

2013 Boise Hawks Player Profiles (6/12/13)

Pitchers (11)

BLACKBURN, Paul RHP R/R 6-2 185 12/04/93 Oakley, CA 1st Round 2012 AZL-Cubs (Rookie) / 2012

Blackburn is in his second year in the Cubs organization and his making his first trip to Boise...made nine appearances in rookie ball in 2012, going 2-0 with a 3.48 ERA in 20.2 innings...tossed four shutout innings, fanning four, against the AZL-Padres...supplemental first-round pick by the Cubs in the 2012 Draft (compensation for Carlos Pena)...athletic pitcher with 90-92 MPH fastball that touches 94, also throws curve and change-up...had signed NLI with Arizona State.

BREMER, Tyler RHP R/R 6-2 225 12/07/89 Berkeley, CA 27th Round 2012 Boise (SS-A) / 2012

Bremer is in his second season in the Cubs organization and making his second trip to Boise...split the 2012 between Mesa and Boise, going 0-1 with an 11.57 ERA in two appearances in rookie ball...joined the Hawks on August 1 and made eight appearances, going 0-1 with a 4.80 ERA in 15 innings...picked up his first professional save at Everett on August 9...a 27th-round pick in the 2012 draft by the Cubs out of Baylor, where he posted a 7-1 record and a 3.08 ERA as a senior...also pitched at UC-Davis and Yavapai CC.

ELIAS, Ethan RHP R/R 6-3 180 04/27/93 Entwhistle, AB 22nd Round 2011 AZL-Cubs (Rookie) / 2012

Elias is in his second season in the Cubs organization and making his first trip to Boise...spent the 2012 season in Mesa, where he made 13 appearances, going 1-2 with a 3.90 ERA...had 22 strikeouts in 30 innings of work...did not play during the 2011 season...a 22nd round pick in the 2011 draft out of Grand Trunk HS, where he was a member of the Canadian Junior National Team...had signed to play at Central Arizona CC.

HOFFNER, Corbin RHP R/R 6-5 240 07/30/93 Sebring, FL 14th Round 2012 AZL-Cubs (Rookie) / 2012

Hoffner is in his second season in the Cubs organization and will make his first trip to Boise...spent the 2012 season in Mesa, going 0-1 with a 0.71 ERA in seven appearances, striking out 13 in 12.2 innings of work...had a season-best three innings of shutout ball vs. AZL-Diamondbacks...selected in the 14th round of the 2012 draft out of St. Petersburg JC, where he went 5-5 with a 2.52 ERA for the Titans, striking out 73 batters in 71.1 innings.

IANNAZZO, Matt LHP L/L 5-9 170 01/08/90 Norwalk, CT NDFA 2012 Kane County (Low-A) / 2013

Iannazzo is in his second season in the Cubs organization and making his second trip to Boise...made four appearances earlier this season at Kane County, going 1-1 with a 3.68 ERA in seven innings of work - including a win on May 3 at Bowling Green...split time in 2012 between Mesa, Boise, and Daytona...went 0-1 with a 1.13 ERA in four appearances in Mesa, striking out 12 in eight innings...joined the Hawks in mid-July, going 1-1 with an 8.49 ERA in seven appearances...picked up his first professional save at Eugene on July 23...finished the season at Daytona, tossing five-plus innings of shutout ball spanning three appearances...a 2012 non-drafted free agent selection out of Pittsburgh, where his was a three-time All-Big East selection and is the all-time career wins leader (28).

MARTINEZ, Carlos RHP R/R 6-4 230 04/02/91 La Habana, Cuba NDFA 2011 AZL-Cubs (Rookie) / 2012

Martinez is in his second season in the Cubs organization and is making his first trip to Boise...made 14 appearances in Mesa last season, going 5-0 with a 3.53 ERA - striking out 44 men in 43.1 innings...tossed five shutout innings, striking out five in a win over the AZL-Diamondbacks on June 28...signed for \$250,000 as a non-drafted free agent in December 2011 after playing for the Industriales in Cuba's Serie Nacional in 2009-10.

PADRON, Loiger RHP R/R 6-0 180 01/31/91 Bolivar, VZ NDFA 2009 AZL-Cubs (Rookie) / 2012

Padron is in his fifth season in the Cubs organization and is making his first trip to Boise...split time last season between the Dominican Summer League and the Arizona League...went 0-1 with a 4.09 ERA in the DSL, before making his Mesa debut on June 23...went 4-0 with a 2.52 ERA in 12 appearances, striking out 31 men in 28.1 innings...struck out six men in three innings of work vs. the AZL-Indians on August 1...spent the 2009-11 seasons in the DSL, combining for a 9-10 record in 48 appearances...non-drafted free agent, signed in May of 2009.

PUGLIESE, James RHP R/R 6-3 205 08/12/92 Hamilton, NJ 18th Round 2011 Boise (SS-A) / 2012

Pugliese is in his third year in the Cubs organization and making his third trip to Boise...spent the entire 2012 season with the Hawks, going 1-5 with a 5.37 ERA in 15 appearances, striking out 51 men in 60.1 innings of work...tossed five innings of one-hit shutout ball in a win over Yakima on July 17...struck out six against both Everett and Vancouver...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 in 2011, 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.

RAKKAR, Jasvir RHP R/R 6-2 200 04/27/91 Brampton, ON 26th Round 2012 AZL-Cubs (Rookie) / 2012

Rakkar is in his second season in the Cubs organization and will make his first trip to Boise...spent 2012 in Mesa, going 0-0 with a 2.70 ERA in seven appearances, striking out 13 men in 10 innings of work...recorded his first professional save on August 22 against the AZL-Diamondbacks...selected in the 26th round of the 2012 draft out of Stony Brook, where he helped his team to the 2012 College World Series...went 6-2 with a 3.72 ERA.

RODRIGUEZ, Orbandy RHP R/R 6-6 200 09/29/88 Puerto Plata, DR FA 2012 DSL-Dbacks (Rookie) / 2009

Rodriguez is in his first season in the Cubs organization and makes his first trip to Boise...signed as a free agent by the Cubs after the Dominican Instructional League...has not pitched in a game since the 2009 season, when he fractured his pitching elbow with the DSL-Diamondbacks while going by the name Manuel Gil...had a 3-7 record and a 3.83 ERA in 15 games during the 2008-09 seasons...

UNDERWOOD, Duane RHP R/R 6-2 210 07/20/94 St. Petersburg, FL 2nd Round 2012 AZL-Cubs (Rookie) / 2012

Underwood is in his second season in the Cubs organization and will be making his first trip to Boise...spent the 2012 season in Mesa, going 0-1 with a 5.19 ERA in five appearances – striking out seven men in eight-plus innings of work...selected by the Cubs in the second-round of the 2012 draft out of Pope High...live fastball that sits 91-94, can touch mid-upper 90s...has a good change-up...had signed NLI with U. of Georgia.

Catchers (3)

MARRA, Justin C L/R 5-10 190 01/18/93 Toronto, ON 15th Round 2011 Boise (SS-A) / 2012

Marra is in his third season in the Cubs organization and will make his second trip to Boise...opened the 2012 season with the Hawks, going 3-for-5 on June 18 against Salem-Keizer, and rejoined the team for the postseason...spend the majority of the season in Mesa, hitting .322 with 11 doubles and 14 RBI in 29 games...recorded six multi-hit games and had a seven-game hit streak in July...did not play during the 2011 season...selected in the 15th round of the 2011 draft out of Michael Power/St. Joseph Secondary School...was a member of the Canadian Junior National Team.

RODRIGUEZ, Rony C R/R 5-11 210 03/01/90 Miami, FL FA 2013 Quebec (Can-Am) / 2012

Rodriguez is in his first season in the Cubs organization and will make his first trip to Boise...signed by the Cubs after spending 2012 in the independent CanAm League's Les Capitaes de Quebec...hit .233 with 10 doubles, six homers, and 15 RBI...played collegiately at the University of Miami, where he hit .280 with 14 doubles and 18 RBI as a senior.

RYMEL, Lance C R/R 6-0 195 05/02/90 Broken Arrow, OK 28th Round 2012 Tennessee (AA) / 2013

Rymel is in his second year in the Cubs organization and will make his second trip to Boise...was called up in late May to be a back-up catcher at Double-A Tennessee, going 1-for-3 in his debut vs. Birmingham...spent the entire 2012 season in Boise, hitting .188 with two homers and 10 RBI in 25 games...hit two home runs and drove in four in a win August 5 at Spokane...a 28th round selection in the 2012 draft out of Rogers State (Okla.) Univ., where he led his team to a runner-up finish at the NAIA World Series...hit .318 with three homers and 40 RBI...also played at Seminole State JC.

Infielders (5)

BOTE, David IF R/R 5-11 185 04/07/93 Thornton, CO 18th Round 2012 Kane County (Low-A) / 2013

Bote is in his second season in the Cubs organization and making his first trip to Boise...has split time in 2013 between Kane County and Daytona – hitting .143 with a homer and four RBI with Kane County in 17 games and hitting .143 with three RBI in four games at Daytona...spent the 2012 season in Mesa, hitting .232 with a homer and 14 RBI in 38 games...had eight multi-hit games...selected in the 18th round of the 2012 draft out of Neosho County CC, where he hit .420 with 20 stolen bases, leading his team to the NJCAA World Series...began his college career at Liberty Univ.

GRETZKY, Trevor 1B L/R 6-4 190 09/14/92 Thousand Oaks, CA 7th Round 2011 AZL-Cubs (Rookie) / 2012

Gretzky is in his third season in the Cubs organization and making his first trip to Boise...spent the 2012 season in Mesa, hitting .304 with 10 RBI in 35 games...hit .369 in 18 August games, including four multi-hit games in his last six appearances...did not play during the 2011 season as he rehabbed an injury...selected in the seventh round of the 2011 draft out of Westlake High in California...had signed NLI with San Diego State...son of NHL Hall of Famer Wayne Gretzky.

LOCKHART, Danny 2B L/R 5-11 175 11/04/92 Nashville, TN 10th Round 2011 AZL-Cubs (Rookie) / 2012

Lockhart is in his third season in the Cubs organization and is making his first trip to Boise...spent all of 2012 in Mesa, hitting .221 with one home run and 20 RBI, stealing 11 bases in 45 games...hit safely in 12-of-13 games in early July, including eight multi-hit games...made his professional debut 2011 in Mesa, hitting .219 with three RBI in seven games...selected in the tenth round of the 2011 draft out of Hebron Christian Academy, where he hit .512 over his four-year career...led the Lions to the 2011 Georgia State Baseball title...signed his NLI with Kennesaw State...son of former MLB infielder, Keith Lockhart.

PENALVER, Carlos SS R/R 6-0 170 05/17/94 *Aragua, VZ* NDFA 2010 *AZL-Cubs (Rookie) / 2012*

Penalver is in his third year in the Cubs organization and will be making his first trip to Boise...spent the entire 2012 season in Mesa, hitting .273 with seven doubles and 20 RBI in 49 games...had 12 multi-hit games, including a 4-for-6 effort against the AZL-Reds on August 13...made his pro debut with the DSL-Cubs in 2011, hitting .272 with a homer and 38 RBI...signed as a non-drafted free agent in July of 2010.

ROGERS, Jacob 1B L/R 6-4 220 08/23/89 *Clearwater, FL* 40th Round 2012 *Peoria (Low-A) / 2012*

Rogers is in his second year in the Cubs organization...split time in 2012 between Mesa and Peoria...in rookie ball, hit .341 with two homers, 11 doubles, and 17 RBI in 26 games...went 4-for-4 with two homers and four RBI vs. AZL-Diamondbacks on June 28...promoted to Peoria in mid-August, hitting .300 with two homers and 10 RBI in 16 games...closed the season with a seven-game hit streak...selected in the 40th round of the 2012 draft out of Mount Olive College...hit .392 with 17 homers and 60 RBI in 54 games, leading his team to the Division II World Series.

Outfielders (4)

BALAGUERT, Yasiel OF R/R 6-2 215 01/09/93 *La Habana, Cuba* NDFA 2011 *Peoria (Low-A) / 2012*

Balaguert is in his second season in the Cubs organization and will be making his first trip to Boise...split time between Mesa and Peoria during the 2012 season...opened the year in Peoria, hitting .208 with a homer and 18 RBI in 39 games, before playing the last 32 games in Mesa, hitting .235 with two homers and 15 RBI...signed for \$400,000 as a non-drafted free agent in December of 2011 after defecting from Cuba, where he played for the Junior National Team.

DORE, Jose OF L/R 6-1 170 02/09/92 *Kissimmee, FL* Trade 2013 *Fort Wayne (Low-A) / 2012*

Dore is in his first season in the Cubs organization after spending his first three years with the Padres...traded to the Cubs earlier this year in Spring Training...split time between the AZL-Padres, Eugene, and Fort Wayne in 2012, hitting a combined .242 with one double...split time between Eugene and Fort Wayne in 2011, hitting .212 with nine home runs and 35 RBI in 98 games...made his debut with the AZL-Padres in 2010, hitting .375 in four games...selected by the Padres in the eighth round of the 2010 draft out of The First Academy in Orlando, Fla.

DUNSTON Jr., Shawon OF L/R 6-1 160 02/05/93 *Fremont, CA* 11th Round 2011 *Boise (SS-A) / 2012*

Dunston is in his third season in the Cubs organization and will make his second trip to Boise...made his pro debut with the Hawks in 2012, hitting .185 with a homer and two RBI in 19 games...was sent to Mesa in mid-July, where he hit .286 with two homers and 24 RBI in 39 games...did not play during the 2011 season...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.

ENCARNACION, Kevin OF S/R 6-1 175 11/23/91 *Santo Domingo, DR* NDFA 2010 *DSL-Cubs (Rookie) / 2012*

Encarnacion is in his fourth year in the Cubs organization and will make his U.S. debut this summer...spent his first three seasons in the Dominican Summer League, hitting a combined .280 with 19 doubles, 15 triples, six home runs, and 73 RBI in 181 games – stealing 55 bases...signed by the Cubs as a non-drafted free agent in May 2010.