 BB, 103 K, 20-26 SB, 2 E... with Lansing: 41 G, .245 / .341 / .342, 7 2B, 1 3B, 2 HR, 18 RBI, 20 BB, 35 K, 13-14 SB					
G1: 0-1, RBI, BB, SF G2: 1-3, R, K		GL: 6-24, 5 R, 2B, 2 RBI, 2 BB, 6 K, 2-3 SB, 2 HBP	vs. DAY: 2-8, R, 2 RBI, BB, 2 K	Current Hit Streak: +1 (1-3)	On-Base: +16 (12-56, 9 BB, 2 HBP)
- Jackson, New Jersey... 2nd round, 41st overall, 2023, from Rutgers... signed for \$1.7 million. - First Scarlet Knight in Big Ten era to be All-American, 2021... tied RU 2B record (24) in 2022. - Led Big Ten in base hits (90) and runs scored (81) in 2022... criminal justice major. - Rated California League's Best Outfield Arm by Baseball America in 2024... Injured List, 4/4-5/12/25.					
3	CAMERON LEARY • L/L • OF • Age 23 • 1st season with Lugnuts				
2024 with Stockton: 20 G, .222 / .309 / .395, 5 2B, 3 HR, 4 SB, 10 BB, 19 K... 2025 with Stockton: 93 G, .266 / .386 / .433, 66 R, 27 2B, 2 3B, 9 HR, 52 RBI, 44-for-49 SB, 66 BB, 98 K					
G1: 0-2, K, sacrifice G2: -		GL: 3-15, 2 R, 2 2B, RBI, 4 BB, 6 K, 2 HBP, E	vs. DAY: 0-5, 2 RBI, BB, 3 K, SB, sac	Current Hit Streak: -4 (0-8)	On-Base Streak: -1 (0-2)
- Bethpage, NY... selected 286th overall, 10th round, 2024 draft from Boston College (\$50,000). - High school: 3 years, St. Anthony's (NY), finished at P27 Academy (Lexington, SC)... finance major. - Promoted from Stockton riding a 10-game hitting streak and a 30-game on-base streak. - Slugged 2nd most HR in Boston College history (43)... only Eagle to have 40+ HR and 40+ steals.					
25	DARLYN MONTERO • L/R • INF • Age 23 • 1st season with Lugnuts				
2024 with Stockton: 95 G, .256 / .318 / .353, 93 H, 43 R, 15 2B, 1 3B, 6 HR, 29 RBI, 1 Sac., 1 SF, 10 HBP, 24 BB, 104 K, 9-for-9 SB, 8 E					
G1: 1-3, 2 K G2: -		GL: 2-16, 4 R, 2B, 2 BB, 8 K, 2 SB, E	vs. DAY: 1-7, 2 K	Current Hit Streak: +1 (1-3)	On-Base Streak: +1 (1-3)
- Azua, Dominican Republic... signed as an international free agent on November 7, 2018. - From Azua: Wenceel Perez, Yennsy Diaz, Franchy Cordero, Sandy Alcantara, Gregory Soto. - Played in DSL in 2019 (.213 avg.) and 2021 (40 G, .217 avg.), ACL in 2022 and 2023. - Played full 2024 in Stockton... spent from May 2-July 1, 2025: on Injured List (hamate).					
19	BEN NEWTON • S/R • C/INF • Age 23 • 1st season with Lugnuts				
2025 with Las Vegas: 4 G, 1-for-8, 1 R, 1 2B, 0 BB, 3 K... 2025 with Arizona Complex A's: 16 G, 17-for-52, .327/.438/.462, 5 2B, 1 3B, 10 BB, 13 K... 2025 with Midland: 5 G, 2-for-9, 5 R, 1 HR, 4 RBI, 1 BB, 4 K					
G1: 1-2, 2B, sacrifice G2: 0-3, K		at GL: 5-18, 2 R, 8 K, E	vs. DAY: 1-8, R, 2B, BB, K, sac	Current Hit Streak: -1 (0-3)	On-Base Streak: -1 (0-3)
- Albany, CA... signed as undrafted free agent, January 22, 2025, Fresno State. - Business major... 3x Mountain West Scholar Athlete, 3x Academic All-Mountain West. - Business major... according to college bio: "enjoys basketball, drawing and poker in his free time." - Also from Albany High School: Ron Hansen, the last rookie to start the ASG at SS before Jacob Wilson.					
8	CARLOS PACHECO • R/R • OF • Age 20 • 1st season with Lugnuts • MLB Pipeline's No. 23 A's prospect				
2025 with ACL A's: 12 G, .235 / .460 / .265, 8-for-34, 11 R, 1 2B, 2 RBI, 9 BB, 11 K, 5-for-6 SB... 2025 with Stockton: 39 G, .174 / .326 / .235, 20-for-115, 2 2B, 1 3B, 1 HR, 13 RBI, 21 BB, 41 K, 11-for-12 SB, 1 E					
G1: - G2: 0-2, R, BB		at GL: 1-7, R, 3 BB, K, 2 SB, PO	vs. DAY: 0-2, R, BB	Current Hit Streak: -1 (0-2)	On-Base Streak: +4 (1-9, 4 BB)
- Miranda, Venezuela... signed as an international free agent, January 15, 2022. - Signed for \$1.2 million as the A's top position-player target in 2022 international free agency - Pipeline grades: hit 45, power 40, run 60, arm 50, field 50... played in DSL in 2022 (.183) & 2023 (.244). - Playing at third different level in 2025, replacing the injured Pedro Pineda in Lansing on August 6.					
7	PEDRO PINEDA • R/R • OF • Age 21 • 1st season with Lugnuts				
2025 with Stockton: 53 G, .253 / .356 / .458, 35 R, 5 2B, 2 3B, 10 HR, 37 RBI, 2-for-3 SB, 27 BB, 65 K, 4 HBP					
G1: 1-2, RBI, BB, K G2: -		at GL: -	vs. DAY: 1-2, RBI, BB, K	Current Hit Streak: +1 (1-2)	On-Base Streak: +1 (1-2, BB)
- Santo Domingo Norte, DR... signed as an international free agent, January 15, 2021. - Rose as high as MLB Pipeline's No. 11 A's prospect in 2022... signed for \$2.5 million.					
10	C.J. PITTARO • L/R • INF/OF • Age 23 • 1st season with Lugnuts				
2024 in Penn State: 2 G, 0-2, 1 K... 2025 in Stockton: 92 G, .246 / .358 / .323, 46 R, 16 2B, 4 3B, 1 HR, 36 RBI, 6-for-9 SB, 52 BB, 85 K, 6 GIDP, 10 HBP					
G1: - G2: 0-3, 2 K		at GL: 2-16, R, 3B, 2 RBI, 2 BB, 4 K	vs. DAY: 0-7, 5 K	Current Hit Streak: -2 (0-7)	On-Base Streak: -2 (0-7)
- Hamilton, NJ... 2021 Vanderbilt, 2022-24 Penn State... 2025 undrafted free agent, Penn State. - Christopher John Pittaro... grandfather played in the minors from 1960-62, then coached at Rider. 1B, 2B, 3B, LF, RF at Penn State... 1B, 3B, LF, CF, RF at Stockton (42 games in LF, 48 games at 1B). - Father, Chris, played 53 G in MLB (1985 DET, 1986-87 MIN), currently A's Special Assistant to the GM.					
18	T.J. SCHOFIELD-SAM • L/R • INF • Age 24 • 3rd season with Lugnuts				
2024 with ACL A's: 7 G, 12-for-28, .429 / .484 / .607... with Stockton: 59 G, .280 / .325 / .386, 71 H, 30 R, 11 2B, 2 3B, 4 HR, 38 RBI, 5-6 SB... with Lansing: 32 G, .231 / .331 / .343, 6 2B, 2 HR, 10 RBI, 7 HBP					
G1: 1-3, R, 2B G2: 1-2, R, 2 RBI, HBP		at GL: 2-20, 2 R, 2 RBI, 9 K, 2 HBP	vs. DAY: 3-8, 2 R, 2B, 2 RBI, BB, HBP	Current Hit Streak: +3 (3-8)	On-Base Streak: +3 (3-8, BB, HBP)
- Tyrell James... Brampton, ON... 374th pick, 12th rd., 2019, North Park S.S. ... signed for \$320,000. - Bronze Medalist w/ Canada Junior National Team in Panama... father is from Saint Vincent (SVG). 2018 - won the Tournament 12 title, the Marucci World Series title and U-21 Canadian Baseball title. - Promoted to Midland July 1, returned July 17... Double-A stats: 9 G, 5-36, .139/.162/.139, 1 BB, 6 K, 2 SB. - Has enjoyed marvelous 2025 with Lugnuts... 5-for-5 vs. Fort Wayne on April 24... batted .371 in April. - May 31 vs. Beloit, blasted go-ahead grand slam in the 7th ("The Schofield-Slam"), leading to 8-2 win.					
5	CASEY YAMAUCHI • R/R • INF • Age 25 • 3rd season with Lugnuts				
2024 in Stockton: 35 G, .316 / .389 / .404, 36 H, 18 R, 6 2B, 2 3B, 0 HR, 12 RBI, 5 HBP, 10 BB, 13 K, 7-10 SB, 10 E... Lansing: 52 G, .236 / .306 / .258, 24 R, 4 2B, 13 RBI, 7 HBP, 11 BB, 14 K, 13-15 SB, 5 E					
G1: 0-2, BB G2: 1-3, K		GL: 8-23, 2 R, 2B, 3 RBI, 3 BB, 3 K, HBP, 2 SB, E	vs. DAY: 3-8, R, 2 BB, K, SB, E	Current Hit Streak: +1 (1-3)	On-Base: +16 (18-58, 7 BB, HBP)
- Hilo, HI... signed as an undrafted free agent with the Athletics from Hawai'i at Hilo, July 12, 2023. 5 years... graduated w/ bachelor degrees in Communications and Kinesiology & Exercise Sciences. - Owns Hawai'i Hilo records in runs (147), hits (240), doubles (49), steals (74-for-85); only 27 K in 167 G. - Joined Nuts for the final three games of 2023 at LC (6-9, 2 BB, 1 HBP), replacing Jacob Wilson at SS.					

ADDITIONAL LUG•NOTES

200 to The Show: Seven former Lugnuts players have made it to the Majors this season, most recently 2023-24 Lugnuts right-hander **Luis Morales** on August 1st for the A's, bringing the total to **200 Lugnuts all-time** who've reach the Majors. Morales joined **Max Muncy, Gunnar Hoglund, Jack Winkler, Denzel Clarke, Jack Perkins, Colby Thomas** and broadcaster **Adam Jaksa** to debut in MLB this season.

Roll Call: The 2025 Lugnuts have featured 49 different players, 25 position players and 24 pitchers (plus one position player pitching). 18 players have stolen a base, 15 players have hit a home run, 12 pitchers have started a game and five pitchers have recorded a save.

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

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

Get to Know These Names: If the past is any indication, the Athletics' 2025 draft picks will be making a Midwest League impact sooner rather than later. Last year, third-rounder **Joshua Kuroda-Grauer** finished the season in Lansing before starring for the Nuts thus far this year. In 2023, the Lugnuts received first-rounder **Jacob Wilson** for 23 games in August; two years later, Wilson started the All-Star Game for the American League at shortstop. This year, the A's selected Florida State south-paw **Jamie Arnold** with the 11th overall pick, following up with a pair of impact slugging outfielders: Indiana Hoosier **Devin Taylor** (the No. 30 prospect) at pick 48 and Oregon State Beaver **Gavin Turley** (the No. 78 prospect) at pick 110. Both are playing for Single-A Stockton.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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