



REDS MINOR LEAGUE REPORT

Thursday, May 14, 2009

MINOR LEAGUE NEWS

MALLETT LAYS THE HAMMER DOWN

RHP Justin Mallett (Carolina) last night at Birmingham allowed just 2 runs on 7 hits over a career-high 7.2 innings (0bb, 5k)...despite the fine outing, Carolina could muster just 1 run on 5 hits and lost, 2-1.

FAIRELY WELL

LHP Matt Fairrel (Dayton) last night vs. West Michigan fanned 13 batters over 6.0 innings as the Dragons defeated the WhiteCaps, 2-1...Fairrel's 13 strikeouts were 1 off the club record...he leads the Midwest League with 49 punchouts...Along with Fairrel's 13k, reliever **RHP Mace Thurman** struck out 7 over 3.0 innings to give the Dragons a new single-game record of 20 strikeouts.

LEAGUE LEADERS

International League

OF Drew Stubbs (.330ba-9th, 11sb-3rd, 13 doubles-T1st)...**OF Jonny Gomes** (7HR-T3rd, .546 slugging-5th)...**OF Norris Hopper** (3 triples-T2nd)

Southern League

OF Chris Heisey (.374ba-3rd, 43h-3rd, 12 doubles-T3rd, .471obp-1st, .626 slugging-1st, 18xbh-T1st, 25r-T3rd)...**LHP Travis Wood** (1.36era-2nd, 39.2ip-T2nd)...**OF Todd Frazier** (15 doubles - 1st)

Florida State League

1b Yonder Alonso (29rbi-1st)

Midwest League

LHP Matt Fairrel (49k-1st, 37.1ip-5th)

OVERALL STANDINGS

TEAM	1ST HALF		2ND HALF		OVERALL	
	W-L	Place	W-L	Place	W-L	WIN% GB
Louisville	18-15	1st	-	-	18-15	.545 +3.0
Carolina	13-20	T4th	-	-	13-20	.394 -4.0
Sarasota	12-19	5th	-	-	12-19	.387 -8.0
Dayton	9-23	6th	-	-	9-23	.281 -12.5
Billings	-	-	-	-	-	-
GCL Reds	-	-	-	-	-	-

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International League (AAA)

LOUISVILLE BATs

Manager: Rick Sweet

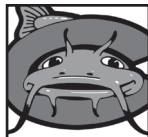
LAST GAME (WEDNESDAY): Louisville 3
Durham 4

NEXT GAME (TONIGHT): at Durham (Rays), 7:05pm
Game 3 of a 4-game series (1-1)

Probable Pitcher:

RHP Daryl Thompson (1-2, 6.23, 4gs)

The Bats had their 4-game winning streak snapped...**RHP Homer Bailey** (3-4) started for Louisville and allowed 4 runs on 6 hits in 6.0 innings (0bb, 4k, 1hb, 2hr)...Bailey retired his first 12 batters...**RHP Robert Manuel** pitched 2.0 scoreless/hitless innings of relief (1bb, 1k)...The Bats scored all 3 of their runs in the 4th inning...**RF Wes Bankston** and **1b Danny Dorn** both had a hit and an RBI...**3b Drew Sutton** went 1-for-2 with a double, 2 walks and a run scored.



Southern League (AA)

CAROLINA MUDCATs

Manager: David Bell

LAST GAME (WEDNESDAY): Carolina 1
Birmingham 2

NEXT GAME (TONIGHT): at Birmingham (WSox), 7:05pm
Game 4 of a 5-game series (1-2)

Probable Pitcher:

RHP Jordan Smith (2-0, 3.27, 4gs)

RHP Justin Mallett (0-2) started for Carolina and suffered the loss despite allowing just 2 runs on 7 hits over 7.2 innings (0bb, 5k)...The Carolina offense couldn't do much for Mallett, scoring 1 run on 5 hits - 3 of those hits from **LF Michael Griffin** (3-for-3, double).



Florida State League (A)

SARASOTA REDs

Manager: Joe Ayrault

LAST GAME (WEDNESDAY): Sarasota
Ft. Myers *RAIN*

NEXT GAME (TONIGHT): at Ft. Myers (Twins), 7:05pm
Game 3 of a 3-game series (1-1)

Probable Pitcher:

LHP Jeremy Horst (1-3, 2.78, 6gs)

Rain suspended Sarasota's game at Ft. Myers in the top of the first inning with 2 outs and runners on first and second with a 3-2 count on **Alex Buchholz**...the game will be continued at a later date.



Midwest League (A)

DAYTON DRAGONS

Manager: Todd Benzinger

LAST GAME (WEDNESDAY): West Michigan 1
Dayton 2

NEXT GAME (TONIGHT): vs West Michigan (Tigers), 7p
Game 3 of a 4-game series (1-1)

Probable Pitcher:

RHP Josh Ravin (1-3, 4.99, 6gs)

LHP Matt Fairrel struck out 13 batters over 6.0 innings, and allowed just 1 run (1hr) on 4 hits with a walk and a hit batsman...his 13 strikeouts were 1 off the club record...Fairrel has had double-digit strikeouts in 3 of his 7 starts and leads the Midwest League with 49k...**RHP Mace Thurman** (2-0) picked up the win with 3.0 scoreless innings of relief (1h, 7k, 1hb)...The Dragons scored 2 runs on 9 hits (4 doubles)...**DH Jose Gualdrón** went 3-for-3 with 2 doubles and a home run (#1)...**2b Cody Puckett** went 2-for-4 with 2 doubles and a run scored.



Pioneer League (R)

BILLINGS MUSTANGs

Manager: Julio Garcia

LAST GAME : Great Falls (White Sox)
vs Billings

NEXT GAME (6/23/09): vs Great Falls, 7:05p
Game 1 of a 3-game series (0-0)

Probable Pitcher:

RHP C.C. DeVille (5-14, 19.62)

On June 23rd the Billings Mustangs will begin their 36th season as a Reds affiliate when they host Great Falls at Dehler Park...The Ponies will once again be managed by **Julio Garcia**, who last season earned Pioneer League Manager of the Year honors when his Mustangs won both half division titles and finished with a 42-32 overall record...Garcia is also known as the copy machine wizard in Sarasota during Spring Training...Garcia's staff will include 2 first-time professional coaches/long-time major league veterans **Bob Forsch** (pitching coach) and **Delino DeShields** (hitting coach).



Gulf Coast League (R)

GCL REDs

Manager: Pat Kelly

LAST GAME: GCL Orioles
vs GCL Reds

NEXT GAME (6/23/09): vs GCL Orioles
Game 1

Probable Pitcher:

RHP Cate Blanchett (5-14, 19.69)

The Gulf Coast League Reds open their season on June 23rd against the dreaded GCL Orioles...**Pat Kelly** will begin his third season as the Reds' skipper and director of Florida on-field operations...he also serves as the minor leagues' catching coordinator...joining Kelly's 2009 staff will be hitting coach **Alex Pelaez**.