

25th Anniversary Team

Prospective Pitchers:

Scott Baker: *Baker was dominant as a started for New Britain in 2004, with a record of 5-3 and an ERA of 2.43. He was a member of the 2004 Eastern League All-Star team. He struck out franchise high 14 batters, July 16 vs. Binghamton*

He is currently still pitching for the Twins. Baker has been a member of the Twins organization.

Boof Bonser: *Bonser began the 2004 season with New Britain, holding a record of 12-9, and 146 strikeouts in 27 games. He led the Rock Cats in wins, starts, innings pitched and strikeouts. Had 7 game winning streak, going 7-0 with 2.39 ERA in 8 starts, July 23-August 30.*

-A member of the 2007 Twins roster. Bonser has been pitching for the Twins in the 2006 & 2007 seasons.

Roger Clemens: *Clemens began his professional baseball career in New Britain during the franchise inaugural 1983 season. Clemens held a record of 4-1 on the mound and maintained an ERA of 1.38. He was the winning pitcher in the Eastern League Championship game (Game 4) vs. the Lynn Pirates. He hurled a 9-inning 3-hit complete game shutout, bringing the first EL championship to the City of New Britain..*

-7 time AL- CYA winner (86',87',91',97'98'01'04'). 5 time Pitcher of the Year (86',91',97',98',01'). A consistent member of the AL& NL All-Star team (86',88',90',91',92',97',98',01',03',04',05'). Clemens has been a member of the following major league organizations: Red Sox (1984-1996), Toronto (1997-1998), Yankees (1999-2003) and most currently the Houston Astros (2004-2006).

Jesse Crain: *Crain was with the New Britain team in 2003, with a record of 1-1 on the mound .He maintained and ERA of 0.69, with 9 saves, and 56 strikeouts. He did not allow an earned run in 11 of 12 appearances (20.2 IP), while earning six saves, May 7-June 6.*

-Signed with the Minnesota Twins in 2002, and currently is still with the Twins organization.

Mike Lincoln: *Lincoln held a franchise record for games won with 15 in the 1998 season. He also helped led New Britain to the Northern Division Championship in '98.*

-Has been a member of the Minnesota Twins (1999-2000), Pittsburgh (2001-2003), and in 2004 to the Cincinnati Reds.

Francisco Liriano: *He intimidated Eastern League batters in late 2004 and the 2005 season.. Liriano recorded back-to-back 10 strikeouts games, May 15 vs. Akron and May 21 at Erie. He was voted best prospect in Eastern League by Baseball America.*

-Liriano is a current member of the Minnesota Twins, and was a member of the 2006 American League All- Star Team.

Kyle Lohse: *Lohse first pitched for the New Britain Rock Cats in 1999 after being traded from the Chicago Cubs. He spent the entire 2000 season with the Rock Cats and began the 2001 season at New Britain. In 2001, he went 3-1 with a 2.37 ERA before getting promoted to Triple-A.*

-Started his major league career pitching for the Minnesota Twins in 2001.

In 2006 made his way to the Cincinnati Reds, and is currently a member of the Reds pitching staff.

Joe Mays: *Mays played for the Rock Cats Northern Division Championship in 1998. He was the winning pitcher in the deciding game of the EL North, hurling a 9-inning complete game win at Binghamton (Mets). He returned to the Rock Cats on a Major League rehab assignment 2002.*

-Was a member of the 2001 American League- All-Star Team. Mays has played in the majors for Minnesota (1999-2005) and the Kansas City Royals (2006) and then signed as a free agent to the Cincinnati Reds.

Pat Neshek: *Neshek pitched for the Rock Cats for parts of three seasons, 2003-2005. In 2005, he saved 24 games for the Rock Cats, the most saves in the Twins' organization. He did not allow a run in 14 of 15 appearances, going 2-0 with five saves, April 18-May 29.*

-Came aboard the Minnesota Twins pitching staff in 2006 and is currently pitching for the Twins bullpen.

Juan Padilla: *Padilla was in New Britain for part of the 1999 season. He pitched for New Britain in the 2000 season, and the 2002 season with 29 saves.*

-Has been a member of the 2004 New York Yankees and the 2004 Cincinnati Reds pitching staffs. Padilla signed as a free agent to the New York Mets in 2005, where is currently is still pitching.

Mark Redman: *Redman was in New Britain for part of the 1996 season, and for the beginning of the 1998 season- where he held a record of 4-2 and an ERA of 1.52.*

-A member of the 2006 American League All-Star Team. Won a 2003 World Series title with the Florida Marlins Redman has been a member of the following major league organizations. Minnesota (1999-2001), Detroit (2001-2002), Florida (2003), Oakland (2004), Pittsburgh (2005), Kansas City (2006) and is currently with the Atlanta Braves.

Juan Rincon: Has been a member of the Minnesota Twins since 2001, where he currently is still a member of the active roster.

J.C Romero: *Romero was in New Britain during the 1998 season with a 6-3 record on the mound. 1999 season, 4-4, 7 saves, 53 innings pitching with an accompanying 53 strikeouts*

Has been a member of the following major league organizations: Minnesota (1999-2005), LAA (2006), and is currently pitching at the Red Sox.

Ken Ryan: *Ryan pitched for New Britain in the 1991 & 1992 seasons. He held an ERA of 1.73, 26 strike outs and recorded 1 save.*

-Has been a member of the following major league organizations: Red Sox (1992-1995) and Philadelphia (1996-1999)

Curt Schilling: *Schilling was in New Britain for the start of the 1988 season, holding a record of 8-5 on the mound, and an ERA of 2.97.*

-One of the best starting pitchers in baseball over the past decade. He was a Northern League - TSN Pitcher of the year in 2001 & 2002. A member of the American League and Northern League All-Star team (97',98',99',01',02',04'). Won World Series titles with the Diamondbacks in 2001 & the Red Sox in 2004.

Aaron Sele: *Sele was in New Britain for the end portion of the 1992 season, holding a record of 2-1 on the mound.*

-A member of the 1998 & 2000 American League All-Star Team. Sele has been a member of the following major league organizations. Red Sox (1993-1997), Texas (1998-1999), Seattle (2000-2001), Anaheim (2002-2004), Seattle(2005), LAD (2006) and is currently with the New York Mets.

Brent Stentz: *Was a member of the New Britain organization for the 1998, 1999, and 2000 seasons. In 98' he was named Twins Pitched of the Week, as well as Twins Minor League Pitcher of the Month during July. Stentz was named to the EL post-season AA All Star team.*

First Basemen:

Doug Mientkiewicz: *Mientkiewicz played for New Britain during the 1997 season and the 1998 Northern Champions, holding an average of .323.*

-Gold Glove recipient in 2001. In 10 seasons, held a slugging total of .405. One of Mientkiewicz's most memorable moments in his MLB career was recording the final out of the 2004 World Series. Mientkiewicz has been a member of the following major league organizations: Minnesota (1998-2004), second half of the 04' season moved to the Red Sox, NY Mets (2005), Kansas City (2006) and is currently the New York Yankees 1st basemen.

Justin Morneau: *Morneau saw time with New Britain at the end of the 2001 season, and through parts of the 2003 season. In 2002 he lead the Rock Cats with 16 homeruns. During the 2003 season Morneau held an average of .329.*

-Morneau was the 2006 American League Most Valuable Player. In 5 MLB seasons held a slugging total .509. Morneau has been a member of the Minnesota Twins since 2003 and is still currently regarded as one of the top sluggers in baseball.

Mo Vaughn: *Vaughn is a Norwalk, CT native and was a member of the New Britain Red Sox during the 1989 season. Vaughn held an average of .278 with 245 runs and 47 stolen bases. Vaughn was a 2-time Eastern League Player of the week selection*

-A member of the American League All-Star team (95',96',98'). 1995 Silver Slugger AL-1B. 1995 American League Most Valuable Player. In 12 seasons saw 5,532 at bats, with a slugging total of .532. Vaughn starred for the Boston: Red Sox (1991-1998), Anaheim Angels (1999-2000), and the New York Mets (2002-2003).

Second Basemen.

Jody Reed: *Reed played for the New Britain New Red Sox during the 1986 season. He held an average of .229, with 218 at bats and 50 hits.*

-Has been a member of the following major league organizations: Red Sox (1987-1992), LAD (1993), Milwaukee (1994), San Diego (1995-1996), Detroit (1997).

Luis Rivas: *Rivas played SS for New Britain during the 1999 & 2000 seasons. He held an average of .254, with 49 RBI's and 31 stolen bases, and his slick fielding made him a tremendous asset to the pitching staff.*

-In 2001, he was ranked 8th in the American League in stolen base with 31. He was a part of the Minnesota Twins organization from 2000-2005.

Todd Walker: *Walker was the star of New Britain team in 1995 where he had 23 stolen bases, 85 RBI's and held an average of .290.*

-In 12 MLB seasons held a slugging total of .435 with a total of 66 stolen bases. Walker has been a member of the following major league organizations: Minnesota (1996-2000), mid through the 2000 season moved to Colorado. In 2001, proceeded to join the Cincinnati Reds through the 2002 season. Red Sox (2003), Chicago (2004-2005), half way through the 2005 season moved to San Diego, Oakland (2007).

Starting Shortstop:

Jason Bartlett: *Bartlett was a Rock Cat during the 2003 season., He batted .296, with 162 hits and was a member of the Eastern League All-Star Team.*

- Bartlett has been a member of the Minnesota Twins roster since 2004 and is currently the starting shortstop.

Cristian Guzman: *Guzman was a star of the 1998 Northern Division Champ Rock Cats. Holding 157 hits, 23 stolen bases, and an average of .277.*

-A 2001 member of the American League All-Star team. In 2003 Guzman led the majors with 20 triples. He has been a member of the following major league organizations: Minnesota Twins (1999-2004), signed on with the Washington Nationals in 2005, and remains on the active roster for the Nationals.

John Valentin: *Valentin played for New Britain Red Sox during the 1990 and 1991 seasons. In 1990 Valentin held an average of .218 and had 231 RBIs.*

-1995 Silver Slugger American League-SS. In 11 seasons held a slugging total of .454, 558 RBI's and 1,093 hits. Valentin has been a member of the following major league organizations: Red Sox (1992-2001), NY Mets (2002).

Third Basemen:

Jeff Bagwell: *Bagwell grew up in Killington CT. He played 3rd base for New Britain during the 1990 season. He led the EL in hitting with an average of .333, had 61 RBI's, & 160 hits.*

-One of the top sluggers in MLB over the past 15 years. 1994 National League Gold Glove recipient. He was a 4 time National League All-Star (94',96',97',99'). 1994 National League Most Valuable Player. In 1994 Bagwell was ranked #1 in slugging % with .750. He was a member of the Houston Astros baseball club from 1991-2005.

Scott Cooper: *Cooper played 3rd base for New Britain during the 1989 season. He held an average of .247, with 104 hits and 39 RBIs.*

-A member of the AL All-Star team in 1993 & 1994. Cooper has been a member of the following major league organizations: Red Sox (1990-1994), St. Louis (1995) Kansas City (1997).

Michael Cuddyer: *Cuddyer hit one of the most dramatic home runs in franchise history, in the first game of the semi-finals, September 5, 2001 vs. Norwich. He smashed a 3-2 pitch over the left-field wall off former Yankee Domingo Jean, leading the Rock Cats to a 3-2 win at New Britain Stadium and later to the 2001 Eastern League Champions. Cuddyer holds the single season record with 30 home runs (2001).*

-Cuddyer began play at the Minnesota Twins in 2001, where he currently remains part of the active roster. In 7 seasons he holds a slugging total of .457.

Corey Koskie: *Koskie was a member of New Britain for the 1997 season, where he held an average of .286, and had 125 hits.*

-In 9 seasons held a slugging total of .458. Koskie has been a member of the following major league organizations: Minnesota (1998-2004), Toronto (2005) and since the 2006 season to the present is a member of the Milwaukee.

Steve Lyons: *Lyons played for New Britain during the 1983 season holding an average of .246, with 83 runs, 47 stolen bases and 62 RBIs.*

-Has been a member of the following major league organizations: Boston (1985-1986), Chicago (1987-1991), in 1992 Lyons was a member of Atlanta, Montreal, Boston. Continued the 1993 season in Boston.

Catchers

Rob Bowen: *Bowen began the 2003 season with New Britain as well as the end of the 2004 season.*

-Bowen got his start in Minnesota for the 2003-2004 seasons. In 2006 Bowen made his way to the San Diego Padres, where he is the starting catcher. He was a second round pick of the Twins in

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John Flaherty: *Flaherty caught for New Britain during the 1991 season. He held an average of .289, with 225 at bats and 65 hits*

-Has been a member of the following major league organizations: Red Sox (1992-1993), Detroit (1994-1996), San Diego Padres (1996-1997), Tampa Bay (1998-2002), Yankees (2003-2005).

Scott Hatteberg: *Hatteberg was a member of the New Britain team for the 1992 & 1993 seasons and the beginning of the 1994 season.*

-Has been a member of the following major league organizations: Red Sox (1995-2001), Oakland (2002-2005), and remains at the Cincinnati Reds since the 2006 season.

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A.J Pierzynski: *Pierzynski was in the New Britain line up for the beginning of the 1998 season as well as some time in 2000. During the 00' season Pierzynski held an average of .298, 68 hits and 34 RBIs.*

-A member of the 2002 & 2006 AL All-Star team. In 10 seasons has held a slugging total of .436. Pierzynski has been a member of the following major league organizations: Minnesota (1998-2003), San Francisco (2004), in 2005 signed to the Chicago White Sox, where he currently is playing today.

Javier Valentin: *Valentin was a member of New Britain for the end of the 1996 season and the beginning of the 1997 season. He held an average of .243, 50 RBIs and 90 hits.*

-He has been a member of the following major league organizations: Minnesota (1997-2002), Tampa Bay (2003), Cincinnati Reds (2004-2007).

Outfielders:

Brady Anderson: *Anderson was as member of New Britain for the 1987 season. He held an average of .294, with 50 hits, 6 homeruns and 35 RBIs.*

-A member of the 1992,1996 &1997 American League All-Star team. In 1992 ranked 1st in the AL for plate appearances with 749. In 15 seasons he has held a slugging total of .425 with 315 stolen bases. Anderson started in 1988 with Boston but then moved to Baltimore, where he remained until the 2001 season.

Ellis Burks: *Burks was a member of New Britain during 1985-1986 seasons. He held an average of .273, 70 runs, 126 hits, 14 homeruns, and 31 stolen bases.*

A 2 time All Star (1990 American League & 1998 National League) Ellis was a . 1990 AL Gold Glove Recipient & 1990 AL Silver Slugger- OF, 1996 NL Silver Slugger- OF. 1996 ranked #2 in the NL for batting average with .344 and is ranked 70th in career homeruns with 352. In 18 seasons holds a slugging total of .541. He has played for the Red Sox (1987-1992,2006) Chicago (1993), Colorado (1994-beginning of 1998), San Francisco (1998-2000), Cleveland (2001-2003).

Lew Ford: *Ford was a member of New Britain at the end of the 2001 season as well as for the start of the 200. Ford held an average of .311, with 116 hits, and 17 stolen bases. He was also a member of the 2002 EL All-Star team.*

-Began with the Minnesota Twins in 2003, where he currently remains an active part of the Twins roster.

Torii Hunter: *Hunter was a member of New Britain at the end of the 1996 season, 1997 season and for the end of the 1998 season.*

-6 time AL Gold Glove recipient (01',02',03',04',05',06') Member of the 2002 AL All-Star team. In 11 seasons has a slugging total of .468 with 646 RBI. Hunter has been a leader of the Minnesota Twins since the 1997 season.

Jacque Jones: *Jones was a member of New Britain during the 1998 season, where he held an average of .299 with 155 hits, 85 RBI's and 18 stolen bases.*

-In 9 seasons holds a slugging total of .457. Jones has played for the Twins, (1999-2005) and now for the Chicago Cubs.

Bobby Kielty: *Kielty was the star of the Rock Cats in the 2000 season holding an average of .262, 118 hits, 14 home runs, and 65 RBI's. He represented New Britain in the 2000 AA- All-Star game.*

-In 7 seasons held a slugging total .412. Kielty has been a member of the following major league organizations: Minnesota (2001-2003), half way through the 2003 season moved to Toronto. In 2004 Kielty moved to Oakland, where he currently is a member of the active roster.

Matt Lawton: *Lawton was a member of New Britain for the 1995 season, holding an average of .269, 26 stolen bases, 111 hits, and 54 RBI's.*

-A member of the 2000 & 2004 AL All-Star team. In 2004 ranked 4th in runs with 109. In 12 seasons held a slugging average of .417, with 631 RBI's and 165 stolen bases. Lawton has been a member of the following major league organizations: Minnesota (1995-2001), NY Mets, (2001), Cleveland (2002-2004), and in 2005 Pittsburgh, Chicago, and the Yankees, Seattle (2006).

Dustan Mohr: Has been a member of the following major league organizations: Minnesota (2001-2003), San Francisco (2004), Colorado (2005), Red Sox (2006).

-Mohr was a member of New Britain during the 2001 season. He led the team with an average of .336, and swatted 24 home runs, 174 hits, and 91 RBI's. Runner up in the 2001 EL MVP race

Matt Stairs: *Stairs was a member of New Britain during the 1994 season holding an average of .309, with 98 hits, and 61 RBI's*

-Has been a member of the following major league organizations: Montreal (1992-1993), Red Sox (1995), Oakland (1996-2000), Chicago (2001), Milwaukee (2002), Pittsburgh (2003), Kansas City (2004-2005), in 2006 Stairs moved from Kansas City, to Texas to Detroit. In 2007 he signed with Toronto where he currently is a member of the active roster.

Designated Hitters (DH)

Scott Hacker: *Was a member of the 1999 Rock Cats where he slugged an average of .302, with 139 hits, 97 RBIs and 26 homeruns.*

Matt Lecroy: *Lecroy was a member of New Britain during the 2000 season holding an average of .282 with 55 hits and 38 RBIs.*

-in 7 MLB seasons holds a slugging total of .444. Lecroy has been a member of the following major league baseball organizations: Minnesota (2000-2005), and Washington Nationals (2006).

David Ortiz: *Ortiz was a member of New Britain for part of the 1997 season holding an average of .322, with 14 home runs, 83 hits and 56 RBI's. He also played for New Britain for part of the 2001 season.*

-The most feared Left Handed Slugger in the American League. In 2006 ranked 1st in home runs and RBI's. A member of the 2004, 2005 & 2006 AL All-Star Team. In 2007 ranked 4th in AL for slugging % .586.. 2006 ranked 1st in RBI's with 137. 2006 ranked first in AL for runs created with 146. Silver Slugger award recipient in 2004, 2005 & 2006.. 2005 AL Hank Aaron Award recipient, in 2005 he was ranked 1st in RBI's with 148, 2004 ALCS MVP. Ortiz helped contribute to the Red Sox World Series victory in 2004.

Managers:

Stan Cliburn: The winningest manager in franchise history. Won 367 games in five year stint, 2001-2005. Led Rock Cats to the league championship during first season in 2001 and the playoffs in 2003. Cliburn was the Manager of Eastern League All-Star team in 2003.

Butch Hobson: Managed New Britain for the seasons 1989-1990. 90' season led New Britain to a record of 72-64, with a PCT of .518 placing 4th overall in the conference.

Riccardo Ingram: was named the 12th manager in New Britain franchise history. Began his coaching in the Twins organization in 1998 at Class-A Ft. Wayne, Indiana. In 2003, Ingram was

promoted to as New Britain's hitting coach. He made his major league debut in June of 1994 (Detroit Tigers).

Al Newman: Managed New Britain during the 1996-1997 seasons. Newman managed the Twins Fall instructional League during 1995-1996.

John Russell: Managed New Britain during the 1998-1999 seasons, holding a record of (142-141). Russell was named Best Manager Prospect in Eastern League by Baseball American in 1998.