

NORTH PLATTE PLAINSMEN

(17-32; 8-14 H; 9-17 A)

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*****31-21 Last Year. Finished in 3rd place in the Nebraskaland Division on the Independent League**

Went 17-10 in the First Half, 14-11 over the second half

*****Plainsmen were 15-15 at Home last year; 16-6 on the road**
Have far more home games this season

*****31 Home Games, 28 on the road**

*****Have a 13 game Homestand between June 20th and July 4th**
8 game road streak between July 13th and July 19th

*****Holdovers: Bryce Butterfield (Western Tech Junior College) Sophomore from North Platte**

*****International Players come to North Platte**
From Canada: Dylan Graw who goes go Highland CC, Kenneth Sugi
From Japan: Rui Yoshida; Sota Inden, Mitsuki Kohno, Hideyoshi Kawahara

8 First-Years: Mason Davenport; Nick Hockemeyer; Max Schultz; Noah Soper; Nathan Spurlock; Ryan Kelly; Carmelo Ortiz; Gehrig Goldbeck; Jacob Rowe

12 Sophomores: Nicholi Arabach; Bryce Butterfield; Anthony Comfort; Dylan Graw; Justin Santos; Noah Prince; Major Maydon; Trey Runge; Zach Knowlton; Cade Owens;

6 Juniors: Peyton Ramsey; Tucker Bond; Brayden Zrikle; Sam Bond

*****History of the Plainsmen name**
Past North Platte Legion team that was in the Basin League were named the Plainsmen in the 1960s. Old team that played at Bill Wood Field

*****Walk-offs, the good, the bad, the ugly**
Plainsmen part of 3 walk-offs in 5 days. Were walked off on 6/16 at the Pios, then on the 18th at the Pios in the first of a double-header

Hit a walk-off sac-fly and an error that scored Kohno from Kelly that beat the Greeley Grays, first walk-off win since July 17th 2022 against the Canyon County Spuds

***Home runs, just not at home

Took the Plainsmen 11 home games until they hit their first HR at Bill Wood Field, hit by Major on the 24th against the Angels, carried by the wind over the RF wall
Sugi Mark Bellhorn-ed on the next day off the foul pole
Of their 7 HR, 2 have been at cavernous Bill Wood

***Rocky Mountain Start

Plainsmen started the year 0-10 against RMBL competition. Didn't get a win until the 26th of June against the Game Day Angels 8-2, 11 a.m. start time game

***Comeback Kids

Plainsmen have overcome comebacks in 2 of three first wins, 6 total runs
5 run deficit 6/20 vs the Grays entering the 7th, scored 6 unanswered to win via walk-off
Have also overcome a deficit to either tie to take a lead in 7 losses in the first 17 games
Nearly came back in game 1 of 6/23 Double Header, had to come back and win the second game

***Plainsmen who have shed the boots and walked the dusty trail home

Arbach left end of June due to contract, then in Mid-July Mitsuki, Sota, Major and Kelly all left on the same day around the 11th for various reasons
Noah Soper pitched his final game on the 14th against the Pios before heading home
Jeff Barber and Conner Titus left earlier in the year

***Pioneers and the Plainsmen, a match made somewhere

Plainsmen have had to play the Pios multiple times this season, including on the 14th-16th trip to Gering and when they went to play the Pios on the 30th of June
After their 4th series against the Pios they will have played 14 times against Western Nebraska
Plainsmen have lost 2 of those games on walk offs, they've won 1 on the walk-off. Down the stretch they played the Pios really close just couldn't get over the hump

***Getting some free wins in their way

Plainsmen got the favor of the Cage Rats folding midseason and got 3 home forfeits on their trip to Colorado Springs. Gave them their 9th, 10th, and 11th wins of the season during the weekend they took on the Pios

***Plainsmen Season Best (2022): Batting

Hits: 54: Connor Flagg (C) Junior: Central Arkansas
Runs: 29: Bryce Zimmerer (OF) Junior: South Dakota State
2B: 11: Giancarlo Servin (IF) Texas A&M Kingsville
HR: 6: Giancarlo Servin
RBI: 28: Connor Flagg
BB: 25: Jaylan Ruffin (OF) Sophomore: Northeastern JC
HBP: 10: Jaylan Ruffin
SO: 34: Oskar Stark (IF) First-Year: Wazzu
SF: 6: Oskar Stark
SH: 2: AJ Lausten (IF) First-Year: St Johns University
SB: 18: Bryce Zimmerer
CS: 7: Kade Wood (IF) Sophomore: Ranger CC (Texas)
AVG (40 AB): .513 (41-80: Conor Higgs (OF) Junior: ULL
OBP: .567: Conor Higgs
SLG: .667: Giancarlo Servin
OPS: 1.230: Conor Higgs

*****Plainsmen Season Best (2022): Pitching**

G: 19: Caleb Bunch (R/R) Sophomore: Ranger CC
GS: 8: Peyton Leon (L/L) First-Year: Grayson CC
†CG: 1: Peyton Leon
IP: 46.2: Caleb Bunch
ERA (10 IP): 2.89: Caleb Bunch
K: 57: Caden Fiveash (L/R) Sophomore: NOC Tonkawa JC
BB: 25: Asher Hastings (L/L) Sophomore: Arkansas-Little Rock
W: 5: Will Humphery (R/R) Sophomore: NOC Tonkawa JC
L: 3: 3 different
SV: 4: Caleb Bunch

†: Leon's CG was a 7 IP game against Hastings Sodbusters 7/10
7 IP; 2H; 0R; 0ER; 2H; 11K; 27 BF; W

***Already beaten: Anthony Comfort went 9 IP with 0 ER, 9 K 5 H 3 BB to beat the GD Angels 8-2 6/26

New Work at Bill Wood

Plainsmen did a lot of work last year to bring Bill Wood Field to standard. Painted Dugouts and new ads this year. Biggest addition is the party deck in Left Field

Historic Bill Wood Field

Built in the late 50s as the new home for the North Platte Indians of the Nebraska State League (Short Season D ball); 1956-1959
Former ballpark was Union Pacific Park, burned in 1955

***Baseball in North Platte as a history

The North Platte Buffaloes played D ball from 1928 to 1932, managed by Spud Owens in their last year
Platte didn't have a team from 1960 until 2022, then came the Plainsmen

***Home for the holidays

Plainsmen get home games for many holidays on the calendar
May 29th (Memorial Day) [RAIN OUT] vs Pios; July 4th WarDogs; Nebraskaland Days Fathers day and Juneteenth on the road in Denver

***Start of the year not kind to North Platte

0-10 before getting first win against the Colorado Tribe in Aurora
*Not true technically. 5/29 was rained out until 7/3, won. Technically started 0-3 before first W then went 0-7 until next
Lost many games by just 3 runs, allowed too many big innings
Pitching and poor fielding let them down, need to cut down on the mistakes

***Plainsmen out on the town, making community connections

Pride event on the 2nd (Melo and Coch)
Fishing event (Major, Bonds, Santos)
Rodeo, Major enjoying his time
Guys trying to get to know North Platte, get close to the community

***Traveling across the plains and into mountain time

Plainsmen traveling over 4,500 miles this season, most of it coming in July

***Bond boys and their family

Sam and Tucker on the team, only pair of twins playing on the same team of all teams the Plainsmen face this season
There is a third Bond who isn't as athletic but has better hair than Sam and Tucker

***Plainsmen at the Rodeo

On June 15th, all the interns (except Sage and Frankie as they weren't in town) went to the Buffalo Bill Rodeo as part of NebraskaLand Days
Peyton and D-Graw sat with us interns
Justin Santos enjoyed time with his host family down in front

Major, Kelly, Soper, Melo, a lot of the guys there
Also enjoyed the dancing afterwards, had fun with the interns and bonded well together

***Waltzing Matilda to the land of the free

Promote the Australian Games on EVERY broadcast until then

For the Pios: 20th and 21st at OTPS (MENTION EVERY INNING)

For us: 22nd and 23rd (Wednesday and Thursday) at Bill Wood. MENTION EVERY INNING STARTING IN DENVER AND WITH GREELEY. MENTION ONCE WITH PIOS

*****GUYS I'VE HAD IN THE BOOTH**

Santos, Major, Cade, Sota, Melo, Butterfield, Big Sexy, Niko, Flores, Slowik, Max, Kyle, Trey, Kenny,

*****INTERNS IN THE BOOTH SO FAR [Sage is a no]**

Levi, Nicolle, Dan, Olivia, Liz, Frankie, Corey,

*****OTHERS IN THE BOOTH**

FUR, Mission22, Guardians of the Children, US Military War Dogs

*****Promotions to Remember**

June 8th: Youth Sports Night (Liberal Bee Jays)

June 10th: Postgame fireworks (POSTPONED)

June 11th: Bark in the Park (Cage Rats)

June 26th: Field Trip Day at 11 a.m. (Gameday Angels)

June 27th-29th: Kids Camp

June 29th: Taylor Swift Night (Dodge City A's)

July 4th: Military Night and Fan Fest + Fireworks (US Military War Dogs)

July 22nd: Mental Health Awareness Night (Liberal Bee Jays)

July 24th: Christmas in July (Colorado Rough Riders)

*****Daily promos**

Mon: \$2 Mondays (Monday Madness)

Tue: Tropical Tuesdays

Wed: Western Wednesdays

Thu: Thirsty Thursday

Fri: Fill the park Friday

Sat: Family Picnic Saturdays

Sun: Sunday Kids Dys

PITCHERS

Nicholi Arabach 6'8" 195 Sophomore Hayti, South Dakota. Dakota State University (SD)

- From 50 miles away from his current school, same town as CFL Hall of Famer (WR) Garney Henley
- Town of very strong Norwegian descent
- 13th in the NAIA in Ks with 54
- Longest outing was 6.2 w/ 2 ER v Dickinson State back on April 17th
- Real big guy, far larger than I am
- Struggles to fit on the team bus, fun to see
- Has been used as the fireman by the Plainsmen, gets them out of jams
- Settled down the Pios for 3 of relief on the 16th of June
- Throws a football mostly normal, just sidearms the baseball
- Left the team after his start on the 25th, got a tough luck loss after 6 IP with 12 K

Bryce Butterfield 6'3" 165 Sophomore North Platte, Neb. Western Tech JC

- Played last year with the Plainsmen; pitched 33.1 innings with a 3.24 ERA
- Made 11 appearances with his hometown team
- Went 5 IP with 0ER, 4R in win over Minnesota West CC
- Only hometown kid on the team
- Enjoys to golf and hunt, spending time outside with friends
- Had his best start vs the Tribe 6/12. Had 8 K entering the game on the season, K'd 10 in that game. Went 6 of 7 IP, touched 90 with his FB and allowed just 1 H
- Having a kid in July (ALL GO!)
- Kid Harper-Lilly born July 3rd

Anthony Comfort 5'11" 195 Sophomore Bennington, Neb. U. of Jamestown

- One of only two lefties on the pitching staff
- Spent a year at Southwestern CC before going Jamestown
- Criminal Justice Major at Jtown (North Dakota)
- Was part of the Nebraska Prospects travel team in 2018
- Rated as having 77 MPH Fastball 66 CB 65 CH
- From just outside of Omaha
- Opening day starter, was knocked around in the third and pulled after 2.1, wasn't helped by his defense at all
- Has a good offspeed pitch, tries to work away and can get into trouble
- Has struggled with the big innings
- First Plainsmen to ever throw a 9 inning CG, June 26th against the Game Day Angels (9 IP; 5H 2R 0ER 3BB 9K) 8-2 Plainsmen win
- Has settled down since the start of the year, turning into a more stable starter
- Didn't start after the CG until 7/

Mason Davenport 6'9" 240 First-Year Tonganoxie, Kan. KCKCC **FB (78) CB (61) SL (59) CH (72)**

- Pitched for Perfect Game teams in Kansas
- 78 rated MPH fastball
- 2x Strike Zone-18U All Tournament Team selection
- More of a homebody, pitches better at home (3.97 ERA) than on road (6.66 ERA) in college
- Joined the team late in the season, end of June start of July
- Just Southwest of KC
- Early NFL player Ron Zimmerman from Tonganoxie
- Pitched in his first game as a Plainsman, threw an inning vs the Pios on the 2nd of July
- Shut down closer, didn't allow a run through his first 9 innings entering the final game, we'll see what he does
- Wore a Texas A&M Texarkana shirt to BP on the 29th, don't know if he's transferring or what
- Best pitcher I've seen on this team by a country mile

Nick Flores Senior Oak Cliff, Texas. Bethany College (Kansas)

- Was part of the Casper Horse Heads last year, was on the Spuds earlier this year
- Released by Casper to come play for Chuck again in NP
- 35.1 IP w/ Frank Phillips in 2021, 6.62 ERA, 31 K 20 BB
- Oak Cliff is just south of Dallas, a suburb of the city
- Technically a neighborhood in Dallas
- One of the more experienced players on the Plainsmen along with Slowik

Dylan Graw 6'0" 185 Sophomore Victoria, British Columbia. Highland CC

- Born Feb 1, 2003
- ~~— Only non American on the team being from Canada~~
- Pitched in 2019 with the Victoria Mariners of BC Premier Baseball League and 2021 with Victoria Golden Tide as part of Canadian Collegiate Baseball Conference
- Has been on and off, can be great one day then spotty the next
- Allows a lot of GB to the left side, popups and liners to the right side
- Side-armor to a submariner
- Victoria is the southern tip of Vancouver Island, across the bay from Port Angeles

Michael Hanna First-Year New Orleans, La. Highland CC

- Is about to report at Highland, redshirted last year and did not play to save eligibility
- Pitched in his first game against the Pios 7/14, couldn't get through an inning and was tabbed with the loss after 0.2 IP 3R 3ER and 3BB
- Reported for the Plainsmen that day at like 11:30 at the office, bus was Noon

Nick Hockemeyer 5'7" 155 First-Year Fort Wayne, In. Ivy Tech CC FB (84) CB (74)

- Hock-em-er
- Had a fastball in the 66th percentile of his class
- Indiana Nitro Gold travel team
- The other lefty on the pitching staff
- Also played in the outfield in HS
- Homestead HS
- Helped to work with many small businesses in HS, wants to own a business one day
- Will mostly be an OF this season, played in left on opening day
- Has started the season on a hitting tear, and isn't too shabby with the arm
- The Shohei Ohtani of the team
- Not the best batter or pitcher, but the best overall when combining the two
- Was hitting .500 to kick off the 13 game homestand, on a tear when at home

Sota Inden 5'7" 180 Sophomore Sussex Community College (N.J.)

- 40.1 IP at SCC w/ a 3.34 ERA
- K 34 while BB only 15
- Started 6 games and had 2 CG, 3-3 record over 10 App
- Good April and Mays
- Yellow glove significance
 - Friend in Japan had a glove the same color. Gets homesick going to school and pitching stateside so he got a glove that matches his friends to remind him of home
- Been one of the most stable Plainsmen, can get into trouble however like against GDA on the 24th
- Left the team along with Mitsuki Kohno after the Kansas road trip

Hideyoshi Kawahara First-Year RHP Japan. Riverland (Minnesota)

- Team calls him Yoshi, second reference as this then
- Hid-eyoshi (like the past tense of hide)
- Pitched 1 inning for Riverland this season, allowed 4 Runs while K nobody
- Pitched vs Dakota Wesleyan JV
- His team played Western Tech earlier in the season

- Riverland CC has gone through many names and many changes over the years
- Came in relief on opening day and did well. Struggled in the 8th but had solid breaking stuff and good command once he found his pitches
- His cutter is his main pitch, gets in on the hands and causes GB outs
- Used now mostly as a mop-up guy
- Has either been on point or imploded

Peyton Ramsey 6'2" 240 Junior Springtown, Texas. Central Christian U. **FB (83) CB (72) SL (71) CH (73)**

- Transferred from Ranger CC in Texas
- Participated in the 17U BCS National Championship in Fort Myers at JetBlue
- 2017 PG Super25 16U All-Tournament for North Texas regional
- 5 games at CCU of 4+ ER out of 12 pitched
- Ona Dodd comes from Springtown, Texas. Dodd was a Pirate in 1912
- Springtown is northern Texas, close to OK
- Long relief on opening day, kept the Pios at bay and allowed the Plainsmen to make a close comeback
- First start was game 2 vs the Colts, had a good showing
- Nickname is Big Sexy

Justin Santos 6'1" 220 Sophomore Fort Worth, Texas. UT-Dallas **FB (88) CH (77) CB (73)**

- Spent last summer with Newark Pilots of the PGCL
 - Same team as Matt Fabian
- 85th percentile fastball
- Initially committed to Vernon College, then transferred to Redlands CC before OPSU and now UT-Dallas
- Had a 4.85 ERA in Newark last summer
- 23 now, was rated as the 88th best HS OF in Texas in 2019
- Mechanical Engineering focus
- 0-3 at the plate in Newark; not hit at OPSU
- Umpiring youth baseball games here in North Platte, gets hit behind the plate
 - SAY: Santos umpires games for youth baseball here in North Platte, and he's not always the happiest about their swings, he's complained about being hit by a lot of foul balls, here's hoping he can get healed up
- Spent time in the office showing the interns his pitches and what others do, really loves this game
- Two time TJ and he's just 23
- Moved to the bullpen on the 23rd against the Colts, seems to be his new home after his starts have been less than good (also pen vs the Tribe on the 12th)

- Shaved before the Game Day series, seems like a new man (looks like it too)
- Moved back as a starter, has been really good in his second turn in the rotation

Max Schultz 6'5" 160 First-Year DeMotte, In. Ivy Tech CC

- Lincoln-way North HS
- Started 1 career game at Ivy Tech, appeared in 7
- 2 IP of shutout v Indiana Tech
- Also a middle infielder in Indiana HS
- Hometown of DeMotte was established by NY Central RR
- Transferring to South Suburban because Ivy Tech cut their baseball program
- First start came on the 19th of June against the Rough Riders, fared well
- South Suburban is in South Holland, Ill.
- About an hour from home, about 2 hours from Ivy Tech
- Struggled on the 24th, allowed 3 HR and a Grand Salami
- **Nickname: Bambi**

Matt Slowik 6'1" 170 Senior Lubbock, Texas. Western Texas CC

- Spent a year with Texas A&M Texarkana
- Can't find stats from 2023 at WTCC
- 2021 pitched for the Badlands Big Sticks, 2022 with the Gem City Bison
- 2021: 14.2 IP, 13 H 12 R 12 ER, 10 BB 11 K, 7.36 ERA 8 GP 0 GS
- Best game; 2.2 vs Spuds, 3 H 3 K 0R
- 2022: 12 GP 5 GS, 30 IP, 6.00 ERA 26 K 11 BB 32 H
- DNP against the Plainsmen, fared well against the Casper Horseheads and Pios
- Had D1 college interests out of HS, 7.5 PG score
- MBA Carolina Blue U17 development team
- Lubbock in the middle of nowhere, home to Texas Tech
- Trea Young and Ryan Tannehill from Lubbock
- City named for Thomas Saltus Lubbock, a Texas Ranger
- Lubbock Little League made the Final 4 of the LLWS in 2007
- First Plainsmen game was on the 25th, went 1 IP with 3H 4R and a HR allowed, just 1ER (technically 0 but that has to be wrong) and K

Noah Soper 6'2" 175 First-Year Sterling, Colo. Northeastern CC **FB (85) CB (75) SL (72) CH (73)**

- Ranked as the 29th pitcher in Colorado (2067 nationally)
- 2x PG all Tournament team member
- Was Region 9 pitcher of the week for last week of Feb at Northeastern CC
 - 7.2 IP; 3H; ER; 12K
- Had a rough April but has been able to bounce back

- Teammate of Cade Owens who was also named player of week
- Had 2 good starts in a row vs the Pios and the Select Colts

~~Nathan Spurlock~~ ~~6'0" 160 First-Year Fort Wayne, In. Ivy Tech CC~~

- ~~— Not much on him~~
- ~~— From the same town and school as Hockemeyer~~
- ~~— Also goes to school with Schulz~~
- ~~— Schulz only a 2 hour drive from Ft Wayne~~

CATCHERS

Ryan Kelly 6'0" 195 First-Year Huntley, Il. Kaskaskia College

- Born 12/10/03
- Traveled with GRB IL
- Recorded a pop time of 1.96 as best, comparable to Luke Maile last year
- 80 MPS Catcher velocity
- Gets the ball around and hits it hard
- Huntley half an hour from Rosemont and 1.5 from Chicago
- Homered on the 24th, only Plainsmen homers to that point have been from the backstops
- Hit the Sac-Fly on the 20th that scored Kohno for the walk-off win over the Grays, first home win of the year and first walk-off win since 7/19/22 vs Canyon County Spuds (10-9)
- Left the team after the Kansas road trip, no forewarning

Carmelo Ortiz 5'10" 170 First-Year Cudahy, Wisc. Milwaukee Area Tech College

- South Milwaukee HS graduate
- 2.04 pop time from HS; Mitch Garver
- 3 Walks with 5 Ks at the plate in first year of college; .313 OBP
- 5H, 5R, 5RBI
- Hit .455 in April (5-11)
- Caught 2 runners
- Middle plane swing, gets to it
- Was supposed to play his first game 5/30 at the Pios, it was rained away and he made his first appearance 6/1 vs the Larks at home
- Painted his nails pink before the Cage Rats series to help with signs
- Attended the Pride event, bought some bracelets, an elephant and a buddha
- HBP at the Pios on 6/17, had to be taken out of the game as the ball hit his backhand and he was in pain. Felt good after the game, arm hurt but hand was ok

Noah Prince 6'0" 190 Sophomore Castle Rock, Colo. Southwestern CC (Calif)

- Hit .293 at home this past season
 - .176 when on road
- Torrid April .341/.356/.591 (15-44)
- Thrown 8 runners out on the basepaths
- Best day was arguably 3-6 w/ 2 2B vs Saint Mary 4/15
- Castle Rock is the hometown of Christian McCaffrey
- Ann Strother also from Castle Rock
- Opening Day HR, broke up a no-hitter that Tyler Bryant was working on
- First Plainsmen to wear the home run hat in franchise history
- Broke the HR drought, hitting one against the Tribe on the 12th of June in Aurora

Tristan Beyers North Platte, Nebraska. FNBO Nationals

- Legion kid, played in just 2 games
- Meant to be a replacement for Prince and Melo, didn't go to Kansas

Brady Patterson Junior Auburn, Kansas. KCKCC

- Was originally at Saint Louis Univeristy, transfer to KCKCC
- DNP for Billikens, has been a .300 plus hitter at KCK
- Only three games for NP have been at the Larks, the only catcher we have on this stretch
- Went 1-2 with 2 walks in his NP debut 7/28 at Larks

INFIELDER

Tucker Bond 6'2" 215 Junior Georgetown, Texas. OPSU

- Transferred in 2020 from Vernon College
- Appeared in 2 Perfect Game showcases
- 4 HR this spring eclipsed the 4 total he had in 2 previous seasons
- Most well rounded season had this season (.381 OBP best along with .834 OPS)
- 67 Total Bases, can swing the shalleighli
- Same hometown as Nolan Ryan
- Twin of Sam Bond, fun dynamic on this team
- Third Bond per Justin Santos with immaculate hair

Gehrig Goldbeck 6'1" 175 First-Year Kansas City, Kansas. KCKCC

- KC Bullets travel team
- Tonganoxie HS
- 82 MPH infield velocity

- 88 Exit Velo
- 25 SB was 59th in NJCAA Play
- 17th in INF Assists and 32nd in HBP
- 16 HBP
- 11 XBH; .359/.504/.453
 - 6 2B; 5 3B
- Walked FAR more than he struck out
 - 36 to 23
- Defense shined in his first game in Platte, made some incredible plays to shore up the middle infield
- Started first game when he got into town, trusted a ton by Jonsey
- Mom gave me a very sweet gift of a KCKCC helmet sticker
- Really great guy

Mitsuki Kohno 5'8" 165 Sophomore Japan. Sierra College

- From Japan, furthest away player on the Plainsmen
- Listed as a 2B/SS on the Sierra website (Sierra NOT D1)
- Hit .397 over 58 AB in his first year, struggled this one
- .160/.267/.200 over 25 AB with Sierra Wolverines
- Stole 4 bases, could be used as a PR
- Sierra College is in Rocklin, Calif., a suburb of Sacramento
- Akashi Shogyo HS
- Akashi is a suburb of Tokyo, southwest of the city on the coast
- Vallejo, Calif is a sister city of Akashi. 1:30 hours from Sierra College
- Used his speed to score the walk-off against the Grays 6/20, ran in from third on the shallow fly-out to center and forced a bad throw, 6-5 Plainsmen win
- Was ejected on the 24th: Was thrown out trying to steal second when he slid over the bag, argued and threw his helmet, tossed. Replaced by Runge
 - 2 game suspension
 - Has been getting more hot headed as the season wears on
- Scored the Plainsmen other walk-off on the 29th against the A's on the E1 from third
- Left the team with Sota after Kansas road trip, walk-off artist gone

Major Maydon 6'1" 225 Sophomore Leander, Texas. Colorado Christian University

- Major MAY-dun
- Part-time sports coach at Wilkinson Baseball Academy (2020-NOW)
- Plans on going into medical sales with a management background
- 5 Home Runs for CCU with 25 RBI; been hit by 5 pitches
- 2x all tournament team; 1x Tournament MVP (SWE 14U team in 2017)

- 2x PG champion
- 77 Exit Velocity
- 7.5 Best Perfect Game Grade
- Hitting for less but slugging better
- Recognized for his performance vs Larks 6/4 by RMAC conference
 - Cheesy Potatoes game
- Again recognized for Gameday performance on the 24th, had a HR
- CRUSHED a home run on the 24th of June, his first of the year to right over the HRD Bat Company sign
- Hot Hot Hot: Left the Game Day series with a 7-12 streak ; 5BB and 2 2B, HR as well (4RBI) .692 OBP and 1.111 SLG
- Fishing excursion, was up to his knees in the water trying to catch some fish
- Loves western wednesday, has 2 cowboy hats he wears on those days
- Walk-up song is Arkansas by Chris Stapleton
- Changed his walk-up song for the 4th to Let Freedom Ring
- Final game was to be 7/10, left because his body was ready to a break
- Son of Dave Maydon

Kyle McConachie 5'8" 145 First-Year Columbia, IL. Highland CC

- Another one of Coach Jones' players at Highland
- AVG Exit velo of 79 in HS, distance of 308
- Can throw fairly fast on the infield, a huge step
- .348/.429/.456 with 3HR and 17 SB this season
- Did K 42 times to just 21 BB, can be fairly free swinging
- 8 2B and 27 RBI, also got HBP 3 times
- .878 F%, not the best with 14 E on the season
- Has been used as the speedy PR when a catcher gets on later in a game, can wheel and deal around the bases
- Moved to CF for the final few games after Zach and Cade left

Trey Runge 6'1" 180 Sophomore Sioux Falls, S.D. SW Minnesota State

- Run-Gee
- Summer 2021 with the Southside River Sharks of the Coastal Collegiate Baseball League
- Had a .133 average with the River Sharks
- Hit .250 last year with the Broncos with a .400 OBP
- Transfer from Iowa Lakes CC Lakers
 - Played 9 games there
- David Stoul, who played Hutch on *Starsky and Hutch* is from Sioux Falls
- Big Sioux River shaped the history of Sioux Falls, where it got its name

- Fort Dakota was the American first establishment there, there was a Dakota village there but the US military pillaged and burned the town
- Sioux Falls Canaries of the American Association
- Started the season 0-22 before his double against the Roughriders, then promptly went 0-11 until his next hit
- Reading to the kids event at NP library

Jovan Suarez Sophomore Salina, Ks. Kansas Wesleyan

- Joe-Vaughn
- Town: Sal-Eye-Na
- Old College team was called the Larks, fun fact!
- Had 7 AB in 2022 with 0 Hits, turned that around
- .218/.359/.308 with 7 2B, 1 3B, 1HR this season
- 29 RBI and walked 14 times, but struck out 44 times
- Free swinger
- Did steal 7 bases
- Salina is in the middle of Kansas; home to Gene Mauch and Bob Swift
 - Mauch was the inaugural manager for the Expos
- Spent time in Hawaii skydiving and surfing, hurt his foot surfing
- Struggled after coming back from Hawaii, 3-14 since returning and was 1-11 before his 2RBI single on the 26th, had 3K
- Committed as a transfer to Kansas Wesleyan on 7/17/23 from Heston CC

Rui Yoshida 5'8" 170 First-Year Tokyo, Japan. Clarendon College

- Second Japanese born Player
- One of many international players on the Calderon roster
- .341 average over 41 AB; 9 BB and 9 K altogether
- 11 RBI, can drive them in and plate them
- Did not steal at all this season
- Clarendon in Clarendon, Texas. Alum to Ryan Rohlinger, 3B for SF Giants not too long ago
- Received a full ride to Clarendon on the 16th at the Travelodge Hotel in Morrill, Neb.
- Snores at night, such a sweet guy though
- Broke 2 different wooden bats in 2 days, and I mean shattered them. Splintered into 3 separate sections

Brayden Zirkle 6'0" 180 Junior Tecumseh, Ks. Highland CC

- Shawnee Heights HS
- .185 this season at Highland, same college as Jared Jones comes from

- 74 infield velocity
- 84 MPH Exit Velocity
- 2017 14U PG all-tournament team in Kansas
- Just outside Topeka where he's from in Kansas

OUTFIELDERS

Jeff Barber 6'3" 205 R.S. Sophomore San Diego, Calif. Point Loma Nazarene University

- Also plays first at PL
- Joined the Plainsmen on the 24th, showed up in North Platte on the 29th after driving from California all the way out here
- Point Loma HS
- 1-4 in 2023 with PL, also 1-4 in 2022
- Appeared in 20 games as a fielder but only 4 AB, only walked twice
- Hits were singles
- Grounded out in his Plainsmen debut, 3-1
- Literally went home right after that

Maxwell Dierks *HS Senior*

- Just graduated HS, that is all I know about him
- Took Kyle's number and spot in center for the Hays series

Zach Knowlton 5'8" 160 Sophomore Spring Hill, Ks. Highland CC

- Another Highlander, the third on the staff
- 4x PG All-Tournament team, 1x MVP
- 74 Exit Velo out of HS, hits it soft but makes contact
- 4 HR; .351 SLG; .361 OBP
- 51 K, strikes out a lot and swings a bit freely
- Studying accounting
- Spring Hill south of Kansas City
- Curly Brown is from Spring Hill
- Town was named after a village near Mobile, Alabama
- Started the year hitting around .100, then got hot
 - 3-11 entering the final Game Day game on the last week, then went 3-5 with a triple and 3R scored, RBI
 - Went 7-18 over the week between the 20th and the 27th (.389) 3BB 2 SB

Cade Owens 6'0" 165 Sophomore Papillon, Neb. Northeastern CC

- Nebraska Prospects team in 2021

- 85 max exit velo
- 2021 18U All-Tournament team PG
- From just outside Omaha
- Omaha Storm Chasers play in Papillon
- Named after the French word for Butterfly
- Gets progressively better as the season goes on, hit .324 in April
- 17 Steals this season
- 2 triples
- First non-catcher with hit a HR, 6/12 at the Tribe

Kenneth Sugi 5'9" 175 First-Year North Vancouver, British Columbia. Kaskaskia

- WAY shorter than 5'9", looks like a child
- .264/.353/.333 in 87 AB. 23 H, 3 2B and 1HR
- 17 RBI, 10 BB to 16 K
- MUCH NEEDED OUTFIELD DEPTH
- Stole 3 bags at Kaskaskia, can run a bit
- Hit .375 at home and .333 in April, gets hot at home and is swinging well now
- JuCo now, trying to classify on up
- Canadian of Japanese and Nigerian descent
- Exit velo maxed out at 100 and averaged at 93.1, avg distance was 324 feet
- 2019 with the North Shore Twins of the British Columbia Premier Baseball League
- Hit .299 with 6 2B and 19 RBI, 18-13 BB-K
- 32 H with 7 2-hit games
- Was hitting .424 at one point in the season, can get hot
- Pitched 15.2 innings, 3.57 ERA in 7 Appearances and 1 Start
- 13 K to 12 BB, 13 H allowed (2-0)
- Carson Graham Secondary School
- North Vancouver is across Burrard Inlet from Vancouver
- Popular housing area for Vancouver, had ship building boom in WW2
- Parts of the TV show Psych were filmed in locations in and around North Vancouver
- Hit a Grand Slam for his second hit against the Rough Riders to tie the game at 5-5 in the 7th inning (6/19; 6-5 Loss)
- First hit was an RBI double that scored the winning run against the Pios on Fathers Day
- After that Sugi got on FIRE: Started 0-8, then 11-27, 9-20 entering the A's series with 5 2B and 8 RBI, .850 SLG
- Transferred to Missouri S&T, D2, from Kaskaskia

Jacob Rowe 5'10" 175 First-Year Orange Park, Fla. Edward Waters University

- 93rd ranked Florida Outfielder in HS, 501 in the state
- PG grade of 8
 - Potential draft pick and/or excellent prospect
- 90.1 Exit Velo coming out of HS
- Coastal Prospects collegiate team
- 90 MPH Top outfield velocity
- Good speed with the hands, swatted 6 hits all singles w/ EWU
- 2 Steals, can run
- Orange Park hometown of Dane Dunning and Nassir Little
 - Close to Jacksonville
- EWU: HBCU in Jacksonville
 - 1866 founding
 - First independent higher learning institute and HBCU in Florida
 - Great Buck O'Neil went to that school

Conner Titus 5'11" 180 First-Year Abbott, Ark. Highland CC

- Arkansas kid who played for coach Jones at Highland
- Went 1-4 at the plate this season with 1 BB to go along with it
- Not much to his playing career to this point

Sam Bond 6'2" 210 Junior Georgetown, Texas. OPSU

- The other of the Bond twins
- Small hitter, not much of an average guy
- Good OBP, gets on a goes
 - Like a moneyball guy
- Full time OPSU guy
- Same hometown as Mason Crosby
- Started the year really slowly, hitting just .125 entering the A's series

WESTERN NEBRASKA PIONEERS

(19-5; 18-5 H; 1-0 A)

***36-21 overall record last year. Finished in first in the Nebraskaland Division of the IBL
17-10 First Half; 19-11 Second-Half
Won the IBL Champions last season

***4-6 against the Plainsmen as a member of the IBL

***Play at Oregon Trail Park Stadium in Gering, Nebraska

865 total capacity

Built in 2018

Really bad lights there, once the sun sets it gets really hard to see anything

***Better at home last year than on the road

21-11 when they were in Gering, 13-10 when they hit the dusty trail

***Get to start the season with 6 consecutive home games, their longest homestand

Have a 7 game road streak towards the end of the season that is a Kansas kick

***Division 1 talent abounds

9 players from Division I institutions (3 Oakland U; 3 Northern Colorado; 2 Wofford; 1 St. Thomas)

***A lot of underclassmen, mostly first-years and sophomores on the team

LAST SERIES

Swept the Bee Jays and the Game Day Angels, all at home

Took the first game 6-5 over the Angles, then the middle two 14-7 and 4-3 over the Bee Jays before taking the last against the Angels 8-3

***Rain rain go away, come again another day

4 games in a row canceled due to rain

2 games at the Cage Rats on the 13th and the 14th lost due to the rain, 2 at the Angels the 15th and the 16th were rained out as well

Why the Plainsmen are in town a day early, giving the Pios an extra game

PITCHERS

Archer Blumenschein 6'2" 190 First-Year Sherwood Park, Alberta. Western Nebraska College **FB (85) CB (72) CH (79)**

- The only international player for the Pios
- Pitched in 7 games this season with 2 starts over 13.1 innings, 9.45 ERA
- 12 K to 11 BB, doesn't have the control
- Really struggled against Trinidad State College and Miles CC
- Sherwood Park borders Edmonton
- A lot of NHL players have come from Sherwood Park, very much a hockey town

Tyler Bryant 6'4" 225 Senior Amarillo, Texas. Ottawa University (Kansas)

- Ottawa University NOT in Canada; IN KANSAS
- Transferred from Lake Erie College
- 2022 NAIA All-American Honorable Mention
- Spent 2019 at OPSU
- 2.66 ERA in 2022 over 84.2 IP; 1.60 in 2023
- 2022 KCAC Pitcher of the year
- Team ace. Possibility to go up to D1 as grad transfer or get drafted this season
- Pitched opening day, allowed just 2 hits and 1 run (HR) over 6 frames with 10 K
- Had a no-hitter going for 4+ innings before the Prince HR in the 5th, so dominating on the bump in that game
- Solid starter, should match up well against anybody
- Hides his fastball really well, so difficult to hit against because you can't see what he's about to toss
- Hit a few on Opening Day, just needs to shake the cobwebs loose before he hits the mound again
- Signed with the Tupper Lake Riverpigs in the Empire League (NY), gone from the Pios

~~**Maret Drye** 6'3" 180 Sophomore Greer, S.C. Spartanburg Methodist College **FB (82) CB (75)**~~

- Appeared in 3 PG tournaments and showcases
- 6.2 IP in 2022, moved to 19.0 in 15 appearances with 0 starts in 23
- 17 K
- Eastside High; From just outside of Greenville
 - Hometown of Dainel Palka (2018 White Sox HR Leader)
 - Currently Palka is in Worcester with the Sox

Brody Fay 5'10" 160 Junior Surprise, Ariz. Lakeland University

- Spent last summer with the Kalamazoo Growlers of the Northwoods League
- 4.22 ERA in Kalamazoo over 10.2
- Struggled more in 2023 than he did in 2022
- Surprise is the spring home of the Kansas City Royals
- True Lefty

Rhys Francis 6'0" 180 First-Year Bridgeport, Ohio. Oakland University FB (84) CB (72) SL (72) CH (73)

- One of 2 Pioneers from Oakland
- Ranked as the 35th best RHP from Ohio in the 2022 draft by PG
- PG grade of 8
- Only appeared in three games for Oakland
- Lean pitcher with a thin frame that can be built per scouting report
- Shares his name with a well-known Cricketer
- Well known ornithologist John Todd Zimmer from Bridgeport, along with pitcher Bill White

Ryan Gill 5'9" 155 First-Year Oconomowoc, Wisc. Viterbo University FB (82) CB (66)

- Vicerbo in La Crosse, Wisc.
- Oconomowoc is about halfway between Milwaukee and Madison
- Catcher Damian Miller went to Viterbo
- 1x PG All-Tournament team
- Started 7 games with Viterbo; 5.88 ERA over 33.2 IP
- Struggled with BB, issued 17 compared to 39 K

Garrett Hames 6'4" 225 First-Year Virginia City, Nev. Centralia College FB (86) CH (72)

- 7 Games at Centralia with 8.2 IP
- Virginia City was a boom town, silver mining huge industry
- Mark Twain worked in the town, set his novel roughing it in Virginia City
 - First used his pen name is that town (Samuel Clemons did)
- Close to Carson City

Dylan Krause 6'4" 211 First-Year Crossroads, Texas. University of Dallas **FB (84) CB (77) CH (73)**

- 253rd ranked RHP in Texas HS by PG 2022
- Lead the Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference in GS w/ 10
- Had a 7-inning shutout vs Southwestern U. w/ 11 K
- Pitched to a 4.20 ERA over 60 IP w/ 57 K
- Had 5 AB in college, could occasionally hit
- 8.55 K/9 in college

Calan Kujawa RHP First-Year Lewis & Clark College

- Very little biographical information to go off of
- Pitched in 14 games with 8 starts, went 2-4 with 1 CG
- 42.1 IP and a 5.10 ERA, struck out 49 while walking just 28
- Pitched really well in April, 22.2 IP with a 2.78 ERA
- His CG was a 7 IP vs Vincennes on April 30th, 4H 3R 0ER 2BB 4K

Jacob Mallozzi 6'3" 175 Sophomore Decatur, Texas. Mid-America Christian University

- 36 IP at Bethany
- 6.25 ERA over 20 appearances; 3-2 record with 1 save
- Decatur is the county seat of Wise County
- North of DFW area
- Baseball player Tommy Tatum from Decatur, also a lot of rodeo people
- Bryce Elder there as well, forgot to mention
- Throws sidearm, almost submariner, very similar release point to Brad Zeigler
- Went 2 vs Cage Rats on the 28th, allowed 3 ER in a poor outing

Jacob Mead 6'0" 195 Junior Montgomery, Texas. St. Thomas (Texas)

- Spent last summer with the Rochester (Minn.) Honkers of Northwoods League
- Has hit far more than he has pitched in college
 - 252 AB at Finlandia College to just 36.2 IP
- 0 AB at St. Thomas
- 4.50 ERA with St. Thomas; 25 K 8 ER
- 0-1 with 2 Saves
- Pitched to 12 IP 6.57 ERA w/ 10K at Rochester
- Signed as UDFA with San Diego Padres

Justin Morgan 6'2" 160 First-Year Taylorsville, Utah. Centralia College **FB (83) CB (73) SL (77)**

- Played for Blue Chip Baseball in Utah
- 1x PG All-Tournament Team member

- Same school as Hames
- 66.1 IP with 11 Starts, 6-2 Record
 - 3.80 ERA 8.68 K/9
- 64 K at Centralia
- Taylorsville north of SLC, in the Salt Lake Valley

Bryson Morrill 5'10" 175 Sophomore Trophy Club, Texas. McMurry College **FB (81) SL (70) CH (68)**

- Transfer from North Central Texas College
- DNP for McMurry this past season
- Trophy Club is a suburb of DFW area
- Ballplayers Tyler Collins and Don Stanhouse were from Trophy Club

Landon Murray 6'0" 165 Sophomore Houston, Texas. University of St. Thomas (Texas)

- Not that St. Thomas
- Transfer from Mary Hardin Baylor where he spent his first season
- Had a 5.25 ERA in his 1 season with MHB, the next three have been with St. Thomas
- 3.39 ERA over 61 IP had 56K and 27BB
- Started all 11 games he appeared in this season, 5-5 record
- Also played Football in HS
- Student Council and choir member at Northland Christian HS

Paul Panduro 6'0" 205 Sophomore Scottsbluff, Neb. Pittsburg State College

- NOT PITT
- Teams closer, came on in that role on opening day and nearly squandered it
- Transfer from more local Western Nebraska College
- Pitched for the Pios last summer, had 6 SV in 39.2 IP
- 2.50 ERA with the Pioneers last season, absolutely stellar when he can close out games
- Struggled in a limited 22.2 IP at Pittsburg this season, 9.13 ERA and 29K
- On April 23rd, 2022 threw a CG No-Hitter vs Newman
- Set a PSU strikeout record with 16 in that No-no

Connor Riggs 6'3" 180 First-Year New Berlin, Illinois. Kaskaskia College

- 17.1 IP with Kaskaskia, 10.38 ERA w/ 20 ER
- Only 9 K, 19 BB
- 3 GS over 14 played in
- Middle of Illinois
- Pop of about 1,300

- Sight of the Sangamon County Fair each year (3rd weekend in June)

TJ Swaney 6'0" 210 Sophomore Blair, Neb. Dominican College (N.Y.)

- NCAA D II, that why don't play IC
- Near New Jersey border, along hudson across from Terrytown
 - Went across from it on the train to Cortaca
- Education major
- 7.2 IP over 7 games, 1 start
- Transfer from Southwestern CC
- Blair, just north of Omaha

Adam Trevino 6'1" 175 Sophomore LaMarque, Texas. McMurry College

- Teammate of Morrill
- Transferred from Galveston College, hometown area
- 31.2 IP; 7.11 ERA with 13 GP
- Had 20 innings with Galveston College
- From the Houston-Sugar Land area

Dallen Turner 6'2" 190 Junior New Harmony, Utah. The Academy of Arts (SF) **FB (85)**
CB (76) CH (76)

- Transfer from Wagner on Staten Island
- Had a combined 7.2 IP at Wagner
- 4th ranked RHP in Utah coming out of HS
- Top 1000 in the nation in that ranking
- Communications major
- DNP in 2023
- Hurt, won't pitch again this summer

Kenny Worley 6'2" 200 Junior Easley, S.C. Spartanburg Methodist College

- Pendleton HS Graduate
- From just outside Greenville, S.C.
- 4 career appearances, 3 this season
- 2.0 IP overall, can't seem to escape an inning
- 7 ER, 7 BB 1K
- Had an INF ERA his first year
- Senior League WS moved here after it was in Bangor for so long

CATCHERS

****Ben Clark** 5'10" 180 First-Year Albany, Ohio. Oakland University

- Was a pitcher as well, moved to catcher
- 1.81-1.90 pop time range, Best to Chuckie Robinson (6th) in rankings
- HS class of 2023, committed to Oakland
- **Just graduated HS**
- PG grade of 8
- 3x Preseason All-American
- Top 10 pop time (1 & 2)

Garrett Fisher 5'11" 185 Senior Fort Collins, Co. Northern Colorado University

- Was part of NCU when they moved from the WAC to the Summit League
- Had a career best season this year, .349/.441/.450 after a .244 in the past season
- 5th ranked catcher in Colorado out of HS
- 2.00 Pop time
- 1 career HR
- 16 BB, 20 K
- Marco Gonzalez is from Fort Collins
- Town has Colorado State

Jacob Lang CATCHER, THAT IS ALL I HAVE

- Opening day started behind the dish
- Good follow catcher out of Texas

INFELDERS

Brad Hallock 6'2" 215 Sophomore Greeley, Co. Northern Colorado University

- Transferred from Lamar CC
- UNC says he's from Carrollton, Texas
- 5-23 at the plate
- 18U All-Tournament team PG
- Only 1 multihit game in college this season, zero HR
- 1 walk to 11 K

James Layman 6'0" 180 First-Year Bluffton, S.C. Wofford College

- 7.5 PG Grade, 7th SS in S.C.
- Ranked 500th in the nation overall out of HS
- Born 11/19/2003
- 3 sport athlete; QB/WR on FB team and a Guard on basketball team in HS

- Mom played basketball at College of Charleston, dad played tennis at Western Carolina; brother played football at Mars Hill University and is an offensive assistant for UMass
- DNP for Woffard this year
- 1 of 2 players from May River HS to go play baseball in college
 - Bennett Roemer (Newberry)
- Bluffton on the coast, near Georgia border
- Hometown festivities that might be mentioned
 - Bluffton Village Festival or Mayfest (Celebration of the town)
 - Shag & Drag: Classic car show and drag racing (DON'T KNOW) with live entertainment
 - May River Cleanup
- Lefty hitter

****Aidan Orr 5'11" 165 First-Year Wintersville, Ohio. Oakland University (Commit)**

- Trackman data paints him as not a hard hitter in HS
- Speedy, expect him to leg out some hits (6.91 60 time)
 - That's a good time
- The second commit to Oakland, graduating this year
- Lefty hitter
- Hit the walk-off single to beat the Plainsmen on the 16th (6-5 9th)

Jett Ruby 6'0" 185 First-Year Fresno, Calif. Fresno State University

- DNP for Bulldogs in 2023, hometown college team
- 63rd SS in California out of HS, 570th in the nation
- Buchanan HS in Clovis, Calif.
- .471 AVG as a senior in HS, 2022 all-conference
- Son of Gabrielle and Garrett
- Favorite player growing up was Buster Posey
- Fresno is the 33rd largest city in the US
- Fresno landfill was the first modern landfill in the US (1937-1987) now a superfund site AND a national historical landmark
- Bobby Cox is from Fresno, so was Tom Seaver
- Fresno State baseball CWS champs 2008
- Aaron Judge, DaVante Adams, both Carrs went to Fresno State

OUTFIELDERS

Jacob Banister 6'0" 180 Junior Evans, Colo. Northern Colorado University

- Son of Jeff Banister

- 1 year as a player with the Pirates in 1991
- Managed the Texas Rangers from 2015-2018 (325-313)
- 2015 AL Manager of the year
- Bench coach for the Diamondbacks
- Resides in Keller, Texas
- Hit .267 with UNC over 15 AB, same OBP
- Ukrainian basketball player Joel Bolomboy lives in Keller
- DFW area

Koy Carpenter 5'6" 165 Sophomore Seguin, Texas. McMurry University

- Shortest member of the team
- 3/17/2003
- Son of Richy and Karin, sisters Corley & Karis
- 2 years for Lights Out Baseball as a club team
- All-district Newcomer of the year in HS
- True Lefty
- Has pitched on the McMurry team a bit
- .200 hitter over 10 AB, 2 H
- 4 BB with 3 K in this past year
- From just outside San Antonio
- Braves bullpen coach Drew French from Seguin
- Smokey Joe Williams from Seguin
- One of the oldest towns in Texas

Garrett Esposito 6'1" 195 Sophomore Indianapolis, In. Kaskaskia College

- Fast and good hands
 - 6.59 60 time
 - 103.4 Exit Velo
 - Average is 93.9
- Hit .239 this season, only .211 in conference games
- .286 at home vs .167 on the road
- 13 K to 5 BB
- 3 total triples, can leg it out, only 1 HR

Isaiah Gibbs 6'0" 200 Senior Arcadia, Mont. William Woods University

- Last two summers with collegiate teams
 - 2021 Ashbeboro Zookeepers of the CPBL
 - 2022 with the Battle Creek Bombers of the Northwoods League
- Struggled in Asheboro over a small sample size, did really well in Battle Creek
- .325 Hitter across his career at college

- 2x First-Team all AMC, last year was a gold glover in the conference
- Hitting .367 this season, slashing .367/.443/.583 with 24 BB and 43 K
- 7 HR, 14 2B, 41 RBI
- 9 SB this past season
- Went 4-5 w/ 3 R and 3 RBI vs Harris-Stowe State 3/19
- 6 3+ hit games this season at WWU

Jack Jones 6'0" 185 Sophomore Scottsbluff, Neb. Wayne (NE) State

- Transfer from Western Nebraska CC, 2 seasons there
 - Hit .305 last season with the team
- .167 with Wayne Neb
- 3 Walks with 6 K
- Hometown kid
- Hank Bauer from here

Logan Tribble 5'11" 180 First-Year Bradenton, Fla. Wofford College

- Another Wofford player on the roster
- 3/30/2003
- Son of Errin and Amy Tribble
- Out-Of-Door Academy, lost only 6 games over first 3 years in HS
- 2019 District Title, 2021 State HS Title
- Florida 2A State Player of the Year hit .453 with .530 OBP
- DNP this past season
- 89.9 Exit Velo average
- 352 Distance max
- 37th ranked OF in Florida

UTILITY

Michael Ascensio 6'1" 200 First-Year Joliet, Ill. Kaskaskia College

- Uh-Sen-See-O
- 7.5 PG Grade, 13th 3B in Illinois
- 93 MPH Exit Velo
- Jesse Barfield from Joliet
- Mark Leiter from there as well
- Chicago Speedway in Joliet
- No stats at Kaskaskia

Austin Birkhoff 5'11" 185 First-Year Plano, Texas. U. of Dallas

- 2nd-team All-district in HS

- 7/9/2004
- Had 2 4 hit games at Dallas
- .314/.353/.421 with 2 HR and a triple
- 15 steals at Dallas, can run the bases
- 21 RBI, can move the runners around
- Hit .345 on the road and crushed the ball in March (.372)
- Michael Irvin from Plano

Josh Dyer 6'1" 210 Sophomore Baird, Texas. McMurry University

- 19th ranked 3B in Texas, 193rd in nation out of HS
- Transferred from Navarro College where he went 5-23
- 2 seasons with McMurry, struggled in the past season
- .111 AVG with a .322 OBP
- 5-45 as a hitter, walked 12 times with 16 K
- 3-3 with Steals at McMurry
- .313 in his first-year at McMurry
- Close to Abilene is Baird

Hunter McCollum 6'0" 185 Sophomore Scottsbluff, Neb. Western Nebraska CC

- Spent last season as a pitcher with the Pioneers
- Hit .202 with .311 OBP at WNCC
- Struggled a bit at the dish this season, didn't fare better on the bump
- 7.30 ERA over 12.1 IP with WNCC
- 12 K 12 BB on the bump
- 44 K with 4 BB at the dish
- 5 SB
- 0-5 with Pios last season at the dish
- 11.2 IP w/ 5.40 ERA 7 ER 13 H

Griffin Robinson 5'10" 190 Sophomore Wetumpka, Al. Lakeland University

- Transfer from UWisconsin-Platteville (0-4 as a hitter)
- Slashing .169/.388/.305 with 16 BB and 24 K
- 2 2B and 2 HR with 4 Steals
- They (Lakeland) started the season by playing RIT
- Park of the Montgomery Metro Area
- Self identified City of Natural Beauty

HAYS LARKS

(3-1; 0-0 H; 3-1 A)

***Lineage of baseball: This is the 83rd year of Larks baseball
Started play in 1940
77th season at Larks Park in Hays

***Baseball in Hays is old and has a lot of history
First team was in 1869-1945, the Hays Town Team
1946 was the first year the Larks name became adopted, a name the team
contest by Mrs. Bill Downs

***Division 1 Talent is strong with the Larks
15 D-I players on the Larks roster this season
3 Baylor and 3 Houston Christian (formerly Houston Baptist)
Last year this talent helped them get to the NBC title against Santa Barbara Foresters

***International stars come to Kansas

Luuk ter Beek (RHP) is a Junior at Fort Hays State, is from Nieuw-Vennep, Neth.

***Experienced staff around this team that can help them this season

***HC Frank Leo is in his 40th season coaching the Larks this year**

Leo was a former Lark player who played at Fort Hays State and at U. of Albuquerque

Has helped coach at Fort Hays State and Hays HS

8 Jayhawk League titles, 2 Rocky Mountain League titles

***Keith Harper is in his 18th season as the Pitching Coach for the Larks**

AC as well, Harper was a Larks player in the past before becoming a coach

Has helped the Larks win 5 Jayhawks titles and the RMBL titles

***Andy Lewton is serving as another AC and a defacto Hitting Coach**

Born in Dallas and moved to Hays while in HS, played Larks baseball

Has been with the coaching staff for a long time

HPER instructor at Garden City CC, teaches exercise science health and fitness

***Larks in the Big Leagues

Many Larks have made the trip from Hays to the Majors

Most famous is Albert Pujols in 1999

Jim Leyritz (1985); Lance Berkman (1995) Jayce Tingler (2000) Nolan Reimold former Larks

Berkman: Cape Cod League HoF Class of 2023, mention in final season series

Played in a league that had Ozzie Smith, Barry Bonds, Roger Clemens, Rafael Palmeiro, Trevor Hoffman all came through the Jayhawk League

***Older team comprised mostly of Sophomores and Juniors

***Rocky Mountain Baseball League latest endeavor

Familiar faces to the Plainsmen, Roughriders, Cougars, A's, Saints, BJ's

PLAYERS (GROUPED BY NUMBER)

Bryson Evans INF First-Year Comanche, Ok. Murray State CC **(#1)**

- 1-3 at the dish with Murray State CC this past season
- Appeared in 10 games in the field with Murray St
- His 1 hit was a 2-Run Double vs North Central Missouri
- Also played football with Comanche HS
- 6th ranked SS in Oklahoma by PG

- Has good hands, can line a ball for a double

Trent Baker OF/P First-Year Montgomery, Texas. Houston Christian **(#2) FB (89) CB (76) SL (79) CH (80)**

- Had some experience at the Hunter Pence Baseball Academy
- Is a two-way player for HCU, hits far more often than he pitches
- Only pitched 1 inning, allowed a run vs Abilene Christian
- .245/.329/.392 with 18 BB and 8 SB, hit 4 HR
- Did K 42 times, a bit high
- Shares a namesake with a Cardinals prospect, currently ranked 28th in their system by Baseball America

Caden Hare RHP Sophomore Phenix City, Ala. Central Alabama CC **(#3) FB (90) CB (79) CH (74)**

- Has lost some zip on his stuff since the PG grades all topped out, so do be wary of that
- 2021 was spent with the Freehold Clippers of the Atlantic Baseball Confederation Collegiate League
- Pitched to a 9.94 ERA over 6.2 IP with 7 K and 4 BB
- Went 1-7 at the dish there as well
- 3.00 ERA over 15 IP, 9 K and 9 BB
- Pitched roughly the same at home as on the road, had a pretty solid year all around
- Colby Rasmus from Phenix City

Luis Garcia INF Sophomore Tuscon, Ariz. Pima CC **(#4)**

- Switch hitter, 6'0" 175
- Favorite food is Tacos per the Pima CC website
- Favorite player as a kid was Darek Jeter
- .298/.369/.385 w/ 3 3B and 11 SB, can move it move it
- Hit almost .100 points better on the road in 72 AB compared to 76 at home
- Tore it up in March and April, .341 average in March which led him to his rip roaring season
- Pima CC is in Tucson, a hometown kid for sure

Payton Ebbing C First-Year Loveland, Ohio. Tennessee **(#5)**

- DNP this season for the Vols
- Top ranked catcher in the state of Ohio out of his class, 76th overall and 14th in the state
- 1.92 pop time, HS futures game participant. PG grade of 9

- Participated in a HS musical in his senior year, "Working" for Country Day HS
- From just outside Cincinnati, favorite team is the Reds
- *Tennessee hosting regional CWS*

Damian Ruiz OF First-Year Livingston, Texas. Houston Christian (#6)

- Was a pitcher in HS in Livingston
- Slashed .262/.362/.345 with 9 2B and a single HR and 3B
- 20 BB, 32 K, had a real good eye for HCU
- 8 Steals including 2 against Rice
- Went 5-6 with a HR against Rice in the next game, had a really good series
 - 6-14, 7RBI, HR, 3-3 on Steals, HBP in three games vs the Owls
 - HCU was swept by Rice
- Livingston the largest city in Polk County, well north of Houston
- Super Bowl winning kicker Mark Moesley from Livingston, the only kicker to win Super Bowl MVP

Brady Evans C Junior Broken Bow, Ok. Northeastern State (#7)

- 2021 with the Hays Larks in the NBC (National Baseball Congress) World Series
- 4-7 over 3 games and got 3 HBp
- Transfer from Murray State in Oklahoma (Bryson Evans from that school)
- NOT RELATED TO BRYSON
- Father Brandon played baseball at Southeastern Oklahoma and played professionally
 - 4 years in the Northern League
 - 2 w/ Thunder Bay Whiskey Jacks; 1 w/ Duluth-Superior Dukes & Capitales de Quebec
- 2 Region II NJCAA Gold Gloves, all-region catcher 2022
- .301/.409/.406 with 40 H, 15 BB 23 K
- 14 Steals this past season
- 2 previous seasons with Murray State, hit .331 in his final year there

~~**JT Drake** RHP First-Year Ballinger, Texas. Pima CC (#8)~~

- ~~— Served as the closer this season for Pima CC~~
- ~~— 24 games with 15 saves in 43.1 IP on the year~~
- ~~— 2.08 ERA with 50 K (10.38 K/9) 4 HR allowed~~
- ~~— 4 0 record as well, is lockdown at the end of games~~
- ~~— Same home and road splits, where he surged was the end of the season~~
- ~~— Can shove, if push comes to it he'll close out the games~~
- ~~— Ballinger in the middle of Texas, south of Abilene~~
 - ~~— 1800s buildings~~

- ~~Ballinger Cats of the Longhorn League were an affiliate for the St. Louis Browns from the 1920s to the 40s and then the Reds until 1950 when the league disbanded~~

Preston Tabor LHP Sophomore Burleston, Texas. Dallas Baptist **FB (85) CB (76) SL (72) CH (76) #9**

- Pitched for the Larks last year as well, returning to the plains of Kansas
- 9/5/2002
- 25th lefty pitcher in Texas in 2021 class per PG
- 1 scoreless inning vs #20 Maryland last year
- Struggled this season compared, 9.00 ERA over 6 IP
- 5K with 7 BB
 - Increased competition in CUSA as opposed to Mizzou Valley Conf
- Burleston is a suburb of Fort Worth
- Stacy Sykora US National Volleyball player from 1999-2010 from Burleson
- *DBU at Stillwater Regional CWS*

Austin Stracener IF Sophomore New Braunfels, Texas. Baylor University **(#12)**

- Transfer from Texas A&M
- Was on Team USA 17U Developmental team in 2019
- Lives in New Braunfels but was born in London, England
- Taekwondo black belt, likes to play ping-pong
- 7-44 at Baylor with a SF and a steal in his first season with the Bears
- 9.5 PG Grade, 6th best SS in all Texas and 21st overall in the state
- 54th SS in the nation
- Soft hands defensively with a swift bat

Weston Valasek OF Sophomore Katy, Texas. Angelo State U **(#14)**

- Navarro College transfer
- First-team all Conf. DH at Navarro College w/ .359 and .486 OBP
- .357/.481/.560 at Angelo this season; 2 triples and a single HR
- 10 BB and 18 K along with 10 Steals
- 3 H v UAFS
- Just west of Houston, Andy Dalton from the town

Kaleb Meredith LHP Sophomore Chuckey, Ten. Chattanooga CC **FB (83) CB (73) CH (73) #15**

- Was at U of Tennessee, transferred down
- 14th LHP in Tennessee
- Brother Jacob played basketball at Milligan University

- 4.0 HS GPA
- University School HS, one of the most decorated athletes at the institute
- 2021 PG Preseason All-American
- 2021 HS Conference MVP
- Single game basketball scoring record of 49 Pts
- Railway town of Chucky
- First successful US Truffle Orchard was in Chuckey

John Ceccoli 1B Sophomore Tyler, Texas. Baylor (#16)

- Third college in four years
 - Auburn to McLennan CC then to Baylor when coach Mitch Thompson left to go Baylor and he followed
 - DNP in 2021 at Auburn, redshirted to be eligible, played a bit in 2020 before pandemic
- PG Grade of 9, 16th 1B in all of Texas
 - 408 in Texas, 107th 1B in the nation
- Slow power; 5 HR with a .376 SLG. 6 2B but only 2 steals
- Tyler is the largest city in Northeast Texas
 - Patrick Mahomes is from Tyler
 - Johnny Football and A.J. Minter also from there

Will Pendergrass 3B Junior Missouri City, Texas. Baylor (#18)

- Like Ceccoli Pendergrass on his third team
- First-Year at Houston, Soph. at Cisco CC
- Hit .237 at Houston and .341 with Cisco CC
- 4th best 3B in Texas out of HS, 90th in the nation
- Hitting .250 with Baylor while .327 OBP
- 1 HR with 6 RBI and 2 SH
- Starting QB in High School
- Missouri City on/near the Gulf Coast
- James Loney from Missouri City, so is Beyonce
- Greater Houston Metro Area

Jett Lodes RHP Junior Yukon, Ok. Oklahoma (#19)

- Last 2 seasons with the Ridgefield Raptors of the WCL
 - 5.64 ERA in 2021 and 4.91 in 2022
- 6.75 ERA over 3 years with the Sooners, 6.45 this season over 22.1 innings w/ 27 K and 14 BB
- Yukon named after the gold rush in the Canadian territory
- Garth Brooks and Dan Bailey from Yukon; Farming town

- *With OU in Charlottesville Regional CWS*

Jose Velasquez RHP Sophomore Phoenix, Arizona. Arizona Christian/ Glendale CC (#21)

- No real information on him, we'll see what I can't dredge up

Garrett Gruell OF Sophomore Grosbeck, Texas. Texas A&M CC (#22)

- Spent the last season at Murray State
- Hit .385 over 179 AB at Murray State
- 19 HR, an .804 SLG, Only 31 K to 26 BB
- 16 2B, a true power STAR
- Last year was an All-American at Murray St
- 2 2 HR games this past season
- Grosbeck from outside Waco

Dayne Pengelly RHP Sophomore Rio Rancho, N.M. Pima CC **FB (89) SL (81) CB (63) CH (69) #24**

- Spent last summer in the prospect league with the West Virginia Miners
- First-Team all-state team pitcher
- Likes to ride his bike and build rockets, interesting hobbies
- 27.1 IP with 3.62 ERA; 29 K and 17 BB
- 2-0 record in his 20 appearances
- 9.55 K/9
- Really good at home, struggled when he had to hit the road
- Blake Swihart from Rio Rancho

Kam Walton RHP Sophomore Cleburne, Texas. New Mexico **FB (92) CB (72) SL (83) CH (78) #25**

- 24th ranked RHP out of Texas, 52nd ranked player out of Texas
- DNP for New Mexico in 2022, nor in 2023
- Redshirted this year
- Good frame and strong athletic potential
- Closer in Summer ball and at HS, someone who can shut it down
- Was hit hard by the May 15th, 2013 Tornado outbreak was Cleburne
- Dillon Gee from Cleburne

Tyler LaRue 1B/C Junior Kendalia, Texas. Houston Christian University (#26)

- First drafted player I've seen, was selected by the Nationals in the 38th round of the 2019 draft out of Blanco HS
 - 1143 Overall pick

- Son of Jason LaRue, spent 1999-2006 with the Reds, then a year in KC and three in Stl
 - .231 hitter with 96 HR
 - 1 Year (2005) with an OPS+ over 100
- Tyler transferred from Rice where he hit .143 in 2020
- Having a good year at HCU, .244 with .369 OBP and 7 HR, .512 SLG
- Striking out and walking at about the same pace as he was before
- 3-6 v UT Rio Grande Valley on the 8th
- 8th ranked catcher coming out of HS in Texas, 92nd in the nation behind the backstop
- Pitched against the Plainsmen, closed out the 8-3 win because the Larks wanted to rest arms

Luuk ter Beek, RHP Junior Nieuw-Vennep, The Netherlands. Fort Hays State (#27)

- Last season with the Larks as well, in college in town
- Was on the cover of the Topsport Amsterdam Magazine in 2020, road to Tokyo edition
- 2017-2020 (age 16-19) in the Dutch Majors w/ Hoofddorp Pioneers and 1 with HCHW
- 4.32 ERA in his 4 seasons in The Netherlands, has appeared with the Dutch national teams
- 2.32 ERA in his final season, 82 K over his career
- Mid-America Christian transfer
- 10.13 ERA over 18.2 IP at Fort Hays State this season
- Arizona Western College before Mid-America, two years there
- 5-0 over his time at Arizona. Western
- From northern Holland, close to Amsterdam
- Half his town is development that was built around 2001

Carson Jacobs RHP Junior Hays, Kansas. North Dakota State University (#28)

- Transfer from Gateway CC where he had 59 K over 55.2 IP
- Son of Mary and Todd Jacobs
- Played Football and Basketball in HS
- 28.2 IP at NDSU with a 7.22 ERA; 23 ER w/ 33 K and 35 BB
- Had 4 K against South Dakota State w/ 0 ER over 3 IP, had the same line vs San Diego State
- Last three summers in summer ball
- 2021 with Newton Rebels and Cheney Diamond Dawgs of the Sunflower League in Kansas, 85 K over the summer

- 2022 with the Greenville Flyboys of the Appy League, 12.42 ERA over 16.2 IP 2/20 K and 16 BB
- Signed by the White Sox as a UDFA

~~Gunnar Brown~~ RHP Junior Houston, Texas. Cisco College **~~FB (89) CB (73) SL (78) CH (78) #29~~**

- ~~Affiliated with Sam Houston State in the past~~
- ~~Initially committed to Sam Houston, then moved to Cisco~~
- ~~109 career innings pitched with Cisco, 76.2 this season~~
- ~~5.10 ERA with 71 K and 49 BB~~
- ~~8-2 Record with 2 CG~~
- ~~Cisco is a township near Abilene near the center of the state~~

Michael Cruz RHP Junior San Angelo, Texas. Angelo State University **FB (82) CB (72) CH (74) #30**

- 1.1 IP over 4 games at Angelo State this season
- 0 ER allowed, projected shutdown man
- 4 Wild Pitches, has some swing in his swang
- 1 K 3 BB
- Pitch to contact and solid arm

Colby Langford LHP Sophomore Blanchard, Ok. University of Oklahoma **(#32)**

- Transfer from Murray State after last year
- 5-2 w/ 70 K over 59.0 IP and 13 Starts
- Due to transfer rules, DNP in 2023 for the Sooners
- 3.70 ERA over 73 IP 114 K and 35 BB and 1 GC in the 2022-23 season
- .208 Average allowed in his final season pitched with Murray State
- South of OKC near Norman
- *With OK at the Charlottesville Regional CWS*

Dylan Dreiling OF First-Year Hays, Kansas. Tennessee **(#33)**

- Top rated OF in the state of Kansas out of HS, 2nd overall prospect
- 53rd in the nation, 293 overall
- PG Grade of 9
- 6.89 60 split, good speed, 95 MPH Exit Velocity
- Super60 participant before Tennessee
- 3 run homer to run rule Wofford earlier
- Had injuries his senior year of Tendinitis early in the season then hamstring strain
- Played through the injuries and has gotten through to a great season
- .306/.434/.624 over 85 AB and 42 Games, started 22 of them

- 5 2B, 2 3B, 6 HR, has seen good pitching and mashed it
- 16 K and 20 BB, 17 RBI at the dish
- First career hit was in the MLB invitational against Grand Canyon
- First start was against Alabama A&M in a midweek in February
- His grandfather is Frank Leo, also was his HS coach
- Chose Tennessee over Mizzou and Arkansas
- Will Ferrell his favorite actor
- *Currently with Tennessee at College World Series (6/1 & 6/4)*

Tyler Schott LHP Sophomore Flower Mound, Texas. Dallas Baptist **FB (89) CB (73) SL (73) CH (75) #34**

- 17th ranked Lefty in Texas, 187 overall in the state
- Summer last year with the Cheney Diamond Dawgs
 - 1.62 ERA over 33.1 IP, K 40 and walked 17
- Had a solid 2 innings in 2022 with a 4.50 ERA, 12.00 over 3 was a tad more in 2023
- 7 Games this season
- Has good velocity, can ratched it up
- Fun to see what he can do against not solid D1 talent in summer ball with the Larks
- *With DBU at the Stillwater Regional CWS*

LIBERAL BEE-JAYS

(5-2; 1-0 H; 4-2 A)

***Rocky Mountain History for the Bee Jays

Bee Jays date lineage back to 1955 as this team

Were a founding member of the Jayhawks League in 1976

***Strong team. Bee Jays have won the conference 14 times and won the National Baseball Congress Championship 5 times

Most recent title was in 2000 under the NBC

August 4th, 2022: Bee Jays won their 200th NBC Game, a record

Have been to the NBC 53 times, a record

***Bee Jays have a named steeped in lore and baseball history

Team was named after Byron Bancroft "Ban" Johnson, the creator of the American League

Named after his name "BJ" Ban Johnson, who took over a struggling Minor League and turned it into a success

***Big names have been the big boss man in the past in Liberal

Bob Cerv was their first manager in the Jayhawk League, 12 big league seasons between the Yankees, the KC A's then back to the Yanks (crooked deals) and the Angels/Astros

Mike Hargrove was a 2 year manager with the team between '08 and '09

Took the gig after he was done with the Seattle Mariners ended in 2007

2x AL Pennant winner for Cleveland in 1995 and 1997, came 3 outs from a title on his birthday and then lost it all to the Marlins right after the clock struck midnight
Nathan McCaffrey just left being their manager after many seasons

***On the bench this season is Kelby Tomlinson, returning as manager of the Bee Jays
Played for the Giants between 2015 and 2018 in the majors, had a 110 OPS+ his first year and a career

Hit .265 with 3 career HR, also appeared in the Mariners and Rockies AAA systems before leaving the team

Played for the Bee Jays and came out of Texas Tech

*Lane Field is the AC, a student assistant at Oklahoma Panhandle State, joined partway through last year

***Liberal, let's get to know you a bit better

South Kansas, right along the border with Oklahoma

Literally the worst town I've ever stayed in. Hotel was awful (pee-soaked sheets, smoke detector detached from wall, generally awful smell)

PLAYERS BY NUMBER

Coldon Kiser 5'8" 185 OF First-Year Lubbock, Texas. Texas State University

- 1-6 with Texas State, Played in 3 games with 1 start
- Debuted against NDSU, 2 RBI single and a walk vs Coastal Carolina 3/25
- PG Grade of 9, 35th ranked OF in the state of Texas
- Dad Beau played baseball at Ranger College, brother Christian played baseball at Odessa Junior College
- Grandfather played football at Texas Tech
- Gives hitting lessons in his spare time
- First-team all district at Friendship HS
- Offensive MVP with his HS team
- Was a DB on the HS football team, all district nominee
- National Honor Society Member

Tyson Carlton 6'5" 195 RHP Sophomore Princeton, Texas. Prairie View A&M

- Transferred from Dallas College Eastfield (Harvester Bees)
- 29.2 IP, 32 H, 19 R, 18 ER, 23 BB, 33 K with DCE, 5.46 ERA
- DNP in 2023 due to transfer eligibility
- Cecil Cooper attended PV A&M, so did Mr. T
- Not a ton of baseball stuff on him, not cool
- Princeton is just north of Dallas

Issac Webb 5'11" 165 INF Junior Collinsville, Ok. Arkansas

- Transferred from Eastern Oklahoma State College (JuCo)
- .414/.496/.581 slash with EOSC in 2022, 14 2B 2 3B, 33-36 in SB and 6 HR
- 2nd ranked shortstop in the state of Oklahoma out of HS, 9th total player in the 2020 HS class
- Collinsville is in the Tulsa metro area
- Pop. of 5,606 in Collinsville, known for zinc smelting

Owen May 6'1" 185 SS First-Year Bakersfield, Calif. Point Loma University

- Nicknamed O-Dog by his PLU teammates
- .244/.364 with 12 Walks, also hit 3 HR
- Stole 7 bases with PL
- Was hit by 6 pitches, can wear it if needed
- Likes to snowboard, is an Angels fan and fav. player is Bo Bichette

- 2021 Liberty HS DPoy, 2022 HS League MVP

Konnar Williams 6'2" 195 P Sophomore Rosharon, Texas. Prairie View A&M

- No stats with PVA&M, second player from the panthers
- Small town that sprung up around the railroad in 1859
- Coastal town on the gulf
- Little Cambodia in Rosharon, largest population of Cambodians in the Houston Metro Area

Ryota Kusumoto 5'11" 180 2B Junior Cairns, Australia. OPSU

- Had the highest BA (.309) of any qualified OPSU player, 5 points higher than T. Bond
- Slashed .309/.407/.388 with 6 2B and 3 3B, 0 HR
- 19 BB and 6 HBP, patient hitter
- Nickname: Yoda
- Hometown is the gateway to the great barrier reef
- Miles CC transfer

Nick Husovsky 6'2" 190 IF Sophomore Ramona, Calif. San Diego Mesa

- Webster University transfer
- Hit .286 with .368 OBP with the New York Crush of the Atlantic Collegiate Baseball League
- No stats this year with San Diego Mesa
- Pitched 2 innings for NY Crush
- College team nicknamed the Olympians

Kage Ralstin 5'10" 190 RHP INCOMING First-Year Elkhart, Kansas. Butler CC

- Committed to Butler CC
- This will be his preview for college, out of HS one of top 2-1A division players in Kansas
- Elkhart not far from Liberal, also on the KS Oklahoma border
- Founded in 1913 and named after city in Indiana
- Also 8 miles from Colorado border in Kansas

Luke Rhee 5'10" 170 2B/OF First-Year San Diego, Calif. San Diego Mesa

- Teammate of Husovsky
- PG grade of 7, no rankings in CA or in US
- Speedy, 7.30 60 Yard Dash
- Hit .304 in HS

Mateo Garcia 6'0" 180 3B First-Year Turlock, Calif. San Joaquin Delta CC

- Can't access his stats
- College baseball team is one of the best in CC California, winning 2 titles since 2011
- Pat Doyle was the former baseball HC, coached USA in 1994 Baseball World Cup and 2010 team GB in European Championships
- Steven and Tyler Soderstorm from Turlock

Ethan Calder 6'0" 190 OF/P First-Year Lake Travis, Texas. Baylor

- 1-10 at the plate, pitched in 32.2 Innings with Baylor
- Lone hit came against Rice
- 5K and 2ER vs Texas
- 6.89 ERA, 30K 11BB with the Bears
- 24th ranked LHP in Texas out of HS
- 2022 HS Utility player of the year
- Both his parents went to Baylor, his grandad Billy played football with Baylor
- By a large reservoir in East-Central Texas
- HS was the same one that Cameron Dicker attended along with Brett Baty and Baker Mayfield; Lake Travis HS

Tristan Crusenberry 6'3" 195 RHP Sophomore Owensboro, Ky. Olney Central CC

- Is deaf since a toddler, but has always been playing baseball
- Has implants in his ear to help him hear
- Appeared in "The Silent Natural", an Indie movie about William "Dummy" Hoy, the first deaf player in MLB
 - Filmed all in Kentucky, played numerous deaf players in the film
- No stats

Silas Shaffer 6'3" 205 C First-Year Mount Vernon, Ky. Eastern Kentucky University

- Was committed to Walters State CC, now transferred to ECU
- 2nd ranked Catcher in Kentucky, 7th player overall and 79th Catcher in US out of HS
- 1.97 pop-time, can get the ball down to second
- No Stats with Walters State that I can find

River Jackson 5'8" 170 2B First-Year Greeley, Colo. San Joaquin Delta CC

- One of 4 SJDCC players
- 7.5 PG grade, born not far from North Platte

Ryder Slatten 6'4" 190 RHP First-Year El Dorado Hills, Calif. San Joaquin Delta CC

- PG 232 best pitcher in Calif out of HS
- El Dorado Hills a suburb of Sacramento home to Derrick Lee of MLB

Jackson Schofield 6'4" 200 1B/OF First-Year Dublin, Calif. San Joaquin Delta CC

- Appeared in a few PG showcases back in HS
- Dublin is just north of Fremont, California. Slightly east of SF Bay
- TE Justin Peelle is from Dublin, Calif

Walker Polk 6'3" 230 1B First-Year Coppell, Texas. Baylor

- .224/.356/.449 with 2 2B and 3 HR, 7 RBI and 8 BB to 21K in first year
- Had a home run vs Oklahoma earlier in the season, started in 14 of 21 games played
- PG Grade of 9, was a catcher in HS before moving around the IF
- 6th ranked C in all of Texas, 45th in the nation
- 7 all-tournament team for Perfect Game
- Both his parents are Baylor alums, his brother Hudson plays baseball for Arkansas

Jett Brown 6'4" 220 OF Junior Liberal, Kansas. OPSU

- Hit just .200 but had 3 SH and 3 SF, driving in a total of 18 runs
- Second year with the Bee Jays
- OPSU just an hour from Liberal, all the OPSU guys back in their local area
- Transferred from a JuCo somewhere to get that Junior eligibility

Hunter Phillips 6'0" 195 RHP Sophomore Amarillo, Texas. Howard CC

- Transfer from Clarendon College, same school as Rui Yoshida. No stats
- Howard CC is in Columbia, Maryland
- Closer to DC and Baltimore, near Silver Springs
- A bit of a tech school
- Amarillo originally named Oneida
- Helium capital of the world, called the yellow rose of Texas
- Amarillo means yellow in Spanish

Adrian Najar 5'10" 197 RHP First-Year Desoto, Texas. Texas State University

- Redshirted in his freshman year so no stats
- South Grande Prairie HS, HC was Paul Ylida
- All-District MVP and All-Dallas Area Team First-Team
- Led HS in IP (58.1), ERA (1.32), and K (71) as a senior
- PG Grade 7, can play pretty much everywhere
- 90 MPH fastball, can really sling it
- Desoto grew exponentially after WW2

- Settled in 1847, one of the oldest cities in North Texas

Luke Wilkerson 6'4" 200 RHP First-Year Ocala, Fla. Eastern Kentucky University

- DNP with ECU his first-year
- Hit .300 w/ 9 2B and 2 HR his junior year of HS
- PG score of 9 and was the 134th player out of Florida in HS
- 98 MPH exit velo with PG, has a fastball of 89, don't be surprised if the Bee Jays use him in the field
- Was rated as a 1B in HS, could slot there
- Uncle Drew Ditty played baseball with Stanford
- Ocala the horse capital of the world, home to over 400 thoroughbred farms and training centers
- Troy Glaus from Ocala as was John Travolta

Justin Hudson 6'4" 220 1B Sophomore Colorado Springs, Co. Butler CC

- .316/.463/.695 with 16 HR at Butler CC
- 18 Doubles, 55 total Hits with 121 TB and 34 XBH
- 34 Walks to 39 K, fairly respectable
- 4 SB
- Lewis-Palmer HS, 1st-Team All-Conference selection
- Texas Rangers fan and likes to eat Panda Express
- Colorado City is the largest physical city in Colorado
- Goose Gossage from Colorado Springs

Zane Eylar 5'11" 215 C First-Year Balko, Ok. Seward County Community College

- 0-8 at the plate in 6 games with SCCC
- Had 1 DP turned for SCCC
- 2 Walks 4 K
- SCCC is in Liberal, so staying at school to play some summer ball
- Balko in the Oklahoma panhandle, not far from Liberal
- 623 people from Balko
- Ranching and oil town, has a truck stop diner and gas station

Derek Lukes 6'0" 210 C First-Year Castle Pine, Co. Point Loma

- 9-27 (.333) with PLNU, had 2 2B and 1 HR
- 9 RBI, 0BB but 3 HBP, 6 K
- 2 Sac Flies
- Had his HR against Biola, 2 H game in his first game vs. CSU San Bernardino
- PG grade of 8.5, was the 6th rated C in all of Colorado
- Castle Pine is almost the center of Colorado, mid-sized city

Holden Carpenter 6'2" 215 LHP First-Year San Marcos, Calif. Point Loma

- 0.1 Innings pitched, allowed 4 ER and walked 3 batters, allowed just 1 Hit
- Hit 2 batters as well, struggled on the bump
- CSU San Bernardino was the team he pitched against
- San Marcos HS, had a 3.16 ERA with 44.1 IP, 48 K
- Communications and Kinesiology double major
- 100 P is his nickname, lemon pepper wings his favorite food
- San Marcos is a bit north of San Diego

Tyler Hankins 6'7" 270 RHP Junior Norman, Ok. Rogers State University

- Transfer from Carl Albert State
- 20.2 IP, 12.63 ERA with 21 K and 14 BB this past year
- 2023 was his first year with Rogers State
- 27 games with 79 IP and 7.63 ERA at Carl Albert State
- OKC Metro All-City First Baseman in HS
- Oklahoma Fuel and Oklahoma Sandlot club baseball team
- Father Bret Hankins played football at Notre Dame, was an OT

Owen Barger 5'11" 190 OF First-Year Shepherdsville, Ky. Eastern Kentucky

- Redshirted this season, DNP for ECU
- NHSCA All-American first-team and second-team all-state
- Hit .454 as a senior w/ 6 HR and 7 2B
- Sheperdsville is just south of Louisville
- NASCAR Driver Wayne Edwards from Sheperdsville

CAGE RATS BASEBALL [COLORADO SPRINGS]

(3-0; 0-0 H; 3-0 A)

***Bringing baseball back to Colorado Springs at a long time
Work with the Rocky Mountain Vibes on summer baseball in the city
City lost the Sky Sox after 2018, the team was then with the Brew Crew

***Rocky Mountain League is a major contributor to the Plainsmen schedule
Gameday Angels (Parker, Col), Denver Cougars (Denver), Hays Larks (Hays), Dodge City A's (Dodge City), Liberal Bee Jays (Liberal) all on the Plainsmen schedule

***Same team new make up in this season
2023 is the first year the CageRats have a summer league team
Goal to provide a summer home for elite D1 baseball talent from top schools and conferences

***Playing in an established league for a few first timers
RMBL was founded in 1999 and has been playing summer ball on the plains and in the mountains ever since

PLAYERS

Matthew Lemke 6'0" 180 OF First-Year Overland Park, Kan. Kansas State University

- DNP in 2023 for the Wildcats
- Played in 2022 for the Hastings Sodbusters, .149/.220/.203, 2 2B 3B 8 RBI, 5 BB 2 SB
- Kansas 6A All-State First-Team team in HS, .472 as senior with 6 2B 3 3B 2 HR
- 14th overall prospect in Kansas by PG, 5th 2B
- Born in Mount Olive, N.J., North Central Jersey, 3 hrs from IC and 38 miles from Newark
- Grandfather Gary played for Western Michigan and was drafted by the Yankees
- Overland Park is a suburb of KC, borders the city
- 2nd largest city in Kansas by Pop, below Wichita and above KC

Tad Reida

Matthew Whitting 5'6" 165 C First-Year Houston, Texas. Blinn College

- Hit .261/.453/.326 at Blinn, 12 H, 12 R 9 RBI, 13 BB 16 K, 0-2 SB/A
- Blinn is in College Station Texas, between Houston and Waco
- Went to Lamar HS, just outside the downtown area of Houston

- Anthony Rendon went to Lamar HS
- PG Grade of 9
- 15th C in Texas, 142nd in the entire nation

Lane Harris 6'1" RHP First-Year Papillon, Neb. Hastings College

- Same hometown as Cade Owens
- 11 IP, 23.73 ERA 29 ER 34 H 5 HR with Hastings
- Hastings south of Kearney, about 2 hours 145 Miles from Platte
- 150 miles between home and school

Cayden Phillips 6'3" 200 C Sophomore Amarillo, Texas. Kansas State

- 0-6 in 2022 w/ Wildcats, 3-12 this past year
- Of 3 H, 2 were 2B for 3 RBI and R, 0BB 3K
- Started 3 games as catcher for K-State
- Academic All-Big 12 Rookie Team, Spring 2022 Big 12 Commissioner's Honor Roll
- Captain and co-MVP of HS team as a senior
- Played football in HS
- Originally committed to Dallas Baptist before flipping to K-State
- 14th ranked C in Texas, 123rd in US

Holden Jatzlau 6'2" 175 OF Sophomore Giddings, Texas. Paris JC

- **Yacht-Slaw**
- .259/.344/.352 14H 11R 9RBI 5K 10BB past year at Paris JC
- 7.5 PG Grade, played for Batter's Box Black travel team
- Giddings between Austin and Houston, nearish College Station
- Hilton Smith of the KC Monarchs and other Negro Leagues teams was from Giddings

Josh Miller RHP Sophomore Ruston, La. Bossier Parish CC

- 35.2 IP, 44H 32R 24ER 30BB 28K 6.06 ERA over 15 GP 6 GS (1-3)
- Parish borders Shreveport, Ruston not too far to the east
- Ruston home to Louisiana Tech

Coby DeJesus 5'11" 150 IF First-Year Diboll, Texas. University of Houston

- 2-12 at the dish for Houston, also pitched 0.2 innings vs USF
- 4R, 2BB 5K this season, 2H came PVAMU and Southern
- Committed just 1 Error to 6 PO in 10 opportunities defensively
- Brother Luis was drafted in 2011 by the Cleveland Guardians
- Other brother Eric played 4 years with Stephen F Austin

- PG Grade of 8, 26th ranked SS out of HS in Texas
- Diboll NE of Houston, closeish to LA border

Jackson Hower 6'4" 210 OF Sophomore Erie, Pa. Dartmouth

- .213 career, .229 this past season with .333/.343 (24-105) 6 2B 2 HR 10 RBI 7 BB 10 HBP 32K SF
- 0 career errors with Dartmouth
- Dartmouth lost series to Cornell, were not very good in Ivy play
- Lettered for 4 years in basketball in HS
- Born in Pittsburgh, Pa
- Grandfather Barry Grossman played baseball at Cornell in the mid 1960s where he met Jackson's grandmother to be, who was on the swim team
- Two of his uncles played football, with one at Wake Forest
- 2022 summer with the Grand Lake Mariners of the Great Lakes Summer Collegiate League: .265/.425/.338 with 14 H, 7RBI, 14BB 25K, 5-6 SB/A
- Mariners in Celina, Ohio, Western Ohio NW of Dayton and Columbus
- 9th ranked OF out of Pa, 371st in the nation and 68th overall player in Pa

Mac Bruke 6'4" 210 RHP First-Year Woodbridge, Conn. Dartmouth College

- 20.2 IP 37H 32R 30ER 14BB 14K 92B 3B HR 5WP 10HBP 18 APP 0GS (0-3)
- 13.06 ERA with the Big Green: Pitched vs Cornell with 0.2, 2BB K
- All-CT state honors in Junior year, 2x Captain and all-Conference
- Born in New Haven, Ct
- Uncle William McAllister went to Dartmouth, class of 1984
- Brother Quinnlan played baseball at Colby College in Waterville
- Ranked as a SS in HS, 7th in CT and 42nd overall player in the state

Ryan Dollar 6'3" 220 RHP First-Year Houston, Texas. University of Houston

- 6GP 1GS, 1.2IP 9H 13R 13ER 12BB 3K 2HR .692 OBA 2WP
- Failed to record an out in 3 outings, including vs UTSA who had 2ER on BB against him and HCU who scored 3ER on BB and PVAMU w/ 2ER
- Prep school at MacArthur HS
- 3 siblings
- PG 9, 7th RHP in Texas 98th in USA, 30th overall prospect in Texas
- Should have a bounceback soon

Blake Wilson 6'0" 180 IF First-Year Castle Pines, Colo. Fort Scott/K-State

- Transferring over to Kansas State
- .351/.444/.580 61H 14 2B 3B 8HR 44R 40RBI 27BB 38K 4-6 SB/A 2SF
- 4 3H games and a 4H game, can rack them up good

- Castle Pines in the Front Range corridor, became its own separate community in 2007 via populus vote

Kasey Campbell 6'1" 205 OF RS Sophomore Vista, Calif. UC Colorado Springs

- .393/.475/.689 48H 27R 26RBI 13 2B 3B 7HR 16-21 BB-K 3HBP
- Nearly doubled his HR total this past year from before, had 4 in 2022
- Hit 2HR at Colorado Mesa 4/23
- 7 Multi-RBI days including 5RBI at Colorado Mesa (23rd)
- Hit over .500 as a freshman in HS, .415 in his Junior and final HS baseball season
- Played FB in HS, all second-team baseball
- Member of the Drama Club
- 8 PG, 88th OF in Cali and 955th OF in the USA
- Plays for Cage Rats at same ballpark they use for UCCS
- Vista is north of San Diego by Carlsbad and near the coast

Benjamin Tate 6'1" 200 IF First-Year Keller, Texas. Hill College

- Keller part of the DFW metroplex
- Home to over 45,000 Texans
- Jeff Banister from Keller along with Sheldon Neuse
- Keller known for its hiking and biking trails

Cole Abbott 6'2" 220 RHP First-Year Bixby, Ok. Cowley County CC

- 33.1 IP 20G 0S (3-2) 3SV 37H 16R 13ER 6BB 33K 6HR 3.51 ERA 8.91 K/9
- 23rd RHP in Oklahoma, 62nd in the state overall and 2,081st RHP in USA
- Bixby on the banks of the Arkansas River
- Just south of Tulsa to the north
- OF Roy Foster of Cleveland from Bixby
- Movie and book Tex is set in Bixby
- Town nickname "the garden spot of Oklahoma"

Braedyn Cunningham 6'4" 225 RHP First-Year Lantana, Texas. University of Houston

- 10GP 0GS, 12.2 IP 9H 8R 8ER 8BB 4K 5.68 ERA SV 2 2B 3B HR 2WP 2HBP
- Struggled vs Rice and Cincinnati, but looked good in his other outings
- 3 IP, K vs Tulane and 3IP ER vs HCU
- 2K over 0.2IP vs USF right after his bad Rice outing
- Denton Guyer HS
- NHS Member, 2022 First-Team All-Academic 1st-State
- Dad J.R. played basketball at Arizona State from '94-98
- 8.5 PG, 67th RHP in Texas and 201 in the state overall

- Lantana NW of Dallas, in the same urban sprawl but at the edge
- Lantana is built around a golf course

Gavin Duvall 6'5" 220 RHP First-Year Henderson, Nev. Colorado NWestern

- Nothing that I can find from CNW
- Recorded a max exit velo of 90.4
- Henderson just south of Vegas

Brady Chappell 6'4" 205 RHP Junior Watertown, Tenn. Dartmouth

- 3rd member of the Rats who goes to the Big Green
- 25.2 IP all-time at Dartmouth, 43H 44R 34ER 21BB 24K 11.92 ERA 10 2B 2 3B 4HR 10HBP
- Father Tim played baseball at Lipscomb
- 2021 with the South County Braves of the Cap Ripken Baseball League
 - Vienna, Virginia
- Watertown is Central-East Tennessee, NE of Murfreesboro
- Fire in 1903 destroyed a good bit of the town

GREELEY GRAYS

(0-2; 0-0 H; 0-2 A)

***Baseball history is rich in Greeley Colorado

Hispanic workers made up a majority of the Great Western Sugar Company, took up baseball as a way to get away from work and distress
These formed the early Grays, who have been in the RMBL and NBC for a while
Formed in 1925

***Mile High Baseball League is the home for the Greys

This is their 10th year in the MHBL, a league with other opponents the Plainsmen will face

Ft. Collins Force, Bloomfield Barn Owls also in the MHBL

The league is owned by former MLB pitcher Jason Hirsh and Amanda Kubec, Hirsh pitched for the Rockies in the past

Kubec was an intern with the MHCBL then moved into ownership in 2017

***MHCBL has strong ties to good ballplayers

Griffin Jax; was the first pitcher to make the majors from Air Force (Denver Generals) now with the Twins

Kyle Freeland pitched for the Denver Titans and now pitches for the Rockies

***A bit about Greeley, Colorado

Largest city in Weld County, Colorado; 10th most populous city in Colorado
49 miles from Denver

KFKA Radio in Greeley was one of the first to broadcast in the US

First city to have a department of culture, philharmonic built in 1911

Subject to the Chinook winds along the plains which warms the area

***Thorn in the paw

Plainsmen walked off the Grays for first win at Bill Wood Field in 2023

Crazy sequenced on a Kelly SF, Mitsuki ran all the way from third on a shallow F8 and forced a bad throw and relay to score the winning run

Drew Woytek 6'1" 175 IF First-Year Grand Junction, Colo. Otero JC

- .321/.406/.393 w/ 28 K and 8 BB, 15 RBI, HR
- Hit .405 on the road with a .375 average in the month of May
- Was hit by 4 pitches at Otero
- Otero is in La Junta, Colorado. Southern Co. nearish the NM border
- Grand Junction is the confluence of the Gunnison River

- JuCo World Series held in Grand Junction

Cesar Galvan 6'2" 225 1B Junior Greeley, Colo. York University

- .341/.408/.716 in 88 AB, 9 HR and 31 RBI. 30 H
- 1.124 OPS
- 9 BB and 28 K
- Hit .191 in the year before
- All 9 career HR have come in the past season
- Northridge HS
- An umpire for the Northern Colorado Sports Officials
- York is halfway between Lincoln and Kearney

Bryce Leafgren 6'1" 200 IF RS First-Year Eaton, Colo. University of Mary

- 2 AB, 1 BB and 2 K and scored a run
- DNP in 2022 due to Redshirt
- Goes to school in Bismarck, N.D.
- Travel ball team was in Greeley, the Greeley GoJos
- Played 2B and SS with the GoJos, same positions as with Mary
- Enjoys hunting, has a partner deal with LiquidIV
- Played basketball in HS
- Eaton is just north of Greeley, outside Fort Collins
- Austin Ekler went to HS at Eaton

Parker Ross 5'9" 150 IF Sophomore Rock Springs, Wy. Northwestern College

- Just transferred from Dawson CC
- 2-5 with 2 TB with the Buccaneers
- Middle IF at Dawson, likely to continue with that
- Rockies fan
- Made appearance for Grays on Opening Day
- Rock Springs, 5th largest city in Wy. Close to Utah and Colo. border

Tyson Tellez 5'8" 150 IF Sophomore Fort Collins, Colo. Porterville Junior College

- Hit .255 in 2022 with 5 BB and 12 K
- Pitched 1 inning in 2022, allowed 4 R and 1 ER a walk and a K
- Has appeared for Colorado Classic Baseball before
- School halfway between Bakersfield and Fresno, Calif.
- One of many players from Greeley area

Levi Randall 5'9" 185 OF First-Year Enterprise, Utah. Utah Tech University

- 1-8 with a walk and 3 K at UT

- Hit came in his first game at UT, vs Wichita State on 2/25
- Walked vs Utah Valley
- 2 AB vs Arizona, his most in a single game
- 0 Steals
- 3 sport athlete in HS (Track & Field, Basketball, Baseball)
- Won 3 individual state championships at T&F
- Basketball team made Utah State QF, baseball team lost in state championship
- Called an under the radar guy by his HS coach
- 4.0 HS GPA, accounting major at Dixie State
- Member of the Enterprise Hope Squad, a suicide prevention program
- Was born in Pocatello, Idaho of Bud and Carmel Randall
- Was recruited by BYU, GCU, Cal State Bakersfield
- Basketball team was runners-up in Utah 2020

Kaelen Bing 5'10" 175 OF First-Year Aurora, Colo. Garden City CC

- .252/.355/.333 with 40 H, 9 2B and 2 3B. 44 K 23 BB
- 17-22 on SB
- Hit consistent throughout the season, slumped a bit around the end
- Troskey American 2022 travel team
- Cherokee Trail HS
- School in Garden City, Kansas. Western part of the state

Jaden Fulsher 6'0" 190 OF First-Year Gresham, Or. Menlo College

- JUST transferred to Menlo from Centralia College about 5 Weeks ago
- Played 2 seasons with Centralia, hit .150 in 1st and .159 in the second
- 51 total K to 23 BB, 2 career HR with just 26 H
- 12-14 SB, used more for his speed and abilities there
- Spent 2021 with the Portland Pickles. 0-4 w/ 3K
- Played 5 games with the Pickles, 2 in R and C, 1 in LF
- Gresham is a suburb of Portland, Oregon
- Brian Burres of the O's was from Gresham
- Former college was in Washington, new one in California

KJ Hartline 5'10" 170 OF Sophomore North Platte, Neb. Missouri Valley College

- Hometown kid for the Plainsmen
- Transferred from McCook CC, south of NP on Route 83
- DNP in 2023, 0-3 with McCook
- Kinda reminds me of E, looks a bit like him
- MVC in Marshall, about half between Columbia and K.C.

Andrew Meick 5'9" 172 OF First-Year Sterling, Colo. McCook CC

- Same CC that Harline went to year before
- Can't find his numbers at McCook
- Work with Colorado Classic Baseball out of Sterling High School
- Sterling, where we stopped for a break on the trip to Aurora
- Largest city in the Colorado plains not in the Front Range Urban Corridor
- Northeastern JC is in Sterling

Ty Yurkovich 6'4" 200 OF Sophomore Chargin Falls, Ohio. Milligan University

- Transferred from Dawson CC
- 3-13 this season, 2 2B and 3 RBI. 2 BB 4 K
- Hadn't had an AB coming into this season since April
- 3-25 5 BB 11 K with Dawson in 2022
- 0 XBH with Dawson, power came at Milligan
- Chargin Falls is S.E. of Cleveland
- Home to Rick Manning of the Brewers and Guardians
- Calvin and Hobbs creator Bill Watterson from Chargin Falls

Brogan Barr 6'2" 175 C/UTL First-Year Eaton, Colo. Garden City CC

- 0 GP at GCCC
- Played football in HS, won a Colorado State title with Eaton HS in 2021
- Bryce Leafgren and him from same town and HS

Cru Walker 5'10" 190 C RS First-Year Bismark, N.D. University of Mary

- 2-16 this past year, 2 BB HBP 3 K
- 6 GP 5 GS, didn't find luck with the bat
- Hits vs Northern State and Truman State
- Was a senior leader on his HS baseball team
- Legacy Baseball as well, was the leader there
- Brings good energy to the Grays
- Bismark home to the Larks of the Northwoods League

Hayes Edens 5'11" 175 C Sophomore Hudson, Colo. Shasta College

- Transferred down from Marshall, went 0-2 vs. St. Bonaventure and Oakland
- Appeared vs Northeastern University
- .269/.355/.469 with Shasta, had 6 2B and 7 HR
- 10 BB and 35 K, 2-3 on the Steals
- Had 2 HR vs Redwoods; 4-6 in that game
- 3-5 in his next game against Redwoods
- 7 2H games

- 19-55 in March (.345), 7-42 in April (.167)
- Weld Central HS
- Hudson a population of 1,651, small town on the Northern Plains

Andrew Bowman 6'4" 190 P Sophomore Arvada, Colo. Garden City CC

- Just transferred from Northern Oklahoma-Enid
- 25th ranked RHP in Colorado out of HS
- 70th best player in Colorado out of High School
- Showcase FB topped out at 87
- Arvada is a suburb of Denver, borders Golden
- Roy Halliday from Arvada

Carson Fagan 6'0" 195 P First-Year Greeley, Colo. University of Mary **FB (83) CB (74) SL (74) CH (76)**

- 9 GP 2 GS 24.2 IP 6.57 ERA 12 K 6 BB (2-1)
- Allowed 5 HR
- Batters averaged .352 against him, threw away 3 WP and hit 5 batters
- Was a 1x UMary Athlete of the Week for mens sports, announced 4/11

Reilly Hudson 6'2" 180 P First-Year Windsor, Colo. Missouri Valley College

- No stats at MVC
- Not much on him
- Northern Colorado Owlz of the Future Legends Complex (formerly Pioneer League) in Windsor
- Kodak had a manufacturing plant in Windsor

Bryson Knapp 6'2" 180 P Sophomore Berthoud, Colo. Nebraska Wesleyan University

- Transfer from Garden City CC
- 29.1 IP at NWU, 4.60 ERA w/ 18 K and 15 BB
- .264 BA
- 11 AP, 6 GS, 1 CG (1-5) SV
- Save vs Simpson, 3 K in 1 IP
- CG was 9 IP, 6 H, 6 K 1 BB vs Central, first game after Simpson Save
- NWU in Lincoln
- Berthoud next to Windsor
- Had a solid sugar beet industry during the war, bolstered by German POWs

Alek Martinez 6'0" 200 P Sophomore Thornton, Colo. Bakersfield College **FB (78) CB (69) CH (73)**

- .311/.400/.450 in 2023, 33 K 22 BB over 47 H

- 5-7 on SB opportunities
- 2 HR this year, only ones he hit in college
- Speed was last measured in 2019, so take that with a grain of salt
- Only pitched 3 innings this year, 1 H 2 BB 2 K
- Plays at first base most often
- Thornton is just around the Sterling area
- Kyle Sleeth, formerly of the Tigers system, from Thornton
- Used to be just farmland until the mid 50s, has become a bigger city since then (118,772 people)

Logan Moser 6'4" 190 P RS First-Year Eaton, Colo. University of Mary FB (86) CB (73) SL (75) CH (78)

- 13.2 IP, 27 R 25 ER 16.46 ERA. 11 K 13 BB, allowed 3 HR
- .365 opp Average, hit 10 batters
- DNP in 2022 due to Redshirt status
- 2022 summer with the Sylvan Lake Gulls of the Western Canadian Baseball League
- 17 IP, 24 H 16 ER, 11 K 10 BB 5 HBP (0-2, 2 SV)
- Sylvan Lake is in Alberta, about half way between Calgary and Edmonton
- Just outside of Red Deer
- Command and getting stuff over his biggest issue

Dante Philip-Neri 5'10" 205 P HS SENIOR Westminster, Colo. Garden City CC FB (80) CB (75)

- Just graduated from Pomona HS
- Played on the Elite Colorado Travel Team
- 18 Years Old and playing for the Grays, JUST turned 18
- Appeared for the Dirt Devils Malkin team

Ryan Ward 6'3" 180 P Windsor, Colo. Midland University

- Can't find his page online or at Midland University

Wyatt Zsidsin 6'2" 205 P Sophomore Mead, Colo. Regis University

- JUST transferred from Western Nebraska
- Had 43.1 IP over 2 years, 55 ER 11.42 ERA. 25 BB 35 K
- 2-6 record, 18 GP 7 GS at WNC
- Moving over to D2 Regis in Denver, home of the RoughRiders
- Mead is way up north
- Die Hard 2 used locations in Mead for filming, Highland Lake Church and some of the plains

COLORADO ROUGHRIDERS

(2-2; 1-1 H; 1-1 A)

***More firepower in the RMBL, joining the Larks and other teams the Plainsmen face in this wood bat league

***Regis University is home sweet home for the Roughriders
Also play games at Wheat Ridge HS, which is where they played the Plainsmen on 6/19

***Collegiate team is the highest level of Rough Riders rung
Have development teams similar to the Grays and Marucci, like a lot of other teams

***Roughriders are all sport athletes
Teams play hockey and basketball under the Roughriders name as a developmental team

***RMBL and the ties to the NBC World Series
RMBL sends the top team on the regular season and the winner of the RMBL to the NBC World Series tournament
NCB Tournament is held each year in Wichita

PLAYERS

Westin Miller 5'8" 185 IF Sophomore Golden, Colo. Regis University

- 6-22 at the plate this year, 11-32 the year before at Regis (.273/.344)
- 2 2B, 4 RBI, 2 BB 5 K this year
- Letterwinner his first year
- Wheat Ridge HS Graduate
- Son of Adam and Shayna Miller
- Golden home to Colorado School of Mines, D2 runner up in football
- Baseball player Cowboy Jones was from Golden
- Golden known as the Lowell of the west, in reference to Lowell, Mass
- 0-3, 2BB 2K both dropped third strike Ks vs NP 6/19

Caleb McClellan OF Kansas City, Mo. University of Saint Mary's

- Hit .414 over 191 AB this season, .464/.592 to round slash
- 3 HR, 35 RBI, 12 BB 13 K, 79 H
- 4-4 vs William Penn (Ia)
- Only had 5 games where he played and didn't get a hit
- Went 5-21 the year before, cleaned up his game for sure

- School in Leavenworth, Kansas, home to the American Military prison
- 0-3, BB HBP vs NPP 6/19

Ian Baldwin 5'9" 170 OF First-Year Arvada, Colo. Simpson College

- .259 hitter, 44 H 5 BB 29 K
- 19 RBI, 3-5 SB/A, 23 R scored
- Started and ended the season hot, the middle months were more average
- First-team all-Conference in HS (2022)
- Ralston Valley HS
- Simpson is in Iowa
- Arvada home to Roy Halliday
- Son of Elseth and Dustin, sports admin major

****Cannon Frost** 6'0" 170 OF/P HS SENIOR Westminster, Colo. USC-Aiken

- Graduated from Standley Lake HS just recently
- 17 YEARS OLD (both times Plainsmen face RR)
- 2021 18U Wheat Ridge Colorado Colorado Rockies Sophomore Scout Team
- Westminster is a suburb of Denver

Andrew LePerle 5'8" 175 IF/P First-Year Arvada, Colo. USC-Union

- Also goes to a South Carolina system school, just like Frost
- .222/.300/.222 2H RBI BB 2K 1-1 SB/A
- Both H came against Montreat JV 2/27, went 2-3 that day
- Graduated from Ralston Valley HS
- Not the biggest power hitter, more of contact
- 0-3; BB K FC vs Plainsmen 6/19

Nick Varda 5'10" 170 IF RS Freshman Columbia, Md. Transfer Portal

- Was previously at USC-Aiken, Rough Riders roster has him listed as undecided
- .250/.250/.250 (2-8) 2RBI 4K, 4E committed and a .500 Fielding%
- Hit .300 in HS at Atholton HS and a .980 Fielding%
- HS Team Captain as a Junior
- Club team was the Rawlings A's
- Columbia is halfway between Baltimore and D.C.
- Steve Lombardozzi is from Columbia

Mark Hamre 6'3" 210 OF/1B First-Year Arvada, Colo. Butler CC

- Listed as Markus Hamre on every page about him, but Mark on the Rough Riders roster
- .200/.329/.329 14H 3 2B 2HR 12RBI 12BB 29K 12R 0-1 SB/A in his first year

- .947 Fielding%, 2E committed defensively
- Hit far better for Butler on the road, .259 as opposed to .162
- Butler CC is in Kansas, as opposed to Butler County CC in western PA
- El Dorado, Kansas, just outside of Wichita
- Mascot are the grizzlies
- Stephen Jackson, former NBA player and champion went to Butler CC
- 1-4 2R 2B K vs NP 6/19, scored the winning run in the bottom of the 7th

Brayden Miracle 6'1" 170 C Sophomore Arvada, Colo. Sewanee University of the South

- 0-2, 4GP 1S 5 defensive putouts with Sewanee in 2023
- SAA Conference Academic Honor Roll 2023
- Lettered in baseball at Ralston Valley HS, All-Conference honorable mention 2x First-Team Academic All-State honors
- Son of Doug Miracle and Lisa Glenn
- PG Grade of 7.5, on the Colorado Rockies Soph. Scout Team as a prep team
- Sewanee in southern Tennessee, near Tullahoma and a not too far distance from Chattanooga
- Charlie Dexter of the Boston Braves/Beaneaters and early Cubs teams went to Sewanee
- 1-4 R RBI vs NP 6/19

Ryan Chacon 5'11" 200 P Sophomore Northglenn, Colo. Oklahoma Christian

- No stats from his first year with OCU, DNP
- Graduate of Holy Family HS in Broomfield, just north of Denver
- Can't find anything from his time at OCU
- Hit a walk-off to beat Cheyenne Mountain HS in 2021 in the state tournament
- Northglenn a suburb of Denver, part of the greater Denver metro area

Danny Baker 5'11" 1B First-Year Longmont, Colo. Southwest Minnesota State

- Same college as Trey Runge
- Redshirted his freshman year in 2023
- 2022 First-team All-Conference HS, 2x Academic All-State
- Bob and Kathy Baker are his parents
- Longmont is NW of Boulder in Boulder County

Gunnar Pike 6'4" 180 LHP First-Year Broomfield, Colo. Hastings College

- 2GP 1.0 IP 1R 0ER 3BB K, logged against Southwestern 2/12
- Allowed R and BB vs Aquinas 3/12, didn't record an out and was lifted
- Broomfield HS class of 2022

- Hastings College about 150 miles from North Platte in Hastings, Nebraska

Matt Lake 6'1" 190 OF/C Sophomore Douglasville, Ga. USC-Union

- .250/.382/.357 in 2022 season, no stats I could find from 2023
- 7H 8R 3 2B 3RBI 4BB 12K 1-1 SB/A
- Team Elite 18U White Prep team in HS
- Douglasville is about 20 miles from Atlanta (West), named for Senator Stephen A. Douglas of Illinois
- Namesake of the Lincoln-Douglas debates
- Terry Harper was from Douglasville, played for the Atlanta Braves in the 1980's
- Union is near Greenville, S.C.
- Lake went 0-2 BB HBP R K vs NP 6/19

Cam Bushnell 6'3" 225 RHP Junior Flower Mound, Texas. Regis University

- 2023: 13 APP 5.1 IP 13H 16R 14ER 4BB 2K 3 2B 4HR 37BF .464 AVG 4HBP 23.63 ERA
- 2022: 14 App 11.1 IP 14H 8R 3ER 2BB 8K 2 2B HR 55BF .292 AVG 4HBP 2.38 ERA
- Career .333 Fielding%, not the most solid with the glove
- 2022 ERA was the best of the Regis pitching staff
- 2021 Marcus HS Graduate, won the attitude award for positivity in HS career
- Won a District Championship with HS
- Regis is D2, just north of Downtown Denver

Derek Lambert P *HS SENIOR* Westminster, Colo. Midland University

- Just graduated from Arvada West HS
- Brother Jay goes to Midland University
- Pitched to a 4.06 ERA over 10.1 IP in 2023 senior year
- Midland is in Fremont, Neb. just outside of Omaha and 275 miles from North Platte
- Pitcher Jim Buchanan went to Midland, played for the St. Louis Browns in 1905
- Westminster is 9 miles from Denver, 8th most populous city in Colorado
- 2.0 IP, H HBP vs Plainsmen 6/19

Jonah Snowberger 6'4" 195 P First-Year Martinsburg, Pa. Millersville University

- DNP in 2023
- 10 Varsity letters in HS (Baseball, hockey, golf) at Central HS
- 2021 and 2022 D6 3A HS Baseball Champions, 2022 team went undefeated
- First-Team All-Conference 2021/22, MaxPreps Small School All-American 2022
- 20-1 in HS, 1.34 ERA over 150K and threw 4 No-Hitters and had a Perfect Game

- NHS member
- Millersville is near Lancaster, D2
- Went to Central HS
- Martinsburg is near Altoona in central PA, HS was in Philly

Jordan Oliver 6'2" 205 P First-Year Lancaster, Pa. Millersville University

- DNP in 2023 season
- Played HS ball at Lancaster Catholic HS in the Lebanon League
- PG Grade of 9, 21st RHP in the state of Pa and 77th overall in the state
- Keystone State Bombers Regional Prep Team
- Lancaster was the capital of Pennsylvania until 1812 when it was moved to Harrisburg
- Travis Jankowski and Bruce Sutter are from Lancaster

Levi Tucker 6'0" 175 RHP Sophomore Brighton, Colo. Garden City CC

- 2023: 14.1 IP 17 GP (0-2) 2SV 25H 23R 19ER 19BB 18K HR 11.93 ERA 3.07 WHIP
- No stats from 2022 year
- 15th RHP in Colorado out of HS, 22nd overall player in Colorado
- Todd Helton lived in Brighton, Colo

John Mallow 6'0" 195 IF First-Year Petersburg, W.V. Millersville University

- 2023 no stats
- 2 letters for baseball at Petersburg HS in the Potomac Valley Conference
- First-Team All-Conference in HS, First-Team All-Area, 2x All-State Honorable Mention
- Led his HS team in BA 2021 and 2022
- Plays the ukulele
- Wheelhouse Arsenal Prep Team
- Petersburg the county seat of Grant County
- 2 NASCAR drivers are from Petersburg (Codie Rohrbaugh and Jason Kitzmiller)
- 0-1, 2BB HBP vs NP 6/19

Eddie Montoya Cochise CC

- Can literally find nothing about him
- School is in Arizona, nearish Tucson
- There is a Eddie Montoya who goes to Regis but I have no clue if it's this one or not

Mason Stepp RHP First-Year Waynesville, N.C. USC-Union

- 11App 1Gs (1-0), 19 IP 19H 12R 12ER 8BB 20K 5.68 ERA 3HR 1.42 WHIP with Union in his first year
- Also played basketball and football in HS, Tuscola HS in Waynesville
- Waynesville is in the mountains in western NC, close to Tennessee border
- Largest town in NC west of Asheville
- Jared Penland, Stepp's teammate in HS, also goes to USC-Union

Cian Phillips 5'10" 150 RHP *HS SENIOR* Arvada, Colo. Rutgers University Camden

- Went to Wheat Ridge HS, the field he plays on as his home ballpark was the same as in high school
- Pitched 1 inning vs Platte, faced three batters and got them all out on plays in the infield, 2 line-outs and a ground out
- Bats lefty but throws righty
- Rutgers-Camden is one of three Rutgers campuses, one in New Brunswick and one in Newark
- Just across the river from Philly

Andrews Roth-Page RHP Undecided

- Started vs the Plainsmen, went 6 IP, 5H R ER 7K 3BB, was given the No-Decision
- Nothing else on him

Kris Levensteins 6'1" 220 1B First-Year Arvada, Colo. USC-Union

- .337/.400/.500 31H 15R 25RBI 9 2B 2HR 11BB 16K 0-2 SB/A
- 1-3 vs Plainsmen, R RBI and BB in the game
- Ralston Valley HS graduate

AUSTRALIAN SELECT COLTS

***World Baseball Showcase is the sponsor for the Colts

WBS does tours for international baseball teams from mostly Australia of the US, this one is a west coast trip that also runs through Nebraska

Will be doing a cross country trip later in the year

***Aussi Aussi Aussi...

5 of the players on the roster are Australians from Australia. Other aren't from there but were able to play due to international eligibility rules (WBC), some are just west coasters that have joined the team

***Quite the distance to travel for some baseball

North Platte is about 8,700 miles from Canberra, the capital of Australia

Some players have come from Alaska to North Platte, which is quite the haul too

***Coach with Nebraska roots

HC Steve Fish was a pitcher for Nebraska, is from Marriott, Neb.

Was an AC for the Cornhuskers in the past

Has also served as an international scout for the Boston Red Sox

Was a pitcher in the Angels system, went as high as AA Erie

Also played internationally in the Northeastern League with Capitales de Québec

PLAYERS

Jack Chapleski 5'10" 185 LHP Sophomore Dubai, UAE. Tufts University

- 11.0 IP over 2 seasons with Tufts, appeared in 5 games
 - 2 this past season
- 2 ER over his career, 8 H, 4 BB, 14 K, HR, 49 BF 1.64 ERA
- 2023 opponents: Pomona-Pitzer and La Verne
- 2022: Mass Maritime, Mass-Boston, Endicott
- Nord Anglia International School in NYC
- 7,600 miles from NP to Dubai
- Dubai home to the new Baseball United, league with teams to be established in the Middle East and India (Already in Mumbai and Karachi)
- Tufts just 150 miles from home, 2.25 Hours (334 miles from IC)

Caleb Garven 6'0" 190 RHP Newcastle, Australia. Taft (CA) College

- Committed to play at Taft
- Has been with Sydney University Baseball Club, the Cynics

- Was on the West Coast tour last year for the WBS
- Was in the top 10 for ERA in their club baseball conference (3.60)
- From New South Wales, which surrounds Canberra and is just north of Victoria
- Has Sydney in it
- Newcastle is just north of Sydney, twin city of Arcadia, California
- Aussie Rules football played in Newcastle

Robert Luckey 5'11" 205 RHP First-Year Jakarta, Indonesia. College of the Redwoods

- CoR lists hometown as Lafayette, but go with pointstreak
- Fan of Nebraska Athletics for whatever sadistic reason
- No stats on Redwoods website
- Jakarta about 1,300 miles from Australia
- Redwoods in Eureka, California, northern Cali on the coast near the Oregon border

Ryan Barnes 5'8" 148 C Sydney, Australia

- No other stats or information listed
- DNP in the Colts one game vs the Pios
- From the same area as Garven

Riley Fritz 5'11" 150 OF Maple Valley, Wa. Lassen College

- Committed to Lassen College
- Lassen in Susanville, Calif, N.E. of the state near Nevada border
- Maple Valley is in between Seattle and Tacoma, a suburb of both
- Omare Lowe of the NFL is from Maple Valley, a town mostly known for coal and lumber
- 1-3 vs the Pios with 2K

Gavin Alexander 5'8" 160 2B/C Anchorage, Alaska

- Uncommitted to college yet
- Gamers Alaska 18U was the last team he was a part of for PG
- Anchorage houses nearly 40% of all Alaskans and the Metro-Area has half the state
- 4th largest metro area and city size in US, larger than the state of Rhode Island
- All of the top 4 cities in the US by physical size are in Alaska
 - Sitka, Juneau, Wrangell, Anchorage
- Darwin, Australia a sister city to Anchorage
- Steve Staggs from Anchorage, so is Swayman and David Williams (Pitcher)

Sebastian Alvidrez 6'3" 205 Bakersfield, Calif. Taft (CA) College

- **Last name: Al-VEE-Drezz**

- Committed to play at Taft
- A third baseman by choice, favorite team are the SF Giants
- Favorite movie is McFarland, USA, SNL is favorite show
- Big fan of Rocky Road Ice Cream, and would choose Orlando if he could live anywhere
- 1-5 vs the Pios
- Also plays the outfield

Harry Austin 5'11" 156 Canberra, Australia

- DNP vs the Pios
- Was on the 2021 Canberra team in the Australia Junior League Championship, team went 1-5
- One win was over Perth, lost to Perth, Macarthur, Wanneroo, Adelaide, and Southern Mariners
- Was 1-10 at the plate, hit was a 2B, BB, K
- K'd 7 men vs Adelaide Mariners in the 2019 playoffs with Canberra
- Canberra is the Australian capital
- In its own special district like DC except they get better deal
- Parliament house was opened in 1927

Jackson Berry 5'11" 185 OF First-Year Bakersville, Calif. Tuft (Ca) College

- .267/.360/.384 at Taft, 4 2B 2 HR 17 RBI, 7 BB 22 K
- 5-9 SB-A, can run
- 3 SH and a Sac Fly for Tuft
- HR v Folsom Lake and Porterville
- 4-6 vs Porterville in 2nd to last game of the season
- Went to Taft Union HS, have an intense rivalry with Bakersfield HS

Collin Bianchi 5'8" 200 Dubai, UAE. Edgewood College

- DNP vs Pios
- Edgewood is in Michigan, part of the Northern Athletics Collegiate Conference in D3
- Is committed to Edgewood, who went 26-18 and made the conference tourney, play Aurora and Whitewater
- One of 3 players from Dubai
- Was with WBS in 2020 tour of Oregon and Wyoming, played in Cody, Wyoming

Brady Bloss 6'1" 190 HS SENIOR Portland, Or. Shasta College

- Lincoln HS in Oregon

- Went 1-4 vs the Pios with BB and K
- Makes solid contact with the baseball at Prep showcases
- Bridge City Baseball 18U tour
- Portland named after the city in Maine (home)
- Sister city to Bologna
- Geraldine Bureker of the AAGPBL from other Portland, along with Mickey Lolich and Dale Murphy
- Shasta College is N.Cal, near Oregon border

Nik Calhoun 5'10" 165 Sitka, Alaska. Taft (Ca) College

- 4th Colt who is either attending or going to go to Taft
- 1-5 K vs Pios
- Has participated in the West Coast tour 2022
- Sitka was the site of the ceremonial transfer of Alaska between Russia and US
- Gained popularity during the Klondike Gold Rush, was the capital of the territory
- Pop of 8,450 makes it the 5th largest city in Alaska

Ryan Clarke 5'10" 190 HS Senior Beaverton, Or. Feather River CC

- 1-5 R 2K vs Pios
- Serves as a RHP and C
- 1.96 pop time, 95.4 Exit Velo MAX, 78.9 Avg
- World Baseball Showcase his only travel team
- Boss Baseball 15U was his last summer team in the Northwest
- Mountain View HS (Portland, Oregon)
- Beaverton is a suburb of Portland
- Beaverton is the first city in Oregon to have an ice rink solely dedicated to Curling, Evergreen Curling Club
- College is in Plumas Valley, Calif

Darcy Clements 5'9" 130 Perth, Australia

- DNP vs Pios
- Central Firebirds 2022 Senior League State Championships in Western Australia
- 3-14 w/ 3R, RBI, 3 BB 9 K in 2022 with the Firebirds
- 2017 with Victoria Park Belmont Reds Developmental team in Australia
- Perth is the 4th most populous city in Australia and Oceania
- Capital of Western Australia, in the Southwest of the country
- Perth Heat of the Australian Baseball League
- Nicknamed the city of light for turning on lights when John Glenn passed over Perth in Friendship 7, first crewed American spaceflight. Act was repeated when Glenn was on the Space Shuttle in 1998

Brenden Eberle 6'4" 220 Dubai, UAE. University of Oregon

- Committed for next year with the Ducks
- Redmond HS in Oregon, from UAE
- Came in relief vs Pios, 3 IP with 3 BB, 3 K, H, 1R 0ER
- With the Cascade Collegiate team of the West Coast League in 2021
- Pitched 1 inning, gave up 1 H and faced 4 batters
- Redmond is Central Oregon
- Oregon Trunk Railway build Redmond

Henry Fovinci 5'11" 175 HS Senior Portland, Or. Whitworth University

- Graduated from Lincoln HS in Oregon
- 1-3, 2BB 2K vs Pios
- Whitworth D3, won the natty in 2012
- Whitworth is in Spokane, on the Poluse
- Bridge City U Summer team in Portland
- Portland nicknamed the Bridge City

Dylan Marx 5'11" 160 HS Senior Sitka, Alaska. Feather River CC

- Played for the Colts last year
- 1-5, R, 2K vs Pios
- Gamers Alaska 18U team, one of 3 from Sitka
- Gamers Alaska 2023 All-Tournament team
- Plays SS and RHP

Caleb Ruchaber 5'10" 150 HS Senior Hillsboro, Or. LaVerne University

- 1-4, RBI, 2K vs Pios
- Jesuit HS graduate
- Moundtime Club team before joining the Colts
- Going to LaVerne for Business
- Hillsboro north of Portland, home to the Hops
- LaVerne is just East of LA, close to Riverside and Anaheim

Grady Smith 6'0" 195 Sitka, Alaska

- No university on his page
- Third player from Sitka
- 0-1, K vs the Pios

Bailey Watson 6'1" 159 Canberra, Australia

- 16U Canberra team in 2020, went 0-8 as a team

- 2020 Australia Youth Championship - Under 16
- 1-5, 2 RBI 3K with Canberra team
- Second player on the Colts from Australia's capital city

DENVER COUGARS

(2-3; 1-1 H; 1-2 A)

***History at the highest mark

The Cougars finished 3rd in the nation at the NBC World Series in 2010, best of any team in Colorado state history

***History in the Rockies is strong for the Cougars

This is their 34th season playing baseball, now an established member of the RMBL
9 Cougars have signed professional contracts

***Coaching information from the purple mountains

Chaz Lopez in an AC, the HC is Mark Lanchanzky, who played for the Cougars in the past and now coaches

Lanchanzky is the Grad Assistant at Augustana University

***Returning to the Cougars den

6 players find their way back to Denver to play for the team from last year

***The Cougars den is undefined coming into this season

The Cougars home ballpark is not fully defined, they have 4 different ballparks listed as their official home for this season

PITCHERS

Chase Bilbro 5'11" 175 RHP First-Year Atlanta, Ga. Colby Community College (Colby, Kansas) **FB (79) CB (60) CH (59)**

- Listed also as an OF on the roster, did not hit at CCC
- 0 IP at CCC, going into his first experience with the Cougars
- From Atlanta, literally if need be think of that

Will Brassil 6'5" 220 LHP Sophomore Broomfield, Colo. University of Mary **FB (85) CB (70)**

- 3rd ranked LHP by PG coming out of HS in Colorado, PG grade of 5
- Committed to New Mexico, didn't play, then transferred to Scottsdale CC where he played the first half of the season
- 11.1 IP, 7.94 ERA w/ 11 K; 6 GP 3 GS 1-1 record at Scottsdale CC
- DNP in past season for UMary in 2022
- 2023: DNP but hit well, .349 w/.603 SLG. 4 2B and 4HR

Issac Duplechain RHP Junior Lake Charles, La. McNeese **FB (84) CB (73) SL (68) CH (72)**

- Finished his 4th season at McNeese, ERA has gone up each year
- 0.2 IP, 5 ER w/ 67.50 ERA; 1K 2HR
- Goes to school in the same town he's from
- Lots of former players from Lake Charles
 - Alvin Dark, Terry Burrows, Ted Lyons, Chad Ogea
 - Matt Forte is also from Lake Charles
- Pitched vs Houston Christian in this season

Andrew Hirsch 5'10" 155 RHP Junior Highlands Ranch, Colo. Arizona Christian University

- 34.1 IP over two seasons at Arizona Christian, pitched mostly out of the pen until this season
- 11 GP, 5 GS; 8.04 ERA with 27 K and 11 BB at ACU
- Son of David Hirsch
- Big fan of Tetris, plans to either go into marketing or the ministry
- Mountain Vista High School graduate

Adrian Johnson 5'10" P Sophomore Havertown, Pa. Widener College

- Not sure if this is the right guy but it's the only that makes sense
- 6.2 IP all out of the bullpen in 6 appearances
- 3K and 3BB 7 ER allowed, Widener pitches against similar competition on Pennsylvania to Ithaca
- DNP in 2022
- Umpire Jerry Crawford from Havertown
- Kyle Eckel also from there, NFL RB who was 2X Army-Navy MVP for Navy

Easton Nichols 6'2" 180 LHP First-Year Highlands Ranch, Colo. Augustana College **FB (78) CB (70) CH (70)**

- DNP in his first season with Augustana, this a great opp. to prove himself
- Highlands Ranch has a view of Denver, outside the city
- No baseball players from Highlands Ranch but a lot of football and soccer players
- Grew during the gold rush then stayed big

Christian Olmos

- NOTHING ON HIM, all results for Cristian Olmos, a former MiLB player

John (JT) Peloquin 5'10" 165 RHP Lake Charles, La. **FB (82) CB (74) SL (72) CH (75)**

- Not certain on what school he attends currently, came from Louisiana and played for Team Louisiana with PG
- St. Louis Catholic HS
- Also played some INF in HS

Evan Peterson RHP Longmont, Co. Mead HS

- The only player I've run into at this point with his own website
- Last PG reports were from 2020, not trustworthy at this point
- Graduate of Mead HS in Longmont, Colorado
- HS mascot was the mavericks

Gabriel Rodriguez P Northeastern CC

Augustine Sanchez LHP/Hitter Denver, Co. Northland CC

- Hometown kid
- Hits as well in college
- Denver North HS graduate
- Boston Braves Virgil Jester graduated from Denver North HS

Matt Sapakoff 6'3" 175 RHP First-Year Littleton, Co. The College of the Desert

- Pitched in just 4.1 innings this past season, 35.0 in his first
- 12.46 ERA this year, 2.06 in the past season with TCotD
- 4 K this year
- USA Prime Pieratt Travel Team in high school
- Dave Dravecky and both Rogers twins from Littleton, Colorado

Jeremiah Scott RHP Redshirt Freshman Littleton, Co. Southwestern Assemblies of God University

- Was on the Colorado Christian roster before transferring to SAGU
- Not pitched at SAGU due to redshirt status after transfer
- Only had 0.1 IP at CCU

Griffin Webb 6'3" 200 RHP Junior Parker, Co. University of Northern Colorado

- Played a year at Lamar CC then transferred to Northern Colorado
- 14.2 IP with a 7.36 ERA and 8K
- Pitched a scoreless 4.1 to start the year vs Colorado Springs, New Mexico and Washington
- Celtics Derrick White is from Parker

CATCHER

Zeke Minic 6'1" 185 First-Year Horizon, Co. McCook Community College

- 2.01 pop-time was his best with showcases in HS
- 155 AB in 2023 with McCook, .361/.471/.697
- 13 HR and 13 2B, can RAKE
- 35K to 29 BB, to a terrible ratio
- 48 RBI, probably going to be the cleanup guy
- The rare catcher with real pop in that bat

Jackson Nutter 5'11" 190 First-Year Aurora, Co. Illinois Tech

- Can also climb the bump and play the OF
- Interest in colleges like RPI, RIT, Rochester, Union
- Eagle scout and SCUBA certified for marine conservation
- Has worked out with Ryan Lavarney during off-season
- Slammers club baseball team

Clark Springs 5'10" 175 First-Year South Lake, Texas. Hillsborough CC

- Listed as a follow on PG
- Southlake Carroll Senior HS graduate
- Had 174 AB in 2023, .356/.433/.420 with 11 2B and 0HR
- 18K, 15 BB, patient batter
- 8 steals, is a fast runner who can moze around the basepaths
- Started the season cold, then hit over .400 in 71 AB in April
- South Lake is a DFW Suburb
- Proballer Ken Hill from South Lake, airport brought life to South Lake

INFELDERS

Matt Bathauer 6'2" 225 Junior Kingman, Ariz. Adams State University

- Also listed as a pitcher but a hitter only in college
- Brother of Mike
- RMAC All-Academic team in 2021 and 2023
- Son of John Bathauer
- 49 GP and Starts in 2023, .413/.485/.623 with 8 HR and 11 2B
- 43 RBI! This kid rakes
- 24 BB is the same as his Ks, a good, solid hitter
- First-Year of summer ball
- 4 Sac Flies this past season
- Plunked thrice, gets on the basepaths but doesn't cause havoc there

Mike Bathauer 6'1" 220 Junior Kingman, Ariz. Adams State University

- Brother of Matt
- 6th ranked catcher out of HS in Arizona, 56th overall in the state
- 1.87 Pop-time, now an infielder
- Also a Dude Who Rakes; 174 AB with .413/.465/.699 and 11 HR
- 1 Triple and 14 doubles, smacks that ball to the wall and can make it go
- 11 Walks to just 18 Strikeouts, not the worst hitter in patience on this team
- Draws a lot of HBP, 9 with ASU
- Doug Mirabelli was born in Kingman along with Tarik Skubal
- Been named all-region D2 many times

Cooper Latino 5'10" 175 First-Year Parker, Colo. Colorado State Pueblo

- Nothing available from his time thus far at CSU Pueblo
- 94 MPH Exit Velo
- Played football and baseball in High School
- Also was a pitcher and a catcher in HS

Christian Powell 5'8" 170 First-Year Keller, Texas. Hutchinson Community College

- Keller HS Graduate
- 4 for 20 this season with Hutchinson CC
- Walked 7 times, struck out 6; 8 RBI
- Caught Stealing one, never attempted again
- 3 Doubles, his only XBH, led to a .350 SLG; led to 7 TB
- Hit by a pitch this season

Gavin Shary 5'11" 160 First-Year Denver, Co. Colby Community College

- Only a .244 average but a .375 OBP
- 19-78 on the season with 12 walks and 26 K
- 6 Steals, 2 CS
- 4 HR and a triple this year, 4 doubles
- 15 RBI, 37 TB, guy who can rake
- .359 average in April, his best and most bountiful month

GAMEDAY ANGELS

(0-0; 0-0 H; 0-0 A)

***Collegiate team of a developmental program

Gameday Angels are a developmental program, similar to the Cage Rats and Marucci

Have locations in Parker and Arvada, collegiate team plays in Parker

Parker is just south of Denver

***Head Coach Mike Koons has spent his dime in baseball

8th season with the Angels

Pitched at Arizona University and SDSU

Was in the Astros MiLB system between 2007-2009, got to A Lexington before going into Indy Leagues

Played for the St Paul Saints, also pitched in Hawaii and British Columbia, also Australia

DODGE CITY A'S

(6-7; 4-5 H; 2-2 A)

*****History of the Athletic club from Kansas**

A's were a member of the Jayhawk League when that was a thing along with the Larks and the Bee-Jays. Have since made the switch to the RMBL
Were in the Kansas Collegiate Baseball League before the move to the RMBL

*****Facilities in Dodge City**

Play at Cavalier Field, home to St. Mary of the Plains baseball back in the day, then the team folded
Field was renovated heavily in 1998 to bring up to standards, has been steadily improved since

*****Location, location, location**

Dodge City plays 2 other Kansas teams, the Bee-Jays and the Larks
Liberal is only an Hour and a half from Dodge City, so a rivalry is bound to form
4 games v Bee-Jays, 6 vs the Larks

*****Coaching staff for the Athletics**

Esteban Cardoza-Oquendo is the HC, Serves as the AC for Dodge City CC
From Dallas, Texas, played 3 years for Baylor University
Was an instructor at Baylor Baseball camps, helps teach the game
Dodge City CC his first official job in 2023 (30-29 record)

*****Dodge City Community College Pipeline**

7 of the A's go to Dodge City CC, not counting those who just transferred away, making it 9 who were rostered by DCCC in 2023
3 go to UTRGV, Garden City CC, tied for the second most out of one school

PLAYERS

Juan Rivera 5'7" 160 OF First-Year Edinburg, Texas. UTRGV

- 1-7, RBI, K 2 BB for UTRGV
- Hit came against Texas A&M CC
- Drew a bases loaded walk vs Texas A&M CC
- 2022 Sharyland HS All-Area Baseball Co-Player of the year
- Led all classified HS players in Texas with 62 RS, 4th in SB with 42
- .442 AVG in HS w/ 53 H. Team high .571 OBP in HS
- Not to be confused with the Juan Rivera on the UTRGV Men's Soccer team

- Edinburg is home to UTRGV, along the border with Mexico
- Edinburg is named in honor John Young, a prominent businessman in the town who was born in Edinburgh, Scotland

Caden Blair 6'0" 170 RHP Sophomore Omaha, Ne. Garden City CC

- 33.1 IP, 39 H 41 R 37 ER 9.99 ERA, 27 K 24 BB. Allowed 9 HR
- 15 Appearances w/ 3 GS, (3-2) 1 SV
- Last year, 18 IP over 28 App and 1 GS (0-1), 9 ER over 21 H, BB 12 K 4.50 ERA
- Has played for the Nebraska Prospects team and the Millard South Patriots in the past
- Speeds last measured in 2020, so I won't include them as official. FB was 79
- Attended Millard South HS
- Brian Duensing went to Millard South, was on the 2008 USA baseball team as a pitcher

Nolan Williams 6'1" 200 OF First-Year Salado, Texas. UT-Tyler

- DNP for UT-Tyler
- Salado HS graduate
- 2 Texas governors were from Salado
- Oldest running hotel in Texas, the StageCoach Inn, is in Salado
- 3.15 drive from Salado to UT-Tyler

Brian Gardner 6'0" 170 C/IF Junior Killeen, Texas. Huston-Tillotson University

- .204/.304/.327 this past year
- 3 2B, 3 HR 6 BB 35 K 20 H 15 R 9 RBI
- Last year, .282/.388/.427 with 35 H, 2 HR, 9 2B 15 BB 37 K
- Transfer from Frank Phillips College after one year, no stats on Baseball Reference
- Not to be confused with Brian Gardner of 2008 Thomas Baseball team (Monmouth, Maine)
- Also a Bryan Williams who played at Ithaca from 2006-2008
- Williams was an All-E8 pitcher for the Bombers, and played for Webster Yankees of the NYCBL. Was also a Punter for the Bombers, earned all-E8 honors

Dawson Stutz 5'8" 180 IF First-Year Kearney, Ne. Garden City CC

- .242/.389/.346 over 153 AB this year
- 3 HR and 5 2B, 11-16 SB/A
- Max Exit Velo was 90 MPH
- 2 HR at Colby (NOT Mules)
- 6 H in 2 games against same Colby CC team

- Kearney was the home to the Kearney Yankees, 1956-1959 D level affiliate

Cooper Schneider 5'10" 180 OF First-Year Cleburne, Texas. Dodge City CC

- .344/.468/.497 w/ 52 H 4 HR 7 2B 31 BB 18 K with DCCC
- 2 2B in his last game vs Kansas City Kansas CC
- 3-4 3/4 vs North Central Texas
- PG Grade of 9, 22nd OF in Texas and 114th player overall in Texas HS
- Familiar with coaching staff and local ballpark
- Spike Owen from Cleburne
- Railroaders the team in town of the American Association

Rudy Gonzalez 5'8" 165 C First-Year Edinburg, Texas. UTRGV

- DNP this past season at UTRGV, redshirted
- Hit .353 with a .455 12 3B his senior year at Vela HS
- All-Area Defensive Player of the Year as a senior
- Hit .421 as a Junior in HS

Bryson Adair 6'2" 190 RHP/IF Sophomore Malakoff, Texas. UT-Tyler

- 1-3 at the plate, 9 IP
- 7 ER over 13 H, 1-0 record, 4 BB 9 K, 2 HR, .351 BA/Allowed
- Had originally committed to Sam Houston State, then transferred to UT-Tyler
- 19th overall SS in Texas out of HS, 105th overall in the state
- Has a fastball that reaches over 90, 91 on PG
- Malakoff named after a Russian fort that played a pivotal role in the siege of Sevastopol during the Crimean War

Mathew Sandoval 5'7" 170 LHP/OF Sophomore Uvalde, Texas. Midland CC

- 15.1 IP over 3 seasons, 7.0 this past year
- 6 H, 9 R, 5 ER, 3 BB 4 K this year, all over 8 Appearances
- 3 HR allowed last year, none this year
- 5 K, 4 BB in 2022
- 7-22 this year, 13-50 last year at the dish
- 5 K 6 BB in 2023
- Used less as a hitter more as an arm this past season
- Midland CC in Midland, Texas

Alex Galyean 5'8" 175 C/IF First-Year Kilgore, Texas. Dodge City CC

- .341/.415/.451 with 31 H, 7 2B 21 RBI 12 BB 10 K 1 HBP
- 2 SF 2 SH 4 SB
- 3-4 vs Seward County CC & KCKCC, 3-5 vs Butler CC

- Kilgore isn't far from the Louisiana border
- Ron Shepard of the Blue Jays (OF) went to Kilgore HS

Fuga Yambe 6'0" 200 RHP Sophomore Shibata, Japan. Sierra JC

- Same school as Mitsuki Kohno
- Attended Shiroishi HS in Japan
- 8 IP, 10 H 2 R 1 ER 5 BB 9 K this season
- His ER was a HR, does not say to whom
- All 8 GP were as a reliever, never started a game
- Shibata on the West Coast, north of where Tokyo is
- PG Grade of 8

Caleb Bergman 5'9" 165 OF First-Year Parker, Texas. Baylor

- .223/.298/.255 w/ 21 H, 3 2B, 12 RBI 16 R, 8 BB 2 HBP 29 K, 5 SH
- 2H vs Texas A&M CC, Oklahoma State, and Texas Tech
- 41st OF in Texas, 196th overall in the state
- 3x HS All-District first-team
- MaxPreps All-American OF
- Both parents are Baylor alums, younger brother Brayden is committed to Baylor for baseball
- Dad Brett played baseball at Baylor from 1995-1998
- Finance Major

Taylor Pendley 6'2" 215 LHP Junior Prosper, Texas. UTRGV

- Can't find him numbers from UTRGV
- PG Grade of 8.5, 14th LHP in Texas out of HS 2018
- Transferred from a JuCo (Howard JC)
- LaTroy Hawkins from Prosper, as is Deion Sanders
- Torii Hunter also from Prosper, so is Matt Carpenter

Ashton Jenkins 6'1" 180 RHP Junior Denver, Colo. Washburn

- Just transferred from Dodge City CC
- 14 IP over 11 games (2-3), 11 ER 14 H 18 K 12 BB HR4 HBP
- Pitched to a 7.07 ERA rather than his 15.14 ERA last season
- Allowed 11 HR in 2022, trimmed that a ton
- .241 BA against this year
- 4 K in 4 IP v Colby CC 3/30 (W)

Zade Cisneros 6'2" 200 RHP RS Sophomore Clinton, Ok. University of Central Oklahoma

- No stats from UCO that I can see
- Been playing baseball since he was a young child
- Dad was his role model
- Was an OLB in HS, made the All-State team in Oklahoma
- Washita River Valley where Clinton is
- Elvis Presley made an appearance in Clinton one time
- Popular tourist stop on Route 66

Preston Gamster 6'3" 180 OF First-Year Dallas, Texas. Paris Jc

- .345/.408/.600 9 HR 55 RBI 23 SB 21 BB 31 K
- 72 Hits, 34 were XBH
- Paris, Texas is in the north-east of Texas, close to Oklahoma and Arkansas borders

Peter Tassler 6'5" 240 C/1B First-Year Colorado Springs, Colo. Dodge City CC

- 10-37 (.270), 5 2B 9 RBI 4 R, 3 BB 14 K
- HR v Otero College 3/14
- Went 2-3 in that game
- Was a pitcher, lost a ton of velocity on his FB in 2020

(18) Josh Nolte 6'2" 220 RHP First-Year Okarche, Ok. Dodge City CC

- 13 IP, 13.15 ERA, 19 ER, 13 K 8 BB, 24 H, 2 HR, .381 BA
- Allowed 7 ER over 1 IP against Iowa Western CC
- 2021 Little All-City 2nd-Team for Oklahoma HS Baseball
- Partnered with Ford County Retired and Senior Volunteer group and DCCC Baseball team on the Fall Clean-up day program in November
- Chris Schroder, Nats system pitcher is from Okarche
- Town is in two counties, Canadian and Kingfisher
- Was a stop for cattle rustlers on the trail
- Only pitching for the A's during the Platte series

Cooper Tomkinson 6'2" 195 1B/OF Junior Barrie, Ontario. Dodge City CC

- .320/.421/.369 with 24 RBI, 33 H, 27 R, 18 BB 17 K
- 3 SF 10 SB, played in 39 Games and started 28 of them
- 4-5 vs Otero 3/14, 3-6 vs Garden City CC 3/18
- Exit velo out of HS of 83 MPH
- PG Grade of 6.5
- Barrie is north of Toronto on Lake Simcoe
- Was settled in the war of 1812 as a supply depot
- Brent Burnes is from Barrie

Caleb Jameson 6'1" 175 LHP First-Year Paris, Texas. Paris JuCo

- Ranked as the 47th Lefty out of Texas, 494th in the state overall
- Also plays first and is in the outfield
- Prairiland High School

Jordan Black 6'0" 210 IF First-Year Merriam, Kansas. Johnson County CC

- .320/.435/.560 (24-75) with 24 R and 4 HR
- 25 RBI, 15 BB 24 K, 5-6 SB/A, 1 SF
- 2 Steals vs Baker University (JV team)
- 3-5 vs North Iowa CC
- Plus tools and good contact skills, should move to a higher school soon
- 8th ranked SS in Kansas, 19th overall in the state
- Shawnee Mission North HS in Shawnee, Kansas
- All-Sunflower League Honorable Mention
- Nickname is JB, son of Mike Black and Constance Scorggins
- Favorite food is Chicken Wings, Chipotle is favorite restaurant as well as Johnny's Tavern
- Chiefs and Royals favorite teams
- Dr. Phil went to his HS, along with Steve Pysioc, Royals PxP

Tristan Wolf 6'4" 190 RHP Junior Thornton, Colo. Colorado Mesa University

- Transfer from Dodge City CC, where he spent the 2023 season
- 68 IP, 7.68 ERA 75 K 33 BB 9 HBP 89 H 1 CG, 17 App 15 GS
- 3-4 record with DCCC
- CG 7 IP, 7 H 1 R 0 ER, 4 K 87 P, W vs Barton CC, earned him pitcher of the week
- Struck out 8 against Butler CC
- 13th RHP out of Colorado, 37th in the state
- Was KJCCC Pitcher of the Week twice in 2023

Caden Norman 6'6" 205 RHP Sophomore Bulverde, Texas. Dodge City CC

- Transfer from Western Texas College (before 2023 at some time)
- 10.2 IP, 7 App 2 GS, 12 H 11 R 10 ER, 7 K 10 BB 8.44 ERA for DCCC (1-0)
- Red-shirted at WTC, first season playing was 2023
- 34th ranked 1B out of HS, can play the field
- PG Grade of 8
- Bulverde is a suburb of San Antonio
- Jason LaRue from Bulverde, home to Natural Bridge Caverns

Jordan Rodriguez 5'11" 185 IF First-Year Albuquerque, N.M. Dodge City CC

- (11-53) .208/.323/.226
- 9 BB 16 K 2 SH 3 SB, 1 2B 3 RBI 9 R in his first year with the conquistadors
- Doubled vs Colby CC 3/30
- Alex Bregman, Mitch Garver, Ken Giles born in Albuquerque

Carter Olson 6'4" 240 1B First-Year Mansfield, Texas. Dodge City CC

- .264/.426/.434, 28 H, 6 2B 4 HR 26 RBI 21 R
- 19 BB 26 K 11 HBP, started in 30 games for DCCC
- 3-4, 2 2B vs Ranger College 2/5 (2nd game of season)
- Didn't attempt a steal this season
- 7th ranked 1B in Texas, 85th in the nation and 200th overall in Texas
- Lake Ridge HS
- Noah Syndergard from Mansfield

Peyton Walters 6'0" 190 RHP Sophomore Garden City, Kansas. Garden City CC

- 42.2 IP, 15 App 8 GS (1-5), 13.71 ERA 68 H 68 R 65 ER, 33 BB 45 K
- 8 Home Runs allowed, really struggled in March and April
- Improved slightly in May, still not great (6.23 ERA over 4.1)

FORT COLLINS FORCE

(0-0; 0-0 H; 0-0 A)

*****Force vs Plainsmen in 2023**

Were supposed to play on the 10th. Got through half an inning against the Force with Butterfield on the mound, stranded a runner at third. Then the thunder came through and tarp was pulled. Literally 30 seconds after getting the tarp going, the tornado siren sounded. Game was called due to excessive rain

*****The Force of the Force**

Part of the MHCBL, play at Fort Collins City Park, an all natural grass playing surface

*****Youth and new**

Force are a new team, replacing a Fort Collins team last year that played in the RMBL. Now in MHL

*****D1 talent sprinkled into a roster of JuCo and CC players**

2 D1 players are on the Force's roster. One from Grand Canyon, one from Northern Colorado (Cornell kid is NOT Cornell University, but Cornell College in Iowa)

*****Fort Collins All-Stars**

6 Members of the Force were invited to the 2023 MHCBL All-Star game

Jackson Biggie (P); Robbie Ross (P); Trevor Wanek (IF); Joel Anderson (OF); Nathan Kaszynski (OF); Will Togher (UTL **Home Run Derby**)

*****Hometown pride**

19 of 28 Force players are from Fort Collins itself, not even counting the suburbs and Front Range Metro area (67% of the team)

Basically a Fort Collins College travel team

PLAYERS

Luke Ruby 5'10" 180 RHP First-Year Fort Collins, Colo. Colorado State-Pueblo

- PG Grade of 8, 20th ranked RHP in Colorado
- 61st overall ranked player in Colorado out of HS
- 16.1 IP at CSU-Pueblo, 33H 21R 18ER 8BB 9K 3HR 9.92 ERA over 8 App 4 GS
- Allowed HR in back-to-back appearances vs Regis at the end of the year
- Resurrection Christian HS
- Was on the Altitude Prospects developmental team
- Pitched in the Colorado State championships as a Freshman in HS

- Fort Collins was initially a US Military outpost that grew into a town
- Pueblo is Southern Colorado, a good 175+ miles from Fort Collins

Luke Westerman 5'9" 155 SS/3B First-Year Derby, Ks. Neosho County CC

- 37 GP 25 GS, 11-58 (.190) 2XBH (2B & HR) 12RBI 9BB 13K 4HBP 2SH
- 3 Errors committed defensively with a .960 F%
- Derby is just south of Wichita, 590 miles from Fort Collins
- Derby was originally named El Paso, didn't grow as a city until after WW2
- Aviation, especially military aviation, helped grow the city
- Cities name was changed in 1956
- Golfer Woody Austin, NFL RB Billy Campbell from Derby
- Neosho County CC is west of Wichita in SE Kansas

Bryson Medrano 5'11" 170 C/2B First-Year Fort Collins, Colo. Scottsdale CC

- .234/.280/.247 2B 18H 8RBI R 3BB 9K 0SBA with the Fighting Artichokes (AWESOME name)
- .986 F% in his first season behind the plate
- Went to Rocky Mountain HS, only 3 miles from the ballpark in Fort Collins
- About a 2.05 Pop-Time per PBR
- Scottsdale CC is in Arizona, outside of Phoenix in Scottsdale (NOT BLUFF)

Walker Emmons 5'11" 155 RHP/UTL *HS SENIOR* Loveland, Colo. Adams State

- Just graduated from Loveland High School, 13 miles to the south of the park in Fort Collins
- Played for the 970 Sun Devils baseball prep team
- Adams State is in Southern Central Colorado, about 300 miles from Fort Collins
- Adams State is D2, part of the RMAC conference
- Adams State was founded in 1921, in Alamosa, Colorado
- Loveland on the Big Thompson River, flooded in 1976 which killed over 100 and also in 2013 when it killed 2
- Olympic Skier and NFL Receiver/Return man Jeremy Bloom from Loveland

Davin Vialpando 6'0" 170 RHP Junior Longmont, Colo. Austin College

- 10 GP 0GS, 15 IP, 17H 12R 12ER 7.20 ERA 9BB 8K 2HR 4.80 K/9
- Pitched a combined 4 IP with Nebraska Wesleyan in 2 years before transferring to Austin
 - 9.00 ERA with Neb. Wes
- Austin College competes in D3 SCAC Conference, mascot the Kangaroos
- Austin College in Sherman, Texas. Not particularly close to Austin, north of DFW area and VERY close to Oklahoma border/Red River

- Career 4.56 ERA in HS, .250/.344 when at the plate
- Born on July 25th, getting close to Birthday
- Longmont near Boulder, founded by a group of people from Chicago in 1871
- David Bote from Longmont

Luke Guest 6'2" 180 RHP Sophomore Fort Collins, Colo. Dakota State University

- 13 Ap, 60.2 IP, 47H 35R 22ER 26BB 69K 14HBP 2HR 3.26 ERA (7-4)
- Went 7IP w/ 10K 3/20 vs Waldorf, ER 2BB that game in a W with 103 Pitches
- Same school as Nicholi Arbach formerly of the Plainsmen
- Spent 2022 at Neosho County CC, 24.1 IP 14APP 3GS (3-2), 25H 19R 9ER, 14BB 14K 2HR 6HBP, 3.33 ERA
- Dakota State University is just north of Sioux Falls in Madison, S.D.

Joel Anderson 5'9" 190 OF/UTL First-Year Wellington, Colo. Scottsdale CC

- Listed as a catcher on the Scottsdale CC roster
- .196/.275/.196, 9H 5R 5RBI 5BB 18K 0-0SB/A
- 1 PO at field, 0E so 1.000 F%
- Reached a max Exit Velo of about 94 MPH in HS
- Went to Rocky Mountain HS along with Medrano
- Wellington is up north of Fort Collins on the high plains
- Town 4th of July: Pancake Breakfast, parade, car show, music fest and then fireworks
- Founded in 1902 and incorporated in 1905
- MHCBL All-Star this year with the Force

Nake Kaszynski 6'0" 185 OF First-Year Fort Collins, Colo. Grand Canyon University [CLUB]

- Part of the GCU Club team, not sure if he'll go to Varsity once he has a spot
- Pitched for West Coast Baseball at USA Baseball showcase, went 6IP w/ 0R and 3H 3K against Mamba Sports Academy in 2019
- Part of this years MHCBL All-Star team

Robbie Ross 5'10" 165 RHP Junior Berthoud, Colo. Nebraska Wesleyan

- MHCBL All-Star
- 16.1 IP this past year, 29H 23R 23ER 13BB 11K 12.67 ERA, worst in his 3 seasons with Neb. Wes (.392 average against)
- 33.1 Career IP, 52H 35R 35ER 21BB 21K .364 opp Avg 9.45 ERA
- All-Conference Junior at Berthoud HS
- Berthoud south of FC north of Denver, 21 miles from park in FC
- Berthoud first settled by rancher miner settled the community

- Town named after Edward L. Berthoud who surveyed the land for the Colorado Central Railroad
- Shares his namesake with Robbie Ross of MLB (2012-2017) of the Rangers and Red Sox

Sam Pease 5'10" 180 C *HS SENIOR* Fort Collins, Colo. University of Northern Colorado

- PG Grade of 9, ranked as the 3rd catcher in Colorado and 10th overall in the state
- 78th Catcher overall in the US
- Not the fastest hands with his transitions
- Second Fossil Ridge HS member of this Force team
- Making the trek Plainsmen making, Fort Collins to Greeley

Adrian Short 6'4" 205 RHP First-Year Berthoud, Colo. Western Nebraska CC

- No stats with WNCC this past season
- On May 22, 2021, Short pitched a No-Hitter for Berthoud HS against Mountain View
- 1-0 Berthoud win in 7IP 0H affair
- First no-no in Berthoud history
- Did pitch this past year with WNCC, but I just can't find his numbers listed anywhere

Tru Kreikemeier 6'1" 215 OF/1B *HS SENIOR* Fort Collins, Colo. Hesston College

- Committed to play at Hesston, same school that Jovan goes to
- Committed on July 2nd, recent commit for the Larks
- Hesston is just north of Wichita

Brenden Fry 6'0" 140 OF First-Year Fort Collins, Colo. Neosho County CC

- .290/.396/.551 51H 142B 3B 10HR 45RBI 47R 28BB 46K 5HBP 2GDP 5SH 3SF
- 4 3-RBI games this past year for Neosho
- Played for the NoCo Storm Developmental team
- Also was on the Fort Collins GoJos U18 team
- Shares name with former MiLB player in the Padres system, spent a few years with New Britain Bees and York Revolution of the Atlantic League

Hayden Iverson 6'3" 205 OF/1B RS Sophomore Fort Collins, Colo. UCCS

- .383/.434/.714 51H 42R 45RBI 112B 33B 9HR 10BB 19K 5HBP 2GDP 4SF 9SB
- .933 Fielding%, 5E committed
- Was at Colorado State University before going to Colorado Springs

- Hit .444 at Fort Collins High School
- Son of Loren and Denise Iverson
- Engineering major
- Not the same Hayden Iverson who played football at UW-Whitewater
- Was a Quarterback in high school himself at FCHS

Jackson Bigge 6'5" 175 RHP First-Year Fort Collins, Colo. McCook CC

- 9.1 IP, 7GP, 17H 19R 17ER 8BB 15K 4HR 16.39 ERA
- Pitched 1 game of conference action, allowed 3HR and didn't record an out, allowed 7H 8R 7ER, has a conf ERA of INF (at Lamar CC)
- Fastball maxed out in HS at 81 MPH
- McCook CC is the sister school to Mid Plains CC in North Platte, which is where we interns live (only an hour separates the two campuses)

Ben Ruckman 6'1" 195 OF First-Year Laramie, Wy. Scottsdale CC

- .170/.324/.239 15H 2B 3B HR 7RBI 14R 16BB 33K 4-5 SB/A
- Laramie HS 2022 class of
- Legion Post 9 in Wyoming
- Laramie home to UWyoming, founded by Union Pacific Railway
- Jacques LaRamie was the namesake of the town, a French (or French-Canadian) fur trapper who disappeared in the mountains in the 1820's and was never heard from again
- Jeff Huson, former MLB pitcher and current color man for AT&T Sportsnet Colorado (Rockies broadcast team) from Laramie

Matthew Oberlander 6'0" 170 RHP/OF Sophomore Fort Collins, Colo. St. Olaf

- (2023) 27 IP, 46H 35R 31ER 13BB 15K 72B 5HR 10APP 6GS (10.33 ERA)
- Over his 2 years at St. Olaf he has a 8.34 ERA w/ 28K 16BB, .344 op BA against
- At the plate, 1-17 (.059) 4BB 9K .250 OBP
- 2x MIAC All-Academic, 2022 College Sports Communicators All-Academic team
- 4x Deans List, same as moi
- First-Team All-Conference in HS, CHSAA Honorable Mention All-State
- Hit .358 in HS and went 7-2 on the bump
- St. Olaf in Northfield, Minn. South of Minneapolis-St. Paul area
- School was founded in 1874 by a group of Norwegian-American Pastors and Farmers
- Football coach Chris Meidt is a St. Olaf man

Blake Templeton 6'0" 205 3B/OF First-Year Fort Collins, Colo. Rend Lake CC

- .208/.347/.277 21H 18R 15RBI 15BB 31K 6-7 SB/A 42B 7HBP

- Lettered all 4 years of HS baseball, all-conference and 2nd-team all state
- Also lettered in Basketball and Football for 2 years each
- Baseball and Basketball Leadership Award winner
- Majoring in business
- School in southern Illinois, on Rend Lake, near the Shawnee National Forest

Elijah Laus 5'8" 175 3B/MIF First-Year Edmond, Okla. Northern Oklahoma University

- .283/.382/.387 30H 2HR 25R 17RBI 11BB 13K 8-9 SB/A 6HBP
- On the MVP baseball travel team in Edmond area
- Edmond is north of OKC in that metro area
- Edmond was established along the Santa Fe Rail line
- Rugby is a growing sport in Edmond, Oklahoma

Hank Heiselbetz 6'0" 160 SS/3B First-Year Edmond, Ok. Oklahoma Christian University

- .300/.405/.400 9H 11R 10RBI 5BB 5K HBP 2SH SF
- .857 Fielding% 4E on 18 PO
- Oklahoma Christian is in Edmond, gets to go to school in hometown

Andrew Seest 6'1" 185 OF First-Year Fort Collins, Colo. Grove City College

- .133/.278/.200 4H 3R RBI 22B 2BB 9K 4HBP GDP
- Presidents Athletic Conference member, also part of the ECAC
- Grove City in Pennsylvania, 276 miles from South Hill and 58 Miles from Pittsburgh

Will Togher 6'2" 210 RHP/UTL Sophomore Fort Collins, Colo. Rend Lake CC

- Yet to play at Rend Lake due to transfer from Northeastern JC
- Did not pitch for Northeastern, just hit
- .267/.338/.450 16H 82B HR 18RBI 5BB 18K 16R 18RBI at Northeastern
- Graduate of Fort Collins HS
- TC Colorado Youth Team

Brian Bruxvoort 6'2" 220 RHP Sophomore Fort Collins, Colo. Truman State

- 3Ap, 4.0 IP, 2H 2R 0ER BB 4K 3B HBP in 2023 with Truman State
- Spent the previous college season with Western Nebraska CC
- 11GP 1GS 2SV 19.1 IP 27H 25R 16ER 7BB 23K 3HR 7.45 ERA in 2022
- Allowed a total of 6 career HR w/ WNCC
- Played for the Pios last year
- 14GP 2GS (3-1) SV, 43.1 IP 52H 22R 19ER 10BB 16K 3.94 ERA HR 3WP 5HBP with the Pios

- His 1 L with the Pios came against the Plainsmen (1.2 IP, H R ER BB 6/27 in North Platte)
- Played football, baseball, basketball, wrestling in high school
- Enjoys to play frisbee golf
- Fan of September by Earth, Wind, and Fire
- Truman State is in Northern Missouri

Drew Norsen 5'10" 165 1B/OF Sophomore Fort Collins, Colo. Doane University

- 1-13 this past season with Doane, hit .302 over 139 AB the previous year
- 2022: .302/.404/.432 42H 17R 24RBI 12 2B 21BB 26K SB
- Career: .283/.387/.408 43H 21R 24RBI 13 2B 22BB 29K 1-1 SB/A
- Turned 15 Double Plays at Doane
- 14th ranked OF in Colorado out of HS
- Doane is in Crete, Nebraska: Southwest by a smidge of Lincoln
- Raymonn Adams of the CFL (RB) went to Doane (Ottawa and Calgary)

Jackson Romero 5'11" 185 MIF Junior Fort Collins, Colo. University of Northern Colorado

- .250/.340/.350 10H 2 2B 3B 8R 5RBI 6BB 8K SF SH 0-0 SB/A at UNoColo in 2023
- Transfer from Indian Hills CC where he slashed .295/.423/.470 with 4HR
- Was supposed to be a Plainsman, dropped off the team before the season
- PG Grade of 8.5, 6th SS in the state of Colorado
- Resurrection Christian HS
- All-State in baseball as Soph. and Junior in HS, all-conference freshman
- Was all-state as a Senior in basketball
- Dad Ernie was his HS baseball coach

Garrett Lee 5'11" 170 RHP *HS SENIOR* Fort Collins, Colo. Cornell College

- Not much on him from HS
- Cornell College in Iowa, Mount Vernon, 783 miles from Fort Collins
- 893 miles from Cornell to Cornell College, College is a bit west of border of Iowa and Illinois, near Iowa City and Cedar Rapids
- School was founded in 1853 and was named after William Cornell, who's cousin Ezra Cornell founded Cornell University in 1865 and another William Cornell who settled Cornell, Ontario
- Walter Thornton, who pitched for the Chicago Orphans between 1895 and 1898 went to Cornell University

Diego Aragon 5'11" 190 RHP/C/DH Sophomore Fort Collins, Colo. LSU-Shreveport

- .263/.341/.408 20H 3R 5 2B 2HR 18RBI 6BB 15K 3HBP with LSU-Shreveport
- Transferred last year from Indian Hills CC
- .336/.490/.597 40H 44R 34RBI 112B 3B 6HR 18BB 19K 6-8 SB/A with IHCC
- 2022 Summer with Regina Red Sox of the Western Canadian League
 - .442/.563/.653 23H 12R 12RBI 5 2B HR 1-3 SB/A 13BB 7K
 - Led the team in BA, OBP, OPS
- Intern with the Northern Colorado Owlz of the Pioneer League as a Bullpen Catcher, does that when not playing with the Force
- Internship is in Windsor, just 30 minutes from Fort Collins

Brett Nemechek 6'5" 220 RHP First-Year Fort Collins, Colo. Big Bend CC

- 10GP 3GS (1-1), 15.2 IP 30H 19R 18ER 7BB 15K 4HR 10.34 ERA in his first year with Big Bend CC
- Fort Collins HS graduate (5 tool made fun typo, Hugh School)
- Was on Colorado Classic Baseball NoCo Storm 18U (Greenwalt) Team
- Favorite vacation spot is south of the border in Mexico
- Big Bend CC by Moses Lake North in Washington, smack in the middle of the state between Seattle and Spokane

