

# 2012 Boise Hawks Player Profiles (6/11/12)

## Pitchers (11)

**ARIAS, Jose**                      *RHP R/R 6-5 220 01/17/91*                      *Santiago, DR*                      *NDFA 2010*                      *DSL-Cubs (Rookie) / 2011*

Arias is in his third year in the Cubs organization and will make his debut in the United States with the Boise Hawks...posted a 1-1 record with a 2.28 ERA during the 2011 Dominican Summer League, striking out 50 men in 43.1 innings of work...walked just eight batters...during his rookie season, went 1-2 with a 6.00 ERA in 36 innings...a non-drafted free agent acquisition in 2010.

**CRUZ, Willengton**                      *LHP R/L 6-2 170 08/08/90*                      *Romana, DR*                      *NDFA 2008*                      *Peoria (Low-A) / 2012*

Cruz is in his fourth year in the Cubs organization and his second season with the Boise Hawks...began 2012 with the Peoria Chiefs, where he posted an 0-3 record and an 8.39 ERA in eight appearances...last season in Boise, made 13 starts, going 1-2 with a 3.71 ERA, striking out 50 batters in 53.1 innings...had a 4-0 record with a 1.90 ERA in 13 starts for the DSL-Cubs 1 in 2010, striking out 59 men in 52 innings of work...went 1-2 in 15 appearances as a rookie in 2009, walking 43 and fanning 33 in 38-plus innings...a free agent signed by the Cubs in 2008.

**DICKSON, Ian**                      *RHP R/R 6-5 215 09/16/90*                      *Northport, NY*                      *35th Round 2011*                      *Lafayette Coll. / 2011*

Dickson is in his second year in the Cubs organization and will make his professional debut with the Boise Hawks...signed by the Cubs in the 35th Round of the 2011 Draft out of Lafayette College, the first Leopard drafted since the 1993 season...missed all of 2011 due to injury...in 2010, went 1-4 with a 7.00 ERA in 45 innings of work, before a great summer-ball season with the Rockbridge Rapids (Valley League), where he threw a no-hitter in his final start.

**DIPLAN, Rafael**                      *RHP R/R 6-1 190 10/27/91*                      *Licey Al Medio, DR*                      *NDFA 2009*                      *AZL-Cubs (Rookie) / 2011*

Diplan is in his third year in the Cubs organization and his first trip to Boise...spent the 2011 season with the Mesa Cubs, going 0-1 with a 7.07 ERA in 12 appearances...walked 12 and struck out eight batters in 14 innings...had a banner rookie season, going 6-0 with a 1.49 ERA in the 2010 Dominican Summer League, striking out 26 and allowing just 24 hits in 42.1 innings...a 2009 non-drafted free agent acquisition.

**LEVITT, Pete**                      *RHP R/R 6-5 235 04/24/89*                      *Chesapeake, VA*                      *32nd Round 2011*                      *Peoria (Low-A) / 2011*

Levitt is in his second year in the Cubs organization and his first trip to Boise...split time during the 2011 season between Mesa and Class A Peoria, posting a 1-1 record and a 4.55 ERA in Peoria...made 17 appearances, striking out 21 men in 27.2 innings, walking just five batters...selected in the 32nd Round of the 2011 Draft out of Division II power Mount Olive College...went 10-3 with a 2.93 ERA as a senior, helping the team to the D-II World Series...initially drafted by the Cubs in the 50th Round of the 2008 Draft but did not sign.

**PAULINO, Amaury**                      *RHP R/R 6-1 175 08/31/91*                      *Santo Domingo, DR*                      *NDFA 2009*                      *AZL-Cubs (Rookie) / 2011*

Paulino is in his fourth year in the Cubs organization and will make his first trip to Boise...made three appearances for the Mesa Cubs during the 2011 season, not allowing a run in three innings of work...in 2010, went 3-3 with a 2.51 ERA in the Dominican Summer League, striking out 56 batters in 61 innings of work...as a rookie, went 0-4 with a 4.22 in the DSL in 32 innings...a 2009 non-drafted free agent acquisition.

**PICHARDO, Roderik**                      *RHP R/R 5-10 190 09/24/90*                      *Santo Domingo, DR*                      *NDFA 2008*                      *Peoria (Low-A) / 2011*

Pichardo is in his fifth year in the Cubs organization and his first trip to Boise...split time last year between the Dominican Summer League, Mesa, and Class A Peoria...made 12 appearances in Peoria, going 1-1 with a 1.69 ERA, including two saves...tossed 16 innings, allowing just three runs and striking out 12...had a combined 12-3 record during his first three years as a professional, all in the Dominican Summer League - including 10 saves during the 2010 season...a non-drafted free agent signee in 2008.

**PUGLIESE, James**                      *RHP R/R 6-3 205 08/12/92*                      *Hamilton, NJ*                      *18th Round 2011*                      *Boise (SS-A) / 2011*

Pugliese is in his second year in the Cubs organization and making his second trip to Boise...joined the Hawks during the final week of the 2011 season, but did not see game action...was 2-2 with a 4.62 ERA in 15 appearances in Mesa last summer, striking out 32 men in 39 innings...selected in the 18th Round of the 2011 out of Mercer County CC in New Jersey, where he posted a 6-1 record with a 1.27 ERA as a freshman, striking out 71 batters in 57 innings.

**SCOTT, Tayler**                      *RHP R/R 6-3 195 06/01/92*                      *Roodeport, So. Afr.*                      *5th Round 2011*                      *AZL-Cubs (Rookie) / 2011*

Scott is in his second season in the Cubs organization and will make his first trip to Boise...made two appearances in 2011 for the Mesa Cubs, allowing three runs on four hits in three-plus innings of work...selected in the fifth-round of the 2011 Draft out of Notre Dame Prep in Scottsdale, Ariz., where he was 5-3 with a 2.87 ERA as a senior...was rated by *Baseball America* as the #193 best player in the 2011 Draft...has only played baseball for four years...moved to the U.S. from his native South Africa to work with pitching coach Tom House...played soccer, rugby, and cricket back home...had signed NLI with U. of Arizona.

**SHAFFER, Bryce**      *RHP R/R 6-0 180 11/14/88      Wabash, IN      49th Round 2010      Peoria (Low-A) / 2012*

Shafer is in his third season in the Cubs organization and will make his second trip to Boise...opened the 2012 season with Class A Peoria, making 10 appearances, going 0-2 with a 8.22 ERA in 15.1 innings...split the 2011 season between Boise and Peoria , going 3-2 with a 2.45 ERA in 23 appearances with the Hawks, leading the team with 12 saves...posted an 0-3 record and a 2.79 ERA in Peoria...made his professional debut in 2010 in Mesa, allowing just two runs in 10 innings of work...selected in the 49th Round of the 2010 Draft out of Valparaiso University, where he struck out 121 batters, earning Horizon League Pitcher of the Year honors.

**SPENCER, Matt**      *LHP L/L 6-5 245 01/27/86      Morristown, TN      Trade 2009 (Oak.)      Iowa (AAA) / 2011*

Spencer is in his third season in the Cubs organization and will make his first trip to Boise...a converted pitcher, he spent the past seven seasons as an outfielder, climbing the ladder to AAA...a 2011 Southern League all-star at AA Tennessee, where he hit .258 with 13 homers and 63 RBI...had a career-high 17 homers and 65 RBI at Tennessee in 2010...initially drafted by Philadelphia in the third round of the 2007 Draft, then traded in 2008 to Oakland as part of a deal to acquire Joe Blanton...joined the Cubs in a trade that sent Aaron Miles and Jake Fox to the Athletics...has 75 career minor league home runs.

## Catchers (1)

**CONTRERAS, Willson**      *C R/R 6-1 175 05/13/92      Puerto Cabello, VZ      NDFA 2008      Boise (SS-A) / 2011*

Contreras is in his fourth season in the Cubs organization and his second trip to Boise...was converted during the offseason from a corner infielder to a catcher...hit .261 with two home runs and 27 RBI with Boise in 2011, including five doubles and four triples...hit .313 with nine RBI during the 2010 Dominican Summer League season...missed a portion of 2009 serving a suspension for PED usage...signed originally by the Cubs in 2008 for \$850,000.

## Infielders (5)

**AMAYA, Gioskar**      *2B R/R 5-11 175 12/13/92      Bejumas Edo Carabobo, VZ      NDFA 2009      Iowa (AAA) / 2012*

Amaya is in his third season in the Cubs organization and is making his first trip to Boise...spent three days earlier this season with AAA Iowa, recording a double in his only at bat...in 2011, led the Arizona League with 77 hits, ranking second in the league with a .377 batting average...added 11 doubles, 13 stolen bases, and 36 RBI...made his professional debut in 2010 in the Dominican Summer League, hitting .282 with one home run and 29 RBI...a 2009 non-drafted free agent.

**CANDELARIO, Jeimer**      *3B S/R 6-1 180 11/24/93      San Pedro de Macoris, DR      NDFA 2010      DSL-Cubs / 2011*

Candelario is in his second season in the Cubs organization and will make his U.S. debut in Boise...spent the 2011 season in the Dominican Summer League, hitting .337 with five homers and 53 RBI, adding 16 doubles...posted a .443 on base percentage, drawing 50 walks... a 2010 non-drafted free agent acquisition.

**HERNANDEZ, Marco**      *SS L/R 6-0 170 09/06/92      Moca, DR      NDFA 2009      Peoria (Low-A) / 2012*

Hernandez is in his third season in the Cubs organization and is making his first trip to Boise...began the 2012 season in Class A Peoria, where he hit .210 with two home runs and 12 RBI in 43 games...spent the 2011 in Mesa, where he hit .333 with two homers and 42 RBI, adding 16 doubles and five triples...began his professional career in the Dominican Summer League, hitting .283 with 21 doubles and 21 RBI...a 2009 non-drafted free agent acquisition.

**INOA, Brian**      *IF R/R 5-10 170 02/21/92      Santiago, DR      NDFA 2009      AZL-Cubs / 2011*

Inoa is in his third season in the Cubs organization and will make his first trip to Boise...spent the 2011 season with the Mesa Cubs, hitting .282 with eight doubles, five triples, and 18 RBI in 40 games...also had eight stolen bases...made his professional debut in the Dominican Summer League, hitting .279 with a homer and 19 RBI in 60 games during the 2010 season...a 2009 non-drafted free agent acquisition.

**SHOULDERS, Rock**      *1B S/R 6-2 225 09/26/91      Tampa, FL      25th Round 2011      AZL-Cubs / 2011*

Shoulders is in his second season in the Cubs organization and is making his first trip to Boise...made his professional debut in 2011 with Mesa, hitting .188 in eight games, driving in three runs...selected in the 25th Round of the 2011 Draft out of State College of Florida Manatee-Sarasota, where he hit .318 with 14 home runs and 58 RBI...home run total was tops in the Florida JC ranks...was drafted out of high school by the Red Sox in the 20th Round...first name is Roderick, but goes by "Rock".

## Outfielders (4)

**BATISTA, Xavier**      *OF R/R 6-3 210 01/18/92      San Pedro de Macoris, DR      NDFA 2009      DSL-Cubs / 2011*

Batista is in his fourth season in the Cubs organization and will make his first trip to Boise...spent the 2011 season in the Dominican Summer League, hitting .252 with 10 home runs and 38 RBI...played in Mesa during the 2010 season, hitting .212 with two homers and 25 RBI, while returned to the DSL in 2009, hitting .241 with eight homers and 38 RBI...a 2009 non-drafted free agent acquisition.

**DUNSTON Jr., Shawon**      *OF L/R 6-1 160 02/05/93 Fremont, CA 11th Round 2011 Valley Christian HS / 2011*

Dunston is in his second season in the Cubs organization and will make his professional debut in Boise...selected by the Cubs in the 11th Round of the 2011 Draft out of Valley Christian High in California, where he hit .319 with one homer and 16 RBI as a senior...signed NLI with Vanderbilt...son of former Chicago Cubs shortstop, Shawon Dunston.

**GONZALEZ, Eduardo**      *OF L/L 5-10 170 02/09/92 Barinas, VZ NDFA 2009 Peoria (Low-A) / 2012*

Gonzalez is in his fourth season in the Cubs organization and is making his first trip to Boise...opened the 2012 in Class A Peoria, hitting .217 with one home run and six RBI in 17 games...played in Mesa during the 2011 season, hitting .336 with 13 RBI in 34 games...spent his first two professional seasons in the Dominican Summer League, hitting .272 with 20 RBI...a 2009 non-drafted free agent acquisition.

**KIM, Dong-Yub**      *OF R/L 6-4 200 07/24/90 Chungcheongnam, So. Korea NDFA 2009 AZL-Cubs (Rookie) / 2011*

Kim is in his fourth season in the Cubs organization and making his first trip to Boise...made his professional debut in 2011 with the Mesa Cubs, hitting .250 with two homers, nine doubles, and 13 RBI...added 12 stolen bases...missed the entire 2010 season due to a shoulder injury...signed by the Cubs as a non-drafted free agent in 2009 for a reported \$550,000 signing bonus.