



2008 BROOKLYN CYCLONES NEWS & NOTES

Tuesday, June 17, 2008

Staten Island Yankees (0-0) vs. Brooklyn Cyclones (0-0)
Game #1, Home Game #1 (0-0)

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

TONIGHT'S STARTER: RHP **Pedro P. Martinez** (6'4", 191, no relation) made his professional debut in 2006 for the Dominican Summer League Mets, going 3-2 with a 1.82 ERA in 13 games (nine starts)...In 49.1 innings, he allowed 36 hits, 18 runs, 10 earned, and 24 walks, while striking out 49...Last season, he pitched for Kingsport (R), and went 3-4 with a 5.52 ERA in 13 games (five starts)...In 45.2 innings, he allowed 51 hits, 33 runs, 28 earned, and 13 walks, while striking out 27.

FOR OPENERS: The Cyclones are 5-2 all-time on the first day of the season, and 6-1 in home openers. The team has played the first game of the season at home three times -- the last three straight seasons, all against Staten Island -- and does so again in 2008.

Brooklyn has played Staten Island in the first game of the year in four of seven seasons (3-1) and has faced the Yankees five times overall in home openers (4-1).

The Cyclones played the first game in franchise history on the road at Jamestown, on June 19, 2001. The team opened KeySpan Park on June 25th of that year, against the Mahoning Valley Scrappers in the first professional baseball game in Brooklyn in 44 years. The Cyclones won both those games, thanks in part to home runs by 3B **Edgar Rodriguez**.

ALL-TIME OPENING DAY LINEUPS:

2001

Abreu, DH
McIntyre, SS
Jacobs, C
Devarez, RF
Todd, 1B
Corr, LF
Lawson, CF
E. Rodriguez, 3B
Arias, 2B
Portobanco, P

2002

E. Chavez, LF
Ragsdale, SS
Turay, CF
A. Rodriguez, 1B
Harper, DH
Devarez, RF
E. Rodriguez, 3B
Ayala, C
Whealy, 2B
Deaton, P

2003

Parker, LF
Reaver, SS
Bladergroen, 1B
Harvey, DH
Watts, RF
Y. Garcia, C
Bowman, 3B
Coles, CF
Housel, 2B
Osberg, P

2004

Brinkley, LF
Watts, CF
Concepcion, RF
Bennett, C
Bergeron, DH
Psomas, SS
T. Garcia, 3B
Wendt, 1B
Rios, 2B
Williams, P

2005

Malo, SS
Gonzalez, CF
Gamero, RF
Stewart, LF
Wabick, 1B
Peterson, DH
Grogan, 3B
Arroyo, C
Gaerlan, 2B
Landing, P

2006

Gaerlan, 2B
Grogan, 3B
Gamero, LF
Martin, RF
Eigsti, SS
Contreras, 1B
Hambrice, DH
Martinez, C
Bashelor, CF
Reyes, P

2007

E. Chavez, RF
Vogl, LF
Lutz, 3B
J. Jacobs, 1B
R. Reyes, CF
Bucce, C
Duda, DH
Schilling, 2B
Eigsti, SS
Leaper, P

2008

Richey, SS
Nieuwenhuis, CF
Lutz, 3B
Campbell, DH
Servidio, RF
Satin, 2B
Tatford, 1B
Kawal, LF
Cordido, C
Martinez, P

PITCHING MATCHUP

RHP **CASEY ERICKSON** (SI)
0-0, 0.00 ERA
VS.
RHP **PEDRO P. MARTINEZ** (BRK)
0-0, 0.00 ERA

2008 GAME RESULTS

6/17 vs. SI - 7:00
6/18 @ SI - 7:00
6/19 vs. SI - 7:00
6/20 @ ABD - 7:05
6/21 @ ABD - 7:05
6/22 @ ABD - 6:35
6/23 vs. HV - 7:00
6/24 @ HV - 7:05
6/25 @ HV - 7:05
6/26 vs. ABD - 7:00
6/27 vs. ABD - 7:00
6/28 vs. ABD - 6:00
6/29 vs. HV - 5:00
6/30 vs. HV - 7:00
7/1 @ HV - 7:05
7/2 @ WPT - 7:05
7/3 @ WPT - 7:05
7/4 @ WPT - 7:05
7/5 vs. MV - 6:00
7/6 vs. MV - 5:00
7/7 vs. MV - noon
7/9 @ JAM - 7:05
7/10 @ JAM - 7:05
7/11 @ JAM - 7:05
7/12 vs. SC - 6:00
7/13 vs. SC - 5:00
7/14 vs. SC - 7:00
7/16 @ ONT - 7:00
7/17 @ ONT - 7:00
7/18 @ ONT - 7:00
7/19 @ SI - 7:00
7/20 vs. SI - 5:00
7/21 @ SI - 7:00
7/22 vs. VER - 7:00
7/23 vs. VER - 7:00
7/24 vs. VER - 7:00
7/25 vs. SI - 7:00
7/26 @ SI - 7:00
7/27 vs. SI - 5:00
7/28 @ SI - 7:00
7/29 @ VER - 7:05
7/30 @ VER - 7:05
7/31 @ VER - 7:05
8/1 @ SI - 7:00
8/2 vs. SI - 6:00
8/3 @ SI - 6:00
8/4 vs. SI - 7:00
8/6 @ LOW - 7:05
8/7 @ LOW - 7:05
8/8 @ LOW - 7:05
8/9 vs. BAT - 6:00
8/10 vs. BAT - 5:00
8/11 vs. BAT - 7:00
8/12 @ AUB - 7:05
8/13 @ AUB - 7:05
8/14 @ AUB - 7:05
8/15 vs. TRI - 7:00
8/16 vs. TRI - 6:00
8/17 vs. TRI - 5:00
8/21 vs. LOW - 7:00
8/22 vs. LOW - 7:00
8/23 vs. LOW - 6:00
8/24 @ TRI - 5:00
8/25 @ TRI - 7:00
8/26 @ TRI - 7:00
8/27 vs. ONT - 7:00
8/28 vs. ONT - 7:00
8/29 vs. ONT - 7:00
8/30 @ HV - 7:05
8/31 vs. HV - 5:00
9/1 @ ABD - 7:05
9/2 @ ABD - 7:05
9/3 @ HV - 7:05
9/4 vs. HV - 7:00
9/5 vs. ABD - 7:00
9/6 vs. ABD - 6:00

Every Cyclones game is broadcast on **WKR 90.3**, and simulcast online at www.brooklyncyclones.com

ALL TIED UP: After 84 regular-season games against their division rival, the Cyclones are 42-42 against the Staten Island Yankees. Brooklyn has the advantage in postseason games, with a record of 4-3 against the Yankees, after sweeping SI, two games to none, in the 2007 NYPL Semifinals.



DAN ZANES: Grammy Award winner **Dan Zanes** will perform before and throughout tonight's game. Zanes is a popular musician whose children's music has made him a playground legend throughout New York City, and won him the music industry's top honor for his 2007 album, *Catch That Train!*

Dan's latest recording project is "¡Nueva York!" or what he is often heard calling his "pro-immigration CD." While the debate about who is eligible to live in the United States rages on, Dan has been having a rocking time with new musical friends from the Latino world, celebrating some of the vibrant culture that comes with immigration. The result: a collection of songs from Puerto Rico, Mexico, Colombia, the Dominican Republic and other parts of the Spanish-speaking Americas which was released in Spring 2008.

Dan will sing the National Anthem, lead fans in a rendition of *Take Me Out To The Ballgame*, and performing some of his most popular tunes before the game.

FIRST-ROUNDERS: SS **Reese Havens** becomes the third first-round pick to play for the Cyclones. Havens was selected by the Mets with their second pick of the first round (22nd overall) in the June First-Year Player Draft, on June 5th. **Brad Holt**, the Mets' third pick (33rd overall) is also in Brooklyn. Holt was taken in the supplemental "sandwich" round, between rounds one and two. LHP **Scott Kazmir** (2002) and RHP **Bob Keppel** (2003) are the other Mets first-round picks to have played in Brooklyn. LHP **Neal Musser** (2002) was the Mets' first pick of the 1999 draft, but was taken in the second round. RHP **Eddie Kunz** (2007) was also the Mets' first pick of the 2007 draft, but was also a sandwich-round pick.

TRAIN TO THE GAME: Sandy the Seagull rode the subway along the B and Q lines through Brooklyn, on his way to KeySpan Park today, for Opening Day. Sandy got out at each stop to greet fans and passersby, and hand out free MetroCards and free Cyclones tickets.

Throughout the summer, the Brooklyn Cyclones will offer fans ticket discounts as part of a MetroCard Deals promotion. Fans who use the MetroCard code when purchasing tickets to weekend home games will receive 20% off field box seats and 25% off bleacher seats. The MetroCard Deal will be valid from opening weekend until the final homestand in the fall.

MICHAEL JACK SCHMIDT: On Thursday, June 19, Hall of Famer **Mike Schmidt** will be at KeySpan Park, in conjunction with Prostate Awareness Night. Schmidt will throw out the game's ceremonial first pitch, and will sign free autographs for a limited number of fans. The first 2,000 fans into the ballpark will receive giant Mike Schmidt baseball cards (Schmidt will only sign autographs on the giant baseball cards).

Schmidt was inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame in 1995, after a career in which he hit 548 home runs and won 10 gold gloves. He was a 12-time All Star and three-time National League MVP. Over his career, he played in five League Championship Series and two World Series. He led the league in Home Runs eight times, RBI four times, Slugging Percentage five times, OPS five times, and Walks four times. Only Hank Aaron (15 times) hit 30 or more homers in a season more times than Mike (13). And only Babe Ruth (12 times) hit 35 homers or more than Mike (11).

In addition, the first 2,500 fans will receive a Front Gate replica, presented by KeySpan.

Tickets are still available for Thursday's game at brooklyncyclones.com or 718-507-TIXX

PRONUNCIATION KEY:

- Eric Beaulac (b-YOU-lack)
- Matias Carrillo (mat-AY-yes car-EE-yo)
- Cesar Cordido (core-DEE-doe)
- Nick Giarraputo (jar-a-PEW-tow)
- Junior Guerra (YOU-n-your GEH-rah)
- Ralph Henriquez (en-REE-kez)
- Brandon Kawal (KAY-wall)
- Kirk Nieuwenhuis (NEW-en-HISE)
- Brandon Richey (RICH-ee)
- Josh Satin (SAT-inn)
- Chris Schwinden (SCHWINN-den)
- John Servidio (sir-VID-ee-o)
- Tim Stronach (STRAH-nick)
- Will Vogl (VOGUE-el)

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. 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.