

2011 Boise Hawks Player Profiles (6/13/11)

Pitchers (14)

BURKE, Kyler *LHP L/L 6-3 205 04/20/88 Chattanooga, TN Trade 2007 Daytona (Adv-A) / 2010*

Burke is in his sixth year of professional baseball and makes his third trip to Boise, but first as a converted pitcher after five years as an outfielder...originally a first-round pick of the San Diego Padres in 2006, traded to the Cubs in 2007 as part of a trade that sent Michael Barrett to San Diego...hit .254 with ten homers and 54 RBI for the Hawks in 2007, followed by hitting .261 with seven homers and 41 RBI in 2008...Cubs Minor League Player of the Year in 2009 after hitting .303 with 43 doubles, 15 home runs, and 89 RBI in Peoria...spent last season in Daytona, hitting .212 with seven home runs and 60 RBI.

CRUZ, Willington *LHP R/L 6-2 170 08/08/90 Romana, DR NDFA 2008 DSL-Cubs / 2010*

Cruz is in his third year in the Cubs organization and will be playing his first season in the United States...had a 4-0 record with a 1.90 ERA in 13 starts for the DSL-Cubs 1 last season, 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.

FITZGERALD, Dustin *RHP R/R 6-4 210 12/06/89 Marshall, TX 19th Round 2010 Boise (SS-A) / 2010*

Fitzgerald is in his second year in the Cubs organization and his second trip to Boise...went 2-4 with a 5.22 ERA in 11 appearances last season, striking out 22 men in 39 innings of work...signed a NLI to pitch at Texas State out of Hill JC, but signed with the Cubs...three-pitch repertoire, fastball, curve, change, FB sits at 88-90...was the top prospect in the Hawaiian Summer Collegiate League in 2009

KIM, Jin-Yeong *RHP R/R 6-0 185 04/16/92 Seoul, So. Korea NDFA 2010 Duk Soo HS / 2010*

Kim is in his second year in the Cubs organization and will be making his professional debut in Boise...signed for a reported \$1,200,000 last year and made his U.S. debut in the Fall Instructional League...fastball runs 88-92, and mixes in a slider, curveball, and change-up.

LIRIA, Luis *RHP S/R 6-2 170 01/15/90 Santo Domingo, DR NDFA 2007 Peoria (Low-A) / 2010*

Liria is in his fourth year in the Cubs organization and his first trip to Boise...made three appearances last season at Low-A Peoria, going 1-0 with a 10.29 ERA in seven innings of work, while going 2-2 with a stellar 2.40 ERA in Mesa, striking out 46 men...split time between the DSL and Arizona Rookie League in 2009, going a combined 3-1 with 55 strikeouts in 52 innings...has 152 career strikeouts and just 72 walks.

MAYORA, Hector *RHP R/R 6-1 178 06/22/9 La Guiara, VZ NDFA 2008 AZL-Cubs / 2010*

Mayora is in his fourth year in the Cubs organization and his first trip to Boise...spent last season with rookie-ball Mesa, going 1-1 with a 4.32 ERA in 10 appearances, striking out 27 batters in 25 innings of work...spent his first two seasons in the DSL, going a combined 7-4 with a sub 2.50 ERA..

REED, Austin *RHP R/R 6-3 200 10/31/91 Rancho Cucamonga, CA 12th Round 2010 AZL-Cubs / 2010*

Reed is in his second year in the Cubs organization and is making his first trip to Boise...went 3-2 with a 2.94 ERA in 12 appearances in Mesa last season, walking 11 and striking out 34 in 33 innings of work...selected in the 12th Round of the 2010 Draft out of Rancho Cucamonga High in California...had signed a NLI with San Diego State...throws a fastball, change, and slurve.

RODRIGUEZ, Santo *RHP L/R 6-1 180 09/26/89 Azua, DR NDFA 2008 DSL-Cubs / 2010*

Rodriguez is in his fourth year in the Cubs organization, but making his U.S. debut in Boise...went a combined 4-8 with a 3.15 ERA in three seasons in the Dominican Summer League, allowing just two earned runs in 22 innings of work last year.

ROSARIO, Jose *RHP R/R 6-1 170 08/29/90 San Pedro de Macoris, DR NDFA 2008 AZL-Cubs / 2010*

Rosario is in his fourth season in the Cubs organization and his first trip to Boise...spent all of 2010 in the Arizona League, going 12 with a 7.57 ERA – striking out 33 men in 27 innings...was well traveled in 2009, beginning his season with seven appearances in the DSL, 11 appearances in Mesa, and tossed three scoreless innings for the Daytona Cubs...has 88 career strikeouts.

SANCHEZ, Yilver RHP R/R 6-2 200 07/31/90 Azua, DR NFA 2009 AZL-Cubs / 2010

Sanchez is in his third season in the Cubs organization and will make his U.S. debut in Boise...had a stellar 3-1 record and 1.13 ERA with the DSL-Cubs 1 last season, allowing just six earned runs in 48 innings of work...had a 3.45 ERA in 60 innings in his pro debut season of 2009

SHAFER, Bryce RHP R/R 6-0 180 11/14/88 Wabash, IN 49th Round 2010 Peoria (Low-A) / 2011

Shafer is in his second season in the Cubs organization and will make his first trip to Boise...began 2011 with the Peoria Chiefs, going 0-3 with a 2.79 ERA in 29 innings of work...debuted last season in Mesa, allowing just two runs in 10 innings of work...signed out of Valparaiso U in the 2010 draft, where he struck out 121 batters, earning Horizon League Pitcher of the Year honors.

THOMAS, Charles RHP R/R 6-4 225 07/02/88 Jacksonville, FL 10th Round 2009 Peoria (Low-A) / 2010

Thomas is in his third season in the Cubs organization and will make his first trip to Boise...was converted from an infielder to a pitcher midway through the 2010 season – throws hard, many comparing his make-up to Cubs' great, Lee Smith...hit a combined .244 with 39 RBI in his first two professional seasons, reaching as high as Low-A Peoria...tenth-round pick in 2009 out of Edward Waters College in Florida where he was an NAIA All-American.

WANG, Yao-Lin RHP R/R 6-0 180 02/05/91 Tai-Tung, Taiwan NFA 2009 Boise (SS-A) / 2010

Wang is in his second year in the Cubs organization and will make his second trip to Boise...split time last season between the Hawks and Mesa, going a combined 1-3 with a 4.06 ERA...signed by the Cubs as a non-drafted free agent out of Taiwan, where he was one of the hardest throwing high school pitchers on the island (fastball sits 91-93 MPH)...went to San-Hsin High School.

WELLS, Ben RHP R/R 6-2 220 09/10/92 Bryant, AR 7th Round 2010 AZL-Cubs / 2010

Wells is in his second year in the Cubs organization and will make his professional debut in Boise...signed in the seventh-round of the 2010 draft out of Bryant High in Arkansas and pitched in the Fall Instructional League... throws a 90-94 mph fastball, a hard slider, and a splitter... hurled a perfect game in the Arkansas HS 7A State Championship game as a senior... signed NLI with University of Arkansas

Catchers (2)

CABEZAS, Yaniel C R/R 5-11 185 04/19/89 Nueva Paz, Cuba NFA 2010 AZL-Cubs / 2010

Cabezas is in his first year in the Cubs organization and will make his professional debut in Boise...signed with the Cubs...defected from Cuba and signed by the Cubs for \$500,000...played for the Cuban Junior National Team and also for La Habana in the Cuban league...earned praise from international scouts for his receiving, throwing, and game calling.

ROMERO, Carlos C R/R 6-1 180 05/28/90 Carabobo, VZ NFA 2007 AZL-Cubs / 2010

Romero is in his fifth year in the Cubs organization and will make his first trip to Boise...spent all of 2010 in the Arizona Rookie League, hitting .276 with eight RBI in 17 games...spent one season in the VSL and two summers in the DSL, recording a combined 15 doubles and 39 RBI...

Infielders (6)

BIENEME, Vismeldy 2B S/R 5-10 160 03/19/90 San Pedro de Macoris, DR NFA 2008 AZL-Cubs / 2010

Bieneme is in his fourth season in the Cubs organization and his first in Boise...spent the 2010 season in Mesa, hitting .282 with four triples and 12 RBI...has speed, swiping 95 of 126 bases during his professional career...spent his first two seasons in the DSL

CONTRERAS, Willson 3B R/R 6-1 175 05/13/92 Puerto Cabello, VZ NFA 2008 DSL-Cubs / 2010

Contreras is in his third season in the Cubs organization and will be making his U.S. debut in Boise...hit .313 with nine RBI last season in the Dominican Summer League...missed a portion of 2009 serving a suspension for PED usage...signed originally by the Cubs for \$850,000

DARVILL, Wes SS L/R 6-2 175 09/10/91 Langley, BC 5th Round 2009 Boise (SS-A) / 2010

Darvill is in his third season with the Cubs organization and his second in Boise...was the opening day shortstop for the Hawks last season, but hit just .143 in 31 games...hit .301 in 26 games in Mesa, including 12 stolen bases...spent the 2009 season in the Arizona Rookie League, hitting .223 with 15 RBI in 34 games...drafted in the 5th Round of the 2009 draft out of high school...played for the Langley Blaze club team in high school.. .was signed to play at Bossier Parrish JC

HARRINGTON, Dustin 3B R/R 5-11 190 11/14/88 Taylorsville, NC 34th Round 2010 Daytona (Adv-A) / 2011

Harrington is in his second season with the Cubs organization and his second in Boise...played in seven games this year at High-A Daytona, going 2-for-15 with an RBI...spent last year with the Hawks, hitting .250 with seven doubles and 12 RBI...signed by the Cubs in the 34th Round out of East Carolina, where he hit .443 with five homers and 21 RBI his final season.

HOILMAN, Paul 1B R/R 6-4 240 02/11/89 Johnson City, TN 19th Round 2011 East Tennessee State U.

Hoilman is in his first season in the Cubs organization and will make his professional debut in Boise...19th Round pick out of East Tennessee State, where he put up monster power numbers for the Buccaneers...hit .313 with 22 homers and 50 RBI – the 22 homers second in all of Division I baseball...named Academic All-American.

ZAPENAS, Brad SS R/R 6-3 185 12/08/89 Nashua, NH 42nd Round 2011 Boston College

Zapenas is in his first season with the Cubs organization and will make his professional debut in Boise...42nd Round pick out of Boston College, where he was a career .279 hitter with 28 doubles in 160 games for the Eagles...2008 New Hampshire Gatorade Player of the Year.

Outfielders (4)

CHEN, Ping-Chieh OF L/R 6-1 170 07/23/91 Kaohsiung City, Taiwan NDFA 2009 Boise (SS-A) / 2010

Chen is in his third season in the Cubs organization and his second trip to Boise...last year, hit .292 with 10 stolen bases and 17 RBI in 42 games in Mesa before a late season call-up to the Hawks, where he went 7-for-22 at the plate...played middle infield last season, but will see time in the outfield...signed by the Cubs for \$300,000 out of high school

FITZGERALD, D.J. OF R/R 5-11 195 12/20/88 Virginia Beach, VA 22nd Round 2009 Peoria (Low-A) / 2011

Fitzgerald is in his third season in the Cubs organization and his second trip to Boise...began the year with the Peoria Chiefs, but hit just .128 with nine RBI in 40 games...spent all of last season in Peoria, hitting .283 with six homers and 46 RBI...converted from an infielder to an outfielder while in Boise in 2009, where he hit .267 with a pair of homers...a 22nd round draft pick in 2009 out of Dyersberg State CC, where he hit .331.

GOLDEN Reggie OF R/R 5-10 210 10/10/91 Wetumpka, AL 2nd Round 2010 AZL-Cubs / 2010

Golden is in his second season in the Cubs organization and his first year in Boise...hit .333 in Mesa in limited action last summer after signing out of Wetumpka High for \$720,000...had signed his NLI to play at Alabama...finished his high school career with 36 homers and 156 RBI, with scouts believing he has a great combination of speed and power.

KLAF CZYNSKI, Ben OF L/R 6-3 195 09/21/88 Granger Township, OH 20th Round 2011 Kent State U.

Klafczynski is in his first season in the Cubs organization and will make his professional debut in Boise...signed by the Cubs in the 20th round out of Kent State, helping his team to a runner-up finish in the Austin Regional...hit .368 with ten homers and 57 RBI this year for the Golden Flashes...