



2008 BROOKLYN CYCLONES NEWS & NOTES

Sunday, July 20, 2008

Staten Island Yankees (20-11) vs. Brooklyn Cyclones (13-18)
Game #32, Home Game #15 (7-7)

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

TONIGHT'S STARTER: RHP **Jenry Mejia** (0-1, 11.25) makes his second start for the Cyclones, and second home start of the season. The 18-year-old Mejia (6'0", 182) was signed by the Mets as a non-drafted free agent in 2007, out of the Dominican Republic (Santo Domingo).

In his Cyclones debut (7/7 vs. MV), Mejia struggled with his control, walking five batters in 4.0 IP, and taking the loss.

Jenry began this season with the Gulf Coast Mets (R), and went 2-0 with a 0.60 ERA in three games (all starts). In 15.0 innings, he allowed nine hits, one run, earned, and three walks, with 15 strikeouts. In his last outing (7/1 @ GCL CAR), he tossed a five-inning complete game shutout, allowing just three hits and a walk, while striking out six.

DATE	OPP	DEC	IP	H	R	ER	HR	BB	K	WP
7/7	MV	L	4.0	2	5	5	1	5	2	0
7/14	SC	-	4.0	5	4	4	0	1	4	0
	REC	ERA	IP	H	R	ER	HR	BB	K	WP
TOTAL	0-1	10.13	8.0	7	9	9	1	6	6	0

Mejia began his professional career last season, for the Venezuelan Summer League Mets, going 2-3 with a 2.47 ERA in 14 games (seven starts). In 43.2 innings, he allowed 24 hits, 17 runs, 12 earned, and 27 walks, with 47 strikeouts.

ZACH ATTACK: 3B **Zach Lutz** leads the team with a .333 average (24-for-72). Lutz also leads the team with 12 RBI, is tied for the team lead with three home runs, has a team-best .442 on-base percentage, and a team-best .514 slugging percentage, for an OPS of .956. Lutz' OBP ranks second in the New York-Penn League.

Zach 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.

DIVISIONAL DOMINANCE: Since Brooklyn joined the Nw York-Penn league in 2001, either the Cyclones or Staten Island Yankees have won the McNamara Division title every season.

Brooklyn has won four division titles in seven seasons (2001, 2003, 2004, 2007), and was the NYPL's Wild Card team in 2006.

Staten Island claimed the division crown in 2002, 2005, and 2006, and was the Wild Card team in 2001 and 2007.

PITCHING MATCHUP

RHP Luke Greinke (SI)
0-3, 1.99 ERA
VS.
RHP Jenry Mejia (BRK)
0-1, 10.13 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 - 5:00	8/31 vs. HV - 5:00
7/21 @ SI - 7:00	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



LAST GAME: The Cyclones were in complete control up until the ninth inning, but fell to the Staten Island Yankees 5-4 on a three-run walk-off home run. The loss is Brooklyn's fourth straight, and drops them to 13-18 and seven games out of first place in the McNamara Division behind the rival Yankees.

Brooklyn's nine-hit attack was led by C **Jordan Abruzzo** and 2B **Josh Satin**. Abruzzo went 2-for-4, including a two-run home run in the sixth inning. Satin went 2-for-4 as well, smacking an RBI ground-rule double in the top of the fourth. RF **John Servidio** stroked an RBI double to left field in the second inning, and 3B Eric Campbell hit a double to center field in the ninth. CF **Kirk Nieuwenhuis**, 1B **Ike Davis**, and LF **Sean Ratliff** also delivered hits for the Cyclones, and DH **Reese Havens** left the game in the top of the third with a leg injury.

RHP **Brad Holt** made his sixth start of the season for Brooklyn, and has yet to give up more than two runs in any of them. Saturday night was more of the same from Holt, as he worked 5.1 innings, allowing just one run on four hits and striking out seven. LHP **Roy Merritt** made his 11th appearance for the Cyclones, pitching 2.2 innings of relief. Merritt gave up just his second earned run of the season, allowing only one hit and striking out four. RHP **Stephen Clyne** recorded just one out in the ninth, giving up the game-winning run on a three-run home run to end the game.

NYPL STANDINGS			
McNAMARA DIVISION			
	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>GB</u>
Staten Island	20	11	-
Hudson Valley	16	14	3.5
Aberdeen	14	16	5.5
Brooklyn	13	18	7
PINCKNEY DIVISION			
	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>GB</u>
Jamestown	20	9	-
Williamsport	16	13	4
Auburn	17	14	4
Batavia	17	14	4
Mahoning Valley	14	17	7
State College	8	22	12.5
STEDLER DIVISION			
	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>GB</u>
Oneonta	16	14	-
Vermont	15	14	0.5
Lowell	13	18	3.5
Tri-City	13	18	3.5

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 **101,380** fans in 14 openings, for an average of **7,241**.

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 3.12 team ERA, behind only Staten Island's 2.65. Brooklyn hurlers lead the NYPL with 289 strikeouts. In total, Cyclones pitchers have thrown 274 innings, and allowed 237 hits, 110 runs, 95 earned, and 129 walks. The staff has allowed 14 home runs.

A BRUISER: C **Jordan Abruzzo** is 7-for-24 since joining the team last Saturday, and hit his first home run last night. 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.

FIREWORKS WEEK: There's nothing better than a Fireworks Night at KeySpan Park...except a Fireworks WEEK at KeySpan Park! For four nights in July -- the 22nd through the 25th -- 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	

SHOTGUN START: George "Shotgun" Shuba returns to Brooklyn for today's game. Prior to the first pitch, the Cyclones will reenact Shotgun's famous "Handshake For The Century" with Jackie Robinson, and Shuba will sign copies of his new book, My Memories as a Brooklyn Dodger (you must purchase a copy of the book to get an autograph).

Shuba played in the major leagues for seven seasons, all with Brooklyn -- from 1948 through 1955, and was a member of the '55 team that won Brooklyn's only world championship. An outfielder, Shuba hit .259 in his career, with 24 home runs. He was also the first NL player ever to hit a pinch-hit home run in a World Series game.

Shuba is perhaps best remembered, though, for something he did in the minor leagues. On April 18, 1946, while playing for Brooklyn's Montreal franchise, Shuba was on deck when Jackie Robinson hit a home run in his first game. Shuba reached out to congratulate Robinson as he crossed the plate, and the interracial handshake -- the first ever of its kind in organized professional baseball was captured on film. "The Handshake For The Century" became one of baseball's most popular and lasting images, as Robinson broke the color barrier. A year later, Robinson made his debut with the Dodgers.

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