



PITTSBURGH PIRATES PROSPECTS - 2026 SPRING BREAKOUT

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vs. DETROIT TIGERS PROSPECTS - SPORTSNET PITTSBURGH/MLB NETWORK

LOOKING BACK AT LAST YEAR: Pittsburgh's prospects lost to Philadelphia's prospects, 5-3, in the 2025 Spring Breakout on March 14 at BayCare Ballpark in Clearwater...Bubba Chandler started and struck out four batters in his 2.0 perfect innings of work...Omar Alfonzo started behind the plate and went 1-for-3 with a double and a run, registering exit velocities of 108.6 miles per hour, 106.5 miles per hour and 104.2 miles per hour...Mitch Jebb walked twice, had a stolen base and scored a run.

HOW IT STARTED: Pittsburgh's prospects beat Baltimore's prospects, 3-1, in the inaugural Spring Breakout on March 14, 2024, here at LECOM Park...Paul Skenes struck out each of the first two batters he faced (Enrique Bradfield Jr. and Jackson Holliday) while retiring the side in the first inning (his first three pitches clocked in at 100.6, 101.1 and 101.7 miles per hour)... Jack Brannigan and Mitch Jebb each drove in runs with their sacrifice flies for Pittsburgh...Braxton Ashcraft struck out two batters and earned the win, while Bubba Chandler secured the save...Hunter Barco pitched 2.0 scoreless innings of relief.

UNITED NATIONS: Pittsburgh's minor league system enters 2026 with players from a total of 18 different countries, along with the territory of Puerto Rico...The countries are Aruba, Australia, Brazil, Canada, China, Colombia, Cuba, the Dominican Republic, Haiti, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panamá, San Marino, South Korea, Taiwan, Uganda, the United States and Venezuela.

COACHING 'EM UP: Phillip Wellman will manage Pittsburgh in tonight's Spring Breakout vs. Detroit's prospects (Shawn Bowman, who spent most of 2025 as the Manager at Triple-A Indianapolis before being named to Don Kelly's staff as the Major League Field Coordinator in December, managed in last year's Spring Breakout in Clearwater against Philadelphia's prospects)...This year will mark Wellman's second as the Bench Coach at High-A Greensboro...Wellman spent 23 seasons as a minor league manager and won over 1400 games...He was the Texas League Manager of the Year two times (2017 & 2019).

2025 AT A GLIMPSE: Pittsburgh's seven minor league affiliates combined to go 396-319 (.554) last season, the third-best mark among all Major League organizations, trailing Detroit (420-293, .589) and San Francisco (405-314, .563)...It was the system's highest composite winning percentage since 2003 (.569)...Five of seven affiliates finished with a winning record.

WE'RE NO. 1: Pittsburgh's farm system enters the 2026 season rated by Baseball America as the No. 1 system in baseball... The system was ranked No. 16 by Baseball America in 2025, No. 13 in 2024, No. 10 in 2023, No. 11 in 2022 and No. 21 in 2021.

HEY NOW, YOU'RE AN ALL-STAR: Eight Pirates prospects were named to post-season All-Star teams last season...Cam Devaney (shortstop) was honored at Triple-A Indianapolis...Wilkin Ramos (relief pitcher) was honored at Double-A Altoona...Konnor Griffin (shortstop) and Esmerlyn Valdez (outfielder) were honored at High-A Greensboro...Edward Florentino (outfielder), Inmer Lobo (relief pitcher) and Sammy Stafura (shortstop) were honored at Low-A Bradenton...Yonleg Gaetano (relief pitcher) was honored for the Rookie-Level Dominican Summer League Pirates Gold...Johan De Los Santos (DSL Pirates Black) & Darell Morel (DSL Pirates Gold) represented the Pirates at the Dominican Summer League All-Star Game on July 20.

A LOOK INTO THE FUTURE: Konnor Griffin and Esmerlyn Valdez represented the Pirates organization at the 2025 All-Star Futures Game on July 12 at Atlanta's Truist Park...Griffin started at shortstop and went 1-for-2 before exiting in the fourth inning after being hit by a pitch...Valdez went 0-for-1 and played the final 3.0 innings of the National League's 4-2 win at first base.

TOP-100 BUCS: Konnor Griffin (No. 1), Bubba Chandler (No. 15), Edward Florentino (No. 28) and Seth Hernandez (No. 38) enter this season rated by Baseball America as top-100 prospects in baseball...Griffin (No. 1), Chandler (No. 11), Hernandez (No. 29), Florentino (No. 50) and Hunter Barco (No. 96) also enter this season rated by MLB Pipeline as top-100 prospects.

KEEPING UP WITH KONNOR: Konnor Griffin, who split his first professional season between Low-A Bradenton, High-A Greensboro and Double-A Altoona, finished the 2025 season rated by both Baseball America and MLB Pipeline as the No. 1 prospect in all of baseball...The 19-year-old was named Baseball America's Minor League Player of the Year, joining pitcher Mike Bielecki (1984) as the only Pittsburgh farmhands to ever win the award...He also became one of five players to be recognized as both Baseball America's High School Player of the Year and Minor League Player of the Year, joining Joe Mauer, Byron Buxton, Bobby Witt Jr. and Jackson Holliday...He was the first drafted teenager to record a 20-homer, 40-steal season.

LEAGUE LEADERS: Numerous Pirates prospects led their leagues in particular statistical categories in 2025...Double-A Altoona's Wilber Dotel led the Eastern League with 27 starts...High-A Greensboro's Javier Rivas led the South Atlantic League with 72 RBI and a .780 OPS, while Khristian Curtis led with 26 starts...Low-A Bradenton's Yordany De Los Santos paced the Florida State League with 115 hits, Victor Cabreja finished tied for the FSL lead with nine wins and Noah Takacs paced the league with nine saves...The Rookie-Level DSL Pirates Gold's Raimi Mueses finished tied for first in the DSL with seven wins.

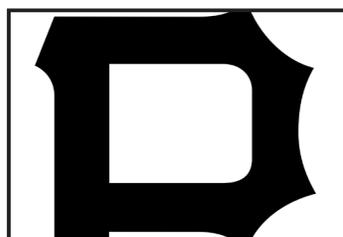
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SPRING BREAKOUT PITCHERS

#77 BRANDAN BIDOIS (RHP)	✖ Last name is pronounced "bid-WAH"...Did not allow a hit/run in 2.2 innings in Major League camp (he was optioned to Triple-A Indianapolis on 3/9).
AGE: 24 YEARS OLD	✖ Was honored as the Pirates' Kent Tekulve Reliever of the Year after having a 0.74 ERA (61.0ip/5er) & 69 strikeouts in 40 minor league games in 2025.
BIRTHDATE: JUNE 25, 2001	✖ Faced 64 straight batters last year from 7/29-9/9 without allowing a hit...Recorded the lowest ERA among all MiLB relievers (minimum 60.0 innings).
BIRTHPLACE: BRISBANE, AUSTRALIA	✖ Was signed as a non-drafted free agent on 9/21/19...Is looking to become the first Pittsburgh player from Australia to appear in a Major League game.
#96 KHRISTIAN CURTIS (RHP)	✖ Allowed two runs and struck out four batters over 2.2 innings during his time in Major League camp (he was reassigned to minor league camp on 3/9).
AGE: 23 YEARS OLD	✖ Is currently rated by both Baseball America (No. 15) and MLB Pipeline (No. 24) as a top-30 prospect in Pittsburgh's minor league system entering 2026.
BIRTHDATE: MAY 9, 2002	✖ Had a combined 3.90 ERA (110.2ip/48er) and 119 strikeouts in 27 games (26 starts) split between High-A Greensboro and Double-A Altoona last year.
BIRTHPLACE: BEAUMONT, TX	✖ Was selected in the 12th round of the 2023 Draft (Arizona St. Univ.)...Tossed the first 6.0 innings of Greensboro's perfect game on 7/4/25 at Aberdeen.
#86 WILBER DOTEI (RHP)	✖ Went 2-0 and allowed two runs (he had two strikeouts) over 4.0 innings during Major League camp (he was optioned to Triple-A Indianapolis on 3/9).
AGE: 23 YEARS OLD	✖ Is currently rated by both Baseball America (No. 10) and MLB Pipeline (No. 13) as a top-30 prospect in Pittsburgh's minor league system entering 2026.
BIRTHDATE: SEPTEMBER 25, 2002	✖ Had 131 strikeouts with Double-A Altoona in 2025...Led the Eastern League in games started and ranked third in strikeouts and fifth in innings pitched.
BIRTHPLACE: SANTO DOMINGO, D.R.	✖ Was signed as a non-drafted free agent on 10/13/20...His 131 strikeouts in 2025 were the fourth-most in a single season in Curve history (since 1999).
#25 SETH HERNANDEZ (RHP)	✖ Is currently rated by both MLB Pipeline (No. 3) and Baseball America (No. 4) as a top-30 prospect in Pittsburgh's minor league system entering 2026.
AGE: 19 YEARS OLD	✖ Is also currently rated by MLB Pipeline (No. 29) and Baseball America (No. 38) as a top-100 prospect in baseball entering this year (his first pro season).
BIRTHDATE: JUNE 28, 2006	✖ Was tabbed by Baseball America as having the "Best Changeup" & "Best Curveball" in Pittsburgh's minor league system entering the 2026 campaign.
BIRTHPLACE: POMONA, CA	✖ Was selected in the first round (sixth overall) of the 2025 Draft (Corona High School)...Was the 2024-25 Gatorade National Baseball Player of the Year.
#19 JETER MARTINEZ (RHP)	✖ Is currently rated by both Baseball America (No. 24) and MLB Pipeline (No. 28) as a top-30 prospect in Pittsburgh's minor league system entering 2026.
AGE: 20 YEARS OLD	✖ Had 66 strikeouts in 65.0 total innings over his 18 appearances (17 starts) split between Modesto (Mariners' Low-A) and Low-A Bradenton last season.
BIRTHDATE: FEBRUARY 6, 2006	✖ Was acquired from Seattle, in exchange for left-handed pitcher Caleb Ferguson, on 7/30/25 (originally signed as a non-drafted free agent on 1/15/23).
BIRTHPLACE: VICTORIA DE DURANGO, MX	✖ Was named a Dominican Summer League All-Star (mid-season) with the DSL Mariners in 2023...Had a 1.72 ERA (47.0ip/9er) and 55 strikeouts in 2023.
#46 JUSTIN MEIS (RHP)	✖ Last name is pronounced "mice"...Went 4-4 with seven saves, a 2.89 ERA (62.1ip/20er) and 67 strikeouts in 42 games with Double-A Altoona in 2025.
AGE: 26 YEARS OLD	✖ Has gone 19-17 with 10 saves, a 4.32 ERA (341.1ip/164er) and 359 strikeouts in 144 games (33 starts) during his five seasons (2021-25) in the system.
BIRTHDATE: NOVEMBER 23, 1999	✖ Was selected in the 10th round of the 2021 Draft (Eastern Michigan University)...Had 81 strikeouts in 73.2 innings with the Eagles as a junior in 2021.
BIRTHPLACE: BETHEL PARK, PA	✖ Is a 2018 graduate of Bethel Park High School (about 10 miles from PNC Park)...Had a school-record 16 strikeouts in a game vs. N. Allegheny that year.
#41 ZANDER MUETH (RHP)	✖ Last name is pronounced "meeth"...Had 34 strikeouts in 26.0 innings over his 12 starts split between the FCL Pirates and Low-A Bradenton last year.
AGE: 20 YEARS OLD	✖ Is currently rated by both Baseball America (No. 25) and MLB Pipeline (No. 26) as a top-30 prospect in Pittsburgh's minor league system entering 2026.
BIRTHDATE: JUNE 22, 2005	✖ Was named the Florida Complex League's Pitcher of the Year in 2024 after going 6-1 w/a 1.58 ERA (51.1ip/9er) & 56 strikeouts in 13 games (12 starts).
BIRTHPLACE: BELLEVILLE, IL	✖ Was selected in the Comp. Balance B round of the 2023 Draft (Belleville East High School)...Had 62 strikeouts in 37.1 innings during his senior season.
#82 REINOLD NAVARRO (LHP)	✖ Is currently rated by both Baseball America (No. 16) and MLB Pipeline (No. 27) as a top-30 prospect in Pittsburgh's minor league system entering 2026.
AGE: 19 YEARS OLD	✖ Had 61 strikeouts and a .098 (10-for-102) batting average against in 15 games (12 starts) split between the FCL Pirates and Low-A Bradenton in 2025.
BIRTHDATE: OCTOBER 21, 2006	✖ His 47 strikeouts with the FCL Pirates at the time he was promoted to Bradenton on 7/19 ranked ninth among pitchers in the Florida Complex League.
BIRTHPLACE: SANTO DOMINGO, D.R.	✖ Was signed as a non-drafted free agent on 1/19/24...Was named a Dominican Summer League All-Star (mid-season) w/the DSL Pirates Gold in 2024.
#55 CY NIELSON (LHP)	✖ Went 3-2 with a 5.40 ERA (55.0ip/33er) and 67 strikeouts across his 38 appearances (two starts), all with Double-A Altoona, during the 2025 season.
AGE: 25 YEARS OLD	✖ Was named a South Atlantic League All-Star (post-season) in 2024 after posting a 2.39 ERA (37.2ip/10er) and 50 strikeouts with High-A Greensboro.
BIRTHDATE: FEBRUARY 25, 2001	✖ Was selected in the eighth round of the 2022 Draft (Brigham Young University)...Was selected by Cleveland in the 40th round in 2019 (did not sign).
BIRTHPLACE: CEDAR CITY, UT	✖ Was named the 2018-19 Gatorade Utah Baseball Player of the Year at Spanish Fork High School...His dad, Damian, played at Southern Utah University.
#37 LEVI STERLING (RHP)	✖ Is currently rated by both MLB Pipeline (No. 16) and Baseball America (No. 23) as a top-30 prospect in Pittsburgh's minor league system entering 2026.
AGE: 19 YEARS OLD	✖ Went 3-2 with a 6.09 ERA (34.0ip/23er) and 34 strikeouts in 12 appearances (nine starts) split between the FCL Pirates and Low-A Bradenton in 2025.
BIRTHDATE: SEPTEMBER 2, 2006	✖ Was selected in the Comp. Balance A round of the 2024 Draft (Notre Dame High School)...Had a 2.62 ERA and also batted .319 during his senior season.
BIRTHPLACE: LOS ANGELES, CA	✖ Was teammates with Konnor Griffin, Pittsburgh's first-round selection in 2024, for Team USA at the November 2023 U18 Baseball World Cup (Taiwan).

SPRING BREAKOUT BATTERS

#79 OMAR ALFONZO (C)	✖ Batted .286 (2-for-7) with a double, a home run and two RBI during his time in Major League camp (he was reassigned to minor league camp on 3/9).
AGE: 22 YEARS OLD	✖ Is currently rated by both Baseball America (No. 13) and MLB Pipeline (No. 17) as a top-30 prospect in Pittsburgh's minor league system entering 2026.
BIRTHDATE: AUGUST 3, 2003	✖ Hit a combined .243 (98-for-404) with 14 home runs and 56 RBI across 116 games split between High-A Greensboro and Double-A Altoona last season.
BIRTHPLACE: MINNEAPOLIS, MN	✖ Was signed as a non-drafted free agent on 8/5/19...His dad, Eliezer, played for San Francisco ('06-'08), San Diego ('09), Seattle ('10) and Colorado ('11).
#99 TONY BLANCO JR. (INF)	✖ Is currently rated by both Baseball America (No. 29) and MLB Pipeline (No. 30) as a top-30 prospect in Pittsburgh's minor league system entering 2026.
AGE: 20 YEARS OLD	✖ Batted a combined .259 (29-for-112) with eight home runs and 23 RBI over his 30 games split between the FCL Pirates and Low-A Bradenton in 2025.
BIRTHDATE: MAY 14, 2005	✖ Entered 2025 rated by Baseball America as the organization's "Best Power Hitter"...Was a DSL All-Star (mid-season) with the DSL Pirates Gold in 2023.
BIRTHPLACE: BOSTON, MA	✖ Was signed as a non-drafted free agent on 1/15/22...His dad, Tony, appeared in 56 Major League games with Washington during the 2005 campaign.
#28 EASTON CARMICHAEL (C)	✖ Is currently rated by both MLB Pipeline (No. 19) and Baseball America (No. 26) as a top-30 prospect in Pittsburgh's minor league system entering 2026.
AGE: 22 YEARS OLD	✖ Appeared in his first 14 professional games with High-A Greensboro during the 2025 season (hit his first professional home run on 8/17 vs. Greenville).
BIRTHDATE: NOVEMBER 3, 2003	✖ Was selected in the third round of the 2025 Draft (University of Oklahoma)...Was rated by BA (No. 91) and Pipeline (No. 93) as a top-100 draft prospect.
BIRTHPLACE: TULSA, OK	✖ Finished seventh in Sooners history in RBI (174), 10th in triples (13), 11th in home runs (30), extra-base hits and total bases (385) & 16th in hits (232).
#10 Y. DE LOS SANTOS (INF)	✖ Is currently rated by MLB Pipeline as Pittsburgh's No. 21 prospect entering 2026 (he entered 2025 rated by BA as the organization's No. 22 prospect).
AGE: 21 YEARS OLD	✖ Hit .248 (115-for-464) with 27 doubles, 54 RBI and 51 stolen bases in his 118 games split between Low-A Bradenton and High-A Greensboro in 2025.
BIRTHDATE: FEBRUARY 17, 2005	✖ His 115 hits (all with Bradenton) in 2025 led the Florida State League...His 51 steals ranked second among Pirates minor leaguers (Konnor Griffin, 65).
BIRTHPLACE: GUERRA, D.R.	✖ Was signed as a non-drafted free agent on 1/15/22...Was recognized as a Florida Complex League All-Star (post-season) with the FCL Pirates in 2024.

#31 TITUS DUMITRU (OF)	ⓧ Last name is pronounced “do-ME-true”...Hit a combined .237 (97-for-410) with 28 extra-base hits, 55 RBI and 18 steals over 107 games last season.
AGE: 22 YEARS OLD	ⓧ Batted .245 (39-for-159) with seven doubles, six home runs, 19 RBI and 20 runs over his 43 games with High-A Greensboro following his acquisition.
BIRTHDATE: MAY 17, 2003	ⓧ Was acquired from Atlanta, in exchange for right-handed pitcher Hunter Stratton, on 7/1/25 (hit .231 in 64 games w/High-A Rome before the trade).
BIRTHPLACE: PORTLAND, OR	ⓧ Was selected by Atlanta in the 16th round of the 2024 Draft (New Mexico State University)...Appeared in 27 games with Low-A Augustus that season.
#71 DUCE GOURSON (INF)	ⓧ Batted .250 (4-for-16) with an RBI, five walks and four runs during his time in Major League camp (he was reassigned to minor league camp on 3/12).
AGE: 23 YEARS OLD	ⓧ Is currently rated by both Baseball America (No. 21) and MLB Pipeline (No. 29) as a top-30 prospect in Pittsburgh’s minor league system entering 2026.
BIRTHDATE: SEPTEMBER 20, 2002	ⓧ Was honored as the Pirates’ Omar Moreno Baserunner of the Year after stealing 31 of 34 bases between High-A Greensboro & Double-A Altoona in ‘25.
BIRTHPLACE: SAN DIEGO, CA	ⓧ Was selected in the ninth round of the 2024 Draft (UCLA)...Set the program record for doubles by a freshman with his 23 doubles for the Bruins in 2022.
#24 MURF GRAY (INF)	ⓧ Is currently rated by Baseball America as Pittsburgh’s No. 27 prospect entering 2026 (has yet to play in his first regular-season game as a professional).
AGE: 22 YEARS OLD	ⓧ Was selected in the Comp. Balance B round of the 2025 Draft (Fresno State University)...Was recognized by MLB Pipeline as the No. 141 draft prospect.
BIRTHDATE: DECEMBER 30, 2003	ⓧ Was recognized as the Co-Tony Gwynn Mountain West Conference Player of the Year in 2025 after hitting .324 with 22 doubles, 18 homers and 73 RBI.
BIRTHPLACE: MADERA, CA	ⓧ Took home Mountain West Championship Most Valuable Player honors in 2024 and 2025...Was named the 2023 Mountain West Freshman of the Year.
#75 KONNOR GRIFFIN (INF)	ⓧ Is currently rated by both Baseball America and MLB Pipeline as the No. 1 prospect in all of baseball following his first season of professional baseball.
AGE: 19 YEARS OLD	ⓧ Enters 2026 tabbed by Baseball America as the organization’s “Best Athlete” and “Fastest Baserunner” (he stole 65 of 78 attempted bases last season).
BIRTHDATE: APRIL 24, 2006	ⓧ Won a Minor League Gold Glove Award at shortstop in 2025 after recording a .980 fielding percentage (first Pirates farmhand since Jared Triolo, 2021).
BIRTHPLACE: JACKSON, MS	ⓧ Was selected in the first round (ninth overall) of the 2024 Draft (Jackson Preparatory School)...Batted .559 & had a 0.72 ERA on the mound as a senior.
#92 MITCH JEBB (OF)	ⓧ Batted .250 (4-for-16) with a triple, two walks and two runs during his time in Major League camp (he was reassigned to minor league camp on 3/9).
AGE: 23 YEARS OLD	ⓧ Hit .265 (118-for-445) with 11 doubles, six triples, 34 RBI, 59 walks and 33 stolen bases in 122 games, all with Double-A Altoona, in the 2025 season.
BIRTHDATE: MAY 13, 2002	ⓧ Ranked sixth in the Eastern League in stolen bases in 2025 (entered the season rated by Baseball America as the organization’s “Fastest Baserunner”).
BIRTHPLACE: SAGINAW, MI	ⓧ Was selected in the second round of the 2023 Draft (Michigan State University)...Batted .327 (191-for-584) over his three seasons with the Spartans.
#81 TERMARR JOHNSON (INF)	ⓧ Batted .368 (7-for-19) with a double, a triple and five RBI during his time in Major League camp (he was reassigned to minor league camp on 3/12).
AGE: 21 YEARS OLD	ⓧ Is currently rated by both Baseball America and MLB Pipeline as the No. 7 prospect in Pittsburgh’s minor league system entering the 2026 campaign.
BIRTHDATE: JUNE 11, 2004	ⓧ Hit .272 (118-for-434) with 67 runs and 20 steals over 119 games with Double-A Altoona in 2025 (ranked tied for sixth in the Eastern League in hits).
BIRTHPLACE: ATLANTA, GA	ⓧ Was selected in the first round (fourth overall) of the 2022 Draft (Mays High School)...Was named the “Best Pure Hitter” among high schoolers (BA).
#44 DARELL MOREL (INF)	ⓧ Is currently rated by both Baseball America (No. 17) and MLB Pipeline (No. 18) as a top-30 prospect in Pittsburgh’s minor league system entering 2026.
AGE: 18 YEARS OLD	ⓧ Batted .287 (45-for-157) with 13 extra-base hits and 26 stolen bases in 50 games with the DSL Pirates Gold in 2025 (his first season as a professional).
BIRTHDATE: SEPTEMBER 15, 2007	ⓧ Was named a Dominican Summer League All-Star (mid-season) in 2025...Went 1-for-2 with a run and a stolen base in the DSL All-Star Game on 7/20.
BIRTHPLACE: SANTO DOMINGO, D.R.	ⓧ Was signed as a non-drafted free agent on 1/15/25...Also recorded 25 RBI, drew 37 walks, scored 45 runs and had an .839 OPS during his first season.
#50 CALLAN MOSS (INF)	ⓧ Hit a combined .287 (127-for-442) with 30 doubles, 13 home runs, 65 walks, 67 runs scored and an .841 OPS in 122 games during the 2025 campaign.
AGE: 22 YEARS OLD	ⓧ Led the South Atlantic League in batting (.339), OBP (.422), slugging (.571) and OPS (.993) from 8/2 (Greensboro debut) through the end of the year.
BIRTHDATE: AUGUST 31, 2003	ⓧ Was acquired from Kansas City, along w/left-handed pitcher Evan Sisk, in exchange for left-handed pitcher Bailey Falter, on 7/31/25 (Trade Deadline).
BIRTHPLACE: MANHATTAN, NY	ⓧ Was signed by Kansas City as a non-drafted free agent on 8/6/24 (Saint Leo University)...Played with Low-A Columbia (‘24) & High-A Quad Cities (‘25).
#58 EDGLEEN PEREZ (C)	ⓧ Is currently rated by MLB Pipeline as Pittsburgh’s No. 23 prospect entering the 2026 campaign (played in 19 games with Low-A Bradenton last year).
AGE: 19 YEARS OLD	ⓧ Hit a combined .204 (73-for-357) with 10 doubles, 30 RBI, 84 walks and 46 runs in 103 games split between Low-A Tampa & Bradenton during 2025.
BIRTHDATE: MAY 25, 2006	ⓧ Was acquired from New York (AL), along with catcher/first baseman Rafael Flores Jr. and outfielder Brian Sanchez (for RHP David Bednar) on 7/31/25.
BIRTHPLACE: VALENCIA, VENEZUELA	ⓧ Was signed by New York (AL) as a non-drafted free agent on 3/6/23...Also played w/the DSL NYY Bombers during 2023 and the FCL Yankees in 2024.
#65 BRIAN SANCHEZ (OF)	ⓧ Was acquired from New York (AL), along with catcher/first baseman Rafael Flores Jr. and catcher Edgleen Perez (for RHP David Bednar) on 7/31/25.
AGE: 21 YEARS OLD	ⓧ Batted .281 (68-for-242) with 25 extra-base hits, 36 RBI, 36 walks, 24 steals and an .811 OPS in 63 games with Tampa (Yankees’ Low-A) last season.
BIRTHDATE: JULY 4, 2004	ⓧ Was a Florida Complex League All-Star (post-season) with the FCL Yankees in 2024 after hitting .306 (53-for-173) w/40 runs scored in his 49 games.
BIRTHPLACE: CUMANACOA, VENEZUELA	ⓧ Was signed by Milwaukee as a non-drafted free agent on 2/7/23...Debuted with the DSL Brewers 1 before he was acquired by New York on 11/17/23.
#5 WYATT SANFORD (INF)	ⓧ Is currently rated by both MLB Pipeline (No. 8) and Baseball America (No. 12) as a top-30 prospect in Pittsburgh’s minor league system entering 2026.
AGE: 20 YEARS OLD	ⓧ Hit a combined .243 (53-for-218) with 25 RBI and 34 stolen bases across his 64 games split between the FCL Pirates and Low-A Bradenton last season.
BIRTHDATE: NOVEMBER 24, 2005	ⓧ His 34 stolen bases during his debut campaign were tied with Johan De Los Santos for the fourth-most stolen bases among all Pittsburgh farmhands.
BIRTHPLACE: FRISCO, TX	ⓧ Was selected in the second round of the 2024 Draft (Independence High School)...His dad, Chance played for Pittsburgh (1998) & the Dodgers (1999).
#13 WILL TAYLOR (OF)	ⓧ Hit a combined .262 (88-for-336) with 20 doubles, 14 home runs, 62 RBI, 23 stolen bases and 68 runs scored in 93 minor league games during 2025.
AGE: 23 YEARS OLD	ⓧ Batted .333 (34-for-102) in 29 games with Low-A Bradenton from 4/4-6/8 & .231 (54-for-234) in 64 games with High-A Greensboro from 6/10-9/7.
BIRTHDATE: JANUARY 10, 2003	ⓧ Made his professional debut with Bradenton in 2024 (hit a grand slam for his first hit in his second game as a pro, which came on 8/15 vs. Dunedin).
BIRTHPLACE: COLUMBIA, SC	ⓧ Was selected in the fifth round of the 2024 Draft (Clemson University)...Won ACC titles w/the baseball team in 2023 and the football team in 2022.
#85 ESMERLYN VALDEZ (OF)	ⓧ Batted .294 (5-for-17) with a double, a home run and six RBI during his time in Major League camp (he was optioned to Triple-A Indianapolis on 3/9).
AGE: 22 YEARS OLD	ⓧ Is currently rated by both Baseball America and MLB Pipeline as the No. 11 prospect in Pittsburgh’s minor league system entering the 2026 campaign.
BIRTHDATE: JANUARY 27, 2004	ⓧ Was recognized as both the South Atlantic League’s Most Valuable Player, as well as the organization’s Willie Stargell Slugger of the Year, during ‘25.
BIRTHPLACE: SAN JUAN DLM, D.R.	ⓧ Was signed as a non-drafted free agent on 1/15/21...Led the SAL in slugging (.592) last season, despite being promoted to Double-A Altoona on 7/1.

