



2018 FIELD STAFF

Greg Legg returns having won a total of 274 games during his four prior seasons (2002-2004 and 2017) as manager of the Fightin Phils. Prior to his return to Reading last season, Legg had a successful tenure with advanced-A Clearwater (2015-2016). Both teams combined had a record of 161-112 (.590%) and made a playoff appearance in 2015. He won Florida State League Manager of the Year in 2015 after leading his team to the best record in the Florida State League.

Legg began his coaching career with Clearwater (A+) in 1995 and Scranton in 1996. He made his managerial debut in 1997 for Batavia (A). He also managed Martinsville (R) in 1998, Batavia in 1999 and Piedmont (A) in 2000. He managed low-A Lakewood (2001 and 2014) and was their hitting coach from 2008-2013. He managed Williamsport (R) in 2007, its first season as a Phillies affiliate since 1962. In 2011, he was honored with the John Vukovich Award, presented annually to a coach in the Phillies minor league system.

He was drafted by the Phillies in the 22nd round of the 1982 draft out of Southeastern Oklahoma State University in Durant, Oklahoma. He played in 238 career games with Reading as an infielder from 1983-1984 and again in 1988. He made it to the major leagues in 1986 and 1987, appearing in fourteen games.

Steve Schrenk joins the Reading staff as pitching coach for a third straight season and fourth overall with the team (2009). The 49-year old spent 16 years (1987-2002) pitching professionally, including two seasons with Philadelphia, before transitioning to a coaching career in 2003. Schrenk has coached in the Phillies minor league system since 2004 and has been a pitching coach for advanced-A Clearwater (2004, 2007-08, 2015), single-A Lakewood (2005, 2010-12), and rookie-level Gulf Coast Phillies (2013-14).

Kevin Riggs will be entering his first season as hitting coach for the Fightin Phils. He joins the Phillies organization from the Altoona Curve (AA) of the Pittsburgh Pirates where he was their hitting coach for three seasons (2015-2017). Prior to that, Riggs began his coaching career with Casper (R) in 2007. He also made stops in Asheville (Class-A) and Modesta (Class A-Advanced). He was named manager for the Tulsa Drillers for two seasons (2013-2014) where he compiled a 139-138 record and made it to the league finals in 2014.

Rico Brogna returns to Reading as an assistant coach after a 15 year hiatus. Brogna coached in Reading in 2002 after a nine-year professional career that included stops in Detroit, New York, Philadelphia, Boston and Atlanta. He managed the Mobile Baybears (AA) in 2010 and finished with a 75-62 record. He joined the Angels' organization as a special assistant to the general manager in 2013 and became the Angels' player-information coach in 2014.

Mickey Kozack returns for his second straight season as athletic trainer for the Fightin Phils. He'll be entering his 12th season as a full-time staff athletic trainer with the Philadelphia Phillies. He spent three years (2014-2016) with Clearwater (A+) and six years (2008-2013) with Lakewood (A). Kozack spent the 2007 season with Williamsport and served as an intern in 2006 with Scranton/Wilkes-Barre (AAA). In addition to being a certified athletic trainer (ATC), he is also a certified health education specialist (CHES).

Mike Lidge will make his Fightin Phils debut as the strength and conditioning coach in 2018. He joined the Philadelphia Phillies organization in 2017 as the strength and conditioning coach in Clearwater and previously held the same position for four years (2013-2016) with the San Francisco Giants for Richmond (AA), San Jose (A) and the Arizona League Giants (R). He has a Master of Science in Exercise Science and his Bachelor of Science in Kinesiology from Northeastern Illinois University.



2018 PITCHERS

RHP Harold Arauz

Height/Weight: 6-2/185 lbs
Bats/Throws: R/R
Born: March 29, 1995 in Chiriquí, Panama
Opening Day Age: 23
Resides: Chiriquí, Panama
Acquired: Acquired from HOU with RHP Mark Appel, RHP Vince Velasquez, LHP Brett Oberholtzer and RHP Tom Eshelman for RHP Ken Giles and IF Jonathan Arauz, 12/12/15



HAROLD'S STORY

Fightin Phils Debut:

June 25, 2017 vs Trenton

Last Team:

Clearwater Threshers

CAREER HIGHS:

IP (S): 8.0 IP (x2), Last, 9/1/17 vs Dunedin

IP (R): 4.0 IP (x8), Last, 6/15/17 vs Lakeland

H: 10 7/25/17 vs Daytona

R: 7 (x2), Last, 6/1/16 @ West Virginia (A)

ER: 7 8/9/14 @ GCL Braves

HR: 2 (x3), Last, 7/25/17 vs Daytona

BB: 4 5/20/16 vs Delmarva

SO: 10 (x2), Last, 9/1/17 vs Dunedin

Arauz surfaced for one appearance with the Fightin Phils at the end of June when they were in need of bullpen arms, pitching in one game at FirstEnergy Stadium against the eventual division champion Trenton Thunder. 2017 was a little bit different for the righthander, who predominately pitched in relief for the first time in his career. He didn't make his first start until July 4 in Daytona when he threw six scoreless innings for the win, and he'd later return to the rotation with five of his last six appearances coming as a starter. He made history on July 30 at Bright House Field against Fort Myers when he threw a 7-inning no-hitter in the second game of a doubleheader. One month later, Arauz made his final start of the season, and was the hard luck loser in an 8-inning, 10-strikeout performance against the Dunedin Blue Jays.

2017:

Began the season in Extended Spring Training before being assigned to Lakewood (A) on April 28...Made 8 appearances for the BlueClaws and was sent to Clearwater (A+) on May 16...In six starts with the Threshers, he was 2-3 with a 2.80 ERA...In 14 relief appearances, he was 2-1 with a 1.26 ERA...Lefties hit .185 against Arauz while righties batted .185.

NO-HITTER NOTES: (7.0 IP, BB, career-high 10 SO) Was the only no-hitter in the Florida State League last season...Prior to the no-hitter, he had thrown just one complete game in his career...58 of his 76 total pitches were strikes and he retired the first 19 batters he faced before issuing a one-out walk in the seventh for the Miracle's only baserunner.

2016:

Named the **Phillies Minor League Pitcher of the Week** for the week of May 23-29 while pitching with Lakewood...Was on the DL from July 1-August 3 with a right elbow strain, which included a rehab assignment with the Gulf Coast League Phillies (R)...Surrendered 2 ER or less in each of his last six starts upon returning to Lakewood for the final month of the season (1.30 ERA, 5 ER in 34.2 IP)...Made the lone postseason start of his career on September 16 against the Rome Braves, suffering the loss over 4.1 innings in the final game of the South Atlantic League Championship Series.

2015:

Spent the entire season in the New York-Penn League (A-) with Tri-City, his final one with the Astros organization...His ERA went from 1.88 in 5 relief appearances to 7.23 over 10 starts (0-5 record)...Still finished the season with 52 strikeouts in 51.2 innings.

2014:

Pitched most of his first season in the United States with the GCL Astros (R), finishing second in the Gulf Coast League with 53 strikeouts in just 40.2 innings...Only made 3 appearances with Greeneville (A-) at the end of the season, but still won the **Appalachian League's Pitcher of the Week Award** on August 25 after striking out 11 over 9.2 scoreless innings in two games.

2013:

Spent his second season with the DSL Astros (R)...Finished 2nd in the DSL in WHIP (0.89)...Posted the fewest baserunners/9.0 IP among all DSL starters (7.27).

2012:

Began his pro career with the Dominican Summer League Astros (R)...Allowed 5 ER in 1.2 IP in his final appearance, but posted a 1.38 ERA over his first 7 professional games (2 ER, 13.0 IP).

Personal & Miscellaneous:

Harold Osvaldo Arauz was originally signed by the Houston Astros as an amateur free agent on July 12, 2011 at the age of 16.

RHP Trevor Bettencourt

Height/Weight: 6-0/195 lbs
Bats/Throws: R/R
Born: July 21, 1994 in San Jose, CA
Opening Day Age: 23
Resides: San Jose, CA
Acquired: Selected by the Phillies in the 25th round of the 2016 June draft out of UC Santa Barbara



TREVOR'S STORY

Fightin Phils Debut:
N/A

Last Team:
Clearwater Threshers

CAREER HIGHS:

IP (S): *Has never started since turning pro*

IP (R): 3.1 IP 6/18/17 vs Hickory

H: 6 6/9/17 @ Hagerstown

R: 5 6/9/17 @ Hagerstown

ER: 5 6/9/17 @ Hagerstown

HR: 1 (x3), Last, 8/31/17 vs Dunedin

BB: 2 8/31/17 vs Dunedin

SO: 5 (x3), Last, 5/21/17 @ Hagerstown

Bettencourt's made quite the impression since being taken in the 25th round of the 2016 June draft out of UC Santa Barbara. Given that his draft position wasn't that high and he has a total of 43 games under his belt, the fact that he's starting the season as the Fightin Phils least experienced pitcher speaks volumes. In his first full season a year ago, he had tremendous numbers in Lakewood's (A) bullpen and earned a South Atlantic League Midseason All-Star Selection. The jump to Clearwater later in the season actually had a positive effect on his numbers, and despite a shorter workload in the Florida State League, his WHIP dipped from 1.04 to 0.74. It's a very small sample size, but Bettencourt's strikeout-to-walk ratio of 77:9 in just 58.2 innings is an unbelievable number for a rookie. Of course, the move to the Eastern League is a challenging one, and as long as Bettencourt continues to hammer the strike zone, he'll have **Steve Schrenk** to guide him and help him improve so that he can help the Fightin Phils eat up innings late in ballgames.

2017: South Atlantic League Midseason All-Star

Pitched in 25 games with Lakewood (A), compiling a 3-2 record and a 3.28 ERA with 8 saves on 11 tries...Allowed just one home run and had 55 strikeouts to 5 walks in 35.2 innings pitched...Didn't allow a run for 17.0 innings during an 11-game stretch from April 11-May 30...On May 6, struck out the only batter he faced to combine with **Nick Fanti** on a 9-inning no-hitter in a 1-0 win against the Columbia Fireflies...Missed close to two weeks with a left oblique strain from April 16-28...Assigned to Clearwater (A+) on July 12 for the rest of the season and went 2-0 with a 1.57 ERA in 16 games, adding two saves...The Florida State League batted just .157 against him (13 hits allowed in 23.0 innings)...Didn't allow a run in 12.0 innings pitched across 8 road games...15 of his 41 appearances during the season were for 2.0 innings or more...Went to the Arizona Fall League after the season and had a 10.13 ERA in 8 games, pitching just 8.0 innings for the Glendale Desert Dogs.

2016:

Pitched in just two games as a rookie with the Williamsport Crosscutters (A-).

Personal & Miscellaneous:

Trevor Thomas Bettencourt redshirted during his first season at UC Santa Barbara in 2015 before pitching in 24 games during his final season as a junior in 2016...Went 4-2 with a 3.43 ERA, walking 21 and striking out 46 over 42.0 innings pitched...Had a stretch where he allowed just one earned run over 21.0 innings in 13 appearances from March 1-May 3...Stranded 11 of 18 inherited runners during the season and had six games where he threw 3.0+ innings...Had his best outing in his lone appearance at the College World Series when he threw 5.0 shutout innings of relief against Arizona, allowing just one hit while striking out seven.

Spent his first two collegiate seasons at the University of Tennessee in 2013 & 2014 under Head Coach **Dave Serrano**...Earned a save in his first game with the Vols, throwing the last 3.0 innings in a win against UNLV...Led the team with three saves as a freshman in 2013...Helped Tennessee reach the SEC Tournament for the first time in six seasons during his sophomore year, when he went 1-1 with a 2.93 ERA and two saves in 20 games.

Played second and third base at St. Francis High School (CA), as well as water polo.

LHP Garrett Cleavinger

Height/Weight: 6-1/210 lbs
Bats/Throws: R/L
Born: April 23, 1994 in Lawrence, KS
Opening Day Age: 23
Resides: Baldwin City, KS
Acquired: Traded from Baltimore on July 29, 2017 with OF Hyun Soo Kim and Future Considerations for RHP Jeremy Hellickson and Cash



GARRETT'S STORY

Fightin Phils Debut: August 2, 2017 vs Harrisburg
Last Team: Reading Fightin Phils

CAREER HIGHS:

IP (S): * Has never started since turning pro
IP (R): 3.2 IP (x2), Last, 7/3/16 vs Salem
H: 5 (x2), Last, 7/17/17 @ Hartford
R: 6 7/17/17 @ Hartford
ER: 6 7/17/17 @ Hartford
HR: 2 5/4/16 @ Lexington
BB: 4 4/23/16 @ Kannapolis
SO: 8 6/29/16 vs Carolina

Cleavinger didn't have to go very far when he was acquired by the Phillies right before the trade deadline as part of the Jeremy Hellickson deal. A third round pick of the Orioles out of the University of Oregon in 2015, the lefthander never left the Eastern League in 2017 after appearing in 27 games for the Bowie Baysox. Cleavinger dominated the lower levels for his first full year in the Orioles organization, but intermittent control issues have underscored his very promising left arm. He's still young and won't turn 24 until the end of April, so maybe a full year under Philadelphia's control and a chance to work on some things in Spring Training will do the trick. Cleavinger can be unhittable, and he was able to strike out three batters in three of his 11 appearances for the Fightin Phils during the final month of last season. Even while he racked up an even 6-ERA in 38 Double-A games a year ago, he was still able to strike out 59 batters in 54.0 innings. For his career, he's averaged around 11 SO/9 IP, which is why the Phillies sent him to the Arizona Fall League in the offseason. If it clicks for Cleavinger, he has a chance to be a very effective reliever, and will certainly help the Fightin Phils early on with a chance to advance to Lehigh Valley if he can limit the walks.

2017:

Started the season with Bowie (AA), where he pitched to a 2.45 ERA during his first six appearances in April...Was used for more than an inning in half of his 38 appearances for the Baysox and Fightins a year ago...Posted good numbers against the Fightin Phils, allowing just 3 hits in 16 ABs (.188) with 3 walks and 7 strikeouts...Converted 4-of-8 save opportunities during the season, including the Fightins last win in Trenton in the second game of a doubleheader on September 2 at ARM & HAMMER Park...Cleavinger's save in the 8th inning preserved a 2-0 shutout for **Tyler Viza** (10-10), who threw 7.0 scoreless innings and passed **Drew Anderson** for the team lead in wins on the second-to-last day of the season...Threw 2.0 innings in 5 of his 11 appearances with the Fightins, accumulating a 5.28 ERA during that time.

2016: Ranked as the Orioles #26 Prospect by Baseball America

“The Orioles saw Cleavinger touch 97 mph in the Cape Cod League in the 2014 and they drafted him in the third round in 2015, signing him for \$500,000. He was first-team Pacific-12 Conference in 2015, going 6-2, 1.58 with 66 strikeouts over 40 innings for Oregon. Early in the college season, Cleavinger's velocity was down at 89-92 mph, and that is mostly what the Orioles saw when he pitched at short-season Aberdeen, though they are confident there is more there. He showed a solid curveball with good depth at 75-78 mph and needs to work on his changeup. Cleavinger creates deception with a funky takeaway in his delivery that one scout felt impacts his command, but he has thrown enough strikes in the past. The deception is a key part of his overall package. While he needs some polish to that delivery, Cleavinger projects as a power lefty reliever. He should pitch in the bullpen in 2016, starting at low Class A Delmarva.

Selected as a 2016 South Atlantic League (A) Midseason All-Star with Delmarva...Was named Orioles Minor League Pitcher of the Month for April after he went 3-0 with a 1.84 ERA and 21 strikeouts in six games...Went 5-0 with a 1.38 ERA in 17 games (4-for-4 on saves) for the Shorebirds before being assigned to the Frederick Keys (A+) in the Carolina League on June 23...Had a 4.82 ERA in 20 appearances, but finished with 49 SO/23 BB in 37.1 innings.

2015:

Burst onto the scene as a rookie with Aberdeen (A-) in the New York-Penn League, compiling a 6-1 record with a 2.16 ERA in 19 appearances...Held opponents to a .165 average while totaling 32 SO/18 BB in 25.0 innings...Started his career by not allowing a run in his first 12 appearances, spanning 16.0 innings.

Personal & Miscellaneous:

Garrett J. Cleavinger was originally selected in the 3rd round of the 2015 June draft by the Baltimore Orioles out of the University of Oregon...At Oregon, he was teammates with Fightins lefthanded starter **Cole Irvin**...Left Eugene as the program's record holder for career appearances (109) and opponents average (.165)...According to MASNsports.com's **Roch Kubatko**, Cleavinger was originally supposed to be part of the trade that would have sent **Ubaldo Jimenez** to San Diego for **Melvin Upton Jr**, but that trade down broke down over finances and Upton ultimately ended up in Toronto.

- Louisville Slugger Freshman All-American in 2013 and a 3rd Team Preseason All-American before his sophomore year in 2014

Had one of the best single seasons in Oregon history as a freshman in 2013, going 9-0 with a team-leading 1.24 ERA and two saves while striking out 57 batters in 43.2 IP...Set Oregon freshman records for appearances (37) and ERA...Held opposing hitters to a .137 batting average, the lowest single-season mark by an Oregon pitcher in school history...Nine wins were tied for the fifth most in school history, while his 37 appearances ranks second all-time...Had notable wins against #6 Oregon State, #21 Stanford (twice), and South Dakota State at the NCAA Tournament Regional.

Pitched with the Falmouth Commodores in the Cape Cod League in 2013 & 2014...Won a Kansas State Championship at Lawrence High School in 2009, 1st Team All-State as a senior in 2012...Named the starting pitcher for the East in the Kansas All-State All-Star Game...His uncle, Matt McWilliams, pitched in the Atlanta Braves organization for one season with the Eugene Emeralds in 1995.

RHP **Seranthony Dominguez** * *40-Man Roster*

Height/Weight: 6-1/185 lbs
Bats/Throws: R/R
Born: November 25, 1994 in Esperanza, DR
Opening Day Age: 23
Resides: Esperanza, DR
Acquired: Signed by the Phillies as a non-drafted free agent on May 31, 2012



SERANTHONY'S STORY

Fightin Phils Debut:
N/A

Last Team:
Clearwater Threshers

CAREER HIGHS:

IP (S): 9.0 IP 6/27/13 vs DSL Marlins
IP (R): 3.2 IP (x2), Last, 7/2/15 @ GCL Braves
H: 9 (x3), Last, 8/14/17 vs St. Lucie
R: 6 (x2), Last, 8/14/17 vs St. Lucie
ER: 6 8/14/17 vs St. Lucie
HR: 2 5/7/17 @ Florida
BB: 5 6/21/13 @ DSL Yankees 2
SO: 10 4/12/17 @ Lakeland

Despite opening a lot of eyes in Spring Training, it came as no surprise when Dominguez was optioned back to minor league camp on March 13. After being added to the Phillies 40-man roster last November, he pitched in relief in five Grapefruit League games, allowing 1 ER over 4.2 innings. The Phillies have very high hopes for the 23-year-old, who jumped into the organization's **Top-30 prospects lists** (#12, *Baseball America*) (#13, *MLB Pipeline*). While **Sixto Sanchez** drew widespread praise across the minors, Dominguez slipped under the radar and the Phillies decided to add him to the 40-man after exposing him to the Rule 5 Draft at the end of the 2016 season. Health is going to be key for Dominguez, who battled a shoulder injury for about two months last year and has never pitched in more than 17 games during the course of a full season. According to **Jim Salisbury** of *NBC Sports Philadelphia*, the Phillies plan on converting Dominguez into a reliever this season, and Director of Player Development **Joe Jordan** told Salisbury that the righthander could "dominate" as a late-inning reliever.

2017: *Named the Florida State League's #13 prospect by Baseball America after the season*

Was a **FSL Midseason All-Star** with Clearwater (A+), finishing the season 4-4 with a 3.61 ERA in 15 games (13 starts)...Allowed just 51 hits in 62.1 innings, with 75 SO/30 BB...Went 3-0 in his first seven starts, but didn't pitch between May 13 and July 10 with a right shoulder injury...Made two rehab starts in the Gulf Coast League before returning to Clearwater on July 21...Lost his next three decisions and only pitched 5+ innings twice in his last eight appearances for the Threshers...Pitched in seven games with the Gigantes del Cibao in the Dominican Winter League after the season.

2016:

Didn't pitch in his first game until June 19 with Williamsport (A-), where he went 1-1 in three starts before being assigned to Lakewood (A) for the rest of the season...In 10 starts, allowed 1 ER or less 7 times, and he didn't allow an earned run in his last four starts over 21.0 innings...Finished the regular season with the

BlueClaws 5-2 with a 2.42 ERA...Made the only postseason start of his career in Game 2 of the South Atlantic League Championship Series, taking the loss against Rome (4.1 IP, 5 H, 3 ER, BB, 4 SO) * **Lost series 3-1**

2014 & 2015:

Appeared in just 16 games (1 start) with the GCL Phillies (R), pitching just 33.2 innings over the course of two full seasons.

2012 & 2013:

Spent the first two years of his career in the Dominican Summer League (R), putting together a 2-year statline of 8-10, 3.20 ERA in 29 games (25 starts)...In 143.1 innings, only allowed 6 HRs with 98 SO/56 BB...Allowed 2 ER or less 15 times in his 25 DSL starts.

Personal & Miscellaneous:

MLB Pipeline had this to say about Seranthony Ambioris Dominguez:

“Dominguez has always had arm strength, but now is starting to increase his overall pitchability to make him a much more intriguing pitching prospect. He's topped out at 97-98 mph this season [2017] and sits, as a starter, very comfortably in the 93-94 mph range. His secondary stuff continues to improve, with a breaking ball that will flash above-average at times. He also has some feel for a potentially average changeup.”

RHP Édgar García

Height/Weight: 6-1/180 lbs
Bats/Throws: R/R
Born: October 4, 1996 in Palenque, DR
Opening Day Age: 21
Resides: San Cristobal, DR
Acquired: Signed by the Phillies as a non-drafted free agent on May 29, 2014



EDGAR'S STORY

Fightin Phils Debut:
N/A

Last Team:
Clearwater Threshers

CAREER HIGHS:

IP (S): 6.2 IP 7/26/17 vs Daytona
IP (R): 4.0 IP (x3), Last, 6/28/16 @ Hagerstown
H: 8 8/13/15 vs GCL Pirates
R: 6 (x3), Last, 8/7/17 @ Tampa
ER: 6 8/7/17 @ Tampa
HR: 2 (x2), Last, 7/31/17 vs Fort Myers
BB: 3 (x4), Last, 8/31/17 vs Dunedin
SO: 8 7/29/15 @ GCL Tigers

Garcia re-enters *Baseball America's* Phillies Top-30 Prospects list at #28 for the 2018 season (#24 in in 2016) after making the transition into the rotation last season in Clearwater. Having been linked to fellow Dominican righthanders **Franklyn Kilome** and **Adonis Medina** since the trio came up together in 2014, Garcia is going to be a part of what should be one of the best starting staffs in the minors in Reading. *Baseball America* also ranked his slider as the best in the organization, which is a good building block for pitching coach **Steve Schrenk** as he prepares to fully work with the 21-year-old for the first time. Garcia's numbers didn't jump off the page in the usually pitcher-friendly Florida State League last season, but it's important to remember it was also his busiest season as he worked 88.2 innings (previous high was 61 in 2016). He made his first start on May 20, and only pitched once more in relief for the rest of the season. The encouraging thing is that Garcia doesn't have a lot of miles on his arm, and his overall splits were much better as a starter despite surrendering a hit per inning.

2017:

Pitched the entire season in Clearwater (A+), where he went 3-4 with a 4.47 ERA in 27 games (15 starts)...In 88.2 innings, allowed 10 home runs with 89 SO/31 BB...Had his best start on July 26 against Daytona (Reds), when he threw a career-high 6.2 scoreless innings in a 3-0 shutout for his final decision of the season...Spent 9 days on the Disabled List from August 8-17...Appeared in 8 games with the Estrellas de Oriente in the Dominican Winter League after the season and allowed 8 ER on 12 hits in just 6.2 innings.

2016: *Ranked as the Phillies #24 prospect by Baseball America*

Got off to a great start in Lakewood (A), where he posted a 1.35 ERA in his first 13 South Atlantic League games (4 ER in 26.2 innings)...Went 4-1 with a 2.80 ERA in 27 games (4 starts), with 10 of those outings being scoreless appearances of 2.0 innings or more...Came out of the bullpen for two playoff games against Rome,

throwing 2.2 scoreless innings with just one hit allowed...Pitched in the Florida Instructional League after the season.

2015:

Didn't make his first appearance in the Gulf Coast League until June 25, when he worked 3.0 scoreless innings for the win in relief against the GCL Pirates...Had a 2.52 ERA in 10 relief appearances, and allowed just 16 hits in 25.0 innings while striking out 26...Overall, righties hit just .175 against him and he only allowed 2 hits in 30 ABs (.067) with runners in scoring position.

2014:

Made his professional debut against the DSL Yankees 2 (R) and surrendered two earned runs on three hits in his lone inning of work...Appeared in 11 more games after that to end his rookie season, and pitched to a 1.46 ERA (4 ER in 24.2 innings)...Won his only two decisions back-to-back against the DSL Yankees 2 and DSL Cubs in early August.

Personal & Miscellaneous:

Édgar E. García debuted at 17 years old in 2014.

LHP Tyler Gilbert

Height/Weight: 6-3/190 lbs
Bats/Throws: L/L
Born: December 22, 1993 in Santa Cruz, CA
Opening Day Age: 24
Resides: Felton, CA
Acquired: Selected by the Phillies in the 6th round of the 2015 June draft out of the University of Southern California



TYLER'S STORY

Fightin Phils Debut:
N/A

Last Team:
Clearwater Threshers

CAREER HIGHS:

IP (S): 8.0 IP 7/9/16 vs West Virginia
IP (R): 4.0 IP (x2), Last, 7/27/17 vs Daytona
H: 11 8/12/16 @ Kannapolis
R: 7 4/20/16 vs Hagerstown
ER: 7 4/20/16 vs Hagerstown
HR: 3 6/12/16 @ Delmarva
BB: 3 6/12/16 @ Delmarva
SO: 9 (x2), Last, 7/3/16 vs Greensboro

Gilbert will combine with **Garrett Cleavinger** to give **Greg Legg** two lefthanded options in the bullpen to start the season. Last year, the combination of **Joey DeNato** and **Austin Davis** filled the same role, and both pitchers were adept at getting out of spots with runners on base. Gilbert's move to the bullpen last season produced solid results, and his 1-6 record in 35 games wasn't really indicative of his sub-3 earned run average. Despite missing close to three weeks in May with a feared left forearm strain, the California native returned to put up slightly better numbers during the second half of the season. Like DeNato and Davis, Gilbert only allowed the Florida State League to hit .206 (13-for-63) with runners in scoring position. And because of his previous starting experience during his first two seasons in the organization, he was able to go 2.0 or more innings 16 times in his 34 relief appearances. Another split worth noting is Gilbert's 2.23 ERA at home in Clearwater compared to 4.01 on the road, which is encouraging because he'll be pitching his home games inside another welcoming hitters park in Reading.

2017:

Earned the first of his three saves on April 27 in Tampa, and made just three more appearances over the next month because of a left forearm strain...Had his best month in July when he put together a 2.60 ERA in 9 games (5 ER, 18 SO in 17.1 IP)...Won his only decision on August 24 at home against Fort Myers, when he struck out 3 over 3.0 scoreless innings in an 8-5 win...Didn't allow an earned run in his last five games over a span of 9.0 innings.

2016:

Started 23 games for Lakewood (A), finishing his first full season with a 7-9 record and a 3.98 ERA...Went 0-3 in his first five starts before winning his first game on May 10 in Kannapolis...Went 3-3 in six starts from May 4-June 6, throwing six or seven innings in each start, and allowing 2 ER or less in 5 of the 6...Won back-to-back starts just once all season on May 30 in West Virginia and June 6 at home against Lexington...Allowed 3 ER or

less in 17 of his 23 starts and walked just 26 batters in 131.0 innings (2nd-most in the rotation behind **Jose Taveras**).

2015:

Pitched in 10 games (8 starts) for Williamsport (A-) as a rookie...Was 4-3 with a 2.79 ERA, allowing 42 hits in 42.0 innings with a strikeout/walk ratio of 44/6...Didn't allow a home run all year and ended the season on a high note by allowing 2 ER or less in five of his last six starts.

Personal & Miscellaneous:

Tyler Gilbert became the first Trojan to be drafted by the Phillies since Wes Rachels was taken in the 33rd round of the 1998 draft...Also became the 11th Trojan to be drafted by the Phillies since the draft began in 1965 and the 309th Trojan all-time to be drafted...In his lone season at USC, he had a 5-2 record and a 2.79 ERA (2nd on the team) in 67.2 innings of work...Gilbert appeared in 22 games (6 starts) and struck out 66 batters, the second most on the club...The junior also tallied two saves, including a big one against rival UCLA in Dodger Stadium during the Dodger Stadium College Baseball Classic...Was the winning pitcher in a 12-11 win to beat San Diego State and advance to the NCAA Regional Finals against Virginia...Before USC, went 9-2 with a 2.43 ERA in 2013 at Santa Barbara City College (CA)...After the season, was selected to the All-Southern California team by the California Community College Baseball Coaches Association.

RHP Franklyn Kilomé * *40-Man Roster*

Height/Weight: 6-6/175 lbs
Bats/Throws: R/R
Born: June 25, 1995 in La Romana, DR
Opening Day Age: 22
Resides: La Romana, DR
Acquired: Signed by the Phillies as an amateur free agent on January 22, 2013



FRANKLYN'S STORY

Fightin Phils Debut: August 10, 2017 @ Altoona
Last Team: Reading Fightin Phils

CAREER HIGHS:

IP (S): 8.0 IP 8/21/17 @ Bowie
IP (R): 4.1 IP 7/31/14 @ GCL Tigers
H: 9 8/21/14 @ GCL Braves
R: 8 4/19/16 vs Hagerstown
ER: 6 (x2), Last, 4/19/16 vs Hagerstown
HR: 2 (x2), Last, 8/16/17 vs Bowie
BB: 5 (x4), Last, 6/5/17 vs Charlotte (A+)
SO: 11 8/9/16 @ Delmarva

Added to the Phillies 40-man roster in the offseason to protect him from the Rule 5 Draft, this is going to be a huge season for the 22-year-old Kilome. A *Baseball America* organizational Top-10 prospect each of the last four years, the publication also ranked his curveball as the best in the system entering the 2018 season. He spent the last month of 2017 in Reading, where he showed a lot of poise in his first four starts prior to a setback against New Hampshire in his final appearance of the season. Kilome has all the tools to take that next step and potentially dominate most Double-A lineups, and a full season with pitching coach **Steve Schrenk** will hopefully improve upon the 52 walks he issued in 127.0 innings a year ago. While his strikeout rate fell off a bit from 26% to 19% between 2016 and 2017, Kilome simply had a comfortable, polished look about him most of the time he was on the mound for the Fightin Phils. Since being signed back in 2013, Kilome's added 25 pounds to his frame, so there's also a chance that he packs on a little more weight to support his big arm. Having spent his entire career in the United States, he's pitched at every level in the Phillies system and should spend most of the season in Baseballtown. *MLB Pipeline* has him down as the Phils #10 prospect this season.

2017: *Ranked as the Florida State League's #17 prospect after the season by Baseball America*

Left the Florida State League ranked 3rd with a 2.59 ERA but also led the FSL at the time of his call up to Reading with 14 wild pitches in 19 starts...Allowed 2 ER or less in 15 starts and threw 6.0 or more innings in 9 starts with Clearwater (A+)...FSL teams hit just .180 against him with runners in scoring position...Made his Double-A debut on August 10 in Altoona, where he took the loss despite retiring 9 of the last 11 Curve batters he faced...Struck out six over 5.0 innings, with 3 ER on 5 hits and 3 walks allowed...Won his first Double-A start in his third game in Bowie, firing 8.0 shutout innings (94 pitches) while allowing 3 hits and 4 walks with 5 strikeouts...Lost his last two starts on the final homestand to Harrisburg and New Hampshire (3.2 IP, 7 H, 5 ER, 4 walks, strikeout)...Finished the season 7-7 with a 2.83 ERA in 24 starts.

2016: *Ranked as the South Atlantic League's #8 prospect after the season by Baseball America*

Posted the best SO/9.0 IP ratio among SAL starters (10.20)...Had a 2.74 ERA (32 ER in 105.0 IP) in his last 20 starts after allowing 17 ER over his first 3 starts (9.2 IP)...Allowed 3 ER or fewer in 17 straight starts from May 2-August 16...Struck out 9 or more batters five times, including a career-high 11 on August 9 at Delmarva...1-6, 5.09 ERA in 11 1st Half Starts > 4-2, 2.77 ERA in 12 2nd Half Starts...SAL teams hit just .209 with runners in scoring position...Pitched Game 1 of the South Atlantic League Championship Series, giving Lakewood (A) its only win of the series with one hit and two walks allowed over 7.0 scoreless innings, adding 9 strikeouts...Participated in the Florida Instructional League after the season.

2015: *Ranked as the New York-Penn League's #5 prospect after the season by Baseball America*

Didn't allow an earned run in four of his first seven starts...Held righties to a .212 average for the season and surrendered just 5 extra-base hits (1 home run) in 49.1 innings with Williamsport (A-)...Pitched Game 2 of the New York-Penn League Semifinals against West Virginia, twirling 5.0 scoreless innings (2 hits, 3 walks, 6 SO) to tie the series at a game apiece.

2014:

Was the Phillies Minor League Pitcher of the Week once during his rookie season in the Gulf Coast League (R)...Pitched in 11 games (8 starts) and went 3-1 with a 3.12 ERA...Allowed 1 ER or less 8 games.

Personal & Miscellaneous:

Franklyn Kilomé has twice been named the Phillies #7 prospect (2016-17) and #10 prospect (2015, 2018) by *Baseball America*...His cumulative 2.83 ERA last season placed him amongst the top-10 for all Phillies minor league pitchers.

RHP Luke Leftwich

Height/Weight: 6-3/205 lbs
Bats/Throws: L/R
Born: June 9, 1994 in Laguna, CA
Opening Day Age: 23
Resides: Phoenix, AZ
Acquired: Selected by the Phillies in the 7th round of the 2015 June draft out of Wofford College



LUKE'S STORY

Fightin Phils Debut:
N/A

Last Team:
Clearwater Threshers

CAREER HIGHS:

IP (S): 8.0 IP 6/7/16 vs Lexington
IP (R): 3.1 IP (x2), Last, 8/30/17 @ Charlotte (A+)
H: 9 8/26/16 @ Daytona
R: 6 6/30/16 vs Dunedin
ER: 6 6/30/16 vs Dunedin
HR: 2 (x3), Last, 6/8/17 @ Jupiter
BB: 5 8/2/15 vs Vermont
SO: 11 (x2), Last, 6/13/16 vs Hagerstown

A deeper look inside Leftwich's 2017 numbers shows he was one of the best relievers in the Florida State League despite a misleading 1-6 record with Clearwater (A+). His 42 appearances placed him amongst the Top-10 of all Phillies minor league pitchers, and he boasted an impressive SO/9 IP ratio of 11 that was good for 3rd amongst all FSL relief pitchers. The full-time move to the bullpen didn't have much of an effect on the 7th round pick in 2015, who spent his first year-and-a-half in the organization as a starter. He'll turn 24 two months into the season, and with more than 50 appearances for the Threshers the last two seasons, Leftwich will be a featured member of the Fightin Phils bullpen on Opening Day. Last season, Leftwich dominated lefthanded hitters and his second half blew away his first half numbers, which showed he was able to adjust to High-A hitters. If he's going to be used in late-inning situations, he'll need to improve on his save totals (8-for-14), but he can certainly build on what was an otherwise impressive 2017 season.

2017:

Pitched to a 2.70 ERA in 42 games for the Threshers, ranking second on the team in appearances behind only **Seth McGarry's** 44...Amongst Florida State League relievers, ranked amongst the leaders in **fewest baserunners/9 IP** (10.58, 1st), **SO/9 IP** (11, 3rd), and was 5th in both **lowest batting average** (.232) and **lowest BB/9 IP** (2.36)...Held lefties to a .183 average and turned his first half numbers (0-4, 4.00 ERA) around after the All-Star Break (1-2, 1.64 ERA)...Allowed 2 HRs all season across 80.0 innings, and they both came in the same outing on June 8 in Jupiter...26 of his 42 appearances were for 2.0+ innings, with 10 being at least 3.0 innings...Led all Threshers pitchers and all Phillies full-time minor league relievers with 98 strikeouts.

2016: South Atlantic League Midseason All-Star; 2-time Phillies Minor League Pitcher of the Week

Started the season in Lakewood (A), where he went 7-3 with an even-2 ERA in 12 starts...Struck out 88 batters across 67.2 innings, and won his last 3 starts by working 21 straight scoreless innings prior to being called up to Clearwater (A+) on June 24...Struck out a total of 21 batters in back-to-back wins against Greenville and Asheville on April 29 and May 6, working 6.0 innings in each start...Won his High-A debut in Brevard County on June 25 for the Threshers but only won twice over his last 10 starts to end the season...Only made it through six innings twice in 11 Florida State League starts.

2015:

Made 9 starts (11 games) for Williamsport (A-) as a rookie, going 2-2 with a 2.76 ERA...Allowed 1 ER or less in 8 appearances...Struck out a season-high 6 batters in just 2.2 innings of relief in his professional debut on July 1 against Auburn...Later struck out six across a season-high 6.0 innings in a win against State College.

Personal & Miscellaneous:

Luke Taylor Leftwich became the sixth Wofford Terrier drafted by a Major League team in the previous nine years when he was selected by the Phillies in the 7th round of the 2015 June draft...In 14 starts during his final season as a junior, he was 7-2 with a 4.25 ERA, ranking 2nd in the Southern Conference and in school history with 114 strikeouts in 89.0 innings pitched... Among Southern Conference leaders, he was sixth in ERA, eighth in innings pitched, sixth in opponents batting average, and fifth in wins... For his career, he had a 13-13 record with 39 starts and 53 appearances...His ERA was 5.42 in 220.2 career innings, and he left Wofford ranked third in school history with 261 career strikeouts...Luke's father, **Phil**, was a 2nd round pick of the California Angels in 1990 out of Radford University (Virginia) and made his Major League debut on July 29, 1993...In 34 career starts with the Angels, he was 9-17 with a 4.99 ERA...He pitched two seasons with the Osaka Kintetsu Buffaloes in the Japan Pacific League in 1998 and 1999...His grandfather, **Tom Timmermann**, pitched for six seasons in Major League Baseball with the Detroit Tigers (1969–1973) and Cleveland Indians (1973–1974). He compiled a 35-35 record and a 3.78 ERA, and recorded 35 saves in 228 games...After setting a Tigers record with 61 appearances in 1970, Timmermann was voted "Tiger of the Year" by the Detroit chapter of the Baseball Writers' Association of America...During a minor league game in 1968, he tied a professional baseball record by recording the maximum of 27 infield outs in a nine-inning game for the Criollas de Caguas in the Puerto Rican Winter League.

RHP Seth McGarry

Height/Weight: 6-0/196 lbs
Bats/Throws: R/R
Born: January 5, 1994 in St. Petersburg, FL
Opening Day Age: 24
Resides: Bradenton, FL
Acquired: Acquired from the Pirates in exchange for RHP Joaquín Benoit and cash considerations on July 31, 2017



LUKE'S STORY

Fightin Phils Debut:
N/A

Last Team:
Clearwater Threshers

CAREER HIGHS:

IP (S): 5.0 (x5), Last, 8/21/15 @ Mahoning Valley

IP (R): 2.1 IP 5/7/16 vs Hagerstown

H: 6 7/19/15 @ Auburn

R: 5 (x2), Last, 5/24/16 @ Charleston

ER: 5 8/15/15 @ State College

HR: 1 (x8), Last, 8/31/17 vs Dunedin

BB: 4 (x4), Last, 5/24/16 @ Charleston

SO: 6 (x2), Last, 8/10/15 @ Williamsport

A Midseason and Postseason All-Star in the Florida State League last season, McGarry went from Bradenton to Clearwater at the trade deadline when the Phillies sent **RHP Joaquín Benoit** to the Pirates. Having pitched against Phillies affiliates since his rookie season in 2015, the Phillies had a good enough scouting report on the Floridian to want him in a one-for-one trade. While his numbers in Pirate City jumped off the page, he had a tough time pitching at Spectrum Field, going 0-3 with a 9.39 ERA in seven appearances, with two blown saves. Otherwise, he was one of the best relievers in the FSL a year ago, and has been healthy during his first two full seasons as he approaches 100 games for his career. Coming out of Florida Atlantic University in 2015, injuries were an issue for McGarry, who missed a good chunk of time during his first two collegiate seasons and only pitched a total of 21.1 innings. Entering his first full year as a member of the Phillies, McGarry will vie for mid-to-late inning relief work, because he's averaged a strikeout per inning the last two years while having a career average against of .217.

2017: *Florida State League Midseason & Postseason All-Star*

Florida State League ranks: 19 saves (T-1st with **Jeff Singer**), 44 games (T-1st), 38 games finished (1st)

Opened the season with a 15.1-inning scoreless streak in his first 10 games for Bradenton (A+), in which he allowed just 4 hits...Converted 14 of his 15 save opportunities...Held right-handed hitters to a .099 average (7-for-71) and opponents batted .088 (3-34) with RISP against him...Appeared in his first game with Clearwater on August 1 and went 5-for-7 on saves in 13 games with the Threshers...Posted a combined 0.99 WHIP and allowed just 2 home runs for the season between Bradenton and Clearwater...Participated in the Florida Instructional League after the season.

2016:

Spent the entire season with the West Virginia Power (A) in the South Atlantic League...Struck out a season-high 5 batters in just 2.0 innings on May 28 against the Columbia Fireflies...Went 2-0 with a 1.38 ERA (2 ER in 13.0 IP) over 8 games in June...Allowed just 2 ER over 12 appearances from June 2-July 17, which brought his ERA down from 4.32 to 2.93...Logged 2.0 or more innings in 20 of his 38 relief appearances...Finished second on the team with 9 saves (13 attempts) in 38 games, totaling 59 strikeouts in 59.1 innings pitched...Overall, was 4-4 with a 3.79 ERA.

2015:

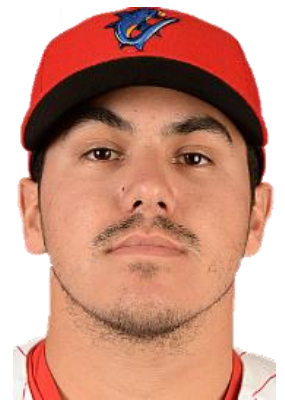
Pitched in 12 games as a rookie in the Pirates organization, with his first three coming as a member of the GCL Pirates (R)...Won his third career start against the GCL Yankees, throwing 5.0 scoreless innings before spending the rest of the season in West Virginia...Went 2-2 with a 4.62 ERA in nine starts for the Power, winning his final decision in his second-to-last start on August 21 in Mahoning Valley, when he allowed just 2 hits over 5.0 scoreless innings.

Personal & Miscellaneous:

Seth Timothy McGarry was originally drafted by the Pirates in the 8th round of the 2015 June draft out of Florida Atlantic University...McGarry led FAU's regular bullpen during his junior season with a 2.25 ERA in 40.0 innings, the seventh-best single-season ERA in FAU history...He also won four games and recorded five saves in 21 appearances and struck out a career-high seven batters in three innings against Middle Tennessee on March 21...In 58.1 career innings as an Owl, McGarry posted a 6-2 record with five saves...He struck out 56 and held opponents to a .243 batting average during his three-year career...During his final season, the Owls went 42-19 and were ranked as high as # 12 nationally while making their 11th NCAA postseason appearance...**In his career against a Phillies affiliate, McGarry has only given up 18 hits in 76 at-bats for a .236 average against.**

LHP JoJo Romero

Height/Weight: 5-11/200 lbs
Bats/Throws: L/L
Born: September 9, 1996 in Camarillo, CA
Opening Day Age: 21
Resides: Las Vegas, NV
Acquired: Selected by the Phillies in the 4th round of the 2016 June draft out of Yavapai CC (AZ)



JOJO'S STORY

Fightin Phils Debut:
N/A

Last Team:
Clearwater Threshers

CAREER HIGHS:

IP (S): 8.0 IP (x2), Last, 6/16/17 vs Hickory
IP (R): *Has never pitched in relief since turning pro*
H: 12 7/23/17 @ Bradenton
R: 7 7/23/17 @ Bradenton
ER: 5 7/23/17 @ Bradenton
HR: 1 (x6), Last, 8/15/17 vs St. Lucie
BB: 4 (x3), Last, 5/16/17 vs Columbia
SO: 10 (x2), Last, 7/2/17 vs Tampa

Romero's first full season in the Phillies organization was a smash hit a year ago, as the young lefthander put up near identical numbers upon being moved from Lakewood (A) to Clearwater (A+). When all was said and done, he tied **Tyler Viza** for 3rd in the organization with 10 wins, while his 2.16 ERA led any Phillies minor league pitcher who made a minimum of 15 starts. Coming in at #6 on *Baseball America's* Top-30 prospects list and #9 on *MLB Pipeline*, the expectation coming into 2018 is that there will be no shortage of talented starting pitchers for pitching coach **Steve Schrenk** to choose from. The write-ups on him have been very positive, with Threshers manager Shawn Williams saying of Romero, "He's a very good athlete, with very good feet. "He tracks hitters, has a plan, and keeps up with his pitch patterns. He definitely pitches with conviction."

2017: *MiLB.com Organization All-Star; South Atlantic League Midseason All-Star*

A 3-time Phillies Minor League Pitcher of the Week, Romero finished 11th in all of Minor League Baseball with a cumulative 2.16 ERA...Began the season with Lakewood (A), where he didn't win until his fifth start on May 3 in Charleston...Proceeded to go 5-0 over his last 9 starts in the South Atlantic League, and was later named Phillies Minor League Pitcher of the Month in June after going 2-0 with a 1.71 ERA (26.1 IP – 26 SO/1 BB) in 4 starts...Made his Clearwater (A+) debut on July 2 against Tampa and suffered the loss despite allowing just an unearned run over 6.1 innings while matching a career-high with 10 strikeouts...Won his next start on July 8 in Dunedin when he fired 6.0 scoreless innings with just one hit allowed, striking out 9...Held left-handed hitters to a .185 average (29-for-158) for the entire season...In 129.0 innings over 23 starts, gave up just 4 home runs and had a 1.09 WHIP, while totaling 128 SO (T-3rd amongst Phillies minor leaguers with **Ranger Suarez**) and just 36 BB.

2016:

Made 10 starts for Williamsport (A-) after signing with the Phillies on June 22...Went 2-2 over his last six starts, pitching to a 2.56 ERA for the season after allowing 1 ER or less in 6 of his first 10 games...Pitched 5.0 or more

innings in his last seven starts, although he never pitched more than six innings...Pitched in the Florida Instructional League after the season.

Personal & Miscellaneous:

Joseph Abel Romero was the first pick of the 4th round in a 2016 June draft in which he was ranked the 124th best prospect on the Top-200 by *MLB.com* while entering *Baseball America's* Top-500 at #158...Helped Yavapai Junior College (Arizona) win the 2016 Division I JUCO World Series after throwing a complete game with 15 strikeouts in a 5-2 win in the championship game against San Jacinto North (Texas)...Finished his final season as a sophomore with an 11-5 record and a 3.64 ERA, adding 129 strikeouts in over 113.0 innings... Started his college career in 2015 at the University of Nevada, pitching out of the bullpen as a freshman...He later departed the program once head coach Jay Johnson took the same position at the University of Arizona, and actually signed with the Wildcats in November of 2015...One of the reasons he stayed at the much smaller school rather than move to a bigger program in the Pac-12 was the pitching coach at Yavapai was good friends with the Phillies area scout, so they had been scouting him for the whole year...Another connection between the school and the Phillies is Yavapai is where **Ken Giles** went to school when the Phillies used their 7th round pick on him in 2011.

LHP Ranger Suárez * 40-Man Roster

Height/Weight: 6-1/210 lbs
Bats/Throws: L/L
Born: August 26, 1995 in Pie de Cuesta, VZ
Opening Day Age: 22
Resides: Carora, VZ
Acquired: Signed by the Phillies as an amateur free agent on April 1, 2012



RANGER'S STORY

Fightin Phils Debut:
N/A

Last Team:
Clearwater Threshers

CAREER HIGHS:

IP (S): 8.0 IP (x2), Last, 8/8/14 @ VSL Tigers
IP (R): 4.0 IP 6/22/15 @ GCL Yankees
H: 10 7/24/17 @ Bradenton
R: 5 (x5), Last, 8/29/17 @ Charlotte (A+)
ER: 5 (x4), Last, 8/12/17 vs Lakeland
HR: 2 7/26/13 @ VSL Rays
BB: 5 8/14/16 @ Mahoning Valley
SO: 10 (x3), Last, 7/18/17 vs Dunedin

Added to the Phillies 40-man roster last November, Suarez is part of the package of talented young minor league starters that the organization's hit on in the international selection process. They've taken their time with him, and up until last season, he had never made more than 14 starts in a single season. As a result, he hasn't thrown a whole lot of innings despite debuting at 16 and spending his first three seasons in the Venezuelan Summer League. *MLB Pipeline* has Suarez down at #12 while *Baseball America* has tabbed him as the Phillies #11 prospect, marking the first time he's ever been on either list. *Baseball America* pointed out that 2017 was his first year with the full-season affiliates, and that the timing was impeccable because his velocity increased.

Other notes: "He incorporated his legs more in his delivery, which helped him use his whole body to generate more power. His changeup also improved as he adjusted his hand position, which changed the movement on the pitch from cutting action to a more traditional sink and fade to run away from righthanded hitters. Suarez has control and pitching savvy beyond his years, with the ability to read swings, set hitters up, and throw any pitch in any count. He's a good athlete who controls the running game well with a quick pickoff move." Not that this *Baseball America* write-up is gospel, but it's very encouraging, and paints a nice picture of a lefthander who will have every opportunity to shine in a Fightin Phils uniform in 2018.

2017:

Started the season with Lakewood (A) and was named the Phillies Minor League Pitcher of the Month for April after compiling a 0.81 ERA in 4 starts...Was a 3-time Phillies Minor League Pitcher of the Week throughout the season, and 7 of his 14 starts with the BlueClaws were scoreless...Didn't allow a run over 23.1 innings between April 8 and May 4...Assigned to Clearwater (A+) on July 4, and was named both Minor League and FSL Pitcher of the Week on August 6...Didn't allow a home run over 50.1 consecutive innings between May 30 with Lakewood and July 24 with Clearwater...Overall, went 8-7 with a 2.27 ERA in 22 starts...In 122.2 innings, walked 35 and struck out 128 while allowing just 5 home runs...Had a 1.06 WHIP and opponents hit just .215 against him.

2016: New York-Penn League Midseason All-Star

Allowed 2 ER or less in 10 of his 13 starts for Williamsport (A-), going 6-4 with a 2.81 ERA...T-4th in the New York-Penn League in wins while ranking 7th in innings pitched (73.2) and 9th in WHIP (1.15)...Threw a 7-inning no-hitter in Game 1 of a doubleheader against Auburn on July 26...Named Phillies Minor League and NYPL Pitcher of the Week on July 31.

2015:

Only pitched in six games for the GCL Phillies (R) because of a left elbow strain...Didn't debut until June 22 but started the season by throwing 17.0 straight scoreless innings...Named Phillies Minor League Pitcher of the Month in July after going 2-0 with a 0.79 ERA in 4 starts (22.2 IP – 2 ER, 13 hits, 3 walks)...Pitched in the Florida Instructional League after the season.

2014:

Spent his third straight season in the Venezuelan Summer League, leading the league in both strikeouts (78) and innings pitched (80.2)...Tied for the lead with 14 starts while also ranking amongst the Top 5 in ERA (1.56) and wins (5)...Walked just one batter the entire season...Made the lone postseason start of his career in the fourth and deciding game of the VSL Championship, taking a no decision despite throwing 8.0 innings of two-run ball in a game the VSL Tigers won 3-2.

2012 & 2013:

Appeared in just 11 games (1 start) without a decision during his first two seasons in the Venezuelan Summer League, logging just 22.0 innings.

Personal & Miscellaneous:

Ranger José Suárez has one daughter, Sofia, who was born earlier this year on January 23.

RHP Jake Waguespack

Height/Weight: 6-6/229 lbs
Bats/Throws: R/R
Born: November 5, 1993 in Waco, TX
Opening Day Age: 24
Resides: Prairieville, LA
Acquired: Signed by the Phillies as a non-drafted free agent on June 19, 2015



JAKE'S STORY

Fightin Phils Debut: August 1, 2017 vs Harrisburg
Last Team: Lehigh Valley IronPigs

CAREER HIGHS:

IP (S): 8.0 IP 8/28/17 vs New Hampshire
IP (R): 3.0 IP (x3), Last, 5/19/17 vs Lakeland
H: 9 8/1/17 vs Harrisburg
R: 8 5/5/17 @ Florida
ER: 8 5/5/17 @ Florida
HR: 3 5/5/17 @ Florida
BB: 4 (x2), Last, 8/18/17 @ Hartford
SO: 8 8/6/17 vs Akron

Not much was known about Waguespack prior to the 2017 season, but he certainly changed all that after making a successful transition into the starting rotation at the end of May. *Baseball America's* scouting report suggested his velocity increased quite a bit after he started using his legs more in his delivery, and he enters the 2018 season as their #29 Phillies prospect. Not bad for a righthander who went undrafted out of Ole Miss in 2015 after a college career spent in the bullpen. Waguespack commands a big presence on the mound, where his size made him appear to be one of the tallest pitchers in the Eastern League in 2017. It might have come as a surprise to some to see him on the mound pitching in a Triple-A playoff game, but he was spectacular in his IronPigs debut despite taking the loss. With just seven appearances in Reading a year ago and a total of 16 minor league starts, Waguespack needs a little more seasoning before the organization knows what kind of starting pitcher he can be. That being said, his introduction was a very promising one, and he should spend most of his age-24 season locked into one of the five spots in the Fightin Phils rotation.

2017:

Went 6-5 with a 3.29 ERA in 24 games (10 starts), with one save for Clearwater (A+)... Started the season in the bullpen before moving into the rotation on May 25...In 13 games (6 starts) in May and June, combined to go 4-3 with a 2.29 ERA (10 ER in 39.1 innings)...Threw 6.0 innings for the first time in his career on July 12 in a win against Bradenton...ERA went from 3.75 at home to 2.78 on the road...Lefties hit .274 against him while righties hit just .228...Made his first Double-A start on August 1 against Harrisburg and allowed a career-high 9 hits in a no decision...Was in line to pick up the win after striking out 8 over 7.0 innings in his next start on August 6 against Akron, but the Fightins bullpen blew the save in the ninth...Went 3-1 in his last four regular season starts, allowing 2 ER or less in three of those starts...Assigned to Lehigh Valley (AAA) on September 6 and made his Triple-A debut in Scranton's 1-0 series-clinching win in Game 4 of the IL Governors Cup Semifinals (7.0 IP, 3 H, 1 ER, 2 BB, 7 SO).

2016:

Spent the entire season with Lakewood (A), going 4-2 with a 3.52 ERA and 6 saves in 43 games (T-3rd in the South Atlantic League...Allowed a home run to **Natanael Delgado** on July 5 in Delmarva (Orioles), the first in 73.0 professional innings...Averaged 9.04 SO/9.0 IP (72 strikeouts in 71.2 innings pitched).

2015:

Began his pro career with the Gulf Coast League Phillies (R), pitching in four games before being assigned to Williamsport (A-) on July 21...His first 10 appearances (15.0 innings) with the Crosscutters were scoreless from July 23 to August 20...Held New York-Penn League opponents to a .132 average (9-for-68)...Had a 0.42 ERA in 15 games for Williamsport, allowing just 9 hits over 21.1 innings with 25 strikeouts.

Personal & Miscellaneous:

Jacob Daniel Waguespack was originally drafted in the 37th round by the Pittsburgh Pirates in 2012 out of Dutchtown High School (Geismar, Louisiana) but did not sign...As a junior in 2015, was part of a very talented bullpen at Ole Miss, making 25 appearances while never being charged with a loss...Picked up one save, logged a 3.33 ERA, and struck out 34 batters, which was good for fourth-most on the Rebels...Pitched in just 15 games as an underclassman, making 4 starts but totaling just 27.1 innings over his first two seasons.



2018 POSITION PLAYERS

IF Brandon Bednar

Height/Weight: 6-4/195 lbs
Bats/Throws: R/R
Born: March 21, 1992 in Stuart, FL
Opening Day Age: 26
Resides: Stuart, FL
Acquired: Traded from the Giants on March 25, 2018



BRANDON'S STORY

Fightin Phils Debut:
N/A

Last Team:
Richmond Flying Squirrels

CAREER HIGHS:

H: 4 (x3), Last, 5/17/16 @ Stockton
R: 3(x6), Last, 4/20/17 @ Bowie
2B: 2 (x3), Last, 8/9/17 vs Portland
3B: 1 (x7), Last, 7/20/17 @ Akron
HR: 1 (x23), Last, 7/23/17 @ Akron
RBI: 3 (x11), Last, 8/22/17 @ Erie
SB: 2 (x2), Last, 7/10/16 vs Trenton
BB: 3 6/11/14 @ Rome
SO: 3 (x7), Last, 7/22/17 @ Akron

A late addition to the Phillies as Spring Training broke, Bednar will be a valued presence on the Fightin Phils after coming over from the Giants organization. Approaching 200 Double-A games for his career after spending the last year-and-a-half with the Flying Squirrels, Bednar's versatility on the infield is what's made him a commodity since he was drafted in the seventh round in 2013. With the ability to play any position on the diamond and an approach at the plate that drives opposing pitchers crazy, Bednar owns a .282 batting average in the Eastern League. He was also a picture of health for a San Francisco organization that was decimated by injuries a year ago, appearing in more than 100 games for the fourth straight season. While he might not start out of the gate, Bednar's an old-school type player who can plug in at any time and will embrace any role. He flew under the radar while with the Giants, and the big league club's infield depth made it challenging for most minor leaguers to get to San Francisco. Bednar will hit Double-A pitching, so hopefully an opportunity will present itself where can get to Triple-A for the first time as he enters his sixth season.

2017:

Played in 117 games with Richmond, marking the second time he spent an entire season with one team...Led the Flying Squirrels in hits (115), runs scored (54), and doubles (24)...Finished the season batting .280, the second-best mark of his career...Hit .311 in 58 games at The Diamond compared to .251 in 59 road games...Hit .296 against righties compared to .227 against lefties...Hit an even .300 (12-for-40) against the Fightin Phils with two runs batted in.

2016:

Started the season with the Giants High-A affiliate in San Jose (A+), where he hit .284 with eight extra-base hits and 30 RBIs in 59 games...Got his first taste of the Eastern League when he debuted in Binghamton on June 25, and spent the remainder of the season in Richmond...Hit .286 with 11 doubles and 31 runs batted in during 64 games with the Flying Squirrels...Batted .326 (30-for-92) across 26 July games, adding 10 extra-base hits and 18 runs batted in...Had 6 hits in 13 ABs against Fightin Phils pitchers with six runs batted in and four runs scored.

2015:

Spent the entire season with San Jose (A+) and appeared in 100 games...Had a season-high nine-game hitting streak from July 21-30...Finished the regular season with a .237 average, three home runs, and 34 runs batted in while playing a minimum of 16 games at all four infield positions...Hit .309 with runners in scoring position for the season...Batted just .171 against left-handed pitchers while hitting .258 versus righties...Hit .262 (11-for-42) in 11 playoff games, adding a solo home run in the Giants' series-clinching 6-5 win against Visalia in game five of the Division Finals (went 3-for-3 in that game).

2014:

Played in 122 games between Augusta (A) and San Jose, combining to hit .261 with six home runs and 40 runs batted in.

2013:

Appeared in 51 games as a rookie, with 50 coming with the Salem-Keizer Volcanoes (A-)...Hit .270 for the season with six home runs and 34 RBIs, adding 11 stolen bases on 14 attempts...

Personal & Miscellaneous:

Brandon Michael Bednar was originally selected by the Giants in the 7th round of the 2013 June draft out of Florida Gulf Coast University...Below is *Baseball America's* scouting report from when he was drafted:

“Bednar kept impressing scouts who came in to see the deep pool of talent at Florida Gulf Coast, which could have seven to 10 players drafted. Bednar has grown into his lanky 6-foot-4, 185-pound body, adding 20 pounds over three years in college. He has played all over the infield for the Eagles, settling in at second base but also playing third and shortstop this season. He has a plus arm and solid infield actions, and scouts consider him a good bet to be a future utility infielder as he can handle short. He's a better fit defensively at third but doesn't have profile power, with just two home runs in three seasons, though he shows bat speed and a solid line-drive swing.”

C Austin Bossart

Height/Weight: 6-2/218 lbs
Bats/Throws: R/R
Born: July 4, 1993 in Abilene, TX
Opening Day Age: 24
Resides: O'Fallon, IL
Acquired: Selected by the Phillies in the 14th round of the 2015 June draft out of the University of Pennsylvania



AUSTIN'S STORY

Fightin Phils Debut:
August 7, 2017 vs Akron

Last Team:
Clearwater Threshers

CAREER HIGHS:

H: 4 5/5/16 @ Asheville
R: 3 4/24/16 @ Greensboro
2B: 2 (x3), Last, 4/8/17 @ Dunedin
3B: 1 8/26/15 vs State College
HR: 1 (x4), Last, 5/25/17 @ Florida
RBI: 3 (x4), Last, 8/17/17 vs St. Lucie
SB: 1 (x2), Last, 7/31/17 vs Fort Myers
BB: 2 (x3), Last, 5/6/17 @ Florida
SO: 4 8/9/17 @ Tampa

Bossart has some local appeal for Fightins fans after being taken by the Phillies in the 14th round of the 2015 draft out of UPenn. Fans actually got to see him for one game in August against Akron, when he went 1-for-4 before being sent right back down to the Florida State League to play in Tampa the following night. But such is the life of a minor leaguer. Bossart had his busiest season last year when he racked up 180 at-bats in 54 games, so he's still fresh despite playing a grueling position for the last 2-plus seasons as a pro. After the 2016 season, the catcher was assigned to the Scottsdale Scorpions in the Arizona Fall League, which has been a valuable springboard for plenty of players over the years. He closed out that 2016 season very strong by hitting .340 in 18 games for Clearwater (A+), an impressive number in a usually pitcher-friendly league. The key for Bossart is playing time, and by extension, more at-bats so that he can continue to develop as a hitter while working with some of the Phillies younger pitchers. With so many imports coming up from last year's Threshers team, having Bossart and **Deivi Grullon** back behind the plate should ease the transition into the Eastern League for this rather young staff.

2017:

Hit .244 for the season with two homers, 10 doubles, and 18 runs batted in...Had his best month in May when he hit .333 (12-for-36) with two home runs and six RBIs in 12 games...Had a 10-game hitting streak for the Threshers (12-for-36) from July 15-August 9.

2016:

Started the season in Lakewood (A), where he batted .263 with a homer and nine RBIs in 99 ABs...Got off to a slow start in April by hitting .195, but picked things up quickly and was eventually assigned to Clearwater on June 23 after playing in just 30 games in the South Atlantic League...Had a hit in 11 of his last 13 games for the Threshers from July 14-September 4, including five multi-hit efforts (16-for-38, .421)...Was behind the plate for Clearwater's combined 9-inning no-hitter in a 4-0 win against the St. Lucie Mets on July 10.

2015:

Started for the South in the New York-Penn League Midseason All-Star Game during his rookie season with the Williamsport Crosscutters (A-)...Had a hit in 21 of his first 22 games (.364) which included an 18-game hitting streak from July 6-August 14...In 37 games, batted .333 (46-for-138) with nine extra-base hits and 19 runs batted in...Hit a two-run home run in the 4th inning off Bret Helton in the second game of the opening round playoff series against West Virginia that helped tie the series at a game apiece.

Personal & Miscellaneous:

Selected by the Phillies in the 14th round of the 2015 June draft out of the University of Pennsylvania, becoming the first Quaker drafted since RHP Vince Vairo in 2012 (Athletics, 15th round)...Only two Penn players have ever reached the majors: Mark DeRosa and Doug Glanville, who appeared in 840 games during six seasons with the Phillies...Was a 2015 Semi-Finalist for the Johnny Bench Award, given annually to the top catcher in Division I...He was named Co-Ivy League Player of the Year, as well as Philadelphia Big 5 Player of the Year...As a senior, he hit .358 with 27 runs batted in and a .960 OPS...Defensively, he didn't commit an error and threw out 53% of attempted base stealers.

SS Malquin Canelo

Height/Weight: 5-10/163 lbs
Bats/Throws: R/R
Born: September 5, 1994 in San Cristóbal, DR
Opening Day Age: 23
Resides: San Cristóbal, DR
Acquired: Signed by the Phillies as an International Free Agent on April 29, 2012



MALQUIN'S STORY

Fightin Phils Debut:

April 7, 2017 @ Portland

Last Team:

Reading Fightin Phils

CAREER HIGHS:

H: 4 (x3), Last, 7/4/16 @ Lakeland
R: 4 6/21/16 vs Lakeland
2B: 2 (x8), Last, 7/19/17 @ New Hampshire
3B: 1 (x14), Last, 6/17/17 @ Binghamton
HR: 1 (20), Last, 8/28/17 vs New Hampshire
RBI: 4 (x2), Last, 9/4/15 vs Dunedin
SB: 2 (x6), Last, 8/28/17 vs New Hampshire
BB: 3 5/10/16 vs Dunedin
SO: 4 (x6), Last, 5/28/17 @ New Hampshire

Canelo was ranked by *MLB.com* as the Phillies #28 prospect coming into 2017 after playing in just over 200 games with Clearwater (A+) over parts of the previous three seasons. Entering his age-23 season, there shouldn't be too much concern that his average has fallen over the last two seasons after he hit a career-best .281 in 2015. According to one *Baseball America* report, one of the keys to his breakout 2015 season was his ability to add some weight in the offseason to help him drive the ball. He's been durable throughout his career with just one brief DL stint in 2014, and 537 of his career 542 games have come at shortstop. Canelo is a good defender, and while he did commit 23 errors a year ago, his defense improved as the season continued. After getting off to a pretty good start in his first two months at Double-A, he combined to hit .185 (28-for-151) in June and July, which took some of the wind out of his sails. Canelo has manager **Greg Legg's** trust after the pair spent the last few seasons together, so Canelo should be able to bounce back this season. While the infield situation in Lehigh Valley can certainly change as the season's gone on, Canelo's age doesn't mean he'll need to be rushed to Triple-A. It might actually benefit him to get most of his at bats in the Eastern League to get back to where he was at the plate in 2015, and then send him up when the rosters expand late in the season. Prior to the season starting, he was 1-for-4 with an RBI and a stolen base in four Grapefruit League games.

2017:

Ranked fourth on the Fightin Phils with 112 games played...Tied **Angelo Mora** for third on the team with 88 base hits and tied **Andrew Pullin** for 2nd with 22 doubles...Hit .264 at FirstEnergy Stadium compared to .193 on the road and hit better against left-handed pitching (.273) than right-handed pitching (.203)...Hit a game-winning 2-RBI triple off Andrew Suarez in a 6-3 win at home against Richmond on April 13... Reached base in 10 straight games from April

12-29... Had a 6-game hitting streak from May 9-17 (10-for-23, .434)... Scored the only run in a 1-0 win against the Yard Goats on June 9... Posted back-to-back 2-hit games for the first time since May 19 & 20 on July 18 & 19 in New Hampshire...

2016:

Came into the season ranked as the Phillies #12 prospect by *Baseball America*...With Clearwater (A+), was one of two Florida State League shortstops to play in 124 games...Batted .246 with four home runs and a career-high 49 runs batted in, adding 16 doubles and five triples...Was 13-for-21 on stolen bases...Had four straight two-hit games from August 1-5...Hit .228 in 62 games before the All-Star Break and then hit .263 in 62 games after the break...Finished the season batting .304 with runners in scoring position.

2015:

Started the season in Lakewood (A) and played his way into the South Atlantic League All-Star Game, where he was named the Top Star after going 2-for-3 with a walk, getting on base four times...Was named the SAL Player of the Week on June 15...In 63 games with the BlueClaws, hit .311 with 29 extra-base hits and 23 runs batted in...Went 10-for-12 on stolen bases and had an .830 OPS...Assigned to Clearwater on June 25 and played in 63 games as the Threshers reached the Florida State League playoffs...Hit .250 with three home runs and 24 runs batted in, adding seven more steals...Combined to hit .372 when batting seventh, eighth, or ninth with Clearwater...All nine of his home runs came against right-handed pitching...Appeared in two postseason games for the Threshers and ended the season with a minor league leading 512 ABs.

2014:

Split 65 games up between Clearwater, Lakewood, and Williamsport (A-)...Spent the most time with Lakewood, where he played in 45 games...Hit .270 with eight doubles and 18 runs batted in, chipping in with four steals...Hit .322 in August and fared much better against lefties (.370) than righties (.226).

2013:

Ranked by *Baseball America* as the organization's #28 prospect after the season...Played in the U.S. for the first time with the Phillies Gulf Coast League (R) team, moving on to Williamsport after four games...In 57 games with the Crosscutters, batted .220 with nine doubles and 13 runs batted in, while going 10-for-12 on steals.

2012:

Spent his first season in the Dominican Summer League, appearing in 54 games...Had 27 hits in 162 at-bats for a .167 average, with nine runs batted in and nine stolen bases.

Personal & Miscellaneous:

Malquin (Lara) Canelo is 66-for-96 (68%) on stolen bases in 542 career minor league games coming into the 2018 season.

OF Zach Coppola

Height/Weight: 5-10/158 lbs
Bats/Throws: L/R
Born: May 9, 1994 in Des Moines, IA
Opening Day Age: 23
Resides: Windsor Heights, IA
Acquired: Selected by the Phillies in the 13th round of the 2015 June draft out of South Dakota State University



ZACH'S STORY

Fightin Phils Debut:
June 2, 2017 @ Akron

Last Team:
Reading Fightin Phils

CAREER HIGHS:

H: 4 (x4), Last, 5/20/17 vs Lakeland
R: 3 (x6), Last, 7/23/17 vs Erie
2B: 2 8/31/17 vs New Hampshire
3B: 1 (x3), Last, 7/15/17 vs Binghamton
HR: 1 4/18/17 @ Bradenton
RBI: 3 (x2), Last, 8/27/16 @ Daytona
SB: 3 (x2), Last, 6/14/17 @ Bowie
BB: 3 4/28/17 @ St. Lucie
SO: 3 (x5), Last, 9/3/17 @ Trenton

Coppola's name continued to pop up throughout Spring Training when the Phillies brought over minor league players for some spot time during the Grapefruit League season. The speedy outfielder impressed **Gabe Kapler** and the coaching staff by doing what he always does, and that is get on base and run. Coppola was 3-for-11 with three walks, adding two RBIs and three stolen bases with the big league club. He's been a model of consistency since the Phillies selected him in the 13th round in 2015, and while he's not on any prospect lists, he led all Phillies minor leaguers with 39 stolen bases on 54 tries a year ago. After playing in just 76 games during his first full season in 2016, he spent a good chunk of last season manning center field for the Fightin Phils. His .252 average in the Eastern League isn't indicative of how important he was to the top of the lineup, and in all likelihood, fatigue was a factor after he burst onto the scene by hitting .286 in 24 June games. He'll be back in Reading's outfield to start the season, and with **Carlos Tocci** joining the Rangers in the Rule 5 Draft, Coppola's path to Triple-A and beyond is definitely easier.

2017: *Florida State League Midseason All-Star; Phillies Minor League Defender of the Month (May)*

Started the season in Clearwater (A+), where he hit .350 and had 17 multi-hit efforts in 45 games...Had a 9-game hitting streak from May 5-15 (17-for-40, .425) and batted .392 in 26 May games...Hit .392 against right-handed pitching compared to .225 against lefties, and was 14-for-39 (.359) with runners in scoring position...Assigned to Reading on June 2 and spent the rest of the season in Baseballtown...Singled in his first Double-A at-bat off Akron's Luis Lugo, finishing 2-for-3 with an RBI and a stolen base in his debut...Reached base in 14 straight games from June 10-27, and later in 23 straight games from July 9-August 5...Had an 11-game hitting

streak from July 25-August 5 (12-42, .285)...**Ended the season ranked 10th amongst all Phillies minor leaguers with a .285 batting average.**

2016:

Limited to just 76 games between Lakewood (A) and Clearwater (A+) because of a left hamstring injury that kept him on the disabled list for nearly two months from April 23-June 12...Had 22 multi-hit games (8 games with 3+ hits) during the season and was named the Phillies Minor League Player of the Week to end the month of July...Hit .324 in 52 games with the BlueClaws before spending the final month of the season with the Threshers...Reached base safely in 22 of his first 24 High-A games and batted .293 to bring his season Average/OBP to .315/.397.

2015: *New York-Penn League Midseason All-Star*

Hit .271 and drove in 15 runs in 58 games for Williamsport (A-), tying for 5th in the NYPL with 19 stolen bases on 30 attempts...Batted .315 (36-for-114) in his first 31 games but just .225 (25-for-111) in his last 27 games...Hit .294 against righties compared to .215 against lefties.

Personal & Miscellaneous:

Zachary Lee Coppola was a 3-year member of the South Dakota State Jackrabbits baseball team, and he left school in 2015 second on the program's all-time list with 62 stolen bases...

2015: 1st-Team all-Summit League selection...Led league with single-season school-record 39 stolen bases without being caught...Led team with .373 batting average, 78 hits, 53 runs scored, 38 walks, and a .475 OBP...Ranked among the nation's leaders for outfield assists with 11...Reached base safely in 52 of 55 games, including streak of 45 consecutive games from February 28 through May 12.

2014: Led team with 14 stolen bases and was SDSU's Gold Glove Award winner after committing only one error in 145 total defensive chances...Recorded five outfield assists and had 14 multi-hit games.

2013: Played in 50 games with 35 starts as a freshman, ranking second on team with nine stolen bases on 10 attempts...One of his starts came against San Francisco in an NCAA Tournament game.

Named captain of the Iowa Newspaper Association Class 4A All-State Team as a senior after batting .421 and helping Dowling Catholic High School reach the state tournament after winning the 4A title during his junior season...Also played on a state championship football team in 2010.

IF Zach Green

Height/Weight: 6-3/220 lbs
Bats/Throws: R/R
Born: March 7, 1994 in Sacramento, CA
Opening Day Age: 24
Resides: Rocklin, CA
Acquired: Selected by the Phillies in the 3rd round of the 2012 June draft out of Jesuit High School (CA)



ZACH'S STORY

Fightin Phils Debut:

August 17, 2017 vs Bowie

Last Team:

Reading Fightin Phils

CAREER HIGHS:

H: 4 (x2), Last, 5/16/16 @ St. Lucie

R: 3 (x3), Last, 5/16/16 @ St. Lucie

2B: 3 7/26/16 @ Daytona

3B: 1 (x5), Last, 7/30/17 vs Fort Myers

HR: 2 (x5), Last, 6/27/17 @ GCL Yankees West

RBI: 5 6/25/13 vs Batavia

SB: 1 (x17), Last, 7/15/14 @ Hickory

BB: 3 7/28/16 @ Daytona

SO: 4 (x4), Last, 8/9/17 @ Tampa

At times, injuries have taken their toll on Green, a former two-time Top-20 Phillies prospect according to *Baseball America*. Last season, a right elbow issue that wiped out the last two-and-a-half weeks of his All-Star season in 2016 caused him to miss nearly three months. The good news is that he was finally able to make his Reading debut halfway through August, setting the stage for him to begin the 2018 season in Baseballtown. The 24-year-old has shown he has power, twice topping 10 home runs during his first six seasons in the Phillies organization. He had a resurgent season for Clearwater (A+) in 2016 after missing most of the 2015 season with a wrist injury. Just a few years removed from leading the New York-Penn League with 13 home runs in 2013, Green showed some of that power by clubbing 12 home runs to finish second on the Threshers. He tends to feast on left-handed pitching while showing more power against righties, an interesting combination that could serve him very well in the middle of the Fightin Phils lineup when's playing either corner infield position or DH'ing against an American League affiliated team.

2017:

Didn't play in his first game until June 27 on a rehab assignment (right elbow sprain) with the GCL Phillies (R)...Activated from Clearwater's (A+) disabled list on July 3, and went on to play in 38 games with the Threshers, batting .221 with 13 extra-base hits and 15 runs batted in...Had 3 home runs and 7 runs batted in over a 9-game stretch from August 1-11...Called up to Reading on August 17, getting in for 15 games at the end of the season...Had 10 hits in 45 at-bats (.222), hitting his lone home run on August 19 against **Parker French** in Hartford...Was 5-for-16 (.313) against lefties and 5-for-29 (.172) against righties in the Eastern League...Played in 18 games with the Glendale Desert Dogs in the Arizona Fall League after the season, and batted .258 (16-for-62) with two homers, four doubles, and six runs batted in.

2016:

Played in a career-high 96 games for Clearwater (A+), where he was named a Florida State League Midseason All-Star...Finished the season batting .263 with 12 home runs and 63 runs batted in (T-7th), while hitting 24 doubles (T-9th)...Had a 9-game hitting streak from May 23-June 3 (12-for-32, .375)...Homed in three straight games from June 22-24, collecting 10 runs batted in during that time...Had 10 games with 3+ hits and three 4-RBI games during the season...Hit .281 in 57 games during the first half of the season compared to .236 in 39 games during the second half...vs Lefties (.330/4 HRs/22 RBIs)...vs Righties (.233/8 HRs/41 RBIs)...Didn't play after August 14 because of a right elbow strain.

2015:

A left wrist injury cut his year short less than a month into the season in Clearwater...Hit .173 in 26 games with a home run and seven runs batted in...Was on the receiving end of a 5-4-3 triple play on Opening Day against the Dunedin Blue Jays that was started by **Mitch Walding** and **Drew Stankiewicz**.

2014:

Ranked by *Baseball America* as the Phillies #18 prospect after the season...Spent the entire season with Lakewood (A), batting .268 in 84 games (.263 vs LHP, .271 vs RHP)...Had six home runs and 43 runs batted in, with 22 doubles and a pair of triples...Was 7-for-8 on stolen bases...Didn't play from April 19-June 11 because of a core body injury but returned strong, posting a .286/.325/.442 slash line over the final 69 games...Hit .230 in 37 games when batting fourth and .302 in 42 games when batting fifth.

2013:

Ranked by *Baseball America* as the Phillies #15 prospect after being named a New York-Penn League Midseason All-Star with Williamsport (A-)...Led the NYPL with 13 home runs, 52 runs scored, 34 extra-base hits, 129 total bases, and tied for first with 20 doubles...Also ranked among the league leaders in slugging percentage (.478, 2nd), runs batted in (41, T-3rd), walks (31, 7th), and strikeouts (91, 2nd).

2012:

Debuted in 2012 with the GCL Phillies (R), where he compiled a .284 average with three home runs and 21 runs batted in during 47 games...16-for-43 (.372) with eight extra-base hits off left-handed pitching.

Personal & Miscellaneous:

Selected by the Phillies in the third round of the 2012 June draft out of Jesuit High School in Carmichael, CA...Has worked out with Brock Stassi near the Sacramento area during the offseason...Played mostly shortstop in high school and had an offer to play at Oregon State University before turning pro.

C Deivi Grullón

Height/Weight: 5-11/240 lbs
Bats/Throws: R/R
Born: February 17, 1996 in Bonao, DR
Opening Day Age: 22
Resides: Bonao, DR
Acquired: Signed by the Phillies as an amateur free agent on July 2, 2012



DEIVI'S STORY

Fightin Phils Debut:
July 27, 2017 @ Hartford

Last Team:
Reading Fightin Phils

CAREER HIGHS:

H: 4 (x3), Last, 4/15/17 vs Palm Beach
R: 2 (Many), Last, 8/20/17 @ Hartford
2B: 2 (x5), Last, 7/6/17 @ Daytona
3B: 1 (x2), Last, 7/22/15 vs West Virginia (A)
HR: 1 (x28), Last, 8/25/17 vs Harrisburg
RBI: 6 8/30/15 @ Greensboro
SB: 1 (x3), Last, 7/26/14 vs Mahoning Valley
BB: 2 (Many), Last, 7/1/17 vs Tampa
SO: 3 (x12), Last, 8/31/17 vs New Hampshire

A three-time Top-20 prospect by *Baseball America* from 2014-16, Grullon surfaced in Reading for the first time in late July and became the starting catcher for the final month of the season while **Chace Numata** missed time with a concussion. While he combined to hit a career-high 12 home runs after making his first All-Star team with Clearwater, it was Grullon's defense that stood out over the course of 94 games. Grullon was part of a talented catching trio [including Numata and **Nick Rickles** that helped negate opposing teams' baserunning by throwing out 45% of would-be base stealers last season. Grullon's personal season average was an impressive 36% (40-of-109), up from 27.8% the previous season. A career .241 hitter across 414 minor league games, Grullon is still young and developing after signing out of the Dominican Republic when he was 16 years old. One of his earliest *Baseball America* scouting reports suggested the Phillies projected Grullon to hit 10-15 home runs if he could get his average up to .250, which is almost exactly what he produced last season. In all likelihood, Grullon will get the assignment for Opening Day in Reading, and will have ample opportunity to catch a very talented rotation that could feature countrymen **Enyel De Los Santos, Seranthony Dominguez, and Franklyn Kilomé**.

2017: *Florida State League Midseason All-Star * 1st Honor of Career*

In 71 games with Clearwater (A+), hit .255/8/24 with 14 doubles...Hit .276 for the first two months of the season...Had the third 4-hit game of his career on April 15 against Palm Beach when he went 4-for-5 with a solo home run...Had an 11-game hitting streak from April 22-May 8 (16-for-48, .333)...Started for the North Division in the FSL All-Star Game...Added to Reading's roster on July 27 and three days later hit a home run for his first Double-A hit off Parker French in Hartford.

2016: Named the Phillies #20 prospect by Baseball America

Spent time on Lakewood's (A) disabled list with a right shin contusion from April 13-May 6...Hit a home run and drove in two in three straight games in Hickory from July 12-14...Threw out 27 of 97 base stealers (27%), which was 9th-best in the South Atlantic League...Hit .277 against right-handed pitchers compared to .202 against lefties...Batted .320 (24-75) with 18 RBIs over his final 21 games to end the season...Hit safely in his last 12 regular season games, then had a hit in Lakewood's first three playoff games...Played in all six postseason games and was 4-for-19 with an RBI and six strikeouts.

2015: Named the Phillies #13 prospect by Baseball America

Played in a career-high 107 games for Lakewood, batting .221 with eight homers and 50 runs batted in...Hit .297 during his first 16 games in April but went through a three-month period from May through July where he hit just .164...Rebounded late in the season to hit .320 (24-for-75) with 18 runs batted in over his last 21 games.

2014: Named the Phillies #14 prospect by Baseball America

Navigated through the lower levels of the system to play in 79 games for Clearwater, Lakewood, and Williamsport (A-)...Batted .227 with just one home run and 26 RBIs, adding 14 doubles...Played his first two games with the Threshers in mid-April and had two hits in 10 ABs, but wouldn't return to Clearwater until 2017.

2013:

Played in 41 games during his rookie season in the Gulf Coast League (R), where he hit .273 with a home run and 14 runs batted in...Hit .191 in 18 July games but came back to hit .344 during his last 19 games in August...Split it so that he batted .462 (18-for-39) against left-handed pitchers and just .183 (15-for-82) against righties.

Personal & Miscellaneous:

Deivi Wilfin Grullón received the highest signing bonus amongst Phillies international players in 2012 and took part in the Florida Instructional League for four straight offseasons from 2012-15.

3B/OF Jan Hernández

Height/Weight: 6-2/216 lbs
Bats/Throws: R/R
Born: January 3, 1995 in Caguas, PR
Opening Day Age: 23
Resides: San Lorenzo, PR
Acquired: Selected by the Phillies in the 3rd round of the 2013 June draft out of Carlos Beltran Baseball Academy (PR)



JAN'S STORY

Fightin Phils Debut:
N/A

Last Team:
Clearwater Threshers

CAREER HIGHS:

H: 4 7/21/15 @ Hudson Valley
R: 3 (x2), Last, 7/31/16 @ Augusta
2B: 2 (x2), Last, 8/24/16 vs Greensboro
3B: 1 (x10), Last, 8/7/17 @ Tampa
HR: 2 (x2), Last, 4/29/17 @ St. Lucie
RBI: 4 (x3), Last, 4/29/17 @ St. Lucie
SB: 2 (x3), Last, 8/10/15 vs West Virginia (A-)
BB: 3 4/26/16 vs Charleston
SO: 4 (x3), Last, 5/11/17 vs Tampa

Signed out of Puerto Rico in 2013, the Phillies have been very deliberate in their advancement of Hernandez, who played 23 games in right field for the first time last season after coming up as a third baseman. That move appears to be more than just an experiment, which leaves Hernandez looking like the fourth outfielder on the Opening Day roster. While his strikeouts rose and his on-base percentage dipped in Clearwater (A+) last season, Hernandez also smacked a career-high 16 home runs to lead the Threshers and tie for second in the Florida State League. He has a chance to raise that number this season playing at FirstEnergy Stadium, although the jump in pitching quality will be one to monitor as he gets deeper into his first year at Double-A. Looking at Hernandez brings to mind what **Jiandido Tromp** faced coming to Reading last season, and he handled the move just fine by having a very impressive season. Like Tromp, Hernandez does very well against left-handed pitching, and now has an opportunity to mesh all his tools in his age-23 season.

2017:

Hit a career-high 16 home runs in 90 games with Clearwater (A+)...Had his two best months in April (.275/5/9 in 15 games) and July (.293/6/14, 13 XBH in 27 games)...Had a season-high 2 home runs and 4 RBIs in a 5-4 loss in St. Lucie on April 29...Had an 11-game hitting streak from July 24-August 4 (12-for-39, .308)...Put up a .309/.391/.556 slash line against left-handed pitching (25 hits in 81 ABs).

2016:

Played most of the season in Lakewood (A), where he hit .255 with 10 homers and 31 runs batted in over 86 games...Also hit a career-high 15 doubles and 3 triples...Had an 11-game hitting streak from May 2-14 (14-for-40, .350)...Went on the disabled list with a wrist injury from June 28-July 26, which included a 4-game rehab stint in the Gulf Coast League (R) and Williamsport (A-)...Hit 2 home runs for the first time in his career in a 6-1 win against Greensboro on August 23.

2015:

Appeared in 57 games for Williamsport (A-), where he led all Phillies short-season minor leaguers with 10 home runs (2nd in the New-York Penn League)...Added 35 runs batted in, tying for 8th in the NYPL...Opened the season with a 9-game hitting streak (13-for-40, .325).

2014: *Ranked as the Phillies #26 prospect by Baseball America*

Started the season in Lakewood, playing in 17 games before being assigned to Williamsport for the rest of the season...In 57 games, batted .186 with 15 extra-base hits and 15 runs batted in...Hit .271 (13-for-48) against left-handed pitching and .158 (23-for-146) against right-handed pitching.

2013:

Spent his rookie season in the Gulf Coast League, playing in 39 games...For the season, batted .210 with 10 extra-base hits and 14 runs batted in...vs LHP (.303, 10-for-33) / vs RHP (.176, 16-for-91).

Personal & Miscellaneous:

Jan Alexis Hernández made history as the first player drafted out of the Carlos Beltran Baseball Academy in Puerto Rico, which was founded in 2011...Has combined to play in 4 career playoff games for Williamsport in 2015 and Lakewood in 2016, going 2-for-15 with 7 strikeouts...Played shortstop in high school (just 2 games as a pro) before moving to third base with the Phillies...Has played with both Caguas and Santurce in the Puerto Rican Winter League in the offseason, and spent time in the Florida Instructional League from 2013 to 2015.

IF Emmanuel Marrero

Height/Weight: 6-0/180 lbs
Bats/Throws: S/R
Born: May 16, 1993 in Jacksonville, FL
Opening Day Age: 24
Resides: Bayamon, PR
Acquired: Selected by the Phillies in the 7th round of the 2014 June draft out of Alabama State University



EMMANUEL'S STORY

Fightin Phils Debut:
N/A

Last Team:
Clearwater Threshers

CAREER HIGHS:

H: 5 4/24/16 @ Greensboro
R: 3 (x4), Last, 7/16/17 @ Daytona
2B: 1 (x49), Last, 8/22/17 vs Fort Myers
3B: 1 (x8), Last, 8/4/17 @ Palm Beach
HR: 1 (x10), Last, 8/16/17 vs St. Lucie
RBI: 3 (x4), Last, 7/12/17 vs Bradenton
SB: 2 8/26/14 @ Batavia
BB: 3 6/9/16 @ Delmarva
SO: 4 (x2), Last, 7/13/17 vs Bradenton

The versatile infielder bumped his average up to a career-high .252 last season while playing in 109 games with Clearwater (A+), with 86 starts coming at shortstop. With both Marrero and **Malquin Canelo** on the Opening Day roster, **Greg Legg** has a decision to make, but the good news is that the depth is there. Coming out of Alabama State University in the seventh round in 2014, several scouts considered Marrero to be the best defensive shortstop in that year's college draft class. Now, he'll probably test the waters a little bit more at both second base (17 career starts) and third base (29 career starts) so that he gives himself the best chance to get on the field. The addition of **Brandon Bednar** gives the Fightin Phils several viable options up the middle in the likely event that the corners are occupied by **Damek Tomscha** and **Kyle Martin**. Marrero's offensive numbers tailed off a bit in the second half of last season, although he had a couple of stretches in August where he picked things back up.

2017:

Spent the entire season in Clearwater (A+), where he played in 109 games...Batted .252 with a career-high five home runs, 16 doubles, four triples, and 11 stolen bases...Hit .292 in 49 road games compared to .214 in 60 games at Spectrum Field...In 49 first half games, posted a line of .281/.335/.413...In 60 second half games, those numbers became .229/.290/.317...Posted better numbers against right-handed pitchers (.265/4/24) and left-handed pitchers (.215/1/8).

2016:

Played in a career-high 113 games with Lakewood (A), where he batted .248 with 20 extra-base hits and 33 runs batted in...Batted .286 (24-for-84) in 20 April games and soon after was named the Phillies Minor League Player of the Week for the week of May 2-8...Had his best month in August when he hit .310 (27-for-87) in 27 games, adding three home runs and 11 runs batted in...Hit .136 (3-for-22) in six playoff games, driving in two runs while striking out seven times.

2015:

Debuted with Clearwater on May 13 after opening the season in Extended Spring Training...Played in 11 games with the Threshers before being assigned to Lakewood for the rest of the season on June 19...Hit his first career home run on June 27 in Hickory, hitting a 3rd inning solo home run off **Brett Martin** in a 6-3 BlueClaws win.

2014:

Played in 60 games as a rookie with the Williamsport Crosscutters (A-) in the New York-Penn League...Hit .279 (33-for-118) over his first 35 games, then hit .120 (10-for-83) over his last 25 games in August.

Personal & Miscellaneous:

Emmanuel Marrero became the first Alabama State Hornet drafted by a Major League team since 2002, when the Montreal Expos selected Adrian Urquhart in the 25th round...Prior to his selection, the highest draft pick for Alabama State was **Rufus Ellis**, a 24th round pick of the Royals in 1985...A three-year starter, Marrero was the Southwestern Athletic Conference Player of the Year during his final season in 2014, batting .329 with 58 RBIs in 57 games...He also scored 44 runs while hitting four home runs, **eight triples (1st in the country)**, and 16 doubles...Started all 56 games at shortstop as a freshman when he batted .185, but raised his average to .282 the following year as a sophomore...Marrero was the sixth college shortstop taken in the draft after committing just six errors in 256 chances for a .977 fielding percentage in 2014, less than NC State's **Trea Turner** (9) and Stanford's **Alex Blandino** (12).

1B Kyle Martin

Height/Weight: 6-2/221 lbs
Bats/Throws: L/L
Born: November 13, 1992 in Greenville, SC
Opening Day Age: 25
Resides: Keller, TX
Acquired: Selected by the Phillies in the 4th round of the 2015 June draft out of the University of South Carolina



KYLE'S STORY

Fightin Phils Debut:

April 7, 2017 @ Portland

Last Team:

Reading Fightin Phils

A rumbling power bat in the lower-levels of the Phillies system, Martin's 19 home runs in 2016 left him right outside the Top-10 on the organization's leaderboard. During a full season last year in Reading, he jacked 22 home runs which was good enough for sixth on the minor league side. Playing in a career-high 123 games, Martin led the 2017 Fightin Phils with 68 runs batted in while tying for third in the Eastern League with 134 strikeouts. Coming out of Spring Training a year ago, Martin was one of the talks of camp, so a second trip through the Eastern League should boost his average. He had a .993 fielding percentage in 116 games at first base, and will likely start the 2018 season smack in the middle of the lineup. Surprisingly, his power numbers were better on the road (13 homers) than at FirstEnergy Stadium (9 homers), where lefthanded hitters have generally feasted because of the short, low porch in right field.

2017:

Had his first 3-hit game for the Fightin Phils in his 31st game on May 19 against New Hampshire...Hit a game-winning 2-run home run off **Jesus Liranzo** in the bottom of the ninth in a 4-3 win over Bowie on June 8...Had six doubles in a seven game stretch from August 3-9...Led all Eastern League first basemen in assists (73) and double plays turned (102)...Had six games with 3+ RBIs...Hit a home run in back-to-back three times on April 9 & 10, May 18 & 19, and June 7 & 8.

2016:

One of four Threshers (A+) selected to the Florida State League Postseason All-Star Team...Played in 121 games with Clearwater (104 starts at first base, 16 as the designated hitter) and was named the FSL's Designated Hitter of the Year...Ranked among the league leaders with 82 runs batted in (2nd), 19 home runs (4th), 43 extra-base hits (T-4th), and 194 total bases (3rd)...Raised his batting average from .234 in the first half to .267 in the second half.

2015:

Ranked as the Phillies #30 prospect by *Baseball America* after the season...Made his professional debut with Lakewood (A) as a rookie in 2015...Hit .279 in 65 games with 28 extra-base hits (251 ABs) and 37 runs batted in...Had a 10-game hitting streak from July 10-20 (18-for-41, .439)...Had 2 hits in five of his last seven games to close out the season.

Personal & Miscellaneous:

Selected by the Phillies in the 4th round of the 2015 June draft out of the University of South Carolina...Was previously selected by the Angels in the 20th round of the 2014 June draft, but didn't sign and returned to Columbia for his senior year...Named to three All-America teams as a senior in 2015, including a 1st team selection by *Baseball America*...Became the 28th Gamecock in program history to reach 200 hits for his career...Became the first SC player to hit for the cycle in 11 years when he went 4-for-4 in a 12-5 loss to Florida...Started all 62 games as a junior in 2014 and led the team with a .336 average, eventually being named to the NCAA Regional All-Tournament Team...Was the NCAA Regional MVP and an All-Tournament Team selection as a sophomore in 2013...As a freshman in 2012, brought in the Gamecocks only run in their season-ending 4-1 loss to Arizona in Game 2 of the CWS Championship Series...Majored in Mechanical Engineering while at South Carolina.

OF Cornelius Randolph

Height/Weight: 5-11/210 lbs
Bats/Throws: L/R
Born: June 2, 1997 in Brunswick, GA
Opening Day Age: 20
Resides: Williamson, GA
Acquired: Selected by the Phillies with 10th overall pick in the 2015 June draft out of Griffin High School (GA)



CORNELIUS' STORY

Fightin Phils Debut:
N/A

Last Team:
Clearwater Threshers

CAREER HIGHS:

H: 4 (x3), Last, 7/15/17 @ Daytona
R: 2 (x16), Last, 7/26/17 vs Daytona
2B: 2 (x3), Last, 7/28/17 vs Daytona
3B: 1 (x9), Last, 8/30/17 @ Charlotte (A+)
HR: 1 (x16), Last, 8/29/17 @ Charlotte (A+)
RBI: 3 (x8), Last, 6/8/17 @ Jupiter
SB: 2 8/1/15 vs GCL Astros
BB: 3 (x2), Last, 8/3/16 @ Greensboro
SO: 3 (x11), Last, 7/10/17 vs Dunedin

On the fast track since the Phillies made him the 10th overall pick in the 2015 draft, Randolph is coming off his busiest season after playing in 122 games with Clearwater (A+) a year ago. He'll be extremely young for Double-A no matter when he gets to Reading, and his arrival will likely put **Jiandido Tromp** in right if they're on the roster at the same time. Randolph tapped into some power in the usually homer-deprived Florida State League last season, tying for eighth on the circuit with 13 home runs after hitting just three in his first 127 games. While his strikeout numbers increased a bit last year, it shouldn't come as a huge surprise given his rapid advancement through the system. The encouraging thing is that Randolph didn't seem to tire out like many players do when they're stretched out for the first time. As a matter of fact, he hit 45 points higher during the second half of the season, and can hopefully build off that as he prepares for the jump to the Eastern League. He has long been praised for his bat, and now has the added benefit of a short porch in right field inside the inviting surroundings of FirstEnergy Stadium.

2017: *Ranked as the FSL's #12 prospect and the Phils #23 prospect by Baseball America after the season*

Drove in 55 runs for Clearwater, while ranking 7th in the Florida State League with 55 walks...Led the Threshers with 5 triples and 122 games played...Hit a home run in three straight games against Dunedin during the first series of the season...Had a .455 OBP while he reached base in 29 straight games from June 14 to July 20...Had his best month in July, when he slashed .311/.417/.472 in 30 games during the month...His OPS went from .668 during the first half of the season to .809 during the second half...Played in 18 games for the Glendale Desert Dogs in the Arizona Fall League after the season, where he batted .239 (17-for-71) with four doubles and eight runs batted in...**Selected to the AFL Rising Stars Game.**

2016: Ranked as the Phillies #15 prospect by Baseball America after the season

Hit .240 over his first 12 games in Lakewood (A), but was forced to miss more than 2 months with shoulder and hamstring injuries...Played in five rehab games in the Gulf Coast League (A) before finally returning to the BlueClaws on July 7...Only played a full month's worth of games in August and went through his best stretch of the season, hitting .306 with 7 extra-base hits and 16 runs batted in over 29 games...Hit .120 (3-for-25, 7 SO) in six playoff games...Spent time in the Florida Instructional league after the season.

2015: Baseball America Postseason Rankings - #88 overall, #6 in organization, #5 in Gulf Coast League

Was a **GCL Postseason All-Star** and a *Baseball America Rookie All-Star* after playing his entire first season in the Gulf Coast League...Went 3-for-3 with a triple and an RBI in his first game on June 25 against the GCL Pirates...Hit his first home run in his third game against the Tigers affiliate...Reached base safely in 43 of his 53 games, and ended the season ranked amongst the Top-10 in the league in OPS, OBP, walks, doubles, slugging percentage, runs scored, total bases, batting average, hits, and runs batted in...Saved his best for last, hitting .329 with six multi-hit efforts in 25 August games...Opened that final month with the first 4-hit game of his career against the GCL Astros.

Personal & Miscellaneous: #18 Phillies prospect by MLB Pipeline coming into 2018

Cornelius Cleopatrik Randolph was given the 4rd-largest signing bonus in Phillies history behind only **Aaron Nola**, **Mickey Moniak**, and **Adam Haseley** when he was selected with the 10th overall pick in the 2015 June draft...Coming up he played shortstop at Griffin High School in Georgia, the alma mater of the Orioles **Tim Beckham**, the first overall pick in the 2008 draft...Bypassed an offer from Clemson University to sign his professional contract...Prior to his first full season in 2016 when he was considered the #88 prospect in all of baseball, **Jonathan Mayo** had Randolph down at #84 on MLB.com's Top-100.

OF Cord Sandberg

Height/Weight: 6-3/223 lbs
Bats/Throws: L/L
Born: January 2, 1995 in Bradenton, FL
Opening Day Age: 23
Resides: Bradenton, FL
Acquired: Selected by the Phillies in the 3rd round of the 2013 June draft out of Manatee High School (FL)



CORD'S STORY

Fightin Phils Debut:
July 4, 2017 @ Trenton

Last Team:
Reading Fightin Phils

CAREER HIGHS:

H: 4 (x3), Last, 6/23/17 vs Daytona
R: 3 (x2), Last, 7/31/16 @ Fort Myers
2B: 2 (x5), Last, 8/6/17 vs Akron
3B: 1 (x8), Last, 5/20/17 @ Hagerstown
HR: 1 (x26), Last, 8/12/17 @ Richmond
RBI: 5 6/17/14 vs Jamestown
SB: 2 6/25/13 vs GCL Yankees
BB: 2 (x15), Last, 6/27/17 @ Fort Myers
SO: 6 7/15/16 @ Palm Beach

While the baseball world talks about Tim Tebow being with the Rumble Ponies, Sandberg was a two-sport star at Manatee High School in Bradenton, Florida and had committed to play quarterback at Mississippi State before the Phillies came calling. He showed off his athleticism with Lakewood in 2015, where he won an MiLB Gold Glove Award for his work in left field. A two-time Top-30 prospect according to *Baseball America*, he's drawn rave reviews for his two-strike approach and work ethic. Last season, he split time between Lakewood (A), Clearwater (A+), and Reading, and batted .314 (16-for-51) in his last 16 games with the Fightin Phils before shutting it down for good after August 21. Sandberg hit a career-high 9 home runs a year ago while matching a career-high with 28 doubles, so he should be able to top both those numbers if he's given a full season in the Eastern League. While he's spent more time in left field, he can also play right, which should give **Greg Legg** plenty of options with both **Zach Coppola** and **Jiandido Tromp** returning.

2017:

Had six multi-hit efforts in his first nine games with Lakewood (.447)...Had 6 outfield assists in 54 games for the BlueClaws, and hit .292 against righties compared to .213 against lefties...Assigned to Clearwater (A+) on June 5 for a month, batting .277 (18-for-65) with two homers, seven doubles, and six runs batted in across 18 games...Called up to Reading on July 4, and spent the rest of the season with the Fightin Phils...Singled in his third at-bat on July 4 in Trenton...Recorded his first RBI with a single against the Sea Dogs on July 7 and had his first multi-RBI game against Portland the following day...His first Double-A home run was a game-winning solo shot off **Paul Voelker** in the bottom of the ninth in a 4-3 win over Erie on July 21...Had three 3-hit games in a six day span from August 6-11...Batted .309 (26-for-84) with RISP for the season.

2016:

Was a Florida State League Midseason All-Star with Clearwater (A+), where he played in 94 games...Had his best month in April, when he batted .297 (22-for-74) with a home run, 3 doubles, and six runs batted in...Had 20 multi-hit games during the season...Hit .164 against left-handed pitching and .248 against righties...Went to the DL twice in August with a right thumb sprain and a right cheekbone contusion that limited him to just four games in the final month.

2015:

Played in a career-high 129 games with Lakewood (A), where he hit .255 with five home runs and 59 runs batted in across 499 at-bats (2nd in SAL League)...61 games in First Half (.217/1/17)...68 games in Second Half (.290/4/42)...Had a 10-game hitting streak from July 11-22 (16-for-40, .400) and a 9-game hitting streak from August 6-15 (11-for-39, .282)...Had two separate 8-game hitting streaks during the year from April 30-May 8 and June 20-30...Played with Canberra in the Australian Winter League after the season.

2014:

Ranked as the Phillies #21 prospect by *Baseball America* after the season...Appeared in 66 games with the Williamsport Crosscutters (A-) in the New York-Penn League...Hit .235 with six home runs and 24 runs batted in, and had a career-high 8 stolen bases...Opened the season with a 12-game hitting streak from June 13-24 (19-for-53, .358)...Later had a 10-game hitting streak from July 31-August 11 (11-for-42, .261).

2013:

Ranked as the Phillies #25 prospect by *Baseball America* after the season...Debuted as a rookie with the GCL Phillies (R), where he hit .207 with six extra-base hits and 14 RBIs in 48 games...Posted a career-best .313 on-base percentage.

Personal & Miscellaneous:

Full name is Corder William Sandberg...Was the Phillies first of two selections in the 3rd round of the 2013 June draft (3B Jan Hernandez) when he was drafted out of Manatee High School in Bradenton, Florida...Turned down a football scholarship to play quarterback at Mississippi State so he could sign with the Phillies...Was a three-year starter at quarterback in high school and won the 2011 state championship his junior year...His father, Chuck, was a 9th round selection of the Red Sox in 1979 out of the University of Florida and spent three years in their minor league system...Chuck was also an assistant football coach (wide receivers) for nearly 30 years at Manatee HS.

IF Damek Tomscha

Height/Weight: 6-2/219 lbs
Bats/Throws: R/R
Born: August 27, 1991 in Sioux City, IA
Opening Day Age: 26
Resides: Sioux City, IA
Acquired: Selected by the Phillies in the 17th round of the 2014 June draft out of Auburn University



DAMEK'S STORY

Fightin Phils Debut:
July 14, 2017 vs Binghamton

Last Team:
Reading Fightin Phils

CAREER HIGHS:

H: 4 (x2), Last, 8/3/15 @ Greensboro
R: 3 (x4), Last, 6/28/16 @ Hagerstown
2B: 3 5/16/15 @ Kannapolis
3B: 1 (x5), 9/9/16 @ Hagerstown
HR: 1 (x27), Last, 8/24/17 vs Harrisburg
RBI: 3 (x15), Last, 8/24/17 vs Harrisburg
SB: 1 (x13), Last, 8/20/17 @ Hartford
BB: 3 5/25/17 @ Florida
SO: 4 (x2), Last, 7/20/15 @ Rome

Tomscha's breakout 2017 season was split between Reading and Clearwater (A+), and the corner infielder emerged as one of the Phillies hottest minor league hitters during the final month of the season. After getting called up to Double-A in mid-July, Tomscha admitted he was trying to do too much and was chasing pitches he wouldn't normally go after. The adjustment didn't take long, and over his last 35 games, he batted .328 while stringing together a Fightins' best 15-game hitting streak from August 7-21. During that streak he had a .424 average, and overall played a very solid third base while **Mitch Walding** missed time with an injury. Tomscha can also play first base, and he could fill in for **Kyle Martin** on days he sits with a lefthanded starter on the mound. In total, he was 35-for-98 (.357) against lefthanded pitchers a year ago, and while his doubles totals were cut in half from the previous season, Tomscha flashed some pop and hit a career-high 11 home runs. He doesn't strike out very often, and as long as he doesn't try to do too much again out of the gate in Reading, Tomscha has a very good chance to get his first opportunity in Lehigh Valley (AAA) during the the season.

2017: MiLB.com Organization All-Star

Led all qualifying Phillies full-season minor leaguers with a .307 batting average (115 hits in 374 ABs)...Started the season in Clearwater (A+), where he got off to a fast start by putting together an 11-game hitting streak from April 17-29 (.419, 12 runs batted in, .978 OPS)...Spent time on the disabled list with a right groin strain from June 21-July 12...Singled in his first Double-A at-bat off Binghamton's **Mickey Jannis** on July 14...Had an RBI in three straight games from July 28-30...During his season-long 15-game hitting streak from August 7-21, he had 9 multi-hit games.

2016:

Opened the season with Lakewood (A), where he played in two games before being summoned to Clearwater for a six-game cameo (2-for-19 with 4 strikeouts)...Returned to the BlueClaws for the remainder of the season Duand hit .283 (8th in the South Atlantic League) with five home runs and 54 runs batted in...T-5th in the SAL with 32 doubles and finished 8th with a .369 on-base percentage...Hit safely in all six South Atlantic League playoff games, finishing 9-for-18 with three doubles, a home run, and five runs batted in.

2015: *MiLB.com Organization All-Star*

Played in a career-high 120 games for Lakewood, batting .282 with eight home runs and a career-high 59 runs batted in...Hit 32 doubles, scored a career-high 68 runs, and had a .368 OBP...Was the Phillies Minor League Player of the Week to end the month of August in which he batted .337 across 27 games...During that time, he had 11 extra-base hits, 21 runs scored, 16 RBIs, and a .932 OPS...Hit a home run in back-to-back games on August 29 & 30 in Greensboro, finishing with 7 runs batted in during that 4-game series.

2014:

Hit a home run in his first game as a rookie against the GCL Blue Jays...In 54 GCL (R) games, batted .243 with two homers and 24 runs batted in...Led the Gulf Coast League with 17 doubles, and had 25 BB/32 SO to finish the season with a .373 on-base percentage...Hit .452 (14-for-31) in his first 8 games but just .200 (30-for-15) over his last 46 games.

Personal & Miscellaneous:

Damek Martel Soren Tomscha finally signed in the 17th round of the 2014 June draft after passing three other times during the selection process: 2010 (Phillies, 50th round), 2011 (Marlins, 36th round), and 2012 (Cubs, 19th round)...A 2014 graduate of Auburn University, he spent his last two seasons with the Tigers after beginning his college career at Iowa Western Community College...As a senior in 2014, finished second on the team with a .313 average and 29 runs batted in across 53 starts...Led Auburn in home runs (5) and OBP (.436)/SLG % (.443)...Started 53 games at third base during his junior season in 2013, hitting .274 while tying for the team lead with seven home runs...Had an .836 OPS and hit a game-winning home run against Maine in his first Auburn game...Named the SEC Player of the Week on May 6 after hitting a game-tying and game-winning home run in the Tigers two comeback wins against #18 Ole Miss...**Among his accomplishments at the JUCO level with Iowa Western CC:** JUCO World Series Championship, was twice named the #18 JUCO prospect by *Perfect Game* in 2011 and 2012, 2012 First Team NJCAA All-American, hit 30 home runs and drove in 125 runs over two full seasons...Was a 3-time All-State selection at Sioux City North High School and was the 2010 *Gatorade, Louisville Slugger, and Iowa High School Coaches* Player of the Year...Is the youngest of five children.

OF Jiandido Tromp

Height/Weight: 5-11/195 lbs
Bats/Throws: R/R
Born: September 27, 1993 in Oranjestad Noord, Aruba
Opening Day Age: 24
Resides: Oranjestad Noord, Aruba
Acquired: Signed by the Phillies as an amateur free agent on August 8, 2011



JIANDIDO'S STORY

Fightin Phils Debut: April 7, 2017 @ Portland
Last Team: Reading Fightin Phils

CAREER HIGHS:

H: 4 (x3), Last, 6/17/16 vs Kannapolis
R: 3 (x3), Last, 5/31/17 vs Portland
2B: 3 5/7/17 @ Portland
3B: 2 5/14/15 @ Kannapolis
HR: 2 (x4), Last, 5/31/17 vs Portland
RBI: 7 7/19/15 @ Rome
SB: 2 (x5), Last, 5/22/17 @ Bowie
BB: 3 8/4/12 @ GCL Tigers
SO: 4 (x3), Last, 8/8/15 vs Hickory

Tromp set the tone early in his first season at Double-A, blasting a double off the left field wall against **Mark Appel** in the annual 222 Showcase against the IronPigs at Coca-Cola Park. The Aruban born outfielder had a career year in 2017, hitting a career-best .285 with the Fightin Phils while smacking 31 doubles, which was good for second in the Eastern League. Tromp's 130 hits (7th in EL) were second only to **Carlos Tocci's** 132, and he finished 4th in the league with 52 extra-base hits, while ranking 8th with a .482 slugging percentage. During the season, he received his first Triple-A call-up and went 2-for-9 with a double and two RBIs for the IronPigs in early June. Defensively, he was perfect in the outfield on 200 chances between the two clubs, splitting time between the corners with most of his action coming in right field. The arrival of former first round pick **Cornelius Randolph** probably makes Tromp the Opening Day right fielder, which is a welcome sight for this Fightin Phils lineup. Surprisingly, Tromp has never made it onto any top prospects lists, but eventually someone is going to have to take notice of what he's done at the plate for the last two seasons. If he can balance out his splits a little bit against lefty/righty pitching (.354/.247), Tromp should carve a path back to Allentown for more than just a few days this season.

2017: *Eastern League Midseason All-Star; EL & Phillies Minor League Player of the Week from June 19-25*

Hit three doubles for the first time in his career on May 7 in Portland...Later hit two home runs for the fourth time in his career against the Sea Dogs in a 6-2 win in game one of a doubleheader on May 31...Had a season-high 9-game hitting streak with the Fightins from May 31-June 15 (15-for-39, .384)...Hit a solo home run in three straight games against the RubberDucks from June 20-22...In 22 June games with Reading, hit .338 (27-for-80) with 11 XBH and a .992 OPS...Broke up a shutout with an RBI double in the 9th inning of a 6-2 loss against Altoona on July 26...Hit a 3-run home run in the 7th inning of a 3-1 win in Hartford on July 27...Hit .316 for the month of July (30-for-95) with 8 XBH and 11 runs batted in...Hit a game-winning 2-run homer in the 6th inning of a 4-2 win against the RubberDucks on August 5...Singled home the winning run in the bottom of the

15th on August 15 against Bowie...Brought in all 3 Fightins run in a 4-3 loss to the Baysox on August 16...Finished the season 3rd on the Fightin Phils by hitting .306 with runners in scoring position (33-for-108).

2016:

Began season with Lakewood (A)...Was a 2-time Phillies Minor League Player of the Week on June 19 and July 24...Homered in 3 consecutive games from June 11-13...Hit safely in 14 straight games from June 6-19 (23-for-54, .424)...Promoted to Clearwater (A+) on June 23 and was soon named Florida State League Player of the Week on July 24...Hit 2 home runs on July 20 in Bradenton...**Set career highs** with 20 home runs, 68 runs batted in, 33 doubles, and 70 runs scored.

2015:

Spent the entire season with Lakewood (A)...Was on the DL with a left hamstring strain from May 23-June 1...Batted .251 (58-231) with 9 HR and a .455 SLG % in 63 games in the second half after hitting just .171 (31-181) with no homers and a .227 SLG % over 50 games before the break...Participated in Florida Instructional League after the season.

2014: *New York-Penn League Midseason All-Star*

Began season with Lakewood before being transferred to Williamsport (A-) on June 10...T-1st in the NYPL with 14 home runs, ranked 2nd in total bases (129), and 3rd in SLG % (.498)...Had three multi-HR games at home on June 17 against Jamestown, June 24 against Auburn, and July 22 against Batavia.

2013: *New York-Penn League Midseason All-Star*

Batted .337 (28-83) over his last 24 games with Williamsport before being promoted to Lakewood on August 14 for 13 games.

2012:

Began his professional career with the Gulf Coast League Phillies (R)...Assigned to Williamsport on August 9 for the remainder of the season.

Personal & Miscellaneous:

Jiandido Candido Tromp played winter ball for the first time in his career during this past offseason:

16 games with Indios de Mayaguez in the Puerto Rican Winter League : .151 (8-for-53), 2 HR, 9 RBIs

11 games with Navegantes del Magallanes in the Venezuelan Winter League: .185 (5-for-27), no HR, 2 RBIs