

Duane Below

Pitcher

■ Ht./Wt.: 6-3/220

■ B/T: L/L

■ Began last season with Mud Hens and was 1-2 with a 2.10 ERA in four starts. ... Claimed on waivers

by Miami and split time between Marlins (0-1, 10.12 ERA) and Triple-A New Orleans (5-5, 2.55 ERA). ... Later in the season signed with Kia Tigers in Korea (3-2, 4.02 ERA). ... Pitched for Detroit in 2011-12 (2- with 3.88 ERA in 27 appearances in 2012). ... A native of Britton, Mich., who played at Lake Michigan College.



Ezequiel Carrera

Outfielder

■ Ht./Wt.: 5-10/185

■ B/T: L/L

■ Played briefly for Philadelphia last season, hitting .077 in 13 games. ... Spent majority of last

season with Columbus, where he batted .248 with five homers and 31 RBIs with a career-best 43 stolen bases. ... Also played two games with Indians in 2013. ... Best year with Clippers was 2012 (294, 6 HR, 42 RBIs, 26 stolen bases in 97 games). ... 18 stolen bases in 131 major league games and 230 in 765 minor league games.



Casey Crosby

Pitcher

■ Ht./Wt.: 6-5/225

■ B/T: L/L

■ Begins third season with Mud Hens but his first in bullpen after making switch this spring. ... Made

13 starts for Hens last season (2-5 with a 4.84 ERA). ... Spent time on DL last season because of shoulder problems. ... In 2012 posted a 7-9 record and 4.01 ERA with Toledo. Made three starts for Tigers that season. ... Best season was with Lo-A West Michigan in 2009 when he posted a 10-4 record (2.41 ERA).



Luis Exposito

Catcher

■ Ht./Wt.: 6-3/210

■ B/T: R/R

■ Signed as a six-year free agent by the Tigers after hitting .224 with four homers and 23 RBIs in 64

games with Norfolk last season. ... Played for Tides in 2012 and hit .268 with six home runs and 23 RBIs in 55 games. ... Originally drafted by Boston, spent two days with the Red Sox in 2011 but did not play. ... Best season came with Double-A Portland (Maine) in the Eastern League in 2010 (260, 11 HR, 94 RBIs in 125 games).



Daniel Fields

Pitcher

■ Ht./Wt.: 6-2/215

■ B/T: L/R

■ Spent last season with Double-A Erie (.284, 10 home runs, 58 RBIs, 24 stolen bases) — all single-sea-

son career bests. ... Began career directly at Hi-A Lakeland in 2010 and spent three seasons there before being promoted to Erie at end of 2012. ... Son of former Mud Hens player and manager Bruce Fields, now Detroit's minor league hitting coordinator. ... 59 stolen bases and 20 triples in his four pro seasons.



Ben Guez

Outfielder

■ Ht./Wt.: 5-11/180

■ B/T: R/R

■ Spent last season with Mud Hens, hitting .242 with 18 home runs and 63 RBIs. His home run

and RBI totals were career highs. ... Also had 19 doubles, two triples and stole eight bases. ... Played for Hens for at least part of three other seasons. ... Can play all three outfield positions and had seven assists last year. ... Has been hit by 66 pitches in 648 career games (eight last season and a career-high 19 in 2012).



Derek Hankins

Pitcher

■ Ht./Wt.: 6-4/195

■ B/T: R/R

■ Began last season with Double-A Erie and was 1-1 with a 3.06 ERA in three starts before being pro-

moted to Toledo. ... 4-4 with a 3.03 ERA in 14 starts with Hens. ... Left Hens to play for Doosan Bears in Korea (3-3, 6.23 ERA). ... Drafted by Pirates in 2004, he pitched in three games for Indianapolis in 2010. ... Pitched for the Rangers' Triple-A affiliate in Round Rock, posting a 5.89 ERA in 2011 and a 4.99 mark in '12.



Blaine Hardy

Pitcher

■ Ht./Wt.: 6-2/220

■ B/T: L/L

■ Split last season between Double-A Erie, where he was 2-2 with one save and a 1.63 ERA, and the

Mud Hens. ... In Toledo bullpen at first before becoming a starter after the all-star break. Finished 6-1, 1.69 ERA in 14 appearances. ... Originally drafted by Kansas City, advanced to Triple-A Omaha in 2010-12. ... Signed by Detroit as a free agent just before last season. ... 209 minor league games but only 20 career starts.



Mike Hessman

Infielder

■ Ht./Wt.: 6-5/215

■ B/T: R/R

■ Played for Louisville last season and batted .240 with 25 home runs and 56 RBIs. ... Tied for fourth in IL

in home runs and was third in extra-base hits with 57. ... Played for Mud Hens from 2005-09 and is the all-time minor league leader in home runs with 389. ... IL MVP in 2007 with 31 HR and 101 RBIs. ... IL postseason all-star in 2008 with 34 homers with 72 RBIs. ... Spent time in majors with Atlanta (2003-04) and Detroit (2007-08).



Jordan Lennerton

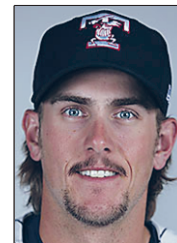
Infielder

■ Ht./Wt.: 6-2/230

■ B/T: L/L

■ Played in 139 games for Hens last season (.278, 17 home runs, 57 RBIs). ... Ranked third in IL in hits

(143), fourth in on-base percentage (.382), and fourth in total bases (221). ... Had 48-game on-base streak. ... Named to IL all-star team and selected to play for World Team in Futures Game. ... Posted .996 fielding percentage and received the minor league Gold Glove. ... Named IL's best defensive first baseman by Baseball America.



Kyle Lobstein

Pitcher

■ Ht./Wt.: 6-3/200

■ B/T: L/L

■ Split last season between Mud Hens (6-3, 3.48 ERA in 13 starts) and Double-A Erie (7-4, 3.21 ERA

in 15 starts). ... Led all Detroit minor leaguers in wins (13) and strikeouts (148) last season. ... Originally selected in the 2012 Rule 5 draft by the Tigers from Tampa Bay. ... Did not make Detroit's roster, but Tigers sent catcher Curt Casali to Rays to keep his rights. ... 43-37 with 3.71 ERA in minor league career.



Jhan Marínez

Pitcher

■ Ht./Wt.: 6-1/200

■ B/T: R/R

■ Spent last season with Charlotte (2-4, two saves, 6.11 ERA). Struck out 26 but walked 16 and threw six

wild pitches in 28 innings. ... 3.75 ERA and .186 opponents batting average in the Dominican Winter League this past winter. ... Originally signed by Marlins, he was traded to White Sox in the deal that sent manager Ozzie Guillen to Miami. ... Pitched in majors for Florida in 2010 (1-1, 6.75 ERA) and with White Sox in 2012.



J.D. Martínez

Outfielder

■ Ht./Wt.: 6-3/220

■ B/T: R/R

■ Spent most of last season with Houston, where he hit .250 with seven home runs and 36 RBIs in 86

games. Played in five games for Corpus Christi in Double-A Texas League, batting .300 with a homer and five RBIs. ... Played 113 games for Astros in 2012 (.241, 11 HR, 55 RBIs). ... Spent 53 games with Houston in 2011 (.274, 6 HR, 35 RBIs). ... Hit first-ever home run at Miami's Marlins Park on April 13, 2012.



Melvin Mercedes

Pitcher

■ Ht./Wt.: 6-1/250

■ B/T: R/R

■ Posted 5-2 record with 23 saves and a 1.19 ERA along with 36

strikeouts and just 14 walks in 53 innings at two levels last season. ... Started year at Hi-A Lakeland (3-, 11 saves, 0.96 ERA). ... Promoted to Double-A Erie in late June, posted 2-1 mark with 12 saves and a 1.44 ERA. ... Has 60 saves in 179 pro appearances, all of them in relief. ... Career 2.70 ERA in minors, and opponents have hit just .228 against him.



James McCann

Catcher

■ Ht./Wt.: 6-2/210

■ B/T: R/R

■ Spent last season with Double-A Erie, where he hit .277 with eight

homers and 54 RBIs in 119 games. ... The Tigers top pick in 2011 as a second-rounder out of Arkansas. ... Split time between Hi-A Lakeland and Erie in 2012 (.288 in 45 games with Flying Tigers and .200 in 64 games with SeaWolves). ... Threw out 37 percent of potential base stealers last season and 39 percent for his career.



Justin Miller

Pitcher

■ **Ht./Wt.:** 6-3/215
■ **B/T:** R/R

■ Spent last season in Texas organization, splitting time between Double-A Frisco and Triple-A

Round Rock. ... In 16 appearances with Frisco he was 1-0 with two saves and a 6.19 ERA. ... 0-1 with a save and a 9.82 ERA in 11 appearances for Round Rock. ...

Missed all of 2012 because of Tommy John surgery. ... 145 relief appearances in his minor league career and has 223 strikeouts in 194 2/3 innings.



Jose Ortega

Pitcher

■ **Ht./Wt.:** 5-11/185
■ **B/T:** R/R

■ Split last season between Mud Hens (4-3, four saves, 1.86 ERA) and Tigers (0-2, 3.86 ERA in 11

games). ... Led Toledo in holds with eight and tied for team lead with 40 appearances. ... Pitched for Detroit in 2012 and had a 3.38 ERA. ... Pitched for Toledo in 2011, going 1-3 with a 6.30 ERA in 33 games, and in 2012, when he was 5-8 with a save and a 5.74 ERA.



Hernan Perez

Infielder

■ **Ht./Wt.:** 6-1/185
■ **B/T:** R/R

■ Began last season with Double-A Erie and hit .301 with four homers, 35 RBIs and 24 stolen bases in

87 games. ... Promoted to Detroit when Omar Infante was injured and batted .197 with five RBIs in 34 games. ... Sent to Toledo late in the season and hit .299 with four steals in 16 games. ... Played in two games for Detroit in 2012. ... Primarily shortstop and second base.



Brandon Douglas

Infielder

■ **Ht./Wt.:** 5-11/200
■ **B/T:** R/R

■ Split last season between the Mud Hens (.257, 2 HRs, 16 RBIs in 49 games) and Double-A Erie (.303,

3 HRs, 22 RBIs in 53 games). ... Has played for the SeaWolves in five different seasons, in 2008 and the last four years. ... Hit .297 in his minor-league career and .300 or better in four of six pro seasons. ... Has 82 career stolen bases, including a career-best 22 with Erie in 2011. ... Played all four infield positions for Erie last season.



Robbie Ray

Pitcher

■ **Ht./Wt.:** 6-2/170
■ **B/T:** L/L

■ In his first season with Detroit organization after he was traded to Tigers from Washington in the

Doug Fister deal. ... Pitched last season for two teams and combined to go 11-5 with a 3.35 ERA. Began with Potomac in the Hi-A Carolina League (6-3, 3.11 ERA in 16 starts). Promoted to Double-A Harrisburg in the Eastern League (5-2 record, 3.72 ERA in 11 starts). ... Averaged 9.1 strikeouts per nine innings during his pro career.



Nate Robertson

Pitcher

■ **Ht./Wt.:** 6-2/225
■ **B/T:** L/L

■ Made 45 appearances last year for Round Rock, the Triple-A club for Texas in the Pacific Coast

League, and was 4-4 with a 3.04 ERA. ... Pitched for Tigers from 2003-09. ... His best season in Detroit was 2006 (13-13, 3.84 ERA). ... Originally drafted by the Marlins, he was traded to Florida. ... In 2010 he was traded back to Florida and pitched for the Marlins and later the Phillies. ... Career record of 57-77 in the majors.



Kenny Faulk

Pitcher

■ **Ht./Wt.:** 6-0/235
■ **B/T:** L/L

■ Spent last season with Mud Hens and was 0-3 with a save and a 3.65 ERA in 32 appearances. ...

Struck out 52, walked 31 in 44 1/3 innings. ... Has 46 saves since drafted by Tigers in 16th round of '09 draft. ... 20 saves for Hi-A Lakeland in 2011. ... Pitched in 195 pro games but has never started. ... Struck out 295 batters in just 242 2/3 innings, including career-best 78 in 58 1/3 innings for Lo-A West Michigan in 2010.



Marcus Lemon

Infielder

■ **Ht./Wt.:** 5-11/173
■ **B/T:** L/R

■ Lemon, son of former Tigers outfielder Chet Lemon, spent last year with Double-A Erie (.241, 1

HR, 28 RBIs in 97 games). ... Batted .324 with three homers and 29 RBIs in 81 games for Hi-A Lakeland in '12. ... Drafted by Texas in the fourth round of '06 draft. ... Traded to Atlanta before 2011 season. ... Has posted double-digit steals in four of eight pro seasons. ... Played second, short, and third as well as all three outfield spots.



Drew VerHagen

Pitcher

■ **Ht./Wt.:** 6-6/230
■ **B/T:** R/R

■ Began first pro season with Hi-A Lakeland (5-3, 2.81 ERA). Promoted to Double-A Erie and had a

deceiving 2-5 record (3.00 ERA in 12 starts). ... Drafted out of Vanderbilt, he came to the Commodores from Navarro Junior College after leading the Bulldogs to a national junior college title. ... Began his college career at Oklahoma before transferring to Navarro.



Danny Worth

Infielder

■ **Ht./Wt.:** 6-1/185
■ **B/T:** R/R

■ Played 82 games for Mud Hens last season (.223, 1 HR, 22 RBIs, 9 stolen bases). Lost time because

of a heel contusion. ... Promoted to Detroit late in the season before being shut down because of shoulder trouble. ... Played at least one game for Hens in each of the previous six seasons. Best year was 2011 (.256, 8 HR, 37 RBIs, 13 stolen bases). ... Also spent time with Tigers last four seasons.



Larry Parrish

Manager

■ Returns as Hens manager after spending last year as the manager at Lo-A West Michigan. ... Spent seven seasons managing the

Hens, taking over for part of 1994 and then managing from 2003-06 and 2008-10. Franchise's all-time leader in victories (569). ... Led Toledo to IL Governors' Cup titles in 2005 and '06. ... Managed Tigers in September of 1998 and all of 1999. ... Two-time major league all-star who hit 256 home runs in a 15-year career with Montreal, Texas and Boston.



Leon "Bull" Durham

Hitting coach

■ Returns for 14th season as Mud Hens' hitting coach. ... In 19th season as professional coach — spent

five seasons in Angels organization before coming to Toledo in 2001. ... Spent 10 seasons in the majors with St. Louis, the Cubs and Cincinnati and hit .277 with 147 home runs. ... Named to NL All-Star team in 1982 and '83. ... Best season was 1984, when he hit 23 home runs and had 96 RBIs for Chicago. ... Biggest home run total came in 1987, when he hit 27 for the Cubs.



Al Nipper

Pitching coach

■ First season as Mud Hens pitching coach after spending two years as Detroit's minor league pitching coordinator. ... Came to Tigers af-

ter nine seasons with Boston, including one year as the club's bullpen coach (2006). That was his second stint with Red Sox organization after spending 1992-97 with Boston. ... Minor league pitching coordinator for Texas from 1998-2000. ... Royals pitching coach from 2001-02. ... Pitched seven years in majors with Boston, the Chicago Cubs and Cleveland.



Chris McDonald

Trainer

■ First season with Toledo after longtime trainer Matt Rankin was promoted to Detroit. ... His 14th season as a trainer in the Tigers

organization. Spent the last eight seasons at Double-A Erie. ... Began career with Gulf Coast League Tigers (2001), then was with Short Season Oneonta (2002) and Hi-A Lakeland (2003-05). ... 2000 grad of BGSU with a degree in education after majoring in sports management. ... Batboy and home clubhouse attendant for the Tigers from 1994-99.

