



**Normal CornBelts (13-18)**

LHP Kevin Matthews (0-3, 5.27)

vs.

**Southern Illinois Miners (17-14)**

LHP Billy Griffin (0-3, 5.71)

*The Corn Crib Normal, IL - Wednesday, June 20 | 1:05 PM*

2018 BY THE NUMBERS		CHIRINO COUNTER	
Current Streak:	2W	HITS: 629	NEEDS: 6
Current Trip:	2-1	TEAM LEADERS	
Home Record:	5-9	Batting Average:	
Road Record:	8-9	Loveless: .353	
Last 10:	4-6	Homeruns:	
One-Run Games:	2-7	Iriart: 8	
Two-Run Games:	3-2	RBIs:	
vs Southern IL:	1-3	Iriart: 26	
vs East Division:	7-11	Wins:	
vs West Division:	6-7	Herrera/Sebald: 3	
Extra Innings:	1-2	Strikeouts:	
May:	7-10	Portland: 39	
June:	6-8	ERA:	
July:	-	Bozman: 2.38	
August:	-	Innings Pitched:	
		Portland: 32	

**Yesterday's Recap**

Yesterday, the CornBelts returned home from a quick road series against the Thunderbolts. Monday was an off day for the team and Tuesday ended in a rain out. But in their matchup on Sunday, the Belters stole the finale to win the series.

Tanner Lubach began the rally in the top of the ninth to deliver a Belter win in the final moments. Lubach is currently hitting .303 after going 7-for-11 in the Windy City series; he also went 3-for-4 in the series finale. After Lubach's double to begin the ninth, Joel Davis laid down a sacrificial bunt to move Lubach to third and then reached second on an error by the Windy City pitcher. Chris Iriart would score Lubach after a sac fly, tying the game, before Sammy Vega would single to score Davis. At this point, the Belters took a 6-4 lead.

Windy City would fight back, scoring one in the bottom of the ninth, but relief pitcher Anthony Herrera closed that door, recording his second save of the season.

**BACK ON TRACK**

The CornBelts have now won two straight games after losing six straight, five of them at home. And it was starter Jacinto Garcia would led them to a victory. After his worst start in his Belter career, not even finishing two innings, Garica threw six solid innings, giving up three runs in the process. Manager Billy Horn had high praises for Garcia's start, "Jacinto had a great bounce-back game today." Normal looks to keep the winning streak alive as they face Southern Illinois in a four-game series at home.

**THIRD TIMES THE CHARM?**

This will be the third series against Southern Illinois this season. The CornBelts are currently 1-3 against the Miners, after two games have been cancelled due to rainouts. Familiarized with each other, the long series will be a battle of who can start off strong early in the ball game.

**UPCOMING SCHEDULE:**

- 6/20 vs Southern Illinois Miners 1:05 p.m. CT
- 6/20 vs Southern Illinois Miners 4:05 p.m. CT
- 6/21 vs Southern Illinois Miners 7:05 p.m. CT
- 6/22 at Gateway Grizzlies 7:00 p.m. CT
- 6/23 at Gateway Grizzlies 7:00 p.m. CT
- 6/24 at Gateway Grizzlies 6:00 p.m. CT


**DIVISION STANDINGS:**


- River City Rascals: 19-14
- Southern Illinois Miners: 17-14
- Evansville Otters: 17-16
- Florence Freedom: 17-17
- Normal CornBelts: 13-18
- Gateway Grizzlies: 14-21


# 13 Kevin Matthews


HT 5'10" WT 190 | BATS Right THROWS Left  
 CORNBELTER DEBUT: MAY 15, 2018 vs LAKE ERIE  
 HOMETOWN: Richmond Hill, VA | BORN: Nov 28, 1992  
 ACQUIRED: February 5, 2018 | AGE: 25


2018 DAY-BY-DAY							
	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	BF
5/20 at EVA	5.0	6	3	3	4	6	25
5/26 vs. WC	5.0	3	3	2	5	6	24
6/3 at GAT	5.0	4	4	4	4	3	21
6/9 vs. SI	4.0	6	4	4	5	3	24
6/14 vs. LE	4.0	5	4	2	4	2	20


 Kevin Matthews will make his seventh start to the 2018 season, a team high, against the Southern Illinois Miners.

 Matthews is currently 0-3 and holds a 5.27 ERA in six appearances.


 This is Matthews second career game against the Miners, and second in just over two weeks. He recorded a loss in just four innings pitched.

 This is Matthews first season with the Corn-Belters after spending significant time with the Atlanta Braves and Texas Rangers minor league affiliates.

 Kevin Matthews was drafted by the Texas Rangers in the 33rd round of the 2011 MLB Draft.

 In his last start, Matthews threw for only four innings against the hot Lake Erie Crushers. He gave up four runs, two of them earned, while walking four batters and throwing two strikeouts.

CAREER INFO							
	W	L	IP	H	ERA	BB	SO
2018 (NOR)	0	3	29.0	29	5.27	24	25
2017(Braves-AAA)	0	1	4.0	2	2.25	4	3
2017(Braves-A)	1	0	9.2	9	0.93	5	8
2015(Rangers-A)	0	0	8.1	5	6.48	11	8

 Matthews played five years in the minor leagues--both the Braves and Rangers--before being released in 2017.

## UPCOMING STARTERS

DATE	TIME (CT)	OPPONENT	CORNBELTERS STARTER	OPPONENT STARTER
Wednesday, June 20	1:05 p.m.	vs Southern Illinois Miners	Kevin Matthews	Billy Griffin
Wednesday, June 20	4:05 p.m.	vs Southern Illinois Miners	Matt Portland	Kurt Heyer
Thursday, June 21	7:05 p.m.	vs Southern Illinois Miners	Jack Landwehr	Geno Encina
Friday, June 22	7:00 p.m.	at Gateway Grizzlies	Ryan Lawlor	Will Anderson
Saturday, June 23	7:00 p.m.	at Gateway Grizzlies	Jacinto Garcia	Max MacNabb

## BULLPEN NOTES

<b>4</b>	<b>ANTHONY HERRERA</b>	2018 SPLITS 3-2 2.79 ERA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hometown: McKinney, Texas</li> <li>• 5'10", 175 lbs</li> <li>• Played collegiate baseball at University of Louisiana-Monroe</li> <li>• <b>ACQUIRED:</b> Signed as Free Agent December 1, 2017</li> <li>• Has only given up 1 walk in last 9 outings (7 SO, 1 BB)</li> <li>• Won 2 out of 3 of the last appearances</li> <li>• Last season with the CornBelters: 3-0, 2.67 ERA 18 SO, 8 BB</li> </ul>
<b>7</b>	<b>RYAN LAWLOR</b>	2018 SPLITS 0-0 3.37 ERA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hometown: Savannah, GA</li> <li>• 6'1", 185 lbs</li> <li>• Played collegiate baseball at the University of Georgia</li> <li>• Played in the Atlanta Braves Rookie and single-A minor league teams</li> <li>• <b>ACQUIRED:</b> Signed as Free Agent June 5, 2018</li> <li>• First season removed from minor league single-A advanced league</li> <li>• Threw four strikeouts in debut with the team</li> </ul>
<b>8</b>	<b>JONATHAN De MARTE</b>	2018 SPLITS 0-1 3.14 ERA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hometown: Yorktown Heights, New York</li> <li>• 6'1", 205 lbs</li> <li>• Played collegiate baseball at the University of Richmond</li> <li>• <b>ACQUIRED:</b> Signed as Free Agent November 1, 2017</li> <li>• Has recorded one of the only team's saves</li> <li>• Holding opponents to a .286 AVG</li> <li>• Last season with the CornBelters: 2-1, 5.13 ERA 36 SO, 13 BB</li> </ul>
<b>9</b>	<b>MARK HENDRICKS</b>	2018 SPLITS 0-0 3.29 ERA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hometown: Clifton Forge, Virginia</li> <li>• 6' 2", 205 lbs</li> <li>• Played collegiate baseball at King University</li> <li>• <b>ACQUIRED:</b> Signed as Free Agent February 19, 2018</li> <li>• Hasn't given up an earned run this season</li> <li>• Has recorded one of the only team's saves</li> <li>• Holds sub-2 WHIP at 1.91</li> </ul>
<b>15</b>	<b>NICK BOZMAN</b>	2018 SPLITS 2-0 2.38 ERA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hometown: Huntsville, Ohio</li> <li>• 6'5", 215 lbs</li> <li>• Played collegiate baseball at Urbana University</li> <li>• Nickname: 'The Boz'</li> <li>• <b>ACQUIRED:</b> Signed as Free Agent March 21, 2018</li> <li>• Holding opponents to a .231 AVG</li> <li>• Hasn't given up an earned run this season</li> </ul>
<b>16</b>	<b>CHRIS WEISS</b>	2018 SPLITS 0-0 4.50 ERA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hometown: Ridge, NY</li> <li>• 5'10", 210 lbs</li> <li>• Played collegiate baseball at Hofstra University</li> <li>• <b>ACQUIRED:</b> Signed as Free Agent June 12, 2018</li> <li>• 2nd all-time in saves at Hofstra University; 5th all-time in strikeouts</li> </ul>
<b>17</b>	<b>GEORGE FAUE</b>	2018 SPLITS 5-0 3.00 ERA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hometown: Eustis, Florida</li> <li>• 6'4", 205 lbs</li> <li>• Played collegiate baseball at Flagler College</li> <li>• Drafted by the Boston Redsox in 2014</li> <li>• <b>ACQUIRED:</b> Signed as Free Agent February 7, 2018</li> <li>• Holding opponents to a team low, .179 AVG</li> <li>• Holds a sub-1 WHIP at .89</li> </ul>
<b>26</b>	<b>KUEHL McEACHERN</b>	2018 SPLITS 0-2 4.20 ERA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hometown: Eustis, Florida</li> <li>• 6'4", 205 lbs</li> <li>• Played collegiate baseball at Flagler College</li> <li>• Drafted by the Boston Redsox in 2014</li> <li>• <b>ACQUIRED:</b> Signed as Free Agent February 7, 2018</li> <li>• Holding opponents to a team low, .179 AVG</li> <li>• Holds a sub-1 WHIP at .89</li> </ul>
<b>31</b>	<b>TREVOR SIMMS</b>	2018 SPLITS 0-0 7.56 ERA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hometown: Hurst, TX</li> <li>• 6'4", 225 lbs</li> <li>• Played collegiate baseball at Tulane University</li> <li>• Drafted by the Arizona Diamondbacks in 2016</li> <li>• <b>ACQUIRED:</b> Signed as Free Agent May 23, 2018</li> <li>• First season removed from minor league rookie league</li> <li>• Threw all three strikeouts in season debut</li> </ul>

## BATTER NOTES

### 3 BRANDON INF KUSSMAUL

SUN VS WC: DNP LAST ROAD SERIES (WC): 0x1 LAST HR: --

- Games Played: 2 Strikeouts/Walks: 0/0
- Batting Average: .000 Slugging Percentage: .000
- RBI: 0 Homeruns: 0

### 5 SAMMY INF VEGA

SUN VS WC: 1x4 LAST HR: --

LAST ROAD SERIES (WC): .416 (5x12)

ACQUIRED: Signed as Free Agent June 5, 2018

- Games Played: 11
- Batting Average: .293
- Slugging Percentage: .439
- Strikeouts/Walks: 5/6
- Homeruns: 0
- RBI: 8

### 11 JUSTIN INF FLETCHER

SUN VS WC: 0x5 LAST HR: --

LAST ROAD SERIES (WC): .188 (3x16)

ACQUIRED: Signed as Contract Extension November 6, 2017

- Games Played: 23
- Batting Average: .311
- Slugging Percentage: .378
- Strikeouts/Walks: 10/8
- Homeruns: 0
- RBI: 11

### 18 JOEL UT DAVIS

SUN VS WC: 1x2 LAST HR: --

LAST ROAD SERIES (WC): .300 (3x10)

ACQUIRED: Signed as Free Agent May 18, 2018

- Games Played: 11
- Batting Average: .250
- Slugging Percentage: .361
- Strikeouts/Walks: 8/4
- Homeruns: 0
- RBI: 3

### 24 CHRIS INF IRIART

SUN VS WC: 1x4 LAST HR: 6/7 vs. RC

LAST ROAD SERIES (WC): .333 (3x9)

ACQUIRED: Signed as Free Agent March 29, 2018

- Games Played: 30
- Batting Average: .245
- Slugging Percentage: .527
- Strikeouts/Walks: 50/9
- Homeruns: 8
- RBI: 22

### 28 NICK OF CAIN

SUN VS WC: DNP LAST HR: 5/26 vs WC

LAST ROAD SERIES (WC): DNP

ACQUIRED: Signed as Free Agent November 21, 2017

- Games Played: 12
- Batting Average: .351
- Slugging Percentage: .649
- Strikeouts/Walks: 13/2
- Homeruns: 2
- RBI: 6

### 35 TONY OF HOLTON

SUN VS WC: DNP LAST HR: --

LAST ROAD SERIES (WC): DNP

ACQUIRED: Signed as Free Agent June 5, 2018

- Games Played: 4
- Batting Average: .294
- Slugging Percentage: .294
- Strikeouts/Walks: 7/1
- Homeruns: 0
- RBI: 2

### 10 TANNER INF LUBACH

SUN VS WC: 3x4 LAST HR: 5/30 vs. SI

LAST ROAD SERIES (WC): .636 (7x11)

ACQUIRED: Signed as Free Agent February 26, 2018

- Games Played: 31
- Batting Average: .303
- Slugging Percentage: .563
- Strikeouts/Walks: 32/6
- Homeruns: 6
- RBI: 21

### 12 SANTIAGO INF CHIRINO

SUN VS WC: 0x4 LAST HR: --

LAST ROAD SERIES (WC): .182 (2x11)

ACQUIRED: Signed Contract Extension October 7, 2017

- Games Played: 31
- Batting Average: .331
- Slugging Percentage: .371
- Strikeouts/Walks: 8/11
- Homeruns: 0
- RBI: 9

### 23 RYAN INF DICKT

SUN VS WC: DNP LAST HR: --

LAST ROAD SERIES (WC): .000 (0x0)

ACQUIRED: Signed as Free Agent May 30, 2018

- Games Played: 6
- Batting Average: .111
- Slugging Percentage: .111
- Strikeouts/Walks: 7/5
- Homeruns: 0
- RBI: 0

### 25 DERRICK OF LOVELESS

SUN VS WC: 1x4 LAST HR: 6/17 at WC

LAST ROAD SERIES (WC): .308 (4x13)

ACQUIRED: Signed as Free Agent March 16, 2018

- Games Played: 31
- Batting Average: .353
- Slugging Percentage: .595
- Strikeouts/Walks: 32/13
- Homeruns: 5
- RBI: 22

### 32 ANDREW INF GODBOLD

SUN VS WC: 1x3 LAST HR: 6/13 vs. LE

LAST ROAD SERIES (WC): .333 (4x12)

ACQUIRED: Traded from Freedom December 8, 2017

- Games Played: 28
- Batting Average: .272
- Slugging Percentage: .430
- Strikeouts/Walks: 27/6
- Homeruns: 2
- RBI: 17

### 44 CODY INF ERICKSON

SUN VS WC: 0x4 LAST HR: --

LAST ROAD SERIES (WC): .083 (1x12)

ACQUIRED: Signed as Free Agent February 28, 2018

- Games Played: 21
- Batting Average: .225
- Slugging Percentage: .324
- Strikeouts/Walks: 12/4
- Homeruns: 0
- RBI: 5

## PLAYER PROFILES



### 3 BRANDON INF KUSSMAUL

HT 5'8" WT 150  
BATS RIGHT THROWS RIGHT  
MLB DEBUT --  
COLLEGE - VIRGINIA WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY  
BIRTHPLACE VIRGINA BEACH, VIRGINIA  
BORN  
ACQUIRED JUNE 12, 2018

**PLAYER BIO:** Signed with Normal on June 12th and made his debut the same night ... A four player at Virginia Wesleyan, he earned Second Team All-Region by ABCA/Rawlings and Third Team honors by D3baseball.com in his Senior year ... In his final year he led the Marlins in RBIs with 38 and was second-most in hits with 64 ... led the team in on-base percentage (.455) and runs scored (49) ... notched hits in 42 of the team's 47 games ... was named a First Team All-ODAC member as a shortstop for 3rd straight year he received the award ... also a 2 time All-State First Team selection.



### 4 ANTHONY RHP HERRERA

HT 5'10" WT 175  
BATS RIGHT THROWS RIGHT  
MLB DEBUT ---  
COLLEGE UNIVERSITY LOUISIANA MONROE  
BIRTHPLACE MCKINNEY, TEXAS  
BORN MARCH 4, 1995  
ACQUIRED DECEMBER 1, 2017

**PLAYER BIO:** Entering his second year with the CornBelts (second year overall), Herrera has proven to be a reliable relief pitcher. He previously played collegiate ball for Louisiana-Monroe, where he holds the record for most saves in school history, before coming to the CornBelts in 2017. Since then, he has a 3-1 record with the team in over 25 games played. In 2018, Herrera is 0-1 with a 1.28 ERA, much lower than last year. He has recorded 3 strikeouts while only giving up 1 walk on 8 hits.



### 5 SAMMY INF VEGA

HT 5'10" WT 178  
BATS RIGHT THROWS RIGHT  
MLB DEBUT ---  
COLLEGE NORTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY  
BIRTHPLACE VEGA BAJA, PR  
BORN AUGUST 24, 1996  
ACQUIRED JUNE 5, 2018

**PLAYER BIO:** Samuel (Sammy) Vega joins the Normal CornBelts in his first season out of college. Vega played three years for Northern Illinois University in DeKalb, IL. Before attending NIU, he played for Southwestern Junior College. In his senior season he hit .297 with 62 hits and 28 RBIs. He also walked 27 times and struck out 30 times. Vega now joins the CornBelts in his first year in the minor league where he hopes to make an early impact as a quick, many-faceted infielder with a hot bat.



### 7 RYAN LHP LAWLOR

HT 6'1" WT 185  
BATS RIGHT THROWS LEFT  
MLB DEBUT ATL BRAVES Rk-A 2015-16  
COLLEGE UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA  
BIRTHPLACE SAVANNAH, GEORGIA  
BORN JANUARY 8, 1994  
ACQUIRED JUNE 5 2018

**PLAYER BIO:** Ryan Lawlor was a highly talented senior from the University of Georgia in 2015. Because of this, Lawlor was drafted in 2015 by the Atlanta Braves and immediately began his minor league career for the Danville Braves, the rookie league affiliate. There he had an ERA of 2.96 In 2016, he moved up to single-A advanced league, the Carolina Mudcats. In 14 games, he went 7-3 with a 4.95 ERA. Now, after being released from the Braves organization, Lawlor joins the CornBelts to bolster an inconsistent bullpen.



### 8 JONATHAN RHP De MARTE

HT 6'1" WT 205  
BATS RIGHT THROWS RIGHT  
MLB DEBUT --  
COLLEGE UNIVERSITY OF RICHMOND  
BIRTHPLACE YORKTOWN HEIGHTS, NY  
BORN APRIL 29, 1993  
ACQUIRED NOVEMBER 23, 2017

**PLAYER BIO:** Entering his second year with the CornBelts, and second year in professional baseball, Jonathan deMarte continues to improve his arm. The 6-1 205 lb righty from the University of Richmond continues to aid the Belts as a relief pitcher. Since his debut from the bullpen, deMarte holds a 2-2 record with the team. In 2018, deMarte is 0-1 with an ERA of 4.15 in comparison to his 5.52 ERA in the 2017 season. DeMarte has thrown 6 strikeouts while not giving up a single walk on 6 solo hits and recorded his first save on May 22nd against the Joliet Slammers.



### 9 MARK RHP HENDRICKS

HT 6'2" WT 205  
BATS LEFT THROWS RIGHT  
MLB DEBUT ---  
COLLEGE KING UNIVERSITY  
BIRTHPLACE CLIFTON FORGE, VA  
BORN MAY 19, 1995  
ACQUIRED FEBRUARY 19, 2018

**PLAYER BIO:** Hendricks enters his 1st season for the CornBelts. Hendricks made a spot start against Gateway (June 2) and went 3 innings only allowed 3 hits. This season he has 0.00 ERA in 6 games with 7 strikeouts along with 1 save against Evansville on May 19. Transferred to King after spending two years at Patrick Henry CC in Virginia. In his Senior year at King, was second on the team in innings pitched and third among Tornado with a 4.91 ERA...Tossed one complete game, and one shutout...During his Junior year, fourth in Conference Carolinas and led King with four complete games



### 10 TANNER INF LUBACH

HT 6'0" WT 205  
BATS RIGHT THROWS RIGHT  
MLB DEBUT LA ANGELS SINGLE A 2016  
COLLEGE University of Nebraska at Lincoln  
BIRTHPLACE LINCOLN, NEBRASKA  
BORN NOVEMBER 21, 1992  
ACQUIRED FEBRUARY 26, 2018

**PLAYER BIO:** Tanner Lubach joins the Normal CornBelts in his second career year in the Frontier League. In the 2017 season, Lubach was a member of the Lake Erie Crushers in which he played 45 games. Lubach, a 6-0, 205 lb catcher from Lincoln, Nebraska played his collegiate career with the University of Nebraska. Lubach played his 2017 spring season with the St. Paul Saint. In the early part of the 2018 season, Lubach has found his stroke. Playing in all 11 games, Lubach leads the Frontier League in RBIs and is second in homeruns. He currently is hitting .293 with 2 doubles as well.



### 11 JUSTIN INF FLETCHER

HT 5'11" WT 185  
BATS RIGHT THROWS RIGHT  
MLB DEBUT ---  
COLLEGE NORTHERN ILLINOIS  
BIRTHPLACE PEKIN, ILLINOIS  
BORN MARCH 24, 1994  
ACQUIRED MAY 26, 2018

**PLAYER BIO:** Reactived from DL on May 26, Hitting .318, played in 12 games with 14 hits including a triple along with 8 runs... In his 3rd season with the CornBelts... Last season hit .318 with 108 hits and 44 RBI, 3 home runs, 16 walks, and 2 triples... Hit .236/.299/.264 with 0 HR, 7 RBI, and 8 SB in 172 PA in 2016 for the Belts. Played collegiate baseball at Illinois Central College for one season(2013) and Northern Illinois University for three seasons(2014-2016). In total, hit .286/.351/.382 with 4 HR, 121 RBI, and 32 SB in his collegiate career.

## PLAYER PROFILES



### 12 SANTIAGO INF CHIRINO

HT 5'10" WT 188  
BATS RIGHT THROWS RIGHT  
MLB DEBUT TEXAS RANGERS Rk-A 2009-12  
COLLEGE ---  
BIRTHPLACE PUTNO FIJO, VENEZUELA  
BORN FEBRUARY 11, 1991  
CONTRACT EXTENSION OCTOBER 30, 2017

**PLAYER BIO:** Leading the league in hits with 30, batting .380 which is second in batting average, moved into second all-time in hits on May 26 against Windy City with a ground-rule double, became the third all-time in hits for the Frontier League off a triple against Joliet on May 22... Has had more hits every season since he began in the Frontier League (2013)... longest hitting streak is 20 games for a total of 34 hits. 9th pro season, Three-time Frontier League All-Star, the currently longest-tenured CornBelter, who is in his 6th season. Last season led the league in hits with 141. hit .357/.404/.466 with a .870 OPS...



### 13 KEVIN LHP MATTHEWS

HT 5'10" WT 190  
BATS RIGHT THROWS LEFT  
MLB DEBUT TEXAS RANGERS/ATLANTA BRAVES 2011-13  
BIRTHPLACE RICHMOND HILL, VIRGINIA  
BORN NOVEMBER 28, 1992  
ACQUIRED FEBRUARY 5, 2018

**PLAYER BIO:** In his first season with the Normal CornBelts, Kevin Matthews joins the team as a highly-talented pitcher. Matthews was drafted in the first round of the 2011 MLB amateur draft by the Texas Rangers. He played two seasons with their rookie and single-A affiliate leagues. Matthews then found himself a part of the Atlanta Braves organization where he made it to the triple-A. In 2018, Matthews was signed by the CornBelts and will gain his first experience with an independent league team.



### 15 NICK LHP BOZMAN

HT 6'5" WT 215  
BATS LEFT THROWS LEFT  
MLB DEBUT ---  
COLLEGE URBANA UNIVERSITY  
BIRTHPLACE HUNTSVILLE, OHIO  
BORN JUNE 2, 1992  
ACQUIRED MARCH 21, 2018

**PLAYER BIO:** Playing in his second year with the Frontier League, first with the CornBelts, Nick Bozman uses his size and athleticism to bolster the bullpen. The 6-5 215 lb lefty is trouble for upcoming batters, improving his ERA every year in his professional career. Bozman previously played for the divisional opponent Lake Erie Crushers last season before coming to Normal. Before that, he pitched for the Eastern Kentucky University and Urbana University for a combined four years. So far in the 2018 season Bozman is 1-0 with a 0.00 ERA in almost four complete innings pitched.



### 16 CHRIS RHP WEISS

HT 5'10" WT 210  
BATS RIGHT THROWS RIGHT  
MLB DEBUT --  
COLLEGE - HOFSTRA UNIVERSITY  
BIRTHPLACE RIDGE, NEW YORK  
BORN  
ACQUIRED JUNE 12, 2018

**PLAYER BIO:** Weiss Joins the CornBelts after finishing his college career at Hofstra University. At Hofstra, Weiss recorded 9 saves in 2018 which tied the school record for saves in a season. Weiss had 15 saves during his career at Hofstra that includes a total of 187 strikeouts with 67 strikeouts this past season. Weiss pitched 177.2 innings at Hofstra as he starts his professional career with Normal.



### 17 GEORGE LHP FAUE

HT 6'4" WT 215  
BATS LEFT THROWS LEFT  
MLB DEBUT --  
COLLEGE - NORTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY  
BIRTHPLACE CORCORAN, MINNESOTA  
BORN  
ACQUIRED JUNE 12, 2018

**PLAYER BIO:** CWas one of three players signed on June 12th and made his debut the same night ... A starting pitcher for Northern Illinois, he made 17 appearances with 10 starts ... threw a no-hitter against Central Michigan last season ... carried a 4.18 earned run average and yielded only 15 extra base hits with a .290 opponents' batting average ... in 66 2/3 innings pitched had one complete game and struck out a team third-best 54 batters while walking a team-low 14 batters amongst the Huskie starting pitchers ... prior to spending two years at NIU played at Iowa Central Community College



### 18 JOEL UT DAVIS

HT 6'3" WT 205  
BATS LEFT THROWS RIGHT  
MLB DEBUT ---  
COLLEGE TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY  
BIRTHPLACE CHOCTAW, OHIO  
BORN NOVEMBER 7, 1994  
ACQUIRED JUNE 5, 2018

**PLAYER BIO:** Joel Davis began his independent, minor league debut in 2018, first for the Schaumburg Boomers. Davis played for the Boomers for four games before being dropped and later picked up by Normal. Before playing the Frontier League, Davis played a part of the American Association league, another independent league. A member of the Sioux City Explorers, Davis played in 41 games, hitting .236 with 1 HR and 12 RBIs. While still trying to find his spot at the plate, Davis holds unmatched potential and offers fielding skills for nearly any position. He is a versatile player that can help bolster the Normal offense.



### 20 JACK RHP LANDWEHR

HT 6'1" WT 205  
BATS RIGHT THROWS RIGHT  
MLB DEBUT --  
COLLEGE ILLINOIS STATE  
BIRTHPLACE MT. PROSPECT, ILLINOIS  
BORN AUGUST 16, 1994  
ACQUIRED MAY 25, 2018

**PLAYER BIO:** Jack Landwehr is a local of Normal, being that he played his collegiate career for the Illinois State Redbirds. In his first season out of college, Landwehr signed with the CornBelts early in their 2018 season. Landwehr played four seasons at Illinois State, earning more innings per season. First starting as a bullpen pitcher, Landwehr threw a shutout four innings against the Windy City Thunderbolts. Landwehr was then moved up as a starter to fill the third starter in the rotation. In two strong starts, Landwehr has made a large impact for the CornBelts.



### 23 RYAN INF DICKT

HT "" WT 2  
BATS RIGHT THROWS RIGHT  
MLB DEBUT ---  
COLLEGE UVA-WISE (WISE, VA)  
BIRTHPLACE Vienna, VA  
BORN April 17, 1993  
ACQUIRED MAY 30, 2018

**PLAYER BIO:** Ryan Dick is a former catcher for UVA-Wise in Wise, Virginia and has joined the Normal CornBelts for the 2018 season. After cutting Jay Carp, who helped Tanner Lubach and his role as a catcher, Normal was in need of another catcher--Dick serves that role. In 2017, Dick was a part of the Broncos in which he failed to record a hit in six games. He did score three runs for the team. So far, Dick has played in five games with the CornBelts.

## PLAYER PROFILES



### 24 CHRIS IRIART

HT 6'2" WT 225  
BATS RIGHT THROWS RIGHT  
MLB DEBUT OAK ATHLETICS Rk-A 2015-17  
COLLEGE UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON (TX)  
BIRTHPLACE CHINO HILLS, CALIFORNIA  
BORN OCTOBER 7, 1994  
ACQUIRED MARCH 29, 2018

**PLAYER BIO:** Batting .265 tied for team-leading 6 home runs, has 11 RBI on 9 hits in 11 games... homered in 3 straight games (May 19 DH-May 22)... Drafted in the 12th round by the Oakland Athletics out of the University of Houston... Spent last season with the Stockton Ports (A-advanced), hit .203/.270/.386, with 41 hits and 10 homeruns. Transferred to Houston from Orange Coast College (Costa Mesa, Calif)... Helped Pirates to a 36-9 record and a No. 1 ranking in the nation... Named second team All-Orange Empire Conference in 2014... Batted .316 with 10 home runs and 48 RBI.



### 26 KUEHL McEACHERN

HT 6'4" WT 195  
BATS RIGHT THROWS LEFT  
MLB DEBUT BOSTON REDSOX 2014-16  
BIRTHPLACE EUSTIS, FLORIDA  
COLLEGE FLAGLER COLLEGE  
BORN MAY 7, 1995  
ACQUIRED FEBRUARY 7, 2018

**PLAYER BIO:** Has made 8 relief outings along with a team-leading 2 saves with a 0-1 record in 9 innings. Drafted in the 34th round of the 2014 MLB draft by the Boston Red Sox out of Flagler College (St. Augustine, FL) joins the Belters for his first season... After appearing in 4 games in rookie ball was promoted to short A ball... made 13 appearances with a 1-1 record and 2.93 ERA... Next year (2015) pitched 82 innings, in 34 games, had a 2.52 ERA and 44 strikeouts. In 2017 played for the New Jersey Jackals (Canadian-American Association), made 1 start and pitched in 40 games with a 3-3 record along with a 4.03 ERA in 51.1 innings.



### 28 NICK OF CAIN

HT 6'4" WT 230  
BATS RIGHT THROWS RIGHT  
MLB DEBUT MILWAUKEE BREWERS Rk 2016  
COLLEGE FAULKNER UNIVERSITY  
BIRTHPLACE XENIA, OHIO  
BORN SEPTEMBER 2, 1993  
ACQUIRED NOVEMBER 21, 2017

**PLAYER BIO:** An multi-use outfielder, Cain uses his size and strength to help bolster a team's lineup at the plate and in the field. The 6-4 230 lb outfielder is from Xenia, OH originally attended the University of Northern Georgia before finishing his collegiate career at Faulkner University in Montgomery, Alabama Cain was drafted in the 27th round of the MLB draft in 2016 by the Milwaukee Brewers. After a year with the Brewers, Cain transferred to the Frontier League to play for the CornBelts. In his early career with the Belters, Cain has found early success.



### 32 ANDREW GODBOLD

HT 6'3" WT 220  
BATS RIGHT THROWS RIGHT  
MLB DEBUT LA DODGERS Rk 2014  
COLLEGE - SOUTHEASTERN LOUISIANA  
BIRTHPLACE OAK PARK, ILLINOIS  
BORN MARCH 18, 1992  
ACQUIRED FEBRUARY 27, 2018

**PLAYER BIO:** Playing in his fourth year in the Frontier league, Andrew Godbold joins the Normal CornBelts. Godbold, at 6' 3" 230-pounds, will switch teams in the West Division, accompanying Normal. Godbold brings in four years of pro experience, mostly with the Florence Freedom. Godbold was drafted in the 2014 MLB draft by the Los Angeles Dodgers. In 2017, Godbold batted .283, brought in 47 RBIs in 80 games played. He played better as the season progressed, having 7 multi-hit games in the last 10 games of the year. Andrew helped the Freedom make the playoffs, while hitting .370 during the postseason span. So far, in the 2018 season, Godbold is currently batting .293 in 41 games.



### 25 DERRICK OF LOVELESS

HT 6'2" WT 225  
BATS LEFT THROWS RIGHT  
MLB DEBUT TOR BLUEJAYS Rk-AA 2011-17  
COLLEGE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA  
BIRTHPLACE SOLON, IOWA  
BORN MARCH 7, 1993  
ACQUIRED MARCH 16, 2018

**PLAYER BIO:** Batting .368 which is second overall in the Frontier League... Reached safely in 20 straight games which leads the league and has 28 hits which is also second in the league... has record a hit in every game so far... has 6 straight multi-hit games... slugging .682 with an OPS of 1.129... Drafted in the 27th round by the Toronto Blue Jays in the 2011 draft out of Solon HS (Solon, Iowa). Spent all of 2015 with Dune-din and hit his career high 10 home runs along with 83 hits and drew 58 walks... In 2014 played for single A Lansing Lugnuts... hit .264/.363/.390... had 113 hits, 55 RBI with 9 triples, 66 walks, and 17 stolen bases... From 2011-2013 spent time in Rookie Ball with the GCL Blue Jays..



### 27 MATT PORTLAND

HT 6'3" WT 230  
BATS LEFT THROWS LEFT  
MLB DEBUT KANSAS CITY ROYALS Rk 2015-16  
COLLEGE NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY  
BIRTHPLACE VICTOR, NEW YORK  
BORN FEBRUARY 11, 1994  
ACQUIRED FEBRUARY 15, 2018

**PLAYER BIO:** A returning starter from last year's rotation... Is 1-1 with a 3.15 ERA in 4 starts this season... Leads the teams in strikeouts with 28... struck out 9 a career high as a CornBelter on May 19 at Evansville... He was drafted by the Kansas City Royals in 17th round of the 2015 draft out of Northwestern University (Evanston, IL)... Pitched in 12 games and started in 7, went 1-1 with a 3.12 ERA in 40.1 innings and 48 strikeouts... Played in Idaho Fall (Rookie Ball) in 2015 and 2016... Made 13 starts in 201, went 4-3 with a 5.25 ERA and 57 strikeouts in 60 innings. In his senior year at College, appeared in 15 games making 14 starts posting a 3-6 record including one complete game shutout ... Threw the most strikeouts on the team with 68.



### 31 TREVOR SIMMS

HT 6'4" WT 225  
BATS RIGHT THROWS RIGHT  
MLB DEBUT ARI DIAMONDBACK Rk-AA 2017  
COLLEGE TULANE UNIVERSITY  
BIRTHPLACE  
BORN MARCH 15, 1992  
ACQUIRED MAY 23, 2018

**PLAYER BIO:** Signed on May 23, 2018 and made his debut the same day. Has pitched 4.1 inning sand 3 strikeouts with a 6.23 ERA. He joins the CornBelts after playing for the Kane County Cougars a single-A affiliate for the Arizona DiamondBacks. He was drafted in the 32nd round by Arizona in 2016 out of Tulane University... In 2017 split time with single and advance A ball.. made 6 starts for the Visalia Rawhide (A-adv) with a 3-3 record in 36 innings along with 5 relief appearances... In single A pitched in 22 games posting a 3-3 record with a 2.87 ERA in 31.1 innings.



### 34 JACINTO GARCIA

HT 6'3" WT 245  
BATS RIGHT THROWS RIGHT  
MLB DEBUT ---  
COLLEGE - BETHESDA UNIVERSITY  
BIRTHPLACE CALEXICO, CALIFORNIA  
BORN FEBRUARY 12, 1992  
ACQUIRED MARCH 6, 2018

**PLAYER BIO:** The righty is 2-0 with 3 starts posting a 1.05 ERA with 13 strikeouts in 17 innings...Set a career-high in strikeouts on May 22 against Joliet... He made is Normal debut on May 13 against Traverse City and pitched 1 inning... Entering his first season in a Normal uniform, Garcia has been tagged the fifth man in the rotation... Last year he spent the season with Rieleros de Aguascalientes in the Mexican League... Pitched in 12 games with 3 starts posting a 1-2 record with a 7.54 ERA in 22.2 innings.

## PLAYER PROFILES



### 35 TONY OF HOLTON

HT 6'2" WT 220  
BATS **RIGHT** THROWS **RIGHT**  
MLB DEBUT ---  
COLLEGE - JACKSON STATE UNIVERSITY  
BIRTHPLACE **STATHAM< GEORGIA**  
BORN APRIL 27, 1993  
ACQUIRED JUNE % 2018

**PLAYER BIO:** In his first season out of college, Tony Holton failed to find an immediate team to fulfill his future baseball career. On June 5, the Normal CornBelters signed Holton to fulfill a CF position. Before coming to Jackson State, Holton began his collegiate baseball career for Southern Union State Community College, a junior college in Alabama. He then transferred to Jackson State University a part of the division 1 SWAC conference. Holton enters as a rookie but looks to make a meaningful impact for the CornBelters in 2018.



### 44 CODY INF ERICKSON

HT 6'1" WT 205  
BATS **RIGHT** THROWS **RIGHT**  
MLB DEBUT --  
COLLEGE - CENTRAL ARIZONA COLLEGE  
BIRTHPLACE SCOTTSDALE, ARIZONA  
BORN JUNE 27, 1994  
ACQUIRED FEBRUARY 28, 2018

**PLAYER BIO:** Cody Erickson begins his first professional debut with the Normal CornBelters in the 2018 season. Erickson, a catcher from Scottsdale, Arizona played collegiate ball for Central Arizona College. The 23-year-old proves to incorporate many different aspects of talent for his age as he played both third base and outfield in college. CornBelters manager Billy Horn plans to use Erickson's talent in the catcher position for the 2018 season. In 2018, Erickson has played 8 games hitting 6 times in 26 at bat-s, with 2 doubles.