

CURVE™

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2007 GAME NOTES



END OF SEASON PLAYER NOTES AND TEAM INFORMATION

2007 FINAL STANDINGS

E.L. SOUTH	W	L	PCT	GB
x-Erie	81	59	.579	--
y-Akron	80	61	.567	1.5
Altoona	73	68	.518	8.5
Bowie	72	68	.514	9.0
Reading	70	71	.496	11.5
Harrisburg	55	86	.390	26.5

E.L. NORTH	W	L	PCT	GB
x-Trenton	83	59	.585	--
y-Portland	71	72	.497	12.5
N. Hampshire	70	73	.490	13.5
New Britain	69	72	.489	13.5
Connecticut	63	78	.447	19.5
Binghamton	61	81	.430	22.0
(x-Division Champion y-Wild Card)				

E.L. DIVISIONAL PLAYOFF SERIES

Akron def. Erie, 3-1
 Trenton def. Portland, 3-1

E.L. CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES

Trenton def. Akron, 3-1
 (Trenton wins Eastern League championship)

2007 CURVE QUICK FACTS

Final Record.....	73-68
Home.....	39-33
Road.....	34-35
Vs. South.....	50-49
Vs. North.....	23-19
Vs. AL affiliates.....	45-41
Vs. NL affiliates.....	28-27
April.....	9-11
May.....	14-16
June.....	17-11
July.....	16-12
August.....	15-16
September.....	2-2
2007 Home Attendance.....	356,339
Home Dates.....	67
Nightly Average Attendance.....	5,318

CURVE E.L. RANKINGS

(Ranking out of 12 E.L. clubs)

Overall Record.....	73-68 (4th)
Home Record.....	39-33 (T-5th)
Road Record.....	34-35 (4th)
Overall Attendance.....	356,339 (5th)
Nightly Average Attendance.....	5,318 (6th)
Batting Average.....	.265 (T-4th)
Home Runs.....	100 (T-8th)
Stolen Bases.....	141 (2nd)
ERA.....	4.24 (T-5th)
Shutouts.....	7 (T-3rd)

2007 SEASON IN A NUTSHELL: Despite a winning record of 73-68 (.518), the Curve failed to reach the Eastern League playoffs for the first time since the 2002 season. Altoona finished in third place in the E.L. South, trailing division-champion Erie (Tigers) by 8 1/2 games and wild-card winner Akron (Indians) by seven full games. The Curve's 73-68 mark was the fourth-best overall in the 12-team Eastern League and was three games better than E.L. Northern Division wild-card winner Portland (Sea Dogs).

MODELS OF CONSISTENCY: The Curve posted 70 or more wins for the sixth consecutive season in 2007, marking the longest such streak among all Eastern League franchises. In nine seasons, Altoona has finished with only two losing campaigns (1999 and 2001).

ANOTHER LEIP YEAR: For the second consecutive season, the Curve were managed by **Tim Leiper**. The 41-year old veteran minor league manager returned to lead the Curve for a second season after leading the 2006 version to the Eastern League playoffs. Including the Curve's 73-68 mark in 2007, Leiper now has a career record of 552-499 (.525) in eight seasons as a minor league skipper. Leiper was joined on the bench by pitching coach **Ray Searage**, hitting coach **Brandon Moore**, trainer **Thomas Pribyl** and strength coach **Chad Short**.

THRU THE TURNSTILES: The Curve enjoyed another solid season at the gates, drawing a total of 356,339 fans to Blair County Ballpark. The attendance total marked the sixth consecutive season in which Altoona welcomed more than 350,000 fans thru the gates at CCB.

AT THE PLATE: The Curve featured one of the Eastern League's most consistent lineups throughout the 2007 Eastern League season, but interestingly did not place a single player among the league's offensive statistical leaders at the end of the year. Altoona finished fourth in the league with a .265 team average, ranked tied for eighth in home runs (100) and posted the second-most stolen bases in the circuit with 141 in 179 attempts (79%). While not qualifying as a season-ending league leader in any offensive category, first baseman **Steven Pearce** turned in one of the top offensive seasons in the E.L., batting .334 with 14 home runs, 72 RBI and a .586 slugging percentage in 81 games. The Curve's Most Valuable Player was leading the league in both batting average and slugging percentage at the time of his promotion to Triple-A Indianapolis on July 30. Outfielder **Adam Boeve** led the team in home runs with 17 and posted two of the Curve's seven multiple home run games on the season. Pirates' top prospects, outfielder **Andrew McCutchen** and third baseman **Neil Walker**, were two of the league's youngest players at 20 and 21 years old, respectively, but posted solid numbers before each received a late-season promotion to Triple-A. After a slow start, McCutchen hit .307 over his final 41 games with Altoona and finished with a .258 average, 10 home runs and 48 RBI in 118 games. Walker, meanwhile, was very consistent throughout the campaign, hitting .288 with 13 homers and 66 RBI in 117 games.

ON THE HILL: The Curve pitching staff started the season slowly and ranked near the bottom of the Eastern League in team ERA during the middle portion of the season, but finished strong and ended with a respectable 4.24 ERA (tied for 5th in the E.L.). Altoona hurlers posted a league-best 3.32 ERA during the month of August to complete the solid turnaround. The staff was anchored by right-handed starter **Luis Munoz**, who won a team-high 12 games and posted a 3.63 ERA, which ranked 9th in the E.L. Closer **Matt Peterson** established a new single-season franchise record with 29 saves, a total which also tied him for the league lead. Veteran right-hander **Dewon Brazelton** joined the club at mid-season and tied for the E.L. lead with three complete games in his 15 starts.

IN THE FIELD: Altoona featured one of the Eastern League's top fielding clubs in 2007. The Curve finished third in the circuit with a .976 team fielding percentage and led the league by turning 139 double plays in 141 contests. Individually, **Brandon Chaves** posted the E.L.'s highest fielding percentage (.968) among league shortstops with at least 400 total chances. **Brian Peterson** finished with the second-highest caught stealing percentage among E.L. catchers at 42.4% (25-of-59).

HEY NOW YOU'RE AN ALL-STAR: Reliever **Matt Peterson** was the only Curve player selected to the Eastern League's annual post-season All-Star Team. The 25-year old went 4-2 with a club-record 29 saves and a 1.98 ERA in 51 relief appearances. His 29 saves tied Connecticut's **Brian Anderson** for the most in the league. Peterson was also one of six Curve players to be selected to the Eastern League All-Star Game on July 11 at Dodd Stadium in Norwich, CT, the home of the Connecticut Defenders. He was joined by fellow pitchers **Dave Davidson** and **Luis Munoz**, first baseman **Steven Pearce**, third baseman **Neil Walker** and catcher **Brian Peterson**.

PROSPECTS-A-PLenty: Six of *Baseball America's* Top 10 Pirates' prospects spent time with the Curve during the 2007 season. The Opening Day roster featured three of the organization's top five prospects in outfielder **Andrew McCutchen** (#1), third baseman **Neil Walker** (#2) and pitcher **Yoslan Herrera** (#5). First baseman **Steven Pearce** (#7), outfielder **Brad Corley** (#9) and pitcher **Todd Redmond** (#10) were the other top Bucco prospects to join the club throughout the season.

CLIMBING THE LADDER QUICKLY: **Steven Pearce** became the first position player in the Pirates' organization to make the jump from the Class-A ranks to the major leagues in the same season since **Yamid Haad** in 1999. Pearce, who opened the season with Class-A Lynchburg and later spent time with Altoona and Indianapolis, hit a combined .333 with 31 home runs and 113 RBI in 134 minor league contests.

PEARCE'S PLACE IN HISTORY: **Steven Pearce** finished the year second in Curve history in both batting average (.334) and slugging percentage (.586). **Jeff Keppinger** holds the single-season club record for batting average with a .338 mark in 2004 while **Adam Hyzdu's** .612 slugging percentage in 1999 is the best in that category.

CURVE TO THE MAJORS: Three players -- pitchers **Dave Davidson** and **Romulo Sanchez** and first baseman **Steven Pearce** -- made the jump from Altoona to Pittsburgh during the 2007 season. Sanchez was the only one of the three to be called up directly from the Curve to the Pirates. The right-hander was recalled by Pittsburgh on August 25 and made his MLB debut that night at Houston. Pearce joined the Bucs on September 1 after having his contract purchased from Triple-A Indianapolis, while Davidson was recalled following the completion of Indy's season.

SEASON-ENDING AWARDS: The Curve announced their season-ending player awards prior to the August 30 home finale at Blair County Ballpark. Headlining the award winners were Most Valuable Player **Steven Pearce** and Pitcher of the Year **Matt Peterson**. Other Curve award winners were catcher **Brian Peterson** ("Unsung Hero Award" presented by Uncle Charley's Sausage Co.) and outfielder **Adam Boeve** ("Bud Select King of Swing") as the team's final home run leader.

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66 AND COUNTING: In addition to pitchers **Dave Davidson** and **Romulo Sanchez** and first baseman **Steven Pearce**, three other former Curve players made their major league debuts during the 2007 season to bring the all-time number of former Altoona players to reach the big leagues to 66. Those players were outfielder **Nyjer Morgan** (Pirates), infielder **Craig Stansberry** (Padres) and pitcher **Jonathan Albaladejo** (Nationals).

HOME SWEET HOME?: The Curve went just 14-18 over their final 32 games at Blair County Ballpark. By contrast, Altoona played very well on the road down the stretch, winning 19 of their last 28 away from BCB.

WELCOME MATT, TO THE RECORD BOOKS: **Matt Peterson** established a new single-season Curve franchise record with 29 saves during the 2007 campaign. Peterson surpassed the previous club record of 27, which was set by **Brandon Knight** during the 2006 season.

BEST OF THE BUCCOS: Right-handed pitcher **Luis Munoz** led all Pirates' minor league pitchers with 14 wins between Altoona and Triple-A Indianapolis. The 25-year old opened the season as the only member of the Curve's starting rotation without any previous Double-A experience, but went on to lead the club with 12 wins. He also won two of his three starts at Indy, including a victory in his Triple-A debut on July 4 vs. Louisville (AAA/Reds). Munoz was twice named Eastern League Pitcher of the Week, including the final week of the season after he won his last two starts and yielded only two unearned runs in 13.2 innings of work. He was also honored as E.L. Pitcher of the Week for the week of May 7-13 after winning a pair of starts, including a May 7 start against Erie in which he tossed seven scoreless innings and struck out a season-high 10 batters.

LONG SEASON, NO LONGBALLS: Infielder **Brandon Chaves** set a dubious single-season franchise mark by going homerless in 336 at-bats during the season. The previous record of 195 at-bats was also set by Chaves during the 2005 campaign.

COMING UP "SHORT": The Curve posted just an 8-19 in games started by **Josh Shortslef**, a member of the Pittsburgh Pirates' 40-man roster. Altoona's offense scored three runs or fewer in 14 of Shortslef's 27 starts this season. The left-hander finished the season with a 5-13 record and a 4.40 ERA.

NO-HITTERS WITH AN ASTERIK: The Curve were on the short end of two individual no-hitters during the 2007 season, however, both were of the rain-shortened variety. The first no-hit effort by an opposing pitcher came on July 4 at Trenton, when Thunder right-hander **Brett Smith** was credited with a five-inning no-hitter in a 10-0 win over the Curve. Smith was very erratic in that contest, walking seven batters in his five innings of work. The second no-no tossed against Altoona came on August 21 at Reading, when Phillies' righty **Carlos Carrasco** did not allow a hit over six innings in a rain-shortened game.

McCUTCHEM, WALKER PROMOTED: On one of the busiest days in franchise history, eight different players were involved in transactions on August 17. Most notable among the roster moves were the promotions of Pirates' top prospects **Andrew McCutchen** and **Neil Walker** to Triple-A Indianapolis. In addition, left-handed reliever **Dave Davidson** was also sent to Indy on that day. While three players under the age of 23 were on their way to Triple-A, among the players received by the Curve on that day were a pair of 34-year old major league veterans, third baseman **Russ Johnson** and pitcher **Jose Paniagua**.

DEWON-DERFUL PERFORMANCE: RHP **Dewon Brazelton** was the only Curve pitcher to earn a nine-inning victory during the season, recording the feat in the Curve's 6-1 win at Binghamton on August 16. The 27-year old allowed just one unearned run and four hits in the outing. Prior to that outing, the last Curve pitcher to go the distance in a nine-inning contest was **Tom Gorzelanny** in Game Three of the 2005 E.L. Divisional Playoffs vs. Akron.

FINALLY A "WALK" AROUND THE BASES: Third baseman **Neil Walker** ended a 40-game home run drought with a longball in the first inning of the Curve's August 10 game at New Hampshire. Walker, who hit 13 homers in a Curve uniform before his promotion to Triple-A on August 17, had not homered since hitting a grand slam in the nightcap of a doubleheader on June 28 vs. Trenton. The 21-year old hit nine of his 13 Curve home runs over his first 46 games.

INSIDE THE INSIDE THE PARK HOMER: On August 5 vs. New Hampshire, **Andrew McCutchen** recorded the first-ever inside-the-park home run hit by a Curve player at Blair County Ballpark. The dash around the bases was the third inside-the-parker in club history and McCutchen's second of the season. He also legged one out on May 21 at Akron. **Garrett Long** had the only other inside-the-park homer in team history on July 28, 2000 at New Britain.

NINTH-INNING BLOWN LEAD: The Curve's 4-3, 10-inning loss vs. New Hampshire on August 3rd marked the first time in 110 games to open the season that the Curve lost a game when leading entering the ninth inning. The Curve had been a perfect 44-0 when leading into the ninth entering that game.

DELANEY DELIVERED IN JULY: First baseman/outfielder **Jason Delaney** posted an impressive .324 average (33x102) in 28 games in July and the month was packed full of superlatives for the 24-year old, who began the season at Class-A Lynchburg. The month saw Delaney record a team season-high 13-game hitting streak from July 14-26 (.471, 24x51), a franchise-record streak of 12 consecutive games with an RBI (July 15-26), a club record-tying string of hits in seven straight at-bats (July 18-19), a 4-for-4, two-homer game on July 16 vs. Bowie and a five-hit game (5-for-5) on July 18 vs. Bowie. Delaney also earned E.L. Player of the Week honors for the week ending July 22 after hitting .586 (17x29) with three homers and 11 RBI in seven games during the week.

PEARCE PROMOTED: Following the Curve's game on July 29 at Akron, first baseman **Steven Pearce** was promoted to Triple-A Indianapolis. At the time of his promotion, Pearce's .334 batting average and .586 slugging percentage was leading the Eastern League and his combined 96 RBI's between Class-A Lynchburg and Altoona was leading all minor league hitters.

EVEN STEVEN: **Steven Pearce** matched a franchise record by reaching base safely by way of a hit or walk in 33 consecutive games from June 15-July 22. Pearce's 33-game on-base streak equaled **Ronny Paulino's** existing mark from the 2004 campaign. During the length of the streak, Pearce posted a .370 average (44x119).

A SENATORIAL CENTURY MARK: The Curve's 5-2 win over Harrisburg on July 21 was the club's 100th all-time victory in the season series against the Senators. Harrisburg became the first E.L. club against whom Altoona has reached the century mark in all-time wins.

E.L. ALL-STAR WRAP: Six Curve players participated in the 2007 Eastern League All-Star Game on July 11 in Norwich, CT. Three Altoona players saw action in the contest before the game was called in the bottom of the third inning because of heavy fog. **Neil Walker**, who started at third base and batted third, went 1-for-2, including a first-inning single off Northern Division pitcher **Jeff Marquez** of the Trenton Thunder. First baseman **Steven Pearce** and catcher **Brian Peterson** also started for the Southern Division All-Stars and both struck out in their lone plate appearance. Pitchers **Dave Davidson**, **Luis Munoz** and **Matt Peterson** did not appear in the game.

THE FUTURES IS NOW: **Steven Pearce** represented the Curve and Pittsburgh Pirates' organization at the annual XM Satellite Radio MLB Futures Game on July 8th at AT&T Park in San Francisco. Pearce went 0-for-1 with a walk in two plate appearances for the U.S. Team.

DOUBLE DEBUTS: Right-handed pitchers **Mike Crotta** and **Brandon Williams** each made their Double-A debuts in the Curve's rain-shortened 10-0 loss at Trenton on July 4. Crotta, who was called up to make a spot start from Low Class-A Hickory, started the game and allowed seven runs -- three earned -- on six hits over 2.2 innings to take the loss. Williams, who was called up from the short-season State College Spikes, pitched in relief in the contest and yielded three runs on five hits in 1.1 innings of work. The duo became the first two members of the Pirates' 2006 Draft Class to reach the Double-A level.

THE FIRST OF MANY: Pitcher **Brandon Williams** became the first-ever player to appear for both the Curve and their sister franchise, the State College Spikes, when he made his Double-A debut on July 4 at Trenton. Williams had been pitching for State College at the time of his emergency call up to Double-A. The Spikes completed their second overall season in the short-season Class-A New York-Penn League -- and their first as a Pirates' affiliate -- in 2007.

PEARCE NAMED JUNE PLAYER OF THE MONTH: **Steven Pearce** was named Eastern League Player of the Month for June after hitting .404 (40x99) with eight home runs and 34 RBI in 27 games during the month. Pearce, who was the Carolina League's Player of the Month in April before being promoted from Class-A Lynchburg to Altoona, was also named E.L. Player of the Week for the final week of the month of June.

MONTHLY MATTERS: The Curve posted a winning mark of 17-11 in June after back-to-back losing months to open the season (9-11 in April and 14-16 in May). In the nine-year history of the Curve, the club has had just one losing month of June (2001).

JUNE GONE TOO SOON: Several Curve players posted outstanding numbers during the month of June, led by Eastern League Player of the Month **Steven Pearce**, who hit .404 (40x99) with eight home runs and 34 RBI in 27 games during the month. Third baseman **Neil Walker** (.363, 33x91), catcher **Brian Peterson** (.345, 20x58) and infielder **Brandon Chaves** (.318, 28x89) also enjoyed solid months at the plate.

THUNDER STRUCK DOWN AT BCB: The Curve swept a four-game series against the eventual Eastern League champion Trenton Thunder from June 26-29 at Blair County Ballpark. Dating back to the 2003 season when the Thunder became the New York Yankees' Double-A affiliate, the Curve have posted a 17-2 record against Trenton in games played at BCB.

DELANEY DEBUTS: Outfielder **Jason Delaney** made his Double-A debut in the Curve's doubleheader vs. Trenton on July 28 at Blair County Ballpark. Delaney, who was leading the Class-A Carolina League with a .340 average at the time of his promotion from Lynchburg, hit safely in both ends of the twinbill, going 2-for-5 with a double, two walks and a run scored.

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A GRAND "WALK" AROUND THE BASES: Third baseman **Neil Walker** belted the second of only two grand slams hit by Curve batters during the season in game two of the Curve's doubleheader sweep vs. Trenton on June 28 at Blair County Ballpark. **Steven Pearce** connected for the club's only other grand slam on June 13 vs. New Britain.

GOOD MORNING SUNSHINE! The Curve's 9:35 a.m. first pitch on June 25 at Reading marked the second-earliest start to a game in team history. Altoona dropped the game to the R-Phils at Reading's FirstEnergy Stadium, 4-3. The only game in Curve history to start earlier than the June 25 contest took place on May 8, 2002, when the Curve and Phillies played a 9:05 a.m. game in Reading.

BRAZELTON IN THE FOLD: Pitcher **Dewon Brazelton**, who was signed by Pittsburgh as a minor league free agent on May 31, made his Curve starting debut on June 16 vs. Connecticut. The 27-year old was the third overall selection in the 2001 June Draft by the Tampa Bay Devil Rays and made 63 major league appearances (43 starts) over parts of five seasons with Tampa Bay (2002-05) and San Diego (2006). In 15 starts for the Curve, the right-hander went 5-5 with three complete games and a 3.53 ERA.

A NICE HOME RUN: The Curve recorded the second-longest home winning streak in club history by posting eight consecutive wins at Blair County Ballpark from May 30-June 14. The club fell just one game shy of the franchise-record nine-game home winning streak set during the 2001 season.

FIVE ALIVE! The Curve matched a single-game franchise record by hitting five home runs in a 13-3 win over New Britain on June 12. **Steven Pearce** and **Brett Roneberg** each hit a pair of longballs in the contest while **Jason Bowers** added the other homer. That marked just the third time in club history that Altoona has produced five home runs in a game.

CONTAGIOUS CLOUDS: The June 12 game vs. New Britain marked the first of two occasions during the 2007 season in which two different Curve players recorded a pair of home runs in the same game. **Steven Pearce** and **Brett Roneberg** each went deep twice on June 12 and that feat was matched by **Adam Boeve** and **Jason Delaney** on July 16 vs. Bowie at Blair County Ballpark.

A DAY FOR THE RECORD BOOKS: **Jason Bowers** and **Brett Roneberg** each put their name in the Curve record book during a 13-6 win at New Britain on June 7. Bowers became the first player in club history to record five base on balls in one game and also set a single-game mark by reaching base six times in the game, while Roneberg matched a team record by scoring four runs in the contest. The club's 19 hits fell just two hits shy of equaling the team record of 21 set on May 1, 2001 vs. Harrisburg.

ROUGH START: With his first win of the season on June 7 at New Britain, Curve starter **Josh Shortslef** avoided becoming only the second pitcher in club history to open the season with an 0-7 record. **Sam McConnell**, who went on to become an Eastern League All-Star for Altoona in 2000, opened the 1999 campaign by losing each of his first seven decisions.

TRICKY TRADE: First baseman **Randy Ruiz**, who hit .290 with seven home runs and 30 RBI in 47 games to open the season, was traded by the Pirates to the Philadelphia Phillies organization on June 1 and assigned to the Eastern League's Reading Phillies. Interestingly, the Curve were playing the R-Phils that day and, in his first game with Reading, torched Altoona pitching by going 4-for-6 with a double, home run and three runs scored.

THANKS A (THREE)MILLION: The Curve officially eclipsed the three million mark in all-time regular season attendance at Blair County Ballpark during the June 1 game against Reading. A ceremony was held following the Curve's thrilling 10-9 win over Reading and nine-year old **Seana Powell** of Clearfield was randomly selected as the franchise's official three-millionth fan. Among the perks Seana received included two (2) season tickets for life, a designated space in Blair County Ballpark's VIP Parking Lot and assorted team memorabilia and merchandise.

LONG LOSING STREAK: The Curve lost 10 consecutive games from May 17-26, the second-longest skid in franchise history. The 10-game slide began with a 15-3 loss to Portland in game two of a May 17 doubleheader at Blair County Ballpark and continued as the Curve were swept in a three-game series vs. Bowie May 18-20 and in a four-game set May 21-24 at Akron. Altoona then dropped the first two games of their four-game set at Bowie May 25-26 before ending the slide on May 27 with a 7-6, 10-inning victory. The longest losing streak in club history is 11 games from April 15-26, 2000.

MUNOZ MAGNIFICENT: **Luis Munoz** became just the fourth pitcher in Altoona Curve history to win each of his first five decisions. The 25-year old right-hander from the Dominican Republic joined **Josh Shortslef** (2006), **John Van Benschoten** (2003) and **Wilson Guzman** (2000) as the only pitchers in club history to open with a 5-0 record.

"PEARCING" THE LINEUP: First baseman **Steven Pearce** homered in the first at-bat of his first start with Altoona on May 2 at Connecticut. Pearce was promoted to the Curve roster on May 1 after opening the season with Class-A Lynchburg. In 19 games with the Hillcats, Pearce hit .347 (26x75) with 11 home runs and 24 RBI.

APRIL SHOWERS: The Curve's 9-11 record in April marked the club's worst opening month since the 2001 season (10-15). Interestingly, the 9-11 April was only Altoona's third losing month since the beginning of the 2003 season. August 2005 (15-16) and August 2006 (14-17) were the only other months during that span to end with a losing record.

DANDY DEBUT FOR BOWERS: Infielder **Jason Bowers** went 2-for-5 with three RBI in his first game in a Curve uniform on April 28 at Binghamton. The 28-year old native of Uniontown, PA, which is located approximately 60 miles south of Pittsburgh, played regularly for the Curve throughout the remainder of the season and finished with a .272 average, eight home runs, 51 RBI and 16 stolen bases in 113 games.

WALK-OFF WINNER: **Brett Roneberg** provided the Curve with their first walk-off victory of the 2007 season with a fielder's choice RBI grounder in the bottom of the ninth inning of an 8-7 win over Harrisburg on April 22. Roneberg, the Curve's 2006 Most Valuable Player who returned to Altoona after re-signing as a minor league free agent during the off-season, also homered and plated four runs in Altoona's first walk-off winner of the season.

A HOME FIRST: The Curve's 7-6 loss to the Reading Phillies in their Home Opener on April 12 marked the first time in franchise history that the club dropped its first game of the season at Blair County Ballpark. Altoona had been a perfect 8-0 in Home Openers at BCB prior to the April 12th loss.

A NEW (HERR)ERA: Cuban-born right-handed starter **Yoslan Herrera** made his United States pitching debut for the Curve against the Akron Aeros on April 11. The 26-year old, who defected from Cuba in July 2005 and was signed by Pittsburgh to a major league contract in December 2006, spent his first season in the Pirates' organization with Altoona, going 6-9 with a 4.69 ERA in 25 starts. In 128.2 innings of work, Herrera walked 38 batters and fanned 70.

EIGHT NOT ENOUGH: Despite working only four innings on Opening Day (April 9) at Akron, left-hander **Josh Shortslef** struck out a season-high eight batters, the most ever by an Altoona Opening Day starter. Shortslef allowed three runs -- two earned -- in suffering the defeat in a 6-1 Curve loss.

SNOW DAYS: The Curve had their first three scheduled games against the Erie SeaWolves postponed by snow and cold conditions at Jerry Uht Park Erie. The series postponement in Erie marked only the second time in franchise history that three consecutive games were wiped out due to poor weather conditions. In April 2005, the Curve had three straight games at Akron postponed because of rain and snow.

ALL-STARS RETURN: A pair of 2006 Curve Eastern League All-Stars returned to open the 2007 season in Altoona. Outfielder **Brett Roneberg**, who was the MVP of the 2006 E.L. All-Star Game, returned for his third season in a Curve uniform (2003, 2006-07) while outfielder **Vic Buttler**, who was a member of the league's post-season All-Star squad in '06, also returned after finishing the 2006 campaign at Triple-A Indianapolis. In addition to the returns of Roneberg and Buttler, the Opening Day Curve roster also featured 2006 E.L. All-Star Game winning pitcher **Kip Bouknight** (Harrisburg) and post-season All-Star and league RBI champion **Randy Ruiz** (Trenton). Ruiz was also an E.L. post-season All-Star in 2005 with Reading after winning the league batting title (.349).

OPENING DAY ROSTER RAVINGS: The Curve broke spring training arrived in Altoona from spring training with 28 players. In order to comply with the Eastern League's roster limit of 24, four players opened the season on the club's Disabled List-- pitchers **Jonathan Albaladejo** and **Mike Nannini**, catcher **Justin Elliott** and outfielder **Matt Meath**.

JUST-INCREDIBLE JUMP: Right-hander **Justin Vaclavik** become the first Pirates' minor league pitcher to make the jump from Low Class-A to the Double-A level to open a season since **John Grabow** in 2000. The Pirates' seventh round selection in the 2005 June Draft out of the University of Houston went 2-6 with an 8.39 ERA in 24 games (three starts) with the Curve before his season was abruptly ended by a left knee injury (torn ACL) on July 7 at Bowie.

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JONATHAN ALBALADEJO

RHP

HT: 6-5... WT: 248... B/T: R/R... AGE: 24 (10/30/82)... RESIDES: Vega Alta, PR
ACQUIRED: Pirates' 19th round selection, 2002 Draft (Miami-Dade C.C.)

MOST IP (Start): None MOST IP (Relief): None
MOST SO: None MOST BB: None
INHERITED/STRANDED: None SAVES/OPPORTUNITIES: None
Vs. LH: None Vs. RH: None

2007 SEASON HIGHLIGHTS

Opened season on the Curve's Disabled List before being released by Pittsburgh on 4/24... Signed with Washington as a minor league free agent in mid-May and appeared with Harrisburg (AA) and Columbus (AAA) in the Nationals' system before making his MLB debut with Washington in September... After signing with the Nationals, joined Harrisburg and went 4-3 with two saves and a 4.17 ERA (36.2 IP/17 ER) in 21 Eastern League contests... Was promoted to Columbus on 7/24 and finished the minor league season with the Clippers, going 3-0 with a 1.15 ERA (24.0 IP/3 ER) in 15 outings... Limited International League batters to just a .165 average against (14x85) in his Triple-A debut... Had contract purchased by the Nationals on 9/4... Made MLB debut on 9/5 vs. Florida and retired all five batters he faced, striking out three

OLIVO ASTACIO

RHP

HT: 6-6... WT: 242... B/T: R/R... AGE: 23 (7/28/84)... RESIDES: S.P. de Macoris, DR
ACQUIRED: Signed by Pirates as a minor league free agent, 3/9/06

MOST IP (Start): None MOST IP (Relief): 2.0 (8/11 @ NHM)
MOST SO: 1 (8/11 @ NMH) MOST BB: 2 (4/13 @ RDG)
INHERITED/STRANDED: 0/0 SAVES/OPPORTUNITIES: None
Vs. LH: .000 (0-1), 0 HR Vs. RH: .000 (0-5), 0 HR

2007 SEASON HIGHLIGHTS

Combined to go 1-2 with 12 saves and a 4.93 ERA in 38 relief appearances between Hickory (A), Lynchburg (A) and Altoona... Struck out 91 batters in 65.2 innings between the three levels... Opened season with Hickory in the South Atlantic League and went 1-1 with 11 saves and a 3.54 ERA in 30 games... Fanned 71 batters in 48.1 IP with the Crawdads... Limited SAL batters to a .217 average... Promoted to Lynchburg (A) on 7/12 and appeared in seven games for the Hillcats, going 0-1 with one save and an 8.22 ERA (15.1 IP/14 ER)... Was scored upon in five of seven outings with Lynchburg... Promoted to Altoona on 8/7 and in his lone outing with the Curve tossed 2.0 scoreless innings to combine with Josh Shortslef on a five-hit shutout in a 6-0 win @ New Hampshire on 8/11... Landed on the Disabled List on 8/14 with a broken right hand and missed the rest of the season

RONALD BELISARIO

RHP

HT: 6-2... WT: 240... B/T: R/R... AGE: 24 (12/31/82)... RESIDES: Maracay, VZ
ACQUIRED: Signed by Pirates as a minor league free agent, 11/9/06

MOST IP (Start): None MOST IP (Relief): 3.0 (8/10 @ NHM)
MOST SO: 3 (2x, last 8/24 vs. HAR) MOST BB: 2 (5x, last 9/1 @ ERI)
INHERITED/STRANDED: 16/10 (63%) SAVES/OPPORTUNITIES: None
Vs. LH: .306 (11-36), 2 HR Vs. RH: .207 (12-58), 2 HR

2007 SEASON HIGHLIGHTS

Spent first season in the Pirates' system after signing as a minor league free agent in November 2006... Returned to the mound after missing the previous two seasons (2005-06) because of injury and suspension in the Florida Marlins' organization... Combined to go 1-3 with four saves and a 3.97 ERA in 37 games between Lynchburg (A) and Altoona... Joined Lynchburg on 4/30 after spending the first three weeks of the season in extended spring training... Pitched in 19 games with the Hillcats and went 0-3 with four saves and a 3.97 ERA (34.1 IP/17 ER)... Promoted to Altoona on 7/12 and finished the season with the Curve, going 1-0 with a 3.28 ERA (24.2 IP/9 ER) in 18 relief appearances... Earned lone victory of the season on 7/19 @ Harrisburg (1.0 IP, 0 H, 0 R, 1 BB, 1 K)

PETER BERGERON

OF

HT: 6-0... WT: 190... B/T: L/R... AGE: 29 (11/9/77)... RESIDES: Greenfield, MA
ACQUIRED: Signed by Pirates as a minor league free agent, 7/31/07

LONG HIT STREAK: 5 (8/8-8/12) MULTI-HIT GAMES: 8
Vs. LHP: .211 (4-19), 0 HR Vs. RHP: .247 (21-85), 0 HR
STARTS BY POSITION: LF (15), CF (13)
STARTS BY BATTING ORDER: 1st (7), 2nd (4), 6th (1), 7th (4), 8th (7), 9th (5)

2007 SEASON HIGHLIGHTS

Started season playing for the York Revolution of the independent Atlantic League and hit .270 with three home runs and 20 RBI in 70 games... Signed with Pittsburgh as a minor league free agent on 7/27 and was added to Altoona roster on 7/31... Finished the season with Altoona, hitting .240 with no home runs and nine RBI in 33 games... Hit .340 (17x50) in his first 17 games with Altoona and .148 (8x54) over his final 16 contests... Recorded a season-high three hits in the Curve's 7-3 win vs. New Hampshire on 8/4... Went 17 straight games without an RBI from 8/16-9/2 -- streak ended with an RBI in the final game of the season on 9/3 @ Erie

KYLE BLOOM

LHP

HT: 6-4... WT: 185... B/T: R/L... AGE: 24 (2/21/83)... RESIDES: Bettendorf, IA
ACQUIRED: Pirates' 5th round selection, 2004 June Draft (Illinois State U.)

MOST IP (Start): 5.0 (2x, last 9/1 @ ERI) MOST IP (Relief): None
MOST SO: 7 (8/1 vs. RDG) MOST BB: 4 (9/1 @ ERI)
INHERITED/STRANDED: None SAVES/OPPORTUNITIES: None
Vs. LH: .091 (1-11), 0 HR Vs. RH: .174 (4-23), 1 HR

2007 SEASON HIGHLIGHTS

Made 25 starts for Lynchburg (A) and two for Altoona, combining to go 10-13 with a 5.18 ERA and 100 strikeouts in 139.0 innings pitched... Spent majority of the year pitching in the Carolina League with Lynchburg and ranked tied for the most losses in the league (12) and tied for 4th in home runs allowed (14)... Finished 4th among Pirates' farmhands in both wins (10) and strikeouts (100)... Tossed 7.0 scoreless innings and allowed only three hits to earn the win in his season debut on 4/9 vs. Frederick... Went 5-1 with a 3.03 ERA (32.2 IP/11 ER) in six starts during the month of May... Tossed first career complete game, a shutout, vs. Potomac on 5/26 (7.0 IP, 9 H, 0 R, 0 BB, 7 K)... Threw a season-high 8.0 innings and did not allow a run in a victory @ Frederick on 7/11 and was the first Hillcats' pitcher to be named Carolina League Pitcher of the Week for his effort... Promoted to Altoona for a spot start on 8/1 and made Double-A debut in game two of that night's double-header vs. Reading -- suffered the defeat in Altoona's 3-2 loss (5.0 IP, 2 H, 3 R, 1 ER, 2 BB, 7 K)... Sent back to Lynchburg and made five starts for the Hillcats during the month of August, going 0-4 with a 10.55 ERA (21.1 IP/25 ER)... Returned to Altoona for his final start of the season in game two of the 9/1 doubleheader @ Erie and earned the victory, tossing 5.0 scoreless innings (3 H, 4 BB, 3 K)

ADAM BOEVE

OF

HT: 6-1... WT: 216... B/T: R/R... AGE: 27 (6/20/80)... RESIDES: Doon, IA
ACQUIRED: Pirates' 12th round selection, 2003 June Draft (U. of Northern Iowa)

LONG HIT STREAK: 12 (5/8-5/20) MULTI-HIT GAMES: 23
Vs. LHP: .263 (30-114), 10 HR Vs. RHP: .273 (59-216), 7 HR
STARTS BY POSITION: LF (8), RF (83), DH (1)
STARTS BY BATTING ORDER: 2nd (13), 3rd (19), 4th (12), 5th (17), 6th (30), 7th (1)

2007 SEASON HIGHLIGHTS

Combined to hit .271 with 21 home runs and 59 RBI in 125 games between Altoona (96 games) and Triple-A Indianapolis (29 games)... Ranked 3rd among all Pirates' farmhands in home runs (21)... Led Curve hitters with 17 home runs, while hitting .270 with 53 RBI in 96 Eastern League contests... In 29 Triple-A games at Indy, batted .277 (23x83) with four homers and six RBI... Member of the Curve's Opening Day roster for the second straight year... Posted three straight three-hit games from 4/10-4/12... Had season-high 12-game hitting and 21-game on-base streaks ended on 5/21 @ Akron... Hit a go-ahead, two-run homer in the 9th inning to give the Curve a 5-4 win @ New Britain on 6/5... Posted his first of two, two-homer games on 6/25 @ Reading... Promoted to Triple-A Indianapolis on 7/2 and played in eight games (.333, 6x18, HR, RBI) before being returned to the Curve roster on 7/12... Homered twice on 7/16 vs. Bowie and was promoted to Triple-A Indianapolis the following day... Recorded consecutive three-hit games for the Indians 7/19 vs. Scranton/Wilkes-Barre and 7/20 vs. Durham... Returned to Curve roster on 8/17 and finished the season with Altoona, hitting just .153 (9x59) over his final 19 games

2007 FINAL PLAYER NOTES & INFORMATION

KIP BOUKNIGHT

RHP

HT: 6-0... WT: 190... B/T: R/R... AGE: 28 (11/16/78)... RESIDES: Cayce, SC
 ACQUIRED: Signed by Pirates as a minor league free agent, 11/6/06
 MOST IP (Start): 8.1 (8/2 vs. RDG) MOST IP (Relief): 1.0 (twice)
 MOST SO: 10 (8/30 vs. RDG) MOST BB: 5 (4/18 @ BOW)
 INHERITED/STRANDED: 0/0 SAVES/OPPORTUNITIES: None
 Vs. LH: .302 (68-225), 8 HR Vs. RH: .226 (67-296), 4 HR

2007 SEASON HIGHLIGHTS

Attended Pirates' spring training as a non-roster invitee... Opened season with Altoona and spent majority of the season with the Curve, going 11-6 with a 3.83 ERA in 24 games (22 starts)... Also made three starts for Indianapolis (AAA) and went 1-1 with a 4.50 ERA (18.0 IP/9 ER)... Combined 12 wins were the 2nd-most among Pirates' farmhands, trailing only Luis Munoz's 14 victories... Tossed 7.0 shutout innings, allowing only one hit, in notching his first win of the year on 4/18 @ Bowie (4 BB, 3 K)... Allowed one run and two hits over 7.0 innings to pick up the win vs. Akron on 5/6... Won his fourth consecutive decision to open the season after yielding just one run and four hits over 6.0 innings @ Harrisburg on 5/12... Went 4-0 with a 1.64 ERA (33.0 IP/6 ER) during a five-start stretch from 4/18-5/12... ERA jumped from 2.31 to 3.78 after surrendering 10 ER over 8.2 IP in back-to-back losses, 5/17 (game two) vs. Portland and 5/23 @ Akron... Earned the Curve's first complete-game victory of the season in game one of a 6/2 doubleheader sweep vs. Reading (7.0 IP, 6 H, 1 R, 1 ER, 1 BB, 2 K)... Promoted to Triple-A on 6/30 and made three starts for Indianapolis (1-1, 4.50 ERA, 18.0 IP, 9 ER, 8 BB, 12 K) before being sent back to Altoona on 7/21... Won his first four starts after returning to the Curve, posting a 3.25 ERA (27.2 IP/10 ERA) during that span... Gave up just one run and seven hits over a season-high 8.1 innings to earn his 10th Eastern League win on 8/2 vs. Reading (2 BB, 2 K)... Matched a career-high with 10 strikeouts over 7.0 innings, but took the loss in his final start on 8/30 vs. Reading (12 H, 4 R, 4 ER)

JASON BOWERS

INF

HT: 5-11... WT: 184... B/T: R/R... AGE: 29 (1/27/78)... RESIDES: Memphis, TN
 ACQUIRED: Signed by Pirates as a minor league free agent, 4/25/07
 LONG HIT STREAK: 12 (7/7-7/20) MULTI-HIT GAMES: 30
 Vs. LHP: .258 (31-120), 5 HR Vs. RHP: .278 (85-306), 3 HR
 STARTS BY POSITION: 2B (90), 3B (9), SS (8), DH (2)
 STARTS BY BATTING ORDER: 1st (93), 2nd (4), 6th (2), 7th (8), 8th (1), 9th (1)

2007 SEASON HIGHLIGHTS

Attended minor league spring training camp with the Baltimore Orioles before being released in late March... Signed with Pittsburgh as a minor league free agent on 4/25 and was assigned to Altoona on 4/27... Spent remainder of the season with the Curve, hitting .272 with eight home runs, 51 RBI and 16 stolen bases in 113 games... Recorded 30 multi-hit games to rank 2nd on club to Neil Walker's 33... Hit .300 (48x160) with runners on base... Posted a .244 average (53x217) prior to the E.L. All-Star Break and hit .301 (63x209) following the break... Hit safely in his first six games with Altoona from 4/27-5/3 (.364, 8x22)... Connected for his first home run of the season on 5/13 @ Harrisburg... Established new Curve single-game franchise records by drawing five walks and reaching base six times on 6/7 @ New Britain... Posted four hits (4x8) in the Curve's doubleheader split @ Erie on 6/20... Hit safely in a season-high 12 straight games from 7/7-7/20 (.380, 19x50)... Reached base safely in a season-high 18 consecutive contests from 7/4-7/24... Enjoyed a season-high four-hit game (4x5) on 8/17 vs. Erie

DEWON BRAZELTON

RHP

HT: 6-4... WT: 234... B/T: R/R... AGE: 27 (6/16/80)... RESIDES: Tullahoma, TN
 ACQUIRED: Signed by Pirates as a minor league free agent, 5/31/07
 MOST IP (Start): 9.0 (8/15 @ BNG) MOST IP (Relief): None
 MOST SO: 7 (2x, last 8/15 @ BNG) MOST BB: 2 (five times)
 INHERITED/STRANDED: 0/0 SAVES/OPPORTUNITIES: None
 Vs. LH: .307 (47-153), 3 HR Vs. RH: .244 (41-168), 2 HR

2007 SEASON HIGHLIGHTS

Attended major league spring training with the Kansas City Royals as a non-roster invitee... Opened season with Triple-A Omaha and went 0-4 with a 7.11 ERA (19.0 IP/15 ER) in four starts before being released by the Royals in late April... Signed with Pittsburgh as a minor league free agent on May 31 and was added to the Curve's active roster on 6/16... Finished the season with Altoona, going 5-5 with a 3.53 ERA in 15 starts... Recorded three complete games for the Curve, finishing just one shy of matching the club's single-season record... Held opponents to two earned runs or less in 10 of his 15 Eastern League starts... Tossed 4.0 scoreless innings in his first start with Altoona on 6/16 vs. Connecticut (3 H, 1 BB, 1 K)... Earned his first victory of the season, working 5.0 innings and allowing one run and three hits in the Curve's 11-2 win vs. Trenton on 6/28 (game two)... Tossed 7.0 innings to earn the win in the Curve's 3-0 shutout win @ Bowie on 7/8 (5 H, 0 BB, 6 K)... Spun the Curve's first nine-inning complete game of the season on 8/15 @ Binghamton, allowing only one unearned run and four hits in the victory (0 BB, 7 K)... In his final start of the season, recorded a seven-inning, three-hit shutout win in game one of a doubleheader on 8/31 @ Erie (1 BB, 5 K)

PATRICK BRESNEHAN

RHP

HT: 6-2... WT: 211... B/T: R/R... AGE: 22 (4/23/85)... RESIDES: Sherborn, MA
 ACQUIRED: Pirates' 5th round selection, 2006 June Draft (Arizona State)
 MOST IP (Start): None MOST IP (Relief): 2.0 (three times)
 MOST SO: 2 (8/31 @ ERI) MOST BB: 2 (9/3 @ ERI)
 INHERITED/STRANDED: 0/0 SAVES/OPPORTUNITIES: None
 Vs. LH: .556 (5-9), 0 HR Vs. RH: .000 (0-14), 0 HR

2007 SEASON HIGHLIGHTS

Made jump from short-season to High Class-A to open the season and went 4-3 with six saves and a 4.18 ERA in 34 relief appearances for Lynchburg (A) before ending the season with Altoona, where he pitched in three games... Held Carolina League left-handed hitters to just a .183 average against (17x93)... Had a scoreless streak of 15.0 innings snapped on 6/2 @ Winston-Salem... Posted a 9.22 ERA (13.2 IP/14 ER) over his final seven outings with Lynchburg before being promoted to Altoona on 8/26... Joined fellow pitchers Mike Crotta and Brandon Williams as members of the Pirates' 2006 draft class to reach the Double-A level for the first time during the season... Pitched in three games for the Curve, going 1-0 with a 4.50 ERA (6.0 IP/3 ER)... Tossed 2.0 perfect innings to pick up his first Double-A win in the Curve's 3-0 victory in the nightcap of an 8/31 doubleheader @ Erie... Selected to participate in the Arizona Fall League following the season

VIC BUTTLER

OF

HT: 6-0... WT: 176... B/T: L/L... AGE: 27 (8/12/80)... RESIDES: Los Angeles, CA
 ACQUIRED: Pirates' 14th round selection, 2000 June Draft (El Camino J.C.)
 LONG HIT STREAK: 5 (7/24-7/28) MULTI-HIT GAMES: 24
 Vs. LHP: .307 (27-88), HR Vs. RHP: .257 (45-175), 2 HR
 STARTS BY POSITION: RF (35), LF (22), CF (10)
 STARTS BY BATTING ORDER: 1st (5), 2nd (61), 3rd (1)

2007 SEASON HIGHLIGHTS

Spent season with Altoona, hitting .274 with three home runs, 24 RBI and 22 stolen bases in 74 games... Missed nearly two months of the season because of a pulled right hamstring muscle... Attended Pirates' major league spring training as a non-roster invitee and went 2-for-14 (.143) with two RBI in limited action... Was a member of the Curve's Opening Day roster for the third consecutive season... Despite playing in only 74 games, led the Curve in stolen bases with 22 in 31 attempts... Suffered a pulled right hamstring on a stolen base attempt in the Curve's 4/24 game vs. Bowie and landed on the Disabled List the following day... Remained out of action until a six-game injury rehab assignment with rookie-level Bradenton from 6/19-6/26... Hit .273 (6x22) with the GCL Pirates before returning to Altoona on 6/27... Posted a .400 mark (12x30) over his first eight games off the D.L... Connected for his first home run of the season on 7/21 @ Harrisburg

BRANDON CHAVES

INF

HT: 6-3... WT: 180... B/T: S/R... AGE: 28 (8/5/79)... RESIDES: Hilo, HI
 ACQUIRED: Pirates' 10th round selection, 2000 June Draft (U. of Hawaii-Hilo)
 LONG HIT STREAK: 11 (6/5-6/16) MULTI-HIT GAMES: 22
 Vs. LHP: .265 (30-113), 0 HR Vs. RHP: .265 (59-223), 0 HR
 STARTS BY POSITION: SS (86), 3B (5), LF (2), CF (2), DH (1)
 STARTS BY BATTING ORDER: 1st (6), 2nd (8), 6th (1), 7th (18), 8th (37), 9th (26)

2007 SEASON HIGHLIGHTS

Re-signed with Pittsburgh as a minor league free agent prior to the season and opened his fourth consecutive season with Altoona... Hit .265 with no home runs and 40 RBI in 105 games for the Curve... Set a new career high with 19 stolen bases in 25 attempts (76%)... Nearly doubled his own single-season franchise record for most plate appearances without a home run (387) -- previous mark was 195 plate appearances during the 2005 season... Led Eastern League shortstops with at least 400 total chances in fielding percentage (.968, 13 E, 403 TC)... Made 86 starts at shortstop while also starting games at 3B (5), LF (2) and CF (2)... Hit exactly .265 from both the left (30x113) and right (59x223) sides of the plate... Had three hits (3x4) and two RBI in the Curve's 9-1 win vs. Bowie on 4/25... Posted a .315 average (28x89) during the month of June, which included a season-high, 11-game hitting streak from 6/5-6/16 (.462, 18x39)... Followed an outstanding June by hitting only .172 (11x64) in 20 July contests... Saw action in just three of the Curve's final 22 games because of a broken finger on his left hand... Landed on Curve Disabled List from 8/17-8/30 and again on 9/2

2007 FINAL PLAYER NOTES & INFORMATION

BRAD CORLEY

OF

HT: 6-2... WT: 216... B/T: R/R... AGE: 23 (12/28/83)... RESIDES: Louisville, KY
 ACQUIRED: Pirates' 2nd round selection, 2005 June Draft (Mississippi State)
 LONG HIT STREAK: 4 (8/27-8/30) MULTI-HIT GAMES: 2
 Vs. LHP: .357 (5-14), 0 HR Vs. RHP: .200 (5-25), 0 HR
 STARTS BY POSITION: RF (10)
 STARTS BY BATTING ORDER: 3rd (2), 4th (2), 5th (4), 6th (2)

2007 SEASON HIGHLIGHTS

Rated by *Baseball America* as the Pirates' #8 prospect entering the season... Spent the majority of the season with Lynchburg (A), but finished the season with Altoona, appearing in 10 games... Combined to hit .282 with 14 home runs and 93 RBI in 136 games between the two clubs... Ranked 3rd among Pirates' minor leaguers in RBI (93)... Opened the season with Lynchburg and hit .285 with 14 homers and 89 RBI in 126 games... Finished as the Carolina League's leader in RBI, while also ranking tied for 2nd in the league in extra-base hits (54) and doubles (36) and 3rd in hits (138)... Hit .339 (41x121) against C.L. left-handed pitchers... Struggled over his first 43 games (thru May 26), hitting just .189 (30x159), but posted a .331 mark over his last 83 games with the Hillcats... Posted a career-high, six RBI game on 5/21 @ Frederick... Strung together the fifth-longest hitting streak in Hillcats' history from 6/15-7/5 (.403, 29x75)... Registered a season-high, four-hit game (4x5) on 7/17 vs. Winston-Salem... Promoted to Altoona on 8/27 and hit .256 (10x39) in 10 games to finish the season... Hit safely in seven of his 10 games in a Curve uniform... Went 3-for-4 with two doubles and three RBI in Altoona's 4-1 win in the nightcap of a 9/1 doubleheader @ Erie... Selected to participate in the Hawaiian Winter Baseball League following the season

MIKE CROTTA

RHP

HT: 6-6... WT: 224... B/T: R/R... AGE: 23 (9/25/84)... RESIDES: Palm City, FL
 ACQUIRED: Pirates' 17th round selection, 2006 June Draft (Florida Atlantic U.)
 MOST IP (Start): 2.2 (7/4 @ TRE) MOST IP (Relief): None
 MOST SO: None MOST BB: 2 (7/4 @ TRE)
 INHERITED/STRANDED: 0/0 SAVES/OPPORTUNITIES: None
 Vs. LH: .286 (2-7), 0 HR Vs. RH: .500 (4-8), 0 HR

2007 SEASON HIGHLIGHTS

Made 26 appearances (25 starts) for Low Class-A Hickory while also making one spot start for Altoona on 7/4 @ Trenton... Went 10-5 with a 4.39 ERA for the playoff-bound Crawdads... Struck out 74 batters and allowed 167 hits in 137.1 IP in the South Atlantic League... Opened season with a 2-5 record for the Crawdads, but won his last eight decisions (suffered last loss on 6/11 vs. West Virginia)... Posted a 5.33 ERA (79.1 IP/47 ER) prior to his brief promotion to Double-A and a 3.10 ERA (58.0 IP/20 ER) in 10 starts after his return to Hickory... Had a perfect game through five innings and allowed only one run and two hits over 6.0 innings, striking out seven batters, to pick up his first win of the season on 4/28 vs. Greensboro... Carried a no-hitter thru 7.1 innings on 5/21 vs. Kannapolis, but earned a no-decision, allowing two unearned runs on one hit over 7.2 innings of work... Yielded 16 hits and seven runs over 4.2 innings in a no-decision 6/29 @ Asheville... Promoted to Altoona on 7/4 and took the loss in a spot start @ Trenton that night (2.2 IP, 6 H, 7 R, 3 ER, 2 BB, 0 K)... Became the first member of the Pirates' 2006 draft class to reach the Double-A level (RHP Brandon Williams also made AA debut later in 7/4 game @ Trenton)... Started Game One of the Best-of-Three South Atlantic League Divisional playoff round on 9/5 vs. West Virginia and took the loss, allowing seven runs and 10 hits over 4.0 innings in the Crawdads' 12-2 defeat

DAVE DAVIDSON

LHP

HT: 6-1... WT: 195... B/T: L/L... AGE: 23 (4/23/84)... RESIDES: St. Catherines, ON
 ACQUIRED: Pirates' 10th round selection, 2002 June Draft (Denis Morris H.S.)
 MOST IP (Start): None MOST IP (Relief): 3.2 (7/17 vs. BOW)
 MOST SO: 5 (4/28 @ BNG) MOST BB: 3 (4x, last 6/17 vs. CON)
 INHERITED/STRANDED: 20/10 (50%) SAVES/OPPORTUNITIES: 2/2
 Vs. LH: .213 (13-61), 0 HR Vs. RH: .201 (31-154), 3 HR

2007 SEASON HIGHLIGHTS

Was a member of the Pirates' 40-man roster for the 2007 season... Combined to go 4-1 with two saves and a 3.88 ERA in 45 relief appearances between Altoona and Indianapolis (AAA) before making his major league debut for Pittsburgh in September... Limited opposing minor league batters to a .206 average against... Opened season with Altoona and spent the majority of the season with the Curve, going 3-1 with two saves and a 4.22 ERA in 39 outings... Posted a 5.23 ERA (41.1 IP/24 ER) in 28 outings prior to the E.L. All-Star Break and a 1.96 ERA (18.1 IP/4 ER) in 11 appearances following the break... Notched his first career save in the Curve's win @ Bowie on 4/18 (2.0 IP)... Was selected to participate in the E.L. All-Star Game on 7/11 @ Norwich, CT, but did not pitch in the contest... Recorded a Curve season-high 14.0 scoreless innings streak from 7/17-8/10... Worked 3.0 scoreless innings to save the Curve's 7/24 win vs. Binghamton... Promoted to Indianapolis on 8/17 and pitched in six games for the Indians, going 1-0 with a 1.17 ERA (7.2 IP/1 ER)... Tossed 2.0 scoreless frames to earn his first Triple-A win in his second appearance for the Tribe on 8/20 @ Toledo... Recalled by Pittsburgh on 9/3 and made his major league debut on 9/6 @ St. Louis, allowing four runs -- three earned -- in 1.0 inning of work... Selected to participate in the Arizona Fall League following the season

JASON DELANEY

1B/OF

HT: 6-3... WT: 220... B/T: R/R... AGE: 24 (11/9/82)... RESIDES: Hanson, MA
 ACQUIRED: Pirates' 12th round selection, 2005 June Draft (Boston College)
 LONG HIT STREAK: 13 (7/14-7/26) MULTI-HIT GAMES: 12
 Vs. LHP: .262 (17-65), 3 HR Vs. RHP: .266 (42-158), 4 HR
 STARTS BY POSITION: 1B (29), LF (22), DH (13)
 STARTS BY BATTING ORDER: 3rd (1), 4th (15), 5th (26), 6th (15), 7th (7)

2007 SEASON HIGHLIGHTS

Split the season between Lynchburg (A) and Altoona and combined to hit .304 with 16 home runs and 79 RBI in 137 games... Ranked among the Pirates' minor league leaders in RBI (4th) and batting average (5th)... Opened season with Lynchburg and hit .340 with nine home runs and 44 RBI in 72 games... Hit a whopping .424 (28x66) against Carolina League right-handed pitchers... Batted .380 (41x108) in 31 games for the Hillcats during the month of May... Recorded a 12-game hitting streak from 5/3-5/14 (.395, 17x43)... Posted his first career two-homer game on 6/4 @ Myrtle Beach... Was a C.L. mid-season All-Star selection and went 2-for-4 with a home run in the Carolina/California League All-Star Game on 6/19 @ Stockton, CA... Was leading the Carolina League in batting average and on-base percentage (.432) at the time of his promotion to Altoona on 6/26... Finished the season with the Curve and hit .265 with seven home runs and 35 RBI in 65 games... Split time between first base (29 games) and left field (22 games) with Altoona, hitting .368 (28x76) when in the lineup in left and just .229 (25x109) as a first baseman... Went 10-for-13 in a three-game series vs. Bowie from 7/16-7/18, including a 4-for-4, two-homer game on 7/16 and a five-hit game (5x5) on 7/18... Tied a franchise record with hits in seven straight at-bats from 7/18-7/19... Named E.L. Player of the Week for the week ending 7/22 after hitting .586 (17x29) with three homers and 11 RBI in seven games during the week... Posted a Curve season-high 13-game hitting streak from 7/14-7/26 (.471, 24x51)... Established a new club record by recording an RBI in 12 straight contests from 7/15-7/26... Belted his seven Curve home runs during a 17-game stretch from 7/7-7/25, but went homerless over his final 38 games... Hit just .201 (24x119) in his last 35 games to drop his final Curve average from .337 to .265... Selected to participate in the Arizona Fall League following the season

JUSTIN ELLIOTT

C

HT: 5-11... WT: 191... B/T: R/R... AGE: 25 (4/27/82)... RESIDES: Lakeland, FL
 ACQUIRED: Signed by Pirates as a minor league free agent, 1/14/04
 LONG HIT STREAK: None MULTI-HIT GAMES: None
 Vs. LHP: .000 (0-3), 0 HR Vs. RHP: .000 (0-1), 0 HR
 STARTS BY POSITION: C (1)
 STARTS BY BATTING ORDER: 9th (1)

2007 SEASON HIGHLIGHTS

Spent entire season with the Curve as an emergency/bullpen catcher and saw action in only three games, going 0-for-4... Opened season on Disabled List... Was activated from the D.L. on 5/23... Made only start on 5/25 @ Bowie, going 0-for-2... Returned to Curve D.L. on 6/5 and remained off the club's active roster until 9/2... Went hitless in a pair of pinch-hit appearances in the Curve's final two games of the season on 9/2 and 9/3 @ Erie

OMAR FALCON

C

HT: 6-1... WT: 210... B/T: R/R... AGE: 25 (9/1/82)... RESIDES: Miami, FL
 ACQUIRED: Signed by Pirates as a minor league free agent, 5/22/07
 LONG HIT STREAK: 1 MULTI-HIT GAMES: None
 Vs. LHP: .000 (0-8), 0 HR Vs. RHP: .125 (1-8), 0 HR
 STARTS BY POSITION: C (6)
 STARTS BY BATTING ORDER: 8th (3), 9th (3)

2007 SEASON HIGHLIGHTS

Signed with Pittsburgh as minor league free agent on 11/10/06, but was acquired by the St. Louis Cardinals in the minor league phase of the Rule 5 draft on 12/7/06... Combined to bat .189 (31x164) with three home runs and 11 RBI in 55 games between Quad Cities (A) in the St. Louis Cardinals' system and Lynchburg (A) and Altoona in the Pirates' organization... Tossed out 18-of-78 (23.1%) of would-be base stealers between the three clubs... Posted all three of his homers and 11 RBI during a season-opening, 24-game stint with Quad Cities in the Midwest League... Hit .253 (21x83) with the Swing before being released by St. Louis on 5/20... Signed with Pittsburgh as a free agent on 5/22 and was assigned to Lynchburg, where he posted a .138 (9x65) mark in 23 games... Was promoted to Altoona on 8/15 and finished the season with the Curve, going 1-for-16 (.063) in eight games

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ALEX FERNANDEZ

OF

HT: 6-1... WT: 213... B/T: L/L... AGE: 26 (5/15/81)... RESIDES: Cotui, DR
 ACQUIRED: Signed by Pirates as a minor league free agent, 12/15/06
 LONG HIT STREAK: 5 (5/19-5/25) MULTI-HIT GAMES: 12
 Vs. LHP: .212 (11-52), 2 HR Vs. RHP: .221 (36-163), 0 HR
 STARTS BY POSITION: LF (31), RF (11), DH (7)
 STARTS BY BATTING ORDER: 2nd (2), 3rd (6), 5th (3), 6th (12), 7th (24), 8th (2)

2007 SEASON HIGHLIGHTS

Spent entire season in Altoona, hitting .219 with two home runs and 23 RBI in 82 games... Led the Curve with 20 pinch-hit appearances (.250, 5x20)... Combined to hit .269 (28x104) in 40 games during the months of April and May, but batted only .171 (19x111) over the final three months of the season (starting 6/1)... Posted a .283 (30x106) mark in 41 games at Blair County Ballpark and a .156 (17x109) average in 41 games on the road... Belted his first of two home runs on the season on 4/25 vs. Bowie... Connected for his second and final longball on 6/10 @ Harrisburg... Recorded a season-high three hits (3x4) and two doubles on 7/23 vs. Binghamton

JAVIER GUZMAN

INF

HT: 6-0... WT: 176... B/T: S/R... AGE: 25 (5/4/82)... RESIDES: Santo Domingo, DR
 ACQUIRED: Signed by Pirates as an amateur free agent, 8/19/00
 LONG HIT STREAK: 9 (7/29-8/11) MULTI-HIT GAMES: 13
 Vs. LHP: .349 (22-63), 1 HR Vs. RHP: .287 (31-108), 1 HR
 STARTS BY POSITION: SS (28), 2B (8), DH (6), LF (2)
 STARTS BY BATTING ORDER: 1st (4), 2nd (2), 6th (7), 7th (19), 8th (10), 9th (2)

2007 SEASON HIGHLIGHTS

Rated by *Baseball America* as having the "Best Infield Arm" in the Pirates' system for the third consecutive season... Entered spring training as a member of the Bucs' 40-man roster, but was designated for assignment in mid-March and removed from the big league roster... Opened season with Altoona, but was limited to only 52 games after suffering a left knee injury in April... Hit .310 with two home runs, 25 RBI and seven stolen bases for the Curve... Switch-hitter batted .349 (22x63) from the right side of the plate and .287 (31x108) from the left side... Was the Curve's Opening Day second baseman and hit .227 (5x22) in seven games before having to leave 4/17 game @ Bowie with a left knee injury... Placed on the Disabled List on 4/19 and underwent arthroscopic surgery on the injured knee in late April... Was out of action until beginning a six-game injury rehab assignment with the Gulf Coast League Pirates on 6/28... Went 2-for-21 (.095) for Bradenton before returning to the Curve's active roster on 7/7... Batted .394 (39x99) in his first 27 games after returning from the Disabled List... Made his first two career starts in the outfield (LF) on 7/8 and 7/9 @ Bowie... Hit .529 (18x34) during a season-high nine-game hitting streak from 7/29-8/11... Posted a .180 mark (9x50) over the final 18 games of the season to drop his final average from .364 to .310

DEREK HANKINS

RHP

HT: 6-4... WT: 192... B/T: R/R... AGE: 24 (7/1/83)... RESIDES: Altamont, IL
 ACQUIRED: Pirates' 10th round selection, 2004 June Draft (U. of Memphis)
 MOST IP (Start): 3.2 (7/2 vs. BOW) MOST IP (Relief): None
 MOST SO: 2 (7/2 vs. BOW) MOST BB: 5 (7/2 vs. BOW)
 INHERITED/STRANDED: 0/0 SAVES/OPPORTUNITIES: None
 Vs. LH: .300 (3-10), 1 HR Vs. RH: .200 (1-5), 0 HR

2007 SEASON HIGHLIGHTS

Spent most of the season with Lynchburg (A), making 22 starts, but also made one spot start for Altoona (7/2 vs. Bowie)... With Lynchburg, went 8-6 with a 5.24 ERA and 77 strikeouts in 113.1 IP... Earned five of his eight victories for the Hillcats against Frederick (Orioles)... Went 3-0 with a 1.77 ERA (20.1 IP/4 ER) in four April starts... Earned a complete game victory in game one of Lynchburg's 5/28 twinbill vs. Frederick (7.0 IP, 9 H, 3 R, 3 ER, 2 BB, 2 K)... Promoted to Altoona on 7/2 and made his Double-A debut that night vs. Bowie, suffering the defeat in the Curve's 6-4 loss (3.2 IP, 4 H, 6 R, 5 ER, 5 BB, 2 K)... Returned to Lynchburg on 7/4... Struck out a season-high seven batters over 7.0 innings of work to earn his final win of the season on 7/12 @ Frederick (6 H, 3 R, 3 ER)... Placed on the Hillcats' Temporary Inactive List in mid-July due to death in his family and remained out of action until making a start on 8/1 vs. Frederick... Went 0-3 with a 6.68 ERA (33.2 IP/25 ER) over his final six starts of the season

CHRIS HERNANDEZ

RHP

HT: 6-0... WT: 193... B/T: R/R... AGE: 27 (8/3/80)... RESIDES: Redlands, CA
 ACQUIRED: Pirates' 22nd round selection, 2003 June Draft (U. of South Carolina)
 MOST IP (Start): None MOST IP (Relief): 3.0 (4/23 vs. BOW)
 MOST SO: 5 (2x, last 8/7 vs. POR) MOST BB: 3 (2x, last 6/5 @ NBR)
 INHERITED/STRANDED: 14/9 (64%) SAVES/OPPORTUNITIES: 4/7
 Vs. LH: .231 (21-91), 3 HR Vs. RH: .264 (32-121), 1 HR

2007 SEASON HIGHLIGHTS

Pitched in 42 games for Altoona and 10 for Triple-A Indianapolis, combining to go 6-4 with seven saves and a 3.36 ERA between the two levels... Opened his second consecutive season with Altoona and went on to go 6-1 with four saves and a 2.86 ERA pitching exclusively out of the Curve bullpen... Earned the save in the Curve's first win of the season on 4/11 @ Akron (1.0 IP, 2 H, 0 R)... Promoted to Triple-A on 5/9 and went 0-3 with three saves and a 5.54 ERA (13.1 IP/8 ER) in 10 games for Indianapolis... Suffered losses in three consecutive appearances with the Tribe from 5/18-5/25... Returned to Altoona on 6/1 and spent the remainder of the season with the Curve... Posted a 1.23 ERA (29.1 IP/4 ER) over his final 22 outings for Altoona and finished the season with 11 consecutive scoreless appearances, covering 13.0 IP... Selected to participate in the Arizona Fall League following the season

YOSLAN HERRERA

RHP

HT: 6-2... WT: 195... B/T: R/R... AGE: 26 (4/28/81)... RESIDES: Miami, FL
 ACQUIRED: Signed by Pirates as an international free agent, 12/18/06
 MOST IP (Start): 7.0 (2x, last 8/18 vs. ER) MOST IP (Relief): None
 MOST SO: 6 (8/24 vs. HAR) MOST BB: 4 (4x, last 8/24 vs. HAR)
 INHERITED/STRANDED: None SAVES/OPPORTUNITIES: None
 Vs. LH: .315 (78-248), 6 HR Vs. RH: .279 (73-262), 5 HR

2007 SEASON HIGHLIGHTS

Made U.S. pitching debut after defecting from Cuba in July 2005 and signing a major league contract with the Pirates on 12/18/06... Rated by *Baseball America* as the Pirates' #4 prospect entering the season... Was a member of the Pirates' 40-man roster throughout the 2007 season... Spent entire season with Altoona, going 6-9 with a 4.69 ERA in 25 starts... In 128.2 IP for the Curve, allowed 151 hits and 38 walks, while striking out 70 batters... Eastern League hitters posted a .296 average against, including a .315 mark (78x248) by left-handed batters... Lost his first four and last four decisions on the season, but earned wins in six of seven decisions from 6/12-7/26... Made first start with the Curve on 4/11 @ Akron and allowed one run on four hits over 5.0 innings in earning a no-decision (1 BB, 2 K)... Went 0-4 with a 6.47 ERA (48.2 IP/35 ER) over his first 10 starts before earning his first career victory with 6.0 scoreless innings pitched in the Curve's 13-3 win vs. New Britain on 6/12... Won back-to-back starts for the first time (6/24 @ Reading & 6/29 vs. Trenton)... Went 5-0 with a 2.67 ERA (33.2 IP/10 ER) during a six-start stretch from 6/24-7/26... Went winless in his last seven starts, going 0-4 with a 5.09 ERA (35.1 IP/20 ER) during that span... Was credited with his first career complete game in a 2-1 loss vs. Erie in game one of the Curve's 8/18 doubleheader (7.0 IP, 5 H, 2 R, 2 ER, 0 BB, 2 K)... Struck out a season-high six batters over 6.0 innings in a no-decision vs. Harrisburg on 8/24 @ Blair County Ballpark

RUSS JOHNSON

3B

HT: 5-10... WT: 180... B/T: R/R... AGE: 34 (2/22/73)... RESIDES: Baton Rouge, LA
 ACQUIRED: Via trade from Colorado for future considerations, 3/29
 LONG HIT STREAK: 1 MULTI-HIT GAMES: 3
 Vs. LHP: .286 (2-7), 0 HR Vs. RHP: .189 (7-37), 3 HR
 STARTS BY POSITION: 3B (13)
 STARTS BY BATTING ORDER: 3rd (11), 5th (2)

2007 SEASON HIGHLIGHTS

Attended spring training with the Colorado Rockies before being traded to Pittsburgh for future considerations on 3/29... Combined to bat .261 with nine home runs and 50 RBI in 106 games between Indianapolis (AAA) and Altoona... Drew 46 walks while striking out just 37 times in 360 at-bats between the two levels... Opened season with Indianapolis and spent majority of the season with the Indians, hitting .269 with six home runs and 45 RBI in 93 games... Hit safely in 13 of 14 games from 5/1-5/17 (.357, 20x56)... Placed on the Indians' Disabled List on 8/6 and remained out of action until being sent to Altoona on 8/17 to replace Neil Walker as the Curve's starting third baseman... Appeared in 13 Eastern League contests, hitting .205 (9x44) with three home runs and five RBI... Went 2-for-3 with a home run and reached base four times in his Curve debut on 8/17 vs. Erie... Drilled a pair of homers in going 3-for-4 on 8/22 @ Reading... Returned to Indy on 8/30 and appeared in the Indians' final three games of the season (1x7)

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TABER LEE

INF

HT: 6-1... WT: 193... B/T: S/R... AGE: 26 (10/18/80)... RESIDES: Olympia, WA
 ACQUIRED: Pirates' 3rd round selection, 2002 June Draft (San Diego State)
 LONG HIT STREAK: 4 (twice) MULTI-HIT GAMES: 6
 Vs. LHP: .244 (20-82), 0 HR Vs. RHP: .228 (26-114), 0 HR
 STARTS BY POSITION: 2B (38), SS (17), DH (2)
 STARTS BY BATTING ORDER: 1st (1), 2nd (3), 6th (1), 7th (7), 8th (23), 9th (22)

2007 SEASON HIGHLIGHTS

Spent the entire season with Altoona, hitting .235 with no home runs and 16 RBI in 89 games... Member of the Curve's Opening Day roster for the third consecutive season and was the only Curve position player to be on the club's active roster for all 141 games... Started only 57 games for Altoona... Batted .213 (29x136) prior to the E.L. All-Star Break and .283 (17x60) following the break... Had five hits in 17 at-bats as a pinch-hitter (.294)... Went 3-for-3 with an RBI and two runs scored @ Binghamton on 4/28... Had three hits, including a walk-off single in the bottom of the ninth inning of the Curve's 7-6 win vs. Harrisburg on 8/25

CARLOS MALDONADO

C

HT: 6-1... WT: 242... B/T: R/R... AGE: 28 (1/3/79)... RESIDES: Maracaibo, VZ
 ACQUIRED: Signed by Pirates as a minor league free agent, 11/5/04
 LONG HIT STREAK: None MULTI-HIT GAMES: None
 Vs. LHP: .000 (0-1), 0 HR Vs. RHP: .000 (0-5), 0 HR
 STARTS BY POSITION: C (2)
 STARTS BY BATTING ORDER: 7th (2)

2007 SEASON HIGHLIGHTS

Attended Pirates' spring training as a non-roster invitee... Spent most of the season with Indianapolis (AAA), but appeared in two games with Altoona in late April (4/27 & 4/29 @ Binghamton) and went hitless in six at-bats... Opened the season with Indianapolis and went on to play in 46 games with the Tribe, hitting .219 (30x137) with one home run and 19 RBI... Tossed out 12-of-50 (24%) potential base stealers with Indy... Suffered a fractured left hand after being hit by a pitch on 5/5 vs. Louisville and landed on the Disabled List the following day... Returned to the Indy roster on 6/9... Went 3-for-4 and scored a season-high three runs on 7/1 vs. Richmond... Hit .118 (4x34) in 11 games prior to having his contract purchased by Pittsburgh on 8/14

ANDREW McCUTCHEM

OF

HT: 5-11... WT: 170... B/T: R/R... AGE: 20 (10/10/86)... RESIDES: Fort Meade, FL
 ACQUIRED: Pirates' 1st round selection, 2005 June Draft (Fort Meade, FL H.S.)
 LONG HIT STREAK: 8 (8/8-8/16) MULTI-HIT GAMES: 28
 Vs. LHP: .299 (40-134), 4 HR Vs. RHP: .240 (75-312), 6 HR
 STARTS BY POSITION: CF (115)
 STARTS BY BATTING ORDER: 1st (19), 2nd (42), 3rd (2), 5th (22), 6th (27), 7th (2), 8th (1)

2007 SEASON HIGHLIGHTS

Combined to hit .265 with 11 home runs, 53 RBI and 21 stolen bases in 135 games between Altoona and Indianapolis (AAA)... Rated by *Baseball America* as the Pirates' #1 prospect entering 2007... Was also rated by *BA* as the "Best Athlete", "Best Hitter for Average" and "Best Defensive Outfielder" in the Pirates' system entering the season... Attended Bucs' major league spring training camp as a non-roster invitee and hit .321 (18x56) in 20 Grapefruit League contests... Opened season with Altoona and spent most of the year with the Curve, batting .258 with 10 home runs and 48 RBI in 118 games... Was 17-for-18 (94%) in stolen base attempts... Hit just .189 (14x74) in 20 April contests and .230 (26x113) in 29 games during the month of May... Started the season 0-for-15 before going 3-for-4 with three runs scored on 4/13 vs. Reading... Had three extra-base hits and matched a Curve season-high with four runs scored on 4/23 vs. Bowie... Belted his first two home runs on consecutive days (5/5 & 5/6 vs. Akron)... Legged out the first of two inside-the-park home runs on the season on 5/21 @ Akron (inside-the-park homer was the Curve's first since Garrett Long on 7/28/00)... Posted multi-hit games in both ends of the Curve's doubleheader sweep vs. Reading on 6/2 (5x7)... Hit his second inside-the-park homer on 8/5 vs. New Hampshire... Over his final 41 games with Altoona, posted a .307 average (46x150)... Reached base safely in his final 20 games with the Curve before being promoted to Indianapolis on 8/17... Finished season with Indy, batting .313 (21x67) with one homer and five RBI in 17 games... Hit safely in 15 of 17 games with the Indians, posting hits in each of his first seven Triple-A contests and eight straight games to end the season... Including his final eight games with Altoona and his first seven with Indy, recorded a season-high 15-game hitting streak, during which he batted .349 (22x63)... Connected for his first Triple-A home runs on 8/19 @ Charlotte... Selected to participate in the Arizona Fall League following the season

MATT MEATH

OF

HT: 6-0... WT: 168... B/T: S/R... AGE: 27 (10/6/79)... RESIDES: Boca Raton, FL
 ACQUIRED: Signed by Pirates as a non-drafted free agent, 6/9/01
 LONG HIT STREAK: 3 (5/20-5/23) MULTI-HIT GAMES: 2
 Vs. LHP: .348 (8-23), 0 HR Vs. RHP: .100 (1-10), 0 HR
 STARTS BY POSITION: LF (6)
 STARTS BY BATTING ORDER: 1st (6)

2007 SEASON HIGHLIGHTS

Hit .273 (9x33) in 17 games for Altoona... Spent entire season with the Curve, but was mostly inactive... Made his first start of the season on 5/20 vs. Bowie and went 3-for-5... Posted a second three-hit game on 5/23 @ Akron... Suffered a left shoulder injury during the first inning of the Curve's 5/29 game vs. Akron and landed on the Disabled List the following day... Was activated from the Disabled List on 6/25 and appeared in two games before returning to the D.L. on 6/27... Made a pinch-hit appearance in the Curve's final game of the season on 9/3 @ Erie (0x1)

LUIS MUNOZ

RHP

HT: 6-2... WT: 194... B/T: R/R... AGE: 25 (1/10/82)... RESIDES: S.P. de Macoris, DR
 ACQUIRED: Signed by Pirates as an amateur free agent, 7/3/00
 MOST IP (Start): 8.2 (4/25 vs. BOW) MOST IP (Relief): 1.2 (5/27 @ BOW)
 MOST SO: 10 (5/7 vs. ERI) MOST BB: 4 (7/19 @ HAR)
 INHERITED/STRANDED: 2/2 (100%) SAVES/OPPORTUNITIES: None
 Vs. LH: .245 (59-241), 5 HR Vs. RH: .255 (71-278), 6 HR

2007 SEASON HIGHLIGHTS

Combined to go 14-6 with a 3.57 ERA in 28 games (26 starts) between Altoona and Triple-A Indianapolis... Led all Pirates' farmhands in wins (14) and ranked 2nd in ERA (3.57) and 3rd in strikeouts (105)... Opened season as the only member of Altoona's starting rotation without previous experience at Double-A or higher and went on to make 25 appearances (23 starts) for the Curve, going 12-5 with a 3.63 ERA... Finished 9th in the E.L. in ERA (3.63)... Posted an 8-2 record and 2.02 ERA (74.1 IP/17 ER) in 11 home starts and went 4-3 with a 5.52 ERA (62.0 IP/38 ER) on the road... Went 5-0 with a 2.03 ERA (40.0 IP/9 ER) over his first seven appearances (six starts) to become just the fourth pitcher in Curve history to open a season with five straight winning decisions... Won his Double-A starting debut on 4/13 vs. Reading, allowing two runs on four hits over 6.0 innings in an 8-3 Curve win... Carried a one-hit shutout into the ninth inning and finished allowing just one run on three hits over a season-high 8.2 innings to earn the victory in Altoona's 9-1 win vs. Bowie on 4/25... Established a career-high with 10 strikeouts over 7.0 shutout innings on 5/7 vs. Erie... Named E.L. Pitcher of the Week for the week of 5/7 after winning both of his starts (5/7 vs. Erie & 5/13 @ Harrisburg) and allowing only one run in 12.1 IP (0.73 ERA) during the week... Tossed the Curve's first individual shutout of the season in game one of the 6/28 doubleheader vs. Trenton (7.0 IP, 5 H, 0 R, 2 BB, 3 K)... Promoted to Indianapolis for a spot start on 7/4 vs. Louisville and earned the win in his Triple-A debut, allowing three runs in 6.0 IP (7 H, 1 BB, 7 K)... Made three starts for the Curve from 7/14-7/24 before returning to Indy for a pair of starts (7/30 vs. Durham & 8/4 @ Norfolk) which included his second Triple-A win on 8/4 (6.1 IP, 7 H, 1 R, 0 ER, 1 BB, 5 K)... Picked up 11th E.L. win after tossing 7.0 scoreless innings in the Curve's 3-0 win vs. Reading on 8/27 (5 H, 0 BB, 2 K)... Earned E.L. Pitcher of the Week honors for the second time after winning his last two starts (8/27 vs. Reading & 9/1 @ Erie) and allowing just two unearned runs over 13.2 IP in the two outings

MIKE NANNINI

RHP

HT: 5-11... WT: 190... B/T: R/R... AGE: 27 (8/9/80)... RESIDES: Henderson, NV
 ACQUIRED: Signed by Pirates as a minor league free agent, 1/21/07
 MOST IP (Start): None MOST IP (Relief): 3.0 (5/5 vs. AKR)
 MOST SO: 3 (2x, last 6/1 vs. RDG) MOST BB: 1 (several times)
 INHERITED/STRANDED: 8/8 (100%) SAVES/OPPORTUNITIES: None
 Vs. LH: .256 (10-39), 1 HR Vs. RH: .238 (10-42), 3 HR

2007 SEASON HIGHLIGHTS

Spent time with Altoona and Indianapolis (AAA) in the Pirates' organization and Tennessee (AA) and Iowa (AAA) in the Chicago Cubs' system... Combined to go 1-2 with a 4.58 ERA (53.0 IP/27 ER) in 28 games (3 starts) between the four clubs... With Altoona, went 1-1 with a 4.95 ERA (20.0 IP/11 ER) in 14 relief appearances... Opened season on the Curve Disabled List and was activated on 4/24... Made first two appearances of the season on back-to-back days (4/25 & 4/26 vs. Bowie) before landing back on the D.L. on 4/27... Was activated from his second stint on the Curve Disabled List on 5/15... Notched lone win with Altoona on 6/1 vs. Reading (2.0 IP, 1 R)... Promoted to Indianapolis on 6/16 and appeared in one game for the Indians on 6/17 @ Durham (0.1 IP, 3 H, 2 R) before being placed on the D.L. the following day... Was unconditionally released by the Pirates on 7/3... Signed with the Chicago Cubs as a minor league free agent on 7/4 and was assigned to Triple-A Iowa... Split the remainder of the season between the I-Cubs (5 games) and Double-A Tennessee (8 games)

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JOSE PANIAGUA

RHP

HT: 6-2... WT: 190... B/T: R/R... AGE: 24 (8/20/73)... RESIDES: San Jose de Ocoa, DR
ACQUIRED: Signed by Pirates as a minor league free agent, 7/07
MOST IP (Start): None **MOST IP (Relief):** 3.0 (8/26 vs. HAR)
MOST SO: 2 (8/18 vs. ERI) **MOST BB:** 3 (8/30 vs. RDG)
INHERITED/STRANDED: 1/1 (100%) **SAVES/OPPORTUNITIES:** None
Vs. LH: .222 (4-18), 0 HR **Vs. RH:** .375 (6-16), 1 HR

2007 SEASON HIGHLIGHTS

Attended minor league spring training camp with the New York Mets, but was released in late March... Signed with Pittsburgh as a minor league free agent in July and made his first appearance in the Pirates' system as part of a rehab assignment with the Gulf Coast League Pirates (R)... Pitched in two games for Bradenton (8/10 & 8/13), covering 4.1 innings, and did not allow a run while fanning six batters... Added to the Curve roster on 8/17 and finished the season with Altoona, posting a 3.00 ERA (9.0 IP/3 ER) in five appearances out of the bullpen

DAVE PARRISH

C

HT: 6-3... WT: 220... B/T: R/R... AGE: 28 (6/13/79)... RESIDES: Gilbert, AZ
ACQUIRED: Signed by Pirates as a minor league free agent, 5/14/06
LONG HIT STREAK: 6 (2x, last 7/19-7/28) **MULTI-HIT GAMES:** 10
Vs. LHP: .244 (10-41), 2 HR **Vs. RHP:** .243 (26-115), 1 HR
STARTS BY POSITION: C (40), DH (2)
STARTS BY BATTING ORDER: 6th (7), 7th (8), 8th (19), 9th (8)

2007 SEASON HIGHLIGHTS

Re-signed with Pittsburgh as a minor league free agent prior to the season and attended Pirates' major league spring training as a non-roster invitee... Split the season between Altoona and Indianapolis (AAA), combining to hit .204 (51x250) with five home runs and 27 RBI in 80 games... Tossed out 24% of would-be base stealers (21-of-86) between the two levels... Opened season with Altoona and appeared in 46 games for the Curve over two separate stints, hitting .244 (38x156) with three homers and 19 RBI... Posted hits in nine of 10 games from 4/19-5/2, hitting .361 (13x36) during that span... Suffered a broken nose during 4/28 game @ Binghamton, but was out of action just one game (returned 5/1 @ Connecticut)... Promoted to Indy on 5/7 and hit .212 (7x33) with two homers and five RBI in 12 games before being returned to Altoona on 6/19... Doubled twice and posted three RBI in a 5-2 Curve win @ Harrisburg on 7/21... Was returned to Triple-A Indianapolis on 7/30 and finished the season with the Indians... Went 6-for-61 (.098) in 22 games after his return to Indy

STEVEN PEARCE

1B

HT: 5-11... WT: 209... B/T: R/R... AGE: 24 (4/13/83)... RESIDES: Lakeland, FL
ACQUIRED: Pirates' 8th round selection, 2005 June Draft (J. of South Carolina)
LONG HIT STREAK: 11 (5/31-6/13) **MULTI-HIT GAMES:** 28
Vs. LHP: .330 (29-88), 5 HR **Vs. RHP:** .337 (68-202), 9 HR
STARTS BY POSITION: 1B (77), DH (2)
STARTS BY BATTING ORDER: 4th (58), 5th (1), 6th (19), 7th (1)

2007 SEASON HIGHLIGHTS

Rated by *Baseball America* as the Pirates' #6 prospect entering the season... Combined to hit .333 with 31 home runs and 113 RBI in 134 minor league games between Lynchburg (A), Altoona and Indianapolis (AAA) before making his major league debut with Pittsburgh in September... Led all Pirates' farmhands in home runs (31), RBI (113) and extra-base hits (75)... Among all minor league players, finished tied for 3rd in RBI, 5th in extra-base hits and tied for 7th in homers... Opened season with Lynchburg and hit .347 with 11 home runs and 24 RBI in 19 games... Named Carolina League Player of the Week for the week of 4/29 after hitting .484 (15x31) with 8 HR and 16 RBI in seven games during the week... Set a new Hillcats' record with home runs in five straight games (4/21-4/26)... Finished his tenure in Lynchburg with an 11-game hitting streak and seven consecutive multiple-RBI contests to set a new club record... Hit two home runs in his final game with Lynchburg on 4/29 @ Myrtle Beach, giving him nine longballs in an eight-game span... Promoted to Altoona on 5/1 and appeared in 81 games for the Curve, hitting .334 with 14 homers and a team-high 72 RBI... Finished with the second-highest, single-season batting average in Curve history (Jeff Keppinger's .338 in 2004 is the club record)... Homered in the first at-bat of his first start with Altoona 5/2 @ Connecticut... Posted RBIs in six straight games from 6/2-6/8 (11 RBI total)... Recorded the Curve's first five-RBI game in 2007 on 6/7 @ New Britain... Hit .465 (20x43) with five home runs and 21 RBI during an 11-game hitting streak from 5/31-6/13... Hit .404 (40x99) with 8 HR and 34 RBI in the month of June and was named E.L. Player of the Month... Participated in the E.L. All-Star Game on 7/11 in Norwich, CT (0x1, K) and the MLB Futures Game on 7/8 in San Francisco (0x1, BB)... Tied Ronny Paulino's Curve team record by reaching base in 33 consecutive games from 6/15-7/22... Hit .371 (72x194) with 12 HR and 59 RBI over his last 52 games with Altoona before being promoted to Indianapolis on 7/30... Finished the minor league season with Indy, hitting .320 (39x122) with six home runs and 17 RBI in 34 games... Went 3-for-5 with two homers and six RBI on 8/16 @ Durham... Had contract purchased by Pirates on 9/1 and made MLB debut that night @ Milwaukee

BRIAN PETERSON

C

HT: 6-2... WT: 219... B/T: R/R... AGE: 28 (10/22/78)... RESIDES: Flower Mound, TX
ACQUIRED: Signed by Pirates as a minor league free agent, 4/13/07
LONG HIT STREAK: 6 (2x, last 8/2-8/10) **MULTI-HIT GAMES:** 20
Vs. LHP: .225 (16-71), 1 HR **Vs. RHP:** .291 (52-179), 2 HR
STARTS BY POSITION: C (67), DH (7)
STARTS BY BATTING ORDER: 6th (9), 7th (35), 8th (30)

2007 SEASON HIGHLIGHTS

Attended minor league spring training camp with the Houston Astros before being released in late March... Signed with Pittsburgh as a free agent on 4/13 and was assigned to Lynchburg (A), where he played in nine games and hit .321 (9x28)... Promoted to Altoona on 5/7 and spent the remainder of the season with the Curve, hitting .272 with three home runs and 30 RBI in 83 games... Named the winner of the Curve's "Unsung Hero Award" for contributions to the success of the team not reflected in the box score... Finished with the second-best throwing percentage among all Eastern League catchers (25-of-59, 42.4%)... Connected for his first Curve home run on 5/26 @ Bowie... Hit .345 (20x58) in 19 games during the month of July... Selected to participate in the E.L. All-Star Game on 7/11 @ Norwich, CT -- started the game and went 0-for-1 before the game was postponed due to fog... Went hitless in his final 19 at-bats of the season

MATT PETERSON

RHP

HT: 6-5... WT: 222... B/T: R/R... AGE: 25 (2/11/82)... RESIDES: Alexandria, LA
ACQUIRED: Via trade from New York (NL), 7/30/04
MOST IP (Start): None **MOST IP (Relief):** 2.2 (4/11 @ AKR)
MOST SO: 4 (6/29 vs. TRE) **MOST BB:** 3 (8/9 @ POR)
INHERITED/STRANDED: 29/24 (83%) **SAVES/OPPORTUNITIES:** 29/34
Vs. LH: .231 (25-108), 2 HR **Vs. RH:** .219 (25-114), 2 HR

2007 SEASON HIGHLIGHTS

Spent the majority of the season with Altoona, pitching in a team-high 51 games... Also briefly reached the Triple-A level for the first time in his career and appeared in three contests for Indianapolis in mid-May... Opened his third consecutive season with the Curve and pitched exclusively out of the bullpen for the first time in his career... In 51 appearances, went 4-2 with 29 saves, a 1.98 ERA and 56 strikeouts in 63.2 innings... Was the only Altoona player selected to the Eastern League's season-ending All-Star Team and was named the Curve's 2007 Pitcher of the Year... Entered the season without a career save, but went on to set a new Curve single-season franchise record with 29 saves, surpassing Brandon Knight's previous mark of 27 in 2006... Limited opposing batters to a .198 average (23x116) with runners on base and stranded 83% of inherited base runners (24-of-29)... Went 4-0 with a 1.44 ERA (43.2 IP/7 ER) prior to the E.L. All-Star Break and 0-2 with a 3.15 ERA (20.0 IP/7 ER) following the break... Earned his first career save in the nightcap of the Curve's 4/17 doubleheader @ Bowie... Notched a save in five straight games from 5/2-5/13 before being sent to Triple-A Indianapolis on 5/15... Pitched in three games for the Indians (0-0, 2.08 ERA, 4.1 IP, 3 H, 2 R, 1 ER, 5 BB, 3 K) before returning to Altoona on 5/22... Was tagged with his first blown save of the season, but picked up the win as the Curve ended a season-high 10-game losing streak on 5/27 @ Bowie... Recorded a save in a season-long nine straight games from 5/31-6/24... Selected to participate in the E.L. All-Star Game on 7/11 @ Norwich, CT, but did not pitch in the contest... Set the Curve's single-season saves record with his 28th save in game two of the Curve's doubleheader sweep @ Erie on 8/31

TODD REDMOND

RHP

HT: 6-3... WT: 210... B/T: R/R... AGE: 22 (5/17/85)... RESIDES: St. Petersburg, FL
ACQUIRED: Pirates' 39th round selection, 2004 June Draft (St. Petersburg, FL C.C.)
MOST IP (Start): 6.1 (8/4 vs. NHM) **MOST IP (Relief):** None
MOST SO: 7 (8/4 vs. NHM) **MOST BB:** 1 (three times)
INHERITED/STRANDED: None **SAVES/OPPORTUNITIES:** None
Vs. LH: .324 (11-34), 2 HR **Vs. RH:** .125 (4-32), 0 HR

2007 SEASON HIGHLIGHTS

Rated by *Baseball America* as the Pirates' #9 prospect entering the season and as having the "Best Changeup" in the system... Combined to go 8-13 with a 4.39 ERA in 28 starts between Lynchburg (A) and Altoona... Made 25 starts for Lynchburg and three spot starts for the Curve... Ranked 2nd among all Pirates' minor leaguers with 107 strikeouts in 160.0 innings of work... Spent most of the season with Lynchburg (A), going 7-12 with a 4.54 ERA... Finished tied for the most losses in the Carolina League (12)... Allowed just one hit over 7.0 scoreless innings to earn the win on 5/2 vs. Kinston (1 BB, 5 K)... Worked 6.0 scoreless frames to notch the victory on 5/30 vs. Frederick (7 H, 0 BB, 4 K)... Promoted to Altoona on 6/20 and made his first of three spot starts for the Curve in game two of that night's doubleheader @ Erie -- received a no-decision in the Altoona's 4-3 loss in eight innings (5.0 IP, 4 H, 1 R, 1 BB, 2 K)... Returned to Lynchburg on 6/21 and went 2-4 with a 5.98 ERA (40.2 IP/ 27 ER) in his next seven starts before returning to Altoona for his second start on 8/4... Earned his first Double-A win in a spot start vs. New Hampshire on 8/4, allowing two runs on five hits with seven strikeouts over 6.1 innings of work... Made a pair of starts for Lynchburg (8/9 @ Salem & 8/14 vs. Myrtle Beach) before making his third Curve start in game two of the 8/18 doubleheader vs. Erie -- took the loss after yielding three runs on six hits over 6.0 innings... Returned to Lynchburg and lost each of his last three starts (4.05 ERA, 20.0 IP, 9 ER)... Overall, dropped his final six decisions with the Hillcats (last win came on 7/14 @ Frederick)

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MILVER REYES

C

HT: 5-11... WT: 201... B/T: R/R... AGE: 25 (9/3/82)... RESIDES: San Felipe, VZ
 ACQUIRED: Signed by Pirates as an amateur free agent, 7/7/99
 LONG HIT STREAK: 4 (8/1-8/12) MULTI-HIT GAMES: 4
 Vs. LHP: .333 (10-30), 0 HR Vs. RHP: .159 (7-44), 0 HR
 STARTS BY POSITION: C (25)
 STARTS BY BATTING ORDER: 8th (7), 9th (18)

2007 SEASON HIGHLIGHTS

Combined to play in 41 games between Altoona and Indianapolis (AAA), hitting .229 (24x105) with no home runs and nine RBI... Tossed out 24% (12-of-50) of would-be base stealers between the two levels... Opened season with Altoona and played in 27 games overall for the Curve, hitting .230 (17x74) with six RBI... Was promoted to Indianapolis (AAA) from 4/27-4/30 and struck out in his lone Triple-A at-bat (pinch-hit) before returning to Altoona on 5/1... Out of action from 5/23-6/4 because of an injured right knee (activated 6/5)... Saw limited playing time (three games) over the next 1 1/2 months before returning to Indy on 7/27... Was with the Indians for three days from 7/27-7/29, making just one pinch-hit appearance during that time (7/27 @ Columbus)... Was sent back to Double-A on 7/31 for his third stint with the Curve... Hit safely in a season-high four straight games from 8/1-8/12, going 5-for-12 (.417) during that span... Promoted back to Indianapolis on 8/15 and spent the remainder of the season with the Tribe... In 14 Triple-A contests throughout the season, hit .226 (7x31) with three RBI

JASON ROACH

RHP

HT: 6-4... WT: 205... B/T: R/R... AGE: 31 (4/20/76)... RESIDES: Kinston, NC
 ACQUIRED: Signed by Pirates as a minor league free agent, 7/22/05
 MOST IP (Start): 4.2 (7/16 vs. BOW) MOST IP (Relief): 4.1 (7/2 vs. BOW)
 MOST SO: 4 (3x, last 7/23 vs. BNG) MOST BB: 4 (5/17 vs. POR)
 INHERITED/STRANDED: 32/16 (50%) SAVES/OPPORTUNITIES: 1/2
 Vs. LH: .287 (33-115), 3 HR Vs. RH: .309 (43-139), 1 HR

2007 SEASON HIGHLIGHTS

Spent entire season with Altoona and went 4-3 with one save and a 5.00 ERA in 32 games (two starts)... Opponents posted a .299 average against, including .309 mark (43x139) by right-handed batters... Began season using a side-arm delivery and posted a 6.75 ERA (9.1 IP/7 ER) through seven outings before converting back to a conventional over-the-top motion following 5/17 (game two) outing vs. Portland... Pitched 3.0 innings to pick up his only save of the season on 6/7 @ New Britain (4 H, 2 R)... Earned wins in consecutive appearances (6/13 vs. New Britain & 6/16 vs. Connecticut), combining to toss 5.2 scoreless innings between the two contests... Made his first start of the season on 7/16 vs. Bowie and received a no-decision in Altoona's 10-5 win (4.2 IP, 6 H, 3 R)... Took the loss in his second and final start on 7/29 @ Akron, allowing five runs -- two earned -- on six hits over 4.0 innings... Recorded a 9.31 ERA (9.2 IP/10 ER) over his final five appearances of the season

BRETT RONEBERG

1B/OF

HT: 6-2... WT: 216... B/T: L/L... AGE: 28 (2/5/79)... RESIDES: Trinity Beach, Queensland
 ACQUIRED: Signed by Pirates as a minor league free agent, 11/7/05
 LONG HIT STREAK: 7 (6/24-8/15) MULTI-HIT GAMES: 14
 Vs. LHP: .218 (12-55), 1 HR Vs. RHP: .257 (47-183), 7 HR
 STARTS BY POSITION: LF (29), 1B (18), DH (14)
 STARTS BY BATTING ORDER: 2nd (1), 3rd (34), 4th (8), 5th (14), 6th (4)

2007 SEASON HIGHLIGHTS

Spent entire season with Altoona, but was limited to just 77 games because of an injured right wrist... Hit .248 with eight home runs and 35 RBI in 77 games with the Curve... Connected for seven of his eight homers against right-handed pitchers... Hit exactly in .227 in April, May and June before posting a .306 average (19x62) over his final 24 games... Posted a .308 mark (20x65) with runners in scoring position... Was Altoona's Opening Day first baseman and went 2-for-4 in the season opener on 4/9 @ Akron... Homered and plated four runs, including a game-winning RBI in the bottom of the ninth inning of the Curve's 8-7 win vs. Harrisburg on 4/22... Reached base safely in eight of nine plate appearances in a series vs. Akron from 5/4-5/6... Out of action from 5/19-6/2 with a strained right wrist and landed on the D.L. for the first time from 5/22-5/29... Equaled a franchise record by scoring four runs on 6/9 @ Harrisburg... Posted a season-high four RBI's twice in a three-game span 6/9 @ Harrisburg and 6/12 vs. New Britain... Hit two home runs in the 6/12 contest vs. New Britain... Was placed on the Disabled List for the second time on 6/25 and remained out of action until being activated on 8/8... Delivered the eventual game-winning RBI double in the seventh inning of the Curve's 4-3 win on 8/8 @ Portland

RANDY RUIZ

1B

HT: 6-3... WT: 235... B/T: R/R... AGE: 29 (10/19/77)... RESIDES: Reading, PA
 ACQUIRED: Signed by Pirates as a minor league free agent, 1/20/07
 LONG HIT STREAK: 8 (4/18-4/25) MULTI-HIT GAMES: 14
 Vs. LHP: .192 (10-52), 2 HR Vs. RHP: .336 (37-110), 5 HR
 STARTS BY POSITION: DH (26), 1B (14), LF (2)
 STARTS BY BATTING ORDER: 4th (42)

2007 SEASON HIGHLIGHTS

Spent time with four teams in three major league organizations -- Altoona, Reading (AA/Phillies), Ottawa (AAA/Phillies) and Connecticut (AA/Giants)... Combined to hit .293 with 22 home runs, 80 RBI and a .511 slugging percentage in 130 games between the four clubs... Finished 2nd in the Eastern League in slugging (.529) and 7th in batting average (.309) between his time with Altoona, Reading and Connecticut... Opened season with Altoona and played in 47 games, hitting .290 with seven homers and 30 games... With the Curve, hit .336 (37x110) against right-handed pitching and .192 against lefties... Hit .348 (16x46) with runners in scoring position for Altoona... Homered and later ripped a game-winning double in the 10th inning of the Curve's 4-3 win @ Akron on 4/11... Recorded a season-opening 16-game on-base streak, which was snapped on 4/26 vs. Bowie... Finished the month of April with a .333 average (24x72) in 20 games... Traded by the Pirates to Philadelphia for no compensation on 6/1 and was assigned to the Eastern League's Reading Phillies, where he batted .378 (31x82) with three home runs and 12 RBI in 22 games... Faced Altoona in the first game after the trade and went 4-for-6 with a double, home run and three runs scored... Hit safely in his first seven games for Reading, posting a .560 average (14x25)... Promoted to Triple-A for the first time in his career on 6/26 and hit .215 (17x79) with four homers and 11 RBI in 22 games for the Ottawa Lynx of the International League... Released by the Phillies on 7/24 and signed with the San Francisco Giants as a minor league free agent on 7/26... Was assigned to the E.L.'s Connecticut Defenders, where he spent the remainder of the season... In 39 games with the Defenders, posted a .291 average (44x151) with eight homers and 27 RBI... Hit safely in 13 of his final 14 games (.404, 23x57), including a season-high 12-game hitting streak from 8/23-9/1

ROMULO SANCHEZ

RHP

HT: 6-5... WT: 243... B/T: R/R... AGE: 23 (4/28/84)... RESIDES: Carora, Lara, VZ
 ACQUIRED: Signed by Pirates as a minor league free agent, 5/7/04
 MOST IP (Start): None MOST IP (Relief): 3.0 (4x, last 8/22 @ RDG)
 MOST SO: 4 (3x, last 8/22 vs. RDG) MOST BB: 2 (3x, last 8/12 @ NHM)
 INHERITED/STRANDED: 30/12 (40%) SAVES/OPPORTUNITIES: 1/5
 Vs. LH: .269 (25-93), 4 HR Vs. RH: .156 (17-109), 3 HR

2007 SEASON HIGHLIGHTS

Entered season as a member of the Pirates' 40-man roster for the first time in his career... Opened season with Altoona and went 6-3 with one save and a 2.81 ERA in 40 appearances out of the Curve bullpen... Limited Eastern League batters to a .204 average against and held right-handed hitters to a .156 average (17x109) mark... Went 1-for-5 in save opportunities, notching his lone save on 5/27 @ Bowie... Stranded only 12 of 30 inherited runners with Altoona (40%)... Allowed just one unearned run and two hits over 12 appearances from 4/24-5/21 (11.1 IP)... Earned his first save of the season as the Curve ended their season-long 10-game losing streak on 5/27 @ Bowie... Season ERA stood at 4.32 after allowing 7 ER in 3.0 IP over three outings from 6/9-6/17, but posted a 1.65 ERA over his final 16 appearances with the Curve... In his final game with Altoona on 8/22 @ Reading, struck out four batters over 3.0 scoreless innings to earn the victory in the Curve's 5-2, 10-inning win... Recalled by Pittsburgh on 8/25 and made major league debut for the Pirates on 8/26 @ Houston (0.2 IP, 0 H, 1 BB)

JOSH SHORTSLEF

LHP

HT: 6-4... WT: 250... B/T: R/L... AGE: 25 (2/1/82)... RESIDES: Sterling, NY
 ACQUIRED: Pirates' 6th round selection, 2000 June Draft (Hannibal, NY H.S.)
 MOST IP (Start): 7/0 (3x, last 8/11 @ NHM) MOST IP (Relief): None
 MOST SO: 8 (4/9 @ AKR) MOST BB: 5 (7/20 @ HAR)
 INHERITED/STRANDED: None SAVES/OPPORTUNITIES: None
 Vs. LH: .260 (39-150), 1 HR Vs. RH: .308 (131-426), 11 HR

2007 SEASON HIGHLIGHTS

Member of the Pirates' 40-man roster for the first time in his career during the 2007 season... Walked 59 batters and struck out 85 in a team-high 149.1 innings... Spent the entire season with Altoona and went 5-13 with a 4.40 ERA in 27 starts... 13 losses were the second-most in the Eastern League and tied the Curve's single-season franchise record held by John Grabow (2002)... Right-handed batters posted a .308 average against (131x426) and connected for 11 of the 12 home runs he allowed on the season... Altoona went just 8-19 in his 27 starts and scored three runs or fewer in 14 of his starts... Went 0-6 with a 3.81 ERA over his first 10 starts, receiving just 27 total runs of support in those 10 outings... Selected as the Curve's Opening Day starter and struck out a season-high eight batters over 4.0 innings in a loss vs. Akron on 4/10... Dropped his fifth consecutive decision to open the season, despite allowing just one run and five hits over 6.2 innings in Altoona's 3-1 loss vs. Bowie on 5/18... Making his 11th start, picked up his first win of the season in the Curve's 13-6 rout @ New Britain on 6/7 (6.0 IP, 7 H, 4 R, 3 ER, 4 BB, 2 K)... Pitched only one inning in his start on 7/17 vs. Bowie after a power outage delayed the game by 56 minutes in the second inning... Went winless in six July starts, going 0-4 with a 7.67 ERA (27.0 IP/23 ER)... Snapped a personal six-game losing streak with a win @ New Hampshire on 8/11 -- tossed 7.0 shutout innings, scattering five hits (2 BB, 2 K)... Won his first home start of the season on 8/23 vs. Harrisburg, allowing only one run and five hits over 6.0 innings (2 BB, 5 K)... Posted a 3-1 record and 1.82 ERA (29.2 IP/6 ER) in five August starts

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ALAY SOLER

RHP

HT: 6-1... WT: 240... B/T: R/R... AGE: 27 (10/9/79)... RESIDES: Miami, FL
 ACQUIRED: Signed by Pirates as a minor league free agent, 3/19/07
 MOST IP (Start): 6.0 (4/26 vs. BOW) MOST IP (Relief): 3.1 (5/25 @ BOW)
 MOST SO: 4 (4/26 vs. BOW) MOST BB: 4 (4/21 vs. HAR)
 INHERITED/STRANDED: 5/1 (20%) SAVES/OPPORTUNITIES: 1/1
 Vs. LH: .257 (18-70), 1 HR Vs. RH: .357 (30-84), 2 HR

2007 SEASON HIGHLIGHTS

Entered spring training as a member of the New York Mets' 40-man roster, but was released by the Mets on 3/13... Signed with Pittsburgh as a minor league free agent on 3/19 and opened the season with Altoona... Pitched in 14 games for the Curve, including five starts, and went 1-1 with one save and a 6.00 ERA (39.0 IP/26 ER)... Posted a 4.94 ERA (23.2 IP/13 ER) as a starter and a 7.63 ERA (15.1 IP/13 ER) out of the bullpen... Tossed 3.0 innings of relief to earn his only save of the season in the Curve's 8-3 win vs. Reading on 4/13 (5 H, 1 R, 1 ER)... Allowed no hits in 5.0 innings of work to win his first start on 4/21 vs. Harrisburg (4 BB, 3 K)... Gave up five earned runs and did not record an out in his relief appearance on 6/16 vs. Connecticut... Was tagged for a 9.82 ERA (20 ER/18.1 IP) over his final six outings for the Curve before being released by the Pirates on 6/28

WARDELL STARLING

RHP

HT: 6-4... WT: 206... B/T: R/R... AGE: 24 (3/14/83)... RESIDES: Missouri City, TX
 ACQUIRED: Pirates' 4th round selection, 2002 June Draft (Elkins, TX H.S.)
 MOST IP (Start): 7.0 (2x, last 5/9 vs. ER) MOST IP (Relief): 3.1 (2x, last 7/17 vs. BOW)
 MOST SO: 6 (4/28 @ BNG) MOST BB: 4 (3x, last 4/28 @ BNG)
 INHERITED/STRANDED: 11/8 (73%) SAVES/OPPORTUNITIES: 1/3
 Vs. LH: .292 (52-178), 3 HR Vs. RH: .293 (44-150), 2 HR

2007 SEASON HIGHLIGHTS

Spent entire season with Altoona and went 3-8 with one save and a 6.48 ERA in 32 games (12 starts)... Posted a 6.90 ERA (30.0 IP/23 ER) in his 12 starts and a 6.26 ERA (54.2 IP/38 ER) in 20 relief appearances... Began the season as a member of the Curve's starting rotation and went 2-5 with a 6.62 ERA (51.2 IP/38 ER) in his first 12 outings before being converted to a full-time relief pitcher for the first time in his career in mid-June... Was credited with a complete-game loss in the game one of the Curve's 4/17 doubleheader @ Bowie (6.0 IP, 6 H, 1 R, 0 BB, 3 K)... Was ejected from his 5/26 start @ Bowie for arguing with the home plate umpire -- later served a two-game suspension from the Eastern League (6/12-6/13)... Made his first career relief appearance on 5/28 @ Bowie and tossed a perfect 10th inning with a pair of strikeouts to notch his first-ever save... Was used sparingly over the Curve's final 41 games, but allowed just one earned run over 12.1 innings in eight outings during that stretch (0.73 ERA)... Made a spot start in game two of the Curve's 8/31 doubleheader @ Erie and tossed 4.0 perfect innings with two strikeouts in combining with Patrick Bresnehan and Matt Peterson on a two-hit shutout in a 3-0 Altoona victory

CHRIS TRUBY

INF

HT: 6-2... WT: 210... B/T: R/R... AGE: 33 (12/9/73)... RESIDES: Noblesville, IN
 ACQUIRED: Signed by Pirates as a minor league free agent, 6/5/06
 LONG HIT STREAK: 2 (4/25-4/26) MULTI-HIT GAMES: 3
 Vs. LHP: .250 (2-8) Vs. RHP: .368 (7-19)
 STARTS BY POSITION: 2B (5), 3B (1)
 STARTS BY BATTING ORDER: 5th (2), 6th (3), 7th (1)

2007 SEASON HIGHLIGHTS

Combined to appear in 13 games between Altoona and Indianapolis (AAA) and hit .326 (15x46) with one home run and seven RBI... Broke minor league camp with Indianapolis, but opened the season on the Indians' Disabled List... Remained on the D.L. until being activated and sent to Altoona on 4/20... Played in seven games for the Curve, going 9-for-27 (.333) with three RBI... Posted three, three-hit games in his six starts, including back-to-back three-hit contests in his final two games with Altoona on 4/25 & 4/26 vs. Bowie... Was returned to Indianapolis on 4/27 and was placed on the Tribe's Disabled List until being activated on 5/12... Played in back-to-back games for the Indians on 5/15 & 5/16 @ Syracuse before landing back on the D.L. on 5/17... Remained out of action until 6/6... Played in four more games for Indy from 6/6-6/12 before announcing his retirement on 6/18 to become the hitting coach for the rookie-level Bradenton Pirates of the Gulf Coast League

JUSTIN VACLAVIK

RHP

HT: 6-0... WT: 182... B/T: R/R... AGE: 23 (5/27/84)... RESIDES: Bay City, TX
 ACQUIRED: Pirates' 7th round selection, 2005 June Draft (U. of Houston)
 MOST IP (Start): 3.0 (7/1 vs. BOW) MOST IP (Relief): 4.1 (2x, last 6/6 @ NBR)
 MOST SO: 4 (2x, last 6/6 @ NBR) MOST BB: 3 (3x, last 6/10 @ HAR)
 INHERITED/STRANDED: 7/6 (86%) SAVES/OPPORTUNITIES: 0/1
 Vs. LH: .313 (26-83), 2 HR Vs. RH: .333 (24-72), 1 HR

2007 SEASON HIGHLIGHTS

Became the first Pirates' minor league pitcher to make the jump from Low Class-A to Double-A to begin a season since John Grabow in 2000... Made 24 appearances (three starts) for Altoona and went 2-6 with an 8.39 ERA before suffering a season-ending knee injury during a start @ Bowie on 7/7... Eastern League hitters posted a .323 average against (50x155)... Allowed at least one run in 12 of his 21 relief appearances, including runs in seven straight outings from 5/21-6/10... Allowed 8 ER and nine hits while retiring just two batters over back-to-back appearances on 4/22 vs. Harrisburg and 4/26 vs. Bowie... After 87 consecutive relief outings to open his professional career, made his first career start in game two of the Curve's doubleheader on 6/21 @ Erie (L--2.2 IP, 4 H, 1 R, 1 ER, 2 BB, 2 K)... Faced only two batters in the first inning of his start @ Bowie on 7/7 before leaving the game with an injured left knee... Was diagnosed with a torn anterior cruciate ligament (ACL) and was placed on the Disabled List for the remainder of the season on 7/12

NEIL WALKER

3B

HT: 6-3... WT: 210... B/T: S/R... AGE: 22 (9/10/85)... RESIDES: Gibsonia, PA
 ACQUIRED: Pirates' 1st round selection, 2004 June Draft (Pine-Richland, PA H.S.)
 LONG HIT STREAK: 7 (2x, last 8/4-8/11) MULTI-HIT GAMES: 33
 Vs. LHP: .285 (37-130), 5 HR Vs. RHP: .289 (87-301), 8 HR
 STARTS BY POSITION: 3B (110), DH (1)
 STARTS BY BATTING ORDER: 3rd (61), 4th (1), 5th (49)

2007 SEASON HIGHLIGHTS

Rated by *Baseball America* as the Pirates' #2 prospect entering the season... Converted from catcher to third base during spring training and was a non-roster invitee to Pirates' big league camp... Hit .355 (11x31) with two homers and eight RBI in 19 Grapefruit League contests... Spent majority of the season with Altoona (117 games) before being promoted to Triple-A Indianapolis in mid-August... Combined to hit .277 with 13 home runs and 66 RBI in 136 games between Altoona and Indy... In his first season after converting from catcher, appeared at third base in 130 games between the two levels and posted a .920 fielding percentage (27 E, 338 TC)... Switch-hitter combined to hit .271 (95x350) with eight homers from the left side of the plate and .290 (42x145) with five longballs from the right side... Opened season with Altoona... Posted a .320 average (64x200) in games played at Altoona's Blair County Ballpark... Hit four home runs in five-game stretch from 4/28-5/3... Became first Curve player with a four-hit game during the season, going 4-for-4 with a home run, double and two RBI on 5/15 vs. Portland... Belted a pair of two-run homers to help the Curve snap a 10-game losing streak on 5/27 @ Bowie... Hit a grand slam and had five RBI in an 11-2 Curve win on 6/28 (game two) vs. Trenton... Posted a .363 average (33x91) in 28 games during the month of June... Selected to participate in the E.L. All-Star Game on 7/11 @ Norwich, CT -- started at third base for the Southern Division All-Star team and went 1-for-2 before play was halted because of fog... Busted out of a 1-for-24 slump by going 3-for-3 with two RBI and reached base in all five plate appearances on 8/4 vs. New Hampshire... Promoted to Indianapolis on 8/17 and finished the season there, hitting .203 (13x64) in 19 games... Did not record a home run or RBI in his 19-game stint at Triple-A... Hit safely in six straight games from 8/28-9/2 (304, 7x23)

BRANDON WILLIAMS

RHP

HT: 6-6... WT: 233... B/T: R/R... AGE: 23 (9/6/84)... RESIDES: Tega Cay, SC
 ACQUIRED: Pirates' 29th round selection, 2006 June Draft (U. of South Carolina-Upstate)
 MOST IP (Start): None MOST IP (Relief): 2.0 (7/7 @ BOW)
 MOST SO: 1 (twice) MOST BB: 1 (7/7 @ BOW)
 INHERITED/STRANDED: 1/0 (0%) SAVES/OPPORTUNITIES: 0/0
 Vs. LH: .444 (4-9), 0 HR Vs. RH: .286 (2-7), 0 HR

2007 SEASON HIGHLIGHTS

Went 1-2 with a 3.13 ERA in 15 games (four starts) between the short-season Class-A State College Spikes and Altoona... Began his season with State College when New York-Penn League play opened in mid-June... Spent most of his season with the Spikes, going 1-2 with a 2.53 ERA (42.2 IP/12 ER) in 13 games, including four starts... Pitched in two games for State College before being promoted to Altoona on 7/4... Became the first player to ever play for both the Spikes and Curve (both teams owned by Curve Baseball LP)... Became the second member of the Pirates' 2006 draft class to play in a game at the Double-A level when he appeared in the Curve's 7/4 contest @ Trenton (Fellow 2006 draftee Mike Crotta started the game for Altoona)... Gave up three runs and five hits in 1.1 innings in the 7/4 contest and made a second appearance for the Curve on 7/7 @ Bowie (2.0 IP, 1 H, 1 R, 1 ER, 1 BB, 1 K)... Returned to State College on 7/12... Did not allow an earned run in three straight appearances between 7/15-7/25 before returning to Altoona on 7/28... Did not pitch in a game for the Curve and was sent back to the New York-Penn League on 7/31... Gave up just one hit over 5.1 innings of relief on 8/5 vs. Mahoning Valley... Allowed three runs and seven hits over 5.0 innings to notch his only win of the season on 8/27 @ Williamsport... In his final appearance of the season on 9/6 vs. Mahoning Valley, tossed 1.1 scoreless innings of relief to help preserve a win for injured Pirates' starter Zach Duke, who was making a rehab start that night for the Spikes

2007 ALTOONA CURVE RECORD BREAKDOWN/MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION

CURVE RECORD BREAKDOWN

	TOTAL	HOME	ROAD
Overall Record	73-68	39-33	34-35
Vs. Southern Division	50-49	27-26	23-23
Vs. Northern Division	23-19	12-7	11-12
Day Games	14-14	4-4	10-10
Night Games	59-54	35-29	24-25
Day Game After Night	10-10	3-3	7-7
Curve Score 1st	48-16	22-7	26-9
Opponent Scores 1st	25-52	17-26	8-26
Games Won in Last AB	13-5	7-1	6-4
Vs. RH Starters	51-43	30-20	21-23
Vs. LH Starters	22-25	9-13	13-12
Curve Starter 6+ IP	46-24	26-16	20-8
Curve Starter 7+ IP	21-8	13-7	8-1
Curve Starter 8+ IP	4-0	3-0	1-0
When Hitting a HR	46-32	26-14	20-18
When Not Hitting a HR	27-35	15-18	12-17
Outhit Opponent	53-17	31-8	22-9
Equal # of Hits	4-4	4-1	0-3
Outhit by Opponent	16-47	9-24	7-23
Commit 0 Errors	35-29	18-14	17-15
Commit 1-2 Errors	35-27	21-13	14-14
Commit 3+ Errors	3-12	2-6	1-6
Leading After 7th	55-3	31-2	24-1
Trailing After 7th	5-54	2-25	3-29
Tied After 7th	9-7	3-3	6-4
Leading After 8th	53-2	29-2	24-0
Trailing After 8th	2-47	0-25	2-22
Tied After 8th	6-6	3-2	3-4
Extra-Inning Games	6-7	1-3	5-4
Doubleheaders	4-3-4	2-2-1	2-1-3
Series Record	18-15-8	9-7-5	9-8-3
One-Run Games	24-21	15-9	9-12
Two-Run Games	10-10	4-4	6-6
5+ Run Games	19-21	12-10	7-11
Shutout Record	7-7	4-3	3-4
April Record	9-11	5-6	4-5
May Record	14-16	8-7	6-9
June Record	17-11	11-3	6-8
July Record	16-12	8-6	8-6
August Record	15-16	7-11	8-5
September Record	2-2	0-0	2-2
Monday Record	5-8	3-3	2-5
Tuesday Record	12-8	8-3	4-5
Wednesday Record	11-9	4-5	7-4
Thursday Record	12-10	8-5	4-5
Friday Record	9-13	5-7	4-6
Saturday Record	14-10	7-6	7-4
Sunday Record	10-9	4-4	6-5

CURVE VS. EASTERN LEAGUE

	TOTAL	HOME	ROAD	TOTAL	HOME	ROAD	
Akron	10-11	6-4	4-7	New Britain	5-1	3-0	2-1
Binghamton	3-6	1-2	2-4	New Hampshire	3-3	1-2	2-1
Bowie	11-13	5-9	6-4	Portland	5-1	2-1	3-0
Connecticut	3-3	1-2	2-1	Reading	11-10	8-6	3-4
Erie	7-9	3-4	4-5	Trenton	4-3	4-0	0-3
Harrisburg	11-8	5-3	6-5	TOTALS	73-68	39-33	34-35

MULTI-HIT GAMES

	TOT	2H	3H	4H	5+	TOT	2BI	3BI	4BI	5+
Peter Bergeron	8	7	1	--	--	2	2	--	--	--
Adam Boeve	23	18	5	--	--	13	10	3	--	--
Jason Bowers	30	23	5	2	--	9	6	3	--	--
Vic Buttler	24	19	5	--	--	4	3	1	--	--
Brandon Chaves	21	17	4	--	--	7	5	2	--	--
Brad Corley	2	1	1	--	--	1	--	1	--	--
Jason Delaney	12	9	1	1	1	6	6	--	--	--
Justin Elliott	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Alex Fernandez	12	11	1	--	--	4	4	--	--	--
Javier Guzman	13	8	5	--	--	7	5	2	--	--
Russ Johnson	3	2	1	--	--	2	2	--	--	--
Taber Lee	6	4	2	--	--	2	2	--	--	--
Andrew McCutchen	28	19	9	--	--	9	8	1	--	--
Matt Meath	2	--	2	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Dave Parrish	8	8	--	--	--	5	3	2	--	--
Steven Pearce	28	24	3	1	--	17	8	4	3	2
Brian Peterson	20	20	--	--	--	5	5	--	--	--
Milver Reyes	4	4	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Brett Roneberg	14	13	1	--	--	9	5	1	3	--
Randy Ruiz	14	13	1	--	--	7	4	2	1	--
Neil Walker	33	22	9	2	--	18	13	3	1	1

MULTI-RBI GAMES

CURVE PITCHERS AT THE PLATE

	AVG	AB	H	HR	RBI	R	BB	SO	SAC
Kyle Bloom	1.000	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kip Bouknight	.208	24	5	0	2	3	2	5	3
Dewon Brazelton	.000	9	0	0	0	1	0	5	2
Dave Davidson	.200	5	1	0	1	0	0	2	0
Chris Hernandez	.000	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Yoslan Herrera	.154	13	2	0	0	0	0	6	2
Luis Munoz	.100	20	2	0	0	0	1	11	5
Mike Nannini	.500	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Matt Peterson	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jason Roach	.000	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Romulo Sanchez	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Josh Shortslef	.125	16	2	0	1	0	0	6	4
Alay Soler	.250	4	1	0	0	0	0	1	1
Wardell Starling	.000	6	0	0	0	0	1	3	1
Justin Vaclavik	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
TOTALS	.150	100	15	0	4	4	4	40	20

CATCHERS THROWING %

CATCHER	CS	SB	ATT	PCT
Peterson	25	34	59	.424
Reyes	10	24	34	.294
Falcon	2	5	7	.286
Parrish	13	36	49	.265
Maldonado	1	3	4	.250
Elliott	0	1	1	.000
TOTALS	51	103	154	.331

MISCELLANEOUS FEATS

MULTI-HR GAMES
 Russ Johnson (8/22 @ RDG) [2 HR]
 Adam Boeve (7/16 vs. BOW) [2 HR]
 Jason Delaney (7/16 vs. BOW) [2 HR]
 Adam Boeve (6/25 @ RDG) [2 HR]
 Brett Roneberg (6/12 vs. NBR) [2 HR]
 Steven Pearce (6/12 vs. NBR) [2 HR]
 Neil Walker (5/27 @ BOW) [2 HR]

BACK-TO-BACK HOME RUNS
 7/16 vs. Bowie (Delaney-Boeve)
 6/12 vs. New Britain (Roneberg-Pearce)
 5/2 @ Connecticut (Pearce-Walker)

GRAND SLAMS
 6/28 (#2) vs. Trenton (Neil Walker)
 6/13 vs. New Britain (Steven Pearce)

10+ GAME HITTING STREAKS
 13-Jason Delaney (7/14-7/26)
 12-Jason Bowers (7/7-7/20)
 12-Adam Boeve (5/8-5/20)
 11-Steven Pearce (5/31-6/13)
 11-Brandon Chaves (6/6-6/16)

2007 ALTOONA CURVE TEAM AND INDIVIDUAL HIGHS AND LOWS

TEAM MISCELLANEOUS

LONGEST WINNING STREAK.....	6 (5/30-6/5)
LONGEST LOSING STREAK.....	10 (5/17-5/26)
LARGEST MARGIN OF VICTORY.....	9 (6/28 #2 vs. Trenton, 11-2)
LARGEST MARGIN OF DEFEAT.....	12 (5/17 #2 vs. Portland, 15-3)
LARGEST SHUTOUT WIN.....	6-0 (twice, last 8/31 #1 vs. Erie)
LARGEST SHUTOUT LOSS.....	10-0 (twice, last 8/20 @ Reading)
LONGEST GAME, TIME.....	3:45 (5/24 @ Akron)
LONGEST HOME GAME, TIME.....	3:31 (4/12 vs. Reading)
LONGEST ROAD GAME, TIME.....	3:45 (5/24 @ Akron)
LONGEST 9-INNING HOME GAME, TIME.....	3:31 (4/12 vs. Reading)
LONGEST 9-INNING ROAD GAME, TIME.....	3:40 (7/19 @ Harrisburg)
LONGEST 7-INNING HOME GAME, TIME.....	2:38 (5/17 #2 vs. Portland)
LONGEST 7-INNING ROAD GAME, TIME.....	2:34 (9/1 #2 @ Erie)
SHORTEST 9-INNING HOME GAME, TIME.....	2:04 (5/7 vs. Erie)
SHORTEST 9-INNING ROAD GAME, TIME.....	2:11 (4/27 @ Binghamton & 6/6 @ New Britain)
SHORTEST 7-INNING HOME GAME, TIME.....	1:34 (6/2 #2 vs. Reading)
SHORTEST 7-INNING ROAD GAME, TIME.....	1:32 (4/17 #1 @ Bowie)
LONGEST GAME, INNINGS.....	11 (three times, last 7/3 vs. Bowie)
LONGEST HOME GAME, INNINGS.....	11 (twice, last 7/3 vs. Bowie)
LONGEST ROAD GAME, INNINGS.....	11 (5/3 @ Connecticut)
LARGEST CROWD, HOME.....	8,545 (6/30 vs. Bowie)
SMALLEST CROWD, HOME.....	2,504 (4/25 vs. Bowie)
LARGEST CROWD, ROAD.....	9,066 (5/24 @ Akron)
SMALLEST CROWD, ROAD.....	758 (4/17 @ Bowie)
MOST ERRORS.....	4 (7/29 @ Akron)
MOST ERRORS BY OPPONENT.....	5 (twice, last 8/25 vs. Harrisburg)
MOST CONSECUTIVE GAMES WITHOUT AN ERROR.....	5 (6/24-6/28)
MOST LOB.....	16 (6/7 @ New Britain)
FEWEST LOB.....	1 (8/18 #2 vs. Erie)

TEAM BATTING

MOST RUNS.....	13 (twice, last 6/12 vs. New Britain)
MOST RUNS, INNING.....	6 (three times, last 7/15 vs. Akron, 7th inn.)
MOST HITS.....	20 (7/18 vs. Bowie)
MOST HITS, INNING.....	7 (4/25 vs. Bowie, 8th inn.)
MOST HOME RUNS, GAME.....	5 (6/12 vs. New Britain)
MOST HOME RUNS, INNING.....	2 (three times, last 7/16 vs. Bowie, 4th inn.)
MOST CONSECUTIVE GAMES WITH A HOME RUN.....	5
MOST DOUBLES, GAME.....	7 (4/23 vs. Bowie)
MOST TRIPLES, GAME.....	2 (four times, last 6/14 vs. New Britain)
MOST EXTRA BASE HITS.....	9 (twice, last 7/16 vs. Bowie)
MOST STOLEN BASES.....	5 (7/1 vs. Bowie)
MOST STRIKEOUTS, 9-INNING GAME.....	13 (5/12 @ Harrisburg)
MOST STRIKEOUTS, ALL GAMES.....	13 (5/12 @ Harrisburg)

TEAM PITCHING

MOST RUNS ALLOWED.....	15 (5/17 #2 vs. Portland)
MOST RUNS ALLOWED, INNING.....	8 (twice, last 6/10 @ Harrisburg, 5th inn.)
MOST HITS ALLOWED.....	16 (6/13 vs. New Britain)
MOST HITS ALLOWED, INNING.....	7 (5/25 @ Bowie, 1st inn.)
MOST HOME RUNS ALLOWED.....	3 (5/25 @ Bowie)
MOST HOME RUNS ALLOWED, INNING.....	2 (last 5/25 @ Bowie, 1st inn.)
MOST CONSECUTIVE GAMES ALLOWING A HOME RUN.....	7
MOST STRIKEOUTS, 9-INNING GAME.....	12 (three times, last 5/7 vs. Erie)
MOST STRIKEOUTS, ALL GAMES.....	12 (three times, last 5/7 vs. Erie)
MOST BASES ON BALLS.....	9 (5/17 #2 vs. Portland)
MOST EXTRA BASE HITS ALLOWED.....	8 (5/20 vs. Bowie)

INDIVIDUAL BATTING

MOST RUNS SCORED.....	4 (twice, last Brett Roneberg 6/7 @ New Britain)
MOST HITS.....	5 (Jason Delaney 7/18 vs. Bowie)
MOST EXTRA BASE HITS.....	3 (five times, last Jason Delaney 7/16 vs. Bowie)
MOST DOUBLES.....	2 (seven times, last Dave Parrish, 7/21 @ Harrisburg)
MOST TRIPLES.....	1
MOST HOME RUNS.....	2 (several times, last Russ Johnson 8/22 @ Reading)
MOST TOTAL BASES.....	11 (Jason Delaney, 7/16 vs. Bowie)
MOST RBI.....	5 (Neil Walker 6/28 #2 vs. Trenton, Steven Pearce, twice, last 6/13 vs. New Britain)
MOST STOLEN BASES.....	3 (Vic Buttler, 7/1 vs. Bowie)
MOST BASES ON BALLS.....	5 (Jason Bowers 6/7 @ New Britain)
MOST STRIKEOUTS.....	4 (twice, Brandon Chaves 7/2 vs. Bowie, Taber Lee, 4/24 vs. Bowie)
LONGEST HITTING STREAK.....	13 (Jason Delaney, 7/14-7/26)
LONGEST ON-BASE STREAK.....	33 (Steven Pearce, 6/15-7/22)
LONGEST RBI STREAK.....	12 (Jason Delaney (7/15-7/26)

INDIVIDUAL PITCHING

MOST INNINGS PITCHED, STARTER.....	9.0 (Dewon Brazelton, 8/15 @ Binghamton)
MOST INNINGS PITCHED, RELIEVER.....	4.1 (twice, last Jason Roach, 7/2 vs. Bowie)
MOST HITS ALLOWED, STARTER.....	12 (Kip Bouknight, 8/30 vs. Reading)
MOST HITS ALLOWED, RELIEVER.....	7 (Jason Roach 8/20 @ Reading)
MOST STRIKEOUTS, STARTER.....	10 (twice, last Kip Bouknight 8/30 vs. Reading)
MOST STRIKEOUTS, RELIEVER.....	5 (three times, last Chris Hernandez, 8/7 @ Portland)
MOST BASES ON BALLS, STARTER.....	5 (Josh Shortslef, 7/20 @ Bowie & Kip Bouknight, 4/18 @ Bowie)
MOST BASES ON BALLS, RELIEVER.....	4 (Jason Roach, 5/17 #2 vs. Portland)
MOST WILD PITCHES.....	2 (Ronald Belisario, 7/22 @ Harrisburg)
MOST EARNED RUNS ALLOWED, STARTER.....	8 (Dewon Brazelton, 7/23 vs. Binghamton)
MOST EARNED RUNS ALLOWED, RELIEVER.....	6 (Jason Roach, 8/20 @ Reading)
MOST CONSECUTIVE SCORELESS IP.....	14.0 (Dave Davidson, 7/17-8/10)

2007 ALTOONA CURVE TRANSACTIONS

2007 OPENING DAY ROSTER (24 + 4 DISABLED LIST) - APRIL 5

P Jonathan Albaladejo (DL), Kip Bouknight, Dave Davidson, Chris Hernandez, Yoslan Herrera, Luis Munoz, Mike Nannini (DL), Matt Peterson, Jason Roach, Romulo Sanchez, Josh Shortslef, Alay Soler, Wardell Starling, Justin Vaclavik
C Justin Elliott (DL), Dave Parrish, Milver Reyes
INF Brandon Chaves, Javier Guzman, Taber Lee, Randy Ruiz, Neil Walker
OF Adam Boeve, Vic Buttler, Alex Fernandez, Andrew McCutchen, Matt Meath (DL), Brett Roneberg

APRIL

5 RHP **Jonathan Albaladejo**, RHP **Mike Nannini**, C **Justin Elliott** and OF **Matt Meath** placed on Disabled List
19 INF **Javier Guzman** placed on Disabled List (left knee); INF **Chris Truby** added from Indianapolis (AAA)
24 LHP **Josh Shortslef** placed on Temporary Inactive List; RHP **Mike Nannini** activated from Disabled List... RHP **Jonathan Albaladejo** released by Pittsburgh Pirates
25 OF **Vic Buttler** placed on Disabled List (right hamstring); OF **Matt Meath** activated from the Disabled List
27 INF **Chris Truby** and C **Milver Reyes** promoted to Indianapolis (AAA); RHP **Mike Nannini** placed on Disabled List; LHP **Josh Shortslef** activated from Temporary Inactive List; C **Carlos Maldonado** added from Indianapolis (AAA); INF **Jason Bowers** signed as a minor league free agent

MAY

1 C **Carlos Maldonado** promoted to Indianapolis (AAA); OF **Matt Meath** placed on Disabled List; C **Milver Reyes** added from Indianapolis (AAA); 1B **Steven Pearce** added from Lynchburg (A)
4 RHP **Jason Roach** placed on Disabled List, retroactive to 4/29; RHP **Mike Nannini** activated from Disabled List
7 C **Dave Parrish** promoted to Indianapolis (AAA); C **Brian Peterson** added from Lynchburg (A)
9 RHP **Chris Hernandez** promoted to Indianapolis (AAA); RHP **Jason Roach** activated from Disabled List
15 RHP **Matt Peterson** promoted to Indianapolis (AAA); OF **Matt Meath** activated from Disabled List
22 RHP **Matt Peterson** added from Indianapolis (AAA); OF **Brett Roneberg** placed on Disabled List, retroactive to 5/19
23 C **Milver Reyes** placed on State College (Short-A) roster; C **Justin Elliott** activated from Disabled List
30 OF **Matt Meath** placed on Disabled List (left shoulder); 1B/OF **Brett Roneberg** activated from Disabled List

JUNE

1 1B/OF **Randy Ruiz** traded to Philadelphia Phillies organization for future considerations; RHP **Chris Hernandez** added from Indianapolis (AAA)
5 C **Justin Elliott** placed on Disabled List; C **Milver Reyes** added from State College (A)
11 RHP **Jake Cuffman** transferred from Hickory (A) Disabled List to Curve Disabled List (right shoulder)
12 RHP **Wardell Starling** suspended by Eastern League for two games for incident in May 25 game at Bowie
14 RHP **Wardell Starling** suspension completed
16 RHP **Mike Nannini** promoted to Indianapolis (AAA); RHP **Dewon Brazelton** signed as a minor league free agent and assigned to Altoona
18 C **Milver Reyes** assigned to Lynchburg (A); C **Dave Parrish** added from Indianapolis
19 C **Milver Reyes** added from Lynchburg (A) and placed on Disabled List
20 RHP **Todd Redmond** added from Lynchburg (A); RHP **Luis Munoz** added to Lynchburg (A) roster
22 RHP **Todd Redmond** assigned to Lynchburg (A); RHP **Luis Munoz** added from Lynchburg (A) roster
25 OF **Brett Roneberg** placed on Disabled List (strained right wrist); OF **Matt Meath** activated from Disabled List
27 OF **Matt Meath** placed on Disabled List; OF **Jason Delaney** added from Lynchburg (A)
28 OF **Vic Buttler** activated from Disabled List; RHP **Alay Soler** released by Pittsburgh Pirates
30 RHP **Kip Bouknight** promoted to Indianapolis (AAA)

JULY

2 OF **Adam Boeve** promoted to Indianapolis (AAA); RHP **Derek Hankins** added from Lynchburg (A); C **Milver Reyes** activated from Disabled List
4 RHP **Luis Munoz** promoted to Indianapolis (AAA); RHP **Mike Crotta** added from Hickory (A); RHP **Derek Hankins** assigned to Lynchburg; RHP **Brandon Williams** added from State College (A); OF **Matt Meath** activated from Disabled List; C **Milver Reyes** placed on Disabled List
5 RHP **Mike Crotta** assigned to Hickory (A); RHP **Luis Munoz** added from Indianapolis (AAA)
7 1B **Steven Pearce** placed on Temporary Inactive List; INF **Javier Guzman** activated from Disabled List
12 1B **Steven Pearce** activated from Temporary Inactive List; OF **Adam Boeve** added from Indianapolis (AAA); RHP **Ronald Belisario** added from Lynchburg (A); RHP **Justin Vaclavik** placed on Disabled List (left knee); RHP **Brandon Williams** assigned to State College (A); OF **Alex Fernandez** placed on Temporary Inactive List
17 OF **Adam Boeve** promoted to Indianapolis (AAA); OF **Alex Fernandez** activated from Temporary Inactive List
20 OF **Matt Meath** placed on Disabled List
21 RHP **Kip Bouknight** added from Indianapolis (AAA)
27 C **Milver Reyes** activated from Disabled List and promoted to Indianapolis (AAA)
28 RHP **Luis Munoz** promoted to Indianapolis (AAA); RHP **Brandon Williams** added from State College (A); RHP **Jake Cuffman** transferred to State College (A)
30 1B **Steven Pearce** and C **Dave Parrish** promoted to Indianapolis (AAA)
31 C **Milver Reyes** and RHP **Luis Munoz** added from Indianapolis (AAA); OF **Peter Bergeron** signed as a minor league free agent; RHP **Brandon Williams** assigned to State College (A)

AUGUST

1 LHP **Kyle Bloom** added from Lynchburg (A); RHP **Luis Munoz** placed on Lynchburg (A) roster
4 RHP **Todd Redmond** added from Lynchburg (A); LHP **Kyle Bloom** assigned to Lynchburg (A)
7 RHP **Luis Munoz** added from Indianapolis (AAA); RHP **Olivo Astacio** added from Lynchburg (A); RHP **Todd Redmond** assigned to Lynchburg (A); RHP **Wardell Starling** placed on Disabled List
8 OF **Brett Roneberg** activated from Disabled List; OF **Alex Fernandez** placed on Disabled List (ankle)
14 RHP **Wardell Starling** activated from Disabled List; RHP **Olivo Astacio** placed on Disabled List (right hand)
15 C **Milver Reyes** promoted to Indianapolis (AAA); C **Omar Falcon** added from Lynchburg (A)
17 LHP **Dave Davidson**, OF **Andrew McCutchen** and 3B **Neil Walker** promoted to Indianapolis (AAA); INF **Brandon Chaves** placed on Disabled List (broken finger); OF **Adam Boeve** and 3B **Russ Johnson** added from Indianapolis (AAA); RHP **Jose Paniagua** added from Bradenton (R); OF **Alex Fernandez** activated from Disabled List
18 RHP **Todd Redmond** added from Lynchburg (A); RHP **Luis Munoz** transferred to Lynchburg (A) roster
20 RHP **Luis Munoz** added from Lynchburg (A); RHP **Todd Redmond** sent to Lynchburg (A)
25 RHP **Romulo Sanchez** recalled by PITTSBURGH PIRATES
26 RHP **Patrick Bresnehan** added from Lynchburg (A)
27 OF **Alex Fernandez** placed on Disabled List; OF **Brad Corley** added from Lynchburg (A)
30 3B **Russ Johnson** promoted to Indianapolis (AAA); INF **Brandon Chaves** activated from Disabled List

SEPTEMBER

1 LHP **Kyle Bloom** added from Lynchburg (A); RHP **Wardell Starling** placed on Lynchburg (A) roster
2 INF **Brandon Chaves** placed on Disabled List (broken finger); C **Justin Elliott** activated from Disabled List
3 C **Omar Falcon** placed on Disabled List; OF **Matt Meath** activated from Disabled List