

# 2018 AKRON RUBBERDUCKS GAME NOTES

Trenton Thunder (3-4) vs. Akron RubberDucks (4-3)

New York Yankees                      Cleveland Indians

Game 8 • Friday, April 13, 2018 • 6:35 p.m.

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## Today's Starting Pitchers:

Fri. 4/13, 6:35 p.m. vs. Trenton:                      Akron: RHP Michael Peoples (0-1, 4.50)                      Trenton: LHP Justus Sheffield (0-1, 6.23)

## Upcoming Games and Pitching Probables (subject to change):

Sat. 4/14, 2:00 p.m. vs. Trenton:                      Akron: LHP Sean Brady (0-1, 6.23)                      Trenton: RHP Dillon Tate (1-0, 1.50)  
Sun. 4/15, 2:00 p.m. vs. Trenton:                      Akron: RHP Shao-Ching Chiang (1-0, 0.00)                      Trenton: RHP Will Carter (0-0, 3.96)  
Mon. 4/16, 6:35 p.m. vs. Altoona:                      Akron: RHP Shane Bieber (1-0, 0.00)                      Altoona: LHP Taylor Hearn (0-0, 0.00)  
Tue. 4/17, 6:35 p.m. vs. Altoona:                      Akron: RHP Aaron Civale (1-0, 0.93)                      Altoona: RHP J.T. Brubaker (0-1, 2.70)

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## RubberDucks News and Notes:

### Last Time Out

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### Where We Stand

At 4-3, the RubberDucks are tied for 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the EL West, one game behind first-place Bowie.

### The RubberDucks...

- have won three straight games.
- went 4-3 on the season-opening road trip to Altoona and Binghamton.
- have allowed just one unearned run over the last 20 innings.

### Player Notes

- 2B Mark Mathias** is 5-11 in the Binghamton series, with a 2B, 3B and three RBI.
- 3B Sam Haggerty** sat out Wednesday but finished 6-23 (.261) on the road trip with three doubles, four RBI and three steals.
- C Sicnarf Loopstok** collected four of his five RBI on the trip against the Rumble Ponies, including his first AA homer.

### About the Opposition

Trenton is the Double-A affiliate of the New York Yankees. The Thunder are managed by former Cleveland Indians shortstop Jay Bell, who also won a National League Gold Glove award while with the Pittsburgh Pirates. Bell was a member of the World Series champion Arizona Diamondbacks in 2001 and scored the game-winning run against his current employer, the Yankees, in Game 7. Trenton and Akron have met in the Eastern League Championship Series four times with the Thunder winning in '07 and '08, and Akron prevailing in '12 and '16.

### Transaction Wire

No transactions involving the RubberDucks have been announced by the Cleveland Indians today.

### On Deck

The RubberDucks and Thunder will play the middle game of the series on Saturday afternoon at 2:00. After the series finale on Sunday afternoon at 2:00, Altoona visits for a four-game set Monday through Thursday, all of which will be 6:35 p.m. starts.

## **Akron Baseball: A Winning Tradition**

This is the 30<sup>th</sup> season of Double-A baseball in Northeast Ohio, and the 22<sup>nd</sup> in downtown Akron. The franchise began as the **Canton-Akron Indians** in 1989, and then moved to Canal Park in Akron as the **Aeros** in 1997. Known as the **RubberDucks** since 2014, Akron has qualified for the Eastern League playoffs 16 times overall, and 10 of the last 16 years. The team has captured **five Eastern League titles**—2003, 2005, 2009, 2012 and 2016. Notable alumni of the franchise include Jaret Wright, Victor Martinez, CC Sabathia, Grady Sizemore, Charles Nagy, Cliff Lee, Jhonny Peralta, Danny Salazar, Jose Ramirez, Roberto Perez, Francisco Lindor, Giovanny Urshela, Tyler Naquin and Bradley Zimmer.

## Last Game Recap **RubberDucks 4 Rumble Ponies 0...Wednesday, 4/11/18**

### **Summary**

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### **Turning Point**

The RubberDucks (4-3) scored all four runs and collected all four of their hits in the second inning against Ponies starter Daniel Zamora (0-1). With one out and the bases loaded, Loopstok grounded a sharp single into left field to give Akron a 2-0 lead. A passed ball allowed Joe Sever to cross the plate for a 3-0 lead, and then, with two outs, Ka'ai Tom launched a run-scoring triple off the right field wall to cap the scoring and hand the RubberDucks a 4-0 lead.

### **Mound Presence**

Civale (1-0) proved nearly unhittable in his second Double-A start. The 22-year-old right-hander out of East Windsor, Conn, worked six scoreless innings and allowed just three harmless singles, none after the third innings. He walked none and fanned seven. He used his arsenal of cutters, sliders and curves along with a low-90's fastball to baffle the Ponies batters. Of Civale's 85 pitches, 55 were strikes. Rated as the Indians' 14<sup>th</sup> top prospect by Baseball America, Civale retired the final 11 batters he faced. Argenis Angulo, Luke Eubank and Dom DeMasi all chipped a scoreless inning of relief to complete the whitewash.

### **Duck Tales**

Loopstok had four RBI in the series. Andrew Calica had a double in the four-run rally. He later walked in the ninth. Tom hit in the lead-off spot for the first time this season.

### **Notebook**

The win completed a three-game sweep for the Ducks, who also completed a winning road trip...The Rumble Ponies (3-3) did not muster a hit after the third inning...Tim Tebow was 1-3...Game time temperature was 45 degrees...Time of game: 2:19...Attendance: 910.

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## **RubberDucks 2018 Field Staff**

**#6 Tony Mansolino, Manager**—Former minor league infielder Tony Mansolino is in his first season as manager of the Akron RubberDucks. Mansolino, 35, was named the 17<sup>th</sup> manager in franchise history on January 17, 2018. He replaces Mark Budzinski, who was promoted to the major league staff after managing the RubberDucks last season. This season marks Mansolino's third as a manager in the Indians minor league system. A native of Newport Beach, California, and now a resident of Nashville, Tennessee, Mansolino managed the Class-A Lynchburg Hillcats last season. He was named Carolina League "Manager of the Year" after guiding the Hillcats to a stellar 87-42 overall record and a Carolina League co-championship. Mansolino made his managerial debut with the Lake County Captains in 2016. Drafted by the Pirates in the 26<sup>th</sup> round of the 2005 draft out of Vanderbilt University, Mansolino played professionally for six years in the minor leagues and was a career .231 hitter with 19 homers and 173 RBI. In addition to the Pirates organization, he also played in the Phillies minor league system and with three independent clubs before moving into coaching in 2011. He served as the RubberDucks hitting coach in 2015. Mansolino played four years for head coach Tim Corbin at Vandy, including an NCAA tournament appearance in 2004. Mansolino's father, Doug, is the minor league field coordinator for the Phillies.

**#47 Rigo Beltran, Pitching Coach**—After spending the past three seasons as pitching coach at Class-A Lynchburg, former major league left-hander Rigo Beltran will serve as the RubberDucks pitching coach in 2018. Beltran, 48, joined the Indians in 2014, following seven years as a pitching coach in the Reds organization. After being selected in the 26<sup>th</sup> round of the 1991 draft by the St. Louis Cardinals out of the University of Wyoming, Beltran went on to pitch professionally for 16 seasons. He appeared in 78 major league games with the Cardinals, Mets, Rockies and Expos, going a combined 2-3, with a 4.40 ERA. Born in Tijuana, Mexico, and now a resident of Delray Beach, Florida, Beltran served as the pitching coach for Mexico in the 2017 World Baseball Classic.

**#25 Kevin Howard, Hitting Coach**—RubberDucks hitters will have the luxury of getting advice from a College World Series champion this season, as former University of Miami star Kevin Howard will serve as the RubberDucks hitting coach. This will be his fourth season as a hitting coach in the Indians organization. Howard, 36, was a sophomore infielder when the Hurricanes defeated Stanford to win the 2001 college baseball title. The following summer, he was drafted in the 5<sup>th</sup> round by the Reds and went on to play professionally for 10 seasons. Howard slugged 93 homers and drove in 540 runs during his minor league career. He was born in Hinsdale, Illinois, attended high school in Westlake Village, California, and now makes his off-season home in Miami Beach.

**#13 Dennis Malave, Bench Coach**—A fixture in the Indians player development system, Dennis Malave assumes the role of bench coach for the RubberDucks in 2018. Malave, 38, is entering his 14<sup>th</sup> year in the organization. He spent the last seven seasons as a hitting coach for Indians rookie-level players in Goodyear, Arizona. He spent two seasons as a bullpen catcher for the Cleveland Indians from 2007-2008. Malave moved into the coaching ranks after playing in the Tribe system for eight years, starting in 1997 when he was signed as a free agent. A native of Caracas, Venezuela, Malave lives in Goodyear during the off-season.

**Jeremy Heller, Trainer**—The 2018 season mark's Heller's fifth in Akron and his 14<sup>th</sup> overall as a trainer in the Indians organization. He was named Athletic Trainer of the Year in the Eastern League in 2017.

**Paul Synenkyj, Strength and Conditioning Coach**—Now in his 8<sup>th</sup> season in the Indians organization, Paul Synenkyj will oversee the team's strength and conditioning program. Synenkyj holds degrees in physical education from Cleveland State and Akron.

## RubberDucks Starting Pitcher

### #30 Michael Peoples...RHP, 6-5, 195, Age 26 (9/5/91), Resides: Weatherford, TX

- **Last time out: Sat. 4/7 at ALT, 6.0 IP 4 H 3 ER 1 HR 1 BB 5 K (LP in 5-1 loss)**
- Currently 0-1, 4.50 ERA. Making second start of the season. The RubberDucks are 0-1 in his starts.
- Throws sinking fastball, cutter, curve and change-up.
- Making his 133<sup>rd</sup> career appearance, his 96<sup>th</sup> career start, and his 38<sup>th</sup> Akron start.
- 7<sup>th</sup> year pro. Owns a lifetime record of 37-35, 4.12 ERA in the minor leagues (596.2 IP, 273 ER).
- **Recipient of 2016 Bob Feller Award, given by Indians to the organization's Minor League Pitcher of the Year.**
- Finished tied for the EL lead in wins (12) in '16, after going 12-6, 3.68 ERA in 27 starts with the RubberDucks.
- Acquired by Indians in 14<sup>th</sup> round of 2012 draft out of Western Oklahoma State College (Altus, OK).
- Helped Western Oklahoma win the 2011 NJCAA Division II World Series, going 6-1 with a 5.89 ERA and one save.

#### 2018 Season Highlights

- Made first appearance since 7/15/17 in start at ALT, 4/7. Suffered 5-1 loss after working six innings. After opening with five scoreless frames, he served up a three-run HR in the sixth. Walked one and struck out five.

#### 2017 Season Highlights

- Finished 2-5, 5.58 ERA in nine starts with Akron.
- Called up to Triple-A Columbus, 5/9-6/19, and appeared in eight games (seven starts). He was 1-4, 7.15 ERA.
- **Did not pitch after 7/15 due to a right shoulder strain.**
- Weaved six innings and allowed just one run in 6-1 win vs. BOW, 7/2.
- Called up to Columbus, 5/9, and earned 3-2 win at Durham (5.2 IP 2 ER).
- Locked in during masterful performance at REA, 4/19. Allowed just two runs on four hits over 6.2 innings and picked up 12-2 win. Gave up just two hits over his first five innings. Fanned five batters.
- Dealt six innings and allowed only two runs at ALT, 4/13, but walked away empty-handed as Curve rallied late for 3-2 win.
- Made first start of the season 4/8 vs. BOW. Suffered loss, but allowed just two runs in five innings and walked none.

#### 2016 Season Highlights

- Spent all of 2016 with Akron. Finished 12-6 with a 3.68 ERA in a team-high 27 starts in the regular season.
- **Ranked tied for 1<sup>st</sup> in EL in wins (12), 9<sup>th</sup> in ERA (3.68), tied for 2<sup>nd</sup> in starts (27), and 3<sup>rd</sup> in innings pitched (159.0).**
- Took the ball in two post-season starts, going 1-1, 4.15 ERA, including a victory in Game 1 of ELCS vs. TRE, 9/13.
- Made one spot-start for Triple-A Columbus, winning his Triple-A debut on 6/7.
- His 13 combined wins ranked 2<sup>nd</sup> in organization.
- Tossed a career-high 165.0 innings last season.
- Dealt seven strong innings and earned a 6-3 victory vs. TRE in Game 1 of ELCS, 9/13. Allowed three runs and fanned eight.
- Started Game 2 of ELDS at ALT, 9/8. Allowed three runs on nine hits over six innings and absorbed 3-1 loss.

#### Peoples' 2018 Akron Game-By-Game

<u>Date</u>	<u>Opp.</u>	<u>Dec.</u>	<u>Final</u>	<u>IP</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>ER</u>	<u>HR</u>	<u>BB</u>	<u>K</u>	<u>NP-S</u>	<u>ERA</u>	<u>Notable</u>
Sat. 4/7	at ALT	L	5-1 L	6.0	4	3	3	1	1	5	81-56	4.50	Gave up 3-run HR in 6 <sup>th</sup>

## RubberDucks Position Players

**#44 Bobby Bradley—1B** Age 21, Resides: Gulfport, MS, Acq: 3<sup>rd</sup> Rd. '14, College/HS: Harrison Central (MS) HS  
Last Game: 4/11 at BIN, 0-4 Series: 0-8 Last HR: 4/6 at ALT, 2-run (Scioneaux)  
Notes: 5<sup>th</sup> year pro... **2-22 to start the season (1 HR, 2 RBI)**...Ranked #3 Indians prospect by *Baseball America*...Spent entire '17 season with Akron...EL mid-season all-star...Hit .251 with 23 HR's and 89 RBI...His 89 RBI was tied for most in Indians minor league system...Led team with 51 extra-base hits...**Blasted HR's on three consecutive pitches and collected 7 RBI vs. ERI, 6/27...**

**#15 Andrew Calica—OF** Age 24, Resides: Chula Vista, CA, Acq.: 11<sup>th</sup> Rd. '16, College/HS: UC-Santa Barbara  
Last Game: 4/11 at BIN, 1-3, 2B, BB Series: 4-11, 2B, BB, HB, 2 SB Last HR: NA  
Notes: 3<sup>rd</sup> year pro...Spent entire '17 season at Class-A Lynchburg...Hit .274 with six homers and 40 RBI...Finished third in Carolina League in OBP (.368)...Former college teammate of Shane Bieber at UCSB...

**#1 Willi Castro—SS** Age 20, Resides: Santo Domingo, DO, Acq: FA '13, College/HS: NA  
Last Game: 4/11 at BIN, 1-4 Series: 2-11, 2 RBI, BB Last HR: NA  
Notes: 5<sup>th</sup> year pro... Ranked #7 Indians prospect by *Baseball America*...Switch-hitter...Spent entire '17 season at Class-A Lynchburg...Carolina League mid-season and post-season all-star...Hit .290 with 11 HR and 58 RBI for the Hillcats...Member of Indians 40-man roster...

**#8 Sam Haggerty—INF** Age 23, Resides: Denver, CO, Acq.: 24<sup>th</sup> Rd. '15, College/HS: New Mexico  
Last Game: 4/10 at BIN, 0-4, BB Series: 1-9, RBI, BB Last HR: NA  
Notes: 4<sup>th</sup> year pro...Ripped pair of hits and drove in 3 RBI in season opener, 4/5 at ALT...Spent entire '17 season at Class-A Lynchburg...Mid-Season and post-season all-star...Led Carolina League and Indians minor league system with 49 stolen bases (49-62)...Was a Freshman All-American, Academic All-American and First Team All-Mountain West performer at New Mexico...

**#10 Tyler Krieger—OF** Age 24, Resides: Johns Creek, GA, Acq.: 4<sup>th</sup> Rd. '15, College/HS: Clemson  
Last Game: 4/11 at BIN, 0-4 Series: 1-9, SB Last HR: NA  
Notes: 3<sup>rd</sup> year pro...**3-26 to start the season**...Ranked #23 Indians prospect by *Baseball America*...Spent entire '17 season with Akron...Hit .225 with 6 HR's and 43 RBI in 119 games...Smacked inside-the-park homer, 6/16 vs. POR...Played for Israel in '17 WBC.

**#7 Sicnarf Loopstok—C** Age 24, Resides: Altus, Aruba, Acq: 13<sup>th</sup> Rd. '13, College/HS: W. Oklahoma St.  
Last Game: 4/11 at BIN, 1-4, 2 RBI Series: 3-12, HR, 4 RBI Last HR: 4/9 at BIN, 2-run (McGeorge)  
Notes: 6<sup>th</sup> year pro...Spent entire '17 season with Lynchburg...Mid-season and post-season all-star...Hit .249 with 17 HR's and 65 RBI...Sicnarf (SICK-narf) is his father's name, Francis, spelled backward...College teammate of Michael Peoples at Western OK...

**#12 Mark Mathias—INF** Age 23, Resides: Fremont, CA, Acq: 3<sup>rd</sup> Rd. '15, College: Cal Poly  
Last Game: 4/11 at BIN, 0-4 Series: 5-11, 3B, 2B, 3 RBI, BB Last HR: NA  
Notes: 4<sup>th</sup> year pro...Ranked #25 Indians prospect by *Baseball America*...Limited to 35 games in '17 due to left shoulder injury...Hit .212 with one HR and 13 RBI in his abbreviated season with Akron...Has endured major injury to both shoulders in his young career...Won Big West Conference batting title as a sophomore at Cal Poly in '14...

**#27 Taylor Murphy—OF** Age 25, Resides: Solana Beach, CA, Acq: 18<sup>th</sup> Rd. '14, College/HS: Pacific  
Last Game: 4/10 at BIN, 0-4 Series: 2-7, 2B, RBI, SAC Last HR: NA  
Notes: 5<sup>th</sup> year pro...Limited to 25 games with Akron in '17...Suffered torn ligament in right thumb on last day of spring training...Made season debut at REA, 8/4, and smacked two-run HR on first swing of season...

**#2 Dorssys Paulino—OF** Age 23, Resides: Bani, DO, Acq: FA '11, College/HS: NA  
Last Game: 4/11 at BIN, 0-1, 2 BB Series: 1-5, 2 BB Last HR: NA  
Notes: 7<sup>th</sup> year pro...Spent entire '17 season with Akron...Hit .257 with six HR and 37 RBI in 94 games...Landed on DL, 8/2-22 (right wrist sprain)...Battled left-wrist trouble in '16 at Lynchburg.

**#11 Daniel Salters—C** Age 25, Resides: Eufaula, OK, Acq: FA '15, College/HS: Dallas Baptist  
Last Game: 4/9 at BIN, 1-4, RBI Series: 1-4, RBI Last HR: NA  
Notes: 4<sup>th</sup> year pro...Spent most of '17 season at Class-A Lynchburg...Hit .197 with five HR's and 30 RBI...Played at Eastern Oklahoma State JC prior to Dallas Baptist...Liven in Kenya from age 5 to 13 while his parents served as missionaries...

**#9 Joe Sever—INF** Age 27, Resides: San Jose, CA, Acq: 21<sup>st</sup> Rd. '12, College/HS: Pepperdine  
Last Game: 4/11 at BIN, 0-3, BB Series: 1-7, 2B, RBI, BB Last HR: NA  
Notes: 7<sup>th</sup> year pro...Except for two-game call-up to Triple-A Columbus, spent most of '17 season with Akron...Hit .282 with seven HR's and 54 RBI...Tied for 3<sup>rd</sup> in Indians minor league system with 125 total hits...Had three walk-off hits (vs. HFD, 8/3, vs. ALT, 5/4 & 4/22)...Nephew of Pro Football HOF member, John Elway...

**#4 Ka'ai Tom—OF****Age 23, Resides: Kane'ohe, HI, Acq.: 5<sup>th</sup> Rd. '15, College/HS: Kentucky****Last Game:** 4/11 at BIN, 1-4, 3B, RBI**Series:** 1-8, 3B, RBI**Last HR:** N/A**Notes:** 4<sup>th</sup> year pro... Spent entire '17 season at Class-A Lynchburg...Hit .254 with 10 HR's and 65 RBI in 126 games...All-SEC First Team selection at UK as a sophomore in '14...Played back-up QB to Marcus Mariota at Saint Louis H.S. in Honolulu...**RubberDucks Relievers****#34 Argenis Angulo—RHP****Age 24, Resides: Araure, VE, Acq: 19<sup>th</sup> Rd. '14, College/HS: Ranger (TX) College****Throws:** FB, SL, CH**Last Appearance:** Wed. 4/11 at BIN, 1.0 IP 1 K (ND in 4-0 win)**Notes:** 5<sup>th</sup> year pro...0-1 in save chances...Workhorse at Class-A Lynchburg in '17...Appeared in 41 games, going 5-2, 2.29 ERA...His 15 saves led Indians minor league system...Only two blown saves...Notched 68 K's in 55 innings...Named to Carolina League mid-season all-star team...**#22 Mitch Brown—RHP****Age 23, Resides: Rochester, MN, Acq: 2<sup>nd</sup> Rd. '12, College/HS: Rochester Century HS****Throws:** FB, CU, CH**Last Appearance:** Mon. 4/9 at BIN, 1.0 IP 1 K (Save in 6-3 win)**Notes:** 7<sup>th</sup> year pro...1-1 in save chances...Spent entire '17 season with Akron...Appeared exclusively out of the bullpen for first time in his career...Went 1-2, 6.33 ERA in 33 games...Was on DL, 7/4-16 (lower back strain)...Claimed first AA win, 6/16 vs. POR...**#24 Dominic DeMasi—RHP****Age 24, Resides: Savannah, GA, Acq: 31<sup>st</sup> Rd. '14, College/HS: Valdosta St.****Throws:** FB/Sinker, CUT, SL**Last Appearance:** Wed. 4/11 at BIN, 1.0 IP 2 K (ND in 4-0 win)**Notes:** 5<sup>th</sup> year pro... Went 7-4, 2.58 ERA as valuable swingman for Class-A Lynchburg in '17...Made 13 starts and 18 relief appearances...Called up to Akron, 7/19, and made spot-start at BIN...Earned 1<sup>st</sup> AA win, 11-4 (5 IP 2 H 1 ER 1 BB 6 K)...Played baseball and football (punter) at Valdosta State...**#32 Luke Eubank—RHP****Age 24, Resides: Camarillo, CA, Acq: 15<sup>th</sup> Rd. '14, College/HS: Oxnard (CA) College****Throws:** FB/Sinker, SL, CH**Last Appearance:** Wed. 4/11 at BIN, 1.0 IP 1 HB 1 K (ND in 4-0 win)**Notes:** 5<sup>th</sup> year pro...Did not make '17 debut until 7/8 due to right back sprain...Spent most of second half with Class-A Lynchburg, going 2-0, with a 1.42 ERA in 12 appearances...**#28 Leandro Linares—RHP****Age 24, Resides: Miami Gardens, FL, Acq: FA '13, College/HS: NA****Throws:** FB, CUR, CH**Last Appearance:** Mon. 4/9 at BIN, 0.1 IP 1 H 3 ER 3 BB (ND in 6-3 win)**Notes:** 5<sup>th</sup> year pro...Split '17 season between Akron and Class-A Lynchburg...Went 2-2, 3.78 ERA in 23 relief outings with Akron...Earned first AA save, 5/23, at ALT...Escaped his native Cuba in raft with former Akron star Yandy Diaz in '13...**#39 Jordan Milbrath—RHP****Age 26, Resides: Sioux Falls, SD, Acq: 35<sup>th</sup> Rd. '13, College/HS: Augustana (IL) College****Throws:** FB, SL, CH**Last Appearance:** Tue. 4/10 at BIN, 2.0 IP 1 H 1 R 0 ER 1 BB 2 K (ND in 5-1 win)**Notes:** 7<sup>th</sup> year pro... Split '17 season evenly between Akron and Class-A Lynchburg, making 15 appearances at each level...Was 3-2, 3.90 ERA with Akron...Fanned a combined 63 batters in 56.2 IP on the season...Taken by Pirates in Rule 5 draft in December, but was returned to the Indians in spring training...**#23 David Speer—LHP****Age 25, Resides: Westport, CT, Acq: 27<sup>th</sup> Rd. '14, College/HS: Columbia****Throws:** FB, SL, CUR, CH**Last Appearance:** Mon. 4/9 at BIN, 1.2 IP 2 H 3 K (Hold in 6-3 win)**Notes:** 5<sup>th</sup> year pro...Spent most of '17 season with Akron, going 2-3, 5.60 ERA...Also made four appearances for Triple-A Columbus, earning his first AAA win...His 42 total appearances were 5<sup>th</sup> most in Tribe system...Claimed first AA win in 4-3 triumph at ALT, 5/22...**#41 Matt Whitehouse—LHP****Age 26, Resides: Diamond Bar, CA, Acq: 19<sup>th</sup> Rd. '13, College/HS: UC-Irvine****Throws:** FB, SL, CUR, CH**Last Appearance:** Mon. 4/9 at BIN, 1.0 IP 1 H 2 BB 2 K**Notes:** 6<sup>th</sup> year pro...Fanned Tim Tebow to strand three runners and protect 1-run lead at BIN, 4/9...Stepped into Akron rotation early in '17 season and went 8-8, 4.47 ERA in 19 starts...Had Tommy John Surgery in '14 and missed the '15 season...**We Are the RubberDucks**

On October 29, 2013, team-owner **Ken Babby** stood before a capacity audience at the Akron Civic Theater and announced that the team would be known henceforth as the **Akron RubberDucks**. In addition to being symbolic of the fun, family-friendly brand of entertainment offered by minor league baseball, the name also honors Akron's long history as the "**Rubber Capital of the World.**" Brandiose Marketing of San Diego, California, designed the team logo, colors, and various marks and insignias. Please note that for print coverage, *RubberDucks* is spelled as one word with a capital "D". In broadcast coverage, referring to the team as "*the Ducks*" is an acceptable variation of the team's nickname.



## 2018 RubberDucks Transactions & Misc. Records

### 2018 RubberDucks Transactions

*No transactions have been announced.*

### 2018 Season Records

**Record:** 4-3  
**Home:** 0-0  
**Away:** 4-3  
**vs. Eastern:** 3-0  
**vs. Western:** 1-3  
**vs. RH Starters:** 3-2  
**vs. LH Starters:** 1-1  
**Day:** 0-2  
**Night:** 4-1  
**One-run Games:** 1-1  
**Extra Innings:** 0-0  
**Shutouts:** 1-1  
**Doubleheaders:** 0-0-0  
**Leading After 8:** 3-0  
**Trailing After 8:** 1-3  
**Tied After 8:** 0-0  
**Walk-Off Wins:** 0  
**Scoring First:** 3-2  
**Opponent Scores First:** 1-1  
**Leading at End of Game:** 4-0

### Ducks vs. the EL

<u>Opp.</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>Total</u>
ALT	0-0	1-3	1-3
BIN	0-0	3-0	3-0
BOW	0-0	0-0	0-0
ERI	0-0	0-0	0-0
HBG	0-0	0-0	0-0
HFD	0-0	0-0	0-0
NH	0-0	0-0	0-0
POR	0-0	0-0	0-0
REA	0-0	0-0	0-0
RIC	0-0	0-0	0-0
TRE	0-0	0-0	0-0

### Team Game-High's

**Runs:** 7 (4/6 at ALT)  
**Runs Allowed:** 6 (2x, 4/6 at ALT, last)  
**Hits:** 10 (4/9 at BIN)  
**Hits Allowed:** 11 (4/6 at ALT)  
**HR's:** 1 (2x, 4/9 at BIN, last)  
**HR's Allowed:** 1 (3x, 4/8 at ALT, last)  
**BB's (Drawn):** 8 (4/6 at ALT)  
**BB's (Issued):** 7 (4/9 at BIN)  
**K's (Batters):** 13 (4/9 at BIN)  
**K's (Pitchers):** 12 (4/5 at ALT)

### Individual Game-High's

**Hits** 3 (3x, Mathias, 4/9 at BIN, last)  
**2B's:** 2 (Haggerty, 4/7 at ALT)  
**3B's:** 1 (2x, Tom, 4/11 at BIN, last)  
**HR's:** 1 (2x, Loopstok, 4/9 at BIN, last)  
**Runs:** 2 (3x, Calica, 4/10 at BIN, last)  
**RBI:** 3 (Haggerty, 4/5 at ALT)  
**BB's:** 3 (Mathias, 4/6 at ALT)  
**SB's:** 2 ((Haggerty & Tom, 4/5 at ALT)  
**K's (Pitcher):** 9 (Bieber, 4/5 at ALT)  
**BB's (Pitcher):** 3 (2x, Linares, 4/9 at BIN, last)