



2007 Mud Hens Preview

YORMAN BAZARDO

■ **Bats/throws:** R/R
 ■ **Ht./Wt.:** 6-2, 220
 ■ **Age:** 22

■ **Position:** Pitcher
 ■ Obtained in a trade with Seattle in Feb., 2007. Signed originally by Florida in 2000 and made only big league appearance in May, 2005 for the Marlins.

Traded to the Mariners in July, 2005, and was 6-5 with San Antonio last season.



TIM BYRDAK

■ **Bats/throws:** L/L
 ■ **Ht./Wt.:** 5-11, 180
 ■ **Age:** 33

■ **Position:** Pitcher
 ■ A real vet drafted in 1994 who has played in four other organizations, including Cleveland in 2001-02. Had "Tommy John" surgery while with Buffalo in 2001. With Baltimore last year won his first major league game April 14 but developed bone chips in pitching elbow.



RON CHIAVACCI

■ **Bats/throws:** R/R
 ■ **Ht./Wt.:** 6-0, 240
 ■ **Age:** 29

■ **Position:** Pitcher
 ■ Was with Indianapolis (4-4) and Double-A Altoona (1-3) last year in the Pirates organization. Drafted by Montreal in '98 and spent seven years in their system, winning 11 games with Single-A Jupiter (Florida State League) in 2000. Played collegiately at Kutztown University.



VIC DARENSBOURG

■ **Bats/throws:** L/L
 ■ **Ht./Wt.:** 5-8, 170

■ **Age:** 36
 ■ **Position:** Pitcher
 ■ Is the first member of Baseball's RBI program (Reviving Baseball in Inner Cities) to reach the majors. Has a 8-17 record in 309 games in big



leagues. Was 2-0 with Toledo and 1-1 with Detroit in 2005. Holds record of longest streak of appearances without a win to begin a major league career with 123.

COREY HAMMAN

■ **Bats/throws:** L/L
 ■ **Ht./Wt.:** 6-2, 200
 ■ **Age:** 26

■ **Position:** Pitcher
 ■ Signed by the Tigers in 2002 and has worked his way up the ladder. Last year was 2-8 at Toledo with a 4.02 ERA. Became a starter in June and won the clinching game against Rochester in the Governors' Cup finals.



JASON KARNUTH

■ **Bats/throws:** R/R
 ■ **Ht./Wt.:** 6-2, 190
 ■ **Age:** 30

■ **Position:** Pitcher
 ■ Will start his fourth season with Hens. Has a 14-4 record with 27 saves for Toledo since 2004. Was 7-2 with 23 (of 26) saves for the Hens in 2005. Originally signed by St. Louis, was a starter until 2000 and has made 359 straight relief appearances since.



PRESTON LARRISON

■ **Bats/throws:** R/R
 ■ **Ht./Wt.:** 6-4, 230

■ **Age:** 26
 ■ **Position:** Pitcher
 ■ Had a 4-10 mark with a 3.92 ERA at Erie (AA) last year before joining Toledo, where he was 1-0 in six games. Was winning pitcher in the Futures Game in 2003 for the U.S. over World team. Had "Tommy John" surgery in 2004. Tigers second-round choice in 2001 draft.



AQUILINO LOPEZ

■ **Bats/throws:** R/R
 ■ **Ht./Wt.:** 6-3, 187

■ **Age:** 31
 ■ **Position:** Pitcher
 ■ Has pitched in six different organizations since 1997. Was 1-3 with



the Blue Jays with 14 saves in 72 games in 2003 and named their rookie of the year. Last season was 3-4 at Portland in the Pacific Coast League.

ZACH MINER

■ **Bats/throws:** R/R
 ■ **Ht./Wt.:** 6-3, 200
 ■ **Age:** 25

■ **Position:** Pitcher
 ■ Selected by Atlanta in the fourth round of the 2000 draft. Was 3-1 in six games for Toledo in '05 after coming to Detroit with Roman Colon in trade for Kyle Farnsworth. Last season was 6-0 with a 2.82 ERA here to start season, then went up to the Tigers and had 7-6 mark.



DENNIS TANKERSLEY

■ **Bats/throws:** R/R
 ■ **Ht./Wt.:** 6-2, 185

■ **Age:** 28
 ■ **Position:** Pitcher
 ■ With Memphis (PCL), was 4-15 with 123 strikeouts in '06. He is 32-44 in last six years at Triple-A. In 2002 with the Padres hit a HR in his first major league win.



JORDAN TATA

■ **Bats/throws:** R/R
 ■ **Ht./Wt.:** 6-6, 220
 ■ **Age:** 25

■ **Position:** Pitcher
 ■ Drafted by Detroit out of Sam Houston State. Was 13-2, 2.79 at Lakeland and was most valuable pitcher in Florida State League in 2005. Made the big jump to the Tigers to open last season and then was 10-6, 3.84 with the Hens.



VIRGIL VASQUEZ

■ **Bats/throws:** R/R
 ■ **Ht./Wt.:** 6-3, 205

■ **Age:** 24
 ■ **Position:** Pitcher
 ■ After signing with Detroit in 2003 led the Midwest League win 14 wins in '04 with West Michigan.



Last season was 7-12 at Erie with 129 strikeouts in 27 starts. Then appeared in one game in the Governors' Cup finals for Toledo.

DANE SARDINHA

■ **Bats/throws:** R/R
 ■ **Ht./Wt.:** 6-0, 215
 ■ **Age:** 27

■ **Position:** Catcher
 ■ Known as a defensive specialist he had only four errors last season. Has spent the last three seasons with Louisville, where he had 21 home runs and 86 RBIs. Dane's brother Bronson played with Columbus last season.



ANDREW GRAHAM

■ **Bats/throws:** R/R
 ■ **Ht./Wt.:** 6-4, 215
 ■ **Age:** 24

■ **Position:** Catcher
 ■ Split time between Double-A Erie and Single-A Lakeland last season. Hit .276 in 20 games for the SeaWolves and .127 in 27 games for Lakeland. Also played in two games for his native Australia in the World Baseball Classic last spring. Has spent the past four seasons in the Tigers' organization since being drafted in the 19th round of the June 2003 draft.



JACK HANNAHAN

■ **Bats/throws:** L/R
 ■ **Ht./Wt.:** 6-2, 205
 ■ **Age:** 27

■ **Position:** Infielder
 ■ Was Tigers third round pick in 2001 after being named Big Ten player of year at Minnesota. Played last two seasons in Toledo, hitting .269 with four homers and 28 RBIs in '05, and last year hit .282, with nine homers and 62 RBIs. Became first to hit three home runs in a game at Fifth Third Field in '05.



MIKE HESSMAN

■ **Bats/throws:** R/R
 ■ **Ht./Wt.:** 6-5, 232
 ■ **Age:** 29

■ **Position:** Infielder
 In 11 seasons in the Braves' and Tigers' systems has 969 hits, 214

doubles, 223 homers and 644 RBIs. Seven times has hit 20+ homers in a minor league season. First major league hit was pinch-homer for Braves in 2003. Last two years in Toledo has hit .214 with 28 homers and 74 RBIs and .165 with 24 homers and 49 RBIs. Was best fielding third baseman in IL last year.



KEVIN HOOPER

■ **Bats/throws:** R/R
 ■ **Ht./Wt.:** 5-9, 160
 ■ **Age:** 30

■ **Position:** Infielder
 ■ Pro since '99 has played in Florida, Yankees, Kansas City and Detroit systems. Had a 31 game hitting streak at Calgary (PCL) in 2002. Has 908 hits in 877 minor league games. Played all nine positions in a game with Mud Hens and earned a save in 2005. In last two years at Toledo hit .240 and .276.



CHRIS MAPLES

■ **Bats/throws:** R/R
 ■ **Ht./Wt.:** 5-10, 180
 ■ **Age:** 27

■ **Position:** Infielder
 ■ Tigers' sixth round pick in 2002 from University of North Carolina. Hit .281 at Erie last year with 20 homers and 71 RBIs. Played 13 games with the Mud Hens and then six playoff games last season. Played all infield positions and some in outfield in '06.



RAMON SANTIAGO

■ **Bats/throws:** S/R
 ■ **Ht./Wt.:** 5-11, 175
 ■ **Age:** 27

■ **Position:** Infielder
 ■ Originally signed by Detroit in '98, was part of trade to Seattle before '04 season for Carlos Guillen. Then was free agent signee by Tigers for '06. Has played 521 games in minors and 276 in big leagues. Has two short stints with Hens — nine games in '02 and 25 last season.



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CHRIS SHELTON

■ **Bats/throws:** R/R
 ■ **Ht./Wt.:** 6-0, 215
 ■ **Age:** 26
 ■ **Position:** Infielder
 ■ A 33rd-round choice of Pittsburgh in 2001 after being

Mountain West Player of the Year at Utah. He was the Pirates' minor league player of year in '03 after hitting .359 at Sigle-A Lynchburg and .279 at Double-A Altoona.

Selected by the Tigers in Rule 5 draft after 2003. In 94 games over last three seasons with Mud Hens has hit .313. Started last year on fire with the Tigers, tying a club record with 10 home runs in April including two on opening day.



BRENT CLEVEN

■ **Bats/throws:** R/R
 ■ **Ht./Wt.:** 6-2, 190
 ■ **Age:** 23
 ■ **Position:** Outfielder

■ A second-round selection of Tigers in 2002. Florida State League MVP in 2005 with Lakeland, where he hit .302 with 18 homers and 102 RBIs. Last year started at Erie before being called to Tigers July 29 and doubled in first at-bat against the Twins' Johan Santana. Name is pronounced Cleev-lin.



DAVID ESPINOSA

■ **Bats/throws:** S/R
 ■ **Ht./Wt.:** 6-2
 190

■ **Age:** 25
 ■ **Position:** Outfielder
 ■ A first-round selection of the Reds in 2000 draft, came to the Tigers as part of trade for Brian Moehler



in 2002. Had 19 homers and 52 RBIs at Erie in '04. Has 43 triples in career including three in a game last season for Mud Hens. Hit a pinch-hit, game-winning homer vs. Charlotte in the playoffs.

TIMO PEREZ

■ **Bats/throws:** L/L
 ■ **Ht./Wt.:** 5-9, 180
 ■ **Age:** 31
 ■ **Position:** Outfielder

■ Played five seasons in Japan before signing with the Mets in 2000. Timo has played in 574 major league games with Mets, White Sox and Cardinals. He hit .295 with the Mets in '02 and .269 with them the next season. Last year hit .295 at Memphis and .194 in 23 games with St. Louis.



RYAN RABURN

■ **Bats/throws:** R/R
 ■ **Ht./Wt.:** 6-0, 185
 ■ **Age:** 25
 ■ **Position:** Outfielder

■ A fifth-round draft choice of Tigers in 2001. Hit .301 at Erie (AA) in 2004 with 16 homers and 63 RBIs and had a 20-game hitting streak. Then went up to Tigers and got first hit off C.C. Sabathia. Last two seasons have been with Mud Hens, where he hit .253 with 19 homers and 64 RBIs in '05 and .275, 20, 79 last year. Has moved from second base to outfield.



ORGANIZATIONAL STANDINGS

2006 SEASON

Here is a look at the won-loss records of the minor-league teams from each major-league organization, ranked by winning percentage.

Team	W	L	Pct.
1. Yankees	468	358	.567
2. Tigers	413	333	.554
3. Astros	462	374	.553
4. Giants	419	342	.551
5. Indians	448	376	.544
6. Phillies	440	374	.541
7. Twins	408	348	.540
8. Pirates	425	392	.520
9. Reds	424	399	.515
10. Royals	390	370	.513
11. Padres	386	369	.511
12. Athletics	418	404	.509
13. Angels	386	373	.509
14. D'backs	397	384	.508
15. Blue Jays	393	380	.508
16. Cubs	387	375	.508
17. Dodgers	375	382	.495
18. Brewers	336	343	.495
19. Red Sox	372	388	.489
20. Rockies	382	401	.488
21. Mets	430	459	.484
22. Cardinals	402	430	.483
23. Devil Rays	337	361	.483
24. Mariners	395	429	.479
25. Braves	356	389	.478
26. Marlins	344	405	.459
27. Orioles	351	416	.458
28. Nationals	356	468	.432
29. White Sox	324	441	.424
30. Rangers	315	445	.414

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COACHING STAFF

LARRY PARRISH MANAGER

■ Parrish, 53, returns for his sixth season as Mud Hens manager (1994, 2003-07). Has a 351-339 record with the Mud Hens and has won the last two Governors' Cups. Also managed the Tigers in 1998-99. Played 15 seasons in majors with



Montreal, Texas and Boston where he compiled a .263 average with 256 homers and 992 RBIs. Twice was named to the All-Star Game (1979, 1987). Has three children, Jessica, Josh and Amanda and two grandchildren, Morgan and Bailey.

LEON DURHAM HITTING COACH

■ Durham returns for his seventh season as Mud Hens hitting coach. "Bull" spent five seasons in the Angels organization before joining Toledo. He played 10

seasons in the majors mostly with the Cubs, hitting .277 with 147 homers. He was a first-round selection of the Cardinals in 1976 and was part of the trade to the Cubs for Bruce Sutter in 1980.



MIKE ROJAS INTERIM MANAGER

■ Rojas will serve as interim manager. Starts his fourth season in Tigers system. This season he is the roving catching instructor.



Spent the past two seasons as manager at Single-A Lakeland, earning Florida State League manager of the year honors. Is the son of former major leaguer Cookie Rojas.

BRITT BURNS PITCHING COACH

■ Burns has five prior seasons in the Tigers organization, including 2002 as Mud Hens pitching coach. For the last three seasons has been with Lakeland in the Florida State League. He won 70 games for the White Sox from 1978-85 including 15-13 in '80, 13-5 for '82 and 18-11 in 1985.



MATT RANKIN ATHLETIC TRAINER

■ Matt begins his seventh season with Toledo and 12th in the Tigers' farm system. He has a bachelor's degree in community health and a master's degree in athletic training.



THE BLADE

Leon 'Bull' Durham helps celebrate the Mud Hens' Governors' Cup triumph at Fifth Third Field last season.



The Mud Hens

A rare third opportunity

This year Toledo will look to become just the second team in International League history to win three straight Governors' Cup titles since the trophy was first presented in 1933. While several franchises have won back-to-back trophies just as the Hens did in 2005-06, the only team to win three straight was Columbus in 1979-81.

In honor of a potential three-peat, here's a look at some "threes" involving the Mud Hens:

THREE CURRENT TIGERS WHO HAVE PLAYED THE MOST GAMES FOR TOLEDO

1. Omar Infante, 184 games
2. Marcus Thames, 137 games
3. Craig Monroe, 119 games



Ray Raburn

THREE LONGEST-TENURED HENS ON THIS YEAR'S ROSTER

1. Ryan Raburn, 248 games
2. Mike Hessman, 235 games
3. Kevin Hooper, 206 games

THREE LONGEST GAMES EVER PLAYED AT FIFTH THIRD FIELD (as judged by innings played)

1. 16 innings against Syracuse on June 16, 2006
2. 15 innings against Durham on Aug. 4, 2003
3. 14 innings on several occasions; the most recent was against Louisville on Aug. 5, 2006

THREE WINNINGEST MUD HENS MANAGERS (SINCE 1965)

1. Cal Ermer, 540 wins (1978-85)
2. Larry Parrish, 351 wins (1994, 2003-present)
3. Joe Sparks, 265 wins (1976, 1991-94)



Larry Parrish

THREE LARGEST CROWDS AT FIFTH THIRD FIELD IN 2006

1. 12,500 on opening day (April 6)
2. 11,500 for Triple-A All-Star Game (July 12)
3. 11,089 on July 22



THREE WACKIEST PROMOTIONS FOR THE COMING SEASON

1. They Came from Outer Space Night (June 10)
2. Friday the 13th Halloween Mask Giveaway (July 13)
3. Where's Waldo Night (June 24)

THREE LARGEST SINGLE-SEASON ATTENDANCE TOTALS IN MUD HEN HISTORY

1. 569,380 in 2006
2. 556,995 in 2005
3. 547,204 in 2002

THREE BEST MEMORIES FROM THE TRIPLE-A ALL-STAR EVENT LAST SEASON

1. A standing-room-only crowd of 11,500 – and a national television audience on ESPN2 – watched the game at Fifth Third Field
2. Mud Hen OF Ryan Ludwick finished second to Andy Marte in the Home Run Derby
3. Mud Hen OF Ryan Raburn hit a seventh-inning home run in the International League victory



2005



2006



2007

ONLY THREE MUD HENS GENERAL MANAGERS (SINCE 1966)

1. Charlie Senger
2. Gene Cook
3. Joe Napoli



Current General Manager, Joe Napoli

THREE PEOPLE YOU MAY NOT HAVE KNOWN WERE FORMER MUD HENS

1. Dave Campbell, ESPN announcer (2B, 1967-69)
2. Billy Beane, Oakland general manager (OF, 1987-89)
3. Jim Thorpe, Hall of Fame football player (OF, 1921)

THREE PREVIOUS TOLEDO TEAMS THAT WON THE GOVERNORS' CUP

1. 1967
2. 2005
3. 2006

