



# 2008 BROOKLYN CYCLONES NEWS & NOTES

Friday, July 25, 2008

Staten Island Yankees (22-14) vs. Brooklyn Cyclones (17-19)  
Game #37, Home Game #19 (10-8)

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

**TONIGHT'S STARTER:** RHP **Jenry Mejia** (0-1, 11.25) makes his fourth start for the Cyclones, all going at KeySpan Park. 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 last start (7/20 vs. SI), Mejia had his best outing as a Cyclone, tossing five shutout, one-hit innings, while striking out nine for his first win.

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  |
| 7/20  | SI  | W    | 5.0  | 1 | 0 | 0  | 0  | 3  | 9  | 0  |
|       | REC | ERA  | IP   | H | R | ER | HR | BB | K  | WP |
| TOTAL | 1-1 | 6.23 | 13.0 | 8 | 9 | 9  | 1  | 9  | 15 | 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.

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

Saturday, July 26

Cyclones (7:00pm) at Yankees  
RHP Pedro P. Martinez (0-1, 2.78)  
RHP Brandon Braboy (0-0, 3.86)

Sunday, July 27

Yankees (5:00pm) at Cyclones  
RHP David Phelps (3-2, 3.27)  
RHP Jeff Kaplan (1-1, 3.86)

Monday, July 28

Cyclones (7:00pm) at Yankees  
RHP Scott Shaw (2-2, 2.38)  
RHP Nick Montgomery (0-0, 2.77)

**DIVISIONAL DOMINANCE:** Since Brooklyn joined the New 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)  
0-4, 3.04 ERA  
VS.  
RHP Jenry Mejia (BRK)  
1-1, 6.23 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 - L, 6-1    | 9/2 @ ABD - 7:05    |
| 7/23 vs. VER - W, 2-0    | 9/3 @ HV - 7:05     |
| 7/24 vs. VER - W, 8-1    | 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:** The Cyclones defeated Vermont 8-1, behind power hitting and a dominant pitching performance by **Brad Holt**.

Holt had one of the great pitching performances in Cyclones history, as he tied the single-game Cyclones record by striking out 14 batters, and also becomes the second Cyclones pitcher ever to strike out 10 batters twice in a season. Brooklyn has won two straight games and improves their record to 17-19.

After Holt's six shutout innings, RHP **Chris Schwinden** and RHP **Wendy Rosa** followed to combine for the final three frames, allowing just one run. The Cyclones struck out a season-high 18 batters.

Offensively, Brooklyn belted four extra-base hits. 3B **Eric Campbell** led the way, going 4-for-4, while hitting a three-run home run and scoring a pair of runs. 2B **J.R. Voyles** also scored a pair of runs and hit a two-run home run while going 2-for-3. DH **Jose Jimenez** made his Cyclones debut going 1-for-3, with a double and two RBI.

**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).

**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 **130,248** fans in 17 openings, for an average of **7,236**.

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 3-2 with a 1.57 ERA, good for third-best in the New York-Penn League. Thanks to his 14-strikeout performance on Thursday, Holt now leads the NYPL with 51 Ks.

His 14 Ks against Vermont ties a franchise high (Mike Cox, 8/25/01 vs, HV). Holt struck out the side in the fourth, fifth, and sixth innings on Thursday. He also became just the second Cyclones pitcher to strike out at least 10 batters twice (Jeff Landing, 2005)

Holt has allowed two runs or less in each of his seven starts, and has allowed one run or less four times. In 34.1 total innings, Brad has allowed 20 hits, seven runs, six earned, one home run, and 14 walks.

**J.R. VOYLES:** With 3B **Zach Lutz** on the DL, IF **J.R. Voyles** is filling in in the Brooklyn lineup...again. Last season, when Lutz broke his foot on Opening Day, Voyles took over at third base, and hit a game-winning home run that night, en route to becoming one of the league's hottest hitters, before he suffered with injuries, himself.

Thanks to a rash of injuries to the 2008 Cyclones infield, Voyles reported to Brooklyn on Wednesday for a second stint on the team, and promptly belted a home run in Thursday's game. Voyles was assigned to Brooklyn from St. Lucie (A) of the Florida State League, where he hit .216 (30-for-139) in 41 games, with 16 runs, three doubles, four home runs, and 13 RBI. In 2007, J.R. hit .254 (43-for-169) in 49 games for the Cyclones, with 24 runs, 11 doubles, one triple, three home runs, and 29 RBI.

**ON THE MOUND:** Cyclones pitchers rank third in the league with a 3.02 team ERA, behind only Staten Island's 2.86. Brooklyn hurlers lead the NYPL with 342 strikeouts. In total, Cyclones pitchers have thrown 319 innings, and allowed 268 hits, 122 runs, 107 earned, and 144 walks. The staff has allowed 16 home runs.

In each of Hector Berrios' four seasons as the Cyclones pitching coach (2003, 2004, 2006, 2007), the staff has ranked in the top three in team ERA, leading the league in 2007 (2.93)

**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 | 18 | 2  |  |

### NYPL STANDINGS

#### McNAMARA DIVISION

|                 | W         | L         | GB       |
|-----------------|-----------|-----------|----------|
| Staten Island   | 22        | 14        | -        |
| Aberdeen        | 18        | 18        | 4        |
| Hudson Valley   | 18        | 18        | 4        |
| <b>Brooklyn</b> | <b>17</b> | <b>19</b> | <b>5</b> |

#### PINCKNEY DIVISION

|                 | W  | L  | GB   |
|-----------------|----|----|------|
| Jamestown       | 23 | 11 | -    |
| Williamsport    | 20 | 14 | 3    |
| Auburn          | 19 | 15 | 4    |
| Batavia         | 19 | 15 | 4    |
| Mahoning Valley | 15 | 21 | 9    |
| State College   | 8  | 25 | 14.5 |

#### STEDLER DIVISION

|          | W  | L  | GB  |
|----------|----|----|-----|
| Vermont  | 18 | 16 | -   |
| Oneonta  | 17 | 17 | 1   |
| Lowell   | 16 | 18 | 2   |
| Tri-City | 13 | 22 | 5.5 |

**HEAD-TO HEAD:** Brooklyn is 4-2 against Staten Island this season, entering play on Friday, including wins in the last two matchups between the cross-borough rivals (7/20, 7/21).

**Jordan Abruzzo** has hit .417 (5-for-12) in three games against the Yankees, with four runs, two doubles, two home runs and four RBI. **John Servidio** has hit .353 (6-for-17) in five games against the Yankees, with two doubles and five RBI. **Eric Campbell** has hit .317 in five games against the Yankees, with four runs, two doubles, and three RBI.

**Jimmy Johnson, Jenry Mejia, Brandon Moore, and Tim Stronach** have earned wins against Steten Island, with Mejia fanning nine Yankees, and **Roy Merritt** fanning eight.

**SHOWING SOME GLOVE:** Brooklyn leads the NYPL with a .983 fielding percentage. In 36 games, the Cyclones have 957 putouts, 365 assists, and 23 errors in 1,345 total chances. Brooklyn has turned 35 double plays, third-most in the league. 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** -- has notched 11 assists, with Nieuwenhuis and Ratliff tallying four each, and Servidio three.

**A BRUISER:** C **Jordan Abruzzo** is 14-for-44 since joining the team last Saturday, for a .318 average. Abruzzo belted his second home run on Monday at Staten Island in a 4-1 win over the Yankees. His round-tripper came bating lefthanded against SI's switch-pitcher, Pat Venditte. Abruzzo has racked up seven RBI in 12 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.

**BULLPEN:** The Cyclones' bullpen has been one of the team's assets this season. Brooklyn is 11-4 when leading after six innings, 11-2 when leading after seven, and 14-1 when leading after eight.

**LADIES CLINIC:** On Saturday, August 2nd, the Cyclones will conduct the annual Ladies Clinic at KeySpan Park. The Ladies Clinic gives women of all ages the chance to learn from the pros. Participants are instructed in various stations, including pitching, hitting, fielding, and baserunning. Participants then are divided into two teams and play a game on the same field the Cyclones do!

For a cost of \$40, ladies get:

- Instruction by Cyclones players
- An official Brooklyn Cyclones Ladies Clinic t-shirt
- Lunch
- A private meet & greet with former All-American Girls Professional Baseball League star, Gloria Cordes-Elliott
- 2 Tickets to the August 2nd game against the Staten Island Yankees

Anyone interested can contact Elizabeth Lombardi at 718-449-8497 or [liz@brooklyncyclones.com](mailto:liz@brooklyncyclones.com)

**HAPPY CAMPERS:** Friday continued 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, **Scott Shaw, Erik Turgeon, Chris Schwinden, Matt Smith, Eric Campbell, Reese Havens**, and manager **Edgar Alfonzo** all led various stations, teaching the kids the fundamentals of the game...with a focus on FUN.

**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 Chuch** 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
- Tuesday, July 22 -- IF **Zach Lutz** was placed on the Disabled List with a right quad strain
- Wednesday, July 23 -- OF **Darren Clark** was transferred from the Brooklyn roster to the Savannah (A) roster
- Wednesday, July 23 -- IF **J.R. Voyles** was transferred to the Brooklyn roster from the St. Lucie (A) roster
- Thursday, July 24 -- IF **Matt Bouchard** was placed on the Inactive List and removed from the Brooklyn roster
- Thursday, July 24 -- IF **Zach Lutz** was placed on the Inactive List and removed from the Brooklyn roster
- Thursday, July 24 -- IF **Jefferies Tatford** was transferred from the Brooklyn roster to the Savannah (A) roster
- Thursday, July 24 -- IF **Jose Jimenez** was transferred to the Brooklyn roster from the Savannah (A) roster