





# 18U NATIONAL TEAM VS. CANADA FRIENDSHIP SERIES GAME 5: USA (4-0) VS. CANADA (0-4)

STARTING PITCHERS: LHP Kade Anderson (0-0) vs. TBD (0-0) September 7, 2021 - 2:00 p.m. EDT // LECOM Park / Bradenton, Florida

# 2021 18U NATIONAL TEAM SCHEDULE/RESULTS

DATE	MATCHUP	TIME/RESULT
18U NATI	ONAL TEAM TRIALS	
8/27/21	Stars vs. Stripes	Stars 4, Stripes 0
8/28/21	Stars vs. Stripes	CANCELLED
8/29/21	Stars vs. Stripes	Stripes 3, Stars 2
8/30/21	Stars vs. Stripes	Stars 7, Stripes 4
8/31/21	Stars vs. Stripes	Stars 4, Stripes 0
18U NATI	ONAL TEAM VS. CANAL	)A SERIES
9/3/21	USA vs. Canada	W, 16-2
9/4/21	USA vs. Canada	W, 10-2
9/5/21	USA vs. Canada	W, 6-2
9/6/21	USA vs. Canada	W, 16-1
9/7/21	USA vs. Canada	2:00 p.m. EDT
9/8/21	USA vs. Canada	1:00 p.m. EDT
9/9/21	USA vs. Canada	2:00 p.m. EDT

# 2021 18U NATIONAL TEAM VS. CANADA SERIES

USA RESULTS WHEN	
Overall Record	4-0
"Home" Games	2-0
"Away" Games	2-0
Day Games	2-0
Night Games	2-0
vs. Left-Handed Starter	0-0
vs. Right-Handed Starter	4-0
1-Run Games	0-0
2-Run Games	0-0
5+ Run Games	3-0
Extra Innings	0-0
Shutouts	0-0
USA Scores 0-2 Runs	0-0
USA Scores 3-5 Runs	0-0
USA Scores 6-9 Runs	1-0
USA Scores 10+ Runs	3-0
Opponent Scores 0-2 Runs	4-0
Opponent Scores 3-5 Runs	0-0
Opponent Scores 6-9 Runs	0-0
Opponent Scores 10+ Runs	0-0
USA Scores in First Inning	2-0
USA Scores First	3-0
Opponent Scores First	1-0
USA: Leading After 6	4-0
USA: Trailing After 6	0-0
USA: Leading After 7	4-0
USA: Trailing After 7	0-0
USA: Leading After 8	4-0
USA: Trailing After 8	0-0
USA Hits 0 Home Runs	0-0
USA Hits 1 Home Run	2-0
USA Hits 2+ Home Runs	2-0
Opponent Hits 0 Home Run	0-0
Opponent Hits 1 Home Run	0-0
Opponent Hits 2+ Home Runs	0-0
USA Out-Hits Opponent	4-0
Opponent Out-Hits USA	0-0
Hits Are Tied	0-0

### USA BASEBALL 18U NATIONAL TEAM VS. CANADA // ALL-TIME RECORD: 37-6-1

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	RESULT
8/2/87	World Youth Baseball Championships	Windsor, Canada	W, 5-0
7/26/88	International Friendship Series	Rapid City, South Dakota	W, 9-5
7/29/88	International Friendship Series	Raphid City, South Dakota	W, 6-4
12/14/88	World Youth Baseball Championships	Sydney, Australia	W, 8-3
8/13/89	World Youth Baseball Championships	Trois-Riviers, Canada	W, 2-1
8/1/91	World Youth Baseball Championships	Brandon, Canada	L, 6-10
8/15/93	COPABE Pan Am "AAA" Qualifier	Windsor, Canada	W, 18-1
7/19/94	1994 Friendship Series	Toronto, Canada	W, 7-2
7/27/94	Junior World Championships	Brandon, Canada	W, 7-6
8/13/95	Junior World Championships	Yarmout-Dennis, Massachusetts	W, 5-1
8/5/00	Junior Pan American Games	Edmonton, Canada	W, 5-1
7/17/02	Canada Tour	Toronto, Canada	W, 5-3
7/19/02	Canada Tour	Oakville, Canada	L, 5-8
7/20/02	Canada Tour	Guelph, Canada	W, 6-3
7/21/02	Canada Tour	St. Mary's, Canada	W, 18-9
7/23/02	Canada Tour	Thunder Bay, Canada	W, 6-3
7/24/02	Canada Tour	Thunder Bay, Canada	L, 0-9
7/27/02	Canada Tour	Ottawa, Canada	W, 6-4
7/28/02	Canada Tour	Coaticook, Canada	W. 6-5
8/11/02	IBAF World Youth Championships	Sherbrooke, Canada	W, 12-3
7/3/03	Domestic Tour	Marrietta, Georgia	W, 3-2
7/4/03	Domestic Tour	Kennesaw, Georgia	L, 0-4
7/5/03	Domestic Tour	Atlanta, Georgia	T, 1-1
7/6/03	Domestic Tour	Atlanta, Georgia	W, 6-4
7/6/03	Domestic Tour	Atlanta, Georgia	W, 8-1
7/19/03	Pan American Cup	Curacau, Antilles	W, 12-2
9/5/05	COPABE Pan Am Junior Championships	Teapa, Mexico	W, 5-1
9/20/06	IBAF World Junior Championships	Ciego de Avila, Cuba	W, 2-1
9/2/07	COPABE Pan Am "AAA" Championships	Ixtapa Zihuatenejo, Mexico	W, 6-2
7/16/10	International Friendlies	St. Paul. Minnesota	W, 7-2
7/18/10	International Friendlies	St. Paul. Minnesota	L, 3-4
7/20/10	International Friendlies	St. Cloud, Minnesota	W. 9-0
11/27/11*	COPABE Pan Am "AAA" Championships	Cartagena, Colombia	W, 12-2
9/5/12	IBAF "AAA" World Cup	Seoul. South Korea	L, 0-1
9/8/12*	IBAF "AAA" World Cup	Seoul, South Korea	W, 6-2
9/7/14	COPABE Pan Am "AAA" Championships	La Paz. Mexico	W, 11-1
9/5/15	WBSC U-18 Baseball World Cup	Osaka, Japan	W. 9-5
9/7/17	WBSC U-18 Baseball World Cup	Thunder Bay, Canada	W, 7-3 W, 8-3
11/29/18	COPABE U-18 Pan-American Championships		W. 11-2
9/5/19	WBSC U-18 Baseball World Cup	Gijang, South Korea	W, 11-2 W, 10-0 (
9/3/19	Friendship Series	Sarasota, Florida	
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9/4/21			
	Friendship Series	Sarasota, Florida	W, 6-2
9/6/21	Friendship Series	Sarasota, Florida	W, 16-1

### LAST TIME OUT: CANADA

The 18U National Team clinched its seven-game friendship series against Canada with another double-digit victory on Monday, September 6, at Tropicana Field. Team USA scored 16 runs for the second time in a row and held Canada hitless and scoreless until the ninth inning to earn a dominant win and improve to 4-0 in the series. The U.S. jumped out to an early lead with two runs in the top of the first and scored in all but two innings to earn the victory, highlighted by a 456-foot bomb off the bat of Elijah Green (Windermere, Fla.) and two triples from Druw Jones (Suwanee, Ga.), including a two-RBI three-bagger.

# HI, OUR NAME IS TEAM USA AND WE HIT DINGERS

Team USA is already showing off some serious power through the first four games of its seven-game series against Canada, having already crushed at least one bomb in every game for a total of seven. Blake Mitchell (Sinton, Texas) got the dinger party started in game one with a three-run shot that helped lead Team USA to a 16-2 victory over Canada on September 3, and Termarr Johnson (Atlanta, Ga.) and Paxton Kling (Roaring Spring, Pa.) kept the momentum going in game two. Johnson came to the plate with the bases loaded and laced a ball over the left field fence for a go-ahead grand slam while Kling followed two innings later with a two-run blast over the left-center wall. The two homers highlighted another big win as the U.S. took game two, 10-2, over Canada.

### **DID YOU KNOW:**

Although the flag can be worn on either sleeve (or on either side of the cap), USA Baseball traditionally wears the flag on the right sleeve, and, per military uniform regulation, the star field always faces forward. This gives the effect of the flag flying in the breeze as the athlete moves forward.



On Sunday, Kling added his second homer of the series with a solo shot that opened the scoring in the contest and Elijah Green (Windermere, Fla.) launched two dingers in the game to extend the U.S. lead and secure the 6-2 victory. Green then hit a moonshot to center field on Monday's 16-1 seriesclinching victory for this series-leading third homer.

### LONG(GONE) BALLS

The 18U National Team hasn't just hit longballs in this seven-game series against Canada, it has hit balls that are long gone. Six of Team USA's seven bombs through four games of the series have traveled over 400 feet, led by Elijah Green's (Windermere, Ga.) 456-foot dinger in game four on Monday, September 6. Paxton Kling (Roaring Spring, Pa.) has also contributed over 800 feet of homers, launching his first homer 401 feet and his second 417 feet. Green's series-leading three homers have gone a combined 1,285 feet.

### CAN'T STOP, WON'T STOP...HITTING

Paxton Kling (Roaring Spring, Pa.) and Druw Jones (Suwanee, Ga.) both have four-game hit streaks going right now, collecting at least one hit in all four of Team USA's games against Canada so far in the seven-game series. The two outfielders are tied for the team-lead in hits with five each and half of those ten have gone for extra bases. Kling has contributed two home runs through four games while Jones has tallied a double and two triples so far.

### **CAN'T TOUCH THIS**

The 18U National Team pitching staff has been lights out through the first half of the seven-game friendship series against Canada. Collectively, they have allowed just six earned runs through four games and collected 55 strikeouts, holding Canadian batters to a miniscule .171 batting average. They have also combined to toss double-digit punchouts in three of the four games so far, recording 17 in both game two on September 4 and game three on September 5 before tallying 11 in game four on September 6. Louis Rodriguez (Long Beach, Calif.) leads all U.S. pitchers with 10 strikeouts in his five innings of relief on September 4. The next closest are Jackson Ferris (Mount Airy, N.C.) and Owen Murphy (Riverside, Ill.) with six each.

### THESE BATS WERE MADE FOR CLINCHING

With four straight wins to start the seven-game friendship series against Canada, the 18U National Team clinched the series victory in dominant fashion. The U.S. jumped out to a fast start in the series, grabbing a 16-2 victory in game one on September 3 to set the tone for the rest of the first half. The squad didn't let up in game two on September 4 either as they put together a 10-2 victory with the pitching staff tallying 17 strikeouts. In game three, the offense cooled off just a little while still secure a strong 6-4 victory to start the series 3-0 on September 5.

The U.S. and Canada then took the series to Tropicana Field, the home of the Tampa Bay Rays, for game four with Team USA's first chance to clinch the series on the line - and the stars and stripes lived up to the challenge. Behind another double-digit victory, the U.S. improved to 4-0 and earned the series victory with a 16-1 defeat of Canada on September 6.

# **DOUBLES AND TRIPLES AND HOMERS, OH MY!**

Through the first four games of the seven-game friendship series against Canada, Team USA has racked up 41 hits and almost 50% of those have gone for extra bases. The U.S. has hit eight doubles, four triples, and seven home runs for a total of 19 extra-base knocks in four games. Elijah Green's (Windermere, Fla.) three home runs and Druw Jones' (Suwanee, Ga.) one double and two triples lead the squad, followed closely by Jayden Hylton (Palm Beach Gardens, Fla.) with two doubles and Paxton Kling (Roaring Spring, Pa.) with two dingers.

### CANADA, EH?

Both Team USA and Canada were set to play in the World Baseball Softball Confederation (WBSC) U-18 Baseball World Cup this summer but after the tournament's postponement to 2022, the two programs decided to keep each other on their schedules. After the U.S. names its final 26-man 18U National Team on August 31, Team USA and Canada will go head-to-head in a seven game friendship series starting on September 3. The two teams have a long history of competition in both international tournaments and international friendship series since 1987. The U.S. holds a 36-6-1 all-time record over its neighbor to the north, including victories in the last six matchups between the two programs.

Additionally, the two teams have met in two gold medal games over the years, with Team USA coming out on top in both. The red, white, and blue took the gold in the COPABE Pan Am "AAA" Championships on November 27, 2011, with a 12-2 defeat of Canada before earning a world championship with a 6-2 victory over the Canadian squad in the International Baseball Federation (IBAF) "AAA" World Cup on September 8, 2012.

Most recently, Team USA took on Canada in the Super Round of the 2019 WBSC U-18 Baseball World Cup. Behind a complete-game shutout performance by Ben Hernandez (Chicago, Ill.) for the U.S., the stars and stripes took down Canada 10-0 on September 5, 2019, at the Gijang-Hyundai Dream Ballpark in Gijang, South Korea to claim its sixth win of the World Cup.

### LET'S PLAY...SEVEN

In 2021, Team USA will take on Canada in a seven-game friendship series that was added to the schedule following the postponement of the 2021 WBSC U-18 Baseball World Cup to 2022. The series will kick off on September 3 with three games at Ed Smith Stadium in Sarasota, Florida, before the two teams head to Tropicana Field on September 6. The final three games of the series will be played at LECOM Park (September 7, September 9) and Pirate City (September 8) in Bradenton, Florida.

### A (PDP) LEAGUE OF THEIR OWN

Twenty-two members of the 2021 26-man 18U National Team were selected from the 2021 Prospect Development Pipeline (PDP League), which serves as a primary identification event for the 18U National Team program. The PDP League, which took place in Cary, North Carolina, from July 24-31, is an invitation-based development and assessment opportunity for high school players eligible for the following year's MLB Draft. It provides athletes with an unprecedented amateur experience, including competitive gameplay, player development sessions, educational seminars, and additional programming aimed to prepare players for a professional baseball career.

### TEAM USA TIMES TWO, THREE, AND FOUR

Four players are making a return to the red, white, and blue in 2021 after representing the stars and stripes in previous international competition. Karson Bowen (Anaheim Hills, Calif.) has played for three other national teams in his career, including the 2016 12U National Team and both the 2018 and 2019 15U National Teams. He won a silver medal with Team USa in 2016 and helped the U.S. win back-to-back gold medals in 2018 and 2019.

Two-time world champion Ryan Clifford (Raleight, N.C.) was named to his third national team on Tuesday. He not only helped the 12U National Team earn its second consecutive WBSC U-12 Baseball World Cup title in 2015, but also played a role in the 15U National Team's first-ever world championship at the 2018 U-15 Baseball World Cup.

Louis Rodriguez (Long Beach, Calif.) is now a three-time USA Baseball alum after playing with Bowen on both the 2016 12U National Team and the 2019 15U National Team, and Termarr Johnson (Atlanta, Georgia) will make his second appearance in international competition for Team USA in 2021, joining 2019 15U National Team teammates Bowen and Rodriguez on this year's 18U National Team.

# AND FOR THE FIRST TIME IN THE RED, WHITE, AND BLUE

Out of 26 players on the 2021 18U National Team, 22 are making their USA Baseball national team debuts in this summer's seven-game friendship series against Canada.

# KEEP YOUR SILVER, GIMME THAT GOLD

In 31 international competitions since 1987, the 18U National Team has won 13 gold medals, including eight in a row from 2011-2018. The program has also brought home five world championships in its history, winning four consecutive world titles in 2012, 2013, 2015, and 2017.

## **WORLD CHAMPION MANAGER**

Jason Maxwell is back at the helm of a USA Baseball national team in 2021 for the first time after leading the 15U National Team to the program's first-ever world championship in 2018 at the WBSC U-15 Baseball World Cup. Under his guidance the 15U squad finished the tournament with an 8-1 record, a .323 batting average, 69 RBIs, 17 doubles, five triples, and three home runs while outscoring opponents 88-13. In addition, the pitching staff tallied a collective team ERA of 1.24 over 58 innings of work and four of Maxwell's players were

named to the WBSC U-15 Baseball World Cup All-World Team. The team was named the 2018 USA Baseball Team of the Year and Maxwell was honored as the 2018 USA Baseball Developmental Coach of the Year for his work with the squad.

### **ALL-STAR ASSISTANTS**

In 2021, the 18U National Team coaching staff features not one, not two, but three former MLB All-Stars. Michael Cuddyer (2011, 2013) and Brad Penny (2006, 2007) were both named to two All-Star Games in their lengthy major league careers, while Jack Wilson earned the honor in 2004.

In 2011, Cuddyer was selected to his first All-Star game, finishing that season on the Minnesota Twins with 150 hits, including 29 doubles, two triples, and two home runs. He also drove in 70 RBIs and stole 11 bases while recording a .284/.346/.459 slash line. He went on to earn the honor a second time in 2013 - the same season he won the National League batting champion title after recording a .331 average on the year. That season, Cuddyer also tallied 84 RBIs and had another 20-home run campaign.

Penny made his first All-Star Game appearance in 2006 and finished that season with a 4.33 ERA, a career-high 148 strikeouts, and a league-leading 16 wins for the Los Angeles Dodgers. In 2007, he collected a 3.03 ERA, 135 punchouts, and an MLB-best .800 (16-4) win percentage to earn his second All-Star Game selection in as many years and finish third in National League Cy Young Award voting. He finished his playing career with stints playing for the Boston Red Sox, San Francisco Giants, St. Louis Cardinals, and the Detroit Tigers before returning to the Marlins in 2014 for the final season.

Wilson was named to the 2004 MLB All-Star Game in just his fourth big league season. He finished that season leading the National League in triples with 12 while also hitting 11 home runs and a career-best 41 doubles. The infielder also recorded a career-best mark in runs scored that season, crossing the plate 82 times while also driving in 59 runs.

### **TEAMMATES ALL YEAR LONG**

The 2021 18U National Team features two sets of players that are already very familiar with playing with each other. Karson Bowen, Louis Rodriguez, and Oliver Santos all play high school baseball together at Orange Lutheran, while Elijah Green and Jackson Ferris are teammates at IMG Academy during the high school season.

#### IT RUNS IN THE FAMILY

For two members of the 2021 18U National Team, baseball is a family pastime. Druw Jones (Suwanee, Ga.) is the son of five-time MLB All-Star, 10-time Gold Glover, and 2005 National League home run leader, Andruw Jones. Additionally, 18U National Team middle infielder Jackson Holliday also grew up around the game, watching his dad - seven-time MLB All-Star and 2011 World Series Champion, Matt Holliday - play.

### **BASEBALL MUST BE COUNTRY-WIDE**

Fifteen different states are represented on Team USA's 26-man roster. Georgia leads all states with four players hailing from the Peach State, followed closely by California and North Carolina with three representatives each. Florida, Louisiana, and Oklahoma all have two athletes on the 2021 18U Natinoal Team while Alabama, Illinois, Indiana, New Hampshire, New York, Pennsylvania, Texas, Virginia, and Wisconsin all boast one player.





# **USA BASEBALL 18U NATIONAL TEAM ROSTER**

NO.	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	POS.	B/T	HT.	WT.	BIRTHDAY	HOMETOWN	SCH00L	PRONUNCIATION
25	Allen	Joe	RHP	R/R	6'4"	215	10/20/2003	Hampton Falls, N.H.	Winnacunnet	
28	Anderson	Kade	LHP	L/L	6'2"	165	7/6/04	Madisonville, La.	St. Paul's	
4	Austin	RJ	UTIL	R/R	5'11"	180	12/18/2003	Atlanta, Ga.	Pace Academy	
27	Bowen	Karson	С	R/R	5'11"	205	7/1/2004	Anaheim Hills, Calif.	Orange Lutheran	
21	Clifford	Ryan	0F/1B	L/L	6'3"	210	7/20/2003	Raleigh, N.C.	Pro5 Academy	
22	Dutkanych	Andrew	RHP	R/R	6'3"	205	7/31/2003	Indianapolis, Ind.	Brebeuf Jesuit Preparatory	D00-can-itch
10	Ferris	Jackson	LHP	L/L	6'4"	190	1/15/2004	Mount Airy, N.C.	IMG Academy	
3	Fisher	Cade	LHP	L/L	6'4"	185	9/4/2003	Dalton, Ga.	Northwest Whitfield County	
18	Ford	Walter	RHP	R/R	6'2"	190	12/28/04	McCalla, Ala.	McAdory	
11	Green	Elijah	OF	R/R	6'3"	225	12/4/2003	Windermere, Fla.	IMG Academy	
6	Guidry	Gavin	UTIL	R/R	6'2"	180	7/14/2003	Lake Charles, La.	Alfred M. Barbe	GI-dree
7	Holliday	Jackson	MIF	L/R	6'1"	175	12/4/2003	Stillwater, Okla.	Stillwater	
19	Hylton	Jayden	1B	R/R	6'6"	210	1/25/2004	Palm Beach Gardens, Fla.	Palm Beach Gardens	
17	Jenkins	Walker	OF	L/R	6'3"	205	2/19/05	Oak Island, N.C.	South Brunswick	
8	Johnson	Termarr	MIF	L/R	5'10"	180	6/11/2004	Atlanta, Ga.	Mays	
1	Jones	Druw	OF	R/R	6'3"	180	11/28/2003	Suwanee, Ga.	Wesleyan	
13	Kennedy	Michael	LHP	L/L	6'1"	205	11/30/2004	Troy, N.Y.	Troy	
5	Kilen	Gavin	MIF	L/R	5'11"	180	3/28/2004	Milton, Wisc.	Milton	
14	Kling	Paxton	OF	R/R	6'2"	195	5/28/2003	Roaring Spring, Pa.	Central	
23	Mitchell	Blake	UTIL	L/R	6'1"	188	8/3/04	Sinton, Texas	Sinton	
15	Murphy	Owen	UTIL	R/R	6'1"	190	9/27/2003	Riverside, Ill.	Riverside Brookfield	
16	O'Connor	Jack	RHP	R/R	6'5"	225	1/16/2004	Arlington, Va.	Bishop O'Connell	
2	Phillips	Brennan	LHP	L/L	6'0"	175	5/12/2003	Owasso, Okla.	Owasso	
30	Rodriguez	Louis	RHP	R/R	6'1"	195	4/16/2004	Long Beach, Calif.	Orange Lutheran	
26	Santos	Oliver	LHP	R/L	6'4"	210	9/12/2003	Newport Coast, Calif.	Orange Lutheran	
32	Stanford	Riley	OF/RHP	R/R	6'4"	220	6/14/2003	Gainesville, Ga.	Buford	

### COACHING STAFF

CUA	CHING STAFF		
NO.	NAME	POSITION	
24	Jason Maxwell	Manager	
37	Brad Penny	Pitching Coach	
9	Michael Cuddyer	Assistant Coach	
12	Jack Wilson	Assistant Coach	

### **USA BASEBALL STAFF**

OSA DASEDALL	STALL
NAME	POSITION
Ashley Bratcher	General Manager
Brett Curll	Director, Baseball Operations
Allison Gupton	Director, Baseball Administration
Cole Beeker	Coordinator, Baseball Operations
Brandon Schaust	Athletic Trainer
Emily Fedewa	Press Officer
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# BACK AGAIN: USA BASEBALL ALUMNI ON THE ROSTER

Four former USA Baseball national team alumni will wear the red, white, and blue once again in 2021 as they suit up for the 2021 18U National Team, including Karson Bowen (Anaheim Hills, Calif.) who was named to his fourth national team this summer. All four of the alums have won gold medals in their careers with Team USA. Bowen and Ryan Clifford (Raleigh, N.C.) were members of the 2018 15U National Team that won the program's first-ever world championship at the 2018 WBSC U-15 Baseball World Cup. The title was Clifford's second after he helped the 2015 12U National Team win its second consecutive world championship at the WBSC U-12 Baseball World Cup.

# **USA BASEBALL COACHING STAFF**

# **JASON MAXWELL**

MANAGER

2021 marks Maxwell's third time coaching for Team USA and his second stint as a manager for the red, white, and blue. After helping to guide the 2016 15U National Team to a WBSC U-15 Baseball World Cup bronze medal as an assistant coach, Maxwell made his managerial debut in 2018 and led the 15U National Team to the program's first-ever world championship. The U.S. finished the tournament with an 8-1 record, a .323 batting average, 69 RBIs, 17 doubles, five triples, and three home runs while outscoring opponents 88-13. In addition, the pitching staff tallied a collective team ERA of 1.24 over 58 innings of work and four of Maxwell's players were named to the WBSC U-15 Baseball World Cup All-World Team. The team was named the 2018 USA Baseball Team of the Year and Maxwell was honored as the 2018 USA Baseball Developmental Coach of the Year for his work with the squad.

Maxwell has also served as the field coordinator for the 2017 14U National Team Development Program (NTDP) and has worked at numerous National Team Trials, the USA Baseball National Team Championships, and the USA Baseball National Team Identification Series (NTIS) throughout his tenure with USA Baseball.

Maxwell is the head coach at Ensworth School (Nashville, Tenn.) and is currently in his 17th season at the helm. He has led the program to eight straight playoff appearances and two Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association quarterfinal appearances. Prior to his coaching career, he was an All-Conference player for Middle Tennessee State University in 1992 and 1993 before being selected by the Chicago Cubs in the 1993 Major League Baseball Draft and playing 12 years of professional baseball. After six seasons in the minor leagues, Maxwell made his Major League debut with the Cubs in 1998. He also saw playing time in the major leagues with the Minnesota Twins in 2000 and 2001 before beginning his coaching career in 2004 as the first coach in school history for Ensworth School. Maxwell finished his minor league career with 991 hits, 103 home runs, and 487 RBIs..

# **BRAD PENNY**

PITCHING COACH

Penny will make his national team coaching debut with the 2021 18U National Team staff after serving as a coach at the inaugural MLB Draft Combine from June 20-18 and the 2021 PDP League from July 24-31. Both events were hosted at the USA Baseball National Training Complex in Cary, North Carolina. Under Penny's guidance at the PDP League, Team Light Blue's pitching staff tallied a 3.20 ERA in 39.1 innings of work while collecting 64 strikeouts and allowing just six extra base hits en route to earning the 2021 PDP League championship. In addition to his USA Baseball coaching experience, Penny also donned the stars and stripes as a player when he suited up for the organization's first Professional National Team in 1999. The squad won a silver medal at the 1999 Pan American Games, qualifying Team USA for the Sydney 2000 Olympic Games where the U.S. earned the gold medal with a 4-0 defeat of Cuba.

The right-hander was selected in the fifth round of the 1996 MLB Draft by the Arizona Diamondbacks to begin a 14-year MLB playing career that included two All-Star selections and a World Series championship. The Blackwell, Oklahoma, native finished his career with 121 wins, 1,273 strikeouts, and a 4.29 ERA in 1,925.0 innings pitched in the big leagues. After making his major league debut with the Miami Marlins in 2000, he helped lead the team to the organization's second World Series championship in 2003 with a 4.13 ERA in 32 starts during the season. Penny also made two starts in the Fall Classic against the New York Yankees, earning a 2-0 record while striking out seven in 12.1 innings of work.

Penny made his first All-Star Game appearance in 2006 and finished that season with a 4.33 ERA, a career-high 148 strikeouts, and a league-leading 16 wins for the Los Angeles Dodgers. In 2007, he collected a 3.03 ERA, 135 punchouts, and an MLB-best .800 (16-4) win percentage to earn his second All-Star Game selection in as many years and finish third in National League Cy Young Award voting. He finished his playing career with stints playing for the Boston Red Sox, San Francisco Giants, St. Louis Cardinals, and the Detroit Tigers before returning to the Marlins in 2014 for the final season.

# MICHAEL CUDDYER

ASSISTANT COACH

//PRONUNCIATION: CUH-DYE-ER//

Cuddyer will make his USA Baseball coaching debut in 2021 but is no stranger to the stars and stripes, having played on both the 1996 and 1997 18U National Teams. He hit .367 and recorded the second-most RBIs (5) on the 1996 squad. In 1997, he hit .397 with a .853 slugging percentage while leading the team in RBIs (26) and home runs (7). In that same year, he was named the Virginia Player of the Year, Gatorade National Player of the Year, and a USA Today All-Star. Cuddyer was selected ninth overall by the Minnesota Twins in the 1997 MLB Draft before making his MLB Debut in 2001. In his 15-year MLB career, he played in over 1,500 games, spending the first 11 seasons of his career with the Twins where he was named to his first All-Star team in 2011. From 2012 to 2014, Cuddyer played for the Colorado Rockies and was selected to his second All-Star team in 2013. Cuddyer was also a 2013 Silver Slugger and finished the season with the National League batting title, hitting a league-best .331 with a career-high 162 hits. Cuddyer was only the 30th Major League player to hit for the cycle twice in his career and was just the third to accomplish the feat in both the American and National Leagues. Since retirement, Cuddyer contributes a weekly online video series called "Cuddyer's Corner" for the USA Baseball Develops blog, covering topics surrounding the game to help young athletes grow both on and off the field.

# **JACK WILSON**

ASSISTANT COACH

Rounding out the staff is Wilson who also makes his USA Baseball coaching debut this summer. Currently the head coach at Thousand Oaks High School (Thousand Oaks, Calif.), Wilson led the Lancers to a 24-6 overall record, including a 10-2 mark in league play, en route to winning the Marmonte League championship in 2019. He followed that by managing the squad to an 8-0 start to the 2020 season and a No. 1 CIF-SS Division 2 ranking before the pause in play caused by COVID-19. Under Wilson's guidance, the program picked up where it left off in 2021 as the Lancers claimed another Marmonte League championship and finished with a 27-1 record. Before beginning his coaching career, Wilson played for the Pittsburgh Pirates, Seattle Mariners, and Atlanta Braves for over 12 years in the big leagues. He led the National League with 12 triples in 2004, earning a spot on the National League All-Star team and a Silver Slugger award for his efforts. In 1,370 MLB games, Wilson recorded a .265/.306/.366 career slash line with 61 home runs and 426 RBIs.



# ON THE MOUND

#### STARTERS VS. RELIEVERS

	W-L	ERA	G	CG	sv	IP	Н	R	ER	BB	S0	2B	3B	HR	OPP AVG	
Starters	0-0	1.93	4	0	0	14.0	11	4	3	6	19	5	0	0	.208	
Relievers	4-0	1.23	4	0	0	22.0	11	3	3	7	36	0	2	0	.145	

### STARTERS PERFORMANCES

DATE	OPPONENT	STARTER	DEC.	IP	Н	R	ER	BB	S0	2B	3B	HR
9/3/21	Canada	Andrew Dutkanych	ND	4.0	5	2	1	1	2	2	0	0
9/4/21	Canada	Jackson Ferris	ND	3.0	5	2	2	1	6	2	0	0
9/5/21	Canada	Joe Allen	ND	3.0	1	0	0	1	5	1	0	0
9/6/21	Canada	Owen Murphy	ND	4.0	0	0	0	3	6	0	0	0
9/7/21	Canada	TBD	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
9/8/21	Canada	TBD	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
9/9/21	Canada	TBD	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

# JOE ALLEN

RHP; HAMPTON FALLS, N.H.

DATE	OPPONENT	DEC	IP	н	R	ER	BB	S0	HBP	HR	TP
9/3/21	Canada	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
9/4/21	Canada	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
9/5/21	Canada	ND	3.0	1	0	0	1	5	0	0	60
9/6/21	Canada	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
9/7/21	Canada	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
9/8/21	Canada										
9/9/21	Canada	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTALS		0-0	3.0	1	0	0	1	5	0	0	60

**18U National Team**: Started game three for the U.S. against Canada in a sevegame friendship series...threw three scoreless innings while allowing just one hit and one walk and striking out five batters...

**18U National Team Trials:** Allen was selected to the 2021 18U National Team after a stellar outing in game one of the 2021 18U National Team Trials. He started on the mound for the Stars and allowed just one walk and no hits, while striking out five batters in three innings of work. The Stars earned a 4-0 victory over the Stripes to kick off trials behind Allen's shutout start.

**PDP League:** Allen was invited to the 2021 18U National Team Trials from the 2021 PDP League, where he also dominated on the mound. In two appearances for Team Light Blue at the event, Allen recorded a 0.00 ERA and batting average against. The right-hander put together four hitless, shutout innings in which he allowed just one walk and tallied four punchouts to help lead Team Light Blue to the 2021 PDP League championship

# **KADE ANDERSON**

RHP: MADISONVILLE, LA.

DATE	OPPONENT	DEC	ΙP	Н	R	ER	BB	S0	HBP	HR	TP
9/3/21	Canada	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
9/4/21	Canada	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
9/5/21	Canada	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
9/6/21	Canada	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
9/7/21	Canada	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
9/8/21	Canada										
9/9/21	Canada	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTALS		-	_	-	-	_	-	-	_	-	_

### 18U National Team:

**18U National Team Trials:** Anderson got the start for the Stripes in game three of the 2021 18U National Team Trials and put together three strong innings of work to earn a spot on Team USA. He allowed just one hit and two walks and did not give up a run while collecting one strikeout in his outing.

**16U/17U NTDP:** Anderson earned his spot at the 2021 18U National Team Trials after participating in the 2021 16U/17U National Team Development Program (NTDP) at the National Training Complex in Cary, North Carolina, earlier this summer. During the NTDP, he started for the Stripes in game one and helped lead the team to a 3-0 nothing victory over the Stars. The right-hander tossed three innings in which he recorded three strikeouts and did not allow a run or a walk while giving up just three hits.

# ANDREW DUTKANYCH

RHP; INDIANAPOLIS, IND.

DATE	OPPONENT	DEC	IP	н	R	ER	ВВ	S0	HBP	HR	TP
9/3/21	Canada	ND	4.0	5	2	1	1	2	0	0	64
9/4/21	Canada	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
9/5/21	Canada	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
9/6/21	Canada	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
9/7/21	Canada	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
9/8/21	Canada										
9/9/21	Canada	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTALS		0-0	4.0	5	2	1	1	2	0	0	64

**18U National Team:** Started in game one of Team USA's seven-game friendship series against Canada...gave up just one earned run in four innings of work while recording two strikeouts...

**18U National Team Trials:** After a strong start for the Stripes in game two of the 2021 18U National Team Trials, Dutkanych was named to the final 2021 18U National Team. He went three innings in the appearance and kept the Stars offense quiet throughout. Dutkanych, who is ranked No. 16 in *Baseball America's* Top 2022 High School MLB Draft Prospects, allowed just two hits and walked two batters at trials while striking out five.

**PDP League:** Dutkanych earned an invitation to 18U Trials after participating in the 2021 PDP League at the USA Baseball National Training Complex in Cary, North Carolina, this summer. In two appearances for Team Red, he allowed two runs on four hits in four innings of work on the mound. He also tied for the second-most strikeouts in the tournament with eight.

# **JACKSON FERRIS**

LHP: MOUNT AIRY, N.C.

DATE	OPPONENT	DEC	IP	н	R	ER	BB	S0	HBP	HR	TP
9/3/21	Canada	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
9/4/21	Canada	ND	3.0	5	2	2	1	6	0	0	56
9/5/21	Canada	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
9/6/21	Canada	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
9/7/21	Canada	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
9/8/21	Canada										
9/9/21	Canada	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTALS		0-0	3 0	5	2	2	1	4	n	n	56

**18U National Team:** Got the start in game two of Team USA's seven-game friendship series against Canada...recorded six punchouts in three innings of work...

**18U National Team Trials:** A strong relief appearance at the 2021 18U National Team Trials earned Ferris a spot on the 2021 18U National Team. The southpaw's three innings of work came in game two of trials for the Stars and he recorded a 0.00 ERA after holding the Stripes scoreless. Ferris, who is rated as the top lefty in Baseball America's Top 2022 High School MLB Draft Prospects (No. 6 overall), gave up just two hits and one walk at trials and struck out four batters.

**PDP League:** Ferris was a member of Team Light Blue at the 2021 PDP League and finished the tournament with a 4.50 ERA. In four innings of work, he allowed just one walk and two earned runs on six hits. The Mount Airy, North Carolina, native who plays high school baseball at IMG Academy also collected six punchouts in his two appearances and opponents earned just one extra base hit against him.

### **CADE FISHER**

LHP; DALTON, GA.

DATE	OPPONENT	DEC	IP	н	R	ER	BB	S0	HBP	HR	TP
9/3/21	Canada	W	4.0	2	0	0	0	5	1	0	46
9/4/21	Canada	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
9/5/21	Canada	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
9/6/21	Canada	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
9/7/21	Canada	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
9/8/21	Canada										
9/9/21	Canada	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTALS		1_0	/ <sub>4</sub> 0	2	n	n	n	5	1	n	4.6

#### 18U National Team:

**18U National Team Trials:** Fisher was named to the 2021 18U National Team after pitching three innings of relief in game one of the 2021 18U National Team Trials. Opponents hit just .182 off the southpaw as he did not allow a run and gave up just two hits and two walks in his outing. The Dalton, Georgia, native also collected three strikeouts in three innings of work to help the Stars claim a 4-0 victory to kick off trials.

**PDP League:** After two strong appearances on the mound for Team Gray at the 2021 PDP League, Fisher earned an invitation to the 2021 18U National Team Trials. The University of Florida commit allowed just one hit in four scoreless innings of work at the tournament, tying for the lead among Team Gray's pitching staff in strikeouts with six.

# **WALTER FORD**

RHP; MCCALLA, ALA.

DATE	OPPONENT	DEC	IP	Н	R	ER	BB	S0	HBP	HR	TP
9/3/21	Canada	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
9/4/21	Canada	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
9/5/21	Canada	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
9/6/21	Canada	W	3.0	0	0	0	2	4	0	0	49
9/7/21	Canada	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
9/8/21	Canada										
9/9/21	Canada	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTALS		1-0	3.0	0	0	0	2	4	0	0	49

**18U National Team:** Came on in relief for Team USA in game four against Canada on 9/6 and earned the win after not allowing a hit in three scoreless innings of work...recorded four strikeouts and combined with Owen Murphy and Riley Stanford to pitch eight hitless innings against Canada...

**18U National Team Trials:** Ford closed out the Stripes' 7-4 victory in game two of the 2021 18U National Team Trials to earn his spot on Team USA. Opposing batters hit just .100 off the University of Alabama commit at trials as he allowed just one hit and no runs in three innings of work. He also tallied three punchouts and earned the save in his 18U Trials outing.

**16U/17U NTDP:** As a member of the 2023 class, Ford participated in the 2021 16U/17U National Team Development Program (NTDP) in Cary, North Carolina, earlier this summer. The McCalla, Alabama, native started the final game of the NTDP series for the Stars and dominated on the mound. He held onto his 0.00 ERA after three scoreless innings of work in which he gave up just three hits and did not allow a walk. Ford also struck out four batters in his outing to help him earn an invitation to the 2021 18U National Team Trials.

### MICHAEL KENNEDY

LHP; TROY, N.Y.

DATE	OPPONENT	DEC	IP	н	R	ER	BB	S0	HBP	HR	TP
9/3/21	Canada	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
9/4/21	Canada	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
9/5/21	Canada	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
9/6/21	Canada	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
9/7/21	Canada	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
9/8/21	Canada										
9/9/21	Canada	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTALS		_							_		

### 18U National Team: .

**18U National Team Trials:** Kennedy was named to Team USA after a dominant performance on the mound for the Stars in the 2021 18U National Team Trials series finale. The southpaw pitched the final three innings of game four of Trials to close out a combined one-hit shutout performance by the Stars pitching staff, allowing just one walk in his hitless outing. He also recorded five punchouts in his three frames on the mound.

**PDP League:** The Troy, N.Y., native was invited to 18U Trials after two strong appearances in the 2021 PDP League in Cary, North Carolina, this summer. In four innings of work, Kennedy allowed just two runs on six hits and walked two batters. He also gave up just one extra base hit for Team Navy and struck out six batters, tied for the third-most among the Navy pitchers.

### JACK O'CONNOR

RHP; ARLINGTON, VA.

DATE	OPPONENT	DEC	IP	Н	R	ER	BB	50	HBP	HR	TP
9/3/21	Canada	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
9/4/21	Canada	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
9/5/21	Canada	W	2.0	3	0	0	1	4	1	0	40
9/6/21	Canada	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
9/7/21	Canada	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
9/8/21	Canada										
9/9/21	Canada	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTALS		1-0	2.0	3	0	0	1	4	1	0	40

**18U National Team:** Came on in relief for Team USA in game three against Canada on 9/5 and earned the win...tossed two scoreless innings in which he allowed just three hits and one walk and tallied four punchouts...

**18U National Team Trials:** O'Connor got the start on the mound for the Stars in game three of the 2021 18U National Team Trials. The Arlington, Virginia, allowed four runs on five hits in his three innings of work while striking out three batters. He also did not give up a walk during the series.

**PDP League:** In two appearances for Team Navy at the 2021 PDP League, O'Connor finished with a 1-0 record and a 4.50 ERA. The right-hander allowed just two runs on three hits and three walks in four innings of work on the mound in Cary, North Carolina, earlier this summer. He finished the tournament with the second-most strikeouts among the Team Navy pitching staff with eight throughout the week.

# **BRENNAN PHILLIPS**

LHP; OWASSO, OKLA.

DATE	OPPONENT	DEC	IP	н	R	ER	BB	S0	HBP	HR	TP
9/3/21	Canada	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
9/4/21	Canada	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
9/5/21	Canada	ND	3.0	3	2	2	4	5	0	0	67
9/6/21	Canada	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
9/7/21	Canada	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
9/8/21	Canada										
9/9/21	Canada	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTALS		0-0	3.0	3	2	2	4	5	0	0	67

**18U National Team:** Relieved starter Joe Allen in game three against Canada on 9/5...contributed five strikeouts to Team USA's combined 17 on the night...allowed two runs on three hits and four walks...

**18U National Team Trials:** Phillips claimed a 1-0 record in the 2021 18U National Team Trials after earning the win with a strong relief appearance for the Stripes in game two of the series. The lefty earned a 3.00 ERA after allowing just one earned run on two hits and walking three in three innings of work. He also recorded three strikeouts to earn a spot on the 2021 18U National Team.

**PDP League:** Phillips made two appearances for Team Navy at the 2021 PDP League, including one start. He allowed just two runs on four hits while walking only one batter in his two outings on the mound. The Owasso, Oklahoma, native tied for the team lead in strikeouts with six over his three innings of work throughout the tournament.

# LOUIS RODRIGUEZ

RHP; LONG BEACH, CALIF.

DATE	OPPONENT	DEC	IP	н	R	ER	BB	S0	HBP	HR	TP
9/3/21	Canada	W	5.0	0	0	0	0	10	0	0	69
9/4/21	Canada	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
9/5/21	Canada	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
9/6/21	Canada	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
9/7/21	Canada	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
9/8/21	Canada										
9/9/21	Canada	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTALS		1-0	5.0	0	0	0	0	10	0	0	69

**18U National Team:** Tossed five innings of relief in game two of Team USA's sevengame friendship series against Canada...did not allow a hit or a walk in his five scoreless innings on 9/4...tallied a series-high 10 strikeouts in Team USA's 10-2 victorv...

**18U National Team Trials:** Rodriguez was named to his third USA Baseball national team after an impressive performance at the 2021 18U National Team Trials. He earned the win in his relief outing after his three scoreless innings of work for the Stars in game three of the four-game trials series. The right-hander surrendered just three hits and one walk while collecting three punchouts in his one appearance on the mound.

**PDP League:** In two appearances at the 2021 PDP League, Rodriguez was dominant, allowing just one run and no earned runs. He gave up just one hit – a double – in four innings of work, recording a miniscule .071 batting average against while tying for the team-lead in strikeouts among the Team Navy pitching staff with six.

USA Baseball: The three-time Team USA alum played for the 2016 12U National

Team and made four appearances on the mound for the 2019 15U National Team that won gold at the World Baseball Softball Confederation (WBSC) U-15 Baseball World Cup Americas Qualifier. He tied for the third-most punchouts on the 2019 squad with 10 throughout the tournament and got the start for Team USA against Panama in the gold medal game. He gave up just one walk and one run on two hits in five innings of work to help the U.S. earn the championship, earning tournament MVP honors for his performance.

# **OLIVER SANTOS**

LHP; NEWPORT COAST, CALIF.

DATE	OPPONENT	DEC	IP	Н	R	ER	BB	50	HBP	HR	TP
9/3/21	Canada	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
9/4/21	Canada	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
9/5/21	Canada	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
9/6/21	Canada	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
9/7/21	Canada	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
9/8/21	Canada										
9/9/21	Canada	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTALS		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

#### 18U National Team: .

**18U National Team Trials:** Santos started for the Stars in the series finale of the 2021 18U National Team Trials and put together a dominant performance. His outing was part of a combined one-hit shutout that helped the Stars earn a 4-0 victory to close out 18U Trials. He allowed just one walk and one hit in his three scoreless innings of work on the mound, striking out three and recording a .100 batting average against to earn a spot on the 2021 18U National Team.

**PDP League:** The Newport Coast, California, native was stellar for Team Red at the 2021 PDP League to earn an invitation to the 2021 18U National Team Trials. In two appearances at the tournament, Santos did not allow a run and opposing batters hit just .100 against him. He allowed just one hit and two walks through three innings of work while tallying five punchouts throughout the week, good for

second-most on the team.

## RILEY STANFORD

RHP/OF; GAINESVILLE, GA.

DATE	OPPONENT	DEC	IP	Н	R	ER	BB	S0	HBP	HR	TP
9/3/21	Canada	ND	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	7
9/4/21	Canada	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
9/5/21	Canada	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
9/6/21	Canada	ND	2.0	2	1	1	0	3	3	0	37
9/7/21	Canada	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
9/8/21	Canada										
9/9/21	Canada	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTALS		0-0	3.0	2	1	1	0	4	3	0	44

**18U National Team:** .Tossed a perfect top of the ninth to finish off Team USA's 16-2 victory over Canada in game one of the seven-game friendship series...Tossed the final two innings of Team USA's 16-1 victory over canada on 9/6...gave up one run on two hits, including Canada's first hit of the contest in the ninth, while striking out three batters...

**18U National Team Trials:** Stanford threw one inning of relief for the Stripes in the 2021 18U National Team Trials series finale. He allowed just one hit and one walk in his outing, striking out one to earn a spot on the 2021 18U National Team. The two-way player also appeared in all four games at the plate, including two starts in right field, collecting one hit in the series.

**PDP League:** On the mound for Team Navy at the 2021 PDP League, Stanford recorded a 4.50 ERA in two appearances. He gave up one earned run on one hit and walked two in two innings of work while striking out four batters. At the plate, the Gainesville, Georgia, native hit .273 after starting all six games in the outfield for Team Navy. He collected three hits, including one double, and scored three runs throughout the tournamen

# IN THE FIELD

### **RJ AUSTIN**

UTIL; ATLANTA, GA.

DATE	OPPONENT	AB	R	Н	2B	3B	HR	RBI	ВВ	S0	SB
9/3/21	Canada	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
9/4/21	Canada	2	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
9/5/21	Canada	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
9/6/21	Canada	6	1	2	0	0	0	1	0	2	0
9/7/21	Canada	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
9/8/21	Canada	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
9/9/21	Canada	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTALS		10	2	3	n	n	n	2	n	2	1

DATE	OPPONENT	DEC	IP	н	R	ER	ВВ	S0	НВР	HR	TP
9/3/21	Canada	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
9/4/21	Canada	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
9/5/21	Canada	ND	1.0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	13
9/6/21	Canada	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
9/7/21	Canada	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
9/8/21	Canada										
9/9/21	Canada	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTALS		-	-	-	-	_	-	-	_	_	-

**18U National Team:** .Came on as a defensive substition in game one of the sevengame friendship series against Canada, getting two at bats...Started in game two of the series on 9/4...Collected an RBI in Team USA's six-run second inning with a bases-loaded hit-by-pitch...Closed out game three against Canada on the mound, pitching a perfect ninth in which he struck out the side to secure a 6-2 victory for the U.S. on 9/5...Recorded two hits and scored one of Team USA's 16 runs on 9/6... also recorded an RBI in the victory over Canada in game four of the series...

**18U National Team Trials:** Austin started in the outfield for the Stripes in two games during the 2021 18U National Team Trials in August.

**PDP League:** Austin suited up for Team Light Blue at the 2021 PDP League and helped his squad earn the tournament championship. The Atlanta, Georgia, native hit .176 in the event with three hits, including a triple and one of the 2021 PDP League's six home runs. He also tied for the team lead and tied for second among all hitters at the event in RBIs with five in six games played. Austin swiped one bag and was second on Team League Blue in total bases with eight during the week to earn an invitation to the 2021 18U National Team Trials.

# KARSON BOWEN

C; ANAHEIM HILLS, CALIF.

DATE	OPPONENT	AB	R	Н	2B	3B	HR	RBI	ВВ	S0	SB
9/3/21	Canada	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
9/4/21	Canada	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0
9/5/21	Canada	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
9/6/21	Canada	3	2	1	1	0	0	2	2	0	0
9/7/21	Canada	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
9/8/21	Canada	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
9/9/21	Canada	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTALS		6	3	1	1	0	0	2	3	1	0

**18U National Team:** Started at catcher for Team USA on 9/4 in game two of the seven-game friendship series against Canada...drew a walk and scored a run in the 10-2 win...Team USA's starting catcher in game four against Canada on 9/6... recorded a two-out, two-RBI double in the eighth that padded Team USA's lead en route to a series-clinching 16-1 victory...

**18U National Team Trials:** Bowen played in all four games of the 2021 18U National Team Trials for the Stripes, including starting at catcher in two. The Anaheim Hills, California, native collected a double and drew two walks in the series, finishing with a .250/.500/.500 slash line to earn a spot on Team USA.

**PDP League:** Bowen was invited to the 2021 18U National Team Trials after participating in the 2021 PDP League in Cary, North Carolina, earlier this summer. He played in six of Team Navy's games at the tournament and started at catcher in three of them, scoring one run and drawing three walks during the week.

**USA Baseball:** With his selection to the 2021 18U National Team, Bowen is now a four-time Team USA alum after playing on the 2016 12U National Team and on both the 2018 and 2019 15U National Teams. He hit .714/.800/1.429 with the 12U squad in 2016 to help Team USA win a silver medal at the COPABE Pan Am "A" Championships before going on to be part of the 15U National Team program's first-ever world championship team in 2018. In the 2018 WBSC U-15 Baseball World Cup, Bowen, started in four games Team USA and finished the tournament with a .400 batting average, one run scored, one RBI, and a stolen base. One year later, he started at catcher for the U.S. in eight games of the WBSC U-15 Baseball World Cup Americas Qualifier and led the team with nine RBIs and 11 total bases. He also tied for first on Team USA in multi-hit games with three, while ranking second in average (.381) and stolen bases (5). He also hit one of Team USA's two home runs in the tournament to be named the qualifier's home run leader.

# RYAN CLIFFORD

OF/1B; RALEIGH, N.C.

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DATE	OPPONENT	AB	R	Н	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	S0	SB
9/3/21	Canada	3	1	2	1	0	0	1	0	1	0
9/4/21	Canada	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
9/5/21	Canada	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	1	0
9/6/21	Canada	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0
9/7/21	Canada	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
9/8/21	Canada	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
9/9/21	Canada	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTALS		9	2	3	1	0	0	1	2	2	0

**18U National Team:** .Went 2-for-3 in game one of Team USA's seven-game friendship series, including an RBI double that opened the scoring in the 16-2 victory...collected one RBI and a run scored...Started in right field for the U.S. on 9/4 in game two against Canada and scored a run in the 10-2 victory...tallied a hit and walked twice in Team USA's 6-2 victory over Canada in game three of the seven-game friendship series on 9/5...Defensive substitution for the U.S. in game four against Canada on 9/6...drew a walk and scored a run in the 16-1 victory...

**18U National Team Trials:** Clifford finished the 2021 18U National Team Trials with a .143 batting average (1-for-7), including the Stars' lone double of the series. He started three of the four games in right field and at first base and scored two runs while drawing three walks.

**PDP League:** Clifford started in all six games for Team Light Blue at the 2021 PDP League in both the outfield and first base. Throughout the tournament, the Raleigh, N.C., native recorded a .357 batting average, collected five hits, including two doubles, and drew two walks for a .444 on-base percentage. He also scored two runs of his own while tallying five RBIs and stealing two bases to earn an invitation to the 2021 18U National Team Trials.

**USA Baseball:** A three-time Team USA alum, Clifford first suited up for the red, white, and blue in 2015 with the 12U National Team, where he hit .350 to help the U.S. win its second consecutive WBSC U-12 Baseball World Cup gold medal. He earned his second world championship after making the 2018 15U National Team and helping the team win the program's first-ever WBSC U-15 Baseball World Cup title. He started in all nine games of the tournament, finishing with a .304 average and a .452 on-base percentage. In addition to his national team experience, Clifford was also a member of the 2017 14U National Team Development Program (NTDP), as well as the 2019 16U and 17U NTDPs.

# **ELIJAH GREEN**

OF; WINDERMERE, FLA.

DATE	OPPONENT	AB	R	Н	2B	3B	HR	RBI	ВВ	S0	SB
9/3/21	Canada	4	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	0
9/4/21	Canada	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
9/5/21	Canada	4	2	2	0	0	2	3	0	1	0
9/6/21	Canada	4	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	1	0
9/7/21	Canada	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
9/8/21	Canada	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
9/9/21	Canada	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTALS		14	4	3	0	0	3	5	0	6	0

**18U National Team:** .Scored one of Team USA's 16 runs in game one of the sevengame friendship series against Canada and collected an RBI on a groundout... Pinch hit and played in center field on 9/4 in game two of the seven-game series against Canada...Crushed two home runs to lead the U.S. to a 6-2 victory over Canada in game two on 9/5...hit a two-run shot 414 feet to left that padded the U.S. lead in the fourth and a 415-foot solo blast into the parking lot behind left field that add the final run of Team USA's 6-2 win...Launched his third homer of the series in Team USA's 16-1 victory over Canada on 9/6...

**18U National Team Trials:** Green appeared in all four games at the 2021 18U National Team Trials, starting in center field in three for the Stripes.

**PDP League:** Green earned an invitation to the 2021 18U National Team Trials after a strong showing for Team Red at the 2021 PDP League. He started all six games of the tournament in center field for Team Red, finishing with a .231 batting average. He recorded three hits and scored three runs throughout the tournament, collecting one RBI and two stolen bases. The Windermere, Florida, native also drew six walks – good for second-most in the event – and hit two extra base hits, including a double and a 430-foot blast over the center field wall for the first home run of the tournament.

### **GAVIN GUIDRY**

UTIL; LAKE CHARLES, LA.

DATE	OPPONENT	AB	R	н	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	S0	SB
9/3/21	Canada	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	1
9/4/21	Canada	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
9/5/21	Canada	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
9/6/21	Canada	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	1
9/7/21	Canada	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
9/8/21	Canada	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
9/9/21	Canada	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTALS		4	5	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	2

DATE	OPPONENT	DEC	IP	н	R	ER	ВВ	S0	НВР	HR	TP
9/3/21	Canada	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
9/4/21	Canada	ND	1.0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	14
9/5/21	Canada	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
9/6/21	Canada	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
9/7/21	Canada	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
9/8/21	Canada										
9/9/21	Canada	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTALS		0-0	1.0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	14

**18U National Team:** .Started at second base for Team USA in game one of the seven-game friendship series against Canada...drew two walks and scored two runs...Pitched one inning for the U.S. on 9/4 in game two of the seven-game friendship series against Canada and gave up just one hit while recording one strikeout...Started at third base in game four against Canada on 9/6...drew three walks and scored three runs in the red, white, and blue's 16-1 win...

**18U National Team Trials:** Guidry started all four games of the 2021 18U National Team Trials for the Stripes, recording two doubles and scoring a run. The Lake Charles, Louisiana, native collected two RBIs and a walk in the series while also tossing two innings of relief. In his outing on the mound for the Stripes, Guidry allowed two walks but did not give a hit or a run and tallied one strikeout.

**PDP League:** At the 2021 PDP League, Guidry had one hit but scored three runs for Team Light Blue to help his squad win the tournament championship. He also drew a walk and swiped a bag in six games in the field. On top of his offensive production at the event, Guidry also recorded two strong appearances on the mound, finishing with a 0.00 ERA and .200 batting average against. He surrendered just two hits and three walks without giving up a run in three innings of work. His seven strikeouts tied for the team lead and were good enough for third among all pitchers at the event.

# JACKSON HOLLIDAY

MIF; STILLWATER, OKLA.

DATE	OPPONENT	AB	R	н	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	S0	SB
9/3/21	Canada	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
9/4/21	Canada	3	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
9/5/21	Canada	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0
9/6/21	Canada	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0
9/7/21	Canada	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
9/8/21	Canada	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
9/9/21	Canada	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTALS		8	4	3	0	0	0	1	2	1	0

**18U National Team:** Collected one hit and scored one run in Team USA's 16-2 victory over Canada in game one of the seven-game friendship series...Started at shortstop for Team USA on 9/4 in game two of the seven-game friendship series against Canada...went 2-for-3 in the red, white, and blue's 10-2 victory and scored two runs...Started at shortstop for Team USA in game three on 9/5...Scored a run and tallied an RBI after coming in at shortstop during Team USA's 16-1 victory over Canada in game four 9/6...

**18U National Team Trials:** Holliday finished the 2021 18U National Team Trials hitting .143 after collecting one hit in three games. He also scored two runs, drew one walk, and collected an RBI while slugging a series-best .571. The Stillwater, Oklahoma, native launched the only home run of the 2021 18U Trials when he drove a solo bomb over the right field fence in game three.

**PDP League/NTDP:** Holliday earned an invitation to the 2021 18U National Team Trials after appearing in every game and hitting .154 at the 2021 PDP League. He recorded two hits, including a triple, collecting two RBIs and a stolen base while drawing three walks over the course of the tournament.

# JAYDEN HYLTON

1B; PALM BEACH GARDENS, FLA.

DATE	OPPONENT	AB	R	н	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	S0	SB
9/3/21	Canada	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
9/4/21	Canada	4	1	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
9/5/21	Canada	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
9/6/21	Canada	6	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	2	0
9/7/21	Canada	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
9/8/21	Canada	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
9/9/21	Canada	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTALS		11	3	3	2	0	0	2	0	3	0

**18U National Team:** Scored one of Team USA's 16 runs in a 16-2 defeat of Canada in game one of a seven-game friendship series between the two teams...Went 2-for-4 on 9/4 in Team USA's 10-2 victory over Canada, including an RBI single that extended the U.S. lead...Hit a two-out double and came around to score in the 16-1 U.S. victory over Canada on 9/6...

**18U National Team Trials:** Hylton started all four games of the 2021 18U National Team for the Stripes at first base and designated hitter. The Palm Beach Gardens, Florida, native recorded two hits, including the only triple of the series, and finished with a .400 slugging percentage. He also walked once and stole a base during the series.

**PDP League:** Hylton was a member of Team Navy at the 2021 PDP League and led all athletes at the tournament in batting average (minimum of three at bats), hitting .500 in five games. He had five hits throughout the week with two runs scored and two RBIs. He tied for the Team Navy lead in on-base percentage (.545) after also drawing one walk.

# **WALKER JENKINS**

OF; OAK ISLAND, N.C.

DATE	OPPONENT	AB	R	н	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	S0	SB
9/3/21	Canada	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	2
9/4/21	Canada	4	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
9/5/21	Canada	4	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0
9/6/21	Canada	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
9/7/21	Canada	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
9/8/21	Canada	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
9/9/21	Canada	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTALS		13	3	2	0	1	0	1	3	3	2

**18U National Team:** .Collected two walks and scored two runs while going a perfect 2-for-2 in stolen bases in Team USA's 16-2 win over Canada in game one of the seven-game friendship series...Hit a triple in Team USA's 10-2 victory over Canada on 9/4 and scored a run...Collected an RBI in the red, white, and blue's 6-2 defeat of Canada in game three on 9/5...had a stellar diving catch in left field to protect Team USA's lead...Went 1-for-2 as a designated hitter for the U.S. in a 16-1 win over Canada on 9/6...

**18U National Team Trials:** Jenkins earned a spot on the 2021 18U National Team after recording the second-best batting average at the 2021 18U National Team Trials, having hit .364 in four games for the Stars. He led the 18U Trials in hits with four in four games and also recorded one run scored and one walk to help the Stars claim the series victory, 3-1.

**16U/17U NTDP:** Jenkins started in all three games of the 2021 16U/17U National Team Development Program for the Stars, playing center field and serving as the designated hitter. He collected two runs and hit a double in the three game NTDP series for the Stars.

# **TERMARR JOHNSON**

MIF; ATLANTA, GA.

DATE	OPPONENT	AB	R	Н	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	S0	SB
9/3/21	Canada	4	2	3	0	0	0	0	1	1	1
9/4/21	Canada	4	1	1	0	0	1	4	0	2	0
9/5/21	Canada	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	1
9/6/21	Canada	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
9/7/21	Canada	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
9/8/21	Canada	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
9/9/21	Canada	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTALS		11	5	/.	η	n	1	/.	7	3	3

**18U National Team:** .Lead the U.S. in its 16-2 defeat of Canada in game one of the friendship series with three hits...scored two runs, swiped a bag, and drew a leadoff walk to start the game...Hit a go-ahead grand slam in Team USA's 10-2 victory against Canada on 9/4...Started at third base for the U.S. in game three on 9/5 and drew a walk in every trip to the plate...Drew his seventh walk of the series on 9/6 and scored two runs in Team USA's 16-1 victory over Canada...

**18U National Team Trials:** Johnson was named to the 2021 18U National Team after starting in three games for the Stars at the 2021 18U National Team Trials and finishing with a .250 batting average. The Atlanta, Georgia, native gathered two hits, two runs scored, and one RBI in the series to help the Stars claim the

trials series, 3-1.

**PDP League:** Johnson earned an invitation to the 2021 18U National Team Trials after participating in the 2021 PDP League in Cary, North Carolina, earlier this summer. For Team Navy in the tournament, Johnson hit .273 with two singles and a double. He also tallied one run scored, one RBI, and one walk while recording a perfect fielding percentage.

**USA Baseball:** 2021 marks Johnson's second time suiting up for the red, white, and blue after he won a gold medal as a member of the 2019 15U National Team at the WBSC U-15 Baseball World Cup Americas Qualifier. He led Team USA during that tournament in runs scored (9) and stolen bases (9) and was tied for second on the team in multi-hit games (2) and doubles (2). He also hit one of Team USA's three triples in the event and was named to the All-Tournament Team for his work in center field.

# **DRUW JONES**

OF; SUWANEE, GA.

DATE	OPPONENT	AB	R	н	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	S0	SB
9/3/21	Canada	4	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	2	0
9/4/21	Canada	3	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0
9/5/21	Canada	4	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0
9/6/21	Canada	5	2	2	0	2	0	2	0	1	1
9/7/21	Canada	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
9/8/21	Canada	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
9/9/21	Canada	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTALS		16	4	5	1	2	0	3	2	4	1

**18U National Team:** .Went 1-for-4 in Team USA's 16-2 victory over Canada...drew a walk in the second at bat of the game and came around to score on a wild pitch... Started in center field for the U.S. in the team's 10-2 defeat of Canada and hit an infield RBI single to cap off a six-run second inning...Was the designated hitter for Team USA in game three against Canada on 9/5...hit a leadoff double in the bottom of the third and scored a run in the 6-2 U.S. victory...Hit two triples, including a bases-clearing, two-RBI triple, in Team USA's 16-1 victory over Canada in game four of the series on 9/6...

**18U National Team Trials:** Jones earned a spot on the 2021 18U National Team after recording a .300/.400/.364 slash line at the 2021 18U National Team Trials. He started in all four games of the series in center field for the Stripes and tied for second at the event in hits with three, including one double. He also came around to score once and drew a walk during the 18U Trials.

**PDP League:** After hitting .400 and starting in four games for Team Navy at the 2021 PDP League, Jones earned an invitation to compete for a spot on Team USA at the 2021 18U National Team Trials. He slugged .700 and tied for second on Team Navy in hits with four in his four games played, including one of the tournament's six home runs, while scoring two runs and driving in one. The Suwanee, Georgia, native also finished the PDP League with a stolen base.

# **GAVIN KILEN**

MIF; MILTON, WIS.

DATE	OPPONENT	AB	R	Н	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	S0	SB
9/3/21	Canada	3	1	1	1	0	0	2	0	1	0
9/4/21	Canada	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
9/5/21	Canada	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
9/6/21	Canada	4	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
9/7/21	Canada	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
9/8/21	Canada	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
9/9/21	Canada	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTALS		9	2	3	1	0	0	2	1	1	0

**18U National Team:** .Finished game one of Team USA's seven-game friendship series 1-for-3, including a two-RBI double in the first inning...scored a run in the 16-2 win...Defensive substitution at shortstop in Team USA's 10-2 victory over Canada on 9/4...Came in as a defensive substition in game three against Canada on 9/5 and recorded a hit in the 6-2 win...Started at shortstop for the U.S. in game four against Canada on 9/6...Went 1-for-4 with a walk and a run scored...

**18U National Team Trials:** Kllen played in all four games of the 2021 18U National Team Trials for the Stripes in August, starting in the infield in three of them. He tied for the lead in batting average in the series, hitting .375 with three base knocks. He also scored three runs, walked once, and was a perfect 2-for-2 in stolen bases. His two swiped bags also tied for the series lead.

**PDP League:** A member of Team Red at the 2021 PDP League, Kilen finished the tournament with the second-highest batting average on the squad after hitting .273 in six games played. The Milton, Wisconsin, native started at shortstop in five games for his team at the tournament, tallying three hits, three runs scored, and one RBI while picking up three walks for a .429 on-base percentage.

### PAXTON KLING

OF; ROARING SPRING, PA.

DATE	OPPONENT	AB	R	н	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	S0	SB
9/3/21	Canada	2	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
9/4/21	Canada	4	2	1	0	0	1	2	0	1	1
9/5/21	Canada	2	1	2	0	0	1	1	2	0	0
9/6/21	Canada	3	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	1	0
9/7/21	Canada	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
9/8/21	Canada	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
9/9/21	Canada	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTALS		11	6	5	0	0	2	4	3	2	3

**18U National Team:** .Recorded one hit in Team USA's 16-2 defeat of Canada on 9/3...went a perfect 2-for-2 in stolen bases and scored three runs...Hit a 401-foot, two-run home run to help pace the U.S. offense in 10-2 victory over Canada on 9/4...Started in right field in Team USA's 6-2 victory over Canada on 9/5...hit his second home run of the series with a solo 417-foot blast for the first run of the game...Collected a single and an RBI in a 16-1 victory over Canada for the U.S. on 9/6, extending his hitting streak to four games...

**18U National Team Trials:** Kling hit .300 for the Stars at the 2021 18U National Team Trials to earn a spot on the 2021 18U National Team. The Roaring Spring, Pennsylvania, native started in center field for the Stars in all four games of the series and picked up three hits, two runs scored, and two RBIs. He also walked twice and recorded a stolen base to help the Stars claim a 3-1 series victory over the Stripes at trials.

**PDP League:** A fixture in the outfield for Team Navy at the 2021 PDP League, Kling hit .308 in six games during the tournament, including five starts. He tied for second on the team in hits with four and was also second in runs scored with four during the week. Additionally, he collected two RBIs and two walks while finishing a perfect 2-for-2 in stolen bases for the Navy squad.

# **BLAKE MITCHELL**

UTIL; SINTON, TEXAS

DATE	OPPONENT	AB	R	н	2B	3B	HR	RBI	ВВ	S0	SB
9/3/21	Canada	4	1	1	0	0	1	3	0	2	0
9/4/21	Canada	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
9/5/21	Canada	3	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	2	1
9/6/21	Canada	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
9/7/21	Canada	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
9/8/21	Canada	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
9/9/21	Canada	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTALS		8	3	3	1	0	1	3	2	4	1

**18U National Team:** .Crushed the first home run of Team USA's seven-game friendship series against Canada on 9/3 with a three-run bomb that extended the U.S. lead to 10-1...Came into game two against Canada on 9/4 as a designated hitter and drew one walk...Hit one of Team USA's three ground-rule doubles in a 6-2 victory over Canada on 9/5...collected his first stolen base of the series... Defensive substitution in left field for Team USA in a 16-1 series-clinching victory over Canada on 9/6...went 1-for-1 with a run scored...

**18U National Team Trials:** Mitchell recorded the third-highest batting average (.333) at the 2021 18U National Team Trials to earn his spot on Team USA. He played in all four games of the trials series for the Stars, starting at catcher in three, and collecting two hits, one run scored and three walks for a .556 on-base percentage.

**16U/17U NTDP:** The Sinton, Texas, native secured his invitation to the 2021 18U National Team Trials after starting in two games at catcher for the Stripes at the 2021 16U/17U National Team Development Program (NTDP).

### OWEN MURPHY

UTIL; RIVERSIDE, ILL.

DATE	OPPONENT	AB	R	н	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	S0	SB
9/3/21	Canada	2	0	1	0	1	0	3	0	0	0
9/4/21	Canada	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
9/5/21	Canada	3	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	1
9/6/21	Canada	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
9/7/21	Canada	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
9/8/21	Canada	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
9/9/21	Canada	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTALS		5	1	2	1	1	n	7.	1	1	1

DATE	OPPONENT	DEC	IP	Н	R	ER	BB	S0	HBP	HR	TP
9/3/21	Canada	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
9/4/21	Canada	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
9/5/21	Canada	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
9/6/21	Canada	ND	4.0	0	0	0	3	6	0	0	66
9/7/21	Canada	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
9/8/21	Canada										
9/9/21	Canada	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTALS		0-0	4.0	0	0	0	3	6	0	0	66

**18U National Team:** Went 1-for-2 in Team USA's 16-2 victory on 9/3...with the bases loaded in the eighth, Murphy cleared them with a triple to tally three RBIs... Defensive substition at third base on 9/4 for Team USA in 10-2 victory over Canada and drew a walk...Started at second base for the U.S. in a 6-2 defeat of Canada on 9/5...Was responsible for one of Team USA's three ground-rule doubles in the contest, collecting an RBI and scoring a run in the win...Got the start on the mound for the U.S. in game four against Canada on 9/6...Tossed four scoreless innings to set the tone for the pitching staff and combined with Walter Ford and Riley Stanford to hold Canada hitless through the eighth inning...Struck out six batters in his start...

18U National Team Trials: Murphy played in all four games of the 2021 18U National Team Trials for the Stars, getting the start on offense in three. At the plate, he drew three walks and scored two runs. The Riverside, Illinois, native also made one appearance on the mound at trials and was dominant. In his three innings of relief, the right-hander allowed just one run and one walk. He also led all pitchers at the 18U Trials in strikeouts, collecting seven in just three innings on the mound. PDP League: Murphy earned an invitation to the 2021 18U National Team Trials out of the PDP League, where he was dominant on the mound and at the plate. He recorded the second-best batting average among all 96 athletes at the tournament, hitting .444 with four hits - including one double and one home run in five games played. He also scored one run, drew a walk, and collected four RBIs and eight total bases. He also finished the event with a .545 on-base percentage and led the PDP League with a .889 slugging percentage. On the mound, Murphy made two appearances and collected a 1-0 record after allowing just two hits and one walk in four scoreless innings of work for Team Navy. His 10 strikeouts also led all pitchers at the tournament throughout the week.

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### UNITED STATES VS. CANADA // W, 16-2

Highlighted by a three-run homer off the bat of Blake Mitchell (Sinton, Texas), the 18U National Team secured a dominant \_\_-\_ over Canada in the first of a seven-game friendship series between the two countries on Friday at Ed Smith Stadium in Sarasota. Florida.

Team USA broke the game wide open immediately with seven runs in the bottom of the first and never looked back. After Canada got one back in the top of the second, Mitchell's three-run longball in the bottom of the third extended the lead back out and made it a 10-1 game. Canada plated one more in the fourth to cut the U.S. lead to eight but Team USA wasn't done as the squad capitalized on a few Canada miscues in the fifth and got a bases-clearing triple from Owen Murphy (Riverside, Ill.) in the eighth for the final 16-2 score.

Termarr Johnson (Atlanta, Ga.), who went 3-for-4, and Ryan Clifford (Raleigh, N.C.), who finished 2-for-3, collected Team USA's multi-hit games on the night while Mitchell and Murphy were responsible for three RBIs each. Gavin Kilen (Milton, Wis.) also tallied a hit and two RBIs in the win and Paxton Kling (Roaring Spring, Pa.) scored three runs.

Andrew Dutkanych (Indianapolis, Ind.) got the start for Team USA and went four strong innings, allowing just one earned run on five hits and one walk while striking out two. Cade Fisher (Dalton, Ga.) was credited with the win following his four scoreless innings of relief in which he gave up just two hits and tallied five punch outs. Canada's Micah Bucknam suffered the loss after allowing 10 runs on five hits and issuing five walks in his 2.1 innings of work.

#### UNITED STATES VS. CANADA // W, 10-2

Behind a Termarr Johnson (Atlanta, Ga.) grand slam and a Paxton Kling (Roaring Spring, Pa.) two-run homer, the 18U National Team put together another offensive show to take down Canada, 10-2, in game two of a seven-game friendship series on Saturday at Ed Smith Stadium in Sarasota, Florida.

Canada got on the board first with two runs in the bottom of the first but Team USA didn't stay down long, using clutch hitting and Johnson's go-ahead grand slam to plate six runs in the top of the second for a 6-2 advantage. A pair of runs in both the third and fourth innings put the game out of reach and secured the 10-2 victory and a 2-0 series lead for the U.S.

Multi-hit games from Jackson Holliday (Stillwater, Okla.) and Jayden Hylton (Palm Beach Gardens, Fla.), as well as Johnson's four RBIs, paced Team USA at the plate. Kling added two runs scored to his two RBIs in the contest while Holliday also crossed the plate twice.

Louis Rodriguez (Long Beach, Calif.) was credited with the win in the contest after five stellar innings of relief. The right-hander did not allow a hit or a walk in his scoreless outing while striking out 10 batters. Canada's Turner Spoljaric (0-1) was tagged with the loss after allowing eight runs on eight hits and one walk in his three-inning start.

### UNITED STATES VS. CANADA // W, 6-2

Elijah Green (Windermere, Fla.) crushed two home runs and Paxton Kling (Roaring Spring, Pa.) added one of his own to pace Team USA's 6-2 defeat of Canada on Sunday night at Ed Smith Stadium in Sarasota, Florida. The victory is the third consecutive for the stars and stripes, giving them a 3-0 advantage in the sevengame friendship series.

For the third time in as many games, the U.S. broke onto the scoreboard first with two runs in the second inning, including Kling's solo shot over the left field fence to start things off. The teams traded runs in the third and fourth before Green launched his first moonshot of the night to extend the U.S. lead to 5-1. Canada added one more in the top of the fifth to get within three but Green's second homer of the night, an eight-inning solo bomb into the parking lot, sealed the 6-2 victory.

Green's two home runs and three RBIs led the U.S. offense on the night while Kling finished 2-for-2 with his own homer and two walks. Termarr Johnson (Atlanta, Ga.) drew a walk every time he came up to bat, tallying five in the contest, and Owen Murphy (Riverside, Ill.) went 1-for-3 with an RBI and a run scored.

Joe Allen (Hampton Falls, N.H.) got the ball to start the game for Team USA and

went three strong innings, giving up just one hit and one walk while striking out five. Jack O'Connor (Arlington, Va.) was credited with the win after striking out four batters and allowing just two hits and a walk in two scoreless innings of work. Owen Millar, who started on the bump for Canada and gave up three runs on four hits, suffered the loss.

### UNITED STATES VS. CANADA // W, 16-1

Owen Murphy (Riverside, Ill.), Walter Ford (McCalla, Ala.), and Riley Stanford (Gainesville, Ga.) combined to toss eight hitless innings as the 18U National Team clinched its seven-game friendship series against Canada with a 16-1 victory at Tropicana Field on Monday in St. Petersburg, Florida. Team USA improved to 4-0 in the series with the win.

The U.S. offense got rolling early by capitalizing on a few Canada errors to take a 2-0 lead in the top of the first and never let up. Another run in the third made it 3-0 before Team USA used a three-run fourth and a two-run fifth, highlighted by Elijah Green's (Windermere, Fla.) third dinger of the series and a two-RBI triple from Druw Jones (Suwanee, Ga.), to take an 8-0 lead. After a quiet sixth inning, the stars and stripes piled on eight runs in the final three innings to take a commanding 16-0 lead before Canada scored one in the ninth for the 16-1 final score.

Jones finished 2-for-5 with two triples, two RBIs, and two runs scored in the game and RJ Austin (Atlanta, Ga.) also recorded a multi-hit game to lead Team USA's offense. Karson Bowen (Anaheim Hills, Calif.) recorded two RBIs of his own in the win while scoring two runs and drawing a pair of walks.

Ford threw three scoreless innings of relief and did not give up a hit while striking out four batters to earn the win. Canada's Parker Burgess suffered the loss after allowing four earned runs on five hits in two innings on the mound.

### **UNITED STATES VS. CANADA**

Tuesday, September 7, at 2 p.m. EDT at LECOM Park in Bradenton, Florida

# **UNITED STATES VS. CANADA**

Wednesday, September 8, at 1 p.m. EDT at Pirate City in Bradenton, Florida

### **UNITED STATES VS. CANADA**

Thursday, September 9, at 2 p.m. EDT at LECOM Park in Bradenton, Florida

### INDIVIDUAL 18U NATIONAL TEAM VS. CANADA GAME HIGHS

CATEGORY	NO.	NAMES	OPPONENT	DATE
At Bats	6	RJ Austin	Canada	9/6/21
	6	Jayden Hylton	Canada	9/6/21
Runs Scored	3	Paxton Kling	Canada	9/3/21
	3	Gavin Guidry	Canada	9/6/21
Hits	3	Termarr Johnson	Canada	9/3/21
RBIs	4	Termarr Johnson	Canada	9/4/21
Doubles	1	9 times		
Home Runs	2	Elijah Green	Canada	9/5/21
Total Bases	8	Elijah Green	Canada	9/5/21
Walks	5	Termarr Johnson	Canada	9/5/21
Strikeouts	2	8 times		
Hit By Pitch	1	5 times		
Stolen Bases	2	Walker Jenkins	Canada	9/3/21
	2	Paxton Kling	Canada	9/3/21
Innings Pitched	5.0	Louis Rodriguez	Canada	9/4/21
Runs Allowed	2	Andrew Dutkanych	Canada	9/3/21
	2	Jackson Ferris	Canada	9/4/21
	2	Brennan Phillips	Canada	9/5/21
Earned Runs	2	Jackson Ferris	Canada	9/4/21
	2	Brennan Phillips	Canada	9/5/21
Strikeouts	10	Louis Rodriguez	Canada	9/4/21
Hits Allowed	5	Andrew Dutkanych	Canada	9/3/21
	5	Jackson Ferris	Canada	9/4/21

TEAM 18U NATIONAL TEAM VS. CANADA GAME HIGHS

CATEGORY	NO.	OPPONENT	DATE
At Bats	42	Canada	9/6/21
Runs Scored	16	Canada	9/3/21
	16	Canada	9/6/21
Hits	11	Canada	9/3/21
	11	Canada	9/6/21
RBIs	10	Canada	9/3/21
Home Runs	3	Canada	9/5/21
Doubles	3	Canada	9/5/21
Total Bases	21	Canada	9/5/21
Walks	13	Canada	9/5/21
Strikeouts	11	Canada	9/3/21
Stolen Bases	6	Canada	9/3/21
Hit By Pitch	3	Canada	9/4/21
Runs Allowed	2	Canada	9/3/21
	2	Canada	9/4/21
	2	Canada	9/5/21
Earned Runs	2	Canada	9/4/21
	2	Canada	9/5/21
Strikeouts	17	Canada	9/4/21
	17	Canada	9/5/21
Hits Allowed	7	Canada	9/3/21
	7	Canada	9/5/21
Hit Batters	3	Canada	9/6/21
	1	Canada	9/5/21
Home Runs Allowed			