



Evansville Otters

Official Game Notes

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 Frontier League Champions: 2006; 2016

2021 Record	
Record.....	38-21
Home.....	23-9
Road.....	15-12
Current Streak.....	W7

Evansville Otters (38-21) vs. Windy City ThunderBolts (24-35)
 August 3-5, 2021 | Ozinga Field | Crestwood, Ill.

2021 by the Numbers

Record.....	38-21
Current Streak.....	W7
Home Record.....	23-9
Road Record.....	15-12
Day Record.....	2-3
Night Record.....	36-18
vs. Atlantic.....	2-1
vs. Central.....	16-10
vs. West.....	20-10
Leading After 5.....	25-3
Trailing After 5.....	4-13
Tied After 5.....	7-4
Leading After 6.....	28-2
Trailing After 6.....	2-15
Tied After 6.....	6-3
Leading After 7.....	24-1
Trailing After 7.....	1-12
Tied After 7.....	5-4
Leading After 8.....	23-0
Trailing After 8.....	1-13
Tied After 8.....	5-3
Extra Innings.....	5-1
One Run Games.....	8-7
Shutouts.....	2-2
HR Derbys.....	4-0

RECAP

The Evansville Otters broke out the bats and the brooms in an 8-1 win over the Southern Illinois Miners Sunday, winning their seventh game in a row to complete a four-game sweep of the Miners. The four-game sweep was the Otters' first since 2013, and the win extended the Otters' lead in the West Division to three games. The Otters took an early lead in the bottom of the first when Riley Krane singled home Miles Gordon from second with two out in the inning, as the Otters pulled ahead 1-0. Evansville would add to their advantage in the second inning, again with two outs. Gary Mattis hit his fourth double in his sixth professional game with two out, ahead of Andrew Penner who tripled Mattis home. At the end of two, Evansville led 2-0. Evansville continued to pour it on in the third, when Elijah MacNamee, Dakota Phillips, and Andretty Cordero all drove in runs in consecutive at-bats with a single, double, and groundout, respectively. Through the first third of the ballgame, the Otters led 5-0. The Miners would score their first and only run of the game in the top of the fifth, when an unearned run scored on Luke Mangieri's RBI groundout against Otters' starter Ryan O'Reilly. The Otters answered the unearned run with their biggest blows at bat in the bottom of the fifth. Krane opened the Otters' half of the inning with a solo drive to right, his eleventh blast of the season, before Dakota Phillips would club the Otters' second home run of the inning and the series with an opposite field solo shot. The Otters would go on to load the bases in the inning for Andy DeJesus, who drove in the Otters' eighth and last run of the ballgame. After five, the Otters led by the final score of 8-1. O'Reilly would work into the seventh inning, getting the first two outs before loading the bases with a walk issued to Nolan Earley. At that point, Taylor Wright come on in relief to get the last batter of the inning to ground out on two pitches, ending the threat. Wright also worked a 1-2-3 eighth, striking out the last two batters he faced. University of Southern Indiana product Jacob Bowles came on in the ninth to pitch the second full scoreless inning for the Otters' bullpen, sending the Otters to their seventh win in a row and a four-game sweep of the Miners.

LUCKY 7'S

With an 8-1 win over the Southern Illinois Miners Sunday, the Evansville Otters succeeded in winning their seventh game in a row for the second time this season. The win marked the first time the Otters had strung together two seven-game or better winning streaks in the same season since 2015 (May 19th - May 26th; July 10th - 21st). The Otters' earlier eight-game win streak this season began with a Sunday victory against the Schaumburg Boomers June 13th, continued with a three-game sweep of the Gateway Grizzlies at home on June 15th-17th and a weekend series at Bosse Field against the ThunderBolts June 18th-20th, and concluded after a win in Joliet over the Slammers on June 22nd. Should the Otters beat the T-Bolts Tuesday, it will be the first time in franchise history that the Otters compiled two separate eight-game winning streaks in the same season.

Game Stories

Last Game

Team	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E
SIL	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	5	1
EVV	1	1	3	0	3	0	0	0	x	8	12	2

F.L Standings

West Division	W	L	GB
Evansville	38	21	-
Florence	35	24	3.0
Southern Ill.	31	29	7.5
Gateway	27	33	11.5
Central Div.	W	L	GB
Schaumburg	33	26	-
Lake Erie	28	31	5.0
Windy City	24	35	9.0
Joliet	21	38	12.0
Northeast Div	W	L	GB
Sussex Co.	35	22	-
Washington	31	27	4.5
New Jersey	26	31	9.0
Atlantic Div	W	L	GB
Tri-City	28	30	-
Quebec	27	31	1.0
New York	26	32	2.0

Series Probables

Tuesday: RHP Tim Holdgrafer (5-2, 3.23 ERA) vs. LHP Bryan Ketchie (0-5, 6.57 ERA)
 Wednesday: LHP Braden Scott (4-2, 2.85 ERA) vs. LHP Miguel Ausua (6-2, 3.81 ERA)
 Thursday: RHP Polo Portela (7-1, 3.73) vs. RHP Tyler Thornton (4-6, 2.97 ERA)

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Starter Sneak Peak:

Tim Holdgrafer takes the hill for the Otters in the first game of the series on Tuesday, carrying a 5-2 record and 3.23 ERA into the opener. Holdgrafer's ERA currently stands seventh-best in the league among qualified pitchers. Holdgrafer comes off a seven-inning scoreless outing for his second consecutive start. Battling the Florence Y'alls Wednesday, July 28th at home, Holdgrafer allowed only four hits through seven innings while striking out seven and walking none. In his second-to-last start, Holdgrafer took the mound in Windy City and fired off another seven-inning, shutout performance on just three hits, while striking out six and walking one.

SWEEP TOOTH

Sunday's win marked the first time that the Otters completed a four-game sweep of a Frontier League opponent since 2013, when Evansville hosted the River City Rascals at Bosse Field September 3-5, 2013. The four-gamer resulted from double-header scheduled on September 3rd. Current Otter John Schultz was on the 2013 club managed by present-day skipper Andy McCauley.

McCauley's 11th Season

Andy McCauley has been the Otters' manager since 2010. He increased his managerial records in Otters' history in 2019, sitting first in franchise history in regular season wins (474) and games managed (910). McCauley's win total including post-season victories stands at 481 entering the 2021 season. McCauley's career win total stood at 976. McCauley has led Evansville to five postseason appearances, including the 2016 Frontier League Championship season. He was the 2014 Roger Hanners Award winner for Frontier League Manager of the Year after he guided Evansville to the playoffs that season for the first time since 2006. McCauley accepted the manager's position on July 6, 2010. McCauley guided the Otters to postseason appearances with 52 wins in 2017, 51 wins in 2018, and a franchise-tying record of 57 wins in 2019 and the franchise's first Frontier League division title since 1999. McCauley has managed in the Frontier League before. In 1998, he became the skipper for the Kalamazoo Kodiaks. The next season, McCauley managed the London Werewolves, another Frontier League team, to a 54-30 record and a league championship. McCauley has also had success in the Northern League from 2002-09 with the Quebec Capitales, Schaumburg Flyers and Kansas City T-Bones. It was with Kansas City that he also won another league championship in 2008. McCauley is a 1991 graduate of Mansfield (Pa.) University.

Tale of the Tape: Entering Series

WCT		EVV
.249	AVG.	.27-
85	Doubles	104
22	Triples	8
25	Home Runs	41
234	RBI's	278
224	BB's	177
459	Strikeouts	488
126/161	SB/ATT	56/77
63	Errors	54
.970	Fielding %	.973
4.06	ERA	3.76
.256	Opp. BA	.230
499	Hits Allowed	434
40	HR Allowed	54
437	K's	497
198	BB's Allowed	190

Franchise Info

Team Name: Evansville Otters
 Location: Evansville, IN
 Founded: 1995
 Colors: Blue and White
 Affiliation: Frontier League
 Division: Frontier League West
 Owner: Bussing Family
 Website: evansvilleotters.com
 Twitter: @EvilleOtters
 Ticket Office: 812.435.8686
 Director of Communications: Preston Leinenbach
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Facility Information

Stadium: Bosse Field
 Opened: 1915
 Capacity: 5,181
 Surface: Bermuda Grass
 Dimensions:
 LF-335 LC-385
 CF-400 RC-385
 RF-335

Coaching Staff

Manager: Andy McCauley
 Bench Coach: Charles "Boots" Day
 Pitching Coach: Max Peterson
 Hitting Coach: Bobby Segal
 Assistant Coaches: JR Seymour
 Rob Watson
 Billy Easley
 Phil Britton
 Trainer: Sarah Zirk
 Team Doctor: Dr. Mark Martin
 Medical Coordinator: Rue Martin

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New Logo

The Evansville Otters unveiled a collection of newly designed logos last March, giving the baseball team a fresh, rebranded look heading into the 2021 Frontier League regular season. “This is an exciting time for the Otters franchise, coming off our 25th anniversary in 2019, Bosse Field’s renovations in 2020, and now, new branding heading into the Otters’ return to the field in 2021,” Otters president John Stanley stated. “Now seemed like the perfect time to refresh some things.” The new primary logo features updated, brighter color variations of the Otters’ traditional red and blue scheme, while also adding a light, watery blue and a warm, white hide. The main logo also introduced a new typography, showcasing an emphasis on “Evansville” in the visual to signify the dedication to community and local team pride. Plus, the wordmarks present a contemporary, custom script that pays homage to baseball’s classic typeface. The otter mascot in the team logo also received an updated look, displaying a serious game face, but with soft curves and a two-dimensional style to make him friendly and fun – in the true spirit of an otter. “The biggest differences with our new logo are that it is brighter and has more contrast, the lines are not as harsh and are smoother, and of course, our new Otter,” Otters director of communications Preston Leinenbach said. “We feel our fans will connect more with this otter mascot logo. Plus, the Evansville script represents our goal to illustrate that the Otters are Evansville’s professional baseball team.”

MLB Partner

The Evansville Otters, a member team of the Frontier League, a Professional Baseball League of 14 teams throughout the U.S. and Canada, announced this offseason that they are now a Partner League of Major League Baseball (MLB). “We welcome the Frontier League as a Partner League and look forward to working with them toward our shared goal of expanding the geographic reach of baseball,” said Morgan Sword, Executive Vice President of Baseball Economics & Operations, MLB. “The Evansville Otters are thrilled to now have a partnership arrangement with Major League Baseball,” said Otters President John Stanley. “The relationship with MLB is a first for the Frontier League and the Otters. Initially, there will be several opportunities to partner on community-related baseball promotions that will benefit the Otters and the community. It is pleasing to know that MLB chose only three Independent Leagues to be in the partnership group. There is excitement surrounding this partnership throughout the baseball world and we are anxious to get started with MLB.” The Frontier League, as a designated MLB Partner League, will collaborate with MLB to jointly discuss marketing and promotional initiatives to grow, expand, and enhance the game of baseball.

2021 Game/Team Highs

Batting	
Runs Batted In	12
Hits	19
Doubles	4
Triples	1
Home Runs	3
Walks	9
Strikeouts	15
Stolen Bases	6
Caught Stealing	1
Pitching	
Innings Pitched	10
Hits Allowed	16
Runs Allowed	13
Earned Runs Allowed	13
Home Runs Allowed	4
Walks Allowed	10
Strikeouts	15
Wild Pitches	4

Pro-Ball Back in Evansville

Following the postponement of the 2020 Frontier League season, professional baseball returned to Evansville and the historic Bosse Field after a year-long hiatus on May 29th, as the Evansville Otters welcomed l’Equipe Quebec for the doubleheader home opener. Professional baseball in Evansville dates back to 1884, formerly played at the Louisiana Street Grounds, until the completion of Bosse Field in 1915. On June 15, 1915, the Evansville Evas claimed victory over the Erie Sailors in a 4-0 shutout in front of 8,000+ fans. The only two currently operating ballparks older than Bosse Field are Fenway Park (1912) and Wrigley Field (1914). Over 100 Hall of Fame baseball players have set foot on Bosse Field, and a number have played for pro-teams while representing the city of Evansville. Hall of Fame ballplayers who have represented the City of Evansville at Bosse Field include Chuck Klein, Hank Greenberg, Warren Spahn, Jack Morris, Bert Blyleven, and Ford C. Frick Award Winner Bob Uecker. Edd Roush also played for the Evansville Evas (River Rats) in 1912-1913, before Bosse Field was built. Other notable players to take the field for Evansville at Bosse Field include Kirk Gibson and Oakland A’s manager Bob Melvin.

Franchise History

First Year: 1995
All-Time Record: 1,150-1,158
Frontier League Titles: 2
Division Titles: 2 (last 2019)
Winning Seasons: 15
55+ Win Season (last 2019)

Miscellaneous

Spring Training Record: 4-3
Home: 3-2
Away: 1-1
Postseason Brief
Postseason Record: 25-32
2019 FLDS: 0-3 vs. River City

Dakota Phillips in Sugarland

In 2020, Dakota Phillips found a way to play baseball despite the challenges of that year. The Nacogdoches native took advantage of an opportunity to participate in the start-up Constellation Energy League in Sugarland, Texas. Four teams (Sugarland Skeeters, Sugarland Lightning Sloths, Eastern Reyes del Tigre, and Team Texas) met at Constellation Field for a scheduled 28-game schedule. Phillips played for the Lightning Sloths, under former major league All-Star and 17-year veteran Greg Swindell. Phillips attributed invaluable lessons to his time in Sugarland, including new mindsets for pitch calling as well as facing opposing pitchers. He played alongside major league talents like David Huff (CLE-NYY-SFG-LAD-LAA, '09-16, LHP), Robbie Ross (TEX-BOS, '12-17, LHP), Zac Rosscup (CHC-COL-LAD-SEA-TOR, '13-15, '17-19, LHP), Dalton Pompey (TOR, '14-16, '18, OF), Johnny Barbato (NYY-PIT-DET, '16-18, RHP), Greg Mahle (LAA, 2016, LHP, brother of Tyler Mahle), and others. The Lightning Sloths' roster also included former early round draft picks like Barrett Barnes (1st Rd, PIT, 2012), Kelly Dugan (2nd Rd, PHI, 2009), Lucas Erceg (2nd Rd, MIL, 2016), and Grant Gambrell (3rd Rd, KCR, 2019). Phillips also faced former big league pitchers like Scott Kazmir, Bud Norris, and Fernando Rodney while with the Lightning Sloths, performing well against difficult competition. Through the first month of play, Phillips was hitting .348 with his temporary club, until the lingering effects of a heat stroke helped to induce an 0-6 hitless streak in his final two games. Phillips still managed to end his summer with a commendable .276 batting average from behind the plate, while also belting two home runs, one of which came off a big league arm: Aaron Blair. Since then, the Sugarland Skeeters have been picked up as the AAA farm club of the Houston Astros.

Streaming Platform

The Frontier League of Professional Baseball announced that it has reached an agreement with Vimeo to livestream all 2021 regular season and playoff games. Live and archived games will be available through www.frontierleaguetelevision.com and through the new Frontier League app for Apple and Android devices. "Providing a centralized streaming platform for fans was a priority for our league," said deputy commissioner Steve Tahsler. "We intend to create more and more compelling content among our teams moving forward as a Major League Baseball Partner League to enable our growing number of fans to engage with the Frontier League. As the largest of the Partner Leagues, we want all fans across our wide geographical footprint to have access." All 672 regular season games plus all Frontier League playoff games will be livestreamed, beginning with the Opening Day broadcasts on Thursday, May 27 featuring Équipe Québec at Gateway; Evansville at Schaumburg, Washington at Florence, New Jersey at New York, Southern Illinois at Lake Erie, Joliet at Windy City, and Tri-City at Sussex County. Fans can enjoy a free trial of the service through May 31. Beginning with games on Tuesday, June 1, season-long subscriptions enabling subscribers to view all games, will be available for \$49.99 with monthly subscriptions available for \$24.99. All broadcasts will feature high-quality cameras and unique graphics packages. Leading up to the regular season, select Frontier League exhibition games will be broadcast as well. Exhibition games currently scheduled for broadcast include Équipe Québec at Gateway on Friday morning; Southern Illinois at Evansville and the Lexington Legends of the Atlantic League at Florence on Friday evening; and Lake Erie at Washington at Lake Erie on Saturday evening.

Stambaugh Signed

Evansville Otters starting pitcher Dalton Stambaugh was signed by the Chicago Cubs on Saturday, June 19th. Dalton Stambaugh, from Fredericksburg, Ohio, signed and joined the Otters heading into the 2021 season. The left-hander brought with him previous affiliated baseball experience with the Baltimore Orioles organization. Stambaugh went 2-0 with a 3.57 ERA, while striking out 24 batters in 22.2 innings pitched with the Otters this season. His last win came against the Schaumburg Boomers on June 13. In the outing, Stambaugh struck out seven and went 6.2 innings pitched. "I'm very excited for this new opportunity and can't wait to get started," Stambaugh said. "I'm looking forward to representing the Cubs organization and helping in any way I can. I'm also looking forward to building new relationships and meeting new people." The signing will be the latest stint in affiliated baseball for Stambaugh. Stambaugh was drafted by the Baltimore Orioles organization in the 30th round of the 2019 MLB June Amateur Draft out of Morehead State University. He went on to pitch in 2019 with Gulf Coast League Orioles. "We are very happy for Dalton getting this opportunity with the Cubs," Otters manager Andy McCauley said. "He certainly deserves it." "We wish Dalton the best of luck with the Cubs organization." Stambaugh is the first Otters player from the 2021 season to be signed to an affiliated organization. Former Otters pitchers Randy McCurry and Chris Nunn were the last from Evansville to sign with the Cubs organization in 2017. "It goes without saying that Mr. Bussing's commitment has allowed me to acquire and retain the best coaching staff in all of minor league baseball," McCauley said. "All of our assistant coaches – Boots (Day), Bobby (Segal), Billy (Easley) and Max (Peterson) – have put in so much work to help elevate our guys to the next level." McCauley also said having the history and proven ability of his coaching staff to get players signed into affiliated baseball helps recruit new players to Evansville. The Otters have sent 82 players to affiliated organizations out of Evansville.

Evansville Otters Miscellaneous Stats

<u>Team Miscellaneous</u>		Date
Most Games Over .500	16	7/31
Most Games Under .500		
Longest Winning Streak	8	6/21
Longest Losing Streak	4	7/13
Longest Home Winning Stk.	7	6/20
Longest Road Winning Stk.	2	7/1
Longest Home Losing Stk.	4	7/17
Longest Road Losing Stk.	3	7/13
Largest Margin of Victory	13	5/27
Largest Margin of Defeat	11	6/6
Largest Comeback Win	4	6/8
Walk Off Wins	4	7/31
Walk Off Losses	4	7/13
Longest Game(Innings)	10	6/15
Errors by Evansville	4	6/9
Errors by Opponent	4	6/2

<u>Team Batting</u>		
Runs, Game, EVV	15	5/27
Runs, Game, Opponent	13	6/6
Runs, Inning, EVV	7	7/2
Runs, Inning, Opponent	6	6/9
Most Hits, Game, EVV	19	6/8
Most Hits, Game, Opponent	17	7/4
Home Runs, Game, EVV	3	6/8
Home Runs, Game, Opponent	4	7/23
Stolen Bases, Game, EVV	6	6/9
Stolen Bases, Game, Opponent	11	6/10
Runners LOB, Game, EVV	14	6/10
Runners LOB, Game, Opponent	12	6/10

<u>Individual Batting</u>		
Hits, Game	5 - Davis	6/8
Runs, Game	3	6/25
Doubles, Game	2	6/26
Triples, Game	1	6/25
Home Runs, Game	2- Krane	5/29
RBI, Game	5	6/24
Walks, Game	3	7/1
Strikeouts, Game	4	6/10
Stolen Bases, Game	2	6/6

Score By Inning

Team	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10+	Total
OPP	33	25	27	18	36	23	37	35	12	2	247
EVV	37	35	63	34	37	37	43	15	6	3	302

Record During Day of the Week

Sunday: 5-5	Monday: 1-0
Home: 3-2	Home: 1-0
Road: 2-3	Road: 0-0
Tuesday: 4-3	Wednesday: 4-3
Home: 2-2	Home: 3-0
Road: 2-1	Road: 1-3
Thursday: 11-1	Friday: 5-3
Home: 7-0	Home: 2-2
Road: 4-1	Road: 3-1
Saturday: 6-6	
Home: 5-3	
Road: 1-3	

Record When...

1st Game of Series:	10-6
Last Game of Series:	11-3
Rubber Game:	6-4
Extra Innings:	6-1
Shutouts:	2-1
One-Run Games:	8-7
Two-Run Games:	8-5
Three-Run Games:	4-2
Four+ Run Games:	14-5
Day Game After	1-2
Night Game:	
Coming off Loss:	13-7
Coming off Win:	21-12

Catching Statistics

Player	CS	SB	%
Phillips	3	36	
Gangwish	2	8	80.0
Felix	8	29	

Team Pitching

Strikeouts, Game, EVV	17	6/15
Strikeouts, Game, Opponents	15	6/23
Walks, Game, EVV	10	7/15
Walks, Game, Opponents	9	5/27

Individual Pitching

Strikeouts	10	7/30
Walks	6 - Holdgrafer	8/1
Innings, Starter	7.2	7/27

Evansville Otters Miscellaneous Stats

Home Run Tracker

Multi-Hits

Multi RBI

Player	No.	Solo	2R	3R	GS	RH	LH	HM	RD	PH	Last	2H	3H	4H	TOT	2RBI	3RBI	4RBI	5+RBI
Gordon	2	1		1		2		1	1		7/2	11	1	2	14	4	1		
DeJesus	1			1			1	1			7/11	12	5	1	18	1	2		
Denton	2			2		2		1	1		6/17	6	2		8		1	1	
Krane	11	4	3	3	1	10	1	6	5		8/1	19	2		21	6	4	2	1
MacNamee	6	2	2	2		4	2	4	2		7/30	14	4		18	4	2	2	
Phillips	8	3	4		1	7	1	2	6		8/1	9		1	10	5	1		2
Davis	6	2	2	1	1	4	2	2	4		7/11	16	3	1.5	21	10	2	1	
Schultz	1	1				1			1		6/23	2	1	1	4	2			
Pujols	1	1				1			1		6/11	4			4	4			
Penner												7	2		9	2		1	
Mattis												2			2	1			
Cordero	1	1				1			1		7/24	6			6	3			
Gangwish												1			1				
EVV Team	41	15	11	10	3	34	7	17	24		8/1								

Positional Starts Tracker

Batting Order Tracker

Player	C	1B	2B	3B	SS	LF	CF	RF	DH
Phillips	30	12							2
Krane		46	2	9					2
Davis			38						17
Pujols				26		2			
DeJesus					47				
Denton						32		3	2
Gordon							57		
MacNamee							2	54	
Schultz						1			20
Mattis			3		2				1
J. Pujols								1	8
Penner			11		7	15			
Gangwish	7								
Cordero				23					

Player	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Gordon	57								
DeJesus	1	42					3	2	
Davis			42		4	5	5		
Krane			2	57					
MacNamee		5	9	2	41				
Phillips					1	36	6	3	
Denton			6		4	4	17	7	
Schultz					3	3	4	12	0
Pujols							6	10	12
Mattis	1	3						1	1
J. Pujols						1	5	3	
Gangwish						1	1	4	1
Penner		9			1		3	6	17
Cordero					5	10	9		

Hitting Streaks

On-Base Streaks

Player	Current	Longest
Gordon	0	8
DeJesus	5	6
Davis	0	9
Krane	1	11
MacNamee	2	13
Phillips	2	15
Gangwish	0	2
Schultz	1	3
Pujols	0	4
Penner	3	3
Mattis	2	3
J. Pujols	0	1
Cordero	0	7

Player	Current	Longest
Gordon	2	20
DeJesus	5	13
Davis	0	13
Krane	1	11
MacNamee	2	20
Phillips	2	17
Gangwish	7	7
Schultz	3	7
Pujols	11	11
Penner	4	10
Mattis	6	6
J. Pujols	0	2
Cordero	0	8

Evansville Otters Pitchers

#31 Samson Abernathy - RHP

HT: 6'1" | WT: 200 | D.O.B: 4/19/1996 | B/T: R/R | EXP: R-2 | Resides: Chico, Calif. | Prev: Sioux City Explorers
Samson Abernathy (25) enters his first season in the Frontier League with the Otters. He was acquired via trade from the Sioux City Explorers of the American Association in exchange for a player to be named later. Abernathy played collegiately at University of the Pacific in Stockton, California. Following his senior year, Abernathy was drafted by the Pittsburgh Pirates in the 27th round of the 2019 June first-year player draft. In Bristol, Abernathy pitched in 17 games, tossing 25.0 innings, striking out 33 with 12 walks and 15 hits allowed. His ERA was 2.52. Abernathy began the 2021 season with the Sioux City Explorers, pitching in four games.

#27 Abraham Almonte- LHP

HT: 6'0" | WT: 205 | D.O.B: 12/3/1993 | B/T: L/L | EXP: E-1 | Resides: Danbury, Conn. | Prev: Evansville Otters

Abraham Almonte joined the Otters after spending two years in the Arizona Diamondbacks organization. In 2019 with the Otters, Almonte recorded 13 strikeouts and a 4.38 ERA in 12.1 innings pitched and 14 appearances, missing the middle part of the season due to injury. Almonte is from Danbury, Conn. and was drafted by the Diamondbacks in the 26th round of the 2017 MLB June Draft. Almonte spent 2017 with the Missoula Osprey of the Pioneer League, going 1-0 with a 2.86 ERA in 19 appearances and striking out 31 batters with 11 saves. In 2018, Almonte pitched for the Kane County Cougars of the Midwest League. With the Cougars, Almonte appeared in 39 games and recorded a 4.07 ERA with three saves. He struck out 62 in 59.2 innings pitched. Almonte played collegiately at Philadelphia University, and was the first Philadelphia University player drafted since Shaun Babula in 1999 by the Chicago White Sox in the 16th round. Almonte averaged 11 strikeouts per nine innings at Philadelphia University. On April 3, 2015 vs. Lincoln (PA), he threw the school's first no-hitter since 1999.

#31 Jacob Bowles - RHP

HT: 5'10" | WT: 190 | D.O.B: 3/28/1997 | B/T: R/R | EXP: R-1 | Resides: Mt. Washington, Ky. | Prev: University of Southern Indiana

Jacob Bowles joins the Otters for his first season in professional baseball. Bowles, a University of Southern Illinois product, is a native of Mount Washington, Kentucky. In five seasons with USI, Bowles compiled a winning record of 12-8, with a 4.98 ERA. Bowles pitched in 11 games for Screaming Eagles, while making eight starts. Over 58.1 innings, Bowles threw to a 4.47 ERA. Bowles' older brother, Matt, also played for USI, helping lead the program to an NCAA D-II Championship in 2014.

#28 Reid Bukowski - RHP

HT: 5'9" | WT: 190 | D.O.B: 8/22/1996 | B/T: R/R | EXP: R-1 | Resides: Grapevine, Texas | Prev: Louisiana State -Alexandria

Reid Bukowski, from Grapevine, Texas, signed with the Otters heading into the 2021 season. Bukowski most recently pitched collegiately at Louisiana State University-Alexandria in a shortened 2020 season. He finished with a 4.76 ERA in five appearances, striking out five in 5.2 innings with one save. Early in his college career, he pitched at Clarendon College.

#21 Austin Gossman- RHP

HT: 5'10" | WT: 190 | D.O.B: 4/26/1996 | B/T: R/R | EXP: R-1 | Resides: Avon, Ind. | Prev: University of Southern Indiana

Austin Gossman joins the Otters for his first season in professional baseball. Signed by the Otters in June, Gossman last pitched for the University of Southern Indiana in 2021. In his senior year, Gossman made 12 appearances and 11 starts, posting a 4-5 record and 5.34 ERA. Gossman pitched at USI for three seasons between 2019-2021, with an overall win-loss record of 9-8. Before attending USI, Gossman pitched his freshman year at the University of South Alabama. Gossman is a graduate of Avon High School, just outside Indianapolis.

#50 Tim Holdgrafer - RHP

HT: 6'1" | WT: 185 | D.O.B: 7/31/1996 | B/T: R/R | EXP: R-1 | Resides: San Diego, Calif. | Prev: Cal Poly Pomona

Tim Holdgrafer, from San Diego, Calif., signed with the Otters for the 2020 season. Holdgrafer most recently finished his collegiate career at Cal Poly Pomona, pitching for the Broncos. In 2019 with the Broncos, Holdgrafer went 10-4 with a 4.39 ERA, striking out 86 batters in 96.1 innings.

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#29 Ryan O'Reilly - RHP

HT: 6'3" | WT: 205 | D.O.B: 5/1/1998 | B/T: R/R | EXP: R-1 | Resides: Mokena, Ill. | Prev: University of Illinois - Chicago

Ryan O'Reilly joins the Otters for his first season in professional baseball out of the University of Illinois - Chicago. O'Reilly, a Mokena, Illinois native, started 13 games for the UIC Flames in 2021, compiling a 4-5 record over 68.0 innings pitched, allowing 46 earned runs off 72 hits, 30 walks, and 53 strikeouts. Prior to his tenures at UIC, O'Reilly threw for two seasons at Triton College in River Grove, Illinois. While with the Trojans, Triton College won back-to-back regional championships in 2017 and 2018. In his pro-ball debut, O'Reilly pitched four innings against the Southern Illinois Miners in Marion, IL, without allowing an earned run and striking out six.

#20 Polo Portela - RHP

HT: 6'0" | WT: 203 | D.O.B: 9/21/1996 | B/T: L/R | EXP: R-1 | Resides: Sacramento, Calif. | Prev: Cumberland University

Polo Portela is from Sacramento, Calif. and signed with the Otters for the 2020 season and his rookie campaign. Portela played collegiately most recently at Cumberland University, finishing his senior season in 2019. During the 2019 season, Portela went 6-2 in 13 starts, logging a 4.43 ERA. He also struck out 83 batters in 83.1 innings pitched, and he recorded three complete games. Portela also spent a couple seasons at Sacramento City College early in his college career. Portela posted impressive numbers during the 2019 Northwoods League season, going 8-0 with a 1.23 ERA in 10 starts, while striking out 47 in 58.1 innings.

#34 Logan Sawyer - RHP

HT: 6'4" | WT: 230 | D.O.B: 12/29/1992 | B/T: R/R | EXP: E-2 | Resides: Knoxville, Tenn. | Prev: Lancaster Barnstormers

Logan Sawyer signed with the Otters heading into the 2021 season. From Knoxville, Tenn., Sawyer comes to the Otters with three seasons of affiliated baseball experience and four overall in professional baseball. Sawyer was drafted in the 29th round of the 2014 MLB June Amateur Draft by the Colorado Rockies out of Lincoln Memorial University. Sawyer played for the Tri-City Dust Devils of the Northwest League, Asheville Tourists of the South Atlantic League, Boise Hawks of the Northwest League, the Modesto Nuts of the California League, and the Grand Junction Rockies of the Pioneer League in his time with the Rockies organization. In three seasons with the Rockies organization, Sawyer totaled a 13-9 record with a 4.87 ERA and 125 strikeouts. He pitched a total of 190.1 innings in 60 appearances and 20 starts. In 2019, Sawyer pitched for the Lancaster Barnstormers of the independent Atlantic League and for the Melbourne Aces in the Australian Baseball League.

#18 Tyler Spring - RHP

HT: 6'6" | WT: 210 | D.O.B: 12/28/1996 | B/T: R/R | EXP: R-1 | Resides: Wiggins, Miss. | Prev: Southern Mississippi

Tyler Spring signed with the Otters heading into the 2021 season. Spring, from Wiggins, Miss., most recently pitched collegiately at Southern Mississippi. In a shortened 2020 season, Spring made one start in five appearances, striking out 14 in 10 innings. Prior to Southern Miss., Spring pitched at Mississippi State, teaming up with current Otter Elijah MacNamee. He started his college career at Jones College, where he was a NJCAA first team All-State and national team member in 2018.

#46 Braden Scott - LHP

HT: 6'3" | WT: 215 | D.O.B: 2/6/1998 | B/T: R/L | EXP: R-1 | Resides: Clinton, Ind. | Prev: Indiana University

Braden Scott joins the Otters for his first season in professional baseball. Signed in mid-June, the Otters southpaw played for three seasons --- including a shortened 2020 --- at Bloomington for the Indiana University Hoosiers. The Jasonville, Indiana native posted a 3.25 ERA as a Hoosier, through 55.1 innings and 39 games. Scott racked up 81 K's in that span. He also spent time playing collegiate summer-ball with the Terre Haute Rex (2 seasons), formerly managed by Otters hitting coach Bobby Segal. In 2019, Scott was often used as a lefty specialist out of the Hoosiers' bullpen.

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#36 Tyler Vail - RHP

HT: 6'2" | WT: 228 | D.O.B: 11/3/1991 | B/T: R/R | EXP: VET | Resides: Easton, Pa. | Prev: Evansville Otters

Vail returned to the Otters in 2019, starting in the bullpen before transitioning to the starting rotation. Vail went 5-5 with a 2.78 ERA and 84 strikeouts in 81 innings pitched and 18 appearances. In 2019, Vail became the Otters' franchise career leader in strikeouts with 331. Vail came back to the Otters in 2018 after playing previously for Evansville in 2015-2016. Vail went 15-8 with a 4.06 ERA in 35 appearances. He pitched in 206 innings while striking out 160 batters. In 2017, the Arizona Diamondbacks signed Vail before the start of the season and he split time between Hillsboro and Missoula, where he made 14 total starts. He was drafted by the Oakland Athletics in the 5th round of the 2010 MLB June Amateur Draft from Notre Dame High School in Easton, Pennsylvania.

#43 Taylor Wright - RHP

HT: 6'5" | WT: 215 | D.O.B: 11/27/1992 | B/T: R/R | EXP: R-2 | Resides: Berwyn, Pa. | Prev: Somerset Patriots

Taylor Wright is from Berwyn, Pa. and joined the Otters for his first stint in professional baseball. In 2019, Wright went 3-0 with a 0.92 ERA, 56 strikeouts and 18 saves in 48.2 innings pitched and 38 appearances. Wright earned his first Frontier League All-Star selection and was the recipient of the Jason Simontacchi Rookie of the Year Award. Wright then joined the Somerset Patriots of the Atlantic League late in the 2019 season, where he had a 2.25 ERA in four appearances. Wright played collegiately at Brown University, where he posted a 5.80 ERA with 67 strikeouts, 4-9 record, and 56 appearances in 113.1 innings pitched

#1 Marty Anderson - LHP

HT: 6'0" | WT: 180 | D.O.B: 1/17/1993 | B/T: R/L | EXP: E-2 | Resides: Donalsonville, Ga. | Prev: Southern Illinois Miners

Marty Anderson, a Donalsonville, Ga. native, signed with the Otters for the 2020 season, bringing with him experience in affiliated and independent baseball. Anderson has two stints in affiliated baseball, 2017 with the New York Mets organization and 2018 with the Miami Marlins organization, reaching the Single-A level. Anderson's professional career began with the Garden City Wind of the independent Pecos League in 2016 before joining the Florence Freedom in the Frontier League that same year. Anderson spent parts of 2016-18 with Florence and the affiliated organizations. Most recently, Anderson was with the Southern Illinois Miners in 2019,

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Andretty Cordero - IF

HT: 6'1" | WT: 215 | D.O.B: 5/3/1997 | B/T: R/R | EXP: E-2 | Resides: Santo Domingo, D.R. | Prev: Frisco RoughRiders

Infielder Andretty Cordero joins the Otters for his eighth season in professional baseball. The 24-year-old Cordero, a native of the Dominican Republic, spent six years in the Texas Rangers organization, playing a full season with AA Frisco in 2019. With the Frisco RoughRiders, Cordero slashed .270/.313/.408, clubbing 16 home runs while driving in 82 runs. He led the Texas League in 2019 in terms of RBIs, and led the RoughRiders in the long ball tally.

#45 J.R. Davis - IF

HT: 5'10" | WT: 185 | D.O.B: 8/10/1994 | B/T: R/R | EXP: E-2 | Resides: Vallejo, Calif. | Prev: Washington Wild Things

J.R. Davis returns for his second season in the Frontier League, after signing with the Otters this May. Davis, from Vallejo, Calif., last played for the Washington Wild Things in 2019, where he hit .273/.310/.373 through 150 at bats. Davis spent four years in affiliated ball, after the St. Louis Cardinals drafted the Oklahoma State University product in the 15th Round of the 2016 first-year player draft. In 2019, while in the Seattle Mariners organization, Davis had the opportunity to play a game at the AAA level with the Tacoma Rainiers and collected a base hit. In his Junior Year at Oklahoma State University, Davis hit .347/.422/.438 with 13 doubles and 32 RBI through 256 plate appearances.

#2 Andy DeJesus - IF

HT: 5'8" | WT: 175 | D.O.B: 11/9/1994 | B/T: S/R | EXP: E-2 | Resides: Santo Domingo, D.R. | Prev: Gary SS Railcats

Andy DeJesus is entering his first season with the Otters after being acquired in a trade with the Gary Southshore Railcats of the American Association. DeJesus has been with the Railcats since 2016 following his collegiate career with the Indiana State Sycamores of the Missouri Valley Conference. In four seasons with Gary Southshore, led by former Frontier League and Evansville Otters manager Greg Tagert, DeJesus batted .260 with 101 runs scored, 29 doubles, seven triples, nine home runs, 96 RBIs, 33 stolen bases and 43 walks.

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#8 Bryce Denton - OF

HT: 6'1" | WT: 202 | D.O.B: 8/1/1997 | B/T: R/R | EXP: E-2 | Resides: Brentwood, Tenn | Prev: Palm Beach Cardinals

Bryce Denton, from Brentwood, Tenn., joins the Otters heading into the 2021 season. Denton spent 2015-19 in the St. Louis Cardinals organization, splitting that time between the GCL Cardinals, Johnson City Cardinals of the Appalachian League, State College Spikes of the New York-Penn League, Peoria Chiefs of the Midwest League, and the Palm Beach Cardinals of the Florida State League. Overall, Denton batted .237 with 144 runs, 19 home runs, 69 total extra-base hits, 126 RBIs, and 15 stolen bases. Denton was drafted by the Cardinals organization in the 2nd round of the 2015 MLB June Amateur Draft out of Ravenwood High School.

#32 Michael Gangwish - C

HT: 6'0" | WT: 215 | D.O.B: 1/20/1997 | B/T: L/R | EXP: R-1 | Resides: Albuquerque, N.M. | Prev: Colorado School of Mines

Michael Ian William Agostini Gangwish, an Albuquerque, N.M. native, signed with the Otters for his first professional team in 2020. The catcher played college baseball at the Colorado School of Mines and closed his career as the Mines' all-time home runs and RBI leader. He also received numerous all-region, all-conference, and all-america honors. For his college career, Gangwish batted .354 in 162 starts and 174 games played, while scoring 153 runs, hitting 45 doubles and 46 home runs, recording 186 RBIs, and posting a .426 on-base percentage. Gangwish currently serves as the Otters' bullpen catcher.

#6 Miles Gordon - OF

HT: 6'1" | WT: 175 | D.O.B: 12/3/1997 | B/T: L/R | EXP: E-2 | Resides: Oakville, Ontario, Can. | Prev: Dayton Dragons

Miles Gordon, from Oakville, Ontario in Canada, signs with the Otters heading into the 2021 season. The outfielder brings with him five seasons of experience with the Cincinnati Reds organization. Gordon played for the Arizona League Reds, Pioneer League Billings Mustangs, Florida State League Daytona Tortugas, and the Midwest League Dayton Dragons from 2015-2019. Overall, with the Reds organization, Gordon batted .242 with 13 home runs and 99 RBIs in 908 at-bats. In 253 games played, Gordon scored 130 runs, had 68 total extra-base hits, and swiped 47 bags. In his time with the Reds, Gordon played with former Otters pitcher Randy Wynne in Dayton in 2019 and roomed with former Otters outfielder Logan Taylor in 2018. Gordon was drafted by the Reds in the fourth round of the 2015 MLB June Amateur Draft out of St. Ignatius of Loyola Catholic Secondary School in Oakville, Ontario.

#10 Riley Krane - IF

HT: 6'2" | WT: 215 | D.O.B: 6/28/1994 | B/T: L/R | EXP: E-2 | Resides: Evergreen, Co. | Prev: Joliet Slammers

Riley Krane signed with the Otters heading into the 2021 season, his fourth season overall in the Frontier League. He spent the 2019 season with the Joliet Slammers. With the Slammers, Krane batted .280 with eight home runs and 31 RBIs. He played in all 96 games and scored 52 runs. Krane played for the Windy City ThunderBolts in 2017-18. He totaled eight home runs, 52 RBIs, and 52 runs in 123 games over those two seasons. His combined batting average was .263. Krane played collegiately at Washburn University. In four years at Washburn, he hit .325 with 25 homers and 139 RBIs in 172 games. As a senior, in 2017, he hit .315 with a .383 on-base percentage and a career-high 13 home runs. He also stole nine bases in his senior season and 30 in his four years. Primarily a shortstop in college, he was named All-MIAA Honorable Mention as a sophomore and Third Team All-MIAA his final two years.

#9 Elijah MacNamee - OF

HT: 6'4" | WT: 205 | D.O.B: 9/17/1995 | B/T: B/R | EXP: R-1 | Resides: Chesapeake, Va. | Prev: Evansville Otters

Elijah MacNamee is from Cypress, Texas and signed with the Otters in July 2019. In 2019, MacNamee batted .309 in 38 games played, scoring 19 runs, recording 17 RBIs, and walking 21 times. MacNamee joined the Otters following his senior season at Mississippi State. While with Mississippi State, MacNamee was a member of two College World Series appearances in 2018-19, and a member of a Super Regional appearance in 2017. In his collegiate career at Mississippi State, MacNamee batted .287 with 113 runs, 37 doubles, 17 home runs, 116 RBIs, and 60 walks in 170 games played and 154 games started. He also had a career .441 slugging percentage and a .367 on-base percentage. MacNamee welcomes former Mississippi State teammates Denver McQuary and Tyler Spring to the Otters this season.

Gary Mattis - INF

HT: 5'11" | WT: 175 | D.O.B: 2/1/1998 | B/T: R/R | EXP: R-1 | Resides: Broward, Co. Fla. | Prev: Wilson Tobs / Tennessee Wesleyan

Gary Mattis joins the Otters for his first season of professional baseball. Mattis journeys to Evansville following an illustrious tenure with the Tennessee Wesleyan Bulldogs in his junior and senior seasons. In the Spring of 2021, Mattis slashed .408/.523/.896, clubbing 25 home runs and driving in 82 runs in 55 games and 201 at-bats. Mattis was selected at the end of the 2021 Spring season as an NAIA Gold Glove award winner at the shortstop position and named the NAIA's player of the year --- the first in Tennessee Wesleyan baseball history. Tennessee Wesleyan is also the alma mater of Mattis' new teammate, Dakota Phillips.

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#17 Andrew Penner - UTIL

HT: 5'11" | WT: 185 | D.O.B: 12/26/1994 | B/T: R/R | EXP: R-2 | Resides: Frazier Park, Calif. | Prev: Washington Wild Things

The Otters acquired utility man Andrew Penner via trade from the Washington Wild Things in June. Penner played for the Frontier League Championship-winning River City Rascals in 2019, where he hit .282 through 90 games, clubbing 15 doubles and driving in 45 RBIs. Penner played collegiately at CSU Bakersfield 2017-2018 after attending Los Angeles Valley College. In two seasons with CSU Bakersfield, Penner hit .366/.445/.421, notching 56 RBIs in 432 at-bats. Penner is CSU-Bakersfield's all-time leading hitter (.366) and on-base percentage (.445)

#7 Dakota Phillips - C

HT: 6'3" | WT: 224 | D.O.B: 11/9/1995 | B/T: L/R | EXP: R-2 | Resides: Nacogdoches, Texas | Prev: Evansville Otters

Dakota Phillips, a Nacogdoches, Texas native, joined the Otters after spending 2018 with the New York Bucks of the independent Empire Professional Baseball League. In 2019, Phillips batted .233 with 24 runs, 15 doubles, seven home runs, 32 RBIs and 21 walks in 64 games played. With the Bucks, Phillips batted .250 in 12 games with a home run and six RBIs. Phillips played collegiately at Tennessee Wesleyan for his senior season. With Tennessee Wesleyan, Phillips hit .353 with 14 home runs and 47 RBIs. Phillips also had 17 doubles, 38 runs, and 29 walks.

#13 Cristopher Pujols - INF

HT: 6'2" | WT: 197 | D.O.B: 8/19/1997 | B/T: R/R | EXP: E-1 | Resides: Santo Domingo, D.R. | Prev: Kingsport Mets

Christopher Pujols joins the Otters for his first season in the Frontier League. He was drafted by the Otters following the Frontier League Tryouts and Draft this May. Pujols spent four years in the New York Mets farm system, last playing for Kingsport Mets of the Appalachian League in 2019, where he slashed .262/.320/.354 through 58 games and 228 plate appearances. Pujols, 23, is a native of the Dominican Republic.

#10 Jose Pujols - OF

HT: 6'3" | WT: 198 | D.O.B: 9/29/199 | B/T: R/R | EXP: E-2 | Resides: Santo Domingo, D.R. | Prev: Reading Fightin Phils

Jose Pujols joins the Otters alongside his brother Cristopher for his first season in the Frontier League and in Evansville. Pujols played for seven years --- since the age of 17 --- in the Philadelphia Phillies organization between 2013-2019. Pujols played as many as 26 with the Phillies' AA affiliate Reading (Fitin' Phils), all during a 2018 campaign during which he was promoted from a "Player of the Year Award" caliber season in the Florida State League in Clearwater (Threshers), where he slashed .301/.364/.523 with 18 homers (top five in league) and led the league with 11 outfield assists.

#4 John Schultz - OF/DH

HT: 5'11" | WT: 205 | D.O.B: 5/3/1989 | B/T: L/L | EXP: VET | Resides: West Lawn, Pa. | Prev: Evansville Otters

John Schultz, an outfielder and West Lawn, Pa. native, is one of the Otters' most productive players in franchise history, originally coming to Evansville in 2013. After playing collegiately at the University of Pittsburgh, Schultz was drafted in the 34th round of the 2011 MLB Amateur Draft by the Florida Marlins. He spent the 2011 and 2012 seasons with the Marlins before signing with Evansville. In five seasons with the Otters, Schultz had batted .294 with 458 hits and 207 RBIs. He also had 90 doubles, 18 triples and 42 home runs through the 2017 season. Schultz was a Frontier League All-Star in 2013, 2015, and 2017, and has also been instrumental in leading the Otters to the playoffs in three of his last four seasons with Evansville—including a Frontier League title in 2016. Schultz holds career franchise records in games played (420), RBIs (207), at-bats (1,560), hits (458), runs (280), doubles (90), total bases (710), and walks (219).

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#22 Andy McCauley, Manager (11th Season) - McCauley has been the Otters' manager since 2010, leading the team to five postseason appearances and the 2016 Frontier League championship. He was the 2014 Roger Hanners Award winner for Frontier League Manager of the Year after he guided Evansville to the playoffs that season for the first time since 2006. McCauley accepted the manager's position on July 6, 2010. McCauley has managed in the Frontier League before. In 1998, he became the skipper for the Kalamazoo Kodiaks. The next season, McCauley managed the London Werewolves, another Frontier League team, to a 54-30 record and a league championship. McCauley has also had success in the Northern League from 2002-09 with the Quebec Capitales, Schaumburg Flyers and Kansas City T-Bones. It was with Kansas City that he also won another league championship in 2008. McCauley is a 1991 graduate of Mansfield (Pa.) University.

#33 Bobby Segal, Hitting Coach (5th Season) - Segal, a former catcher at Indiana University, is in his fifth season as hitting coach for the Otters and sixth year overall in professional baseball. In his first season in Evansville, Segal guided the Otters to solid offensive numbers with a team batting average of .270. The Otters scored 483 runs and finished with 73 home runs and 422 RBIs as a team in the regular season. While making stops at Union College (2008-09), Butler University (2010), Iowa Western College (2011), Tarleton State University (2012) and Wabash Valley College (2013-16), his teams have earned six national rankings and made five appearances in national postseason tournaments. He was named the Darren Bush Frontier League Coach of the Year following the 2017 season in Evansville.

#3 Charles "Boots" Day, Bench Coach (10th Season) - Day is in his tenth season as a coach with the Otters. He was the Frontier League Coach of the Year in 2012. Day played Major League Baseball as an outfielder for the St. Louis Cardinals, Chicago Cubs and Montreal Expos during a six-year stint. In 1971, his best season, Day hit .283 with four home runs and 33 RBIs for the Expos. He also played for the Evansville Triplets from 1975-78. After his playing days, Day managed the Detroit Tigers' rookie team, the Otters in 1995 and teams in the Cleveland Indians' minor league system. The New York native has also been a hitting instructor for the Cardinals and Kansas City Royals organizations, as well as the hitting coach most recently for the Normal CornBelters of the Frontier League in 2011. He guided the Otters to a 31-38 record as the franchise's first manager in 1995.

#26 Max Peterson, Pitching Coach, (7th Season) - San Diego native Max Peterson is in his seventh season as the team's pitching coach. Peterson is a five-year veteran of minor league baseball and is a former 18th round pick of the Oakland Athletics. He pitched three years in the A's organization and another two with the Chicago White Sox. He also has Frontier League playing experience, saving 12 games for the Southern Illinois Miners in 2012. In 2014, his first professional season as a coach, Peterson piloted Evansville to the playoffs for the first time since 2006 and a 3.30 earned run average, which was lowest in the Frontier League. The Otters yielded a league-low 46 home runs and accumulated a league-high 788 strikeouts. During the 2016 championship season, the Otters finished with a team ERA of 3.97 and 721 strikeouts. In 2019, Peterson was given the Darren Bush Frontier League Coach of the Year Award. Peterson's guidance led six Otters' pitchers to being signed to MLB affiliated organizations. Peterson also led the Otters' pitching staff to a franchise single season record of 868 strikeouts, which led the Frontier League. The franchise's last record-setting mark was 832 in 2017.

#5 Phil Britton, Catching Instructor (9th Season) - Phil Britton has been an Otters catcher and spring training instructor since 2012. The Olney, Ill. native played for the Otters in 2011, hitting .262 with two home runs and 15 RBIs. Britton played professional baseball for seven seasons including five with the Atlanta Braves' organization and two years with the Baltimore Orioles. He played as high as Class AAA with Norfolk of the Orioles' organization in 2010.

#25 Billy Easley, Assistant Coach & Player Procurement, (1st Season) - Billy Easley has been an assistant coach at NAIA Oklahoma City University for the last six seasons. Since joining OCU, Easley has helped coach two All-Americans and three professional catchers. He earned his Bachelor's degree in Radio/Television/Video from the University of the Ozarks and a Master's degree in positive coaching from the University of Missouri.

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<u>Game No.</u>	<u>VS.</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Result</u>	<u>Record</u>	<u>Winner</u>	<u>Loser</u>	<u>Save</u>	<u>Time</u>
1	@SCH	15-2	W	1-0	Spring	Arjona	n/a	3:33
2	EQ	3-2	L	1-1	Horvath	Vail	Case	2:17
3	EQ	6-3	W	2-1	Lewis	Hutchison	Sawyer	2:39
4	EQ	5-2	W	3-1	Anderson	Hoffman	Sawyer	3:08
5	LEC	10-6	W	4-1	Lewis	Glickstein	n/a	3:45
6	LEC	2-1	W	5-1	Almonte	Sugg	n/a	2:43
7	LEC	4.5-4	W	6-1	n/a	none	n/a	2:48
8	@SCH	6-2	W	7-1	Portela	Rodriguez	n/a	2:45
9	@SCH	13-2	L	7-2	Rozek	Holdgrafer	n/a	3:10
10	@SCH	2-1	L	7-3	Thompson	Sawyer	n/a	2:11
11	@SCH	9-6	W	8-3	Spring	Chamblee	n/a	3:02
12	@FLO	11-7	W	9-3	Stambaugh	Wagner	n/a	3:47
13	@FLO	13-6	L	9-4	Cheek	Vail	n/a	3:40
14	@FLO	9.5-9	W	10-4	none	none	n/a	4:32
15	SCH	8-6	L	10-5	Rozek	Anderson	Thompson	3:48
16	SCH	8-6	L	10-6	Middendorf	Arias	Joyce	4:31
17	SCH	4-3	W	11-6	Stambaugh	Arjona	Sawyer	2:41
18	GAT	3-2	W	12-6	Sawyer	Watts	n/a	3:44
19	GAT	4-0	W	13-6	Gossmann	Tavarez	Sawyer	2:47
20	GAT	7-1	W	14-6	Holdgrafer	Easterwood	n/a	2:45
21	WC	7-5	W	15-6	Abernathy	Abbatiello	Sawyer	3:33
22	WC	7-1	W	16-6	Gossmann	Thornton	n/a	2:34
23	WC	8-6	W	17-6	Portela	Matthews	n/a	3:03
24	@JOL	3-2	W	18-6	Holdgrafer	Aufderheide	Sawyer	2:58
25	@JOL	5-4	L	18-7	Charpie	Sawyer	n/a	3:59
26	@JOL	11-6	W	19-7	Scott	Zuk	n/a	3:09
27	@SI	14-4	W	20-7	Portela	Austin	n/a	3:28
28	@SI	3-2	L	20-8	Pulido	Wright	n/a	2:45
29	@SI	6-5	W	21-8	Holdgrafer	Johnson	Sawyer	3:00
30	FLO	1-0	L	21-9	Hahn	Gossmann	McDonald	2:24
31	FLO	6-0	W	22-9	Scott	Martinez	n/a	2:25
32	FLO	4-2	W	23-9	Portela	Cheek	Sawyer	2:09
33	@GAT	10-3	W	24-9	O'Reilly	Tavarez	n/a	3:13
34	@GAT	6-5	L	24-10	Hayes	Wright	Bramblett	2:38
35	@GAT	10-3	L	24-11	Barrett	Gossmann	n/a	2:58
36	JOL	4-2	L	24-12	Zuk	Scott	Charpie	2:40
37	JOL	5-3	W	25-12	Portela	Jandron	Sawyer	3:16
38	JOL	4-3	W	26-12	Sawyer	Charpie	n/a	3:33
39	SCH	5-2	L	26-13	Rodriguez	Holdgrafer	n/a	3:04
40	SCH	7-5	L	26-14	Rivera	Scott	Thompson	2:18
41	SCH	8-6	L	26-15	Nicoll	Sawyer	Joyce	2:30
42	@FLO	6-5	L	26-16	Hughes	Wright	n/a	3:46
43	@FLO	1.5-1	W	27-16	none	none	n/a	3:09
44	@FLO	13-10	L	27-17	Wagner	Lewis	McDonald	3:51
45	SI	4-0	L	27-18	Cunningham	Gossmann	n/a	1:56
46	SI	4-2	W	28-18	Spring	Austin	Sawyer	2:26
47	@WC	3-1	W	29-18	Portela	Mathews	Sawyer	2:54
48	@WC	5-1	L	29-19	Wiley	O'Reilly		2:28

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49	@WC	5-1	W	30-19	Holdgrafer	Fisher	n/a	2:56
50	@GAT	9-7	L	30-20	Barrett	Gossmann	Bramblett	2:58
51	@GAT	3-1	W	31-20	Scott	Mulhearn	Sawyer	2:28
52	@GAT	5-3	L	31-21	Tavarez	Portela	Bramblett	3:06
53	FLO	4-1	W	32-21	O'Reilly	Hahn	Sawyer	2:22
54	FLO	3-1	W	33-21	Holdgrafer	Grimm	Sawyer	2:21
55	FLO	10-6	W	34-21	Spring	Hockin	n/a	3:26
56	SI	4-3	W	35-21	Scott	Stelzer	Sawyer	2:36
57	SI	2-1	W	36-21	Portela	Westcott	n/a	1:38
58	SI	3.5-3	W	37-21	none	none	n/a	3:21
59	SI	8-1	W	38-21	O'Reilly	Ledesma	none	2:57
60	@WC							
61	@WC							
62	@WC							
63	@LEC							
64	@LEC							
65	@LEC							
67	SI							
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92	JOL							
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Evansville Otters Transactions

<u>Date</u>	<u>Player</u>	<u>Action</u>	<u>Details</u>
6/8/21	Joe Sullivan	Released	
6/8/21	Samson Abernathy	Added to 24-man Roster	Acquired via trade from SCE (AA)
6/11/21	Denver McQuarry	Released	
6/11/21	Taylor Wright	Signed	
6/12/21	Trent Nash	Released	
6/12/21	Andrew Penner	Added to 24-man Roster	Acquired via trade from WAS (FL)
6/13/21	Anthony Arias	Released	
6/13/21	Austin Gossmann	Signed	
6/18/21	Vinny Santarsiero	Signed	
6/19/21	Dalton Stambaugh	Sold Contract	Signed by Chicago Cubs Org.
6/22/21	Braden Scott	Signed	
6/26/21	Vinny Santarsiero	Released	
6/26/21	Ryan O'Reilly	Signed	
6/27/21	Jacob Bowles	Signed	
7/6/21	Michael Gangwish	Released	
7/13/21	Josh Henderson	Released	
7/13/21	Jose Pujols	Signed	
7/16/21	Justin Lewis	Retired	
7/21/21	Michael Gangwish	Signed	Re-signed following 7/6 Release
7/26/21	Justin Felix	Released	
7/27/21	Gary Mattis	Signed	