



2008 BROOKLYN CYCLONES NEWS & NOTES

Saturday, August 23, 2008

Lowell Spinners (33-26) vs. Brooklyn Cyclones (34-27)
Game #62, Home Game #31 (16-14)

NYPL Champions: 2001

McNamara Division Champions: 2001, 2003, 2004, 2007

TODAY'S STARTER: RHP **Jenry Mejia** (2-1, 4.19) makes his ninth start for the Cyclones, with all but one coming at KeySpan Park. The 18-year-old Mejia was signed by the Mets as a non-drafted free agent in 2007, out of the Dominican Republic (Santo Domingo).

In his first two outings for Brooklyn, Mejia surrendered nine earned runs in eight innings. Since then, though, he has allowed just nine runs in 30.2 innings, for a 2.64 ERA in his last six games.

Overall, opponents are hitting .237 against Mejia, with lefties batting .245 (13-for-53) and righties batting .233 (20-for-86).

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 final 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
7/25	SI	W	5.0	3	1	1	0	2	4	0
7/30	@VER	-	5.0	4	1	1	0	0	2	0
8/4	SI	-	6.0	5	2	2	1	2	5	0
8/10	BAT	-	5.0	7	3	3	0	2	6	2
8/16	TRI	-	4.2	6	2	2	0	4	1	0
	REC	ERA	IP	H	R	ER	HR	BB	K	WP
TOTAL	2-1	4.19	38.2	33	18	18	2	19	33	2

Mejia (6'0", 182) 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.

A GIANT MISTAKE: Lowell General Manager **Tim Bawmann** made a friendly wager with Cyclones GM **Steve Cohen** prior to the Super Bowl, with each predicting that their local team would win. When the underdog New York Giants shocked the New England Patriots to derail the Pats perfect season and capture the Lombardi trophy, Bawmann began making arrangements to come to Brooklyn for a stint on the Cyclones' Grounds Crew.

On Saturday, Bawmann will be working the rakes and hoses, dancing the Cha-Cha Slide, and maybe even be seen doing the "drag in drag."

The Cyclones are encouraging all fans to wear their Giants colors on Saturday and let Mr. Bawmann know that its always a Giant mistake to bet against New York.

SHOWING SOME GLOVE: Brooklyn leads the NYPL with a .981 fielding percentage. In 61 games, the Cyclones have 1,647 putouts, 601 assists, and 44 errors in 2,292 total chances. Brooklyn has turned 57 double plays, third-most in the league. The 2007 Cyclones the led the league with a .977 fielding percentage.

PITCHING MATCHUP
RHP Bryan Price (LOW)
1-2, 2.12 ERA
VS.
RHP Jenry Mejia (BRK)
2-1, 4.19 ERA

2008 GAME RESULTS

6/17 vs. SI - W, 3-1	7/27 vs. SI -LL, 15-2
6/18 @ SI - W, 9-4	7/28 @ SI - W, 5-2
6/19 vs. SI - L, 7-2	7/29 @ VER - W, 4-3
6/20 @ ABD - W, 3-2	7/30 @ VER - W, 2-1
6/21 @ ABD - L, 3-1	7/31 @ VER - W, 5-4 (14)
6/22 @ ABD - W, 4-2 (10)	8/1 @ SI - W, 3-2
6/23 vs. HV - L, 3-2	8/2 vs. SI - L, 6-1
6/24 @ HV - L, 4-1	8/3 @ SI - W, 5-3 (13)
6/25 @ HV - L, 1-0 (12)	8/4 vs. SI - L, 9-4
6/26 vs. ABD - W, 4-2	8/6 @ LOW - W, 7-0
6/27 vs. ABD - W, 4-3	8/7 @ LOW - W, 2-0
6/28 vs. ABD - L, 4-1	8/8 @ LOW - W, 5-2
6/29 vs. HV - L, 6-4	8/9 vs. BAT - L, 2-0
6/30 vs. HV - W, 6-5	8/10 vs. BAT - W, 6-5 (10)
7/1 @ HV - L, 2-1	8/11 vs. BAT - W, 2-1
7/2 @ WPT - W, 4-3	8/12 @ AUB - W, 6-2
7/3 @ WPT - W, 12-3	8/13 @ AUB - L, 3-1
7/4 @ WPT - W, 9-2	8/14 @ AUB - W, 9-1
7/5 vs. MV - L, 6-1 (10)	8/16 vs. TRI - L, 4-3 (7)
7/6 vs. MV - W, 4-2	8/16 vs. TRI - W, 6-2 (7)
7/7 vs. MV - L, 8-1	8/17 vs. TRI - W, 6-5 (10)
7/9 @ JAM - L, 4-3	8/21 vs. LOW - W, 2-0
7/10 @ JAM - L, 2-0	8/22 vs. LOW - L, 2-1
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 - W, 6-5	9/5 vs. ABD - 7:00
7/26 @ SI - L, 4-1	9/6 vs. ABD - 6:00

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



FOUR ACES: Brooklyn's pitching staff leads the NYPL with a **2.93 ERA**, and also leads the league with **599 strikeouts**. The strikeout total, in 60 games, gives Brooklyn an average of 9.9 Ks per game. The Cyclones' all-time franchise record for strikeouts in a single season is 644, set by the 2001 team (8.5 Ks per game). The lowest single-season team ERA in franchise history is 2.37, also set by the 2001 staff.

Three of Brooklyn's five starting pitchers rank in the top 10 in individual ERA -- **Brad Holt** (third, 1.75), **Scott Shaw** (eighth, 2.76) and **Pedro P. Martinez** (10th, 2.93). A fourth, All-Star **Chris Schwinden**, will qualify for the league leaders with his next start, and his 1.31 ERA would currently rank third.

Holt leads the league with 79 strikeouts, and Shaw ranks third with 66 Ks.

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).

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 **205,813** fans in 28 openings, for an average of **7,350**.

WHAT'S UP, DOCK?: C **Ralph Henriquez** was assigned to Savannah (A) of the South Atlantic League on Friday, and C **Dock Doyle** was assigned to Brooklyn from Kingsport (R) of the Appalachian League.

Doyle was selected by the Mets in the fifth round of the 2008 draft, out of Coastal Carolina University (SC), where he hit .370 (90-for-243) in 61 games, with 64 runs, 22 doubles, two triples, 16 home runs and 72 RBI for the Chanticleers. He was a finalist for the Johnny Bench Award and was on the All-Conway Regional and All-Big South Tournament Teams. Doyle is a two-time Big South Player of the Week and was ranked the third-best catcher in the country by Rivals.com.

In 41 games for Kingsport, Doyle hit .308 (49-for-159) with 27 runs, 11 doubles, one triple, and 20 RBI.

WILD THINGS: Three division winners and one Wild Card team (the team with the best record, excluding division winners) will qualify for the NYPL Playoffs. Brooklyn is currently 34-27, and trails the Staten Island Yankees (39-22) by five games for first place in the McNamara Division. The Cyclones trail Jamestown (36-23, .610) and Hudson Valley (36-25, .590) in the race for the NYPL Wild Card. The Cyclones have four games remaining against Hudson Valley this season (8/30, 8/31, 9/3, 9/4).

A SHAW THING: RHP **Scott Shaw** has been outstanding in his first professional season. The 6'5", 230-pound righthander from Illinois is 5-3 with a 2.76 ERA on the year. On Thursday, Shaw hurled 6.2 one-hit innings, and fanned a season-high 10 batters. In his last three starts, he is 2-0, and has allowed just two runs on nine hits over 18 innings, with 23 strikeouts.

With the exception of two poor outings this season (7/18 @ ONT, 8/2 vs. LOW), Scott has been amazingly consistent. He has gone five or more innings in nine of his 11 starts, and allowed one earned run or less in 10 of his 12 appearances. He has walked just 12 batters all year, while striking out 66.

Omitting his starts on 7/18 and 8/2, in which he allowed 11 combined earned runs in 2.1 innings, Scott has allowed just five earned runs in 56.1 innings, for a 0.80 ERA.

ALUMNI UPDATE: RHP **Dylan Owen** -- a Sterling Award winner, NYPL All-Star, and the league leader in both wins (9) and ERA (1.49) in 2007 -- was recently promoted to Binghamton (AA) of the Eastern League, after starting the 2008 season with St. Lucie (A) of the Florida State League. Owen went 12-6 with a 3.43 ERA for St. Lucie, and led the FSL with 116 strikeouts in 133.2 innings. In his Double-A debut on Wednesday, Owen allowed one run on six hits in six innings in a 4-2 B-Mets win over New Hampshire. Owen walked two batters, and struck out five.

NYPL STANDINGS			
McNAMARA DIVISION			
	W	L	GB
Staten Island	39	22	-
Hudson Valley	36	25	3
Brooklyn	34	27	5
Aberdeen	31	30	8
PINCKNEY DIVISION			
	W	L	GB
Batavia	37	23	-
Jamestown	36	23	0.5
Williamsport	31	28	5.5
Auburn	31	29	6
Mahoning Valley	26	35	11.5
State College	11	47	25
STEDLER DIVISION			
	W	L	GB
Lowell	33	26	-
Oneonta	25	33	7.5
Tri-City	24	35	9
Vermont	24	35	9

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	16	4	2	3	9	8	14	3	3	4	14	17	15	15	2	13	18	2	

CAPTAIN KIRK: OF **Kirk Nieuwenhuis** leads the Cyclones in virtually every offensive category, including average (.298), games (60), at-bats (225), runs (26), hits (67), triples (4), RBI (23), walks (24), stolen bases (7), and on-base percentage (.368). Nieuwenhuis also ranks second on the team with 10 doubles, one behind Ike Davis' 11. Kirk's 67 hits are tied for best in the NYPL.

In his last 10 games, Nieuwenhuis is hitting .429 (18-for-42), with eight runs, one home run, and 10 RBI. He currently has a six-game hitting streak, during which he has notched four multi-hit games.

Nieuwenhuis (6'2", 195) was selected by the Mets in the third round of the 2008 draft, out of Azusa Pacific University (CA).

ONE-RUN GAMES: Brooklyn has won 13 games this season by one run, including a span of four straight from 7/29 - 8/1. The team has played in a league-high 23 one-run games, going 13-10 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).

THE "OTHER" PEDRO: Brooklyn's **Pedro P. Martinez** had the opportunity to meet the Mets' **Pedro Martinez** at Shea Stadium on Wednesday. The two Pedros -- both righthanded pitchers from the Dominican Republic who wear number 45 -- spoke at length, prior to the Mets' win over the Braves.

HOLT EVERYTHING: RHP **Brad Holt** has been among the best pitchers in the NYPL in his first professional season. Holt's 1.75 ERA ranks third in the New York-Penn League, and he leads the league with 79 strikeouts.

Holt has allowed two runs or less in all but one of his 12 appearances, and one earned run or less nine times. He has not allowed more than three runs or more than five hits in a single game this season.

On Friday, Holt notched his third 10-K game of the season. On 7/24 vs. VER, he tied a Cyclones franchise single-game record with 14 strikeouts, in six innings (Mike Cox, 2001). With three starts still scheduled, Brad is closing in on the Cyclones' single-season strikeout record -- 93 Ks, set by RHP Kevin Deaton in 2002.

Holt was selected by the Mets in the supplemental round of the June draft (33rd overall). He posted an 11-1 record with a 3.18 ERA for UNC Wilmington in 2008, while setting career-bests in wins (11), innings pitched (93.1), strikeouts (95) and opponent batting average (.225) Holt ranks second all-time at UNCW in single-season wins, winning his final 11 decisions of the 2008 season. He was named First-Team Colonial Athletic Association, and also earned a third-team spot on the Louisville Slugger All-America squad.

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 **Jerry 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 (R) roster
- Wednesday, July 9 - OF **John Servidio** was transferred from the Brooklyn roster to the Kingsport (R) roster
- Wednesday, July 9 - IF **Ignacio Medrano** was transferred from the Kingsport (R) 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
- Sunday, July 27 - RHP **Brandon Moore** was transferred from the Brooklyn roster to the Kingsport (R) roster
- Monday, July 28 - IF **Jake Eigsti** was transferred from the Brooklyn roster to the St. Lucie (A) roster
- Tuesday, July 29 - IF **Matt Smith** ended his rehab assignment with Brooklyn, was reinstated from the St. Lucie DL, and was transferred to the Brooklyn roster
- Wednesday, July 30 - C/1B **Jason Jacobs** was transferred from the St. Lucie (A) roster to the Brooklyn roster
- Wednesday, July 30 - OF **Seth Williams** was transferred from the Kingsport (R) roster to the Brooklyn roster
- Saturday, August 2 - LHP **Jim Fuller** was reinstated from the DL
- Tuesday, August 5 - C/1B **Jason Jacobs** was transferred from the Brooklyn roster to the St. Lucie (A) roster
- Friday, August 15 - SS **Juan Lagares** was transferred from the Savannah (A) roster to the Brooklyn roster
- Friday, August 22 - C **Ralph Henriquez** was transferred from the Brooklyn roster to the Savannah (A) roster
- Friday, August 22 - C **Dock Doyle** was transferred from the Kingsport (R) roster to the Brooklyn roster
- Saturday, August 23 - RHP **Tim Stronach** was transferred from the Brooklyn roster to the St. Lucie (A) roster