



**MAJOR LEAGUE
PLAYERS**

From Northwoods League to the Big Leagues

NWL Alumni that have advanced to the Majors
Active in 2008



Steve Foster (Bullpen Coach)

Current MLB Team/Organization: Florida Marlins

NWL Team: Wausau/Wisconsin (1998, 2002-2003)

Notes: Foster was the manager for the Woodchucks for three seasons and won the Northwoods League Championship in 2003. He joined the Florida Marlins coaching staff prior to the 2007 season as the Bullpen Coach and will be entering his third year with the team in 2009.

Jeff Weaver (RHP)

Current MLB Team/Organization: Free Agent

Northwoods League Team: Dubuque (1995)

College: Fresno State University

Draft: 1st Round (14) by Detroit in 1998

MLB Debut: April 14, 1999 with Detroit

MLB 2008 Stats: DNP

Career MLB Stats: 93-114, 4.72 ERA, 16 CG, 7 SHO, 267 Games Started, 1715 IP, 1124 K

Notes: Weaver did not appear in the big leagues in 2008, instead splitting the season with Triple-A stints in the Milwaukee and Cleveland organizations. He went 4-6 in 22 appearances (13 starts) with a 6.17 ERA. He became a free agent at the end of the season.



Juan Pierre (OF)

Current MLB Team/Organization: Los Angeles Dodgers

Northwoods League Team: Manitowoc (1996)

College: University of South Alabama

Draft: 13th Round (390) by Colorado in 1998

MLB Debut: August 7, 2000 with Colorado

MLB 2008 Stats: .283, 10 2B, 2 3B, 1 HR, 28 RBI, 44 R, 106 H, 40 SB in 119 games

Career MLB Stats: .300, 183 2B, 71 3B, 13 HR, 356 RBI, 747 R, 1546 H, 429 SB in 1288 Games

Notes: For the first time in six years Pierre failed to play in all 162 games playing in just 117. Pierre opened the season as a reserve and also missed time with an injury. He was playing everyday for much of the season until the addition of Manny Ramirez cut into his playing time. Pierre still finished fifth in the National League with 40 stolen bases. He led the NWL in hitting (.360) for the Manitowoc Skunks in 1996.



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Jay Gibbons (OF)

Current MLB Team/Organization: Florida Marlins

Northwoods League Team: Manitowoc (1996-1997)

College: California State University, Los Angeles

Draft: 14th Round (411) by Toronto in 1998

MLB Debut: April 6, 2001 with Baltimore

MLB 2008 Stats: DNP

Career MLB Stats: .260, 162 2B, 7 3B, 121 HR, 405 RBI, 348 R in 779 games

Notes: Gibbons was released by Baltimore late in spring training in 2008 to end his seven-year career with the Orioles. He spent a portion of 2008 playing independent ball in the Atlantic League before signing a minor league contract with the Brewers where he hit .312 in 29 games at Triple-A. He signed a minor league contract with the Marlins in the off-season. Gibbons is the all-time NWL single-season RBI leader with 68 in 1997. He's tied for the all-time NWL home runs (career) mark with 28 and was named to the NWL All-Decade Team in 2004.



Bobby Kielty (OF)

Current MLB Team/Organization: Free Agent

Northwoods League Team: Kenosha (1996)

College: University of Mississippi

Draft: undrafted free agent signed by Minnesota in 1999

MLB Debut: April 10, 2001 with Minnesota

MLB 2008 Stats: DNP

Career MLB Stats: .254, 105 2B, 6 3B, 53 HR, 253 RBI, 257 R, in 599 Games

Notes: Kielty spent time in the Boston and Minnesota organizations in 2008, but didn't play in the big leagues. He was granted his release just prior to the end of the season while at Triple-A with Minnesota. In 2007 with Boston, Kielty hit a home run in his only World Series at bat in the eighth inning of game four. That run proved to be the difference in the series-clinching 4-3 win. The switch-hitter was 4th in the AL Rookie of the Year voting in 2002.



Erasmio Ramirez (LHP)

Current MLB Team/Organization: Free Agent

Northwoods League Team: Kenosha (1995)

College: California State University, Fullerton

Draft: 11th Round (338) by San Francisco in 1998

MLB Debut: April 30, 2003 with Texas

MLB 2008 Stats: DNP

Career MLB Stats: 8-4, 3.95 ERA, 91 games, 114 IP, 56 K

Notes: The left-handed Ramirez spent the entire 2008 season in Triple-A with the Milwaukee Brewers before becoming a free agent at the end of the season. He went 3-5 with a 3.46 ERA in 42 games pitching for Nashville.



From Northwoods League to the Big Leagues (cont.)

Robb Quinlan (3B/UTL)

Current MLB Team/Organization: Los Angeles Angels

Northwoods League Team: Dubuque/St. Cloud (1996/1998)

College: University of Minnesota

Draft: 10th Round (311) by Anaheim in 1999

MLB Debut: July 28, 2003 with Anaheim

MLB 2008 Stats: .262, 1 2B, 2 3B, 1 HR, 11 RBI, 15 R in 68 g

Career MLB Stats: .285, 47 2B, 5 3B, 23 HR, 105 RBI, 117 R, 275 H in 381 games

Notes: Quinlan hit .262 as a part time player for the Angels in 2008 playing mostly at third base. His 21-game hit streak in 2004 is the longest by an Angels rookie in team history. He was named NWL MVP following the 1998 season and is a member of the NWL All-Decade Team.



Clint Barmes (2B)

Current MLB Team/Organization: Colorado Rockies

Northwoods League Team: Kenosha/Waterloo (1998, 1999-00)

College: Indiana State University

Draft: 10th Round (287) by Colorado in 2000

MLB Debut: September 5, 2003 with Colorado

MLB 2008 Stats: .290, 25 2B, 6 3B, 11 HR, 44 RBI in 107 g

Career MLB Stats: .263, 78 2B, 12 3B, 30 HR, 159 RBI, 180 R in 378 games

Notes: Barmes opened 2008 as a utility player but became a regular shortly into the season. Initially he took over at shortstop for an injured Troy Tulowitzki before becoming Colorado's everyday second baseman later in the year. As a rookie in 2005, Barmes batted .329 with 8 home runs and 34 runs batted in in 54 games before suffering an injury that kept him out 78 games.



Val Pascucci (OF)

Current MLB Team/Organization: Los Angeles Dodgers

Northwoods League Team: Rochester (1998)

College: University of Oklahoma

Draft: 15th Round (450) by Montreal in 1999

MLB Debut: April 26, 2004 with Montreal

MLB 2008 Stats: DNP

Career MLB Stats: .138, 1 2B, 2 HR, 6 RBI, 6 R in 31 games

Notes: Pascucci had another big year in Triple-A totalling 28 home runs and 88 RBI with a .280 average with both the Phillies and Mets organizations. He cracked 34 home runs to lead the AAA Pacific Coast League while batting .284 with 98 RBI in 2007 while with the Marlins. Neither season did he get a promotion to the big leagues and once again headed into the off-season as a free agent before signing a minor league deal with the Dodgers. A 1998 NWL All-Star playing for the Rochester Honkers, Val was named the "Star of Stars" at the All-Star game in Brainerd. He also threw the first no-hitter in Northwoods League history.



From Northwoods League to the Big Leagues (cont.)

Josh Willingham (LF)

Current MLB Team/Organization: Washington Nationals

Northwoods League Team: Austin (1998-1999)

College: University of North Alabama

Draft: 17th Round (491) by Florida in 2000

MLB Debut: July 6, 2004

MLB 2008 Stats: .254, 21 2B, 5 3B, 15 HR, 51 RBI, 54 R in 102 games

Career MLB Stats: .266, 82 2B, 11 3B, 63 HR, 219 RBI, 96 R in 416 games

Notes: Willingham missed nearly two months with an injury in the first half of the 2008 season. He still played in over 100 games for Florida belting 15 home runs and driving in 51 runs as the Marlins everyday left fielder. He was traded to Washington on November 11th.



George Sherrill (LHP)

Current MLB Team/Organization: Baltimore Orioles

Northwoods League Team: Kenosha (1997-1998)

College: Austin Peay State University

Draft: undrafted, contract purchased from independent league by Seattle in 2003

MLB Debut: July 16, 2004 with Seattle

MLB 2008 Stats: 3-5, 4.73 ERA, 31 saves, 57 games, 53.1 IP, 58 K

Career MLB Stats: 13-13, 3.96 ERA, 35 saves, 252 games, 181.1 IP, 196 K

Notes: Sherrill was traded from Seattle to Baltimore prior to the 2008 season. During spring training the Orioles made Sherrill their closer and he turned it into an all-star season. Sherrill pitched 2.1 innings in 2008's historic 15-inning MLB All-Star Game and became the first NWL alumnus to appear in the mid-summer classic. In 1997, Sherrill was selected to the NWL All-Star team.



Curtis Granderson (CF)

Current MLB Team/Organization: Detroit Tigers

Northwoods League Team: Mankato (2001)

College: University of Illinois-Chicago

Draft: 3rd Round (80) by Detroit in 2002

MLB Debut: September 13, 2004 with Detroit

MLB 2008 Stats: .280, 26 2B, 13 3B, 22 HR, 66 RBI, 112 R in 141 games

Career MLB Stats: .280, 102 2B, 49 3B, 72 HR, 228 RBI, 344 R in 514 games

Notes: Granderson missed the first few weeks of the 2008 season after suffering a hand injury in spring training. He recovered for another strong season as the Tigers everyday centerfielder and lead-off hitter. In 2007, Granderson hit .302 with 38 doubles, a league-high 23 triples, 23 home runs, 26 stolen bases, and 122 runs scored. He's one of just four players in Major League history to have a 20-20-20-20 season.



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Dave Gassner (LHP)

Current MLB Team/Organization: Free Agent

Northwoods League Team: Wausau (1998)

College: Purdue University

Draft: 24th Round (721) by Toronto in 2001

MLB Debut: April 16, 2005 with Minnesota

MLB 2008 Stats: DNP

Career MLB Stats: 1-0, 5.87 ERA, 2 starts, 7.2 IP, 2 K

Notes: Gassner opened the 2008 season playing independent ball in the Atlantic League. Boston signed him in June and he pitched the remainder of the season in Double-A with the Red Sox organization. Pitching mostly as a starter for Portland, Gassner went 8-5 with a 5.82 ERA in 82 innings. He led the Triple-A International League in wins (16) in 2004.



Mike Burns (RHP)

Current MLB Team/Organization: Free Agent

Northwoods League Team: Brainerd (1998-1999)

College: California State University, Los Angeles

Draft: 30th Round (907) by Houston in 2000

MLB Debut: May 13, 2005 with Houston

MLB 2008 Stats: DNP

Career MLB Stats: 0-0, 5.88 ERA, 45 games, 52 IP, 36 K

Notes: Burns spent the entire 2008 season with the Iowa Cubs of the Triple-A Pacific Coast League. He went 8-12 seeing time as both a starter and a reliever. Burns compiled a 4.67 ERA in 133 innings. He became a free agent at the end of the season. He went a combined 7-4 over two seasons for the Brainerd Mighty Gulls in 1998-99.



Jeremy Accardo (RHP)

Current MLB Team/Organization: Toronto Blue Jays

Northwoods League Team: Alexandria (2001)

College: Illinois State University

Draft: undrafted free agent signed by San Francisco in 2003

MLB Debut: May 4, 2005 with San Francisco

MLB 2008 Stats: 0-3, 6.57 ERA, 4 SV, 16 Games, 12.1 IP

Career MLB Stats: 7-16, 3.99 ERA, 37 SV, 173 Games, 178.1 IP, 132 K

Notes: Accardo's 2008 season was shortened by an arm injury. He pitched in just 16 games at the Major League level, the last of which came on May 9th. He made 13 total rehab appearances but didn't rejoin the Blue Jays big league club. In 2007, Accardo finished eighth in the American League with 30 saves and posted a 2.14 ERA.



From Northwoods League to the Big Leagues (cont.)

Paul McNulty (OF)

Current MLB Team/Organization: Boston Red Sox

Northwoods League Team: Mankato (2001)

College: California State University, Long Beach

Draft: 12th Round (355) by San Diego in 2002

MLB Debut: June 22, 2005 with San Diego

MLB 2008 Stats: .207, 7 2B, 1 3B, 3 HR, 13 RBI in 66 games

Career MLB Stats: .208, 9 2B, 1 3B, 5 HR, 21 RBI in 124 g

Notes: McNulty spent about half of the season in the majors with the Padres in 2008 until being designated for assignment in July.

He cleared waivers and accepted his assignment to Triple-A where he proceeded to destroy pitching in the Pacific Coast League. In 53 games in Portland, McNulty hit .343 with 14 doubles, 13 home runs and 50 RBI. McNulty became a free agent after the season and signed a minor league contract with Boston in November.



Ryan Spilborghs (OF)

Current MLB Team/Organization: Colorado Rockies

Northwoods League Team: Madison (2001)

College: University of California, Santa Barbara

Draft: 7th Round (201) by Colorado in 2002

MLB Debut: July 16, 2005 with Colorado

MLB 2008 Stats: .313, 14 2B, 2 3B, 6 HR, 36 RBI in 89 g

Career MLB Stats: .302, 34 2B, 6 3B, 21 HR, 109 RBI in 254 g

Notes: Spilborghs put up good numbers as a part time player for the Rockies in 2008 hitting a career-best .313 to raise his career average to .302. He was an NWL postseason All-Star selection in 2001 while playing for the Madison Mallards.



Tom Gorzelanny (LHP)

Current MLB Team/Organization: Pittsburgh Pirates

Northwoods League Team: St. Cloud (2001)

College: Triton Community College (IL)

Draft: 2nd Round (45) by Pittsburgh in 2003

MLB Debut: September 20, 2005 with Pittsburgh

MLB 2008 Stats: 6-9, 6.66 ERA, 21 starts, 105.1 IP, 67 K

Career MLB Stats: 22-25, 4.78 ERA, 67 games, 374.2 IP, 245 K

Notes: One year after nearly making an all-star team, Gorzelanny battled injury and struggled to a 6-9 record and a 6.66 ERA. He spent nearly two months in Triple-A and performed well going 3-1 with a 2.06 ERA in seven starts. He returned to the majors before suffering a finger injury in September that ended his season. Gorzelanny won a career-high 14 games in 2007.



From Northwoods League to the Big Leagues (cont.)

Casey Janssen (RHP)

Current MLB Team/Organization: Toronto Blue Jays

Northwoods League Team: Wisconsin (2001)

College: University of California, Los Angeles

Draft: 4th Round (117) by Toronto in 2004

MLB Debut: April 27, 2006 with Toronto

MLB 2008 Stats: DNP

Career MLB Stats: 8-13, 3.89 ERA, 89 games, 166.2 IP, 83 K

Notes: Janssen missed the entire 2008 season after having surgery to repair a torn labrum in his right arm. In 2007, Janssen worked as a top setup man out of the Blue Jays bullpen and held opponents to a 2.35 ERA. He appeared in 70 games and picked up six saves in his first season as a reliever.



Andre Ethier (RF)

Current MLB Team/Organization: Los Angeles Dodgers

Northwoods League Team: Rochester (2002)

College: Arizona State University

Draft: 2nd Round (62) by Oakland in 2004

MLB Debut: May 2, 2006 with L.A. Dodgers

MLB 2008 Stats: .305, 38 2B, 5 3B, 20 HR, 77 RBI, 90 R in 141 games

Career MLB Stats: .299, 90 2B, 14 3B, 44 HR, 196 RBI, 190 R in 420 games

Notes: In 2008, Ethier had his best season as a pro setting career-highs in most offensive categories. His production surged when the Dodgers acquired Manny Ramirez in July and Ethier settled in as the everyday right fielder and number two hitter. Ethier hit .462 (36-for-78) in the Dodgers playoff push in September. He finished fifth in the National League Rookie of the Year voting in 2006.



Jack Hannahan (3B)

Current MLB Team/Organization: Oakland Athletics

Northwoods League Team: Mankato (1999)

College: University of Minnesota

Draft: 3rd Round (87) by Detroit in 2001

MLB Debut: May 25, 2006 with Detroit

MLB 2008 Stats: .218, 27 2B, 9 HR, 47 RBI, 48 R in 143 games

Career MLB Stats: .229, 39 2B, 12 HR, 71 RBI, 64 R in 187 g

Notes: In his second season with Oakland, and with Eric Chavez missing nearly the entire season with an injury, Hannahan earned the opportunity to be the A's everyday third baseman. He was second on the team with 27 doubles. In 1999, he hit .320 in 33 games for the Mankato Mashers.



From Northwoods League to the Big Leagues (cont.)

Mike Rouse (SS)

Current MLB Team/Organization: Free Agent

Northwoods League Team: Brainerd (1999-2000)

College: California State University, Fullerton

Draft: 5th Round (151) by Toronto in 2001

MLB Debut: June 9, 2006 with Oakland

MLB 2008 Stats: DNP

Career MLB Stats: .165, 4 2B, 0 HR, 6 RBI, 9 R in 49 games (91 at bats)

Notes: Rouse began the season in Triple-A with the White Sox before being released and joining the Phillies Triple-A squad. He hit a combined .247 in 113 games. He became a free agent after the season. In his Major League debut with the A's against the Yankees in 2006, he collected three hits including a single in his first at-bat off Randy Johnson. Rouse led the NWL in hits (91) and stolen bases (42) in 1999, and finished second in hitting (.381) while playing for the Brainerd Mighty Gulls. He was an NWL All-Decade Team selection in 2004 and is the League's career batting average leader at .366.



Pat Neshek (RHP)

Current MLB Team/Organization: Minnesota Twins

Northwoods League Team: Wisconsin (2000)

College: Butler University

Draft: 6th Round (182) by Minnesota in 2002

MLB Debut: July 7, 2006 with Minnesota

MLB 2008 Stats: 0-1, 4.73 ERA, 15 games, 13.1 IP, 15 K

Career MLB Stats: 11-5, 2.91 ERA, 121 games, 120.2 IP, 142 K

Notes: Neshek pitched in just 15 games in 2008 before a torn ligament in his right elbow ended his season. In November the Twins announced that Neshek would have "Tommy John" surgery and miss the entire 2009 season as well. He was nearly an all-star in 2007 after being put up for the final vote in the American League. He picked up seven wins in relief and struck out more than a batter an inning with 74 K's. In 2000, Neshek went 4-5 with a 3.23 ERA for the Woodchucks.



Mark Lowe (RHP)

Current MLB Team/Organization: Seattle Mariners

Northwoods League Team: Wisconsin (2002-2003)

College: University of Texas at Arlington

Draft: 5th Round (153) by Seattle in 2004

MLB Debut: July 7, 2006 with Seattle

MLB 2008 Stats: 1-5, 5.37 ERA, 57 games, 63.2 IP, 55 K

Career MLB Stats: 2-5, 4.66 ERA, 76 games, 85.0 IP, 78 K

Notes: Lowe spent the entire 2008 season in the big leagues with the Mariners pitching in a total of 57 games, which was second most on the team. He went 3-0 with a 2.45 ERA over two seasons with the Woodchucks in 2002-2003.



From Northwoods League to the Big Leagues (cont.)

Ben Zobrist (SS/UTL)

Current MLB Team/Organization: Tampa Bay Rays

Northwoods League Team: Wisconsin (2003)

College: Dallas Baptist University

Draft: 6th Round (184) by Houston in 2004

MLB Debut: August 1, 2006 with Tampa Bay

MLB 2008 Stats: .253, 10 2B, 2 3B, 12 HR, 30 RBI, 32 R in 62 g

Career MLB Stats: .222, 18 2B, 4 3B, 15 HR, 57 RBI, 50 R in 145 games

Notes: Zobrist became the ultimate utility player for the American League Champion Rays in 2008. He saw action at all positions except for first base, catcher, and pitcher. He played in seven postseason games including two starts as the Rays right fielder in the World Series. As an All-Star selection in 2003 for the Woodchucks, he hit .319 and led the circuit in runs (53) and was 2nd in hits (72) for the 2003 NWL Champions.



T.J. Bohn (OF)

Current MLB Team/Organization: Free Agent

Northwoods League Team: Brainerd (2001)

College: Bellevue (NE) University

Draft: 30th Round (910) by Seattle in 2002

MLB Debut: August 22, 2006 with Seattle

MLB 2008 Stats: .400, 1 2B, 0 HR, 3 RBI in 14 games

Career MLB Stats: .211, 1 2B, 1 HR, 5 RBI in 32 games

Notes: Bohn spent the season with the Phillies organization and had two stints in the majors with the eventual World Series champions. For the majority of the season Bohn played in Triple-A for Lehigh Valley and hit .215 in 97 games. He became a free agent at the end of the season. In 2001, Bohn finished 5th in the NWL in batting and was named an All-Star following that season.



Tim Gradoville (C)

Current MLB Team/Organization: Free Agent

Northwoods League Team: Waterloo (2001)

College: Creighton University

Draft: 37th Round (1109) by Philadelphia in 2002

MLB Debut: DNP

MLB 2008/Career Stats: DNP

Notes: Gradoville was promoted to the Big Leagues by Philadelphia on September 5, 2006 but never played. In 2008 he hit .194 in 35 games in Double-A in the Texas Rangers organization. Gradoville became a free agent at the end of the season. He topped all NWL catchers in 2001 in % of runners caught stealing, throwing out 47% (14-out-of-30) would-be base stealers.



From Northwoods League to the Big Leagues (cont.)

Jay Marshall (LHP)

Current MLB Team/Organization: Oakland Athletics

Northwoods League Team: Rochester (2002)

College: Jefferson College (MO)

Draft: 25th Round (750) by Chicago WS in 2002

MLB Debut: April 2, 2007 with Oakland

MLB 2008: DNP

Career MLB Stats: 1-2, 6.43 ERA, 51 games, 42 IP, 18 K

Notes: After spending the entire 2007 season on the A's major league roster in 2007 due to his Rule 5 status, Marshall split 2008 between Double-A and Triple-A. In 20 games at Double-A he went 1-1 with a 0.84 ERA. At Triple-A Marshall had a 6.16 ERA and a 3-5 record in 37 appearances. In 2002, he had a 2.14 ERA in eight appearances for the Honkers.



Joe Bisenius (RHP)

Current MLB Team/Organization: Philadelphia Phillies

Northwoods League Team: Duluth (2003)

College: Oklahoma City University

Draft: 12th Round (362) by Philadelphia in 2004

MLB Debut: April 5, 2007 with Philadelphia

MLB 2008: DNP

Career MLB Stats: 0-0, 0.00 ERA, 2 games, 2 IP, 3 K

Notes: Bisenius was called up to the big leagues once in 2008 but did not appear in a game for the eventual World Series champions. Instead he split the season between Double-A and Triple-A combining to go 3-5 with a 4.66 ERA in 43 relief appearances. In 2003, Bisenius was 3-1 in seven starts for the inaugural Duluth Huskies.



Curtis Thigpen (C)

Current MLB Team/Organization: Toronto Blue Jays

Northwoods League Team: Waterloo (2002)

College: University of Texas at Austin

Draft: 2nd Round (57) by Toronto in 2004

MLB Debut: June 6, 2007 with Toronto

MLB 2008: .176, 0 2B, 1 HR, 1 RBI in 10 games

Career MLB Stats: .229, 5 2B, 1 HR, 11 RBI in 57 games

Notes: Thigpen saw big league time during two stints with the Blue Jays in 2008. He played in ten games with nine as a catcher and one at first base. At Triple-A Syracuse in 2008, Thigpen hit .222 in 96 games. He was a member of the Waterloo Bucks NWL Championship team in 2002.



From Northwoods League to the Big Leagues (cont.)

Jordan De Jong (RHP)

Current MLB Team/Organization: Free Agent

Northwoods League Team: Grand Forks/Brainerd ('98-'99)

College: California State University, Fullerton

Draft: 18th Round (536) by Toronto in 2002

MLB Debut: June 6, 2007 with Toronto

MLB 2008: DNP

Career MLB Stats: 0-0, 8.00 ERA, 6 games, 9 IP, 7 K

Notes: De Jong pitched in the Toronto organization for Triple-A Syracuse in 2008. He was 6-2 with a 4.04 ERA in 53 relief appearances and became a free agent following the season. De Jong struck out the side in his big league debut against Tampa Bay in 2007. In 1998 he was an NWL All-Star for the Channel Cats when he went 5-2 with a 3.75 ERA.



Chris Basak (SS)

Current MLB Team/Organization: Free Agent

Northwoods League Team: St. Cloud (1998-99)

College: University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Draft: 6th Round (185) by NY Mets in 2000

MLB Debut: June 9, 2007 with NY Yankees

MLB 2008: DNP

Career MLB Stats: 5 games, .000 batting avg. (0-for-1)

Notes: Basak's 2008 season was split between Triple-A stints in the Twins and Yankees organizations. He hit a combined .249 in 101 games. He became a free agent after finishing the season in New York's organization. Basak was named as a member of the NWL All-Decade Team in 2004 following two great seasons in St. Cloud at the end of the '90s where he combined to hit .344.



Willie Collazo (LHP)

Current MLB Team/Organization: Florida Marlins

Northwoods League Team: Waterloo (1999)

College: Florida International University

Draft: 10th Round (315) by Atlanta in 2001

MLB Debut: September 5, 2007 with NY Mets

MLB 2008: DNP

Career MLB Stats: 0-0, 6.35 ERA, 6 games, 5.2 IP, 0 K

Notes: Collazo didn't make any appearance in the big leagues in 2008 although he was called up once by the Mets. He had an all-star season in the Pacific Coast League for New Orleans going 4-9 with a 4.05 ERA, good for sixth in the league. He was taken off the Mets 40-man roster and granted free agency at the end of his minor league season. He has since signed a minor league contract with Florida. Collazo had nine wins and 82 strikeouts for the Bucks in 1999.



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Lance Broadway (RHP)

Current MLB Team/Organization: Chicago White Sox

Northwoods League Team: Wisconsin (2004)

College: Texas Christian University

Draft: 1st Round (15) by Chicago WS in 2005

MLB Debut: September 7, 2007 with Chicago WS

MLB 2008: 1-0, 7.07 ERA, 7 games, 1 start, 14.0 IP, 7 K

Career MLB Stats: 2-1, 4.44 ERA, 11 games, 2 starts, 24.1 IP, 21 K

Notes: Broadway spent time with the Sox during the final two months of the regular season. He earned his lone win in his only start on August 14th against Kansas City. Broadway made 23 starts in Triple-A and went 11-7 with a 4.66 ERA in 145 innings. In 2004, he was 5-1 with a 1.80 ERA and 95 strikeouts in 65 innings as an NWL All-Star for the Woodchucks.



Josh Newman (LHP)

Current MLB Team/Organization: Kansas City Royals

Northwoods League Team: Alexandria (2001)

College: Ohio State University

Draft: 19th Round (560) by Colorado in 2004

MLB Debut: September 12, 2007 with Colorado

MLB 2008: 0-0, 8.62 ERA, 12 games, 15.2 IP, 8 K

Career MLB Stats: 0-0, 8.15 ERA, 14 games, 17.2 IP, 11 K

Notes: Newman finished 2008 with the Royals after starting the year with Rockies organization. After appearing in eight games for Colorado they designated him for assignment in July. The Royals claimed him and he made four appearances for their big league club. Newman spent most of the season in the minors going 1-2 with a 3.68 ERA in 27 total Triple-A appearances. He went 3-3 with a 3.78 ERA in ten starts for the inaugural Beetles in 2001.



Carlos Muniz (RHP)

Current MLB Team/Organization: New York Mets

Northwoods League Team: Alexandria (2002)

College: California State University, Long Beach

Draft: 13th Round (379) by NY Mets in 2003

MLB Debut: September 25, 2007 with NY Mets

MLB 2008: 1-1, 5.40 ERA, 18 games, 23.1 IP, 16 K

Career MLB Stats: 1-1, 5.61 ERA, 20 games, 25.2 IP, 18 K

Notes: Muniz was called up five different times by the Mets during the 2008 season and made 18 total appearances. He earned his first career win on July 12, 2008 against Colorado. Muniz replaced an injured Pedro Martinez prior to the completion of five innings with the Mets leading and pitched two scoreless innings to be awarded the victory. He was 5-1 in seven starts for the Beetles in 2002.



From Northwoods League to the Big Leagues (cont.)

Max Scherzer (RHP)

Current MLB Team/Organization: Arizona Diamondbacks

Northwoods League Team: La Crosse (2004)

College: University of Missouri

Draft: 1st Round (11) by Arizona in 2006

MLB Debut: April 29, 2008 with Arizona

MLB 2008/Career Stats: 0-4, 3.05 ERA, 16 games, 7 starts, 56 IP, 66 K

Notes: Scherzer's Major League debut on April 29th was one of the best in baseball history. He struck out seven of the 13 batters he faced in 4.1 perfect innings of relief against Houston. He made ten starts at Triple-A Tucson where he went 1-1 with a 2.72 ERA. In 2004 with La Crosse, Scherzer went 2-1 with six saves and a 1.91 ERA in 33 innings and was named a Northwoods League South Division All-Star.



Doug Mathis (RHP)

Current MLB Team/Organization: Texas Rangers

Northwoods League Team: Duluth (2004)

College: University of Missouri

Draft: 13th Round (399) by Texas in 2005

MLB Debut: May 12, 2008 with Texas

MLB 2008/Career Stats: 2-1, 6.85 ERA, 8 games, 4 starts, 22.1 IP, 9 K

Notes: Mathis began his big league career by pitching a scoreless inning and earning a win over Seattle on May 12th. He joined the Rangers starting rotation for four starts but inflammation in his right shoulder in June sidelined him for the bulk of the season as he made just four more appearances, all in the minor leagues. He began the season 5-0 in Triple-A to earn his callup. Pitching for Duluth in 2004, Mathis made seven starts and was 3-1 with a 2.02 ERA in 49 innings.



Danny Ray Herrera (LHP)

Current MLB Team/Organization: Cincinnati Reds

Northwoods League Team: La Crosse (2005)

College: University of New Mexico

Draft: 45th Round (1345) by Texas in 2006

MLB Debut: June 3, 2008 with Cincinnati

MLB 2008/Career Stats: 0-0, 7.36 ERA, 7 games, 7.1 IP, 8 K

Notes: Less than two years after being drafted by Texas in the 45th round, Herrera opened his big league career with a two-strikeout scoreless inning against Philadelphia on June 3rd. Herrera was sent from the Rangers to the Reds with Edinson Volquez in the trade that moved Josh Hamilton to the Rangers in December of 2007. He was called up three times by the Reds in '08 making five of his appearances in September. In La Crosse in 2005, Herrera went 5-1 with a 3.13 ERA in 46 innings.



From Northwoods League to the Big Leagues (cont.)

Nick Hundley (C)

Current MLB Team/Organization: San Diego Padres

Northwoods League Team: Alexandria (2004)

College: University of Arizona

Draft: 2nd Round (76) by San Diego in 2005

MLB Debut: July 4, 2008 with San Diego

MLB 2008/Career Stats: .237, 7 2B, 1 3B, 5 HR, 24 RBI in 60 g

Notes: Shortly after his callup and debut on July 4th, Hundley took over as the everyday catcher for the Padres. He started ten consecutive games at catcher to end the season and will have a great shot to be the Padres regular catcher in 2009. For Alexandria in 2004, Hundley hit .293 with 12 doubles, four home runs and 27 RBI in 39 games.



Sean Kazmar (SS)

Current MLB Team/Organization: San Diego Padres

Northwoods League Team: St. Cloud (2003)

College: Community College of Southern Nevada

Draft: 5th Round (132) by San Diego in 2004

MLB Debut: August 13, 2008 with San Diego

MLB 2008/Career Stats: .205, 1 2B, 0 HR, 2 RBI in 19 games

Notes: Kazmar was a surprise callup by the Padres in August and saw time as a reserve infielder over the final month and a half of the season. In his first Major League at bat on August 13th Kazmar singled against C.C. Sabathia. He was outrighted to Triple-A after the season and spent the fall learning to play the outfield in the Arizona Fall League. Kazmar hit .259 in seven games for the River Bats in 2003.



Casey McGehee (3B)

Current MLB Team/Organization: Milwaukee Brewers

Northwoods League Team: St. Cloud (2001)

College: Fresno State University

Draft: 10th Round (283) by Chicago Cubs in 2003

MLB Debut: September 2, 2008 with Chicago Cubs

MLB 2008/Career Stats: .167, 1 2B, 0 HR, 5 RBI in 9 games

Notes: McGehee (pronounced McGee) was a September callup with the Cubs and got 24 at bats in nine games making four starts at third base during that time. This followed a very good season at Triple-A where he hit .296 with 30 doubles, 12 home runs and 92 RBI. After the season the Cubs removed McGehee from their 40-man roster, which exposed him to the rest of the league. He was claimed by Milwaukee and should have a chance to compete for their third base position in spring training.



Curt Carstensen's Baseball Travels

The NWL Director of Operations interviewed several NWL Alumni throughout 2008.



Juan Pierre



Josh Willingham



Robb Quinlan



Willie Collazo



Curtis Granderson



Pat Neshek



Max Scherzer



Carlos Muniz



Doug Mathis



Andre Ethier



Steve Foster

From Northwoods League to the Big Leagues (cont.)

Inactive in 2008

Jermaine Clark (OF/2B)

Northwoods League Team: Kenosha (1995)

College: University of San Francisco

Draft: 5th Round (163) by Seattle in 1997

MLB Debut: April 3, 2001 with Detroit

Career MLB Stats: .154, 3 2B, 0 HR, 9 RBI, 9 R in 46 games (78 at-bats)

Notes: Clark has been out of professional baseball since 2006 when he was the Milwaukee organization. He played for Detroit, Texas, San Diego, Cincinnati, and Oakland in his four year MLB career. As a Kenosha Kroaker, he was named to the NWL year-end all-star team following the 1995 season.



Shawn Sedlacek (RHP)

Northwoods League Team: Dubuque (1996)

College: Iowa State University

Draft: 14th Round (407) by Kansas City in 1998

MLB Debut: June 18, 2002 with Kansas City

Career MLB Stats: 3-5, 6.72 ERA, 16 G, 14 GS, 84.1 IP, 52 K

Notes: Sedlacek last played professionally in 2005 pitching for Triple-A Ottawa (Orioles) of the International League following stints with both Colorado Springs (Rockies) and Memphis (Cardinals) of the Pacific Coast League. He spent one year in the majors with the Kansas City Royals in 2002. In 1996 with Dubuque he went 0-2 with a 10.73 ERA in 26 innings.



Matt Cepicky (OF)

Northwoods League Team: Waterloo (1997)

College: Southwest Missouri State University

Draft: 4th Round (120) by Montreal in 1999

MLB Debut: July 31, 2002 with Montreal

Career MLB Stats: .211, 11 2B, 4 HR, 21 RBI, 12 R in 89 g (185 at-bats)

Notes: Cepicky last played professionally in the Baltimore organization in 2007. He spent parts of five seasons in the big league with Montreal/Washington and Florida. Cepicky was a 1997 NWL All-Star selection, batting .342 with 10 home runs and 53 RBI. He was named to the NWL All-Decade Team in 2004.



From Northwoods League to the Big Leagues (cont.)

Wes Obermueller (RHP)

Northwoods League Team: Waterloo/Wausau (1996/1998)

College: University of Iowa

Draft: 2nd Round (58) by Kansas City in 1999

MLB Debut: September 20, 2002 with Kansas City

Career MLB Stats: 11-22, 5.82 ERA, 80 Games, 48 starts, 315.1 IP, 166 K

Notes: Obermueller was out of baseball in 2008. He spent five years in the big leagues with the Royals, Brewers, and Marlins. Obermueller picked up his first major league win on September 21, 2004 against Curt Schilling and the Arizona Diamondbacks. He's a converted outfielder who learned his craft of pitching during his days in the NWL.



Jeff Duncan (OF)

Northwoods League Team: Waterloo (1998)

College: Arizona State University

Draft: 7th Round (215) by NY Mets in 2000

MLB Debut: May 20, 2003 with NY Mets

Career MLB Stats: .182, 2 3B, 1 HR, 11 RBI, 15 R in 69 games (154 at-bats)

Notes: Duncan played 16 games in 2008 for the Somerset Patriots of the independent Atlantic League before retiring from baseball in May. He spent parts of the 2003 and 2004 seasons with the Mets in his two-year big league career. Duncan was an NWL All-Star in 1998. His 18-game hitting streak during the 1998 season is tied for the 8th longest in League history.



Jimmy Journell (RHP)

Northwoods League Team: Waterloo (1997)

College: University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Draft: 4th Round (132) by St. Louis in 1999

MLB Debut: June 29, 2003 with Cardinals

Career MLB Stats: 0-1, 7.43 ERA, 12 games, 13.1 IP, 13 K

Notes: Journell has been out of affiliated baseball since 2005 when he was with the Cardinals, his only team during his two-year major league career. Journell was a 1997 NWL All-Star selection with the Waterloo Bucks when he went 0-2 with a 2.88 ERA with nine saves in 25 innings.



From Northwoods League to the Big Leagues (cont.)

Justin Huisman (RHP)

Northwoods League Team: St. Cloud (1998)

College: University of Mississippi

Draft: 15th Round (437) by Colorado in 2000

MLB Debut: April 25, 2004 with Kansas City

Career MLB Stats: 0-0, 6.84 ERA, 1 SV, 14 games, 25 IP

Notes: Huisman last played professionally with the Newark Bears of the independent Atlantic League in 2007. He spent time with three major league organizations in 2006. His one year in the big league was with the Royals in 2004. He recorded his only major league save on May 19th of that year. Huisman was a two-way player for the River Bats in 1998. He went 2-1 with a 2.08 ERA and hit .278 with 31 RBI in 230 at-bats.



Andy Dominique (1B)

Northwoods League Team: Kenosha (1995)

College: University of Nevada, Reno

Draft: 26th Round (776) by Philadelphia in 1997

MLB Debut: May 25, 2004 with Boston

Career MLB Stats: .154, 0 HR, 1 RBI, 2 H in 9 Games (13 at-bats)

Notes: Dominique made his MLB debut for the Boston Red Sox during the 2004 season. He spent time with the Toronto Blue Jays in 2005. He hit .348 with 12 2B, 5 HR and 30 RBI for NWL Champion Kenosha in 1995.



Chris Demaria (RHP)

Northwoods League Team: St. Cloud (2000-2001)

College: California State University, Long Beach

Draft: 17th Round (493) by Pittsburgh in 2002

MLB Debut: September 9, 2005 with Kansas City

Career MLB Stats: 1-1, 7.15 ERA, 18 games, 22.2 IP, 22 K

Notes: Demaria has been out of professional baseball since 2007. He spent the 2005 and 2006 seasons in the big leagues with the Royals and the Brewers. Named to the NWL All-Decade Team, Demaria picked up 15 wins over 2 seasons with the St. Cloud River Bats. He recorded a 10-1 mark, 1.66 ERA and 4 shutouts in 2001 when he was named to the NWL All-Star team.



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Alexandria

Accardo, Jeremy*
Barba, Ryan
Baxter, TJ
Bleier, Richard
Butts, Brett
Cawiezell, Dallas
Coleman, Casey
Craig, Allen
Curry, Caleb
Curtis, Jermaine
Duda, Lucas
Greene, Jonathan
Hundley, Nick*
Hunter, Brett
Jobe, Donnie
LaTorre, Tyler
McDougall, Spike
Morse, Ryan
Muniz, Carlos*
Murphy, Blake
Nelson, Justin
Newman, Josh
Nicoll, Chris
Petrie, Chris
Pickens, Doug
Rapoza, Brandon
Rollin, Alex
Schumacher, Nick
Shorey, Mark
Woodall, Bryan
Worth, Danny

Battle Creek

Delaney, John
O'Neil, Drew
Puls, Dan
Sappelt, David
Sorensen, Mark

Brainerd

Appert, Luke
Bohn, TJ
Brinkley, Dante
Burns, Mike
Calvert, Kurt
Davis, Lars
De Jong, Jordan
Dirks, Andy
Evans, Bryan
Finan, Ryan
Garr, Brennan
Gee, Dillon
Gradoville, Chris
Head, Jerad
Huber, Erik
Hunton, Jon
Hurley, Trevor
Komatsu, Erik
Lecure, Sam*
Magee, Brandon
Marsden, Aaron
Mayer, Jimmy
McCoy, Mike
Mura, Kyle
Penprase, Zach
Pribanic, Aaron
Purdom, John
Rose, Patrick
Rouse, Mike
Royster, Ryan
Scruggs, Xavier
Seuss, Aaron
Tuomi, Kai

Duluth

Allman, John
Arreola, Darryl
Bisenius, Joe*
Bond, Brock
Cipriano, Cody

Cook, Daniel
Czyz, Nick
Davis, Lars
DeJesus, Antonio
Doetsch, Steve
Dove, Chris
Edlefsen, Steve
Frey, Chris
Gagnier, Lauren
Gelbrich, Logan
Hensley, Steven
Hiller, Layton
Hughes, Rhyne
Lopez, Esteban
Lundahl, Chad
Mathis, Doug
Mee, Mike
Melancon, Mark
Mueller, Jon
Murphy, Tim
Musgrave, Rob
Nash, Chris
Pontius, Michael
Price, Ryne
Ramon, Amos
Rhinehart, Bill
Rodriguez, Fernando
Shirek, Charlie
Simpson, Brock
Wiley, Byron
Williams, Kenny
Zweber, Kyle

Eau Claire

Arnold, David
Ashley, Nevin
Binick, Kraig
Brewer, TJ
Cales, David
Dixon, Russell
Dyer, Shane



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Eager, Thomas
Fellman, Nick
Frew, Bryan
Frey, Evan
Gamboa, Eddie
Ganzen, Jon
Hallberg, Mark
Huber, Tim
Jefferies, Jacob
Jones, Chris
Joynt, Brian
LaLuna, Mike
Priday, Jacob
Rodrigues, Mark
Tatusko, Ryan
Zimmermann, Jordan

Green Bay

Fonseca, Guido
Frost, Adam
Kuehn, Justin
Meier, Danny
Roberts, Dave
Robertson, Daniel
Sinclair, Taylor
Wabick, Brian
Yacko, Kurt

La Crosse

Barrone, Ben
Bigley, Evan
Brantley, Rodney
Brenly, Michael
Camacho, Eddie
Carroll, Sawyer
Daeges, Zach
Dominguez, Jason
Hanzawa, Troy
Hayes, LaFringe
Herrera, Danny Ray*
Holt, Brad

Howe, Tyler
Louwsma, Jason
Lucian, Spencer
Milner, Gus
Pacheco, Jordan
Quijano, Alain
Rogers, Adam
Romero, Nick
Scherzer, Max*
Sewell, Lance
Stanczyk, Ben
Stanke, Cal
Walker, Justin
White, Cole

Madison

Anson, Kyle
Baldwin, Burke
Baron, Casey
Bauer, Ricky
Berglund, Brett
Berkery, Thomas
Boone, James
Bristow, Justin
Burns, Eddie
Feeney, Trevor
Gilgenbach, Steve
Johnson, Brent
Johnson, Jay
Kopach, Kitt
Maday, Daryl
Martin, John
McConnell, Eryk
Melek, Nate
Mills, Adam
Molina, Randy
Murphy, Kyle
Napoleon, Dusty
O'Donnell, Bubba
Pagnozzi, Matt
Panther, Nathan

Petty, Matt
Phillips, Billy
Ramos, Dominic
Rochelle, Kris
Rogowski, Ryan
Rohde, Mike
Rozema, Mike
Scarpetta, Brett
Spilborghs, Ryan*
Steedley, Spencer
Stevens, Bobby
Sweet, Travis
Thomson, Greg
Trytten, Ryan
Wolf, Jordan
Yates, Kyle
Zink, Ryan

Mankato

Abraham, Adam
Ash, Jonny
Brummett, Tyson
Buschini, Shane
Cassa, Pat
Christian, Jason
Crawford, Brandon
Dawson, Chad
Deeds, Doug
DeVries, Cole
Dixon, Kevin
Everidge, Tom
Falk, Matt
Fillinger, Chad
Fogelson, Scott
Fromm, Brandon
Fronk, Reid
Garcia, Justin
Gomez, Fabian
Granderson, Curtis*
Hamren, Erik
Hannahan, Jack*



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Hanson, Nate
Howell, Travis
Kampsen, Adam
Keithley, James
Lowe, Johnnie
McAnulty, Paul
Parker, Michael
Phelps, Thomas
Piepkorn, Jeremiah
Pillittere, P.J.
Sack, Darren
Schemmel, Jon
Sewell, Lance
Smith, Tim
Verbick, Bobby
Wagner, Neil

Rochester

Bird, Ryan
Bongiovanni, Vince
Caligiuri, Jay
Corsaletti, Jeff
Czyz, Don
Dorado, Reyes
Dunbar, Jeff
Ethier, Andre*
Falkenbach, Connor
Flores, David
Gardenhire, Toby
Gaski, Matt
Herr, Zachary
Hoisington, Drew
Jensen, Brett
Jorgenson, Adam
Jukich, Ben
Keating, TR
Kruml, Ray
Lyons, Dan
Marshall, Jay
Meyer, Matt
Milner, Gus

Muich, Joe
Musselman, Bill
Navarro Jr, Efren
Nowak, Chris
Odenreider, Chase
Pascucci, Val
Pedroza, Sergio
Pedroza, Jaime
Reynolds, Matthew
Richardson, Dustin
Russ, Jamie
Schermerhorn, Derek
Sharpe, Steve
Thurman, Mace
Ungs, Nic
Walker, Brian
West, Jareck
White, Jason

St. Cloud

Baker, Craig
Basak, Chris
Blacksher, Derek
Blevins, Steve
Bohana, Michael
Cartie, Bryan
Cook, Aaron
Curry, Ryan
Cutler, Charlie
Dawson, Chad
Denove, Chris
Diamond, Thomas*
Edlefsen, Steve
Eigsti, Jake
Gaetti, Joe
Gates, David
Gaub, John
Giles, Tommy
Glant, Dustin
Gorzelanny, Tom*
Hoelscher, Nate

Hulett, Jeff
Jacobsen, Robby
Jakubauskas, Chris
Jaramillo, Jason
Jarman, Michael
Kampsen, Adam
Kazmar, Sean
Ketron, Brandon
Kinsey, Chris
Leverton, James
Loberg, Mike
Long, Wes
Lysander, Brent
Mahin, Nick
Martinez, J.P.
McGehee, Casey*
McKenzie, Marcus
Minix, Travis
O'Sullivan, Patrick
Petrusek, Matt
Phillabaum, Justin
Quinlan, Robb*
Roberts, Daron
Schemmel, Jon
Schmidt, Konrad
Shafer, Jake
Strickland, Geoff
Taylor, Eric
Weinhardt, Robbie
Yount, Austin

Thunder Bay

Brannon, Blake
Camp, Matt
Collis, Devin
Corona, Ramon
Cox, Tyler
Daeges, Zach
Diaz, Jonathan
Drucker, Scot
Guillen, Oney



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Hardy, Blaine
Heyer, Craig
Hunton, Jon
Jones, Marcus
Jordan, Justin
Maddox, Marc
Mahon, Reid
Mangini, Matt
Mollenhauer, Dale
Mueller, Jon
Petsch, Benjamin
Testa, Carlo
Tripp, Brandon
Tucker, Wilson
Tuomi, Kai
Vander Weg, Scott
Voyles, J.R.
Williams, Shawn
Wordekemper, Eric

Waterloo

Arlis, Pat
Baird, John
Barnes, Clint*
Bertram, Michael
Boeve, Adam
Boleska, Tom
Britton, Phillip
Carlson, Chris
Carver, Jesse
Collazo, Willie
Daeges, Zach
Dillon, Zach
Duncan, Jeff
Eymann, Eric
Fonseca, Guido
Gautier, Joe
Gradoville, Tim
Gressick, Anthony
Haines, Kyle
Harmon, Rob

Hawke, Phillip
Hobson, Gib
Humphrey, Ben
Jenkins, Aaron
Jennings, Dan
Johnson, Justin
Kauten, Josh
Lanning, Jeff
Magee, Brandon
Magrane, Jim
Martin, Blake
Matlock, Robert
McIntyre, Nick
Monti, Jay
Muegge, Danny
O'Shea, Ryan
Odenreider, Chase
Reed, Evan
Roth, Tony
Schreiber, Zach
Shaw, Scott
Shelby, John
Tatford, Jefferies
Thigpen, Curtis*
Ungs, Nic
Wordekemper, Eric
Yaconetti, Jay

Wisconsin

Abeita, Mitch
Berg, Justin*
Broadway, Lance*
Buente, Jay
Descalso, Daniel
Fitzgerald, Justin
Freeman, Sam
Gassner, Dave
Goetz, Mike
Haske, Mark
Hoelscher, Nate
James, Willie

Janssen, Casey*
Lowe, Mark*
Madsen, Scotty
Marconi, Rob
Martin, Blake
McKennon, Michael
McNab, Tim
Moore, Zak
Neshek, Pat*
Reinhard, Greg
Roth, Tony
Rowe, Adam
Saylor, Drew
Tucker, Matt
Venditte, Pat
Warden, Jim Ed
Wilkes, Ryan
Willard, Matthew
Zobrist, Ben*

Teams No Longer in Existence

Barnes, Clint*
De Jong, Jordan
Gibbons, Jay
Jacobsen, Landon
Kielty, Bobby
Pierre, Juan*
Quinlan, Robb*
Ramirez, Erasmo
Sherrill, George*
Weaver, Jeff
Willingham, Josh*

*On MLB 40-man roster



2008 Major League Baseball First-Year Player Draft

Current and Former Northwoods League Players Selected

Round	Overall	MLB Team	Player	NWL Team	Year
1A	33	NY Mets	Holt, Brad	La Crosse Loggers	2007
3	78	Tampa Bay	Jefferies, Jacob	Eau Claire Express	2007
3	82	San Francisco	Kieschnick, Roger	St. Cloud River Bats	2006
3	89	Texas	Murphy, Tim	Duluth Huskies	2006
3	98	Seattle	Pribanic, Aaron	Brainerd Blue Thunder	06-07
3B	111	San Diego	Carroll, Sawyer	La Crosse Loggers	2007
4	117	San Francisco	Crawford, Brandon	Mankato MoonDogs	2005
4	120	Chicago WS	O'Neil, Drew	Battle Creek Bombers	2007
4	132	Seattle	Hensley, Steven	Duluth Huskies	2006
4	141	Cleveland	Roberts, Dave	Green Bay Bullfrogs	2007
5	154	Oakland	Christian, Jason	Mankato MoonDogs	2007
5	155	St. Louis	Curtis, Jermaine	Alexandria Beetles	2006
5	156	Minnesota	Romero, Nick	La Crosse Loggers	2006
5	161	Chicago Cubs	Bristow, Justin	Madison Mallards	2007
6	173	Tampa Bay	Dyer, Shane	Eau Claire Express	07-08
6	180	Chicago WS	Williams, Kenny	Duluth Huskies	2005
6	183	Texas	Bleier, Richard	Alexandria Beetles	2007
7	214	Oakland	Hunter, Brett	Alexandria Beetles	2006
7	219	Toronto	Thames, Eric	La Crosse Loggers	2007
8	246	Minnesota	Lanning, Jeff	Waterloo Bucks	06-08
8	248	Milwaukee	Komatsu, Erik	Brainerd Blue Thunder	06-07
8	251	Chicago Cubs	Leverton, James	St. Cloud River Bats	2006
8	253	Detroit	Dirks, Andy	Brainerd Blue Thunder	06-07
8	257	Colorado	Yacko, Kurt	Green Bay Bullfrogs	2007
9	268	Florida	Jennings, Dan	Waterloo Bucks	06-07
9	269	Cincinnati	Sappelt, David	Battle Creek Bombers	2007
10	306	Minnesota	Bigley, Evan	La Crosse Loggers	2007
10	313	Detroit	Weinhardt, Robbie	St. Cloud River Bats	2007
10	317	Colorado	Dodson, Stephen	Madison Mallards	2006
11	327	San Francisco	Fitzgerald, Justin	Wisconsin Woodchucks	2007
11	331	Washington	Jones, Marcus	Thunder Bay Border Cats	2006
11	332	Houston	Priday, Jacob	Eau Claire Express	2005
11	350	NY Yankees	Kruml, Ray	Rochester Honkers	2005
12	362	Houston	Hulett, Jeff	St. Cloud River Bats	2007
12	367	LA Dodgers	Yount, Austin	St. Cloud River Bats	2005
12	381	Cleveland	Fonseca, Guido	Waterloo/Green Bay	06-07
13	402	Seattle	Royster, Ryan	Brainerd Blue Thunder	06-07
13	404	NY Mets	Shaw, Scott	Waterloo Bucks	06-08
13	411	Cleveland	Abraham, Adam	Mankato MoonDogs	2007
14	417	San Francisco	Curry, Caleb	Alexandria Beetles	06-07
14	418	Florida	Evans, Bryan	Brainerd Blue Thunder	2007
14	425	St. Louis	Cutler, Charlie	St. Cloud River Bats	2006
14	435	San Diego	Musgrave, Rob	Duluth Huskies	2006
14	439	LA Angels	Dorado, Reyes	Rochester Honkers	2007
15	447	San Francisco	Cook, Daniel	Duluth Huskies	2006
15	460	Atlanta	Hiller, Layton	Duluth Huskies	2008



2008 Major League Baseball First-Year Player Draft (cont.)

Round	Overall	MLB Team	Player	NWL Team	Year
15	461	Chicago Cubs	Coleman, Casey	Alexandria Beetles	2007
16	476	Baltimore	Stevens, Bobby	Madison Mallards	2007
16	496	Philadelphia	Hanzawa, Troy	La Crosse Loggers	2007
17	516	Minnesota	Martin, Blake	Waterloo/Wisconsin	05,07
18	535	Kansas City	Testa, Carlo	Thunder Bay/Madison	07-08
18	542	Houston	Flores, David	Rochester Honkers	2007
18	546	Minnesota	Nohelty, Matt	Wisconsin Woodchucks	05-06
18	552	Seattle	Howell, Travis	Mankato MoonDogs	2005
19	564	Pittsburgh	Haniger, Jason	Duluth Huskies	06-07
19	569	Cincinnati	Thurman, Mace	Rochester Honkers	2008
19	570	Chicago WS	Kuehn, Justin	Green Bay Bullfrogs	2007
19	575	St. Louis	Scruggs, Xavier	Brainerd Blue Thunder	2007
19	587	Colorado	Orloff, Ben	Brainerd Blue Thunder	2007
19	588	Arizona	Gautier, Joe	Waterloo Bucks	2006
19	590	NY Yankees	Abeita, Mitch	Wisconsin Woodchucks	2007
20	602	Houston	Robin, Shea	Waterloo Bucks	2006
20	606	Minnesota	Barrett, Aaron	Duluth Huskies	2008
20	613	Detroit	Lollis, Ryan	Duluth Huskies	2006
20	616	Philadelphia	McConnell, Eryk	Madison Mallards	06-07
20	620	NY Yankees	Venditte, Pat	Wisconsin Woodchucks	2007
21	626	Baltimore	Gamboa, Eddie	Eau Claire Express	2007
21	636	Minnesota	Blevins, Steve	St. Cloud River Bats	2007
21	637	LA Dodgers	Sever, Dave	Rochester Honkers	06-07
21	643	Detroit	Frost, Adam	Green Bay Bullfrogs	2007
21	648	Arizona	Woodall, Bryan	Alexandria Beetles	2006
22	655	Kansas City	Hardy, Blaine	Thunder Bay Border Cats	2008
22	659	Cincinnati	Wiley, Byron	Duluth Huskies	2006
22	662	Houston	Jackson, Terrence	Wisconsin Woodchucks	2008
22	663	Texas	Hurley, Trevor	Brainerd Blue Thunder	2006
23	696	Minnesota	Odegaard, Chris	Eau Claire Express	2007
23	704	NY Mets	LeBlanc, Evan	Madison Mallards	2007
23	710	NY Yankees	Wilkes, Ryan	Wisconsin Woodchucks	2006
24	716	Baltimore	Baxter, TJ	Alexandria Beetles	2006
24	718	Florida	Moore, Zak	Wisconsin Woodchucks	2007
24	722	Houston	Meier, Danny	Green Bay Bullfrogs	2007
24	731	Chicago Cubs	Cales, David	Eau Claire Express	07-08
25	758	Milwaukee	Delaney, John	Battle Creek Bombers	2007
25	766	Philadelphia	Edwards, Daniel	Duluth Huskies	2006
25	767	Colorado	Burns, Andy	Duluth Huskies	2008
26	773	Tampa Bay	Jarman, Michael	St. Cloud River Bats	05-06
26	779	Cincinnati	Bohana, Michael	St. Cloud River Bats	2006
26	783	Texas	Dove, Chris	Duluth Huskies	2007
26	797	Colorado	Jorgenson, Adam	Rochester Honkers	2006
27	805	Kansas City	Huber, Tim	Eau Claire Express	06-07
27	806	Baltimore	O'Shea, Ryan	Waterloo Bucks	2006
28	846	Minnesota	Hanson, Nate	Mankato MoonDogs	06-08
28	855	San Diego	Schumacher, Nick	Alexandria Beetles	2004
29	888	Arizona	Meiners, Travis	Waterloo Bucks	2007



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Round	Overall	MLB Team	Player	NWL Team	Year
30	915	San Diego	Verbick, Bobby	Mankato MoonDogs	05-06
31	938	Milwaukee	Rapoza, Brandon	Alexandria Beetles	06-07
31	941	Chicago Cubs	Wilson, Kyle	Wisconsin Woodchucks	2008
31	943	Detroit	Feeney, Trevor	Madison Mallards	2007
31	950	NY Yankees	Lucian, Spencer	La Crosse Loggers	2007
32	965	St. Louis	Freeman, Sam	Wisconsin Woodchucks	2007
32	970	Atlanta	Lenton, Patrick	Mankato MoonDogs	2008
32	971	Chicago Cubs	Calvert, Kurt	Brainerd Blue Thunder	2005
32	973	Detroit	Sorensen, Mark	Battle Creek Bombers	2008
32	974	NY Mets	Grbavac, Mark	Green Bay Bullfrogs	2007
32	980	NY Yankees	Suiter, Andy	St. Cloud River Bats	05,07
33	987	San Francisco	Price, Ryne	Duluth Huskies	2005
33	1004	NY Mets	Medchill, Neil	Madison Mallards	2007
33	1005	San Diego	Robertson, Daniel	Green Bay Bullfrogs	2007
34	1016	Baltimore	Keating, TR	Rochester Honkers	2005
34	1031	Chicago Cubs	O'Donnell, Bubba	Madison Mallards	2007
34	1035	San Diego	Gaski, Matt	Rochester Honkers	2007
35	1044	Pittsburgh	Cox, Tyler	Thunder Bay Border Cats	2006
35	1062	Seattle	Czyz, Nick	Duluth Huskies	2007
35	1065	San Diego	Gelbrich, Logan	Duluth Huskies	2007
36	1091	Chicago Cubs	Brenly, Michael	La Crosse Loggers	06-07
36	1097	Colorado	Rose, Patrick	Brainerd Blue Thunder	2007
37	1121	Chicago Cubs	Hamren, Erik	Mankato MoonDogs	2008
38	1136	Baltimore	Phelps, Thomas	Mankato MoonDogs	2008
38	1150	Atlanta	Richard, Jeff	Waterloo Bucks	2006
38	1155	San Diego	Herr, Zachary	Rochester Honkers	2006
39	1171	Washington	Keithley, James	Mankato MoonDogs	06-07
39	1188	Arizona	Godfrey, Josh	Duluth Huskies	2008
39	1191	Cleveland	Burns, Eddie	Madison Mallards	2006
40	1206	Minnesota	Kapteyn, Wade	La Crosse Loggers	07-08
40	1211	Chicago Cubs	McDonald, Jared	Brainerd Blue Thunder	06-08
40	1221	Cleveland	Palincsar, Tim	Thunder Bay Border Cats	2008
41	1229	Cincinnati	Walker, Justin	La Crosse Loggers	2007
41	1244	NY Mets	Howe, Tyler	La Crosse Loggers	2005
42	1253	Tampa Bay	Clubb, Tim	Duluth Huskies	2008
42	1254	Pittsburgh	White, Cole	La Crosse Loggers	2007
42	1265	St. Louis	Murphy, Blake	Alexandria Beetles	2007
42	1269	Toronto	Durden, Andrew	Duluth Huskies	2008
42	1272	Seattle	Molina, Randy	Madison Mallards	05-07
43	1306	Philadelphia	Frew, Bryan	Eau Claire Express	06-07
44	1332	Seattle	Jobe, Donnie	Alexandria Beetles	2007
46	1389	NY Mets	Gump, Brian	Rochester Honkers	2008
47	1399	Kansas City	Gilgenbach, Steve	Madison Mallards	2007
47	1409	St. Louis	Asaro, Tony	Battle Creek Bombers	2007
48	1435	Oakland	Holland, Brett	Thunder Bay Border Cats	2008
48	1441	Seattle	Mauldin, DJ	Eau Claire Express	2008
50	1489	Oakland	Wiley, Derek	Thunder Bay Border Cats	2008



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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				MAD@ALX WIS@EC WAT@GB MAN@ROC STC@BRD DUL@BC TB@LAC	MAD@ALX EC@WIS WAT@GB ROC@MAN BRD@STC DUL@BC TB@LAC	MAN@WIS LAC@EC ROC@GB ALX@STC TB@BC DUL@WAT MAD@BRD
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
TB@BC MAD@BRD STC@ALX DUL@WAT ROC@GB MAN@WIS EC@LAC	GB@ALX TB@EC LAC@WIS ROC@MAD STC@DUL BC@WAT MAN@BRD	GB@ALX TB@EC LAC@WIS ROC@MAD STC@DUL BC@WAT MAN@BRD	BRD@EC ALX@STC ROC@MAN GB@TB WIS@DUL BC@LAC WAT@MAD	STC@ALX BRD@EC MAN@ROC GB@TB WIS@DUL BC@LAC WAT@MAD	ROC@WIS GB@EC STC@MAD ALX@LAC BRD@BC DUL@TB MAN@WAT	STC@MAD ALX@LAC ROC@WIS GB@EC BRD@BC DUL@TB MAN@WAT
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
WIS@GB ROC@EC	BRD@ALX GB@WIS TB@MAN MAD@BC EC@DUL LAC@ROC WAT@STC	ALX@BRD TB@MAN MAD@BC EC@DUL LAC@ROC WAT@STC	WAT@ALX BC@EC STC@MAN TB@ROC DUL@MAD LAC@GB WIS@BRD	WAT@ALX BC@EC STC@MAN TB@ROC DUL@MAD LAC@GB WIS@BRD	DUL@EC GB@WIS LAC@MAD STC@BRD BC@TB ALX@ROC WAT@MAN	LAC@MAD DUL@EC BRD@STC BC@TB ALX@ROC WAT@MAN WIS@GB
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
WIS@WAT MAN@ALX BC@DUL EC@LAC MAD@GB BRD@TB ROC@STC	MAN@ALX LAC@EC BC@DUL WIS@WAT ROC@STC BRD@TB MAD@GB	TB@ALX WIS@BC LAC@STC BRD@DUL GB@MAN WAT@MAD EC@ROC	GB@MAN TB@ALX WIS@BC LAC@STC BRD@DUL WAT@MAD	DUL@ROC BRD@ALX MAD@WIS STC@WAT GB@LAC TB@MAN EC@BC	DUL@ROC STC@WAT ALX@BRD GB@LAC TB@MAN EC@BC WIS@MAD	WIS@LAC MAD@EC DUL@MAN STC@BC ALX@TB GB@WAT BRD@ROC
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
STC@BC GB@WAT BRD@ROC WIS@LAC DUL@MAN ALX@TB MAD@EC	ALX@DUL EC@WAT	MAN@STC BC@GB TB@BRD WIS@ROC MAD@LAC ALX@DUL EC@WAT	MAN@STC BC@GB TB@BRD WIS@ROC MAD@LAC	ROC@ALX BC@WIS MAD@EC BRD@GB TB@STC WAT@LAC MAN@DUL	ROC@ALX BC@WIS MAD@EC BRD@GB TB@STC WAT@LAC MAN@DUL	BRD@MAD WAT@WIS ROC@TB ALX@MAN LAC@BC DUL@STC EC@GB
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
LAC@BC BRD@MAD WAT@WIS EC@GB ROC@TB ALX@MAN DUL@STC	DUL@ALX MAD@WIS MAN@EC STC@TB ROC@BRD GB@BC LAC@WAT	DUL@ALX MAN@EC WIS@MAD STC@TB ROC@BRD GB@BC LAC@WAT				
28	29	30				



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JULY

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			STC@TB EC@WIS ALX@WAT BRD@MAN BC@LAC MAD@GB DUL@ROC	EC@WIS MAD@GB STC@TB ALX@WAT BRD@MAN BC@LAC DUL@ROC	MAD@WIS EC@ROC STC@DUL LAC@MAN TB@BRD GB@WAT ALX@BC	TB@BRD ALX@BC GB@WAT ROC@EC STC@DUL MAD@WIS LAC@MAN
			1	2	3	4
ALX@ROC	WIS@STC BC@MAD DUL@TB EC@BRD MAN@GB LAC@WAT ALX@ROC	BC@MAD DUL@TB WIS@STC EC@BRD MAN@GB LAC@WAT	BRD@ALX MAN@STC WAT@BC WIS@LAC EC@TB GB@ROC MAD@DUL	BRD@ALX MAN@STC WAT@BC WIS@LAC EC@TB GB@ROC MAD@DUL	DUL@WIS ALX@MAD STC@LAC EC@MAN GB@BRD BC@WAT TB@ROC	ALX@MAD STC@LAC DUL@WIS EC@MAN GB@BRD BC@WAT TB@ROC
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
DUL@BRD TB@WAT STC@WIS EC@LAC ALX@GB ROC@MAN BC@MAD ^{DH}	STC@WIS LAC@EC ALX@GB TB@WAT DUL@BRD MAN@ROC	WAT@EC WIS@BC TB@GB MAD@LAC ALX@STC DUL@MAN ROC@BRD	STC@ALX WAT@EC WIS@BC TB@GB MAD@LAC DUL@MAN ROC@BRD	MAN@ALX BC@EC LAC@WIS STC@ROC BRD@DUL WAT@TB GB@MAD	MAN@ALX BC@EC LAC@WIS STC@ROC BRD@DUL WAT@TB GB@MAD	BC@ALX EC@MAD ROC@LAC BRD@MAN WAT@DUL WIS@GB TB@STC
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
BC@ALX WAT@DUL GB@WIS EC@MAD ROC@LAC BRD@MAN TB@STC	OFF	ALL-STAR GAME (Thunder Bay, Canada)	OFF	STC@BRD EC@GB LAC@TB WAT@BC ROC@MAN WIS@MAD ALX@DUL	BRD@STC EC@GB LAC@TB WAT@BC MAN@ROC WIS@MAD ALX@DUL	LAC@ALX EC@BC MAD@WAT MAN@BRD TB@DUL ROC@STC WIS@GB
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
EC@BC MAN@BRD LAC@ALX MAD@WAT TB@DUL GB@WIS ROC@STC	BRD@WIS MAD@BC ALX@TB ROC@DUL STC@MAN EC@WAT GB@LAC	BRD@WIS MAD@BC ALX@TB ROC@DUL STC@MAN EC@WAT GB@LAC	ROC@ALX GB@EC WAT@WIS BC@BRD MAN@TB LAC@MAD DUL@STC	ROC@ALX GB@EC WAT@WIS BC@BRD MAN@TB LAC@MAD DUL@STC	DUL@ALX WIS@EC BC@STC MAN@TB MAD@WAT LAC@GB BRD@ROC	
26	27	28	29	30	31	



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AUGUST

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						DUL@ALX WIS@EC BC@STC MAN@TB MAD@WAT LAC@GB BRD@ROC 1
EC@WIS WAT@GB 2	WIS@EC MAD@STC LAC@BC ROC@TB ALX@MAN DUL@BRD WAT@GB 3	MAD@STC LAC@BC ROC@TB ALX@MAN DUL@BRD 4	WIS@WAT TB@ALX MAD@ROC GB@BC EC@LAC MAN@DUL BRD@STC 5	TB@ALX LAC@EC WIS@WAT MAD@ROC GB@BC MAN@DUL STC@BRD 6	STC@ROC WIS@MAN EC@MAD BC@GB WAT@LAC TB@DUL ALX@BRD 7	EC@MAD WAT@LAC STC@ROC WIS@MAN BC@GB TB@DUL ALX@BRD 8
STC@ALX BC@WIS GB@MAD MAN@LAC ROC@DUL WAT@EC BRD@TB 9	BC@WIS WAT@EC GB@MAD MAN@LAC ROC@DUL BRD@TB ALX@STC 10	DIVISION PLAYOFFS 11	DIVISION PLAYOFFS 12	DIVISION PLAYOFFS 13	CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES 14	CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES 15

CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES 16

- ALX** Alexandria Beetles
- BC** Battle Creek Bombers
- BRD** Brainerd Lakes Area Lunkers
- DUL** Duluth Huskies
- EC** Eau Claire Express
- GB** Green Bay Bullfrogs
- LAC** La Crosse Loggers
- MAD** Madison Mallards
- MAN** Mankato MoonDogs
- ROC** Rochester Honkers
- STC** St. Cloud River Bats
- TB** Thunder Bay Border Cats
- WAT** Waterloo Bucks
- WIS** Wisconsin Woodchucks





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