



# 2008 BROOKLYN CYCLONES NEWS & NOTES

Tuesday, July 22, 2008

Vermont Lake Monsters (17-14) vs. Brooklyn Cyclones (15-18)  
Game #34, Home Game #16 (8-7)

NYPL Champions: 2001  
McNamara Division Champions: 2001, 2003, 2004, 2007

**TONIGHT'S STARTER:** RHP **Jeff Kaplan** (1-0, 2.70) makes his fourth start and fifth appearance for the Cyclones tonight. Kaplan (6'0", 190) -- selected by the Mets in the 11th round of the June draft -- is undefeated, with one win to his credit (7/4 @ WPT). In 16.2 innings, he has allowed 12 hits, five runs, all earned, and seven walks, with 14 strikeouts. Jeff tossed 10.0 shutout innings over his first two starts, before allowing four runs in 4.2 innings in his last start (7/17 @ ONT).

Tonight marks Jeff's first appearance at KeySpan Park since his debut on 6/28 vs. ABD, when he pitched 2.0 IP in relief.

DATE	OPP	DEC	IP	H	R	ER	HR	BB	K	WP
6/28	ABD	-	2.0	1	1	1	0	1	4	0
7/4	@WPT	W	5.0	4	0	0	0	0	2	0
7/11	@JAM	-	5.0	4	0	0	0	1	5	0
7/17	@ONT	-	4.2	3	4	4	0	5	3	0
	<b>REC</b>	<b>ERA</b>	<b>IP</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>ER</b>	<b>HR</b>	<b>BB</b>	<b>K</b>	<b>WP</b>
TOTAL	1-0	2.70	16.2	12	5	5	0	7	14	0

This season at Cal-State Fullerton, Kaplan was named a third-team Collegiate Baseball All-American, Big West Conference Tri-Pitcher of the Year, and was selected to the All-Big West First Team. He led the team in strikeouts (92) and innings pitched (111.2) in 2008, with an 11-3 record 4.43 ERA. He finished his career with the Titans with a 21-6 record.

In 2007, Jeff earned College Baseball Foundation honors, was selected to the All-Big West second team, and was also named the Titans' Co-Most Outstanding Pitcher. He went 10-3 with a 3.35 ERA and 81 strikeouts in 120.2 innings pitched and 19 starts.

Kaplan also played two seasons (2004, 2006) for Irvine Valley College (CA), and was forced to sit out the entire 2005 season with an arm injury. He tallied an Irvine Valley College record of 100 strikeouts in 84.1 innings and held opponents to a .196 batting average in 2006. He set an individual game strikeout record (12) in a complete-game win over Santa Ana on Apr. 29, 2006, and was named to the 2006 All-Orange Empire Conference First Team.

**HAPPY CAMPERS:** Tuesday kicked off the Cyclones Summer Camp -- a week-long baseball camp during which kids get to play on the field at KeySpan Park and learn from the pros. This morning, **Jordan Abruzzo**, **Eric Campbell**, **Jake Eigsti**, **Jimmy Johnson**, **Pedro P. Martinez**, **Kirk Nieuwenhuis**, **Yury Santana**, and **Jefferies Tatford** all led various stations, teaching the kids the fundamentals of the game...with a focus on FUN.

**A BRUISER:** C **Jordan Abruzzo** is 10-for-32 since joining the team last Saturday, for a .313 average. Abruzzo belted his second home run in three games on Monday at Staten Island in a 4-1 win over the Yankees. He has racked up six RBI in nine games with Brooklyn.

The 6'2", 230-pound Abruzzo was selected by the Mets in the 13th round of the 2007 draft, out of the University of San Diego (CA). He appeared in just four games for the 2007 Cyclones before an injury to his leg that kept him out for the remainder of the season.

**PITCHING MATCHUP**  
RHP Patrick Arnold (VER)  
0-0, 0.00 ERA  
VS.  
RHP Jeff Kaplan (BRK)  
1-0, 2.70 ERA

## 2008 GAME RESULTS

6/17 vs. SI - W, 3-1	7/27 vs. SI - 5:00
6/18 @ SI - W, 9-4	7/28 @ SI - 7:00
6/19 vs. SI - L, 7-2	7/29 @ VER - 7:05
6/20 @ ABD - W, 3-2	7/30 @ VER - 7:05
6/21 @ ABD - L, 3-1	7/31 @ VER - 7:05
6/22 @ ABD-W, 4-2 (10)	8/1 @ SI - 7:00
6/23 vs. HV - L, 3-2	8/2 vs. SI - 6:00
6/24 @ HV - L, 4-1	8/3 @ SI - 6:00
6/25 @ HV - L, 1-0 (12)	8/4 vs. SI - 7:00
6/26 vs. ABD - W, 4-2	8/6 @ LOW - 7:05
6/27 vs. ABD - W, 4-3	8/7 @ LOW - 7:05
6/28 vs. ABD - L, 4-1	8/8 @ LOW - 7:05
6/29 vs. HV - L, 6-4	8/9 vs. BAT - 6:00
6/30 vs. HV - W, 6-5	8/10 vs. BAT - 5:00
7/1 @ HV - L, 2-1	8/11 vs. BAT - 7:00
7/2 @ WPT - W, 4-3	8/12 @ AUB - 7:05
7/3 @ WPT - W, 12-3	8/13 @ AUB - 7:05
7/4 @ WPT - W, 9-2	8/14 @ AUB - 7:05
7/5 vs. MV - L, 6-1 (10)	8/15 vs. TRI - 7:00
7/6 vs. MV - W, 4-2	8/16 vs. TRI - 6:00
7/7 vs. MV - L, 8-1	8/17 vs. TRI - 5:00
7/9 @ JAM - L, 4-3	8/21 vs. LOW - 7:00
7/10 @ JAM - L, 2-0	8/22 vs. LOW - 7:00
7/11 @ JAM - L, 3-2	8/23 vs. LOW - 6:00
7/12 vs. SC - L, 1-0	8/24 @ TRI - 5:00
7/13 vs. SC - W, 2-0	8/25 @ TRI - 7:00
7/14 vs. SC - W, 7-6	8/26 @ TRI - 7:00
7/16 @ ONT - L, 4-1	8/27 vs. ONT - 7:00
7/17 @ ONT - L, 5-4	8/28 vs. ONT - 7:00
7/18 @ ONT - L, 7-5	8/29 vs. ONT - 7:00
7/19 @ SI - L, 5-4	8/30 @ HV - 7:05
7/20 vs. SI - W, 7-4	8/31 vs. HV - 5:00
7/21 @ SI - W, 4-1	9/1 @ ABD - 7:05
7/22 vs. VER - 7:00	9/2 @ ABD - 7:05
7/23 vs. VER - 7:00	9/3 @ HV - 7:05
7/24 vs. VER - 7:00	9/4 vs. HV - 7:00
7/25 vs. SI - 7:00	9/5 vs. ABD - 7:00
7/26 @ SI - 7:00	9/6 vs. ABD - 6:00

Every Cyclones game is broadcast on **WKRB 90.3**, and simulcast online at [www.brooklyncyclones.com](http://www.brooklyncyclones.com)



**LAST GAME:** Three was the magic number for the Cyclones on Monday night. Brooklyn scored three runs in the top of the eighth inning to break a 1-1 tie and defeat the Staten Island Yankees 4-1. The Yankees made three errors in the game, RHP **Stephen Clyne** picked up his third save of the season, and RF **John Servidio** led the team with three hits.

The Cyclones' outfielders did most of the damage, as Servidio, LF **Sean Ratliff**, and CF **Kirk Nieuwenhuis** went a combined 6-for-11, including the three hits from Servidio. DH **Jordan Abruzzo** broke the game open in the top of the eighth with a two-run home run, his second in three games against Staten Island. After a double by Ratliff in the eighth, 3B **Eric Campbell** added double of his own to score Ratliff and give the Cyclones a 4-1 advantage. 1B **Ike Davis** also singled for the Cyclones, and now has hits in 21 of his first 24 games.

RHP **Pedro P. Martinez** made his seventh start of the season for Brooklyn. Martinez, who leads the team in innings pitched with 35.2, worked 4.1 innings, allowing one run on six hits with two strikeouts. After RHP **Wendy Rosa** relieved Martinez in the fifth and recorded a strikeout, LHP **Matias Carrillo** came on to pitch 1.2 innings of scoreless relief with a strikeout. RHP **Brandon Moore** then entered the game in the top of the seventh and got a pop out and a strikeout to end the inning, which was enough to earn him the win. Clyne picked up his third save for Brooklyn by pitching the eighth and ninth innings. Clyne surrendered only a walk in his two innings, and struck out three batters.

NYPL STANDINGS			
<b>McNAMARA DIVISION</b>			
	<b>W</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>GB</b>
Staten Island	20	13	-
Hudson Valley	18	15	2
<b>Brooklyn</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>5</b>
Aberdeen	15	18	5
<b>PINCKNEY DIVISION</b>			
	<b>W</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>GB</b>
Jamestown	22	9	-
Batavia	18	14	4.5
Williamsport	17	14	5
Auburn	17	15	5.5
Mahoning Valley	15	18	8
State College	8	24	14.5
<b>STEDLER DIVISION</b>			
	<b>W</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>GB</b>
Vermont	17	14	-
Oneonta	16	16	1.5
Lowell	15	18	3
Tri-City	13	20	5

**PACKING THE PARK:** The Cyclones have led the NYPL -- and the entire Short-Season classification -- in attendance in each of the team's first seven years of existence. Brooklyn is again leading the league in 2008, with **108,884** fans in 15 openings, for an average of **7,259**.

In 2007 the Cyclones drew 294,972 fans in 36 openings, for an average of 8,194 fans per game (up from 7,820 in 2007). The team topped 9,000 fans on six separate occasions, and set a new all-time high with 10,073 fans on 9/7/07 vs. Lowell.

**HOLT EVERYTHING:** RHP **Brad Holt** has been stellar in his first professional season. The Mets' third pick of the June draft (supplemental round, 33rd overall) is 2-2 with a 1.91 ERA, good for fourth-best in the New York-Penn League. Holt also ranks first on the team and third in the NYPL with 37 strikeouts, just four off the league lead. Since his debut, when he allowed two earned runs in 2.1 innings, Holt has surrendered just three earned runs on 16 hits in 26 IP (1.38 ERA). Opponents are hitting .182 against Holt this season.

**SO CLOSE:** Brooklyn has played in a league-high 13 one-run games, going 5-8 in those contests. Entering this season, the Cyclones had an overall record of 101-71 in one-run games, and played a franchise-high 30 one-run games in 2003 (19-11).

**ON THE MOUND:** Cyclones pitchers rank second in the league with a 3.08 team ERA, behind only Staten Island's 2.77. Brooklyn hurlers lead the NYPL with 312 strikeouts. In total, Cyclones pitchers have thrown 292 innings, and allowed 250 hits, 115 runs, 100 earned, and 137 walks. The staff has allowed 15 home runs.

**SHOWING SOME GLOVE:** Brooklyn leads the NYPL with a .981 fielding percentage. In 33 games, the Cyclones have 876 putouts, 338 assists, and 23 errors in 1,237 total chances. The 2007 Cycloned the led the league with a .977 fielding percentage.

Brooklyn's starting right side of the infield -- 1B **Ike Davis** and 2B **Josh Satin** -- has yet to make an error, with each player leading his respective position in fielding percentage.

Brooklyn's regular outfield -- LF **Sean Ratliff**, CF **Kirk Nieuwenhuis**, and RF **John Servidio** -- have notched 11 assists, with Nieuwenhuis and Ratliff tallying four each, and Servidio three.

**FIREWORKS WEEK:** Throughout this week -- Tuesday through Friday -- every Cyclones home game will be followed by a spectacular fireworks show. Fireworks nights are among the most popular of the year, with fans invited to stay in their seats after the game, as the Coney Island fireworks light up the night sky over the Atlantic Ocean.

**TEAM HIGHS:** The following are the high single-game totals in both batting and pitching for the 2008 club:

Batting												Pitching							
R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB	CS	E	IP	H	R	ER	HR	BB	SO	WP	
12	15	4	2	2	9	8	13	3	3	4	11.2	12	8	8	2	11	14	2	

**TRANSACTIONS:** The following is a list of transactions made to the Cyclones roster this season:

- Tuesday, June 24 - RHP **Matias Carrillo** was transferred from the Brooklyn roster to the Kingsport (R) roster, but remains with the Brooklyn club
- Wednesday, June 25 - RHP **Matias Carrillo** was transferred from the Kingsport (R) roster to the Brooklyn roster
- Wednesday, June 25 - RHP **Eric Beaulac** was transferred from the Brooklyn roster to the Kingsport (R) roster
- Thursday, June 26 - OF **Ryan Church** begins a rehab assignment with Brooklyn (concussion)
- Thursday, June 26 - OF **Brandon Kawal** was transferred from the Brooklyn roster to the Kingsport (R) roster, but remains with the Brooklyn club
- Friday, June 27 - C **Luis Alen** was placed on the Disabled List with a chin laceration
- Friday, June 27 - IF **Dan Murphy** begins a rehab assignment with Brooklyn (shoulder)
- Saturday, June 28 - OF **Ryan Church** ends his rehab assignment with Brooklyn
- Sunday, June 29 - OF **Mike Parker** was placed on the Disabled List with a sprained right ankle
- Monday, June 30 - IF **Dan Murphy** ends his rehab assignment with Brooklyn and is reinstated to the Binghamton (AA) roster
- Tuesday, July 1 - IF **Matt Bouchard** was placed on the Disabled List with a strained left hip flexor
- Tuesday, July 1 - IF **Jake Eigsti** was transferred to the Brooklyn roster from the Savannah (A) roster
- Sunday, July 6 - RHP **Jenry Mejia** was transferred to the Brooklyn roster from the Gulf Coast Mets (R) roster
- Sunday, July 6 - RHP **Montero Cruz** was transferred from the Brooklyn roster from the Savannah (A) roster
- Sunday, July 6 - OF **Mike Parker** was reinstated from the DL and transferred from Brooklyn to the Savannah (A) roster
- Sunday, July 6 - LHP **Jim Fuller** was placed on the Disabled List with a left shoulder strain
- Monday, July 7 - C **Luis Alen** was reinstated from the DL
- Monday, July 7 - OF **Brandon Kawal** was released
- Monday, July 7 - IF **Brandon Richey** was released
- Wednesday, July 9 - IF **Anderson Machado** starts a rehab assignment with Brooklyn
- Wednesday, July 9 - IF **Matt Smith** starts a rehab assignment with Brooklyn
- Wednesday, July 9 - OF **Will Vogl** was released
- Wednesday, July 9 - IF **Josh Satin** was transferred from the Brooklyn roster to the Kingsport roster
- Wednesday, July 9 - OF **John Servidio** was transferred from the Brooklyn roster to the Kingsport roster
- Wednesday, July 9 - IF **Ignacio Medrano** was transferred from the Kingsport roster to the Brooklyn roster
- Wednesday, July 9 - OF **Seth Williams** was transferred from the Kingsport roster to the Brooklyn roster
- Wednesday, July 9 - OF **Darren Clark** was transferred from the Gulf Coast roster to the Brooklyn roster
- Friday, July 11 - IF **Anderson Machado** ends his rehab assignment and is reinstated to the New Orleans (AAA) roster
- Friday, July 11 - RHP **Manny Olivares** was transferred from the Brooklyn roster to the Savannah (A) roster
- Friday, July 11 - RHP **Stephen Clyne** was transferred to the Brooklyn roster from the St. Lucie (A) roster
- Friday, July 11 - RHP **Erik Turgeon** was transferred to the Brooklyn roster from the Kingsport (R) roster
- Saturday, July 12 - OF **Angel Pagan** begins a rehab assignment with Brooklyn (shoulder)
- Saturday, July 12 - C **Jordan Abruzzo** was transferred to the Brooklyn roster from the St. Lucie (A) roster
- Saturday, July 12 - C **Luis Alen** was transferred from the Brooklyn roster to the St. Lucie (A) roster
- Sunday, July 13 - IF **Ignacio Medrano** was transferred from the Brooklyn roster to the Kingsport (R) roster
- Sunday, July 13 - IF **Josh Satin** was transferred to the Brooklyn roster from the Kingsport (R) roster
- Sunday, July 13 - OF **Seth Williams** was transferred from the Brooklyn roster to the Kingsport (R) roster
- Sunday, July 13 - OF **John Servidio** was transferred to the Brooklyn roster from the Kingsport (R) roster
- Tuesday, July 15 -- RHP **Mike Lynn** was placed on the Inactive List and removed from the Brooklyn roster
- Thursday, July 17 -- OF **Angel Pagan** ends his rehab assignment with Brooklyn