



CHICAGO CUBS MINOR LEAGUE REPORT

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MINOR LEAGUE CLUBS: 4-2 YESTERDAY / 270-251 OVERALL

IOWA CUBS

(48-65)
Pacific Coast League (AAA)
American Northern Division
4th Place (-15.0)

YESTERDAY:
Win vs. New Orleans, 7-4

TODAY: vs. New Orleans
SCHEDULED STARTER:
RHP Jake Buchanan (10-6, 4.78)

Thanks in part to a five-run second inning, the I-Cubs topped New Orleans, 7-4.

STARTING PITCHER	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	W-L	ERA
RHP Jordan Pries (W)	5.0	8	4	3	2	2	0	4-2	4.58

Homers – Davis (2)

- Ⓞ 1B Taylor Davis (.253) was 2-for-3 with a double (8), homer, two RBI (13), two runs and a walk.
- Ⓞ CF Albert Almora Jr. (.324) went 2-for-4 with a double (16), three RBI (40) and a run ... extended his hitting streak to 10-straight games (.356/16-for-45), which is every game since he was optioned.
- Ⓞ 2B-LF Kris Negrón (.241) was 2-for-3 with a sac fly, RBI (35), run scored and a stolen base (19).
- Ⓞ PH Jose Gonzalez (1.000) was 1-for-1 with a stolen base (1) in his first game since being promoted from the Mesa Cubs.
- Ⓞ RHP Spencer Patton (1.0 IP, 2 BB, 2 SO) has not allowed a run in 13.0-consecutive IP ... over the stretch, he has allowed only six hits.

TENNESSEE SMOKIES

(18-21 second half, 28-42 first half)
Southern League (AA)
North Division
4th Place (-6.0)

YESTERDAY:
Win @ Birmingham, 5-1

TODAY: vs. Montgomery
SCHEDULED STARTER:
RHP Tyler Skulina (4-10, 5.79)

Tennessee pitching held host Birmingham scoreless for the first eight frames and prevailed, 5-1.

STARTING PITCHER	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	W-L	ERA
RHP Zach Hedges (W)	7.0	4	0	0	1	4	0	1-1	2.50

Homers – None

- Ⓞ 1B Ben Carhart (.230) reached base four times, going 2-for-2 with two walks ... added a double (7), RBI (16), run scored and a stolen base (1).
- Ⓞ CF Trey Martin (.233) was 1-for-4 with a triple (2) and two RBI (17).
- Ⓞ DH David Freitas (.304) and 2B Chesny Young (.294) both doubled and scored a run ... Freitas added an RBI (25).
- Ⓞ RHP Zach Hedges made his third start with Tennessee ... has only allowed one earned run over his last 12.0 IP (two starts).

MYRTLE BEACH PELICANS

(24-17 second half, 36-34 first half)
Carolina League (A)
Southern Division
1st Place (+2.5)

YESTERDAY:
Win vs. Carolina, 6-4

TODAY: vs. Carolina
SCHEDULED STARTER:
RHP Jonathan Martinez (9-5, 4.01)

The Pelicans extended their winning streak to six-straight as they topped Carolina, 6-4.

STARTING PITCHER	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	W-L	ERA
RHP Preston Morrison (W)	7.0	5	3	2	0	7	0	1-0	1.38

Homers – None

- Ⓞ CF Jeffrey Baez (.235) went 2-for-4 with a double (10), triple (3) and two RBI (33).
- Ⓞ LF Charcer Burks (.243) was 2-for-3 with a double (20), RBI (34) and a run scored ... has reached base in his last 12 starts.
- Ⓞ C Erick Castillo (.214) and SS Andrew Ely (.242) both had two-hit games.
- Ⓞ 3B David Bote (.315) and RF Daniel Spingola (.208) each collected one hit, a double.
- Ⓞ RHP Preston Morrison extended his scoreless innings streak to 17.0 IP before allowing a run in the sixth inning.

SOUTH BEND CUBS

(26-14 second half, 41-28 first half)
Midwest League (A)
Eastern Division
2nd Place (-0.5)

YESTERDAY:
Loss vs. Fort Wayne, 2-1

TODAY: vs. Fort Wayne
SCHEDULED STARTER:
RHP Oscar De La Cruz (0-0, 0.00)

A ninth-inning rally was not enough as South Bend fell to Fort Wayne, 2-1.

STARTING PITCHER	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	W-L	ERA
RHP Casey Bloomquist (L)	6.2	8	2	2	0	2	1	7-6	2.88

Homers – None

- Ⓞ RF Connor Myers (.200) was 2-for-4 with a double (2) and a stolen base (3) ... this year's 27th-round pick out of Old Dominion has two multi-hit games in his last three contests.
- Ⓞ DH P.J. Higgins (.276) tallied his second-straight multi-hit game, going 2-for-4.
- Ⓞ 1B Tyler Alamo (.246) went 1-for-4 with an RBI (44).
- Ⓞ In eight starts this season, RHP Casey Bloomquist is 3-3 with a 2.30 ERA (12 ER/47.0 IP) while fanning 32 and walking only five.

EUGENE EMERALDS

(2-5 second half, 28-10 first half)
Northwest League (A)
South Division
4th Place (-3.0)

YESTERDAY:
Loss vs. Vancouver, 8-4

TODAY: vs. Vancouver
SCHEDULED STARTER:
RHP Dylan Cease (1-0, 3.68)

Eugene's six hits were not enough to overcome Vancouver's offense as the Ems lost, 8-4.

STARTING PITCHER	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	W-L	ERA
RHP Bailey Clark (ND)	2.2	4	2	1	0	5	0	0-0	3.38

Homers – Short (1)

- Ⓞ SS Zack Short (.292) went 2-for-4 with a homer, three RBI (7) and a run scored.
- Ⓞ LF Kevonte Mitchell (.230) was 2-for-3 with a double (6), run scored, walk and a stolen base (11).
- Ⓞ RHP Bailey Clark and RHP Tyson Miller (2.2 IP, 4 H, 2 ER, 3 SO) both made their Eugene debuts.



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MESA CUBS

(3-3 second half, 16-12 first half)
Arizona League (Rookie)
East Division
4th Place (-2.0)

YESTERDAY:

Win @ AZL Padres, 4-3

TODAY: vs. AZL Dodgers

Mesa registered a three-run eighth inning to come from behind and defeat the host AZL Padres, 4-3.

STARTING PITCHER	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HR	W-L	ERA
LHP Eugenio Palma (ND)	5.0	3	1	1	2	3	0	2-0	1.30

Homers – None

- © 1B Kevin Zamudio (.220) reached base three times, going 2-for-3 with a walk.
- © SS Isaac Paredes (.287) and C Jhonny Pereda (.239) both went 1-for-3 with an RBI ... Paredes also swiped a bag (3).
- © CF Luis Ayala (.306) went 1-for-3 with two walks, two runs and a stolen base (12).
- © RHP Michael Rucker (1.0 IP, H, 2 SO) picked up the win ... was the professional debut for this year's 11th-round pick out of Brigham Young University.
- © RHP Nathan Sweeney (1.0 IP, H, R, 0 ER), the 33rd-round pick out of Cherry Creek HS (Colo.), made his professional debut.

LONGEST STREAKS

Longest Active Hitting Streak:
A. ALMORA JR. (AAA) 10 G (.356/16-for-45)
Longest Active Scoreless Innings Streak:
SPENCER PATTON (AAA) 13.0 IP

HITTING LEADERS

Batting Average: **ELOY JIMENEZ (A)** .342
Home Runs: **YASIEL BALAGUERT (A)** 15
Runs Batted In: **YASIEL BALAGUERT (A)** 79
Stolen Bases: **JEFFREY BAEZ (A)** 33

PITCHING LEADERS

ERA: **PRESTON MORRISON (A)** 2.14
Wins: **JAKE BUCHANAN (AAA)** 10
ERICK LEAL (A) 10
PRESTON MORRISON (A) 10
Saves: **RYAN McNEIL (A)** 17
Strikeouts: **ROB ZASTRYZNY (AA-AAA)** 105

**LEADERS COUNT ONLY FULL-SEASON LEAGUES*