



# 2010 BROOKLYN CYCLONES NEWS & NOTES

Tuesday, June 22, 2010

Aberdeen IronBirds (2-2) vs. Brooklyn Cyclones (3-1)  
Game #5, Home Game #3 (2-0)

**TODAY'S STARTER:** Lefthander **Mitch Houck** (0-0, 0.00 ERA) makes his first start (second appearance) of the season for the Cyclones.

Houck threw 1.2 innings in relief on 6/18, allowing just one hit, while walking three and striking out three.

Houck missed most of the 2009 season due to injury, pitching just 3.0 innings for the Gulf Coast League Mets, and allowing two runs, one earned, on three hits, with one walk.

Mitch made his professional debut in 2008 with the GCL Mets, and allowed only one earned run over 8.1 innings in six relief appearances. He was 1-0 with one save in two opportunities before he was promoted to Class-A Savannah on 8/27/08. In two games for Savannah, he went 0-0 with a 2.25 ERA, allowing one earned run over 4.0 innings, on seven hits.

Houck was selected by the New York Mets in the 17th round of the 2008 First-Year Player Draft, out of the University of Central Florida (FL). As a sophomore at Central Florida, Houck was selected to the C-USA All-Academic Team, contributed seven innings in a no-hitter vs. Wagner, and struck out 71 batters in only 56.0 innings over the course of the season.

**LAST GAME:** The Cyclones took the first game of the series and reclaimed sole possession of first place in the McNamara Division, beating Aberdeen by a score of 5-2 on Monday night.

Righthander **Wes Wrenn** (1-0) faced off against familiar adversary Tyler Sexton, who he has now pitched against in high school, college, and as a professional. Wrenn recorded the victory, pitching six innings and giving up two earned runs, on six hits. Wrenn walked one and struck out six. RHP **Ryan Fraser** relieved Wrenn in the seventh, pitching one hitless inning while striking out two in his professional debut. RHP **Johan Figueroa** was then called in from the bullpen and pitched the final two innings, giving up two hits. Figueroa struck out two in the eighth and fanned the side in the ninth on his way to his second save of the season.

Brooklyn used the long ball and played "little ball" as well, earning the victory on Monday night. CF **Cory Vaughn** belted his first professional home run in the first inning on the first pitch he saw, becoming the first Cyclone to hit a home run this year. In the game, Vaughn went 2-for-3 with two RBI, three runs and a walk -- also recording his first triple of the year. LF **Will Cherry** added two RBI, driving in one run on a double, and another with a suicide squeeze. Cherry's perfectly-placed sacrifice bunt down the first base line in the sixth inning scored Vaughn from third.

CF **Darrell Ceciliani** again showcased his defense, making spectacular catches in both the fourth and fifth innings while recording the only other hit for the Cyclones, who scored five runs on four hits.

**PITCHING MATCHUP**  
RHP Tim Adelman (ABD)  
0-0, 0.00 ERA  
VS.  
LHP Mitch Houck (BRK)  
0-0, 0-00 ERA

## 2010 GAME RESULTS

6/18 @ SI - W, 5-3	7/28 @ ABD -
6/19 vs. SI - W, 9-6	7/29 @ ABD -
6/20 @ SI - L, 2-1	7/30 @ ABD -
6/21 vs. ABD - W, 5-2	7/31 vs. SI -
6/22 vs. ABD -	8/1 @ SI -
6/23 @ HV -	8/2 vs. HV -
6/24 vs. HV -	8/3 @ HV -
6/25 @ HV -	8/4 vs. BAT -
6/26 @ ABD	8/5 vs. BAT -
6/27 @ ABD	8/6 vs. BAT -
6/28 vs. HV -	8/7 vs. CT -
6/29 @ HV -	8/8 vs. CT -
6/30 vs. HV -	8/9 vs. CT -
7/1 vs. SI -	8/10 @ AUB -
7/2 @ SI -	8/11 @ AUB -
7/3 vs. SI -	8/12 @ AUB -
7/4 @ JAM -	8/13 @ WPT -
7/5 @ JAM -	8/14 @ WPT -
7/6 @ JAM -	8/15 @ WPT -
7/8 vs. SC -	8/18 vs. SI -
7/9 vs. SC -	8/19 @ SI -
7/10 vs. SC -	8/20 @ VER -
7/11 @ LOW -	8/21 @ VER -
7/12 @ LOW -	8/22 @ VER -
7/13 @ LOW -	8/23 @ HV -
7/14 vs. MV -	8/24 vs. HV -
7/15 vs. MV -	8/25 vs. ABD -
7/16 vs. MV -	8/26 vs. ABD -
7/17 @ TRI -	8/27 vs. ABD -
7/18 @ TRI -	8/28 @ CT -
7/19 @ TRI -	8/29 @ CT -
7/20 vs. LOW -	8/30 @ CT -
7/21 vs. LOW -	8/31 vs. VER -
7/22 vs. LOW -	9/1 vs. VER -
7/23 vs. SI -	9/2 vs. VER -
7/24 @ SI -	9/3 vs. TRI -
7/25 vs. SI -	9/4 vs. TRI -
7/26 @ SI -	9/5 vs. TRI -

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**TEAM HIGHS:** The following are the high single-game totals in both batting and pitching for the 2010 club:

Batting											Pitching							
R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB	CS	E	IP	H	R	ER	HR	BB	SO	WP
9	9	3	2	1	9	7	8	1	1	2	9.0	8	6	5	0	5	13	0

## PRONUNCIATION KEY:

- **Yohan Almonte** (YO-hahn al-MON-tay)
- **Joe Bonfe** (BON-fee)
- **Hunter Carnevale** (CAR-niv-ollie)
- **Darrell Ceciliani** (cess-seal-ee-YAN-ee)
- **Juan Centeno** (sen-TEN-oh)

- **Johan Figuereo** (JOE-han figure-AY-oh)
- **Mitch Houck** (HOW-k)
- **Jonathan Koutis** (COON-tiss)
- **Guillaume Leduc** (gee-YOME lay-DUKE)
- **James Schroeder** (SHRAY-der)
- **Kurt Steinhauer** (styne-HOW-err)

**HEAD-TO-HEAD:** Brooklyn is **49-31** in 80 all-time meetings with Aberdeen.

**PACKED HOUSE:** On Saturday, Brooklyn established a new Opening Day attendance record, with **9,888 fans** filling the newly named MCU Park. Brooklyn's all-time high attendance came on 9/7/07, when the team drew 10,073 fans.

The Cyclones have led the New York-Penn League, and the entire Short-Season classification, in attendance in each of the franchise's first nine seasons. This season, the Cyclones are again leading the NYPL, with an **average of 7,988 fans** -- 15,975 total fans in two openings.

Brooklyn is the only Short-Season team ever to draw 300,000 fans in a single season, doing so in 2002 (317,124) and 2003 (307,383). The Cyclones are also the only Short-Season team ever to rank in minor league baseball's Top 15 in average attendance, doing so in each of its first eight seasons, and cracking the Top 10 in 2002 and 2003. Entering the 2010 season, 2,607,552 fans had attended regular-season Cyclones games.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY:** Centerfielder **Darrell Ceciliani** turns 20 year old today, born on 6/22/90. Ceciliani has been one of the Cyclones' top performers through the first three games of the season, hitting second in the Brooklyn lineup.

On Friday, Ceciliani went 2-for-5 with two runs scored, a double, an RBI bunt single, and a stolen base. On Saturday, he again went 2-for-5, scored one run, and drove in two. That night, he also made a spectacular, game-saving catch sliding at the base of the left-centerfield wall. On Sunday, he did not have a hit, but reached on an error in the only play of the game that scored a Brooklyn run. Last night, he went 1-for-4 with a triple, scored a run, and made two more highlight-reel catches.

Ceciliani has drawn the praise of another number-two-hitting Oregon native -- manager Wally Backman. "Ceciliani is still just a baby, but he's one of the players we're counting on to set the tone for our team and make things happen. He is learning how to hit second -- how to take pitches, when to bunt, when to steal bases...all the little things. He's fast, he makes good contact, he's got some pop, and he plays good defense. He's a prospect."

**CORY GOES DEEP:** Right fielder **Cory Vaughn** blasted his first home run of the season on Monday -- the first round-tripper for the Cyclones this year. Vaughn went to the opposite field on the first pitch he saw in the first inning. He later added a triple to his offensive outburst, scoring three runs and driving in two on the day.

Vaughn is the highest 2010 draft pick assigned to Brooklyn, selected by the Mets in the 4th round of the First-Year Player Draft on June 8. Vaughn is a player with a big-league lineage; his father, Greg, was a slugger who finished his 15-year major league career with 355 home runs. Cory was drafted out of San Diego State University, where he played for head coach (and Hall of Famer) Tony Gwynn, and with Washington Nationals phenom Stephen Strasburg.

## NYPL STANDINGS

### McNAMARA DIVISION

	W	L	GB
Brooklyn	3	1	--
Aberdeen	2	2	1
Hudson Valley	2	2	1
Staten Island	1	3	2

### PINCKNEY DIVISION

	W	L	GB
Williamsport	3	1	--
Auburn	2	2	1
Batavia	2	2	1
Jamestown	2	2	1
Mahoning Valley	2	2	1
State College	1	3	2

### STEDLER DIVISION

	W	L	GB
Vermont	3	1	--
Connecticut	2	2	1
Tri-City	2	2	1
Lowell	1	3	2

**TRANSACTIONS:** Below is a list of Brooklyn's roster moves since Opening Day (June 19):

- JUNE 21 -- INF James Ewing was assigned to Brooklyn.
- JUNE 25 -- INF James Schroeder was placed on the Brooklyn DL with a left hand fracture.
- JULY 1 -- OF Joey August was assigned to Savannah (A) of the South Atlantic League from Brooklyn.
- JULY 1 -- RHP John Church was assigned to Savannah (A) of the South Atlantic League from Brooklyn.
- JULY 1 -- LHP Angel Cuan was assigned to Kingsport (R) of the Appalachian League from Brooklyn.
- JULY 1 -- INF Robbie Shields was assigned to Brooklyn.
- JULY 6 -- OF Seth Williams was assigned to St. Lucie (A) of the Florida State League from Brooklyn.
- JULY 6 -- INF James Ewing was placed on the Disabled List.
- JULY 10 -- INF Matt Bouchard was placed on the Disabled List with a right hip impingement.
- JULY 11 -- INF Joe Bonfe was transferred from the Kingsport (R) roster to the Brooklyn roster.
- JULY 11 -- INF Andy Green had his rehab assignment transferred from the Gulf Coast (R) to Brooklyn.
- JULY 14 -- INF Angel Berroa was transferred from the Buffalo (AAA) roster to the Brooklyn roster.
- JULY 15 -- OF Justin Garber was transferred from the Kingsport (R) roster to the Brooklyn roster.
- JULY 16 -- INF Angel Berroa was recalled from Brooklyn by the New York Mets
- JULY 17 -- INF Tyler Vaughn was transferred from the Kingsport (R) roster to the Brooklyn roster.
- JULY 18 -- OF Evan LeBlanc was transferred from the Savannah (A) roster to the Brooklyn roster.
- JULY 19 -- INF Andy Green ended his rehab assignment in Brooklyn and was transferred to the Buffalo (AAA) roster.
- JULY 20 -- INF Jim Schroeder was transferred from the Brooklyn roster to the Kingsport (R) roster.
- JULY 26 -- LHP Lance Hoge was transferred from the Brooklyn roster to the Savannah (A) roster.
- JULY 29 -- RHP Bobby Gagg was transferred from the Kingsport (R) roster to the Brooklyn roster.
- JULY 31 -- INF Jake Eigsti was transferred from the St. Lucie (A) roster to the Brooklyn roster.
- JULY 31 -- RHP Michael Johnson was placed on the Disabled List with a right elbow strain.
- AUGUST 3 -- OF Evan LeBlanc was transferred from the Brooklyn roster to the Savannah (A) roster.
- AUGUST 4 -- INF Joe Bonfe was transferred from the Brooklyn roster to the Kingsport (R) roster.
- AUGUST 6 -- OF Scott Grimes was transferred from the Gulf Coast (R) roster to the Brooklyn roster.
- AUGUST 19 -- INF Jake Eigsti was transferred from the Brooklyn roster to the St. Lucie (A) roster.
- AUGUST 19 -- INF Nick Giarraputo was transferred from the Brooklyn roster to the Savannah (A) roster.
- AUGUST 19 -- RHP Mike Lynn was transferred from the Brooklyn roster to the Savannah (A) roster.
- AUGUST 19 -- RHP Sam Martinez was transferred from the Brooklyn roster to the Savannah (A) roster.
- AUGUST 19 -- RHP Jake Goldberg was transferred from the Savannah (A) roster to the Brooklyn roster.
- AUGUST 19 -- LHP Lance Hoge was transferred from the Savannah (A) roster to the Brooklyn roster.
- AUGUST 19 -- RHP Manny Olivares was transferred from the Savannah (A) roster to the Brooklyn roster.
- AUGUST 19 -- INF Jordany Valdespin was transferred from the Savannah (A) roster to the Brooklyn roster.
- AUGUST 19 -- INF Richard Lucas was transferred from the Kingsport (R) roster to the Brooklyn roster.
- AUGUST 27 -- INF Tyler Vaughn was placed on the Disabled List with a concussion.
- AUGUST 27 -- OF Justin Garber was placed on the Disabled List with a right wrist fracture.
- AUGUST 27 -- RHP Erik Turgeon was placed on the Disabled List due to migranes.
- AUGUST 31 -- OF R.J Harris was transferred from the Kingsport (R) roster to the Brooklyn roster.
- AUGUST 31 -- LHP T.J Chism was transferred from the Kingsport (R) roster to the Brooklyn roster.
- SEPTEMBER 2 -- OF Carlos Beltran was assigned to Brooklyn as part of a major-league rehab assignment.
- SEPTEMBER 2 -- INF Joe Bonfe was transferred from the Kingsport (R) roster to the Brooklyn roster.
- SEPTEMBER 2 -- INF Luis Nieves was transferred from the Kingsport (R) roster to the Brooklyn roster.
- SEPTEMBER 2 -- LHP Matias Carrillo was placed on the Disabled List with a left shoulder strain.