



# 2008 BROOKLYN CYCLONES NEWS & NOTES

Sunday, June 29, 2008

Hudson Valley Renegades (7-5) vs. Brooklyn Cyclones (6-6)  
Game #13, Home Game #7 (3-3)

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

**TONIGHT'S STARTER:** LHP **Jim Fuller** (0-0, 0.00) makes his first start of the season for the Cyclones, and his second appearance. Jim pitched 3.0 scoreless innings in relief on 6/21 @ ABD, and allowed just three hits, while striking out five

DATE	OPP	DEC	IP	H	R	ER	HR	BB	K	WP
6/21	@ABD	ND	3.0	3	0	0	0	0	5	1
	REC	ERA	IP	H	R	ER	HR	BB	K	WP
TOTAL	0-0	0.00	3.0	3	0	0	0	0	5	1

Fuller (5'10", 180) was selected by the Mets in the 21st round of the June draft, out of Southern Connecticut State University (CT), after a phenomenal 2008 season for the Owls in which he went 9-3 with a 1.39 ERA and led the nation with 145 strikeouts.

Jim was named an All-American by the NCBWA (First-Team), ABCA/Rawlings and Daktronics (both Second-Team) and was also previously selected as both the ABCA/Rawlings Northeast Region and Northeast-10 Pitcher of the Year.

Fuller ranked second in the nation in strikeouts per nine innings (13.45) and was also among the top-10 nationally in hits allowed per nine innings and ERA. During the regular season, Jim led the Northeast-10 in ERA (0.99), opponent batting average (.163) and strikeouts (125). In addition, the southpaw finished tied for first in the conference in wins (nine) and fourth in innings pitched (82.0). Between Feb. 17 and April 19, Fuller went 59 consecutive innings without allowing an earned run.

**PROBABLES:** The probable pitching matchups for the remainder of the series are:

Monday, June 30

Renegades (7:00pm) RHP Nicholas Barnese (0-0, 0.77)  
at Cyclones RHP Scott Shaw (1-0, 0.00)

Tuesday, July 1

Cyclones (7:05pm) RHP Brad Holt (1-1, 2.45)  
at Renegades RHP Shane Dyer (0-1, 4.50)

**ZACH ATTACK:** 3B **Zach Lutz** is off to a hot start for the Cyclones, and ranks third in the NYPL with a .393 average (11-for-28). Lutz leads the team with five RBI, and also has a team-best .485 on-base percentage, with a .500 slugging percentage, for a .985 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 in early June 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.

**PITCHING MATCHUP**  
RHP Chris Andujar (HV)  
0-0, 5.87 ERA  
VS.  
LHP Jim Fuller (BRK)  
0-0, 0.00 ERA

**2008 GAME RESULTS**

- 6/17 vs. SI - W, 3-1
- 6/18 @ SI - W, 9-4
- 6/19 vs. SI - L, 7-2
- 6/20 @ ABD - W, 3-2
- 6/21 @ ABD - L, 3-1
- 6/22 @ ABD-W, 4-2 (10)
- 6/23 vs. HV - L, 3-2
- 6/24 @ HV - L, 4-1
- 6/25 @ HV - L, 1-0 (12)
- 6/26 vs. ABD - W, 4-2
- 6/27 vs. ABD - W, 4-3
- 6/28 vs. ABD - L, 4-1
- 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 **WKRB 90.3**, and simulcast online at [www.brooklyncyclones.com](http://www.brooklyncyclones.com)



**LAST GAME:** The Cyclones were unable to complete the sweep against the IronBirds, dropping a 4-1 decision on Saturday night at KeySpan Park. The loss drops Brooklyn back to .500 with a 6-6 record and a tie for second place in the McNamara Division with Aberdeen.

OF **Will Vogl** continued swinging a hot bat for the Cyclones, going 3-for-4 with a triple and a run scored. In his second game rehabbing from Binghamton (AA), 3B **Dan Murphy** provided run support again, ripping an RBI single past a diving shortstop. 1B **Ike Davis** and 3B **Zach Lutz** were also productive in the middle of the Cyclones order, both lining singles to left field. 2B **Josh Satin**, CF **Kirk Nieuwenhuis**, and Vogl all singled in the bottom of the ninth to bring the winning run to the plate, but Brooklyn was unable to complete the comeback.

RHP **Tim Stronach** pitched well, but took the loss, working five innings, allowing five hits, two runs, while striking out four. RHP **Jeff Kaplan** made his Brooklyn debut in relief of Stronach, striking out the side in his first professional inning. Kaplan finished with two innings pitched and four strikeouts. RHP **Montero Cruz** followed Kaplan with two innings of relief and four strikeouts.

**RATLIFF ON THE ROSTER:** OF Sean Ratliff has been assigned to Brooklyn, and is on the roster for tonight's game. Ratliff was selected by the Mets in the fourth round of the June draft, out of Stanford University (CA). Stanford recently ended its season with a loss to Georgia in the College World Series in Omaha, NE, finishing with an overall record of 41-24-2, and making the program's 16th appearance in the College World Series, where a 2-2 mark at the event continued its streak of winning at least one contest in each of its trips to Omaha. The Cardinal also finished second in the Pac-10 Conference with a 14-10 mark.

Ratliff started in all 67 games for Stanford this season, batting .294 (73-for-248), with 52 runs, 13 doubles, four triples, 22 home runs, 71 RBI, and eight stolen bases. Sean led the Cardinal in triples, home runs, and slugging percentage (.645), and was second on the team in RBI. He also notched a .387 on-base percentage, and a 1.032 OPS.

Ratliff was named an All-Pac-10 selection in 2008, which was the second time he has earned the honor. He homered four times over a three-game span (May 4-6), and also had a 13-game hitting streak from March 8- April 5.

**FEELING A DRAFT:** The 2008 Brooklyn roster is filled with Mets draft picks from the June draft. 14 June draftees have appeared for the Cyclones so far this season, including 10 players taken in the first 14 rounds. SS **Reese Havens**, another first-round pick, has been with the team, but has not yet appeared in a game. Havens is slated to make his debut on Monday, as the team's Designated Hitter. OF **Sean Ratliff** will make his debut today or tomorrow.

**GETTING ON BASE:** SS **Matt Bouchard** has reached base in 20 straight games for the Cyclones, dating back to 8/29/07. Bouchard was an All-Star for Brooklyn in 2007. In 10 games this year, Matt is hitting .262 (11-for-42) with four runs, three doubles, three RBI and two stolen bases.

**WE LIKE IKE:** 1B **Ike Davis** signed with the New York Mets last Tuesday, and has played in three games for Brooklyn, hitting .250 (3-for-12). Davis was the Mets' first pick of the June Draft (18th overall), out of Arizona State University.

Davis is a three-time First Team All-Pac-10 selection, 2008 Collegiate Baseball First Team All-American, 2008 ASU Baseball MVP, 2008 Rivals.com First Team All-American, and a 2008 Golden Spikes Award semifinalist. He finished his junior season batting .385 with 16 home runs and 76 RBI. Ike also made 16 relief appearances for the Sun Devils, posting a 4-1 record with a 2.25 ERA and 30 strikeouts in 24 innings. As a sophomore, Davis earned First Team All-Pac-10 honors, batting .349 with eight home runs and 61 RBI, while finishing 1-1 with a 1.35 ERA on the mound.

In 2006, Davis put up one of the best freshman seasons in ASU history, setting a new freshman record with 65 RBI and tying for the team lead in home runs with nine, earning him Pac-10 Freshman of the Year, All-Pac-10 First Team, Collegiate Baseball Freshman All-American, Rivals.com First Team Freshman All-American, Baseball America Second Team Freshman All-American, and ABCA First Team All-West Region. He was previously selected in the 19th round by the Tampa Bay Rays in 2005 out of Chaparral High School in Scottsdale, AZ. Ike is the son of former major league pitcher Ron Davis.

**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 **46,637** fans in six openings, for an average of **7,773**.

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.

**STRAWBERRY'S CAR WASH:** On Monday, Mets legend **Darryl Strawberry** will be at KeySpan Park for the Cyclones' 7pm game against Hudson Valley. Strawberry will be appearing on behalf of Spongetech - the ultimate one-step wash and wax system. Darryl will personally present the winner (or loser, depending on how you look at it) of the Dirtiest Car in the Parking Lot contest with a Spongetech prize package.

**FIRST ROUNDERS:** 1B **Ike Davis** became the third first-round pick (18th overall) to play for the Cyclones, joining LHP Scott Kazmir (2002) and RHP Bob Keppel (2003). SS **Reese Havens**, another first-rounder (22nd overall) is on the Brooklyn roster, but has not yet made his debut. RHP **Brad Holt** was selected by the Mets in the supplemental round between the first and second round (33rd overall).

**NO-HIT HOLT:** RHP **Brad Holt** (1-1, 2.45), the Mets third pick of the June draft (33rd overall), tossed five no-hit innings with six strikeouts on Thursday, before leaving the game due to a pitch count. Holt earned his first professional win with the performance, and lowered his ERA to 2.45 on the season. In 7.1 total innings, he has allowed two hits, two runs, both earned, and two walks, with 10 strikeouts.

**WITH YURY IN, YOU'RE OUT:** RHP Yury Santana has been dominant of the Brooklyn bullpen. The former infielder (who played shortstop for the Cyclones in 2005) leads the NYPL with four saves, and has yet to allow a hit or a run. In 4.1 innings, Santana has surrendered just three walks, and has struck out eight. He sports a 0.00 ERA and a 0.69 WHIP.

**TAKE YOUR BASE:** On Saturday, June 28th, the Cyclones held the 4th annual Take Your Base 5k run/walk, and raised over **\$20,000** in support of the fight against cancer, thanks to over **200 runners and walkers**. TYB is a community and family event designed to raise awareness about, and highlight the importance of, screening and early detection of cancer.

**TEAM HIGHS:** The following are the high 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
9	15	4	1	1	9	6	12	2	2	4	11.2	12	7	6	1	6	14	2

## PRONUNCIATION KEY:

- Matt Bouchard (boo-SHARD)
- Matias Carrillo (mat-AY-yes car-EE-yo)
- Cesar Cordido (core-DEE-doe)
- 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)