



2008 BROOKLYN CYCLONES NEWS & NOTES

Thursday, June 19, 2008

Staten Island Yankees (0-2) vs. Brooklyn Cyclones (2-0)
Game #3, Home Game #2 (1-0)

NYPL Champions: 2001

McNamara Division Champions: 2001, 2003, 2004, 2007

TONIGHT'S STARTER: RHP **Manny Olivares** makes his first start of the season tonight for Brooklyn. Olivares (5'11", 192) played in the Venezuelan Summer League from 2004-2006. Manny was 3-2 with a 3.91 ERA in 11 games (three starts) in '04, 3-5 with a 5.36 ERA in 12 games (10 starts) in '05, and 6-3 with a 2.14 ERA in 12 games (all starts) in '06. He was fourth in the VSL in ERA in '06. Manny played for Kingsport (R) in 2007, going 3-3 with a 4.56 ERA in 13 games (six starts). In 49.1 innings, he allowed 54 hits, 37 runs, 25 earned, and 14 walks, while striking out 30. He appeared in one game this April for Savannah (A), tossing 2.1 scoreless innings in relief.

ZACH LUTZ: 3B **Zach Lutz** is off to a hot start for the Cyclones. Lutz is hitting .500 (3-for-6), and leads the team with three doubles, and four RBI. He enters Thursday's game with a .667 on-base percentage and a 1.000 slugging percentage (1.667 OPS).

Lutz was the Cyclones' Opening Day starter in 2007, but broke his foot after just two at-bats, and required season-ending surgery. After almost a full year of rehab, he returned to the field just two weeks ago, and was once again Brooklyn's Opening Day starter at third base in 2008.

Lutz was drafted by the Mets in the fifth round in 2007, out of Alvernia College (PA) where he was a two-time Pennsylvania Athletic Conference Baseball Player of the Year, and was named Division III National Player of the Year in 2007 by the National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association. In the final 2007 NCAA statistics rankings, the third baseman ranked nationally in eight different categories and was in the top 10 of five of them: average (.467, 7th), home runs per game (.31, 8th), RBI per game (1.49, 4th), slugging percentage (.883, 2nd), and total home runs (12, 8th). He finished as the Crusaders' career leader in batting average at .445. Lutz was a three-time All-Pennsylvania Athletic Conference First Team player and won his second straight conference Player of the Year award in 2007.

LAST GAME: Brooklyn beat Staten Island on Wednesday night for the second game in a row, winning by a score of 9-4. The Cyclones improved to 2-0 on the young season, and are tied with the Aberdeen IronBirds for first place in the McNamara Division.

3B **Zach Lutz** belted two RBI doubles in the game, and CF **Kirk Nieuwenhuis** singled twice, stole two bases, and scored three times. 1B **Jefferies Tatford** and DH **Eric Campbell** also notched two hits for Brooklyn. RF **Will Vogl** singled with the bases loaded in the ninth to drive in two runs.

Cyclones starter **Tim Stronach** (1-0) allowed just one unearned run in five innings of work to pick up his first win of the year. Stronach surrendered four hits and one walk while striking out four. **Junior Guerra** was touched for two runs in a third of an inning, before **Roy Merritt** relived him with 1.2 scoreless frames. **Montero Cruz** closed out the Yankees in the final two innings to earn the save.

STARTING STRONG: Brooklyn's 2-0 start marks just the second time in franchise history that the club has won its first two games. The 2002 Cyclones also started the season with two straight wins (also against Staten Island), but lost the third game of the year. The Cyclones have never started a season 3-0.

PITCHING MATCHUP

RHP **BRANDON BRABOY** (SI)
0-0, 0.00 ERA
VS.
RHP **MANNY OLIVARES** (BRK)
0-0, 0.00 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 - 7:00	7/29 @ VER - 7:05
6/20 @ ABD - 7:05	7/30 @ VER - 7:05
6/21 @ ABD - 7:05	7/31 @ VER - 7:05
6/22 @ ABD - 6:35	8/1 @ SI - 7:00
6/23 vs. HV - 7:00	8/2 vs. SI - 6:00
6/24 @ HV - 7:05	8/3 @ SI - 6:00
6/25 @ HV - 7:05	8/4 vs. SI - 7:00
6/26 vs. ABD - 7:00	8/6 @ LOW - 7:05
6/27 vs. ABD - 7:00	8/7 @ LOW - 7:05
6/28 vs. ABD - 6:00	8/8 @ LOW - 7:05
6/29 vs. HV - 5:00	8/9 vs. BAT - 6:00
6/30 vs. HV - 7:00	8/10 vs. BAT - 5:00
7/1 @ HV - 7:05	8/11 vs. BAT - 7:00
7/2 @ WPT - 7:05	8/12 @ AUB - 7:05
7/3 @ WPT - 7:05	8/13 @ AUB - 7:05
7/4 @ WPT - 7:05	8/14 @ AUB - 7:05
7/5 vs. MV - 6:00	8/15 vs. TRI - 7:00
7/6 vs. MV - 5:00	8/16 vs. TRI - 6:00
7/7 vs. MV - noon	8/17 vs. TRI - 5:00
7/9 @ JAM - 7:05	8/21 vs. LOW - 7:00
7/10 @ JAM - 7:05	8/22 vs. LOW - 7:00
7/11 @ JAM - 7:05	8/23 vs. LOW - 6:00
7/12 vs. SC - 6:00	8/24 @ TRI - 5:00
7/13 vs. SC - 5:00	8/25 @ TRI - 7:00
7/14 vs. SC - 7:00	8/26 @ TRI - 7:00
7/16 @ ONT - 7:00	8/27 vs. ONT - 7:00
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Every Cyclones game is broadcast on **WKR 90.3**, and simulcast online at www.brooklyncyclones.com



SLUMP BUSTERS: The Cyclones have not lost more than two games in a row since August 23, 2006, when the team ended a seven-game losing streak. Last season, the team lost back-to-back games only six times (including the NYPL Championship Series).

In fact, in 160 total games under manager Edgar Alfonzo (2001, 2007, 2008), the Cyclones have lost more than two games in a row just once -- a three-game losing streak from June 26th to 28th of 2001.

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

FIRST-ROUNDERS: SS **Reese Havens** becomes the third first-round pick to be assigned to Brooklyn. 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 a sandwich-round pick.

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 8,240 fans in the club's only game.

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.

PRONUNCIATION KEY:

- Eric Beaulac (b-YOU-lack)
- Matt Bouchard (boo-SHARD)
- 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)

PROBABLES: The Cyclones travel to Aberdeen for a three-game matchup with the IronBirds beginning on Friday. The probable pitching matchups for the series are:

Friday, June 20

Cyclones (7:05pm) RHP Chris Schwinden (0-0, 0.00)
at IronBirds RHP Pat Egan (0-0, 0.00)

Saturday, June 21

Cyclones (7:05pm) RHP Brad Holt (0-0, 0.00)
at IronBirds LHP Aaron Odom (0-0, 0.00)

Sunday, June 22

Cyclones (7:05pm) RHP Pedro P. Martinez (0-0, 0.00)
at IronBirds LHP Cole McCurry (1-0, 3.60)