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## IN THE CLUBHOUSE: REID WILLETT

### *Tornadoes starting pitcher finds success by coming close to home*

Players in independent baseball come from a variety of diverse backgrounds. Some played baseball in college, others were drafted out of high school. Some grew up right around the corner, while others are from across the country or the world.

But nearly all of them have something in common: They have felt the exhilaration of playing for a major league organization, and then the disappointment of being let go. Tornadoes starting pitcher Reid Willett is no exception.

Reid was drafted by the Chicago Cubs in the 21st round of the 2003 draft out of the University of Rhode Island.

"You hope for it, but you never want to say that you expected it," Reid said about being drafted. He knew the Cubs had been interested, but so were the Astros, Giants, Expos, and Rockies.

"You never know where you're gonna go," Reid added. "You just want a shot."

Though he grew up in Nashua, New Hampshire, Reid felt a special kinship with his new Cubs brethren. "Being a Red Sox fan, I knew of their curse too," he said, referring to the nearly 100 years the Cubs have gone since their last World Series title.

Reid spent a season and a half pitching for the Boise Hawks and Lansing Lugnuts. But in late 2004, a glut of pitchers and a lack of playing time made the writing on the wall rather apparent. Following the season, he got the phone call advising him that Chicago would let him go.

"I thanked them for giving me the shot," Reid recalls. "There were no grudges. It's a business."

He then got down to the business of finding a new place to play. After reaching out to major league organizations—and getting a tryout with the Red Sox—he set his sights on independent baseball. He was familiar with the Atlantic League because of his hometown Nashua Pride, so indy

ball was nothing new to him. The Golden Baseball League and the Frontier League showed interest but, given the choice, Reid wanted to stay closer to home. That was when he heard Worcester would be getting a team.

"I heard Rich Gedman would be the manager, a catcher with experience who could help me with the mental part of the game," said Reid. "When I found out Bob Ojeda would be the pitching coach, how could it get any better?"

Reid was also intrigued by the fact that the Tornadoes would be a new team, so there wasn't a core group of players he would have to fight through to get playing time. Being new, though, meant that players had to get to know their teammates... and quickly. That happened during training camp.

"Camp was tough at first," remembered Reid. "But the hardships helped us come together as a team."

In camp it became apparent that the Tornadoes would be based on speed and defense. Add strong pitching to the mix, said Reid, and the team would be competitive no matter what.

That's where Reid came in.

He had worked during the off-season on throwing more strikes, becoming comfortable with hitters putting the ball in play. Knowing he has a strong fielding team behind him only increased that confidence, and

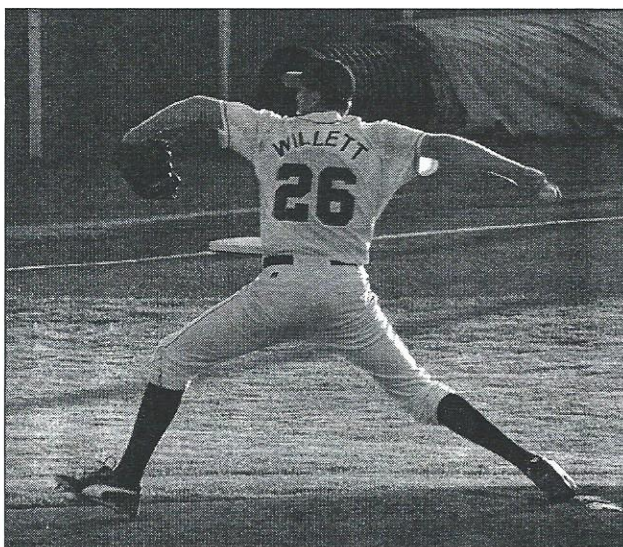
it's been apparent all season.

Reid has set career bests in wins, ERA, innings pitched, strikeouts, and is displaying better control than ever. He is also among the league leaders in wins and was the winning pitcher on July 11, when the Tornadoes clinched the South Division title for the first half.

With a playoff spot locked up, the burning question in Central Massachusetts is, what are the team's prospects in the post-season. Reid answered with the same confidence he has shown on the mound all season long.

"There's no team in the league we're afraid of," he said. "And I don't know if they're afraid of us."

"But they should be."



**New approach inspires confidence, produces results**

Reid Willett is throwing strikes, leading to career bests in wins and ERA and a confident aura heading into the playoffs



## ON THE ROAD

Worcester returns home to kick off a long homestand following a trip north of the border

On Thursday, August 18, the Tornadoes closed out a nine-game, eleven-day homestand with an 8-1 record. Worcester had climbed to within 2-1/2 games of the division-leading New Haven County Cutters as the Tornadoes attempted to sweep both halves in their inaugural season. The next stop on that road was a weekend trip to Elmira, home of the last-place Pioneers.

The series opened as expected, with the Tornadoes powering to a 9-2 victory over the Pioneers on Friday night. Worcester jumped out of the gates with a run in the first inning off of loser Ryan Dittfurth, then added four more in the fourth to take a 5-0 lead. Meanwhile, Tornadoes starter Reid Willett kept the Pioneers bats quiet, pitching four innings of no-hit ball. Though Elmira managed to break up the no-hit bid and push two runs across in the fifth, Worcester retaliated with a pair in the top of the sixth inning. Andy Brown closed out the scoring in the eighth with a two-run homer, his 19th of the season. Willett earned the win by going seven innings and giving up just the two runs on three hits and a pair of walks, striking out six. Chris Shank pitched two perfect innings to close out the game. Omar Pena was the star at the plate, going 3-for-3 with a walk, two runs scored and two stolen bases. Brown drove in four runs with a 2-for-5 night, and Alex

Nunez contributed a pair of hits.

But that was as good as the series would get. The Tornadoes dropped a 7-6, 11-inning see-saw battle on Saturday night, one that saw the Pioneers steal a record nine bases. Worcester jumped out to a 1-0 lead courtesy of a Lucas Taylor RBI single in the second inning, but saw that lead evaporate as Elmira scored two runs each in the third and fourth innings off Alex Pena. The Tornadoes stormed back to tie the game with three in the seventh and took a momentary 5-4 lead in the eighth before the Pioneers tied the game again. The game remained tied into the eleventh inning, when Worcester took the lead on a wild pitch. But closer David Byard couldn't hang on to the advantage, struggling in the home half of the inning and allowing a pair of runs for the Pioneers victory.

Sunday afternoon's game proved to have fewer fireworks but no less drama. Starters Junior Guerrero and Brian Ford battled in the New York heat, with each of them going the distance. The only difference was a second-inning solo homer by Elmira first baseman Jabe Bergeron, the deciding run in the Pioneers 1-0 victory. Guerrero went eight innings, giving up five hits, no walks and striking out three. He was outdueled by Ford, who gave up six hits and struck out five, also walking none in nine innings.

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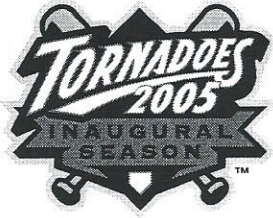
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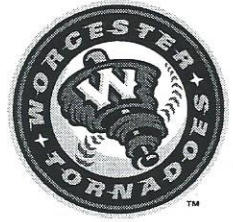






## 2005 Worcester Tornadoes Roster

Effective August 26, 2005



#	Pitchers	Ht	Wt	B/T	Birth Date	Residence	Last Club	Status
23	Byard, Dave	6'3"	220	B/R	6/1/78	Marengo, OH	Binghamton Mets (Eastern League)	LS-4
14	Cox, Mike	5'11"	205	L/L	11/3/78	Pasadena, TX	St. Lucie Mets (Florida State League)	Veteran
27	Guerrero, Junior	6'3"	210	R/R	8/21/77	Dorchester, MA	Wilmington Blue Rocks (Carolina League)	Veteran
34	Mahan, Dallas	6'4"	205	L/L	12/10/77	Greeley, CO	Sioux City Explorers (Northern League)	LS-5
25	McCall, Derell	6'3"	215	R/R	9/22/81	Cantonment, FL	Pensacola Pelicans (Central League)	LS-3
22	Montalbano, Greg	6'2"	180	L/L	8/24/77	Westboro, MA	Portland Sea Dogs (Eastern League)	LS-1
31	Palazzolo, Steve	6'10"	260	R/R	3/31/82	North Reading, MA	Florence Freedom (Frontier League)	Rookie
30	Pena, Alex	6'2"	215	R/R	9/9/76	New York, NY	Aces (Northeast League)	LS-2
36	Pena, Eddie	6'4"	200	R/R	6/18/83	Miami, FL	Georgetown University (NCAA Div. I)	Rookie
21	Shank, Chris	6'2"	185	R/R	1/31/81	Westminster, MA	Stockton Ports (California League)	LS-3
26	Willett, Reid	6'6"	220	R/R	3/25/82	Newport, RI	Boise Hawks (Northwest League)	LS-2
#	Catchers	Ht	Wt	B/T	Birth Date	Residence	Last Club	Status
38	Reynoso, Danilo	5'11"	205	R/R	4/5/82	San Cristobal, D.R.	Brooklyn Cyclones (New York-Penn League)	LS-3
18*	Vaccaro, Matt	6'4"	220	R/R	11/24/82	Shrewsbury, MA	Framingham State College (NCAA Div. III)	Rookie
28	Valera, Yohanny	6'1"	220	R/R	8/17/76	Virginia Beach, VA	Aces (Northeast League)	Veteran
#	Infielders	Ht	Wt	B/T	Birth Date	Residence	Last Club	Status
20	Colabello, Chris	6'4"	210	R/R	10/24/83	Milford, MA	Assumption College (NCAA Div. II)	Rookie
11	Nunez, Alex	5'9"	180	L/R	4/30/81	Valencia, Venezuela	Batavia Muckdogs (New York-Penn League)	LS-1
7	Loiseau, Scott	6'0"	185	R/R	11/19/80	Worcester, MA	Franklin Pierce College (NCAA Div. II)	Rookie
6	Pena, Omar	5'11"	175	R/R	3/2/82	Haverhill, MA	Palm Beach Cardinals (Florida State League)	LS-2
24	Strong, Zach	6'3"	200	B/R	6/3/81	Olympia, WA	Hagerstown Suns (South Atlantic League)	LS-2
#	Outfielders	Ht	Wt	B/T	Birth Date	Residence	Last Club	Status
8	Beauregard, Josh	6'0"	195	L/R	3/7/81	Tierre Verde, FL	AZL Athletics (Arizona League)	LS-1
3	Beauregard, Keith	5'11"	175	L/L	5/15/83	Leominster, MA	Saint Anselm College (NCAA Div. II)	Rookie
33	Brown, Andy	6'6"	210	L/L	4/14/80	Tampa, FL	Swing of the Quad Cities (Midwest League)	LS-4
29*	De Los Santos, Alex	6'2"	205	R/R	12/8/82	Worcester, MA	Quinsigamond Community College (NJCAA)	Rookie
9	Taylor, Lucas	6'0"	180	R/R	6/18/80	Keyser, WV	North Shore Spirit (Northeast League)	LS-1

\* Indicates player is on the Disabled List

10	Gedman, Rich	Manager
2	Gallagher, Ed	Bench Coach
32	Glinkski, Barry	Hitting Coach
19	Ojeda, Bob	Pitching Coach
16	Plante, Chip	Coach
5	Smith, Dave	Third Base Coach



## Worcester Tornadoes Statistics

*Through August 26, 2005*



PLAYER	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB	CS	SLG	OBP	E
*Beauregard, Josh,OF	.297	82	340	77	101	26	3	9	54	43	56	24	9	.471	.379	2
*Beauregard, Keith,OF	.345	31	110	19	38	10	0	3	22	13	23	5	1	.518	.429	2
*Brown, Andy,OF	.286	69	262	58	75	12	1	19	55	39	71	5	3	.557	.377	4
Colabello, Chris,1B	.306	43	144	19	44	7	0	7	26	23	27	2	0	.500	.412	5
De Los Santos, Alex,OF	.225	42	120	14	27	5	0	2	8	13	41	3	1	.317	.314	1
Loiseau, Scott,3B	.171	42	123	10	21	0	0	0	5	3	27	2	0	.171	.197	7
*Nunez, Alex,2B	.331	81	281	46	93	9	3	5	33	34	32	10	5	.438	.410	12
Pena, Omar,SS	.285	81	319	59	91	19	1	14	55	32	67	17	5	.483	.357	23
Reynoso, Danilo,C	.199	54	181	26	36	9	0	9	26	21	56	1	1	.398	.284	4
#Strong, Zach,3B	.262	82	313	43	82	16	4	6	47	35	70	10	5	.396	.341	12
Taylor, Lucas,OF	.279	82	280	41	78	4	2	1	29	26	48	34	16	.318	.361	3
Valera, Yohanny,C	.310	79	303	52	94	14	3	15	60	39	54	4	5	.525	.393	5
All Others	.154		39	2	6	1	0	0	5	5	11	0	0	.179	.244	24

Total-All Batters	.279		2815		786		17		425		583		51		.361	
				466	132		90		326		117			.434		104

PITCHER	W-L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	HR	HB	BB	SO	WP	OPP AVG
Byard, David	3-3	3.26	31	0	0	0	12	38.2	28	14	14	0	2	37	35	3	.209
*Cox, Mike	4-4	5.32	18	11	0	0	0	64.1	58	46	38	3	7	52	80	9	.244
Guerrero, Junior	5-3	4.01	16	16	1	0	0	92.0	88	47	41	9	5	46	54	9	.257
*Mahan, Dallas	3-2	4.39	27	0	0	0	2	41.0	46	26	20	4	7	9	35	2	.279
McCall, Derell	5-6	5.80	18	15	1	0	0	85.1	107	62	55	17	3	21	48	5	.301
*Montalbano, Greg	2-2	3.15	13	0	0	0	0	20.0	15	8	7	2	0	6	24	2	.205
Palazzolo, Steve	2-1	2.79	27	0	0	0	3	48.1	42	20	15	3	2	20	34	4	.240
Pena, Alex	5-3	3.49	17	14	2	1	0	85.0	75	36	33	8	5	32	88	5	.238
Pena, Eddie	2-2	4.65	28	0	0	0	0	60.0	65	37	31	6	7	17	54	3	.275
Shank, Chris	2-3	5.26	24	7	0	0	2	63.1	60	39	37	11	3	17	54	8	.245
Willett, Reid	10-4	3.73	16	14	1	0	0	91.2	89	44	38	7	4	19	59	5	.259
All Others	4-3	6.95	18	6	0	0	0	45.1	63	39	35	5	1	22	23	4	.337

Total-All Pitchers	47-36	4.46		83		3		735.0		418		75		298		59	
					5		19		736		364		46		588		.262



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# New Haven County Cutters Statistics

Through August 26, 2005



PLAYER	AVG	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB	CS	SLG	OBP	E
*Anderson, Keto,OF	.287	82	349	74	100	16	5	4	35	35	30	17	7	.395	.357	4
Brooks, Jeff,DH	.319	73	288	37	92	21	1	9	60	15	50	0	0	.493	.361	12
Encarnacion, Orlando,OF	.258	67	209	30	54	7	1	2	26	22	44	2	0	.330	.342	5
Gibson, Derrick,OF	.329	69	258	56	85	21	0	12	58	45	46	11	3	.550	.437	4
Hiter, Nick,C	.225	33	111	15	25	8	0	2	16	13	38	0	0	.351	.302	2
Larned, Andy,C	.231	64	229	22	53	4	1	1	27	32	52	2	1	.271	.326	5
Larosa, Mike,2B	.299	57	184	25	55	9	1	0	19	17	37	3	1	.359	.361	13
*Peavey, Bill,1B	.334	83	329	55	110	16	0	14	67	32	39	0	0	.511	.405	4
Plumsky, R.T.,OF	.211	10	19	4	4	2	0	0	1	1	9	0	0	.316	.250	0
Stegbauer, Keith,3B	.273	60	183	26	50	4	1	1	20	14	45	2	3	.322	.325	16
Terni, Chas,SS	.254	77	307	43	78	15	3	5	39	22	77	0	1	.371	.319	22
Zamora, Junior,3B	.435	16	62	10	27	7	2	1	16	4	11	0	0	.661	.470	1
All Others	.239		343	59	82	10	0	3	33	54	70	3	2	.294	.345	14

Total-All Batters	.284		2871		815		15		417		548		18		.359	
				456		140		54		306		40		.400		102

PITCHER	W-L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	HR	HB	BB	SO	WP	OPP
2 Comolli, Mark	2-2	3.60	15	1	0	0	6	25.0	25	11	10	1	1	8	19	2	.275
T Comolli, Mark	3-5	3.86	28	1	0	0	7	42.0	50	25	18	1	1	17	28	2	.311
Espinal, Willy	1-2	5.32	19	0	0	0	2	23.2	24	14	14	2	3	10	21	2	.261
Hall, Courtney	5-3	4.04	18	13	0	0	0	82.1	102	53	37	3	4	35	46	9	.309
Keinath, Tim	3-7	5.79	16	16	1	0	0	93.1	102	63	60	12	4	41	57	4	.279
Minaya, Edwin	2-0	0.84	2	1	0	0	0	10.2	10	2	1	0	1	7	1	0	.256
*Nikolic, Adam	0-0	0.00	4	0	0	0	0	7.0	3	0	0	0	1	4	10	1	.136
Stawarz, Jarrett	8-6	4.33	23	10	1	1	0	79.0	90	47	38	7	14	30	61	3	.291
*Valles, Rolando	8-6	3.76	17	17	3	1	0	117.1	136	57	49	8	5	27	80	0	.289
Vasquez, Tim	1-1	4.88	23	0	0	0	1	31.1	26	18	17	6	4	14	32	2	.226
Weimer, Andrew	2-2	3.92	31	0	0	0	3	41.1	48	31	18	3	1	14	31	1	.276
2*Whitworth, Brad	4-3	4.22	10	10	1	1	0	59.2	67	38	28	5	1	21	41	2	.291
T*Whitworth, Brad	6-5	4.40	15	15	1	1	0	92.0	103	55	45	8	2	29	67	3	.289
All Others	5-10	6.90	58	15	0	0	1	147.1	205	131	113	15	5	53	86	17	.326
Total-All Pitchers	41-42	4.83		83		4		718.0		465		62		264		43	
					6		13		838		385		44		485		.292

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#	Pitchers	Ht	Wt	B/T	Birth Date	Residence	Last Club	Status
36	Comolli, Mark	6'0"	210	R/R	3/11/79	Salisbury, MD	Bakersfield Blaze (California League)	LS-4
26	Espinal, Willy	6'1"	185	R/R	12/8/82	Bloomfield, NJ	Spokane Indians (Northwest League)	LS-3
40	Hall, Courtney	6'5"	220	R/R	2/13/79	Edmonds, WA	Mid Missouri Mavericks (Frontier League)	LS-1
17	Keinath, Tim	6'5"	220	R/R	4/13/79	Westbury, NY	New Haven County Cutters (Northeast League)	LS-1
25	Minaya, Edwin	6'2"	210	R/R	6/20/76	Bronx, NY	Hiroshima Carp (Japanese Central League)	Veteran
13	Stawarz, Jarrett	6'3"	200	L/R	4/14/81	Burlington, CT	University of Hartford (NCAA Div. I)	Rookie
23#	Tomsu, Josh	6'4"	215	R/R	4/3/80	San Antonio, TX	Rockford RiverHawks (Frontier League)	LS-1
28	Valles, Rolando	6'4"	191	L/L	7/27/79	Kissimmee, FL	Amarillo Dillas (Central League)	LS-5
24	Vasquez, Tim	6'1"	195	R/R	8/18/78	Flagstaff, AZ	Edinburg Roadrunners (Central League)	LS-2
12	Weimer, Andy	6'2"	190	R/R	3/20/81	New Hartford, NY	Hudson Valley Renegades (NY-Penn League)	LS-2
27	Whitworth, Brad	6'2"	180	L/L	5/11/78	Centennial, CO	New Jersey Jackals (Northeast League)	LS-2
#	Catchers	Ht	Wt	B/T	Birth Date	Residence	Last Club	Status
15	Hiter, Nick	6'1"	210	R/R	11/4/80	Nashville, TN	New Haven County Cutters (Northeast League)	Rookie
8	Larned, Andy	6'0"	190	R/R	11/13/75	Concord, OH	Winnipeg Goldeyes (Northern League)	LS-4
#	Infielders	Ht	Wt	B/T	Birth Date	Residence	Last Club	Status
38	Brooks, Jeff	6'4"	240	R/R	9/4/79	Lancaster, PA	New Haven County Cutters (Northeast League)	LS-4
16	LaRosa, Mike	6'0"	190	R/R	6/29/83	Exton, PA	West Chester University (NCAA Div. II)	Rookie
39	Peavey, Bill	6'4"	250	L/L	1/16/79	Brisbane, CA	Lake County Captains (South Atlantic League)	LS-3
18#	Smith, Marshall	5'10"	185	L/R	1/18/81	Macon, GA	Willamsport Crosscutters (NY-Penn League)	LS-1
4	Stegbauer, Keith	6'0"	185	R/R	5/2/81	New Britain, CT	Florence Freedom (Frontier League)	Rookie
9	Terni, Chas	5'10"	170	R/R	10/1/78	Uncasville, CT	St. Paul Saints (Northern League)	Veteran
30*	Zaomra, Junior	6'2"	210	R/R	5/3/76	Church Hill, TN	Round Rock Express (Texas League)	Veteran
#	Outfielders	Ht	Wt	B/T	Birth Date	Residence	Last Club	Status
20	Anderson, Keto	6'0"	195	L/R	2/12/79	Prattville, AL	Shreveport Sports (Central League)	LS-4
29	Encarnacion, Orlando	6'0"	220	R/R	3/1/79	Bronx, NY	New Haven County Cutters (Northeast League)	LS-3
37	Gibson, Derrick	6'3"	260	R/R	2/5/75	Winter Haven, FL	Arkansas Travelers (Texas League)	Veteran
18	Nikolic, Adam	5'9"	190	L/L	9/16/81	Wappingers Falls, NY	Hudson Valley Renegades (NY-Penn League)	LS-2
30#	O'Keefe, Mike	5'10"	205	L/L	6/28/78	Hamden, CT	Portland Sea Dogs (Eastern League)	Veteran
10	Plumsky, R.T.	6'2"	200	R/R	1/19/84	Newark, DE	GCL Phillies (Gulf Coast League)	Rookie

\* Indicates player is on the Disabled List

# Indicates player is on the Inactive List

Church, Mike      Manager  
 Etler, Todd      Pitching Coach  
 Walker, Andy      Hitting Coach



*South Division***Elmira Pioneers (2-4 last week, 11-22 overall)**

As teams enter the home stretch, jockeying for possible playoff spots, it's clear that the Elmira Pioneers will be relegated to the role of spoiler. And that is what the Pioneers tried to do last week against a pair of South Division rivals, losing all three against the New Jersey Jackals, then stealing a pair from the Tornadoes. Brian Ford's season continued to improve, as he tossed a complete-game shutout against Worcester on Sunday. It was the Pioneers first complete-game shutout of the season, and amazingly it came in just his fifth start of the campaign. Outfielder Jason Tuttle also continues to have a strong season. Along with an average over .300, Tuttle has moved into the top five with 25 steals, having been caught just three times.

*This Week:* August 23 to 25 vs. the Grays, 26 to 28 vs. Quebec.

**New Haven County Cutters (4-2, 21-12)**

If fans hadn't done so already, it's time to stop calling the New Haven County Cutters' performance in the second half a fluke and start the call them contenders. The Cutters grabbed two of three from each of the North Shore Spirit and the Jackals, giving them the Can-Am League's second-best record in the second half. They also

extended their lead in the South Division to 3-1/2 games over the Tornadoes and 6 games over New Jersey entering this week. Coming up this week, though, is a huge three-game series in Worcester; the two teams also close out the regular season with a four-game set at Yale Field. RBI machine Bill Peavey continues on one of the season's most remarkable streaks: He has reached base by hit or walk in 48 consecutive games. The last time he was kept off the board was a June 28 game in Elmira.

*This Week:* August 23 to 25 vs. Brockton, 26 to 28 at WORCESTER.

**New Jersey Jackals (4-2, 15-18)**

The Jackals franchise has become quite accustomed to winning; they were, after all, Northeast League champions in 2004. So being in third place this late in the season without an invitation to the playoffs has forced New Jersey into drastic roster changes, like bringing in Izzy Alcantara for an ill-fated one-week test drive recently. Of late, the Jackals have also picked up Marty Janzen, he of the league's seventh-best ERA. Over the weekend the Jackals signed former big leaguer and first-round draft pick Benji Gil.

*This Week:* August 23 to 25 at North Shore, 16 to 28 vs. Brockton.

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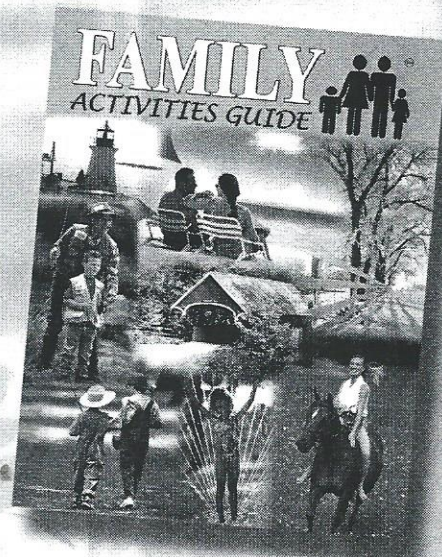
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### **North Division**

#### **Brockton Rox (3-3, 22-9)**

The Rox retained their 2-1/2 game lead over the North Shore Spirit in the North Division by going .500 for the week, though that included dropping two of three to the Spirit. Brockton opened the week by taking two games in a three-game series against the first-half division champion Quebec Capitales. Matt Cucurullo has seen his average climb to .343, the league's fourth-best mark. Ironically, he is still behind league leader and former teammate Saul Bustos, who retired during the All-Star break. Bustos left with a .364 average and racked up enough plate appearances to still qualify for the league leaders.

*This Week:* August 23 to 25 at New Haven, 26 to 28 at New Jersey.

#### **Grays (1-5, 5-26)**

The unhappy story that is the Grays' second half continued with a three-game sweep at the hands of the Tornadoes before grabbing one win in three games at Quebec. The Grays losing streak ran to ten games before picking up the first game of a doubleheader against the Capitales on Sunday. Gone to New Jersey are All-Stars Randy Rapp and Francisco LeBron, making a rebound that much less likely. But Brad Hargreaves continues his remarkable season behind the plate. Hargreaves has

appeared at catcher in all 77 games this season for the Grays, even catching both ends doubleheaders.

*This Week:* August 23 to 25 at Elmira, 26 to 28 at North Shore.

#### **North Shore Spirit (3-3, 20-12)**

North Shore kept pace with the Rox this week, including taking two of three from Brockton after losing two of three in New Haven. Leading the way for the Spirit is first baseman Vic Davilla, now second in the league with 74 RBI. His average has surged to .329 by batting .434 with 26 RBI in 18 August games entering the week. Bryan Morse remains at the fore of the pitching staff, leading the league with a 12-2 record and 2.64 ERA.

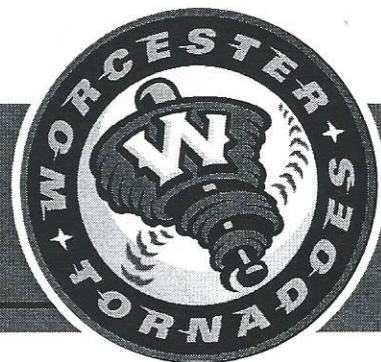
*This Week:* August 23 to 25 vs. New Jersey, 26 to 28 vs. the Grays.

#### **Quebec Capitales (3-3, 17-14)**

The Capitales continued to coast towards the playoffs, giving two of three to Brockton before winning a pair versus the Grays. Quebec made a questionable move last week, waiving veteran pitcher Marty Janzen. Janzen was quickly claimed by the Jackals. Still, the heart of Quebec's post-season hopes is Eddie Lantigua, who continues to tear apart Can-Am pitching. He leads the league with 26 homers and a remarkable 98 RBI in just 76 games.

*This Week:* August 22 to 25 at WORCESTER, 26 to 28 at Elmira.

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